August 11, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commission Members:

The William S. Hart Union High School District serves students throughout the Santa Clarita Valley, which encompasses the City of Santa Clarita and other unincorporated areas of Northern Los Angeles County including Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, and Val Verde.

The California Constitution defines a community of interest as a population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. On August 4, 2021, the Governing Board adopted the attached resolution in support of keeping the entire Santa Clarita Valley within one legislative district and requests that special consideration be given to drawing lines that would keep all communities within the Santa Clarita Valley together.

Sincerely,

Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District
RESOLUTION NO. 21/22-4

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE ENTIRE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY IN ONE LEGISLATIVE AND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the State and County undergo a redistricting process every 10 years in order to adopt legislative and supervisorial districts substantially equal in population based on U.S. census data; and

WHEREAS, redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into districts for purposes of selecting elected representatives; and

WHEREAS, The California Constitution defines a community of interest as a population which shares common social and economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation; and

WHEREAS, the geographic integrity of city, local neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected in a manner that minimizes its division; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley is made up of many smaller communities and spreads beyond city lines; and

WHEREAS, the William S. Hart Union High School District serves students in the entire Santa Clarita Valley which includes many smaller connected communities; and

WHEREAS, District schools, spread out across the City of Santa Clarita and Santa Clarita Valley, are unified as one school community. The District operates with the “One Valley One Vision” mindset; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clarita Valley families live work and play together as one community, with similar values and needs; and

WHEREAS, having several elected officials representing portions of the Valley would make it challenging to get legislation presented that benefits the whole Valley.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the William S. Hart Union High School District issues a vote to request the California Citizens Redistricting Commission and the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission keep the Santa Clarita Valley whole legislatively by giving special consideration to drawing lines that would keep all communities within the Santa Clarita Valley, including the City of Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Castaic, and other unincorporated County areas, in one legislative and supervisorial district.
APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED on August 4, 2021.

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: [Signature]
Cherise Moore
President of the Governing Board

By: [Signature]
Joseph Messina
Clerk of the Governing Board