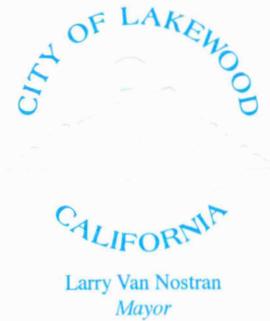


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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Support for the "A3" Redistricting Map for Los Angeles County

Dear Mayor Antonovich and County Supervisors:

The City of Lakewood supports redistricting Plan A3. We do not want to see our 4th District communities and cities divided into separate districts. Under Plan A3 our boundaries would be largely maintained. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the County.

Under both alternative plans, S2 and T1, millions of people would be needlessly moved, thereby destroying the connections and relationships that have been built over decades.

Don Knabe served the diverse residents of his district with energy and goodwill for more than 20 years solving problems and helping those in needs. Redistricting should be about representation not race. Los Angeles is one of the most culturally diverse places in the world. The Fourth District is one of the most diverse in the county, minority groups living and working together, sharing the same concerns and challenges of life and being well served by Supervisor Knabe.

Plans S2 and T1 take us back decades by making two assumptions in basing their districts solely on race: We oppose plans S2 AND T1 for the following reasons:

- That Latinos – or any other race – will only vote for a candidate of their race. That's simply not true. At all levels of government, minority candidates, such as John Noguez, Barack Obama, Ted Lieu, etc. have all won in the 4th District. The voters elected the people they thought would represent them and their communities' best – regardless of the color of their skin.

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- That only a Latino can represent a Latino. A Supervisor's job is to represent everyone in the district, regardless of their race. Don Knabe provides that type of quality representation.

The City of Lakewood supports the redistricting Plan A3. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry Van Nostran
Mayor