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City of Diamond Bar

from the desk of...

Carol Herrera
Council Member

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April 29, 2011

Hello, I am Carol Herrera, **16 year member of the Diamond Bar City Council.**
Previously, I have served as: **President of L.A. County Division, League of Cities**
Serving 88 cities in L.A. County

President of San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Serving 31 cities

I am a founding member of the **Tres Hermanos Conservation Authority**, with members Chino Hills, in San Bernadino County, Diamond Bar and Industry, in L.A. County, to oversee land use and conservation of 2500 acres that overlap our cities and are within two counties. I am the **Incoming Chair** of that Authority.

Currently, I serve as: **Vice Chair of Foothill Transit**
Chair of Four Corners Transportation Policy Committee
under the auspices of SCAG
Treasurer of Four Corners Coalition
SCAG Regional Council
SCAG Transportation Committee

I am active regionally because **Diamond Bar is located in the Four Corners region**, where the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernadino and Riverside come together. Diamond Bar shares transportation, economic and social issues with the cities from these counties. Two major freeways intersect our city, and we are working with these cities from the four counties to reach solutions.

Diamond Bar has over an 18 year history of working with cities and crossing county lines, to name a few: Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority, a JPA comprised of State Agencies, L.A. County, cities of Brea, La Habra Heights, Whittier, Diamond Bar. Foothill Transit has bus lines running between L.A. County and Orange County.

The cities in the Four Corners region are often left out of meaningful planning or projects, particularly related to transportation. The 57 Corridor is a major Transportation corridor providing vital linkage from Orange County to L.A. County. The 57/60 Interchange, noted as the most congested in the nation, has congestion impacts from the four counties.

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Legislators representing us must have a vested interest in the region, not just one county. They need to live near us, share in the good and bad parts of our community, in order to better represent us.

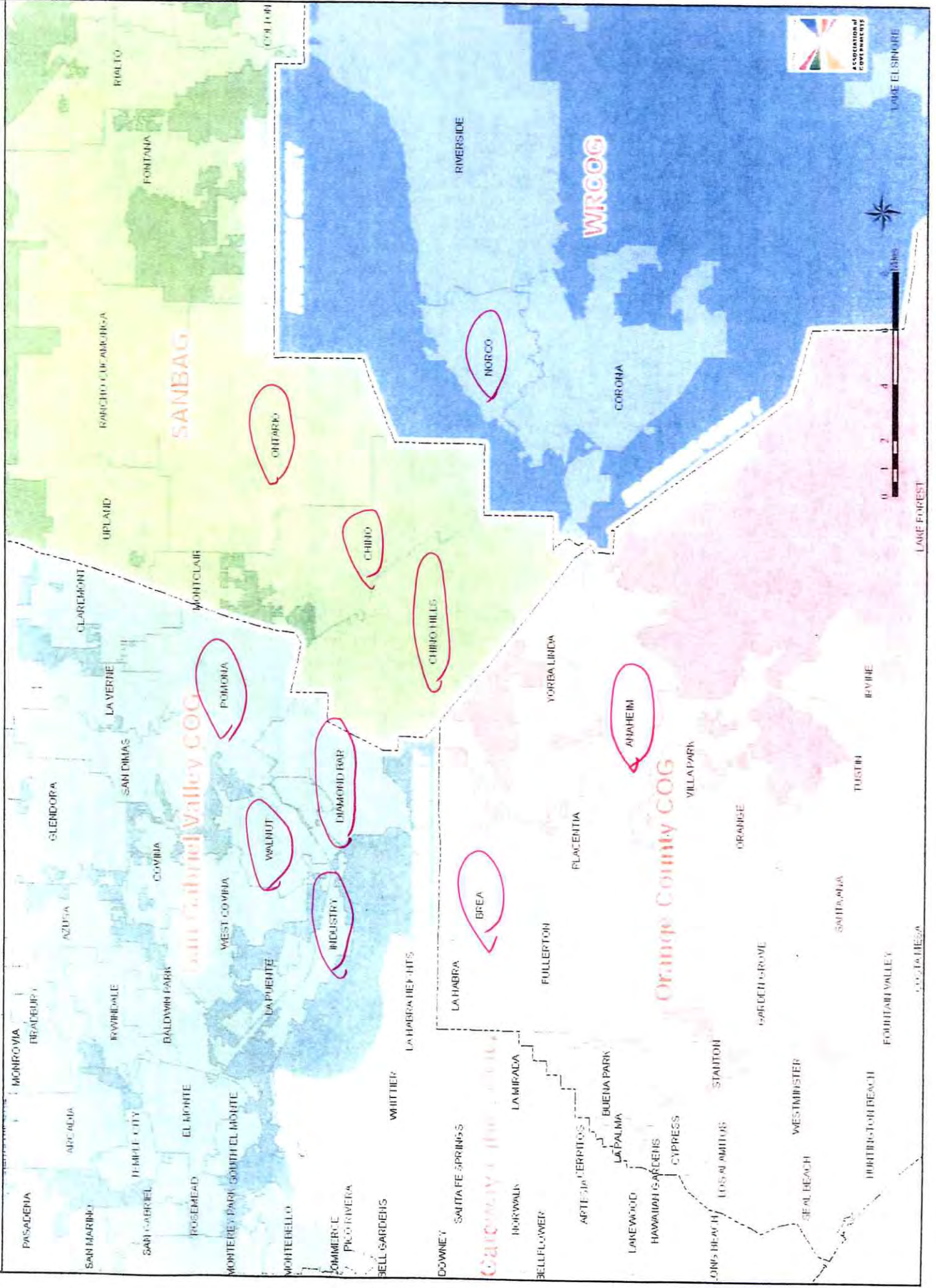
You will do the region a service to keep the South-eastern part of the San Gabriel Valley together in one district, and that would include Diamond Bar, and contiguous Northern Orange County cities. I would request that Chino Hills, in San Bernadino County, be placed in the same district, since we collaborate on many issues with that city.

I thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Herrera". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Herrera

SCAG Subregion Boundaries and City Boundaries



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JOSEPH A. VINATIERI



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Citizens Redistricting Commission Public Hearing
San Gabriel, California
April 29, 2011

Well, it's Friday and it must be San Gabriel! Thanks for serving and doing the road show so that the people have input into the redistricting process, arguably the most important effort in State government this year.

Members of the Commission, thank you for the opportunity to make some brief comments. My name is Joe Vinatieri and I live in the City of Whittier. I am a member of the Whittier City Council and I come to you tonight as a private citizen.

Whittier is a poster child for gerrymander. Where I live for example, I am in one congressional district, a half block from another congressional district, and about one and one-half blocks from a third congressional district. And the same gerrymander holds true for the Assembly as Whittier is also carved up into three Assembly districts.

Whittier is actually both the city area and the county-unincorporated area, zip codes 90601 to 90606, all citizens who call themselves Whittierites...and we are one community. I come today asking you to keep both the city and county area (known as "Whittier") together in one district as one community of interest, as we have one high school district, fire department, etc., etc., etc.

I am also asking that not only Whittier be kept together, but that the larger community of interest of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and La Habra Heights be kept together. These four cities and the unincorporated Whittier area work together in so many ways. For

example, we all share the same newspaper, the Whittier Daily News, most of these communities have the same high school district (Whittier Union High School District), we work together as cities (La Habra Heights-Whittier Senior Transportation, Santa Fe Springs & Whittier – Police Services, etc.) and historically, this area has been a community of interest, first in agriculture, then oil, then industrial and lastly, as post-WWII bedroom communities.

By keeping Whittier City and county together and adding the contiguous communities of Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and La Habra Heights, the rough population figures are in excess of 200,000 people. This is about half the population of an assembly district. So in order to meet the goal of a community of interest with the appropriate amount of population I asked, “What holds together this area and other adjoining areas that would constitute something that all people have in common?” Stepping back it became very simple ... The Puente Hills - one of the largest areas of hill and protective reserve in Southern California.

