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To: [COSD, Redistricting](#)
Subject: [External] Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove/Eden Valley Community Redistricting
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Dear Redistricting Commissioners,

The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove/Eden Valley community has a decades-long history of staunch advocacy for wildland conservation and preservation of the rural lifestyle that define the character and special value of the community. Residents share a non-urbanized community coexisting with wildlands rich in uniquely valuable near-coastal habitat. Surrounded by urbanized communities west of I-15 and south of route 78, it is an island in the San Diego coastal region.

The reason this special place exists is because of effective advocacy by generations of residents. As a small community it is imperative the community remain together in the same district to continue to be effective. Division of the community into multiple districts will impair our ability to elect representatives of our choice who share our conservation values and with whom we can work to protect the character of our community and the surrounding natural environment.

As a north county near-coastal community, inclusion of the community in District 3 or District 5 would ensure the community is fairly represented by affiliation with nearby communities which share common concerns affecting the wider north county near-coastal area. The community shares no such common area concerns with communities of the east county and we strongly object to placement in District 2.

Please keep the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove/Eden Valley community together in District 3 or District 5. Given that the population of our community is small our preference can be accommodated with minimal effect on the overall district population totals.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to the concerns of small communities such as ours.

Best regards,

Scott Sutherland