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Message Body:

Commissioners: I write in lieu of being able to attend Wednesday's commission meeting in Long Beach. I reside in San Pedro and I vote in one of the narrow string of precincts along the coast.

As an artifact of this location, I and my neighbors are generally disenfranchised in any practical sense, because we are used to structure outlandish districts. For example:

Congressional District 54, currently represented by Dana Rohrabacher, is a "dumbbell" with bulges in north Orange County (esp. Huntington Beach) and Palos Verdes--but our precincts, which represent all of 0.3% of the district, are used to make these two portions contiguous. As a result, we could hardly expect Mr. R to "represent" or respond to our interests--and he does not.

As for state senator--we are a long tail connecting the "core" of the district--Inglewood!!! with, again a larger area in Palos Verdes. Ditto the effect.

The current district boundaries are indefensible, in my opinion, based on the principles for which you are charged to act. I will expect that San Pedro be respected and treated as an entity for all relevant districts, so taht we can feel like our community is in fact "represented" in the organs of government.

Thank you for your efforts and your careful consideration.

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