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The Honorable Don Knabe, 4th District
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisor Knabe:

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates, I would like to applaud the efforts of the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) in soliciting comments and engaging the community during its careful review of the many redistricting plans that have been proposed for Los Angeles County. Rolling Hills Estates supports the plan ultimately approved by the BRC (Map A-2), which makes some changes to the current district boundaries but keeps communities intact and ensures fair representation.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates is one of four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. The entire Peninsula is currently located within the Fourth Supervisorial District, which also includes neighboring cities and communities in the South Bay, the Harbor area and Long Beach.

We have long-held connections to the South Bay region primarily due to shared geographic, economic, environmental and social factors, and have shared many of the same interests, services and representation within the County for well over 20 years. We use a common transportation network for access to the rest of the Los Angeles region, serve as a "bedroom community" for the regional aerospace and manufacturing center of the South Bay, share a common affinity for the unique physical and cultural environment afforded by our proximity to the coast, and are served by many of the same regional service organizations, such as the South Bay Rotary Club, South Bay Kiwanis Club, South Bay Environmental Services Center, Metro South Bay Service Sector, and South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce.

The City of Rolling Hills Estates considers itself to be an integral part of the South Bay, and has played an active leadership role in the region. A member of our City Council recently completed a term as Chair of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), while our City Manager has served as the Chair of the South Bay City Managers' Association.

Furthermore, as a contract city, the City of Rolling Hills Estates also has a well-established and outstanding association with many departments within the County, and has developed an excellent working relationship with the organizational leadership. Most member cities of the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) are located within the Fourth District, and appreciate the high level of service and responsiveness we have all come to expect from the County.

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to retain the current boundaries of the Fourth District, as much as possible, by keeping together the cities on the Peninsula and in the adjoining South Bay and Harbor areas, as provided for in the redistricting plan that was approved by the Boundary Review Committee (Map A-2). Any significant changes to the current district boundaries would unnecessarily divide communities and be a waste of precious taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

Steven Zuckerman
Mayor

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