



March 9, 2011

Hon. Peter Yao  
Chair, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Bureau of State Audits  
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Yao and Members of the Commission:

One Pomona is a collaborative coalition comprised of community stakeholders and organizations with the mission to keep the entire city of Pomona within ONE Assembly, ONE State Senate and ONE Congressional district. It is imperative Pomona continues to seek the benefits our city has grown to appreciate and enjoy from the last 2000 Census. Historically, the city of Pomona had been portioned and defragmented in a number of districts, which resulted in the city's inability to provide adequate federal resources and a collective voice in Sacramento or in Washington, D.C.

It is evident from our past the city of Pomona has suffered grimly from lack of federal resources as our infrastructure, buildings and roads are in desperate need of repair and modernization. Our city of over 160,000 (2000 Census) residents and the 5<sup>th</sup> largest city in Los Angeles County struggle to follow its neighbors for a path of self-improvement.

Our community is a culturally mixed and vibrant city where our demographics include 70% of the population of Latino descent, 10% African-American, 7% Asian, and 1% Native American. Within these groups a majority of our residents recently experienced their first political elections. For example, in the 2008 Presidential Elections all city council districts experienced record numbers of registered voters going to the polls. Several districts experienced an increase between 25-40% voter participation. This was a historic feat that had never been experienced in our community. We must continue to improve these great leaps for fair political representation.

As the Commission continues to come together and adopt guidelines for the redrawing of district boundaries, we ask that our community be kept intact to continue the great strides the city of Pomona has achieved. After all, it is through the Commission's effort and guidelines in redrawing the political districts in which our community will truly become a ONE POMONA.

Sincerely,

The One Pomona Delegation

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