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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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Sent via email

**RE: Los Angeles County Redistricting 2021 – Communities of Interest**

Dear Dr. Hartsough,

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), thank you and the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) for serving such an important function in our democratic process. As the Commission begins its work of drawing new Supervisorial Districts, one of the several criteria under consideration is the geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, and other communities of interest with an effort to minimize its division.

The SBCCOG is joint powers authority government agency of 16 cities and LA County that share the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity of the South Bay subregion of the County. Although the SBCCOG addresses issues of common interest for the greater good, our members maintain the qualities and characteristics that make them unique and independent. The SBCCOG can most certainly be considered a “community of common interest” but we feel that our organization can remain within two supervisorial districts without being harmed. We are currently within two districts and have developed relationships with both.

Again, we thank you for your dedication and service to the Commission and thank the Commissioners for volunteering to serve in this vital aspect of democracy that will help ensure fair representation at the Board of Supervisors. Should you have any questions, please contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, at (310) 371-7222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Boyles", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Drew Boyles, SBCCOG Chair  
Mayor, City of El Segundo

cc. Commissioners, Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission  
SBCCOG Board of Directors

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