

**From:** M. Sodetani [REDACTED]  
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**To:** CommServ  
**Subject:** Supervisor Don Knabe representing Downey

To Whom It May Concern:

This missive is ask you to consider keeping Supervisor Don Knabe as our only Supervisor in Downey. The motto of our mayor, Luiz Marquez, for his term is "ONE DOWNEY."

Supervisor Knabe has his finger on the pulse beat of this city and we do not not to take a step back at this time. As a member of Assistance League of Downey, the PTA HELPS food pantry, GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey), Downey Coordinating Council and a member of the School Board I know the importance of working together to keep our community on the right track.

I can not possibly begin to tell you the integrity of this man and how highly this community holds him. He is there for us, in matters of Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, and without him the center would probably not be open today. He worked closely with Assistance League as we raised money and built HOME - (Housing of Medical Emergencies) similar to a Ronald McDonald House.

As a foster and adoptive mother for over 19 years I appreciate his work in the Safe Surrender Laws. I also train prospective foster and adoptive parents at a local community college in an eleven session course so you can tell my stand in life is for children. He is right there on that front.

Downey was recently given the Golden Bell by the Josephson Institute of Ethics for our work in adopting the pillars of character in our schools and city.

Breaking up our city would be devastating to us.

I ask you to please prayerfully consider our community where 95 percent of students graduate, suspensions and expulsions are down, crime is down, employment rates are above the norm and we have our new Space Center and Downey Studios. To split us up would be devastating. As a homeowner in North Downey I want the same representation as South Downey, East Downey and West Downey. ONE DOWNEY

Unfortunately, I cannot be there in person to plead with you. My ten year old Native American child has Space Camp all week and I must get her at 3:00. My Hispanic son is 14. My African American daughter is 19. My Asian daughter is 31 and my two white children are older than that. Supervisor Knabe celebrates ethnic diversity and I feel as if my family fits in.

Please do not split us.

Sincerely,

Martha Sodetani