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(Information Item)

Update on legislative landscape and outreach activities

SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on the legislative landscape after the 2022 General Election, as well as a look at the new legislative districts and outreach efforts to new policymakers and staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information item; no action is required.

BACKGROUND:

Membership of the California Legislature has only gradually changed over the last ten years. Two conditions of the 2022 election have yielded many new members in the Legislature: reapportionment following the decennial census and the impact of term-limits.

After the decennial census, state and federal law require districts to be redrawn to reflect changes in population. In California, this process is managed by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC). Using the data provided by the census, the CCRC redraws the Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district boundaries. While the number of State Senate and Assembly districts remained the same, California lost one Congressional seat due to population changes. Additionally, many of the first 'class' of state legislators who were elected after the new term limits were enacted (Prop. 28 – 2012), have left office or will be required to do so in two years.

The combination of these two factors will bring over 30 new legislators to Sacramento. This wave of new elected officials will create many opportunities for the Commission to establish relationships with new members, introduce the mission and programs to staff, and result in many changes in committee leadership positions.

Staff will provide an overview of the incoming legislative class, planned outreach efforts, educational opportunities planned with other external partners, and newly updated informational materials.

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