

June 22, 2011

Dear Boundary Review Committee Members,

Thank you for the tremendous amount of time and energy you are putting into ensuring we have fair districts for the next ten years. My name is David Herbst and I am a 24 year resident of Westchester/Playa del Rey. In addition, I am a former 'honorary mayor of Westchester & Marina del Rey', an active member of the local chambers of commerce and executive Vice President at Mercury Air Group, one of the larger employers in the area.

I am writing today to ask you to please keep Westchester/Marina del Rey with the rest of the South Bay in the existing Fourth Supervisorial District, where it belongs and has been in one form or another since at least the 1970s reapportionment. Westchester's residential and business communities are intrinsically tied to the South Bay through common industries, common communities of interest and common socio-demographics.

A large portion of our residents now and historically have been aerospace workers and engineers, who work at one of the aerospace contractors in El Segundo or Redondo Beach. The Los Angeles Air Force Base in El Segundo is crucial to our local economy, with many of the contractors and jobs supporting it. Ensuring that we have the same representation for where these people live as where they work makes sense.

The Committee should work to keep communities of interest together and not push boundaries beyond common sense. Tweaking boundaries to accommodate shifting demographics makes sense, but a seismic change that decimates the Fourth District does not make sense.

Sincerely,

David A. Herbst  
Executive Vice President, Mercury Air Group  
Former President, El Segundo Chamber of Commerce  
Former President, LAX Coastal Area Chamber of Commerce  
Former Chairman of the Board, The Westchester Family YMCA  
Former Honorary Mayor of Westchester/Marina del Rey

Sincerely,

David Herbst  
Los Angeles/Westchester  
Zip Code: 90045