



May 26, 2011

Mr. 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:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce position on the redistricting plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District of LA County, represented by Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. The Chamber represents the interests of business owners in or around the City of Calabasas, which is contained in the District. The Chamber Board has taken the position to support the existing District boundaries to the degree possible. We know that due to changes in population and other criteria some minor boundary adjustments may be necessary.

Our understanding is that the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) will mostly focus on how to preserve cohesive districts that keep communities of interest together. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District includes three geographically connected communities of interest; the Greater Westside, the San Fernando Valley and the Las Virgenes Region. They are bound together by the Santa Monica Mountains, running from the district's eastern edge, to the Pacific Coast and the Ventura County line. They form a cohesive community for the following reasons:

- 1) This community of interest is bounded by the Santa Monica Bay to the south, the Ventura County line to the west and north, and the City of L.A. to the east. The two major communities of interest to the east, the San Fernando Valley and the Greater Westside, comprise the rest of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District, creating a district with interlocking economic, environmental, cultural, and infrastructure interests, such as the transportation corridors that link the Valley to the Westside.

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Position Statement  
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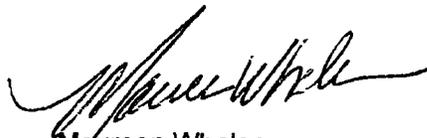
- 2) The Las Virgenes/Malibu Council of Governments (LVMCOG) was formed over a decade ago by the county "contract cities" of Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Malibu. Its purpose is to provide a vehicle to engage in regional and cooperative planning, and coordination of government services and responsibilities.
- 3) The Santa Monica Mountain communities of Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake, Malibu, Topanga, and other areas of unincorporated LA County, reside in a unique wildland/urban interface that includes Federal and State parklands and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA). These communities, through their reliance on LA County public safety agencies, coordinate emergency preparedness and response to wildfires, floods and earthquakes. Local neighborhood emergency preparedness groups like CERT, Arson Watch and Fire Safe Councils are active across the area.
- 4) These Communities have a common interest in working together to meet watershed wide Federal and State mandated water quality thresholds in both the regulated Malibu Creek Watershed and the Santa Monica Bay.
- 5) This area is also well-recognized as a community of interest by businesses who understand that the parks and public spaces of the Santa Monica Mountains, creeks and beaches are a major economic engine with over 30 million visitors each year, many of whom are regularly drawn from the nearby regions of the San Fernando Valley and the greater Westside communities.

We appreciate your consideration of the Chamber's position when planning boundary changes to the Supervisorial Districts. If you have any questions about the board's position, please do not hesitate to contact us at [REDACTED].

Sincerely Yours,



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Calabasas Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors



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