In looking at the map you will note that numerous communities, both north of the Hills and south of the Hills, are pulled together by this one, large expanse of land. The land constitutes a significant biological wildlife corridor that extends all the way to San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. In fact many of the communities which are found here actually have their name as a result of these very same hills; Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, La Habra Heights. From a transportation standpoint the communities from Diamond Bar on the east to Whittier on the west are tied together by roads such as Colima Road, a common newspaper the San Gabriel Valley Tribune/Whittier Daily News owned by the same company, and the same member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. I am advocating a district that is bound roughly by the 57 Freeway on the east, the 60 Freeway on the north, the 605 Freeway on the west and Interstate 5/the Los Angeles County/Orange County line on the south. Interestingly, this is the same district that existed in the 1970's and 1980's and well served the people of this area.

Ten years ago Republicans and Democrats joined together to divide California and

make safe Republican districts and safe Democratic districts. It is my belief that much of the gridlock in Sacramento the last several years is the direct result of this action. And now local government, like my city, is impacted by trying to take redevelopment monies, etc. This should be all about good government by keeping people together, not splitting them apart. I appreciate the fact that we have citizens doing the redistricting this time. Thank you for your service and I ask that you take our part of California, keep Whittier and the other cities together and find that the Puente Hills acts as the backbone for our community of interest.

My name is Richard Santillan, professor emeritus from Cal Poly Pomona where I have taught for nearly 32 years in the Ethnic and Women's Studies Department. I received my Ph.D in American Government from the Claremont Graduate School in 1978.

Moreover, I was an active participant in the California Redistricting process in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. As a result of being a member of ~~the~~ Cal Poly Pomona for over three decades, I have come to know the city of Pomona very well. It is my opinion that Pomona shares much more in regards to social, cultural, and economic interests with cities to the east of it than with cities to the west or to the north.

Pomona shares much in common with cities such as Chino, Monclair, and Ontario including medical facilities, educational institutions, shopping centers and local businesses, youth sports associations, and non-profit organizations,

I would add that the past 40 years have witnessed the systematic racially gerrymandering of Mexican American communities. This practice is designed to

dilute the political voice of the Latino community. I would urge the commission to place together the Latino communities of Pomona and Ontario. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding my policy recommendations.

