

June 16, 2011

Mr. Curt Pederson
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. Pederson,

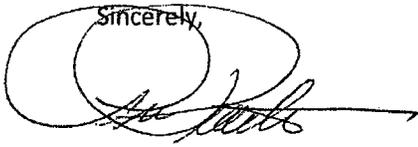
I strongly oppose the plans designated by the County as B1, C1, D1, G1, I1 and any of the other plans that would relocate Hacienda Heights (HH), Rowland Heights (RH) and Diamond Bar (DB) from Supervisorial District 4 to another District. There are in excess of 150,000 residents living in these three communities that have a longstanding relationship with the Supervisor of District 4 and his staff. District 4 maintains a field office located in Rowland Heights that is central to these three communities and also to the cities of Walnut and Industry. Staff at our District 4 field office have for many years routinely attended the meetings of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council and the Diamond Bar City Council to maintain open lines of communication with both residents and community leaders. As a result they are very well informed of the issues and problems in all three communities. The nearest field office for District 1 is many miles away in El Monte.

Moving the above areas into a new District would be both unnecessarily disruptive to a large number of residents and would be counterproductive. The residents in HH, RH and DB last voted for a supervisor in 2008. If they are placed in District 1 they would not be entitled to vote again for a supervisor until 2014 and would effectively be disenfranchised for 2012 through 2014. There is a simpler solution that avoids disenfranchising anyone. District 4 needs to pick up about 50,000 new constituents to balance out the number of people in the Districts. That is approximately the population of Walnut. Its residents last voted for a supervisor in 2010. If that city moved into District 4 its residents would not be disenfranchised, and in fact would be advantaged by being able to vote 2 times in a 6 year period.

Another factor that should be considered is the fact that Supervisor Molina will term out in 2014. It would take at least two years for her and her staff to establish a local field office in our area and become familiar with the problems and issues of our communities. By that time she will term out and we would have to start all over again with another new supervisor. That is an unnecessary and unfair burden to place on both her and our communities. This is an especially important consideration for the unincorporated areas of HH and RH. The Supervisor of our district, and his or her staff, effectively oversee the provision of our local services and a close working relationship is very important. They are essentially our city council.

I have been asked by our 180 resident community to express our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Pirritano", written over a large, loopy circular flourish.

Peter A. Pirritano, President
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Diamond Bar, CA 91765