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November 1, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council is writing to you today to request that you amend the postal Zip Code for the community of Elfin Forest, California.

Elfin Forest is a large rural island in the heart of developed Coastal North San Diego County. We are surrounded by Rancho Santa Fe to the south, Olivenhain, Encinitas, La Costa and Carlsbad to the west; San Marcos to the west and north and Harmony Grove and Escondido to the east. Elfin Forest is primarily characterized by open space, and is a rural enclave with large lots with citrus and avocado orchards, as well as horse and alpaca ranches. We are a community which encompasses 4727 acres that are developed with custom single-family homes on large estate lots. It is an extremely peaceful and environmentally healthy area where the residents take great pride in their community spirit that focuses on the preservation of Elfin Forest as a rural community. Our community motto is: "Keep it Rural!"

Our current Zip Code is 92029 and therefore our Zip Code community is listed as Escondido, CA. Our rural community of Elfin Forest is 3 to 5 miles west of Escondido and given that our rural estate home community is very unlike the urban community of Escondido, our residents have always felt that it was inappropriate to be labeled as Escondido. One of our long-time goals has been to convince you to change our zip code so that we can have our own identity.

With the recent adoption of our new **ELFIN FOREST AND HARMONY GROVE COMMUNITY PLAN** on August 3, 2011 by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, we believe that the time has come for you to change our Zip

Code. You can find our plan at [http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/docs/CP/ELFIN FOR HARM GROVE CP.pdf](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/docs/CP/ELFIN_FOR_HARM_GROVE_CP.pdf)

In this new Plan, the Board of Supervisors support us seeking our own separate zip code. Please refer to Page 28 of our Community Plan where it states:

“Issue LU-1.4 Elfin Forest is a well organized and caring community where residents work together to solve a wide range of issues. Because of this, a stronger community identity is needed.

Goal LU-1.4 A continued strong sense of identity for the community of Elfin Forest.

Policy LU-1.4.1 Seek a separate zip code to enhance a strong community identity for the community of Elfin Forest.

Implementation Plan LU-1.4.1 Coordinate with the US Postal Service to create the new zip code.”

In addition, the Community Plan defines the boundaries of the Elfin Forest Community and we recommend that you use those boundaries as the Zip Code boundaries. This boundary is mapped and can be found in the Community Plan on page 2.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to make this change possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 855-0444 or at my email address j.arsivaud@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Arsivaud-Benjamin, Chair
Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council