

## **Press Release**

### **Citizens for Fair Representation's Court Case Moves Forward**

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Last week, Federal Court Judge Judge K. Muller, asked the Chief Magistrate to form a 3-judge panel to hear the case; Citizens for Fair Representation vs Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

In May, Citizens for Fair Representation (CFR) filed the lawsuit against the State of California, for lack of representation and dilution of vote. The lawsuit was filed on May 8, in the United States District Court, Eastern District, Sacramento Division.

The significance of the three-judge panel is paramount, according to the legal team representing the CFR. Issues decided by three judge panels have the right to appeal directly to the United States Supreme Court. Mark Baird, one of the CFR spokespersons, said, “the case will ask important questions: Can one State Senator properly represent one million people? Can one State Assemblyman properly represent one-half million people?

Baird added, Californian's have no representation in the state house. The lobbyists and the unions own California and we intend to put the people back in charge of the government through smaller districts where it is cheap and easy to get rid of an incumbent who fails to serve the people. California has the worst representation ratio in the United States and we will prove that to be unconstitutional.” Citizens for Fair Representation is supported by the people of 22 Northern California Counties.

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