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

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the City of Maywood and southeast communities in Los Angeles County, I am submitting the following comments for consideration by the Commission.

The southeast communities make up a distinct community of interest that is predominantly Latino and working class and we share other similar demographics. Cities such as Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, South Gate, and Walnut Park are communities that are home to overwhelmingly first generation immigrants that speak Spanish, share socio-economic class, and whose children attend the same school districts, just to name a few.

They also share the same environmental health concerns related to contamination from local manufacturing such as the closed Exide plant and transportation infrastructure pollution from traffic on the I-710, I-5, and the I-105. Los Angeles reports that adults in southeast county have the highest levels of poor health of all county health districts at 29 percent.

We believe we are stronger and our needs will be best served if we remain together as one community. For too long our cities and thus our residents, have long been overlooked, underserved, under resourced, underrepresented and because of that, we have endured many hardships. I believe, however, we are in a better place now and that’s in large part due to the fact that we are currently grouped together and because of our current elected leaders.

For these reasons, we urge the Commission to consider the southeast a community of interest that should be preserved in the redistricting process and remain with Assembly member Anthony Rendon, who has continually provided excellent representation, understands our needs, and has worked diligently to address them. Thank you so much for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

Eddie De La Riva  
Councilman