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Samuel Knox Skinner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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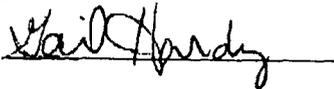
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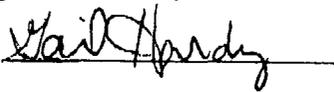
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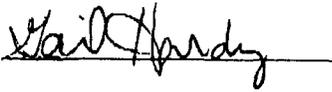
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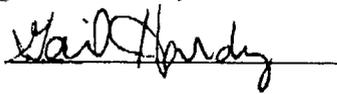
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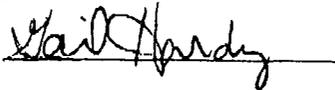
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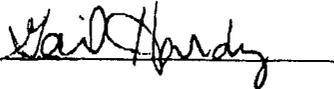
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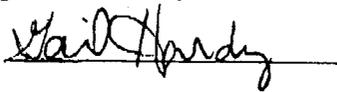
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