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My name is Edna Murphy and I am a 34 year resident of Manhattan Beach, California. The South Bay Cities of Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach Venice, El Segundo and Torrance function as one community in many ways and should be kept together as part of the same districts. They all make up a community of interest, from the shoreline, to the bike paths, to their involvement with Cool Cities and other regional organizations..

We all have the same traffic problems since Pacific Coast Highway connects all of the cities. We also all share the 405 Freeway and traffic problems on the 405 affect us all. In addition, all of these cities have the same parking problems, especially in the summer. I feel very strongly that the South Bay should not be split. It is surrounded by the City of Los Angeles and is unique and different from all of the communities around it.

I, personally, am a member of numerous community organizations that service the beach cities, Torrance and the South Bay, such as the Pulmonary Education Program of Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance, where I am a member of the Board. I also go to that facility three times weekly for exercise classes. I also am a member of the Manhattan Beach Property Owners Association, and The Beach Cities Health District which services the South Bay communities only. I have an office in Torrance as well and am also involved with that City. There are many other organizations as well that encompass all of these cities such as South Bay Association of Realtors, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and many beach based groups.

I go to the City Council meetings of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance because so many of the issues discussed also pertain to me as a resident, home owner in Manhattan Beach. We also all participate in the yearly festivals of all of the beach cities. Even our bike path links all of the Beach Cities as does Pacific Coast Highway.

In some instances we share the same high schools as well. I cannot imagine separating these cities with so much in common, into separate districts.

My recommendation to the Commission:

Keep the Beach Cities, Torrance and South Bay whole.

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