



October 5, 2021

Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce represents over 420 businesses and nonprofits throughout the Harbor Area. We support and advocate for the interest of the businesses, nonprofits, and organizations that make up the chamber to promote economic stability and growth in the Harbor Area.

We would like to express to the Redistricting Commission, our desire to remain united with the LA Harbor communities as you draw congressional district boundaries. As a Chamber located in the Harbor Area, we share common interests with our neighbors -- Wilmington, Harbor City and Harbor Gateway. We are all networked and work together as a part of the larger Los Angeles community, from the Port of Los Angeles to Downtown LA.

The Harbor Area communities are in the City of Los Angeles - Council District 15, and we are all represented by the same City Councilmember. We are also all a part of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). Many of our businesses and workforce are tied to the Port of Los Angeles, one of the largest employers in the area. We share many of the same concerns and work on many issues together.

It is important to us that you keep us together as communities of interest as you create the Congressional District and keep the district running north and south as it is currently configured. Please do not create a district that is drawn east to west. While Long Beach is to the east of San Pedro, we are distinctly different. Long Beach has its own school district, and a different community college system, and we do not believe it would be in our best interests, should we be placed in a Congressional District with Long Beach.

San Pedro is proud to be a part of the diverse Harbor Area community. We are united in common interests as we work to improve the quality of life in our communities. We look forward to staying united in the future Congressional map.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elise Swanson".

Elise Swanson
President/CEO
San Pedro Chamber of Commerce