



November 16, 2020

San Diego County Redistricting Commission
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA, 92101
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Re: Selection Of Remaining Commissioners to the San Diego County Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners-Select:

We write on behalf of the 150,000 members of the California League of Conservation Voters to congratulate you on your selection to the San Diego County Redistricting Commission. We look forward to working with you to build an inclusive democracy in San Diego County through a fair, transparent, and inclusive redistricting process in San Diego County and statewide.

As you turn to the immediate next step in that process, we'd like to draw your attention to the selection of the six remaining commissioners for the San Diego County Redistricting Commission. As you are aware, you have a legal responsibility "to ensure that the commission reflects the county's diversity , including racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity" per Cal. Elec. Code section 21550(g)(2).

The letter delivered from Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans (PANA) on November 11 accurately captures the current state of the commission as we understand it. Moreover, the aforementioned letter articulates concerns and suggestions for the Commission as you continue the selection process. We share and echo those concerns and suggestions in their entirety. We would like to emphasize the concern that "[n]one of the selected eight commissioners have self-identified as Black, American Indian, African immigrant, or Arab, Muslim, Middle Eastern, or South Asian..." in a county where these populations are large and quickly growing.

We close by echoing local organizations' confidence that you, by thoughtful application of legally-required criteria per the state election code, can rectify this absence and build a reflective commission and a fair redistricting process that inspire confidence throughout San Diego County's diverse communities. We congratulate you again on your selection as commissioners and look forward to continuing our partnership as the County continues this process. If you have

questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Redistricting Coordinator, Samuel Sukaton, at samuel@ecovote.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Young", written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Mike Young
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