



City of Malibu

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

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

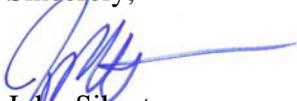
I would first like to congratulate you on your appointments to this important committee and thank you for your dedication to ensuring equal and fair representation for all citizens of Los Angeles County. After attending and speaking at the State commission's session in San Fernando, I can truly appreciate the seriousness and patience with which both groups must approach this daunting task!

The City of Malibu and the surrounding communities are deeply intertwined in numerous issues and challenges and, as such, we believe it would be in Malibu's best interest to keep the local districts together and unchanged. In particular, the five member cities of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village) have addressed and continue to face shared environmental, transportation and public safety issues. From wildfires to safe travel in the canyons and along Pacific Coast Highway, these communities confront many common challenges and depend on local elected officials to work with them to meet those challenges. As a community of interest, the COG works closely with National Parks, State Parks, County Parks and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy on issues of traffic (PCH, Malibu's Main Street, is as much a part of the traffic corridor as the 101 Freeway), the Pacific and Santa Monica Bay drainage and shared economic interests. In addition, the coastal communities of the Santa Monica Bay region, as well as the neighboring areas that impact water quality in the Santa Monica Bay, must be able to continue to work together to improve public health by ensuring clean, safe water for all of our residents and the millions of visitors who visit our beaches and parks.

Listening to over three hours of testimony in Ventura made clear the impossibility of satisfying all the demands. Our concern in Malibu and in the COG cities is that we may become the \$1 chips in a high-stakes game. As one gets to later iterations of the redistricting process, it can become tempting to balance the required numbers with the small communities of 10,000 to 30,000 populations. We urge you to keep this in mind and to recognize the fact that "Communities of Interest" are often even more important to the smaller communities than they are to larger population areas like the San Fernando Valley.

I will represent the City of Malibu and its interests at local meetings of your Committee, as well as the State's Redistricting Commission, and I look forward to working with you on this matter. The Las Virgenes-Malibu COG, on which I serve as Vice Chairman, will also be communicating with your committee separately. If there is any additional information we can provide, please let us know.

Sincerely,



John Sibert
Mayor

cc: Honorable Members of the Malibu City Council
Jim Thorsen, City Manager
Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District
Terry Dipple, Executive Officer, Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Government