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Citizens Redistricting Commission  
1130 K Street, Suite 101  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Importance of a Single Congressional District for the City of Sacramento**

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on redistricting as it relates to the City of Sacramento. While the city has no specific comments on the realignment of California Senate and Assembly Districts, there are several compelling reasons why we believe the city should continue to be represented by a single Congressional District.

- Sacramento's 466,000 plus residents are today part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and can continue to be accommodated within a single district. As California's capital city and the region's urban core, we are a community of interest worth preserving.
- The city is a vibrant collection of cohesive neighborhoods and boasts more than 100 distinct neighborhood associations that meet quarterly with the city staff through Community Partnership meetings.
- Sacramento is well known for its rich ethnic diversity which is celebrated through scores of local festivals annually. The city is pleased that your criteria includes encouraging respect for the geographic integrity of cities, communities of interest, and neighborhoods to minimize their division to the extent possible.

Our city faces many challenges over the next decade with flood protection and the need to construct a multi-modal transportation facility topping the list of complex projects involving federal participation. We believe strongly that the city's interests will be best served by continuing to be represented by a single voice in the nation's Capitol on these issues and other important community priorities.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**William H. Edgar**  
Interim City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council Members