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Date: February 18, 2010
To: Governing Board Delegates and Alternates
From: Nicholas T. Conway, Executive Director
Re: Proposition 11 - California Redistricting Effort

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For information only.

BACKGROUND:

Every ten years, the Federal government undertakes a census to enumerate all individuals currently living in the United States. This process has far reaching effects, from apportionment of funding to states and local jurisdictions to congressional representation and boundaries. Additionally, this process triggers a redistricting process within the State of California to redraw the boundaries of its legislative and State Board of Equalization districts to reflect the new population data. Beginning in 2010, this process will be significantly different in California as a result of Proposition 11. This proposition, which was passed in November 2008, transferred the responsibility for developing these new boundaries from the legislature to a new "Citizens Redistricting Commission." This process has the potential to dramatically change the landscape of the California legislature. Because of the far reaching effects of both the census and the redistricting processes, ensuring active participation in both efforts by all jurisdictions in the San Gabriel Valley was identified as an objective at the COG's recent Strategic Planning Session. Douglas Johnson, a fellow at the Rose Institute, will be giving a presentation at the February Governing Board meeting regarding the new redistricting process in California.

Figure 1, below, provides a summary of the application and selection process for serving on the Citizens Redistricting Committee.

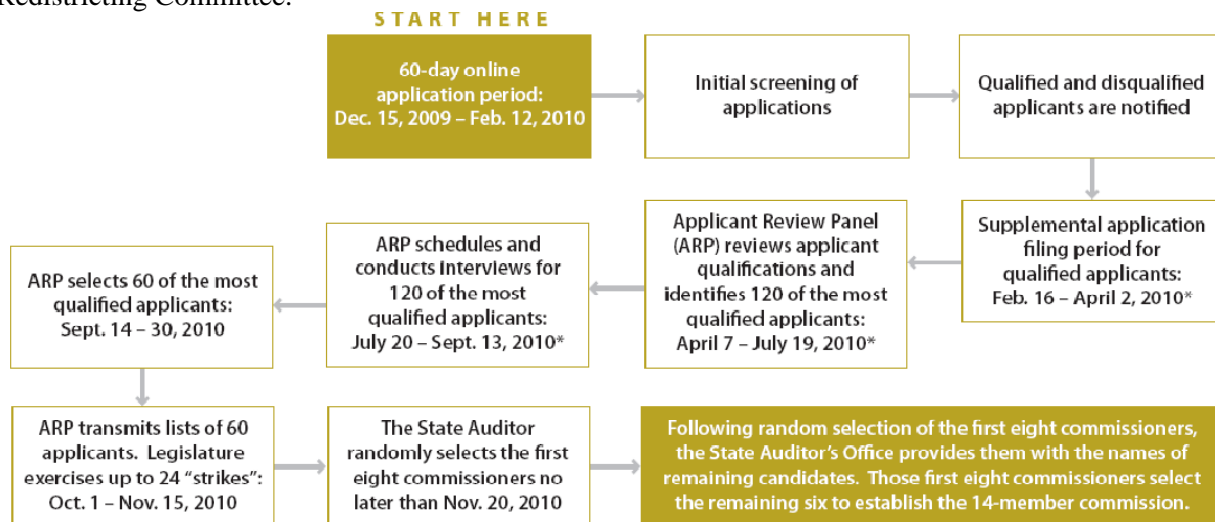


Figure 1.
Citizens Redistricting Commission Application and Selection Flow Chart.

Through February 12th, 2010, individuals are able to submit applications to serve on this Committee, and final selections will be made by November 20, 2010. In order to be eligible to serve on the Commission, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- Continuously registered in California with the same political party, or with no political party, for the five years immediately prior to being appointed to the commission; and
- Voted in at least two of the last three statewide general elections.

However, an applicant has a conflict of interest, and is considered ineligible, if, during the ten years prior to submitting an application, the applicant, or a member of his or her immediate family has:

- Been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for a California congressional or state office;
- Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a California political party or of the campaign committee of a candidate for California congressional or elective state office;
- Served as an elected or appointed member of a political party central committee in California;
- Been a registered federal lobbyist;
- Been a lobbyist registered with the State of California or a California local government;
- Served as paid California congressional, legislative, or State Board of Equalization staff; or
- Contributed \$2,000 or more to any California congressional, state, or local candidate for elective public office in any year.

An applicant also has a conflict of interest if the applicant is serving as staff or as a consultant to, is under contract with, or has an immediate family relationship with the Governor of California, a member of the California Legislature, a California member of Congress, or a member of the State Board of Equalization.