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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Torrance, I am writing in regard to the redistricting for the City of Torrance. At present, the City of Torrance has the following representation:

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The City has been served well by our current representatives and appreciates their efforts and support for the past ten years.

For the next ten years, the City would like to recommend to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to consider that the City of Torrance be covered by one representative at the State and Federal level. The advantages of a single representative at both branches will provide Torrance community with the following benefits:

- Consistent and unified voice at the State and Federal Level
- Engagement with City on State and Federal projects, legislation and funding opportunities
- Reduce redundancy in advocacy efforts
- Comprehensive understanding of priority projects
- Continuity of services
- One point of contact
Based on the criteria of the redistricting commission the City of Torrance complies with criteria 3, 4, and 5 as follows:

1. Districts must be of equal population to comply with the US Constitution.
2. Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.
3. Districts must be drawn contiguously, so that all parts of the district are connected to each other.
4. Districts must minimize the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods, and communities to the extent possible.
5. Districts should be geographically compact: such that nearby areas of population are not bypassed for a more distant population. This requirement refers to density, not shape. Census blocks cannot be split.
6. Where practicable each Senate District should be comprised of two complete and adjacent Assembly Districts, and Board of Equalization districts should be comprised of 10 complete and adjacent State Senate District.

As way of background, the City of Torrance is located in the southwest Los Angeles County in a region known as the South Bay. Torrance is the eighth largest municipality in Los Angeles. The City of Torrance has a population of 146,860 with a peak daytime population that grows to 250,000 or more. Torrance covers roughly 21 square miles and is situated in south western Los Angeles County. In addition, the City has more 13,000 businesses including health care, retail, entertainment, manufacturing, hotels, research and development and more. Torrance is full-service city with its own Police, Fire, Sanitation and Water Departments and has 1,480 employees.

Your consideration of this request is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi Ann Ashcraft
Mayor Pro Tem

Enclosure: Federal and State District Maps