"Arnie Shadbehr" < From: To: "Alex Vargas'" < Cc: "'Russ Miyahira'" < "Kyle Hamilton'" < Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:30 PM Sent:

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To the Redistricting Commission,

Thank you =or your dedicated, hard work to give us the opportunity to vote for =epresentatives who will more accurately reflect the communities they will serve. Attached please find two letters on behalf of Hawthorne residents signed by the Mayor and City Council members =s well as the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. Hawthorne residents would like to =et their voices heard and their perspectives be included in your deliberations. As a public servant of this great City = concur with and support all the valid points indicated on these letters. Hawthorne residents request that the City of =awthorne to be included in the South Bay/Beach Cities Congressional District.

Respectfully, =

Attach:

Arnold Shadbehr, **Interim City Manager** City of Hawthorne



## To Whom It May Concern:

In an effort to assist the Commission in its redistricting effort, the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce herein identifies the issues that are important to our community and defines our community of interest. Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay/Beach Cities which lie south of the #105 Freeway and west of the #110 Freeway.

Hawthorne is inextricably tied to the aerospace industry which it shares with the Beach Cities. A few years ago, Hawthorne worked in conjunction with the Beach Cities to prevent the closure of the LA Air Force Base, which saved thousands of Hawthorne and South Bay jobs at both the base and its affiliated aerospace partners. This protected a huge economic engine for the entire South Bay. The bonds which made this possible were issued by Hawthorne and Hawthorne's citizens will be paying approximately \$142 million to retire them. This action encouraged further development of aerospace, including Spacex, which is headquartered in Hawthorne.

Moreover, Hawthorne has its own airport which is used on a daily basis by aerospace and film industry personnel who are doing business in the South Bay. The Hawthorne Police Department helicopter, which is based at Hawthorne Airport, patrols and assists the other Beach Cities Police Departments, who pay Hawthorne for this service.

Hawthorne also has significant ties to the entertainment industry due to its proximity to major studios in El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Hawthorne is within walking distance from both the Manhattan Beach Studios and El Segundo Studios. Many movie and television shows including (insert titles) and CSI Miami do location shooting in Hawthorne.

Based on all of the above, we contend that Hawthorne's community of interest is primarily with the South Bay/Beach Cities which lie south of the #105 Freeway and west of the #110 Freeway and we wish to be placed in the district which includes those cities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Patricia Donaldson

President/CEO