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July 19, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Redistricting – Oppose

Dear Members of the Commission:

The purpose of this letter is to express my opposition to the current proposed Redistricting being recommended by the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The proposed redistricting does not work for our Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal communities!

Despite repeated complaints from stakeholders in the south (Santa Monica Mountains/Coastal), and north (Santa Clarita), the Redistricting Commission is still combining these two completely unrelated areas. Additionally, it looks as if the Ventura County communities of Simi Valley and Moorpark were added to the new area.

Historically, our Senate District has been an east/west, cohesive, compact mountain/coastal district. Each of the cities in this region (Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village), share many common regional issues, such as water quality mandates, transportation needs and corridors, common conservation, planning and economic interests, which are vastly different from the proposed new areas. The new proposed area appears to:

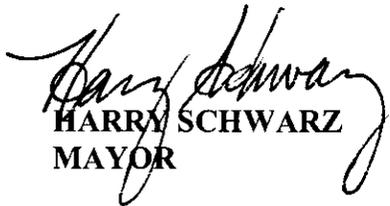
- Create an elongated inland district stretching from Malibu through Santa Clarita to the Kern County line.

The "Santa Monica Mountains/Bay-Westside" Senate District meets all of the Commission's guidelines. It nests two Assembly Districts and encompasses our adjacent, interlocking coastal and mountain communities who share mutually significant, historical, socio-economic, planning,

conservation, cultural and educational communities of interest. It is geographically succinct and compact, and is coastally connected by major transportation corridors.

We respectfully request the Commission reconsider and not proceed with the proposed redistricting plans.

Sincerely,



HARRY SCHWARZ
MAYOR

cc: City Council
City Manager