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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SECTION 5 PRECLEARANCE SUBMISSION (State Senate and Congressional Districts)

On September 13, 2001, the California Legislature enacted new boundaries for California's Assembly, Senate, Congressional and State Board of Equalization districts based upon the 2000 Census. On September 26, 2001, the Governor signed these new districts into law for use in the March 5, 2002 primary election.

On September 28, 2001, the California Attorney General's Office submitted the new boundaries for the State Senate and Congressional districts to the United States Attorney General for preclearance of those districts that include one or more of the counties covered under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. § 1973c). Preclearance is obtained by showing that the new boundaries were not enacted with the purpose or the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race, color, or membership in a language minority group. The submission was made pursuant to Department of Justice regulations at 28 C.F.R. Part 51. In accordance with 28 C.F.R. § 51.28(g), a complete duplicate copy of the submission is available for public inspection at the following locations (and electronic data on demographics, district maps, and voter registration is also available for copying or may be obtained via the Internet at http://www.sen.ca.gov/ftp/SEN/COMMITTEE/STANDING/EL/_home/).

Kings
Office of County Clerk/Recorder
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard
Hanford, California 93230

Merced
Office of Clerk/Registrar of Voters
2222 M Street, Room 14
Merced, California 95340

Monterey
Monterey County Elections Department
1370 B South Main Street
Salinas, California 93902

Yuba
Yuba County Clerk/Recorder
935 14th Street
Marysville, California 95901

Members of the public are invited to submit comments to the United States Attorney General regarding new boundaries that include a covered county. Comments should adhere to the requirements set forth at 28 C.F.R. § 51.29. The envelope and first page should be marked: "Comments under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act" and should be sent to:

Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
P.O. Box 66128
Washington, DC 20035-6128