

From: [Lata Murti](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: public comment re: suggested outreach list
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:38:10 AM

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Dear Commissioner Morris and Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission:

Thank you for all of your time and important work to date.

I very much appreciate the suggested outreach list and form you have available to the public on your website. I also very much appreciate that you took the time, during the March 17, 2021 meeting, to show the public how to access both the list and the form, as well as how to use the form to make suggestions that do not already appear on the list. I was glad to see the list already populated with many organizations and groups, based on County records.

However, I have several concerns:

1. The already populated list, as far as I could tell, did not include many North Santa Barbara County organizations and groups, especially ethnic and cultural organizations and groups.
2. The list and form have not since been included in CIRC meeting agendas and discussions, with a short demonstration of how to access both the list and form and complete the form.
3. Judging by the dates of additions to the suggested outreach list, there have been few organizations and groups submitted by members of Santa Barbara County's public.
4. The links to the suggested outreach list and form are not easily visible on the CIRC website; and both the list and form are only in English.

Based on these concerns, I would like to suggest that during each CIRC meeting moving forward, a brief demonstration showing how to access the suggested outreach list and form be included as part of the meeting agenda and discussion.

If there is also a way to make the links to the suggested outreach list and form more visible, on the CIRC website, in both English and Spanish, that would be ideal.

Thank you very much for considering these concerns and suggestions.

Sincerely,
Lata Murti

From: [Joe Pierre](#)
To: [CEO Redistricting RES](#)
Subject: Letter submitted for tonight's meeting
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:41:47 AM
Attachments: [Redistricting Commission Letter Signed 4_20_21.pdf](#)

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached a letter I wish to submit before tonight's meeting. I ask that it be distributed to all commissioners and be include as part of the record for Agenda item #5.

Respectfully,
Joe Pierre

Santa Barbara County
**DEMOCRATIC
PARTY** 

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April 20, 2021

Chair Morris and Commissioners,

The Santa Barbara County Democratic Party has been involved in the effort to create an independent redistricting commission since 2018, when we supported and campaigned for Measure G to establish this commission. Independent redistricting is a crucial process to ensure fairness and integrity in the electoral process. Since the commission convened, we have been following the process as observers, and the time has now come when we must participate.

The Commission's charter requires that the Commission be "as proportional as possible to the percentage of voters who are registered with each political Party in the County of Santa Barbara." Currently, 46.47% of Santa Barbara County voters are registered as Democrats. As you may know, the resignation of Commissioner Hudley has reduced the proportional representation of registered Democrats on the commission to less than 28%. This deficit threatens the integrity of the commission's charter.

There is one remaining Democrat from the applicant pool representing District 3. We believe the Commission should offer them an interview and consider them for appointment to fill the vacancy. If they are no longer interested in serving, we recommend taking action to appoint Commissioner Olmedo, who currently serves as at-large Commissioner, to the vacancy, and then offering interviews to all applicants in the pool of 37 who are registered Democrats for the at-large seat.

Ensuring a proportional partisan makeup on the commission will provide for a fair process, and inspire confidence in the districts that your commission draws.

Sincerely,



Joe Pierre

North County Vice-Chair

Santa Barbara County Democratic Party