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Dear Attorney General Harris and Mr. Brown:

This refers to the 2011 redistricting plans for the California congressional delegation, Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization, for the State of California, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on November 16, 2011; additional information was received through December 30, 2011.

The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the specified changes. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the changes. Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 28 C.F.R. 51.41.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Perez", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas E. Perez
Assistant Attorney General