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RE: Redistricting San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, and the Harbor Gateway cities

Chair Sadhwani and State Redistricting Commissioners:

Today, you will hear from leaders, small business owners and local community organizations who have come together to advocate for our local Los Angeles Harbor and Gateway neighborhoods.

We want to make clear that the LA Harbor neighborhoods and the cities to our north are all united as part of a larger Los Angeles Harbor area gateway, that stretches from the Port of Los Angeles into Downtown LA.

Our Harbor area communities are part of the City of Los Angeles, and they include the neighborhoods of San Pedro, Wilmington, Harbor Gateway, and Harbor City. We are part of the larger gateway cities that include Carson, West Carson, Rancho Dominguez, Lomita, Watts and Willowbrook.

These communities are in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) and the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). We are all part of the Los Angeles Harbor/LA Gateway, and these communities make up over 450,000 people. We know you will need to add other communities to build a Congressional District, and we request that those cities continue along the Harbor Gateway corridor going north.

It's also important to note that while Long Beach is to our east, our communities are distinctly different. We have different school systems, separate community college systems, and our own, distinct daily newspapers. We should not be placed in a Congressional District with Long Beach.

Our Harbor Gateway and Los Angeles Harbor communities are hardworking neighborhoods that are diverse and share common interests. We have wonderful neighborhoods, are heavy in the logistics industries, and share retail centers, parks, and other public spaces. Our cities are united by the 110-freeway corridor.

Thank you for your service and your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "Tim Mcosker" in a cursive, flowing script. The "T" is large and loops back, and the "s" at the end has a long, sweeping tail.

TIM MCOSKER, Harbor Area Community Activist