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Subject: Redistricting concerns

Message Body:

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Pacific Palisades where I have been an active member of the community for 23 years. While I have watched this community grow over the past two decades, my neighbors and I have also been the fortunate beneficiaries of public policy aimed at preserving the open space, watersheds, wildlife corridors and recreational opportunities in the Santa Monica Mountains. I am writing to urge the commission to recognize this major natural landmark as a significant point of common interest for the communities on both sides of the mountains who value its preservation.

The communities in question- Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood and Fairfax on one side, to the San Fernando Valley and Las Virgenes cities on both sides of the 101 freeway in the north- have been represented for 20 years in Congress, the state legislature and the Los Angeles County by officials who share our priorities with respect to the Santa Monica Mountains. As a result, over 50% of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is public open space, owned by the National Parks, State Parks or the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The legislative lines drawn by the court in 1991 – bounded by the Ventura County line and the Pacific Ocean, and including the communities listed above- defined our community of interest. A return to similar lines would ensure that the residents of these areas continue to be represented by officials who share their common goals and continue to protect the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Sincerely,

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