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Good Morning,

I would like to submit a public written testimony to the redistricting committee. I work for a community-based nonprofit, Brightline Defense, in SoMa and work with CCSROC and SRO Residents on a regular basis. The relationships between SRO residents and SRO Tenant Leaders is strong and community-led. The community is connected and it is important that they be kept together during redistricting. The majority of SRO residents are low-income to very low-income. SRO communities also have a high level of monolingual Chinese- or Spanish- speaking residents. SoMa's reported race and ethnicity reveal a plurality of Asian residents (39%) with significant White (38%), Latino (12%), and Black (11%) communities. 21% of the community is linguistically isolated with significant Spanish and Asian language speaking households. It is important to keep these communities together to avoid further language isolation among community groups.

Best,  
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