

# **Mammoth Lakes Town Council**

## **Agenda Action Sheet**

**Title:** Comment Letter to be sent to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

**Council Meeting Date:** 8/4/2021

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**Recommended Motion:** Provide approval as presented, or with amendments, to the proposed letter from ESCOG to the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission and/or provide a separate letter from the Town.

**Summary:**

At the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting held June 11, 2021, the ESCOG Board directed staff to prepare correspondence to the California Redistricting Commission providing the following recommendations on State Senate and Assembly Redistricting. The recommendations were developed by a subcommittee of the ESCOG which included: Supervisor Stacy Corless, Mono County; Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County; Councilmember Lynda Salcido, Town of Mammoth Lakes; and Karen Schwartz, City of Bishop.

The priority of the ESCOG is that Eastern Sierra counties, specifically Inyo and Mono Counties, should be defined as a community of interest with shared state and federal representation. Currently, Mono County is represented by State Assembly District 5 served by Assemblyman Frank Bigelow and Inyo County is represented by Assembly District 26 served by Assemblyman Devon Mathis. Both Counties are represented by California Senate District 8. Historically, our constituents in both Counties have felt underrepresented at the State level, largely due to our geographic isolation on the east side of the Sierra Nevada. No State representative maintains a local office in either Inyo or Mono County.

As a second priority, the ESCOG would like to share regional representation with other Sierra Nevada counties, including Mariposa County, Tuolumne County, Calaveras County, Amador County, Alpine County, and parts of El Dorado County, Placer County, Nevada County, and Sierra County to form a Sierra Nevada district defined by shared issues, geographies, watersheds, histories, and cultures.

To provide these recommendations to the California Redistricting Commission, the ESCOG Board needs the feedback and approval of each member agency on the recommendations included in the attached correspondence. The Town Council may send a similar on its behalf as well as signing on to the ESCOG letter. A copy of the ESCOG letter is attached.