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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a resident of Santa Monica but grew up in the Pacific Palisades so have been living on the Southern California coast for my entire life, 54 years.

I am writing to recommend that the Commission create both Assembly and State Senate districts that include parts of the San Fernando Valley and the Westside coastal communities. These areas are south of the 101 Freeway linked to the Westside and Las Virgenes and Malibu.

These areas are linked through transportation corridors from the ocean to the Santa Monica Mountains and the residents of these locales have many common interests. 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. Well known institutions like, UCLA, Pepperdine, California State University, Pierce College, University of Judaism, Skirball Center, The Getty Center, Santa Monica College and Santa Monica Museum of Art are just a few examples of places frequented by both coastal, mountain and valley residents. The residents of communities such as Malibu, Las Virgenes, Calabasas, Topanga, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Studio City, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, and Westwood are interconnected in daily life.

A cohesive district is one that has common interests in health care, transit, environmental protection and quality of life issues. I strongly believe that these communities are an example of this cohesiveness and shared concerns.

I urge the Commission to consider my recommendation and the many factors that will contribute to both fair and successful representation in our Assembly and Senate Districts.

Sincerely,

Tracy P. Metzger