

From: [Tommy Vo](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Diversity in the Redistricting Board
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2020 11:34:38 AM

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Dear County of SB,

I hope this reaches you well. My name is Tommy Vo, and I am a resident of Isla Vista, CA. I'm writing because I am disappointed in the selection of the redistricting board. Santa Barbara County is a diverse area, with a roughly 40% Latino/Hispanic population and sizable youth population. Unfortunately, the board doesn't reflect that. This demonstrates the need for a commission that will ensure that the county represents the demographic, geographic, and political diversity of the Central Coast. These commissions should hold interviews for remaining applicants in public meetings. Additionally, I urge you to consider an open and fair process to pick a demographer.

I make these requests because I believe that government should be representative of the people. These decisions (e.g. choosing redistricting members) must reflect the diversity of the community it seeks to represent.

Best,

Tommy Vo

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From: [Arushi Lakhan-Pal](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:52:32 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Arushi Lakhan-Pal and I am a resident of Santa Barbara County. I would like to express concern about the underrepresentation of Santa Barbara's minority and marginalized communities in the redistricting commission.

46% of Santa Barbara County's population is composed of Hispanic and Latinx residents, but they are not yet represented on the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission. Additionally, there is only one female redistricting commissioner. It should be clear why this is an issue.

As a woman of color, I currently feel underrepresented by the Independent Redistricting Commission. I implore you to consider appointing commissioners that will more accurately represent Santa Barbara's population. Every major demographic in Santa Barbara county should have a voice in its redistricting commission.

Thank you for your time,
Arushi Lakhan-Pal

From: [Alyssa Jain](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Public Comment for 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Monday, November 16, 2020 5:57:47 PM

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Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

As a student at UCSB, I have a vested interest in ensuring that the Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission reflects the diverse demographics of Santa Barbara County. It is crucial that marginalized and underrepresented communities are given a voice and a place on the Commission.

I am writing to ask that you keep the diverse population of Santa Barbara County in mind when selecting the final six members of the Commission. Representation is important, and the Commission must be reflective of the Santa Barbara community.

Thank you for your attention,
Alyssa Jain

From: [Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#); [County Executive Office](#)
Cc: [Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt](#)
Subject: Public Comments from National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Selection of Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 3:59:57 PM

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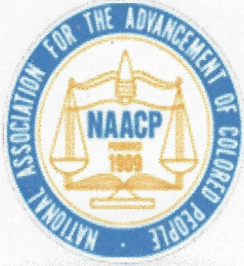
Good Afternoon,
Please see attached. We will be present at the hearing tomorrow.
Thank You
Lawanda

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"I **URGE** you to answer **the highest calling of your heart** and **STAND UP** for what you truly believe."

Congressman John R. Lewis

"Democracy Dies In Darkness." The Washington Post



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Re: Selection of Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission, Members of the Board of Supervisors and County Executive Officer Miyasato:

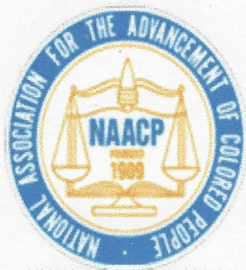
As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization whose mission is to ensure the social, political, economic, and educational equality of rights of ALL people by removing barriers such as racial hatred and discrimination and to ensure the health and well-being of all persons by envisioning a **JUST** society in which ALL individuals have EQUAL rights without regards to race and/or any kind of discrimination, we are disheartened to learn that the selection of members to the 2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission are **NOT REFLECTIVE OF THIS COMMUNITY!!** Namely, the Independent Redistricting Commission is NOT made up of ANY African Americans (2% of population), ANY Native American (2.1 % of population), ANY Asian Americans (6% of population), and ANY Hispanic/Latinx (46 % of population), but thus far is comprised of one female (50% of the population) and four White males (43.8% of population).

The selection of Commissioners thus far, is **NOT INCLUSIVE** and is directly related to systemic racism that continues to plague our community and country at an even more alarming rate than the coronavirus.

We strongly **OPPOSE** any plan to select an all White, male dominated, Independent Citizens Commission which does not reflect the demographic makeup of our community as noted by the last Census demographics of 2010.

You have many other options to fix this affront to our community and we call on you and Santa Barbara County to DO THE RIGHT THING by demonstrating your

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commitment towards EQUITY and INCLUSION with REAL CHANGE that reflects the demographics of our county/community. One that allows other members of the community to participate and serve on this Commission. Participation by these non-represented groups is essential and necessary for constructive partnerships, meaningful dialogue with the community, and for **EVERY VOICE** to be heard. Anything less, is unacceptable.

Yours Truly,

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

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