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Subject: Santa Monica Mountain Areas of Shared Interest

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I have lived in the Pacific Palisades area for the past 22 years, and as a resident of this community, I share common interests and concerns with the other communities that surround the western Santa Monica Mountain area, specifically, the areas south of the 101 Freeway linked to the Westside and the Las Virgenes and Malibu communities.

These areas are linked through transportation corridors through and alongside the Santa Monica Mountains. Residents of these coastal communities and this part of the San Fernando Valley utilize these transit corridors for work, education, recreation, entertainment and medical care within this area. These communities also share common interests and challenges in protecting the wildlife, open space, watershed and recreational areas of the Santa Monica Mountains.

A sensible and cohesive district is one that has common interests in transportation, environmental protection and quality of life issues. The residents of communities such as Malibu, Las Virgenes, Calabasas, Topanga, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Studio City, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica and Westwood comprise an example of such cohesiveness and shared concerns and thus, constitute a common area of interest. Being able to elect legislators with strong connections to the communities on the coast, the Santa Monica Mountains and parts of the San Fernando Valley enables these communities to protect their shared interests and address their shared concerns.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication in drawing district lines in California, and in considering my recommendations as set out above in making your districting decisions.

Sincerely, Susan Holliday Pacific Palisades