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CA Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capital Mall, suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Gary Chow and I am a Mt. San Antonio College Trustee. I also am the Vice Chair of the El Camino Real District for Boy Scouts of America. I would like to comment on the proposed boundaries (yellow area in **center of page**) of the 39th Congressional District which is where I live.

The proposed boundaries which I have included in my attachment expands the current boundaries by adding the some or all of the cities Buena Park, Chino and Ontario. As a Mt. SAC Trustee, the boundaries are very similar to a combined 3 of the 7 Districts of the college. We have found that having a District east of the 605 freeway results in an optimum district when you factor in distance, demographics and need for access.

The El Camino Real District of Boy Scouts is the result of merging 2 BSA Districts from 2017. Our district now covers the cities of Monterey Park and Alhambra on the West and Pomona on the East. We have found that the priorities and concerns of the adult volunteers in the west side of the District are different from the east side as the demographics are different. Our BSA District functioned much more efficiently prior to the merger when our western boundaries began with the 605 freeway. From my experience as a Mt. SAC Trustee and a BSA volunteer, the area east of the 605 freeway is the ideal east/west dividing line.

As a member of the growing Asian American population, we seek representation which reflects our unique interests and needs. This is not to say that only Asians are able to represent other Asians but does give the Asian population a certain degree of influence to select the person to represent them. We believe this District will allow a candidate to be elected primarily on their personal merits yet still allow ethnicity to have some influence.

