Dear Commissioners:

I am a resident of Laguna Beach writing to urge in considering redistricting Orange County, you take into effect the contiguous cities with community interest of Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Irvine, and Newport. We are united by the Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park, which these communities maintain and support the Park.

We worked together as a community for four decades to create this wilderness reserve. We were aided by having representatives who live and work in this area, all connected to these cities. So, each city is connected to the Wilderness Park spiritually in that we created the park, we volunteer for the park and we maintain and support it. This is a strong geographic connection.

The Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park represents a strong joint effort to support and maintain an asset to our area, and thus a strong community of interest.

For example, when talking about fire risks, we are talking about the lands surrounding our Park. Someone in San Clemente is worrying about fires coming from San Onofre in San Diego County.

Our current districts have served us well. In redistricting I urge you to take the community of interest of the cities surrounding the Laguna Canyon Wilderness Park into account.

Sincerely,
Mary Carter