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Citizen Redistricting Commission Members
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RE: Selection of Voting Rights Act Counsel

Dear Members of the CRC:

As Chief Executive Officer of the California League for Conservation Voters, I urge you to select an experienced attorney who has demonstrated a firm commitment and passion to uphold the Voting Rights Act as it applies to redistricting. Having someone with the essential skill set to push and challenge the CRC is in the long run a testimony to the sacred trust of the public which you now hold.

Further, it is our firm belief that this individual must have absolute impartiality and there should not be any hint of even an "apparent" conflict-of-interest. Not to consider this would impugn the legitimacy of the CRC. Your selection of a qualified counsel who has demonstrated a sensitivity to minority voting rights is probably one of the key early decisions you will have before you.

Environmental justice and the incorporation of civil and voting rights acts are not in contradiction, and are in fact very synergistic.

Thank you for your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Warner Chabot". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Warner Chabot, CEO

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