

Region # 1: San Diego County #52

TESTIMONY OF KHAMP THONGRIVONG
At Public Hearing Held By
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
For The State of California
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

My name is Khamp Thongrivong. I have lived in San Diego County for thirty years. I am one of the co-founders of two local nonprofit organizations: Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association which is an Asian and Pacific Islander police officers association and the Lao American Coalition which is dedicated to advancing the Lao American community's social and economic standing through civic participation and public policy advocacy.

While Laotians live in different areas of the City, there are two Lao temples, one at 726 44th Street (near 44th and Market Street) and the other at 205 65th Street (near 65th and Skyline Drive), San Diego. They serve as centers of social, cultural and religious gatherings for the Lao community, English speaking and non-English speaking.

I would ask that the two temples be in the same Assembly District. It would give our community the opportunity to petition the same Assemblymember on issues affecting our community.

Thank you for your consideration.