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From TASC: Topanga Association for a Scenic Community

Concerning the issues now before the Supervisorial District Boundary Review Committee:

Political boundaries best fulfill the needs of the electorate when they reflect realistic cultural, ecological and economic distinctions and groupings. District Three, as it has essentially existed since 1991, is a good example of a practical, functional boundary. Encompassing the LA County portion of the Santa Monica Mountains, The San Fernando Valley areas defined by the North Slopes of this range, as well as communities along The Bay which are impacted by the Watershed drainage, this District is an obvious ecological unit. All the communities in this District are heavily invested in the recreational use of the Mountains and the travel corridors that traverse it. The challenges and benefits of the Santa Monica Mountains are shared by these communities. Valley folks use the roads, recreate on the beaches attract business from the mountain residents. Environmental threats such as fire and mudslides are the same in the Valley foot hills of Woodland Hills, Agoura, Bentwood and Calabasas as they are in the Canyons. The condition of the Bay is impacted by all of the drainage from the hills.

Economically, the mountain communities need the services available from the Valley. Folks from the expanding communities in the Valley commute through the Canyons to jobs on the West Side. The economic pressures of preserving the Mountains are impacted by the growth of the Valley and the West Side.

In addition, this District, while economically and ecologically coherent, is appropriately diverse culturally and economically. It represents a diverse cross section of our society, having many immigrant groups, religions, and ethnicities present. It is not uniform economically, a factor which is important in making sure that the different economic strata remain aware of the needs of the others. This interdependency is critical in a democracy.

For all of the above reasons, TASC is suggesting that the current District Three boundary remain intact.

Sincerely,

Ken Mazur  
TASC Board Member