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OF THE WEST VALLEY

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:

I represent the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley in Canoga Park and I am writing to express the Board of Directors concerns regarding redistricting of the Los Angeles Supervisors' Districts.

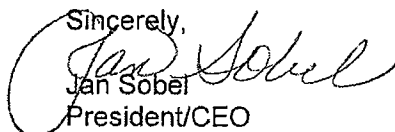
It is our opinion that all districts should be designated to preserve cohesive districts that keep communities of interest together. For example, the west Santa Monica Mountains/Las Virgenes communities are seen as a cohesive community because Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Westlake, Malibu, Topanga and areas of unincorporated LA County reside in a unique wildland/urban interface. These communities, interconnected through their reliance on LA County public safety agencies, coordinate their emergency preparedness and response to wildfires, floods and earthquakes. Community emergency preparedness groups like CERT, Arson Watch and Fire Safe Councils are active across the area.

This area is also well-recognized as a community of interest by business groups 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.

This community of interest is wholly encompassed by the Santa Monica Bay to the south, the Ventura County line to the west and north and the City of LA to the east. The two major communities of interest to its east, the San Fernando Valley and the Greater Westside, comprise the rest of the 3rd Supervisorial District of LA County, creating a district with interlocking economic, environmental, cultural and infrastructural concerns.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Jan Sobel
President/CEO