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Although I do not live in the Fourth District I have worked in it as my primary business location since the mid 1980's. Although I cannot vote in it, I am truly a stakeholder. The Fourth District has done an *outstanding* job in representing Marina del Rey where I have focused my business over these past years. Through all these years, the Fourth District has had a *hands-on approach* that has benefited all. This time-consuming effort is rarely seen in large-area politics and I, for one, appreciate and recognize the effort and believe that a transition would be a very risky gamble -- one not worth the chance.

This Fourth District has years and years of unique experience which could not be effectively and easily transmitted to another, new district. While this District must address all the typical issues confronting all the Los Angeles County supervisors its responsibilities are considerably more complex, many of which require historical perspective and experience. This District is complex in both size and area and its needs are unique and politically sophisticated requiring a highly skilled street-smart staff that is both astute and diverse in its knowledge and experience. This assembling of personnel does not happen overnight. It takes years. The Fourth District has created the road map needed base to successfully manage diverse issues whether such be securing federal funding for harbor dredging, managing terrorist security issues at LAX or the Ports, developing high-speed trucking routes or understanding the issues regarding the massive redevelopment of the County's single most valuable asset. The Los Angeles County Fourth District has been critical and instrumental in defining and supporting the complexities of its area, all the while responding to its constituents.

It is also important to recognize that the Fourth District has everything in common with its neighbors to the south and little in common with its neighbors to the north. Nearly every City to the south has significant marina and/or marine-type infrastructure while northerly cities do not. Concurrently to separate the coastline cities from their inner non-coastal communities would be a huge mistake. For example: an important component of the Fourth District is LAX. The Coast Guard which is based in Marina del Rey is responsible for the waterside protection of LAX. It is critical that there be no splitting of duties or County responsibilities between LAX and its surrounding neighbors. The same issue regards Long Beach and San Pedro and their ports. The County, its stakeholders and visitors can ill afford any potential of any miscommunication, diversion or division of purpose, or political fight at the supervisory level when it comes to the management of these critical elements of the greater Los Angeles metropolx.

I suggest there are many more reasons to keep the Fourth District intact. For example the skills and experience and history used to oversee vast unincorporated areas of marinas and boat slips and boating are not meaningfully different from those used to oversee vast acres of unincorporated inland rural hills with their horses and horse trails. Although appearing to be vastly different, they are, in many respects exactly the same: Both are utilized and supported by large passionate groups of stakeholders who are often forgotten and overlooked because they have no municipal structure that hears and legislates for them. The Fourth District has the history, the knowledge and the understanding to support these stakeholders.

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