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November 30, 2021

Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
Room 1145, State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Bosler:

In a letter dated November 18, 2021, you notified the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC), pursuant to Provision 1 and 3 of Item 0911-001-0001 of the *2021-22 Budget Act*, of a request from the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to authorize the use of \$4,869,614 for the operational costs associated with the work leading up to the certification of the new congressional, legislative and Board of Equalization district maps. Specifically, the Commission has requested \$2,491,000 for costs related to map drawing and legal services and \$2,378,614 for costs related to compliance with emergency COVID-19 regulations and data delays from the United States Census.

I have reviewed the request and concur that the Commission should be authorized to expend the requested funding. With regard to the additional costs associated with the compliance with COVID-19 regulations and the census data delays, I respectfully request the Commission provide detailed updates to the Department of Finance and the JLBC – this will allow the Legislature to accurately calculate the base budget for the 2030 redistricting process. Finally, I approve your request to waive the remainder of the 30-day review period to ensure the Commission has the resources necessary to finalize the new district maps by the December 27, 2021 deadline.

Sincerely



Nancy Skinner
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee