

Citizens Redistricting Commission
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I have been a resident of Pacific Palisades since 1967. I am a member of Heal The Bay, The California League of Conservation Voters and a Board member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board since 1999.

I strongly believe that the Santa Monica Mountains are a significant natural landmark that residents have in common on both sides of the mountains. The watershed within the Santa Monica Mountains recreation area drains into the Santa Monica Bay. I strongly believe that these two major significant landmarks must remain together as a community of interest in my opinion.

The San Fernando Valley, Las Virgenes cities, Malibu and Westside residents all share this protected regional open space. Protecting this open space, watershed, wildlife corridors and recreational spots are important to our communities. Having elected representatives that share this priority is vital to the best interests of our district.

The Pacific Ocean is a boundary area for our community from the southern limits of Santa Monica to the Ventura County Line. Protecting water quality is important for our local cities, our watersheds and the millions of people who visit the area. We have a multi-billion dollar coastal economy which derives from the coastal communities and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area.

In 1991 the courts drew up the legislative boundary lines which defined our community of interest. For the past 20 years we have been represented by members of Congress, the legislature and our Supervisor who represented our region within L.A. County. The boundary lines stopped at the Ventura County Line, the Pacific Ocean, both sides of the 101 Freeway through the San Fernando Valley from Woodland Hills to Studio City, Las Virgenes, the Santa Monica Mountains, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood to east of the 405 extending south to Olympic and Wilshire Blvds. and east to Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and the Fairfax community.

I urge you to keep this community together. We are a true community of interest which has worked well together for 20 years and has resulted in the protection of hundreds of thousand of acres of public open space for the benefit of the public for this and future generations. To break this up now would be very unfortunate and divide a well functioning, successful community of interest. In this urban area which is Los Angeles County, we need to be ever mindful of the protection of the only source of open space for the millions of people who enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains and its watershed, the Santa Monica Bay.

Sincerely,
Francine Diamond
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