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Boundary Review Committee
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: Comments on the Potential Redistricting of the 4th Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County

Dear Committee Members:

The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council understands that the Boundary Review Committee will be conducting public hearings over the next few weeks to review numerous redistricting plans for Los Angeles County that have been submitted by the public. Rancho Palos Verdes is one of four (4) cities that occupy the Palos Verdes Peninsula along the coastline of the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. Currently, the Peninsula falls entirely within the 4th Supervisorial District, which also encompasses the adjoining cities and communities of the South Bay, as well as those of the Harbor area and Long Beach.

Historically, Rancho Palos Verdes has been intimately tied to the north coastal cities and communities of the South Bay region, including (but not limited to) Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo. We share with our northerly South Bay neighbors a dependence upon a common transportation network for access to the rest of the Los Angeles region. We serve as a "bedroom community" for the regional aerospace and manufacturing hub of the South Bay. We also share a common affinity and appreciation of the unique physical and cultural environment afforded by our location along the coast. Many of the prominent regional community organizations (such as the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs) serve the area extending northward from Rancho Palos Verdes towards LAX. Rancho Palos Verdes considers itself to be an integral part of the South Bay, as evidenced by its active participation and leadership in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

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Rancho Palos Verdes also enjoys historic social and economic ties to the San Pedro community of the City of Los Angeles, as well as to the Port of Los Angeles. Deane Dana/Friendship Regional Park—named for the late (and legendary) 4th District County Supervisor—straddles the boundary between Rancho Palos Verdes and San Pedro, and is a beloved community resource for both cities.

My City Council colleagues and I applaud the efforts of the Committee to solicit greater public input and involvement in the redistricting process. However, we understand that some of the proposed redistricting plans under your consideration would radically redraw the boundaries of the five (5) supervisorial districts. We cannot stress strongly enough how pleased we have been over the years with the commitment to serving our community that has been demonstrated by Supervisor Don Knabe and his predecessors in the 4th Supervisorial District. To that end, we would like to take the opportunity provided by the decennial redistricting of Los Angeles County to urge the Committee to maintain the alignment of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (and the other cities of the Palos Verdes Peninsula) with the adjoining South Bay and Harbor areas by retaining the current boundaries of the 4th Supervisorial District.

Sincerely yours,



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