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**Subject: 23rd Senate District Boundaries**

**Date:** Friday, May 20, 2011 7:15 AM

**From:** Jim Wright <[REDACTED]>

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Conversation:** 23rd Senate District Boundaries

To the Members of the Re-Districting Commission ... please find attached a letter from the Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners' Association strongly supporting the retention of the existing 23rd District boundaries.

Thank you.

James Wright

President  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association

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**UMCA**

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**Re: 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District Boundaries**

Dear Members of the Re-Districting Commission:

The Upper Mandeville Canyon Property Owners' Association ("UMCA"), formed in 1956 represents the approximately 300 families residing in the upper section of Mandeville Canyon. The Upper Mandeville community is adjacent to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation area as well as other likewise communities. All of these communities on either side of the mountains share, and are keenly and continuously aware of our location relative to the issues and risks of watershed protection, hillside planning and development regulations, wildlife protection and management, fire and flood safety, and general public recreation activities and events.

The UMCA strongly supports maintaining the current (1991) boundaries of the 23<sup>rd</sup> District and opposes any re-districting proposal that would stand to divide the communities, residents and community resources that have worked together in common commitment to the preservation and protection of the Santa Monica Mountain area as a unique and irreplaceable ecosystem and community asset for Los Angeles. Keeping the Santa Monica Mountains region within the current 23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District boundaries is the most effective way to support the continued protection of this community natural resource and its adjacent residents.

For over 30 years legislation that recognized the Santa Monica Mountains "Zone" as a unique and valuable economic, environmental, agricultural, scientific, educational, and recreational resource, has been reinforced and enhanced by the communities that share its boundaries and by the larger community throughout Los Angeles. In addition to the Santa Monica Mountain



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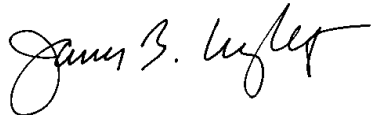
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“zone” per se, the 23<sup>rd</sup> District boundaries as they are currently drawn allow for more effective management of issues such as transportation improvements, traffic management and development which impact residents on both sides. This has been clearly demonstrated in the recent (and continuing) I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project, and relative to development policy issues for hillsides and areas with greater fire and flood risk.

The integrity of the Santa Monica Mountains “zone” and the cities, communities, community based organizations and alliances long associated with its protection should not be diluted by a re-districting plan that would split the representation of the interests in this area, easily the most significant natural resource in the Los Angeles basin, and dilute logical, effective and efficient governance of the areas on both sides of the Santa Monica Mountains “backbone”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James B. Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James Wright – President  
Upper Mandeville Canyon Association

Cc: UMCA Board of Directors