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On November 4, 2021, the Los Osos Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors unanimously agreed to submit comments to the Board of Supervisors regarding the County's redistricting process and potential changes to the boundaries of the five supervisorial districts. Though the CSD Board is primarily concerned with any revisions to the boundary of District 2 which could have a major impact on our representation, maps proposing drastic boundary revisions have been introduced to the Board of Supervisors could have profound regional and legal consequences.

It is the CSD Board's opinion that there is no compelling case, legal or ethical, for far-reaching revisions as proposed in Maps C, D and maps submitted by the public. Given our county's relatively small increase in population since the last census (less than 10%), the current district boundaries (Map A) are fully compliant with state law and no changes are legally required or warranted to balance population or other demographic considerations. Minor boundary modifications, as suggested in Map B, would be an acceptable alternative since it would keep the existing communities of interest intact in all five supervisorial districts and moves the Cal Poly campus into one district.

**District 2 Boundary Change Concerns**

The "North Coast" has been part of District 2 for the past 50 years and Los Osos and the other northern coastal communities share many of the same interests and concerns, and are closely linked economically, socially and environmentally. The current District 2 boundary meets every criterion for a functional and fair collection of communities of interest and in keeping this supervisorial region intact should be a major priority.

In particular, the City of Morro Bay and Los Osos have many similarities and common interests. We share the shoreline boundaries of the Morro Bay National Estuary, children from each community attend Los Osos Middle and Morro Bay High Schools, there are strong economic ties between the two communities and may, in the future, share water resources.

For these many reasons Maps C, D and the "Patten" Map should not be considered as they are not consistent with Election Code 21500(c)(2) which explicitly states when referencing a community of interest, that a population that shares common social or economic interests should be included within a single supervisorial district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. The CSD Board urges the Board of Supervisors to follow the California State Elections Code and make only minor refinement to the existing district boundaries. Any other action will not be consistent with the law or the Board's obligation to fairly represent the interests of all County residents.

Respectfully,



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President of the Board  
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