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To: Honorable Orange County Supervisors

Regardless of politics or issues of the needs of various local contiguous populations, a most critical requirement for Orange County redistricting is to ensure that John Wayne Airport remains in the same district as the citizens of those communities of interest most impacted by daily operations, including residents of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. For almost 40 years, the Airport Working Group of Orange County (AWG), the city administration of Newport Beach, and other community groups, have worked closely with the County and John Wayne Airport management to build a collaborative framework to address all issues which arise, and which must be dealt in a fair and equitable manner. The only way this model can continue to be successful is for the political boundaries of any new district include the physical airport and these local communities -Newport Beach, et al- which AWG supports as one of the most important real “community of interest” entities serving the broader population.

Please ensure this remains the case for the final approved district plan.

Respectfully,

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