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Message Body:

The City of Chino Hills would like the Commission to be aware of the regional issues that face the City of Chino Hills and consider these when considering legislative district boundaries. We respectfully ask the Commission to consider the following:

The City has a contractual relationship with San Bernardino County for many of the services we provide to our residents. We contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for Police services. In case of emergency, our local emergency operations are coordinated with the Emergency Operation Center in San Bernardino. In addition, our James S. Thalman Chino Hills Library is part of the San Bernardino Library system. These are three areas where we have historically been assisted by elected representatives.

Secondly, two of our biggest challenges are regional by nature and shared with our neighboring west-end cities. The challenges we face with building an adequate transportation system and water delivery system are similar to those faced by the City of Chino and other local agencies in the west end of San Bernardino County. To ensure adequate water delivery we have worked to develop local authorities such as the Water Facilities Authority, the Chino Desalter Authority, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, and Monte Vista Water District. These are complex contractual relationships, developed over many years.

The San Bernardino Association of Governments (SanBAG) works to solve regional transportation issues for our west end region. Our public transportation authority, OmniTrans, serves the San Bernardino County valley area. We also are on the edge of three other CalTrans districts but we are in District 8, along with the other West End cities.

The Army Corp of Engineers owns considerable property along the border of Chino Hills and Chino and they control the Prado Flood Control Basin which has significant impacts on Chino Hills, Chino and Ontario.

Lastly, Chino Hills and Chino are both served by the Chino Valley Independent Fire District and the Chino Valley Unified School District. The Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce brings the businesses of both cities together.

Pomona (north of Chino Hills) and Diamond Bar (west of Chino Hills) are both in Los Angeles County and Brea (west of Chino Hills) is in Orange County. These cities have distinct demographics, and are separated from Chino Hills by distinct geographic barriers. There is only one road (Grand Avenue) connecting Diamond Bar to Chino Hills and it travels through 1.3 miles of open space. There is one State Highway (Carbon Canyon) connecting Chino Hills to Brea where again there is a significant length of open space. Likewise, there are only two roads (Phillips Ranch Rd and Garey Avenue) connecting Chino Hills to Pomona. Phillips Ranch Road travels through several miles of open space before reaching Pomona and Garey Avenue includes several blocks of industrial between Chino Hills and Pomona. Corona (directly south of Chino Hills in Riverside County) can be reached only by freeway and is separated by ten miles of open space. There are no shared neighborhoods, shopping areas!

, recreation facilities, schools, or entertainment centers with any of these four cities.

There is no distinct barrier between Chino and Chino Hills. In fact, many stores in Chino advertise that they are Chino Hills locations and we spend considerable effort trying to educate our residents to the advantages of staying in our City to shop.

We share common regional concerns with our neighbors in the west end of San Bernardino County. When seeking legislative assistance, applying for government grants, or

representing the concerns and views of our residents to the State and Federal government, we will be better served by having representatives who are familiar with our regional issues and understand the mutual needs and concerns of Chino Hills and our west end neighbors.

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