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August 21, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request – Assembly Bill 1807

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing today to respectfully request that you veto Assembly Bill 1807.

This bill, if implemented, makes various modifications to the state law governing the conduct and activities of the Riverside County Citizens Redistricting Commission, including repealing and replacing existing redistricting criteria.

AB-1807 facilitates the operation of an unfair, partisan redistricting commission, applying politically biased redistricting criteria to ensure the creation of partisan districts. Specifically, this will prioritize the drawing of districts with groups of “similar voter registration and participation rates,” despite the prohibition against drawing districts to favor a political party. AB-1807’s requirement and prioritization of this criteria ensures the creation of partisan districts.

This bill stands in stark contrast to the statewide Citizens Redistricting Commission, which also has 14 commissioners, but requires the vote of at least 3 of the 5 Republican members, and 3 of the 5 Democrat members, for the approval of any map. AB-1807 will undermine public trust.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully request that you veto AB-1807. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (916) 651-4032.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Seyarto".

Kelly Seyarto
Senator, 32nd District