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Re: California Voting Rights Act Violation

I am writing to follow up on our previous letter sent several months ago, advising the City of Carson that its at-large elections violate the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA").

Since that letter, we have heard differing accounts of whether the City of Carson is likely to bring its election system into compliance with the CVRA, and several residents of Carson have inquired of us whether a lawsuit will be necessary. During most of that time, our focus was on the City of Santa Monica, but that trial is now concluded, with the court having found that Santa Monica's elections violate the CVRA, so we can now shift our focus to the City of Carson.

We would prefer to see the City of Carson change its election system through the democratic political process rather than through the litigation process, and we certainly do not want to expend further resources on this matter if the City of Carson is going to change its unlawful election system on its own. Therefore, please let us know by the end of the week whether the City of Carson plans to change its election system voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

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