TO:           David King, Counsel for the State Auditor’s Office
FROM:        Kurtis Nakamura, State Auditor’s Office
DATE:        June 10, 2020
SUBJECT:     Linda Akutagawa, No. 22971 - Response to Further Inquiry

Under title 2, section 60835 of the California Code of Regulations, the State Auditor’s Office is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. Under title 2, section 60842, subdivisions (c) and (i) of the regulations, the State Auditor’s Office may seek additional information from an applicant during any phase of the application process.

Pursuant to this authority, on June 5, 2020, our office asked the applicant identified above to confirm his or her willingness and ability to serve on the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission in the event the Commission’s primary work is delayed due to efforts by the U.S. Census Bureau to extend the deadline to provide census data to states for redistricting purposes.

Our office’s inquiry, and the applicant’s response, is attached to this memorandum.
Hello,

Yes, I am willing and able to serve on the 2020 Commission even if the 2020 Commission primary work is delayed.

Linda Akutagawa

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2020, at 1:02 PM, Shape California's Future <shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov> wrote:

Dear Applicant,

As you may know, due to Covid-19, the U.S. Census Bureau announced it would seek Congressional approval to extend the deadline to provide census data to states for redistricting purposes by roughly four months. If successful, the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission (2020 Commission) may not receive the data it needs to draw California’s maps until approximately August of 2021. Accordingly, there are efforts currently underway to extend the August of 2021 deadline by which the 2020 Commission must complete its work to December of 2021. Because this timeline is later than anticipated, the Commission’s primary responsibility of drawing the maps will very likely extend at least through the end of 2021, and any litigation over the maps the Commission draws will also be delayed.

In order to provide the public, the Legislature and the first eight commissioners with the most up to date information, we ask that you respond to this email and inform us, in the event you are selected, whether you are willing and able to serve on the 2020 Commission even if the 2020 Commission’s primary work is delayed.

Please respond to us by 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 8, 2020. Your response to this inquiry will be provided to the Legislature and to the first eight individuals selected to serve on the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission, and will be posted on the Shape California’s Future website alongside your application materials.

If you have any questions, please email the State Auditor’s staff at shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov (preferred) or call the toll free number at 833-421-7550.
Best regards,

Shape California’s Future Application Team

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