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The Honorable Raymond J. Nutting, Chairman of the Board El Dorado County Board of Supervisors 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Supervisor Nutting:

Thank you for considering and acting favorably on our request for more time to look at the latest redistricting map created by the County Surveyor's office. Our Board immediately met following the July 19 decision to continue the item until August 8, and furthered the discussion when we met with you and Supervisor Knight on Tuesday, July 16.

It is our position that for any map to meet the mandates of common interest and compactness, and to ensure that the suburban communities in the Western slope are legally and fairly represented, the new redistricting map needs to include two districts with majority suburban representation. For this reason, we respectfully ask that the Board adopt one of two options:

1) Adopt Supervisor Knight's proposed map that addresses the concerns of the EDCCRG.

It is our understanding that Supervisor Knight is working on a map that, in concept, supports this idea of two suburban districts. We support that effort, believe that this option is the best for all of El Dorado County, and would not only get the map in line with the law; it would also mend the "cracking" of Cameron Park that exists with the current map.

 Adopt a map that divides El Dorado Hills into no less than two and no more than three districts, with two of the districts not having less than approximately 12,000 from El Dorado Hills.

This option is far less desirable and is offered only out of respect for the Board's direction to staff to only consider changes to the current map that affect Districts I and District II.

Thank you for considering our views and we look forward to your continued consideration of this important issue.

Respectfully,

Debbie Manning, President & CEO – El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce