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Executive Vice President

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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners;

My name is Ted Tanner and I am Executive Vice President for Real Estate Development for AEG, owners and operators of Staples Center, LA Live including the new 1001 room JW Marriott and Ritz Carlton Hotels and Ritz Residences. Recently, we have proposed the \$1.35B LACC Modernization and Farmers Field Project.

Having invested more than \$2.5B to date, we are an integral part of Downtown Los Angeles and are proud to play an active role in the urban renewal happening in the heart of our city. This urban renewal has evolved from public policy and private investment efforts based on renovation, cooperation and mutual benefit. From LA City Hall and Chinatown to Staples Center and LA Live, from Center City West and Bunker Hill to the LA River, Downtown is a vibrant social, artistic, cultural and economic engine for the largest city in California. The renewal required public private partnership with business and government at the local, state and national levels.

Having been directly involved in the revitalization of downtown L.A. for the past 30 years, I have a unique perspective on this topic. Prior to my last 13 years at AEG, I was SVP for Development at Catellus, where I led the acquisition and redevelopment of Union Station, firmly establishing it as the region's transportation hub. Before Catellus, with Mayor Bradley's Economic Development office, I oversaw the redevelopment of the L.A. Wholesale Produce Market which led to significant revitalization of Downtown L.A.'s east side industrial area.

Although new redistricting laws say that Districts shall be drawn in compact ways that protect communities of interest and doesn't divide cities or counties--- the City of Angeles due to its 4 million residents will be divided in ways unlike any other city in the State. I urge the commission to deal with Los Angeles as a unique and special case and keep its heart in downtown whole and fully contained in assembly, senate and congressional districts.

As one of the most vibrant Arts and Entertainment Districts in the State, Downtown Los Angeles has grown into more than a daytime job center. As a developing and evolving area that services

the entire region- stable and consistent political representation is essential to cohesively and efficiently manage traffic, planning and economic development efforts.

With close to 40,000 residents, a 207,440 person daytime population and a growing night and weekend art, entertainment and recreation destination, Downtown Los Angeles requires extraordinary coordination and cooperation that is best achieved by existing wholly in State and Federal Districts. Additionally, including nearby Los Angeles neighborhoods especially those along transit and industrial corridors will allow for sensitive management of the challenges that often arise from large scale revitalization efforts such as the ones being undertaken in Downtown Los Angeles.

We need our local government, state government and federal government to efficiently be part of this effort. I urge the commission to help support the continued revitalization of Downtown Los Angeles, by keeping it together.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Tanner".

Ted Tanner  
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