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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am a member of the West Hollywood City Council, and have lived in West Hollywood for more than 30 years. West Hollywood is an incorporated city in Los Angeles County with a population of about 37,000 people.

West Hollywood is a vibrant, dynamic, diverse and progressive city which includes restaurants, art galleries and other creative businesses. Our diverse population include large Russian, senior, Jewish and LGBT communities. Our major commercial corridors, like Sunset Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard connect our region. This entire area has been represented in the same County Supervisorial, State Assembly and State Senate District for two decades.

The Cities of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica are all part of the Westside Cities Council of Governments (COG) along with Culver City (which could be added to this district.) Our three cities also have strong rent control measures and have become world-class destinations for tourists.

We are linked to the Westside communities of Bel-Air, Brentwood and Pacific Palisades. Our residents often visit the beaches in Santa Monica and Malibu, and attend UCLA or Santa Monica City College. We are linked to the San Fernando Valley because of our close proximity to the Santa Monica Mountains. Laurel and Coldwater Canyons, Beverly Glen, etc., are major transportation corridors for both West Hollywood and Westside residents. The Valley communities of Studio City, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Tarzana, Woodland Hills and West Hills use these roads on a daily basis to get to work, school, shopping, or attend cultural and entertainment venues.

For the past 20 years, West Hollywood has shared the same State Senate district with eight Western Los Angeles County cities and portions of Los Angeles. Our eight cities -- all cities with a population of less than 100,000 -- participate in two Councils of Government. This similarity gives us a stronger voice in dealing with regional and state issues. Hidden Hills,





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Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and Malibu make up the other Council of Governments. Most of us are served by the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

In addition to the regional links provided by our commercial corridors, transportation corridors such as I-10, the 101 Freeway, the 405 and the Pacific Coast Highway unite us. The construction of the Wilshire subway line will be a major transit project that impacts are communities, as well as UCLA and Santa Monica.

Our communities, for the most part, share common values and support legislation that insures equal protection, protects our environment, promotes access to health care and protects the quality of life of the residents in our communities.

We would like to ensure our communities of interest stay together in one State Senate and two State Assembly districts.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

ABBE LAND
Councilmember

