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The following is a message from Mayor Bill Bogaard. You may respond directly to him at bbogaard@cityofpasadena.net, with a cc: to me.

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

I am writing to offer my views in regard to the review of the 2010 Census data as they relate to the boundaries of the Supervisorial Districts of Los Angeles County.

This work is extremely important, and I wish you and the other members of the Committee the best of luck in applying a daunting set of criteria, starting with equal population and also incorporating contiguity, compactness, geographic integrity of cities, compliance with the Voting Rights Act, and communities of interest.

I am the Mayor of Pasadena and have the privilege, since 1999, of serving as Pasadena's first directly elected Mayor. This period of service in this new position of political leadership has given me an opportunity to learn about the operation of local government, both municipal and county, and about what has been helpful to the success of our City.

It is my request, that if at all possible, the current configuration for the districting which Pasadena is located be substantially maintained, to allow the communities that are part of this district to continue and expand the many ways in which their activities are coordinated and made efficient for the benefit of the public, and to continue the fruitful relationship with this District's Office of Supervisor.

The City of Pasadena is a metropolitan center for an area comprising a population of more than 750,000, providing employment to more than 110,000 persons and opportunities to the people of this entire area for retail, professional services, transportation, recreation, academic, and cultural resources. If the City were to be divided by a Supervisorial boundary, or if it were separated from the cities of Burbank and Glendale, the important role the City plays in supporting the area could not be accomplished.

Let me offer just one example of the unique ways in which Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena share communities of interest.

Since the late 1970's, these three cities have owned and operated what is now called the Bob Hope Airport, and many significant transportation networks have developed in support of this critically important regional transportation facility. Moreover, work is underway to strengthen operations there through the creation of the new regional intermodal transit center. This project will include a comprehensive study of ways to improve regional transportation accessibility.

I am anxious to see this partnership continue in the years ahead, and believe that such cooperation is in the public interest. This is an example of the considerations which prompt me to offer these views, respectfully, for the consideration of your Committee.

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