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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the water users of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) located in the Tri-Valley cities of Dublin and San Ramon, we join the Cities of Dublin, San Ramon, Pleasanton, and Livermore in urging the Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Tri-Valley communities together when establishing new state and federal legislative districts. The Commission faces a difficult job balancing all of the factors that identify communities of interest. However, it is very clear to us that the citizens we serve, together with other water users in the Tri-Valley, meet the criteria to be considered a community of interest with respect to the sources of their life-giving water supply. As the Commission establishes legislative boundaries that ensure fair and effective political representation, we ask that it give great weight to the source and reliability of our water supply, a vital issue for every community in the state during the next decade and beyond.

Resolving water-related issues is very difficult in the best of times. When legislative districts cross over areas that receive their water from different sources that face significantly different issues, strong advocacy for any one source becomes impossible. In effect, the citizens in that district lose productive representation on a vastly important issue. Our representatives must be able to speak with unifying voices on water while representing all of their constituents equally.

Water agencies in the Tri-Valley are a clear community of interest and have a long history of collaboration. Four water retailers—the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, California Water Service Company-Livermore District, and DSRSD, a community services district that distributes water to the city of Dublin and the Dougherty Valley area of San Ramon—all rely on Zone 7 Water Agency for their wholesale water supply. Zone 7 contracts with the State Water Project and manages one groundwater basin for the common benefit of Tri-Valley residents and businesses. Representatives of these agencies meet regularly to address common issues, and they reach out individually and collectively to the state and federal legislators that represent the Tri-Valley. The Local Agency Formation Commission has recently encouraged the Tri-Valley cities and utility providers to study opportunities for coordination and integration of utility services. Dublin, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Livermore, DSRSD, and Zone 7 are participating in this process.

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Like many communities in California, the Tri-Valley faces a watershed moment with regard to its water supply. To achieve our mutual goals, we must be able to continue working in close collaboration with legislators who are focused on and dedicated to the needs of the Tri-Valley. We appreciate your consideration of our request that the Tri-Valley be deemed a community of interest, and we hope that the Commission will make strong efforts to keep us together while determining boundaries for Congressional, State Senate, and State Assembly districts.

Sincerely,



**D.L. (PAT) HOWARD**  
**President, Board of Directors**

cc: **Tim Sbranti, Mayor of Dublin**  
**Abram Wilson, Mayor of San Ramon**  
**Jennifer Hosterman, Mayor of Pleasanton**  
**Marshall Kamena, Mayor of Livermore**  
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