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#### CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PUBIC MEETING

**CLAREMONT, Calif.** —The Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) will hold its first offsite public meeting from Thursday, February 10 through Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Claremont University Consortium will host this meeting in the Founder's Room, Honnold/Mudd Library, 800 N. Dartmouth Avenue, Claremont.

In January, the CRC met in Sacramento to discuss its task of redrawing the State and Federal legislative district boundaries. At that time, it was decided that the committee would meet in communities throughout California. Claremont was selected as the first site for such a meeting.

Every 10 years, after the federal census, California and every state in the country must redraw the boundaries of its legislative and other political districts to reflect the new population data. How these boundaries are drawn affects how people are represented. In California, the process of redrawing the boundaries—redistricting—was a duty of state elected officials. But when voters passed [Proposition 11 \(the Voters FIRST Act\)](#) in the November 2008 general election, responsibility for redrawing the legislative and Board of Equalization district lines transferred to the people in the form of a new Citizens Redistricting Commission. In November 2010, voters passed [Proposition 20 \(the Voters FIRST Act for Congress\)](#), adding to the responsibilities of the Citizens Redistricting Commission the task of adjusting the boundary lines for the Congressional districts as well.

California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) is a new 14-member Commission charged with redrawing California's Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and now Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census. The Commission must draw the State Senate, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. Congressional districts shall achieve population equality as nearly as is practicable according to Proposition 20. Former Claremont City Councilman Peter Yao was selected as a member of the 14-member Commission.

For the latest announcements or modifications in meeting dates and times, please visit the CRC website located at [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov).

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