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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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SUBJECT: Comments on the Redistricting of the Palos Verdes Peninsula and the South Bay Area of Los Angeles County

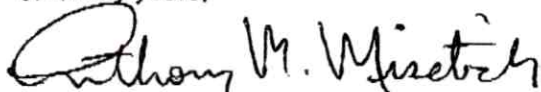
Dear Commissioners:

The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council is pleased that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission will be conducting public hearings in the Los Angeles area over the next few weeks. Rancho Palos Verdes is one of four cities that occupy the Palos Verdes Peninsula along the coastline of the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. Currently, the Peninsula falls within several, heavily "gerrymandered" congressional and legislative districts, which result in the alignment of our communities with such disparate areas as eastern Long Beach (54th State Assembly District), central Orange County (46th U.S. Congressional District) and central Los Angeles County (25th State Senate District).

Historically, Rancho Palos Verdes has been intimately tied to the north coastal cities and communities of the South Bay region, including (but not limited to) Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo. We share with our northerly South Bay neighbors a dependence upon a common transportation network for access to the rest of the Los Angeles region. We serve as a "bedroom community" for the regional aerospace and manufacturing hub of the South Bay. We also share a common affinity and appreciation of the unique physical and cultural environment afforded by our location along the coast. Many of the prominent regional community organizations (such as the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs) serve the area extending northward from Rancho Palos Verdes towards LAX. Rancho Palos Verdes considers itself to be an integral part of the South Bay, as evidenced by its active participation and leadership in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

My City Council colleagues and I encourage the Commission to take the opportunity provided by the decennial redistricting of the state to consider re-aligning the City of Rancho Palos Verdes with the north coastal cities and communities of the South Bay—located generally west of the I-110 and I-405 freeways and south of LAX—for the traditional reasons of shared transportation, economic and cultural factors.

Sincerely yours,



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