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La crescenta

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for assuming this monumental and extremely important task of redistricting. Your commitment to drawing fair districts that reflect the best interests of the people without political party bias is admirable.

As 38-year residents of La Crescenta, we see it as imperative that La Crescenta, La Canada and Glendale be in the same district together for a number of sound reasons:

- ✓ The Glendale Unified School District is made of residence in La Crescenta and Glendale and includes a section of La Canada.
- ✓ Glendale's well-developed business district has become the primary shopping and financial district for all three areas.
- ✓ Glendale is a transportation corridor for La Crescenta and La Canada residents.
- ✓ A significant number of the foothill residents in La Crescenta and La Canada area work, shop and attend cultural events in Glendale
- ✓ La Crescenta, La Canada and Glendale share cultural ties which include income and housing demographics (ratio of homeowners to renters)
- ✓ Organizationally, civically and religiously there is a strong community bond between La Crescenta, La Canada and Glendale.
- ✓ A large section of La Crescenta has always been an annexed part of Glendale. La Crescenta is bordered by the Cities of Glendale and La Canada. We share and / or depend on one another for schools, utilities and protective services.
- ✓ The fragmented representation which currently exists in this area seriously compromises the voices of our citizens and hampers our elected officials in accessing and serving us.

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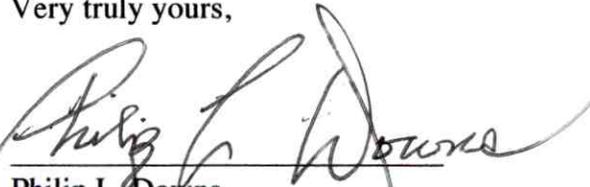
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We solicit your support in rectifying years and years and years of fragmentize governmental representation in our communities.

Again, thank you for your service in this vital matter.

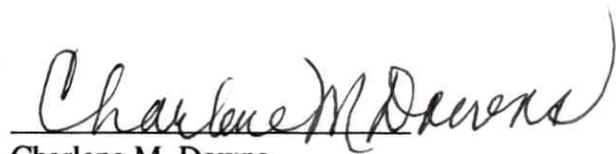
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