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I am reviewing the PowerPoint Presentation slides for the November 16, 2021 meeting and have a few questions about the Voter Registration and Voter Turnout data.

You provided the Maptitude data sheet for each proposed map, with two types of data for both Voter Registration and Voter Turnout. The % Latino Spanish Surnamed is 3-4% points lower, as compared to the % Latino Estimate.

In the footnotes to the data metrics, NDC explains that the Latino voter registration and turnout data are Spanish-surname counts adjusted using Census Population Department undercount estimates. Please explain.

The footnotes also explain NDC estimated the NH White and NH Black registration and turnout counts. How did NDC estimate those counts?

The Data Metrics Table also uses voter turnout for the November 2018 and November 2020 election. But, as explained by Chris Skinnell, an attorney with Nielsen Merksamer, if you look historically at voter turnout rates, they tend to drop by over 10-15% in a primary election, which is when the Board of Supervisors are often elected. So a 54% Latino CVAP district, might be more like a 40% turnout district. That doesn't present an opportunity to elect district.

Fresno County saw a 75% record voter turnout in the November 2020 election, far more than participated in the 2020 Primary. According to Election results posted on the Fresno County website, 199,000 people voted in March, while 370,000 voted in November. Moreover, of the 42.25% countywide who voted in the March 2020 primary, if we delve deeper, participation rates varied widely, particularly when considering ethnicity or income.

If we are to assess whether Latino Majority /Minority Districts realistically present an opportunity to elect a preferred candidate, we need to examine voter turnout data for March 2020.

Therefore, an opportunity to elect district requires the use of primary voter turnout data. Please provide for both % Spanish-Surnamed and % Latino Estimate.

Thank you for your anticipated prompt response.

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