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Board of Supervisors
Riverside County
4080 Lemon Street
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Re: Riverside County 2021 Redistricting Plan

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

The Beaumont City Council appreciates the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' (Board) efforts to keep the general public and each community updated on the 2021 redistricting plan. Beaumont Council members understand that this is an exceedingly complex issue that must strike an acceptable balance to ensure fair and equal representation for all citizens.

Several of the redistricting options published thus far divide the Pass Area amongst multiple supervisory districts. Pass Area communities face unique challenges and issues, based on our geographic location and the available transportation corridors currently serving our area. These challenges are much different from those faced by the other geographic areas. Furthermore, those who choose to call the Pass Area home share a common identity and expect their local elected leaders to implement cooperative measures to address shared problems and secure resources to address them.

Each of us along the IH-10 corridor are now experiencing an explosion of growth and economic development activity which is blurring our respective municipal boundaries. The need for coordination and unified leadership is at a premium during such a critical time for the Pass Area. Divvying up our communities amongst multiple supervisory districts will unnecessarily fragment our leadership and diminish our voice at a time when it is most needed. The Pass Area is one of Riverside County's most dynamic economic engines and it must remain unified to the benefit of all.

It is the position of the Beaumont City Council that the new redistricting plan must maintain the Cities of Calimesa, Beaumont, and Banning in the same supervisory district. Beaumont opposes the redistricting options presented thus far that provide for any such division.

Thank you in advance for considering Beaumont's thoughts on this matter. We look forward to new redistricting scenarios that respect the needs of the Pass Area and protect the well-being of all our citizens.

Sincerely,

Mike Lara
Mayor