

The Honorable Alicia Fernández, Chair
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Commissioner, Fernández:

I am a 61-year resident of the San Gabriel Valley, writing to urge the Commission to continue to keep the Valley's two largest and historical Black communities in the City of Pasadena and the unincorporated area of Altadena together and whole in one Assembly (AD41) and State Senate District (SD25).

I also want to request that my current district configuration encompassing the foothill communities of the San Gabriel Valley and eastern Los Angeles County remain unchanged.

The foothill communities of the San Gabriel Valley along the I-210 Freeway corridor have common economic and community interests that are unique to the suburban communities between the freeway and the eastern Angeles National Forest, including the protection and whole preservation of the strongest Black community and neighborhoods in the Valley.

A key common interest that should be taken into consideration is the desire to maintain Pasadena and Altadena AD41 intact for the purposes of having all of the Pasadena Unified School District boundaries in one assembly district. Pasadena/Altadena residents have worked tirelessly to keep the community intact while the city changes that forced families to move out of the areas.

These common interests should continue to be maintained in AD41 and SD25.

The Black community in the SGV has a strong and robust history and deserves to be kept intact within a single assembly district. Pasadena/Altadena residents have worked tirelessly to keep the community intact while the city changes forced families to move out of the areas. I lived in Pasadena for 1960 to 2005 and my family attended the Pasadena/Altadena schools. We are one unified, collaborative Pasadena/Altadena community. I currently live in Duarte/San Gabriel Valley; however, my employer (Hillsides), my doctor/dentist are in Pasadena, I love this area.

Thank you for your consideration of our Community of Interest testimony.

Sharon Y Sharp