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Mr. Pedersen  
c/o Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

My name is Brent Musson. I've been a resident of Altadena since 1972 when my family moved here from New England. Over a decade ago, I purchased a home in Altadena where my wife and I raise our two sons and have committed ourselves to active engagement in our community. I was recently elected to represent Census Tract 4610 on the Altadena Town Council. I already serve on the LA County Sheriff's Altadena Stakeholders' Committee and as the President of Blair IB Magnet High School and Middle School's PTA. For the first time, my generation of West Altadenans is engaged and excited about our future here!

Growing up in Altadena in the 70's, West Altadena was very different from East Altadena—it was divided across economic, cultural and racial lines; and, law enforcement was handled very differently as well; but, over the past few decades, I've observed and participated in the healing of our communities. Altadena has become more unified. Property values have been leveling out year to year, as has the demographic composition, crime statistics, civic engagement and just about every other metric that could be applied to progressive society. Five years ago the Lincoln Crossing mixed-use development in West Altadena added momentum to the reuniting of Altadena as shoppers pour in from the furthest reaches of our town to shop in an area, formerly home to a bar, a liquor store and a chop shop.

All of Altadena benefits from our unified vision and engagement and all of Altadena is vested in the success and well-being of our neighbors and friends. It has not escaped any of us that Altadena's rebirth, thus far, has been shepherded by Mayor Antonovich and losing our sponsor and advocate at this nascent phase would be disastrous. We are also well aware that our fragile recovery would certainly not survive Altadena being torn between two districts with two management styles and two sets of goals, etc.

Please consider the progress that has been gained by 30 years of hard work: building community and erasing divisiveness, and refrain from dividing and tearing down the community that we are so dedicated to building up.

Respectfully,  
Brent Musson  
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