

June 9, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Request for Lake Tahoe to Remain within the Same State Senate and Assembly Districts as the Counties of El Dorado and Placer**

Dear Commission Members,

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors submits the attached Resolution No. 82-2011, as adopted by our Board today during a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The County of El Dorado has two very strong points of concern regarding the preliminary first draft maps that depict the proposed new State Senate and Assembly Districts.

First, in reviewing the preliminary draft maps that are available on the Commission's website, it appears that the Commission intends to dismantle the County of El Dorado's political integrity by carving Lake Tahoe out of our County and redistricting it into a different Senate District and a different Assembly District. For the past 160 years, Lake Tahoe and the County of El Dorado have shared a common rich history and kinship that must be respected and continued.

Second, the continuity of the representation provided by the same elected Assembly and Senate representatives is paramount to protecting the existing rural region of the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The Counties of El Dorado and Placer are lockstep, beginning with our rich Gold Rush history to the modern day communities of El Dorado Hills and Roseville; Placerville and Auburn; and the City of South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City. There are no other two counties more alike in demographic, geographic and historic characteristics than these two counties.

As approved by California's voters in November 2008, the language contained within Proposition 11, the "Voters First Act," provides very clear direction to the Commission in that the "geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible." With this direction in mind, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is at a loss as to the Commission's justification for proposing to place Lake Tahoe in legislative districts that are different than the districts that contain its home counties of El Dorado and Placer.

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The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors asks the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to re-evaluate their proposal and consider our request to maintain the integrity of our communities by keeping Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer within the same legislative districts.

Respectfully,

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors

cc: Clerk of the Board, County of Placer Board of Supervisors
State Senator Ted Gaines
State Assemblywoman Beth Gaines
State Assemblywoman Alyson Huber