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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
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Via Email

SUBJECT: Palos Verdes Peninsula Community

Dear Commissioners:

The Cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates are located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Los Angeles County. The Peninsula is currently represented by the 33rd U.S. Congressional District, the 26th State Senate District, and the 66th State Assembly District. However, the goals we have for redistricting are stated below.

The Peninsula cities share one school district, one library district, one local transit authority, one land conservancy, and frequently work together on areas of mutual interest such as emergency preparedness and public safety. The cities of Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, and Rolling Hills Estates additionally share a regional contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for law enforcement, and the four cities contract with the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The Peninsula cities are intimately tied to the coastal cities and communities of the South Bay region, including, but not limited to, Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and El Segundo, many of which are within the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission. We share with our northerly South Bay neighbors a dependence upon a common transportation network for access to the rest of the Los Angeles region, and share many economic and cultural factors.

We are primarily residential communities and share a common affinity and appreciation of the unique physical and cultural environment afforded by our location along the coast. Many of the prominent regional community organizations serve the area extending northward from the Peninsula toward Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The Peninsula cities are an integral part of the South Bay, as evidenced by our active participation in the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

Following the 2010 Census, the cities were realigned with the northern coastal cities and communities of the South Bay – located generally west of the I-110 and I-405 freeways and south of LAX. We have appreciated the common representation these districts have provided and would request that the Peninsula cities continue to be districted together and with the South Bay.
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Thank you for your efforts to draw the new district lines for California. We look forward to continuing being represented alongside other South Bay cities in the new districts.

Sincerely,

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