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Greetings:

The Mountain View Community Council (MVCC) respectfully requests that the following recommended changes be incorporated into the redistricting proposals and eventual approved plan. Please include the enclosed recommended changes, which will result in minimal population change to all affected house and senate districts.

The MVCC boundaries are geographically defined within our bylaws, which are attached to this letter and available at: <http://www.communitycouncils.org/download/1103.pdf>. These boundaries are important to our community because they define our area, assets, and infrastructure. They give us basis to advocate for or against, request funding, and administer. As a Municipal charter-recognized entity, the MVCC takes pride in being so close to our grassroots and in tune with our neighbors.

The 2013 proclamation included the MVCC within two senate districts (H and J), as well as four house districts (15, 16, 19, and 20). The MVCC is an all-volunteer entity. Coordination with six state legislators for one neighborhood can be burdensome and sometimes results in confusion and lack of coordination on projects. Fortunately, there is a solution which would bring the state redistricting plan into closer alignment with local neighborhood boundaries and which does not significantly change the population counts of any districts.

By drawing the legislative district boundaries to mirror the MVCC boundaries (see attached maps), the following assets which are widely acknowledged as Mountain View community fixtures would be incorporated into the current house district 19, or any eventual house and senate districts which encompass Mountain View.

- **Mountain View Elementary School** (serves as the polling place for precinct 19-500, yet is located outside of the precinct as drawn by 2013 proclamation.)
- **McPhee and Refugee Gardens** (operated by Municipality, and Catholic Social Services)
- **Davis Park** (located on land leased from the Air Force)
- **Mountain View Lions Park** (owned / maintained by Lions Club)
- **Municipal Snow Collection Lot** and adjacent land north of the Glenn Highway

If these changes are incorporated, the MVCC would no longer be within districts 15, 16 and 20. It is important to note that districts 15 and 16 as currently drawn have zero population within the MVCC.

The 2013 proclamation which placed the above community assets into districts 15 and 16 likely did so because they are located on military-leased lands, not because they are part of another area in concept or practice. It is critical to note that these items are outside the military fence.

The items in question are used primarily by Mountain View residents, rather than military or other neighborhood residents. For example, only Mountain View families send their children to Mountain View Elementary; the base has its own schools. It is also worth mentioning that Mountain View Elementary, which serves as the polling place for precinct 19-500, is actually located outside of the district as currently drawn.

We hope these recommended changes can help produce a plan that respects community continuity and practicality. Please direct any questions you may have to Kirsten Swann at 907-538-4879. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Executive Committee Members of the Mountain View Community Council



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