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TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor

RE: Citizens Redistricting Application Deadline

DATE: February 8, 2010

As you are probably aware, over the past week and a half, we have seen a tremendous surge in applications for the Citizens Redistricting Commission. While we have consistently had a steady stream of application since the application period opened on December 15, 2009, the recent growth in the number of applications leads me to believe that there are many more Californians who may want to take advantage of and apply for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

I believe our statewide radio advertising, the increased press attention and all of your outreach efforts have lead to the sharp increase in applications – one day last week we received more than 600 applications during one eight hour period! Nothing in the Voters FIRST Act requires me to end the application period this week, so I have decided to extend the application period four days to after the President’s holiday weekend. **The application period will now close on Tuesday, February 16 at 5 p.m.**

There are several things we are doing to make sure it is widely known that the deadline has been extended:

- I held a tele-press conference at 11 a.m. today to alert media of the four day extension and we will continue to follow up with media throughout the week
- We are adding a large button on our Web site to highlight the new deadline and we encourage you to use this same button on your site (a gif file is attached)
- We are distributing a series of email blasts to our interested persons list to push the new February 16, 5 p.m. deadline

I encourage you to spread the word about the extra days that the California public can take advantage of – if you need materials of if you have any questions, please contact Margarita Fernandez at 916-445-0255.

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