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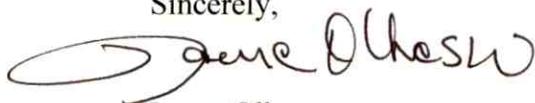
Dear Commissioners:

I want to commend you for your service and civic responsibility to take on such an important job for the state of California. As a former city commissioner and a current Councilmember, I understand and highly value the concept of giving back to one's community. I am a Councilmember and two time Mayor of the city of La Canada Flintridge, the president of the California Contract Cities Association and a civically active resident of the San Gabriel Valley.

I feel compelled to write because I live the foothills city that was most impacted by the recent Station Fire and hold the interests of the national forests and the foothills of utmost importance. It is clear to me that the foothills cities, from my home city of La Canada Flintridge east to the city of Claremont, have much in common. These cities should stay together. Many are members of the California Contract Cities Association. Although I am not speaking for that association, my involvement with it provides me with an intimate knowledge of our common interests and goals. Whether it is public safety, forest preservation, or mass transit, the foothills communities have a history of working together toward common goals. As you consider new boundaries please think hard about keeping together the cities in the San Gabriel Valley between the northern boundary of the national forests and the southern boundary of the 210 Freeway corridor.

I look forward to new and sensible legislative districts that group cities and communities with like interests. Our foothills communities are just that. Please give them your every consideration.

Sincerely,



Laura Olhasso
Councilmember
City of La Canada Flintridge