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Citizen Redistricting Commission  
1130 K St, Suite 101  
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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission:

My name is Ed Begley. I am a long time resident of Studio City, located in the hillsides of the San Fernando Valley. I have been a member of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board and collaborated with representatives from other cities, local residents, as well as State and National Park officials. In addition I have been able to be involved in other civic and environmental organizations like Tree People over the past 41 years. I have spent years working with thousands of other likeminded local residents to preserve the Santa Monica Mountains and provide access and recreational opportunities for millions of Angelinos.

As a resident of Studio City my family and I feel that the Santa Monica Mountains are the heart of the district and what we share in common with many of the communities in the San Fernando Valley, the greater Westside stretching up the coast to Malibu, and the Las Virgenes and Topanga areas in Western LA County. From the watersheds, to the wildlife corridors to recreational and cultural experiences, the mountains provide a focal point for our region. From the Hollywood Bowl west to the Pacific Ocean and the Ventura County line, the communities of Studio City, the Hollywood Hills, Sherman Oaks, Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Brentwood, Encino, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Tarzana, Woodland Hills, West Hills, Topanga, Malibu, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, and Westlake Village serve as gateway communities for the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation Area and the beaches along Santa Monica Bay. It is important that these resources are protected for future generations by keeping them, to the maximum extent possible, in one Senate District and two Assembly districts. The mountains should be kept whole and not divided along Mulholland Drive separating the Valley from the Westside.

In addition to the Santa Monica Mountains, which bind these communities of interest together, we share the same transportation corridors and cross mountain roads, educational, cultural and religious centers, and employment bases. (As an actor, nearly all our work is in the Valley, Hollywood and the Westside).

It is important that we are able to elect representatives who share are values. Keeping both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains within the same district is a priority for us who live in this region.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration,

Ed Begley, Jr.