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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

1130 K Street, Suite 101

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Redistricting for Region 4

Dear Commission Members,

My husband and I have lived in the Agoura area for over 40 years. After the incorporation of Agoura Hills, I served as a Planning Commissioner for 7 years and on the City Council for 4 years with one term as Mayor. We both attended UCLA and I worked at the UCLA Medical Center for over 20 years. Our three children attended schools in Malibu, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills. Currently, I am the Treasurer of the Las Virgenes Homeowners' Federation, an organization of 20 homeowner associations, on the Advisory Committee of the Los Angeles County North Area Plan, and a Trustee of the LA County West Vector Control District. I wish to share with you some of my thoughts regarding redistricting for our Region.

There are five cities that share common interests, challenges, and opportunities in our area – Westlake Village, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and Agoura Hills. Our Council Members and Staffs meet regularly in our COG (Council of Government). In addition, there are three unincorporated communities – Topanga, Malibou Lake, and Monte Nido. Over the years, we have all worked together on problems

such as transportation, traffic issues, wild fire protection, watershed management, and public safety. We continue to work together to protect and preserve significant ridgelines and wild life corridors. Our cities surround the State and National Parks of the Santa Monica Mountains and we are diligent in our efforts to preserve these special areas for the recreational opportunities they provide for all of Southern California. Most of the areas listed also are served by a common water district (The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District) and school district (The Las Virgenes Unified School District). Our leaders also serve on the Advisory Councils for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Resource Conservation District, and the Coastal Commission.

For services, residents of our area use the transportation corridors provided by the 101 Freeway, Pacific Coast Highway, the canyon roads of Kanan Road, Topanga, Las Virgenes/Malibu Canyon Rd, and Wilshire Blvd to connect us to Woodland Hills, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Westwood (UCLA), Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, West Los Angeles, and West Hollywood for medical care, employment, shopping, educational opportunities, and entertainment.

I urge you to consider combining these areas to determine Region 4. To me, redistricting along these lines provides the area of common interest, the geographical integrity, and the population required to fulfill the criteria and guidelines for a successful political district.

Thank you for your consideration.

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