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The Honorable Alicia Fernandez, Chairman
California Citizens' Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Fernandez,

I have owned my home in Northwest Pasadena for 36 years, just a few miles south of Altadena, an unincorporated city. We are one community and I would respectfully ask that our two communities of interest be kept together in each of the new districts you are drawing resulting from the 2020 Census. Currently we are together in Assembly District 41 and Senate District 25 which means all of the Pasadena Unified School District is intact in these two districts.

I am also concerned that the new map for the Congressional District seems to break Pasadena in half! That would be a huge NO as you would be splitting the city with the largest number of people of color in the San Gabriel Valley, reducing our influence in Congress. Currently, we are in Congresswoman Judy Chu's 27th District.

As you can see, my interest is in strengthening the influence of the Black, Hispanic and other minority communities in Altadena and Pasadena, not reducing it. I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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