

May 10, 2011

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

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

I am a member of Operation Safe Canyons (OSC), a "community of interest" that works to promote public safety. While its primary focus is traffic safety on the 540 miles of roads in the western Santa Monica Mountains south of the Ventura/Los Angeles County line, OSC also deals with safety issues connected to Pacific Coast Highway from the County line south and on cross-mountain canyon roads that lead from the Ventura Freeway to the coasts. We work to promote fire safety by keeping roads clear for firefighting equipment and restricting areas in special danger on "red flag" days. OSC is concerned with the safety of residents, commuters, day-trippers and tourists to the National Recreation Area and all those who use canyon roads

Our members include the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Supervisorial Third District, representatives from the State Assembly and State Senate and from Malibu and Las Virgenes homeowners groups, local equestrian groups and activists with A Safer PCH. Over many years we have acted as a team to promote the public's well being through a seamless coordination of law enforcement, public education and road safety.

As a 40-year resident of Calabasas who has kept a close watch on local government, I urge you to redraw the districts to include the Santa Monica Mountains from the County line through Topanga and on through the Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica, the San Fernando Valley and the Westside. The mountains are the backbone of many communities of interest and along with the Santa Monica Bay watersheds, they should continue to define the Third District.

Sincerely,


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