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Mr. Curt Pederson  
Chair, Boundary Review Committee  
C/o Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Room 383, Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Pederson,

The Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council strongly opposes the plans designated by the Committee as B1, C1, D1, G1, I1, and any other plans that would displace Hacienda Heights (HH), Rowland Heights (RH) and Diamond Bar (DB) from Supervisorial District 4 to another District.

District 4 maintains a field office in RH that is central to all three communities, and also to the cities of Walnut and Industry. For many years, Staff from this field office has routinely attended the meetings of the Hacienda Heights Improvement Association, the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council, and the Diamond Bar City Council, to maintain open lines of communication with both residents and community leaders. As a result, they are very well informed on the issues and concerns in all three communities.

Keeping both Hacienda Heights & Rowland Heights in the same Supervisorial District is an especially important consideration for these unincorporated areas. The Supervisor of our district, and his or her staff, effectively oversee the provision of our local services, and a close working relationship is very important. For all intents and purposes, they are our city council.

Another factor to be considered is that Supervisor Molina will term out in 2014. The nearest field office for District 1 is many miles away in El Monte. The distance, and inconvenience it causes, has resulted in substantially less involvement in our communities and activities. It would take at least two years for the Supervisor and her staff to establish a local field office in our area, and become familiar with the problems and issues of our communities. By that time she will term out, and we would have to start all over again with a new Supervisor. That doesn't make sense, is unnecessary, and places an unfair burden on both the Supervisor and our communities.

The residents in HH, RH, and DB, last voted for a Supervisor in 2008. If they were placed in District 1, they would not be entitled to vote again for a Supervisor until 2014, and would effectively be disenfranchised for 2012 through 2014. There is a simpler solution that avoids disenfranchising

anyone. District 4 needs to pick up about 45,000 new constituents to balance out the number of people in the various Districts. That is approximately the population of Walnut. Its residents last voted for a Supervisor in 2010. If that city moved into District 4 its residents would not be disenfranchised, and would, in fact, be advantaged by being able to vote 2 times in a 6 year period.

Together HH, RH, DB and Walnut form an obvious community of interest with strong ties binding us together. Below are listed just a few of the many ways we are connected.

1. We are ethnically diverse communities, creating a melting pot of various ratios of Asian/Pacific Islanders, Caucasians, and Latinos.
2. Being bedroom communities we are heavily dependent on free flowing traffic on the 57 & 60 Freeways.
  - a. When a proposal was made a few years ago to concentrate all eastbound truck traffic onto a designated truck lane on the 60 Freeway our communities joined forces to object to this ill-conceived plan and spread the word regarding the crippling health and congestion impact it would have on our area.
  - b. Conversely, our communities joined forces to support the excellent 57/60 Freeway Confluence Plan proposed by the City of Industry to reduce accidents and improve traffic flow.
3. We all have planning issues that are most efficiently handled by being in one District. Three examples are:
  - a. All of the communities are hillside areas prone to slides and wildfires.
  - b. Walnut, DB and RH are all 100% dependent upon imported water. Density is an important consideration when entitlements are being issued.
  - c. The impact of the proposed NFL Stadium in the eastern portion of the City of Industry will result in traffic congestion, crime problems, and infrastructure issues in the surrounding communities that can best be handled if we are in one district.
4. Law Enforcement for Rowland Heights, Walnut, and Diamond Bar is provided by the Walnut\DB Sheriff's Station. Captain Halm, his Lieutenants, Sergeants, Deputies, VOP, & staff are all familiar with issues in these communities. Having the station's coverage all in one Supervisorial District would provide consistency and stability.
5. We are bound together socially through a wide variety of entities, just a few of which include:
  - a. Walnut Valley Rotary draws members from Walnut, DB & RH – and strongly supports and oversees the large and active youth Interact Clubs at Walnut, Diamond Bar, Diamond Ranch, Rowland Heights and Santana High Schools.

- b. Hacienda Heights Kiwanis draws its members from HH and RH and supports key clubs at Rowland High and the Hacienda Heights area high schools.
- c. The various parades and festivals in the area are all attended and supported by the residents of all of the communities, as are the Concerts in the Parks, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.
- d. Residents frequently shop and dine in each other's communities.
- e. The youth all star/travel sport teams in the area frequently consist of a combination of kids from all four communities
- f. It is not unusual for residents to move from one community to another. For example, one member's family has lived in the area since 1970. The first 13 years they lived in RH, then moved to DB for 6 years, and finally returned to RH, where they currently reside. Many other residents have lived in more than one of the local communities
- g. We have a large population of seniors in the area that attend meetings of several of the senior clubs in neighboring areas, not just the one in their own community.

In summary, Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut form an obvious community of interest. There are in excess of 150,000 residents living in HH, RH and DB that have a longstanding relationship with the Supervisor of District 4 and his staff. Plans B1, C1, D1, G1 and I1 would be very disruptive of services and be unfair to a large number of people. The RHCCC urges you to consider adopting one of the plans such as H2, M1 or N1, that keep the above communities in District 4, and moves Walnut into that same District. Plan F1 would also be a good plan if it were slightly modified to include Walnut in District 4. This would consolidate the areas of common interest in southeastern Los Angeles County.

With regards,



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