Thank you Commissioners for giving me an opportunity to testify today.

My name is Dr. Victoria Clamor, a member of the Pastoral Council of St. George Parish in Ontario and Our Lady of Lourdes in Montclair, representing the Filipino community. I am also a long-time activist and a member of the of the National Ecumenical Forum for Filipino Concerns. I am a practicing physician in alternative medicine with clinic on Euclid Avenue, Ontario.

I live in a community where interstate freeway 10 which traverses from east and west constitute the northern boundary and freeway 60 on the south, and Euclid Avenue as the inner busy street on the east and the 71 freeway on the west. The cities make up the southwestern part of San Bernardino County. Residents of Ontario, Montclair, Upland, Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Alta Loma and West side of Rancho Cucamonga enjoy gathering and working together in a hustle and bustle busy life for these fast developing communities. These areas comprise of multi-ethnic groups such as Latinos, Filipinos, African-Americans, Vietnamese, Chinese, Koreans, Indians (people from India), Bangladeshis, Pakistani, Indonesian, Laotian, European and Middle Eastern, who are mostly middle-class background. Claremont, Upland and Chino Hills, together with Rancho Cucamonga residents are relatively affluent compared to its neighboring Montclair and Ontario residents, where a great number of small establishments and warehouses are operating. It also amazes me why my community has more homeless people compared to its neighboring cities.

Our churches serve to reconnects us to our shared beliefs and pray/console members affected by covid. We continue to face new challenges in the years ahead such as growing cases of mental illness, lack of affordable housing, lack of higher paying jobs, and equal opportunities to people of color.

The Filipinos are mostly working in health care industries as nurses, physicians and caregivers. Filipino caregivers are well-known in health care industry as caring, professionals, hardworking and passionate in caring for elderly and disabled people.

Moreover, in spite of the many challenges that my community had experienced in the past, we continue to thrive and be united as one community. The Ontario Mills and Montclair Plaza continue to stand even after the pandemic and closing down of the many establishments.

Together, my community will stand as one, and I would like to ask the Commission to keep my community intact as before.