

Lin Moore

From: Rachael Gibson
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 1:48 PM
To: Lin Moore
Cc: Michele King; Rick Callender
Subject: FW: Fwd: Response to SCVWD RAC letter re Filipino voters and the statewide voter database

Lin, please include this email as a handout for the committee. I will include it in the next formal agenda packet as correspondence as well.

--Rachael

-----Original Message-----

From: Douglas Johnson [mailto:djohnson@ndcresearch.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 7:49 AM
To: 'Jones, Ethan'; Leslie.Bulbuk@asm.ca.gov
Cc: Rick Callender; Rachael Gibson; Stan Yamamoto
Subject: FW: Fwd: Response to SCVWD RAC letter re Filipino voters and the statewide voter database

Mr. Jones and Ms. Bulbuk,

Following up on the request of the Santa Clara Valley Water District redistricting commission to look more into this issue of the undercount of Filipino Americans in the statewide database registration and turnout databases, NDC worked our way through the Secretary of State Election Division's bureaucracy and were eventually redirected over to the folks at Berkeley and the Statewide Database, who flat-out rejected our request for the data (see their message below).

It would seem this rejection goes against the direction you provided earlier, and, at least to me as a layperson, it seems odd to reject a request for a taxpayer-funded database.

Can you provide any assistance or guidance in how we could follow up on this to perform the analysis requested by the SCVWD redistricting commission?

- Doug

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-----Original Message-----

From: karin@cain.berkeley.edu [mailto:karin@cain.berkeley.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 6:49 PM
To: Justin Levitt
Cc: nicole@cain.berkeley.edu; Douglas Johnson
Subject: Re: Fwd: Response to SCVWD RAC letter re Filipino voters and the statewide voter database

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hello mr levitt,

in response to your request below, please see the following answers:

1. the statewide database does not release data on the individual level. the smallest unit of analysis available via the swdb is the census block level. you will find those data readily available on our website

2. the hispanic surname dictionary is available from the bureau of the census. the asian surname dictionary is based on the paper here:

swdb.berkeley.edu/info/.../asian_american_ethnic_id_by_surname.pdf

the paper describes the dictionary we used and the list is available from the authors

3. this is part of the documentation that is forthcoming from the legislature.

best regards,

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On Tue, 26 Jul 2011, Justin Levitt wrote:

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> Hi,
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> My name is Justin Levitt and I'm writing on behalf of National
Demographics Corporation and the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Redistricting Advisory
Committee. I've spoken with
> Ethan Jones of the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting
> and
Jenny Chernis-Giorgi at the Secretary of State's Election Division and they directed me to
the Statewide Database
> for this request. I also sent an email to Andy this morning.
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> We're trying to spot potential Filipino registrants and voters for
> Santa
Clara County in the 2010 General Election, and so we're looking for three
things:
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> 1i) the geocoded voter database itself, in either *.dbf or Maptitude
geographic file, including latitude & longitude, surname, and the database's surname coding;
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> 2) the Hispanic and Asian-American surname lists used by the statewide
database, in dbf or similar database format;
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> 3) the steps used by the statewide database to process hyphenated and
other non-standard surnames
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> Thanks!
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> Justin Levitt
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> National Demographics Corporation
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> From: Bulbuk, Leslie [mailto:Leslie.Bulbuk@asm.ca.gov]
> Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 5:07 PM
> To: rcallender@valleywater.org; djohnson@NDCresearch.com
> Subject: Response to SCVWD RAC letter re Filipino voters and the
> statewide
voter database
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> Hello Rick and Doug,
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> I wanted to touch base with you regarding the result of the letter
> sent by
the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Redistricting Advisory Committee, dated April 19,
2011, and related to
> the issue with the California Statewide Voter Database and
> Hispanic/Latino
last names not being re-run through the Asian filters.
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> I received a voicemail late last week from Ethan Jones, the lead
consultant on the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee, and reached him today via
phone.
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> Mr. Jones indicated that he had spoken to Secretary of State's office,
> and
they are willing to provide NDC with the voter file, in order to enable Hispanic/Latino last
names through an
> Asian filter in order to identify potential Filipino voters.
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> Mr. Jones also let me know that Mr. Johnson should contact the
> Elections
Division of the Secretary of State's office, and they would provide the applicable voter
file. If you experience
> any issues with getting this information, please do let me know so I
> may
inform Mr. Jones.
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> Please do let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and I
> will be
happy to further assist in any way I can.
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> Regards,
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