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RE: Public Comments

Esteemed Redistricting Commissioners,

Thank you for engaging all communities across California in the redistricting process that will impact every Californian for many years to come.

My residence over the past decades has been part of the US 28th Congressional District, 25th State Senate District, and 43rd Assembly District. As part of a large and vibrant Armenian community, we make up a robust portion of the constituents in these legislative districts. As a historically oppressed people which have endured genocide and countless attempts of complete eradication of our people, we have advocated for generations to safeguard the human rights of all people everywhere.

Through collective activism, the Armenian communities of the 28th Congressional District, 25th State Senate District, and 43rd Assembly District have developed close relationships in the communities where we live, our neighbors and friends, and together we have secured a voice that advocates for human rights through our legislators. Separating our communities would do a tremendous disservice to our community, human rights advocacy, and will hamper our ability to effectively organize to voice our legislative concerns and needs. For these reasons, I respectfully request that the communities and legislative districts that I have listed remain intact.

Respectfully,

Shaun S. Kasparian