

November 12, 2021

The Honorable Andrew Do Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors 333 W. Santa Ana Boulevard Santa Ana, California 92701

RE: Letter of Support for Including the City of Laguna Beach with other Coast Communities of Interest in the 2021 Redistricting Plan

Dear Chairman Do:

The City of Laguna Beach City Council voted unanimously on November 10, 2021, to communicate our desire to keep the City within a contiguous coastal community of interest to include Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and portions, if not all, of Huntington Beach, and portions of Irvine.

We understand the final maps for consideration related to the potential Supervisorial districts are not yet set and may not reflect the three maps advanced at the November 2, 2021, Board of Supervisors' meeting. However, we believe that maintaining the entire City of Laguna Beach with our coastal neighbors and portions of Irvine, based on our shared interest in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Laguna Canyon entrance, meets the five stated criteria followed for drawing boundaries. As evidenced by the recent Orange County oil spill, the coastal communities share a unique bond. This bond goes beyond concern for our ocean to similar shared interests from loud vehicle noise, impacts of tourism, water quality impacts from inland sources, and sea-level rise, to name a few.

The Board of Supervisors' consideration to keep Laguna Beach in the same supervisorial district with our coastal neighbors as outlined is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bob Whalen

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