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Councilman Herb Wesson - Chair  
Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations  
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Los Angeles City Council

March 8, 2012

Re: Map - Redistricting Commission - Council Districts 4, 5, & 13

Dear Councilmember Wesson:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, representing thirty-seven homeowner and resident associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, respectfully requests that the boundaries of the Fifth Council District be re-drawn to include Benedict Canyon and Laurel Canyon in their entirety as they exist currently.

The Fifth Council district in particular unites three adjacent, interconnected communities all sharing a common interest as they are bounded together by the Santa Monica Mountain Range. It is important that this topographical, geographical, economic and socially cohesive boundary be maintained as they are truly a 'community of interest'.

The Los Angeles City Charter, Section 204 (d) states:

**d) Criteria for Redistricting.** All districts shall be drawn in conformance with requirements of state and federal law and, to the extent feasible, *shall keep neighborhoods and communities intact*, utilize natural boundaries or street lines, and be geographically compact.

The division of these canyon communities between two different Council Districts will negatively impact these communities of interest and therefore, the Fifth Council District boundaries, as they stand now, must be maintained.

Additionally, the Federation requests that the community of Hollywood Heights not be split into CD 4 and CD 13. All of Hollywood Heights should remain in CD 4 as it currently is.

The Federation of Hillside and Canyons asks that the Final Map as presented to the Los Angeles City Council will respect the desires of the stakeholders in Benedict Canyon and Laurel Canyon in this redistricting process.

Sincerely,

*Marian Dodge*

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