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Subject: Re: San Gabriel Valley Community of Interest
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Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My name is Wing Yip. I'm a resident of Hacienda Heights. I've lived in the community for 50 years and am retired.

I believe the San Gabriel Valley is an integral part of Los Angeles County. The SGV stretches from Pasadena east to Pomona, and is the largest majority Latino and Asian American region in the country. Residents speak languages such as Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese. We need to keep our Latino and Asian communities together in the San Gabriel Valley, to advance environmental and social justice.

I recognize El Monte's crucial role as part of the Western San Gabriel Valley, east of the 710 to the 605, and between the 210 and the 60. El Monte is an important Latino and API community, sharing a community of interest with cities such as Alhambra, San Gabriel, Temple City, Rosemead, and Monterey Park. I would not like this community of interest to be grouped with cities like Sierra Madre, Bradbury, Walnut, and Diamond Bar because they are higher-income, and do not share similar economic and social interests with working class communities in the San Gabriel Valley.

At the assembly level, I would like AD 49 to remain as an Asian majority district. I prefer the cities of El Monte and South El Monte to be kept whole, but understand if the majority Asian district requires the splitting of El Monte. More API residents live in the northern portions of El Monte, north of Garvey Avenue.

At the congressional level, I encourage the commission to keep the Western San Gabriel Valley together in the same congressional district, while maintaining a connection to the San Gabriel Mountains. Current districts 27 and 28 generally do a good job of empowering the foothill communities. This is accomplished by placing the foothill communities in the same congressional districts as the San Gabriel Mountains.

It is important that the San Gabriel Valley remains united because we care about many common issues, including the climate crisis, the housing crisis & homelessness, healthcare, education, immigrant rights, civil rights, and divestment from policing and incarceration.

Please keep the San Gabriel Valley region together so that our representatives are truly reflective of our unique Latino and Asian community. Thank you.

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