



November 18, 2021

Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee

Citizens Redistricting Commission—Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Allocation

Pursuant to Provisions 1 and 3 of Item 0911-001-0001, 2021 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Citizens Redistricting Commission to authorize use of \$4,869,614 appropriated in the 2021 Budget Act. This funding will be used for the Commission's operational costs to complete the certified maps by December 27, 2021.

Provisions 1 and 3 indicate that funding in Item 0911-001-0001 shall be available for operational costs pursuant to Chapter 271, Statutes of 2012 (Senate Bill 1096), and Provision 3 further specifies these funds may be used for costs related to compliance with emergency COVID-19 regulations and costs associated with United States Census data delays. Of the amount requested, \$2,491,000 is for support of Provision 1 costs related to drawing the maps and legal services, and \$2,378,614 is for support of Provision 3 costs for salaries, commissioner per diem, and operational costs including commission meeting videography, interpretation, translation, and transcription costs.


We concur with the necessity of this request and request a waiver of the 30-day review period to allow the Commission to expend the additional funding to complete the certified maps by December 27, 2021.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Timothy Weber, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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Director

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4
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Subject: Request for the Release of Operational Funds for the
California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Alvaro E. Hernandez
Executive Director

Dear Ms. Bosler and Honorable Chair Skinner,

In accordance with Provisions 1 and 3 of Item 0911-001-0001, 2021 Budget Act, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) requests the release of \$4,869,614 already appropriated by the Legislature for projected operational costs to complete certified maps by December 2021. Provision 1 specifies \$2,491,000 for Commission operations shall be available upon notification to both the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee along with subsequent review, as specified. Provision 3 specifies \$3,600,000 shall be available for operational costs associated with COVID-19 compliance and U.S Census delays simply upon notification. While it is difficult to determine the full correlation between all costs incurred and the criteria outlined in Provision 3, the Commission now estimates costs incurred in addition to amounts to be included in statutorily-required future minimum calculations (Provision 4) will be \$2,378,614.





Changes to the Commission's overall projected budget for its three-year redistricting process, which was publicly approved by the Commission on April 1, 2021, have occurred primarily for three reasons: slower-than-anticipated hiring, lower-than-projected Commissioner per diem costs, and a reduction in planned contracting. The overall budget still reflects additional operational funding needs beyond the adoption of the maps in January, which will be addressed in a future provisional letter (Provision 2).

If your staff wish to discuss this request in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alvaro E. Hernandez
Executive Director
California Citizens Redistricting Commission

cc: Ms. Amy Jarvis, Program Budget Manager
Ms. Emma Jungwirth, Assistant Program Budget Manager
Ms. Tamara Johnson, Finance Budget Analyst
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California Redistricting Commission Operational Costs	Commission-Approved Full Budget	Projected Expenditures Through Map Completion (December 2021)
Detailed Budget Components		
- Salaries/Benefits for Staff	\$ 5,026,000	\$ 2,928,553
- Commissioner Per Diem	\$ 2,369,000	\$ 1,440,601
- Videography Contract Costs	\$ 1,404,000	\$ 1,404,000
- Line Drawer Contract Costs	\$ 1,632,000	\$ 1,632,000
- Legal Services Contract Costs	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
- Interpretation Contract Costs	\$ 138,000	\$ 138,000
- Translation Contract Costs	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
- Outreach Contract Costs (Provision 6)	\$ 2,065,000	\$ 2,065,000
- All other Operational Costs	\$ 1,971,000	\$ 2,272,460
	\$ 16,020,000	\$ 13,295,614
Less Expenditure Authority for Operational Activities Provided through 7/1/21		(8,426,000)
<u>Unmet Operational Need for Map Completion</u>		\$4,869,614