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Honorable Commissioners:

My name is Ed Corridori. I served for three terms on the Agoura Hills City Council, including three terms as Mayor, from 1993 to 2005. In that capacity I served on several bodies with regional authority beyond our city limits. These include the Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments, The Agoura Hills/Calabasas Joint Powers Authority and the State Advisory Board to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. I am currently serving as a Trustee of the non-profit Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation which serves a five city area. These roles have made me very well acquainted with the geography and the community of interests in this area. I am writing this letter to provide my recommendations to the commission for the Assembly and Senate District which will represent our community.

Geographically, our area is part of the West Valley, Westside and Santa Monica to Malibu areas. The cities in our area are contract cities that all use L.A. County Fire, Sheriff, and Animal Control services. Historically, these cities have always worked closely together to achieve common objectives in transportation and regional planning. The Las Virgenes Council of Governments is made up of Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Westlake Village, and the Santa Monica mountains to Malibu.

The Ventura County City of Thousand Oaks has also been a frequent partner with the cities on the L.A. County side of the line. The Greater Conejo Chamber of Commerce represents the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills as well as Thousand Oaks. There is currently an initiative to build a Regional Art Museum that would have support from Westlake Village and Agoura Hills as well as Thousand Oaks. However, other cities in Ventura County represent a totally different community of interests. Our area has no similar shared interests with Simi Valley, Moorpark, Camarillo or other Ventura County cities to the north. Similarly, we have no community of interests with the L.A. County cities to the north such as Santa Clarita or Valencia. Rather, we are much more closely allied to the West Valley and Westside regions which share an interest in preservation of the Santa Monica Mountains and Coastal areas, protection of the watersheds that feed into Santa Monica Bay, and improvement!

of transportation in the area defined roughly by the 101 and PCH, from Kanan Road to the 405. The 1991 legislative district lines made the Santa Monica Mountains the area that binds the Westside with parts of the SF Valley and our area and we have had the L.A. County 3rd District Supervisor represent us for over 20 years.

Accordingly, I recommend that the following cities and areas should be placed in the same district: Hidden Hills, Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, Malibu, the Santa Monica Mountain communities, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Santa Monica, Bel Air, UCLA, Beverly Hills, Fairfax, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland hills, and West Hills. These residents use the same roads, the same freeways, share the same

cultural, educational and recreational centers, share watersheds that impact the Bay, frequent the same national and local parks, frequent the same entertainment and shopping venues and have similar economic interests.

Respectfully submitted,

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