



June 24, 2011

Mr. Curt Pedersen, Chairman
Boundary Review Committee
320 W. Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: **Los Angeles County Redistricting Plan**

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, (*HHIA*), represents the interests of all property owners and residents in the unincorporated area of Hacienda Heights. The Board of Directors of the *HHIA* has had the opportunity to review the eighteen plans submitted to your committee for new supervisorial districts. Hacienda Heights has a long history of being a part of the Fourth District for over 20 years. At least the last two redistricting processes have maintained our community in the Fourth District. The supervisor and his staff have an in-depth understanding of Hacienda Heights' history, needs, and plans for the future. We strongly urge that you leave Hacienda Heights in the Fourth District for these reasons.

The existing boundary of the Fourth District incorporates communities such as Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and areas in Walnut and Whittier that have similar interests, views of the future, and are contiguous. The current Fourth District is topographically, geographically, and culturally coherent. Our communities are ethnically very diverse. Individuals have chosen our communities because of this diversity. The current Fourth District encompasses communities of interest and does not disenfranchise any minority or ethnic communities. We strongly believe it is important to maintain these diverse communities in one district.

Hacienda Heights is satisfied with the representation we have received from the Fourth District. There are outstanding issues and problems that need to be addressed. Our current supervisor and his staff are familiar with these issues. It would be awkward, time consuming, and we would lose momentum, if our community is moved to a new district and separated from the other like communities as some plans propose.

The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the residents of Hacienda Heights to leave the current communities in the Fourth District together. There are ties with respect to public safety, emergency preparedness, business interests, public spaces, transportation corridors, environmental issues, and relations with other government entities that would be

adversely affected if the boundaries of the Fourth District are changed, dramatically splitting these communities.

In reviewing the eighteen plans, it appears the best alternatives would be some version of Plan F1 or K1. They would accomplish maintaining the current Fourth Supervisorial District and avoid unnecessary splitting of like communities and municipalities. It also would maintain Hacienda Heights in the Fourth District with its current composition.

In conclusion, the *HHIA* Board of Directors strongly urges the Boundary Review Committee to preserve the integrity of the existing boundaries of the Fourth Supervisorial District. To adopt one of the plans that significantly change these boundaries would have a severe negative impact on the residents and businesses in the community of Hacienda Heights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Eckman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

John M. Eckman
President, *HHIA*

cc: *HHIA* Board of Directors