

September 7, 2011

Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Commission Services

Our names are Peter and Bianca Sovich. We live in Long Beach, Ca. We support Plan A-3. Although we are loathe to define ourselves by the color of our skin, Bianca is of latino decent and Peter is anglo. We implore you to not split up our community. Our community is based on relationships and to split it up to satisfy the political aspiration of a few at the detriment of the many, is simply not how our representative government is designed to work. We respectfully request that our Los Angeles County Superintendent, Don Knabe continue to represent us.

Our comments below in *blue*.

We support Plan A-3:

- I do not want to see our neighborhoods, communities and cities divided into separate districts. Under Plan A3, our boundaries are basically 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, destroying the connections and relationships we have built over decades. We would basically have to start over, after years of working together and building trust.
- Don't split up communities that have shared the same issues, services and representation for over 20 years. *It has taken us years to develop a relationship with Supervisor Knabe's office and field staff. To begin dialogue with a new Supervisor, who has no ties to our community and may not be as responsive, is to deny us proper representation.*

It's about representation, not race:

- Los Angeles County is one of the most culturally diverse places in the world. The Fourth District is one of the most diverse in the County, with Whites, Latinos, Asian-Americans, African-Americans and many other minority groups, living and working together, sharing the same concerns and challenges. *Long Beach is one of the most diverse communities in the country. The idea that our district needs to be split up so a latino can properly represent latinos in Long Beach means that all the other diverse communities will have no representation. The fact that we have been represented properly and responsively, gives testament that skin color is not the primary and only factor in good government representation. It flies in the face of the argument to split up the district.*
- A Supervisor is elected to represent everyone in his or her district, not just the people who look the same. It doesn't matter if the resident is black, brown, white, male, female, Chinese-American, Italian-American, gay or straight. A Supervisor's job is to serve the residents of their district, solving their problems and helping those in need.
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1. That Latinos – or any other race – will only vote for a candidate of their race. That's simply not true. In our city, we have *{if appropriate, cite example of minority leaders}*. 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. *We need to get away from the idea the Latinos are simply a "minority". We are people from all walks of life, bearing a wide range of educational levels, differing religious affiliation, differing political affiliation. We are not to be lumped into one pile. We can categorize animals into dogs, cats, birds and correctly assume they will behave and must be treated according to their category. Latinos must not be used by candidates to assure their political aspirations. We're smart enough to vote according to ideological tenets, regardless of skin color.*
2. That only a Latino can represent a Latino. A Supervisor's job is to represent everyone in the district, regardless of their race or where they live. With nearly 2 million residents, they can't just focus on one race to do the job. *Another fallacy that supports the fact that we Latinos somehow lack education and intelligence to comprehend issues and therefore need to mindlessly follow a fellow brown person.*

Please vote for Plan A3.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter and Bianca Sovich

