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First, some details: the Santa Monica Mountains are not entirely in Santa Monica, and they're not really mountains. The "Santa Monica Mountains" is just the name for the foothills that start in the beach region of LA and head all the way toward Echo Park and Elysian Park downtown. They are the hills that bisect Los Angeles city "proper" and the San Fernando Valley.

Today, I write to ask you to keep the communities that touch the Eastern Santa Monica mountains, on BOTH SIDES, in one district when you draw California's state legislative lines.

These Eastern SM Mountains communities start with the communities north and west of the SM Mountains recreational area (Hollywood Hills West) and stretch through Fryman Canyon Park, Runyon Canyon Park (Hollywood Hills East), Griffith Park, North Hollywood Park, Toluca Lake, Silver Lake, Elysian Park, etc. Are you sensing a theme?

These are all hilly communities that have a tremendous state interest in preserving our open space. We have had to fight development at the local and state levels. We have had to fight for grants to keep the parks open, or to staff them adequately. We have had to fight for fire protection dollars. I could go on and on, but I know you have other people's comments to read.

The bottom line is: the communities that touch the hills separating the "Valley" and LA have much in common. Keeping us together, on both sides of the hills (and of course, the hills themselves), would be a wise act by the Commission.

Thanks for listening and good luck with your task.

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