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Subject: Redistricting of the 4th Supervisorial District

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Honorable Mayor, Supervisors, and staff,

My name is Dan Pressburg I live in North Long Beach. I represent the North Long Beach Community Action Group (approximately 150 community members) several neighborhood entities, and am a former city commissioner. I am also a former Federal FDIC Liquidation Specialist, RTC Specialist, have worked with the Comptroller Currency in Sacramento and have been a city council staff member.

One would hope to believe when things are working we would do our best to keep them on a certain path with focus as to strive to continue on the right path. However, today I am forced to write to address a grievous action with the changing of the fourth Supervisorial District, especially the removal of North Long Beach and potentially Long Beach from the 4th Supervisorial District. It is important that we maintain continuity and that we do not lose sight of accomplishments that have occurred over time. It is also important not to exclude or divide anyone to create a new power base that would have the ability to become less affective. You don't have to know Supervisor Knabe to know he is honest and straight forward.

In the past several years Supervisor Knabe has been a strong and vibrant force in my area and the city of Long Beach. His safe surrender program has benefitted all our communities, saved lives and provided hope when there is often none. His support of the Long Beach Veteran's Day Parade has been unwavering. He has been a voice for those veteran's who cannot speak on behalf of themselves as well as a great benefactor to the Villages at Cabrillo and US Vets. He has supported seating of seniors for over 9 years at the veteran's day parade, supported our Grand Marshals, transported Veterans from the Villages at Cabrillo and the list goes on and on. He is even handed and gracious. He has also supported and been the driving force for the Master gardening program the Carmelitos Housing project and has helped turn around a once crime ridden area into model area within the community. He has supported preservation of one of our oldest and first Landmark in North Long Beach "The Long Beach Dairy and Creamery" and has played a vital role in our "One Day Christmas Store...Shopping With Dignity" that has recently lead to a National award from Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) and this year's National Grand Prize Winner Better Balance for Long Beach, Jack C. Smith, Myself, Jane Kelleher, Dan Berns of the Berns Company, Linda Palacios, Paula Nathan, The Long Beach Rescue Mission, The First Congregational Church of Long Beach, and Nancy Foster, and First Lady of Long Beach. These are only just a few of the accomplishments that he has had a hand in and have affected our community.

Community service defines his actions and it is done with humility and sacrifice that truly exemplifies the actions of being a public servant. It has taken many years and hard work to develop the relationships and hands on dedication with Supervisor Knabe. So, why break this up now? Why not continue the work and unification of the community the Supervisor Knabe has dedicated himself to?

You are asking the public to go along with revamping the 4th District in such a way as to void the relationship and dismantle years of hard work, and like the state, destroy what little we have left to look forward to and dream about.

It appears to me that this is another power grab without dignity but ignoring the needs of our community and neighborhoods. Dividing North Long Beach on the whim of anyone or any elected official means further segregation from the city of Long Beach and the county area where we have been joined for many years. It is a means to divide and conquer rather than to maintain and unite.

The reason we chose to have a citizen's commission for redistricting for the state is because of all those power seekers and special interests that ignore the public and dismantle community activities that have developed long standing working relationships.

North Long Beach is a "border state" within the city of Long Beach. Redevelopment is all but void and with all the assets in

the possession of the city they will do what is necessary to recreate the down town and forget we exist once again. Having Supervisor Knabe as our ally and representative has been one of the stabilizing forces that enable the citizens to live with hope and dignity.

Divide the Fourth District and place it in the hands of would be power seekers and you help strike an irreparable final blow to the hope of having anything in our area. You destroy relationships and you separate and further alienate us from the rest of Long Beach.

Sure you will say it is not diverse enough or some other foolish comment. If you look at the words diverse and divide they both start out with the same spelling but in the end... they both do the same thing...divide. Removing us or segregating us from fourth district via redistricting maps destroys continuity, eliminates our future vision for the area, and divides us from our hopes and dreams. It divides us from the district that has played vital and active role in our community and neighborhoods for many years. Humility, honesty, integrity are all words that all of us require, that we all want to wrap our arms around to develop some form of trust. When you have someone in an office that embodies and represents those things you wonder why divide like some two edged sword? It also makes you look at the changes with disbelief.

Please, do not separate divide Long Beach or separate North Long Beach from Supervisor Knabe's watchful and caring eye. Thank you for your time and consideration. I apologize I could not be there in person but family matters prevent me at this time.

Very Truly Yours,

Dan Pressburg,