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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Thomas W. Mayfield, Chairman
1010 10th Street, Suite 6500
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Chairman Mayfield:

The City of Ceres will be requesting a United States Postal Service boundary review of the northern area of Ceres that is currently within the 95351 (Modesto) ZIP Code for potential consolidation into the 95307 (Ceres) ZIP Code. The City desires to have the ZIP Code boundary more accurately follow Ceres' northern and western city limits and encompass areas that are mostly within the City of Ceres. Our review request will address the areas bounded by Mitchell Road, Hatch Road, Herndon Road and River Road; following the city limit boundaries as closely as possible along Herndon Road and River Road.

Of those postal customers that would be affected, 77 percent live within Ceres city limits—receiving City public safety and utility services, as well as voting here. The other 23 percent live in county islands within Ceres city limits or county areas just outside city limits, along River Road.

Prior to moving forward, the City conducted a mail survey of the area and received enough support from residents and businesses to encourage us to submit the request at this time. We feel that with some additional public education over the next year, we can maintain and increase support for the ZIP Code change. Comments received in support of a change to the 95307 ZIP Code generally reflect resident/business discontent with the problems having "two" addresses causes—misdelayed mail, vendor and customer confusion about business location, new resident confusion about public services and

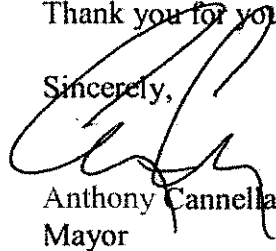
political jurisdiction, and alarm company response problems. Additionally, many supporters do not find the Paradise Road Post Office in Modesto convenient or safe, in comparison to the Ceres Post Office, located on Mitchell Road.

Since community support is essential to a successful application for a ZIP Code boundary review, we are now respectfully requesting the Board of Supervisors' endorsement to help us illustrate that support. It is important that we show County approval since some of the residents are not within Ceres city limits.

Should the U.S. Postal Service review be approved and the boundary change authorized, all affected residents will have an opportunity to vote on the change in the spring of 2009. If voter-approved, the ZIP Code change would occur on July 1, 2009 and mail would be automatically forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service for a period of one year.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Cannella', is written over the printed name and title.

Anthony Cannella
Mayor