

June 21, 2011

Mr. Curt Pederson
Chair, Boundary Review Committee
C/o Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Room 383, Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

As a 40+ year resident of the east San Gabriel Valley area I am writing to urge your Boundary Review Committee to continue to locate Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights and Diamond Bar in District 4, and in addition to relocate Walnut into that same district. Our communities are similar in that they are ethnically diverse, and have many social, cultural and political ties. We work together frequently to tackle problems common to the regional area. We form a "community of common interest."

In reviewing the various plans that have been submitted I noted that several would move all of our communities into either District 1 or 5. If any of these plans were to be adopted it would have a devastating impact on the entire area and would be vigorously opposed, especially by the residents of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights. Our two communities are unincorporated and the supervisor that represents us, and his or her staff, oversee the delivery of our day to day services. They are effectively our city council. A close working relationship is essential

Supervisor Knabe has represented almost all of Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights for many years and he has invested the time to learn to know our community leaders, problems and issues. He knows how much our residents value our Rowland Heights Community General Plan and he was instrumental in obtaining the funding for our soon to be constructed community center. He maintains a field office in Rowland Heights that is central to the entire east end of the valley and his deputy, Dickie Simmons, regularly attends community forums and city council meetings in the entire area to keep the lines of communications open. Our residents trust them and appreciate their leadership. It would be a tragedy if we were to be moved to a different district. Please to not do that to us.

Sincerely,

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