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Curt Pedersen
Chair, Boundary Review Committee
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Via Email: commserv@bos.lacounty.gov

SUBJECT: Keep the City of Long Beach in the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports keeping the City of Long Beach as part of the Fourth Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County in the final outcome of the redistricting process.

Any possibility of Long Beach being split up into multiple County Supervisorial Districts would have a negative impact on the County's second largest city. The Fourth District has been Long Beach's home for many years, establishing a firm relationship between supervisors and the city that has been crucial in tackling problems. Now is not the time to disrupt the historical continuity by dividing Long Beach into multiple districts, forcing supervisors unfamiliar with Long Beach to balance its need with that of other cities.

Splitting up Long Beach would create a patchwork of policies, programs, and taxes that begin and end depending on individual streets. This lack of uniform policy guidelines could make life harder for businesses if they choose to locate, or relocate in Long Beach. Furthermore, Long Beach is situated in a district that contains cities with similar needs, and therefore maximizes the effectiveness of proposed policies.

While we all understand that the districts need to be reconfigured to ensure equal representation for all, we should keep in mind what works. In the case of Long Beach, that means keeping the entire city in the Fourth District.

We do not want to see our neighborhoods, communities and cities divided into separate districts. The Fourth District boundaries, as currently drawn, should be maintained as much as possible. Split communities could result in changes to the service quality and timeliness we have come to expect from the County.

I hope the Boundary Review Committee will seriously consider this input, as any redistricting changes would have a huge impact on our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Gordon
President and CEO

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