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November 22, 2022

Mr. Joe Stephenshaw, Director
Department of Finance
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Dear Mr. Stephenshaw:

In a letter dated November 18, 2022, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Provision 1 of Item 0911-490 of the 2021-22 Budget Act, of a request from the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to release \$70,000 for post-map legal expenses. Specifically, these funds will be used for costs already incurred and to provide funding for legal services through December 31, 2022. It is important to note, pursuant to Item 0911-001-0001, Provision 4, the expenditure of these funds will not count toward the minimum calculation for the 2030 redistricting process.

I have reviewed the notification and concur with the request to release the funding. If funds for additional legal services become necessary, including situations where funding is necessary to defend a certified final map pursuant to Article XXI, Section 3(a) of the California Constitution, the JLBC is prepared to expeditiously review that request.

In addition, I approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period, in order to allow the Commission to continue its post-map work.

Sincerely,


Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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