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Long Beach, CA 90815

Cc: Supervisor Don Knabe

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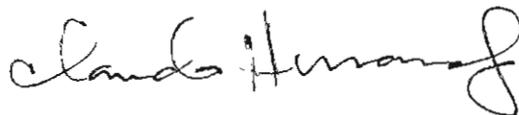
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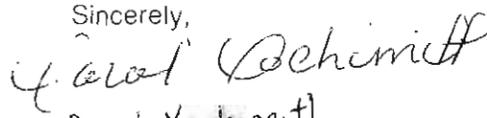
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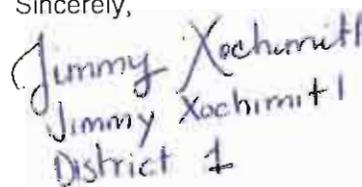
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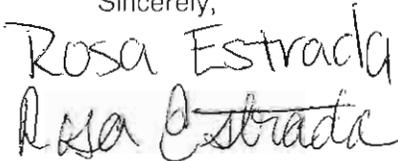
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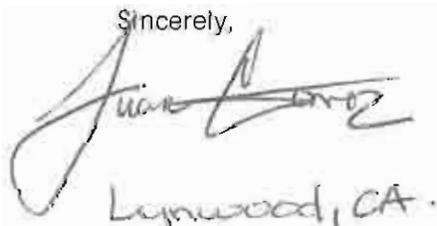
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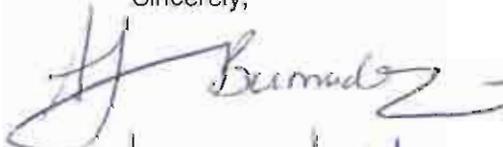
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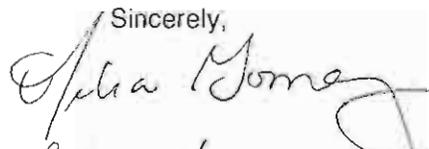
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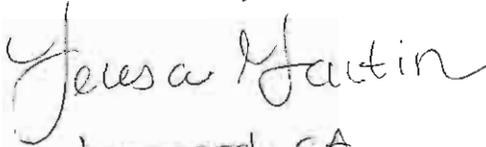
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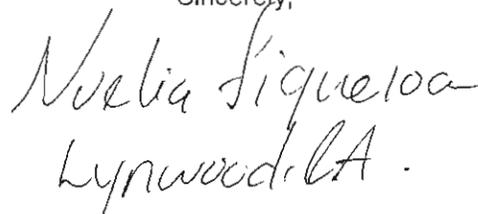
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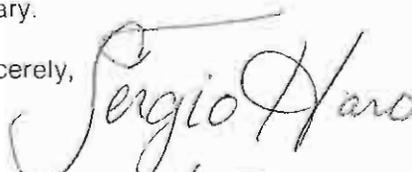
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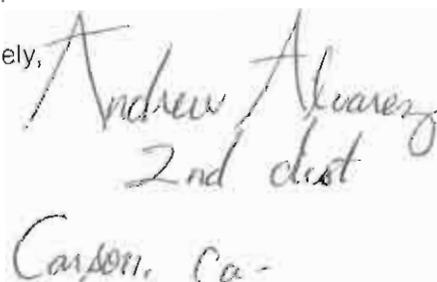
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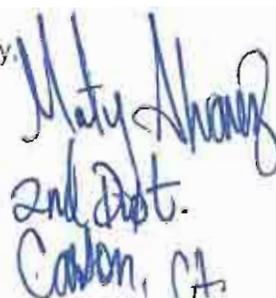
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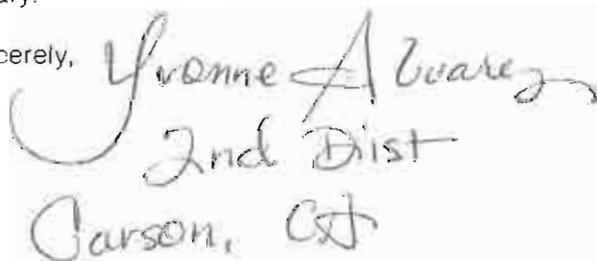
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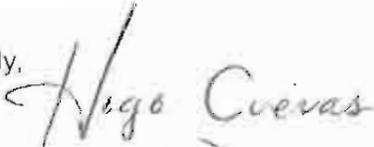
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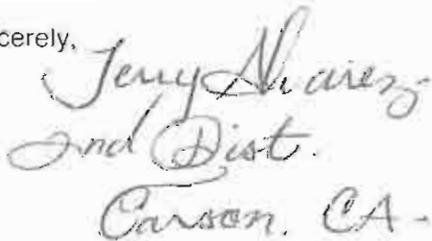
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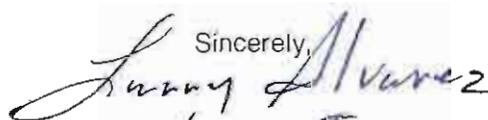
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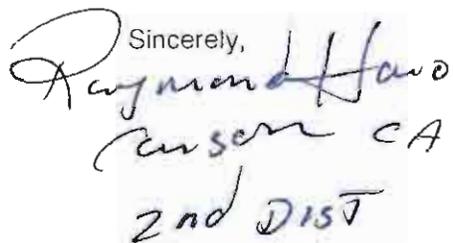
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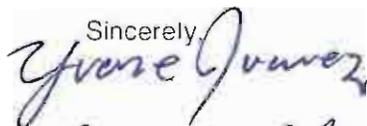
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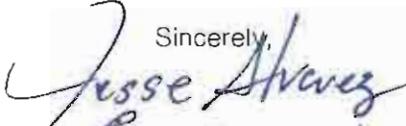
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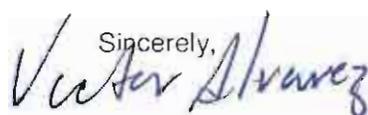
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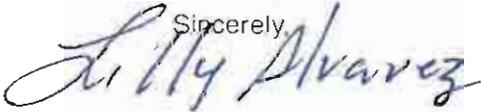
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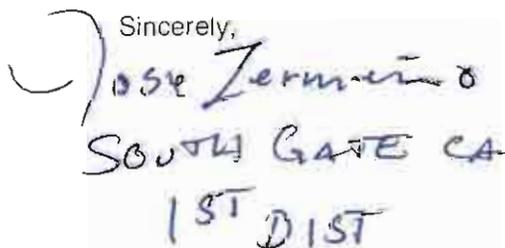
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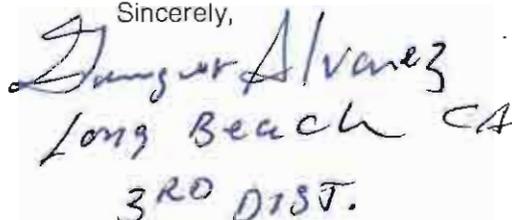
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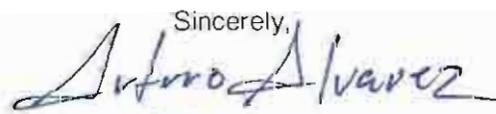
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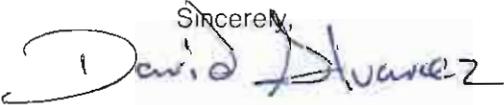
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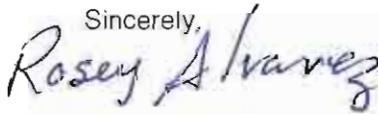
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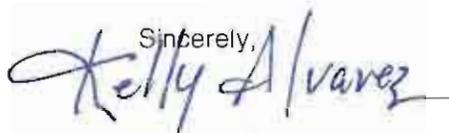
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