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From: The Board of Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA)

RE: Proposition 50

Proposition 50 authorizes temporary changes to congressional district maps in response to Texas' partisan redistricting. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Proposition 50 was placed on the November 4, 2025 ballot by the California Legislature. From the California Official Voter Guide: "It requires temporary use of new congressional district maps through 2030. Directs independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to resume enacting congressional district maps in 2031. Establishes policy supporting nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. Fiscal Impact: One-time costs to counties of up to a few million dollars statewide to update election materials to reflect new congressional district maps."

FCLCA Statement on Proposition 50

The board members of FCLCA could not reach consensus on Proposition 50, the Legislative Congressional Redistricting Map amendment proposed for the 2025 election. While we unanimously affirm that the non-partisan commission currently used by California for redistricting is a model for fair and free elections, we also recognize that Proposition 50 represents an effort to counterbalance redistricting changes in other states.

We are united in our belief that FCLCA is a nonpartisan organization, committed to integrity and fairness in electoral processes. However, some felt strongly in favor of this measure, given the deep concern about preserving our democracy at this terrible time in our nation's history. Though Prop 50 applies only to the elections through 2030 and would ultimately be decided by California voters, its underlying purpose—to increase Democratic representation in Congress as a response to an administration perceived as violating the constitution—introduces a clear partisan dimension.

Given this, FCLCA will not take position on Proposition 50. Like Common Cause and the League of Women Voters, we recommend you vote your conscience.