Commissioners: I thank you for giving me the chance to testify today. I am JOSE G. EBUE, a Filipino immigrant who came to the USA sometime in 1985. Right now, I am happy to be a part and serving in this growing NEFFCON-IE, which deals with community concerns, justice and advocacy, redistricting community information and the like.

I live in a community bounded by Montclair on the East, La Verne and Pomona on the west side. Claremont is a hidden gem in the greater Los Angeles – a quintessential college town of seven college campuses, beaming with tree-lined streets of 24,108 trees all around the city, and we are called the “City of Trees”. As of 2016, population is 36,015, 13.49 square miles, founded in April 1887 and was incorporated in October 3, 1907, and we have Council/Manager taking care of our beautiful city. Claremont is composed mostly of white, then Hispanic/Latino, Asian, African-American, some Native American. We have from pre-K to 12th grade, high school, associate and college levels, and mostly graduates or professional degrees. We have more senior citizens in the neighborhood who enjoy the quiet, serene every day life in this city. To them, Claremont is a sweet, smart getaway!

Right now, like other places, we also have social, economic, infrastructure, mental health, crimes, safety, and housing problems in the city. A good number of homelessness is starting to grow, probably coming from other places, looking for some sort of quiet place to stay. With these things in mind, we hopefully and willingly like to help our city and also need help from neighboring friends/cities. We will be happy to be of help to them, too. That other cities would be able to join us in this situation or if you call it a challenge, help us out on this endeavor, join our hands and hearts in making this plan successful and fruitful soon.

I, thank you for listening and I really like my community and city to grow efficiently, peacefully, socially and economically stable and together.

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