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My name is Aneesah Muhammad, and I work in district 2 in Anaheim for work. My community of interest is the Arab community and the neighborhood of Little Arabia. It is located on Brookhurst between Crescent Avenue and Katella in Anaheim. It is a welcoming cultural and business area that attracts all people from different ethnic backgrounds, such as ethnic markets, restaurants, cafes, religious centers, clothing stores, hair salons and much more. Growing up my family and I would drive down to Little Arabia not just eat the food but to feel at home. Over years it has turned into a cultural destination and a foodie destination. Anaheim's Little Arabia is a welcoming cultural and business destination, and a safe space for Arab immigrants as well as other immigrants and refugees from the Greater Middle Eastern region. Keeping Little Arabia whole would empower the Arab American and immigrant-owned small businesses, hundreds of their employees and their families. We deserve to be recognized on the maps. It is important

that Little Arabia be kept whole in the legislative districts you draw because of the shared social needs of the community and the needs of small business owners. We're here to stay and we deserve to be represented like every other group. Thank you