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Dear Commissioners,

In the eight years I've served on the Palmdale City Council, and in my prior 12 years as a Planning Commissioner, I have worked very closely with the League of California Cities to protect the interests of our region. In order to do that, the League has divided the state into several divisions based on communities of interest and similarity of resources and challenges. The Antelope Valley/East Kern region along with the Victor Valley High Desert is the Desert/Mountain Division of the League of California Cities.

The Desert/Mountain communities include Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond, Mojave, Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto as well as several of the San Bernardino Mountain communities including Arrowhead and Big Bear Lake.

We work together so well in this organization because of our shared interests and challenges. Throughout the High Desert, unemployment is a far larger challenge than it is in surrounding communities like the Inland Empire and San Fernando Valley.

Throughout the High Desert, we have water and resource challenges that exist nowhere else in the state due to our separate water and air basins.

Additionally, we are quickly becoming the Green Energy Capital of the whole country. In eastern Kern, northern Los Angeles and northern San Bernardino counties, we have the best wind and solar resources in North

America.

In order to foster and build on these new technologies we must share a legislative district or risk these vital policy needs being subjugated under the interests of the far off population centers of these counties.

The populations of Palmdale, Lancaster, Rosamond, Mojave, Ridgecrest and Tehachapi are nearly perfect for an Assembly District. Likewise, the population in the High Desert communities of Apple Valley, Adelanto, Victorville, Hesperia, and Barstow in San Bernardino and Inyo counties is nearly perfect for another Assembly District. Together, these districts would give the High Desert united and fair representation.

Our regional Board of Trade supports a similar concept, for these same logical, geographic demographic and economic reasons. I would strongly urge the commission to adopt this concept.

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