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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Dividing the City of Temecula into Two Separate Congressional Districts - OPPOSE

Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The Southwest California Legislative Council joins the City of Temecula in opposing the Commission's recommendation to divide the City of Temecula into two separate congressional election boundaries. The area that ultimately became the City of Temecula has been a part of Riverside County since the County was formed in 1893.

While the draft Assembly and Senate district maps place the City of Temecula within one district within Riverside County, the draft congressional map severs a large portion of the City of Temecula into a San Diego County Congressional District.

Furthermore, we agree with the City of Temecula that the area has been well served by Congressman Darrell Issa. Splitting the district and crossing county borders defies the will of the voters when they approved Proposition 11.

The Commission's goal to keep communities together logically and politically means that Temecula should remain a part of Riverside County's congressional delegation, much like the draft Senate and Assembly maps.

We urge you to reconsider your recommendation to divide the congressional election boundaries within the City of Temecula and to revise the draft congressional map to include all of the City of Temecula within the new PRS/I-15 Corridor Congressional District within Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Gene Wunderlich

Chair

