July 28, 2021

Alicia Fernandez, Chair
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Honorable Chair Fernandez,

On behalf of the City of South El Monte, we thank you and the Commission for your continued and dedicated work on this critically important mission of developing fair and balanced legislative lines and managing public engagement during a post pandemic atmosphere. I write to express the City’s priorities for State Assembly, Senate and Congressional district lines for South El Monte.

For the past two redistricting cycles, the City has experienced some back and forth and splits between two districts as well as inclusion with cities that do not have the same demographic or geographic characteristics.

Our City Council believes that it's in the best interest of South El Monte to remain whole in one district that contains cities with consistent characteristics and share regional needs and opportunities. All cities in California are facing challenges such as housing deficiencies, homeless population increases, organics waste mandates, storm water management, and transportation access and connectivity just to name a few. Our City would benefit by staying within our San Gabriel Valley Region that share the same regional issues such as El Monte, Baldwin Park, Azusa and West Covina.

Therefore, our City Council would like the following to be implemented for the City of South El Monte:

- **Assembly District** – City of South El Monte to be included in the same Assembly District as El Monte, Baldwin Park, Azusa, and West Covina.

- **State Senate District** – City of South El Monte to remain in District #22, that includes El Monte, Baldwin Park, Azusa, and West Covina.

- **Congressional District** – City of South El Monte to be included in the same Congressional District as El Monte, Baldwin Park, Azusa, and West Covina.

These requested district changes will maintain our need to remain with communities of interest while working in collaboration on regional issues in the San Gabriel Valley.

Sincerely,

Rachel Barbosa, City Manager