



# TOWN OF LOS GATOS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
(408) 354-6801 – FAX: (408) 399-5786

CIVIC CENTER  
110 E. MAIN STREET  
P.O. Box 949  
LOS GATOS, CA 95031

*Joe Pirzynski, Mayor*  
*Steve Rice, Vice Mayor*  
*Steven Leonardis, Council Member*  
*Diane McNutt, Council Member*  
*Barbara Spector, Council Member*

May 20, 2011

California Citizen's Redistricting Commission  
Attention: Public Comment  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

E-mail:  
[votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

RE: "Community of Interest"

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Los Gatos Council, I am writing to ask that the Commission designate the cities of Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Campbell, and Cupertino (know regionally as the "West Valley Cities") be considered a "Community of Interest" and that the West Valley municipalities be kept whole individually and together in the creation of legislative districts. This request is made in recognition of the following:

- Mutual boundaries
- Shared key natural geographic features
- Common transportation network
- Shared resident service delivery
- Served by overlapping public school districts
- Shared and coordinated governance

The attached Town Council adopted resolution provides additional detail. If you have any questions or comments, I can be reached at 408.354.6801.

Sincerely,

**JOE PIRZYNSKI**  
Mayor

cc: Town Council



RESOLUTION 2011-

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
STATING THE TOWN'S POSITION THAT IT BE CONSIDERED A "COMMUNITY OF  
INTEREST" AS DESIGNATED BY THE CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING  
COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission, pursuant to Proposition 11 in 2008 and Proposition 20 in 2010, is determining new electoral district lines for California Assembly, Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization Districts;

WHEREAS, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission is actively seeking individual and organizational information and input regarding redistricting, particularly as it relates to Communities of Interest as specified in redistricting;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities of Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, Campbell and Cupertino are a clearly and long established broad Community of Interest;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share mutual borders and are, in large part, surrounded by either the City of San Jose or unincorporated Santa Clara County;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share key natural geographic features, including the northwestern slopes of the Santa Cruz Mountains and multiple watersheds;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share a common transportation network, including Highways 9, 85 and 17, as well as major arterials and boulevards;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share resident service delivery in terms of sewer, water, fire, police, solid waste and/or recreation;

WHEREAS, overlapping public school districts serve the West Valley municipalities;

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share similar housing, employment and media providers with an increasingly diverse population; and

WHEREAS, the West Valley municipalities share and coordinate governance through monthly Mayors & Managers meetings, joint oversight of shared services, appointment of sub-regional representatives to regional transportation and public safety agencies, and common approaches to broader and regional issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE that the West Valley municipalities be hereby considered a "Community of Interest" as designated by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Valley municipalities be kept whole individually and together as the West Valley in the creation of legislative districts; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of each West Valley municipality is hereby empowered to communicate and advocate for the consolidation of the West Valley municipalities into as few legislative districts as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA