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Dear Commissioners,

I am sharing and submitting my idea of what State Assembly District 55 should look like. From here, I believe the commission will also be able to nest a state Senate and Congressional district for our area.

My map has a population deviation of only -348 (total population of 493,695 of targeted 494,043 size). The demographic breakdown is as follows:

41.1% AAPI
38% Latino
17.6% White

The district is very similar to the existing Assembly District 55, with some minor modifications. It remains a three-county Assembly district. Here are the changes made:

Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights, and all of West Covina are added to the district. Yorba Linda and Placentia are removed, and grouped with foothill communities along the Santa Ana Mountains. Covina Hills (unincorporated LA County) remains within the district, as it currently is at the state Assembly and state Senate level.

These changes are made for several reasons:

1. It is important that the AAPI community retains a strong voice, considering how much the population has grown over the last 10 years. Both West Covina and Hacienda Heights have a higher AAPI population percentage than Placentia and Yorba Linda (West Covina 32.2 % AAPI, Yorba Linda 26% AAPI).
2. I believe it is extremely important to group West Covina with Walnut, Diamond Bar and the other LA County communities mentioned above. There are communities of interest that should not be separated. Many churches, restaurants, and shopping areas correlate with each other. There is also overlap with water districts, public safety services, and the Mt. San Antonio College Community College District, which overlaps with Walnut, West Covina, and Covina Hills. In addition, the city of La Habra shares fire services with Los Angeles County, even though it is in Orange County.
3. This map correlates 100% with the communities included in the October 4 LA County visualization on slide 45, and very closely correlates with the Orange County visualizations on slide 6, with the exception that Fullerton is not included in this map.

Thank you for your attention to my comments, and your consideration for what Assembly District 55 should look like.

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