



CITY *of* CALABASAS

JAMES R. BOZAJIAN

Mayor

November 16, 2021

Commissioner Carolyn Williams  
Commissioner Daniel M. Mayeda  
Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission Co-Chairs

Re: Redistricting Community of Interest

Dear Co-Chairs Williams and Mayeda:

On behalf of the Calabasas City Council, I write to express our strong disappointment with some of the proposed maps currently being discussed by the Los Angeles County Redistricting Commission. As we have expressed previously, we support the inclusion of the cities of Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village, and the unincorporated area from Topanga to the Ventura County line in one Community of Interest that should be kept intact in all political boundaries to ensure residents are being properly represented at all levels of government, especially within LA County.

Some of the current maps released on November 15 do not reflect this natural alignment. The City of Calabasas would like to see the Commission's maps follow two simple general principles:

- Please keep the five cities in our region (Calabasas, Agoura Hills, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village, and the surrounding unincorporated communities) together in the same district.
- Please keep our district as compact as possible. Districts outlines that resemble snakes are simply not appropriate.

Looking at the maps, we have concerns with some of them:

1. **Map A:** We oppose this map because it cuts off the City of Hidden Hills and some unincorporated communities from the remainder of our region. Furthermore, the proposed district would stretch in a snake-like manner to include distant areas at the southern end of the County, with which we have very little in common.
2. **Map B:** We approve of Map B as presently configured because it keeps the five cities together in one district.
3. **Map C:** We oppose this map because it would meander throughout the County, narrowly hugging the coast, stretching down to the Orange County line, straddling it, and then traveling eastward to include many areas very distant from our own.

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4. **Map D:** We approve of this map as presently configured. Much like Map B, this map keeps the five cities together in one district.
5. **Map E:** We oppose this map. It starts off in the Conejo Valley, but then bypasses adjacent communities with two large, octopus-like appendages that fling to remote areas of the County. One appendage goes east to the San Gabriel Valley. The other goes south, nearly to the Orange County line.
6. **Map F:** We oppose this map, as it (again) slices off Hidden Hills and some unincorporated areas from the rest of our region. It also has an appendage that travels south, along the coast, and proceeds to the southern end of the County.

As we have stated previously, these five cities comprise a separate and distinct entity from the City of Los Angeles, and are joined in a longstanding common Council of Governments, or COG. Including the unincorporated territories mentioned, there are only 100,000 residents in this entire area. All five cities range in population from 2,000 to 25,000 people, and it makes no sense to split these communities into different districts.

The City of Calabasas knows this work is difficult and wants to work actively with the Commission to make sure boundaries are drawn fairly so that residents can have confidence in the process and confidence that their representation at all levels of government is fair and works for them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

CITY OF CALABASAS



James R. Bozajian, Mayor

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