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The North / South aspect of the current Congressional District 28 encompasses the foothills of La Crescenta, the narrow valley to the south, the Verdugo Mountains, another valley, then the hills of Griffith Park leading down into the neighborhoods of Silverlake, Hollywood and West Hollywood which look up at those hills.

This community of Southern California shares many interests, including strong ties among its various neighborhoods, the Rim of the Valley advocacy that preserves open space, a strong commitment to biodiversity as well as socio-economic and racial diversity, the several historic residential districts, and important shared park/open space assets such as Descanso Gardens, Griffith Park and Griffith Observatory, Deukmejian Park, Brand Park. This area is a major backdrop of the views of Southern California. It also includes several major media production studios and is a major media hub.

This area has shared issues of watershed management and flood control; recreational quality and availability; historic ties to the San Gabriel Mountains; ecology (chaparral ecosystems); steepening slope; and wildlife management.

I ask the commission to keep district 28 as it is, which is working well for its residents.

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