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Iron Eyes Cody District - serves Burbank, the western part of Glendale ¹, and the North Hollywood Stake of the LDS church
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Foothill District - serves Sunland, Tujunga, La Crescenta, the eastern part of Glendale ¹, Eagle Rock, and the La Crescenta and La Canada Stake of the LDS church.
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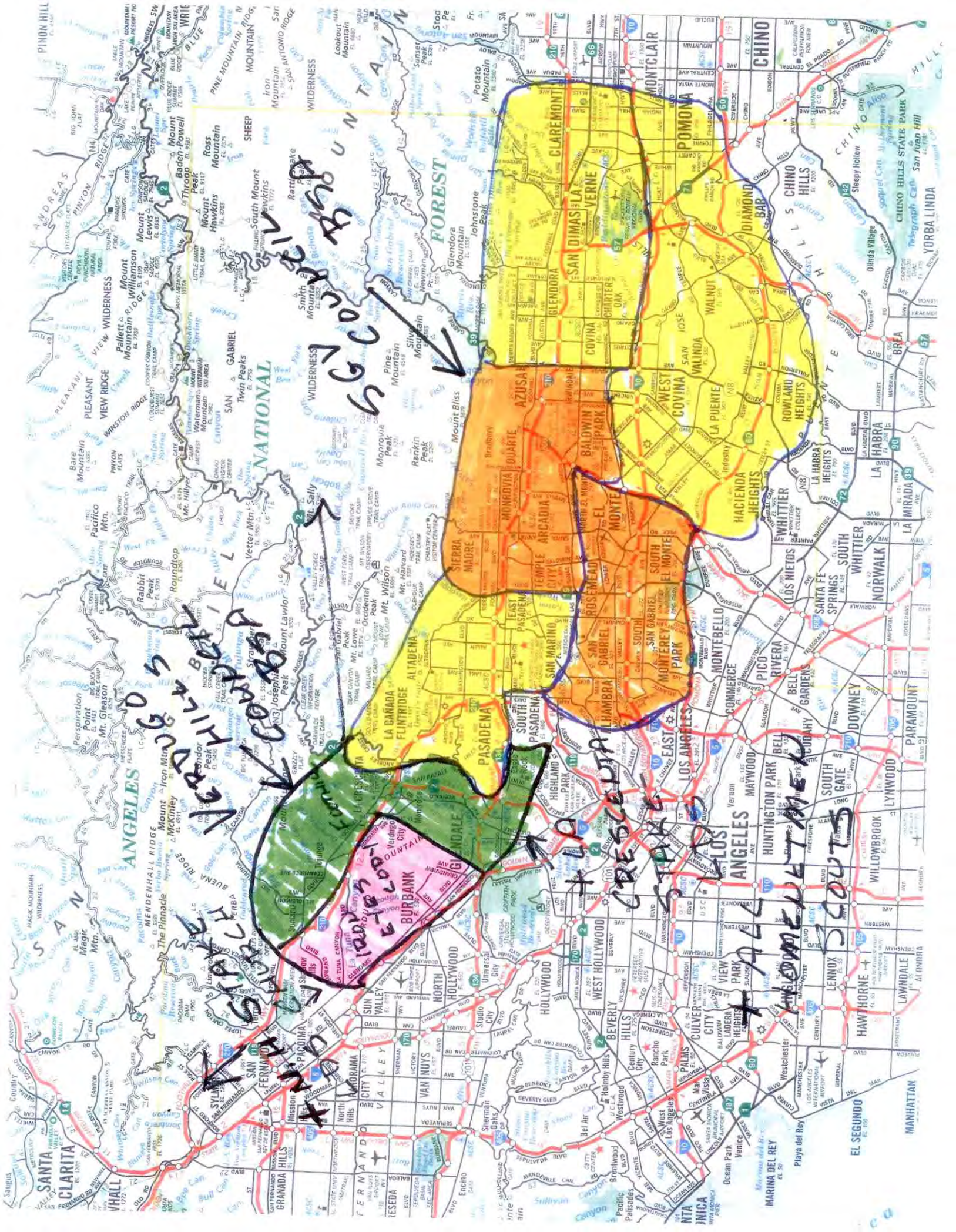
¹ **Glendale** is divided between the two districts. The dividing line follows the following route north to south: Central south to Stocker; Stocker east to Brand; Brand south to Dryden; Dryden east to Louise; Louise south to Hwy 134; Hwy 134 east to Hwy 2; Hwy 2 south to the council border. The area to the west of the dividing line is part of the Iron Eyes Cody District. The area to the east of the line is part of the Foothill District.

In addition, the council has a separate division to administer [Learning for Life](#) and [Exploring](#) programs.

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Eugene Lee, Voting Rights Project Director
Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC)

*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA*

I am Eugene Lee, the Voting Rights Project Director at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC). APALC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to providing legal services to, and advocating for the civil rights of, the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community.

As you know, APALC anchors a statewide network called the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR). CAPAFR has been working since last year to provide education about redistricting. CAPAFR plans to submit a statewide mapping proposal at the commission's hearing on May 26. The purpose of the May 26 hearing is to hear presentations about mapping proposals. This is different from the commission's regional hearings, which are to take input about communities of interest. At the commission's regional hearings, members of the public who received education from CAPAFR are testifying about their communities of interest.

Today several individuals will testify about two communities of interest. The first is located in the West San Gabriel Valley. It is made up of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City.

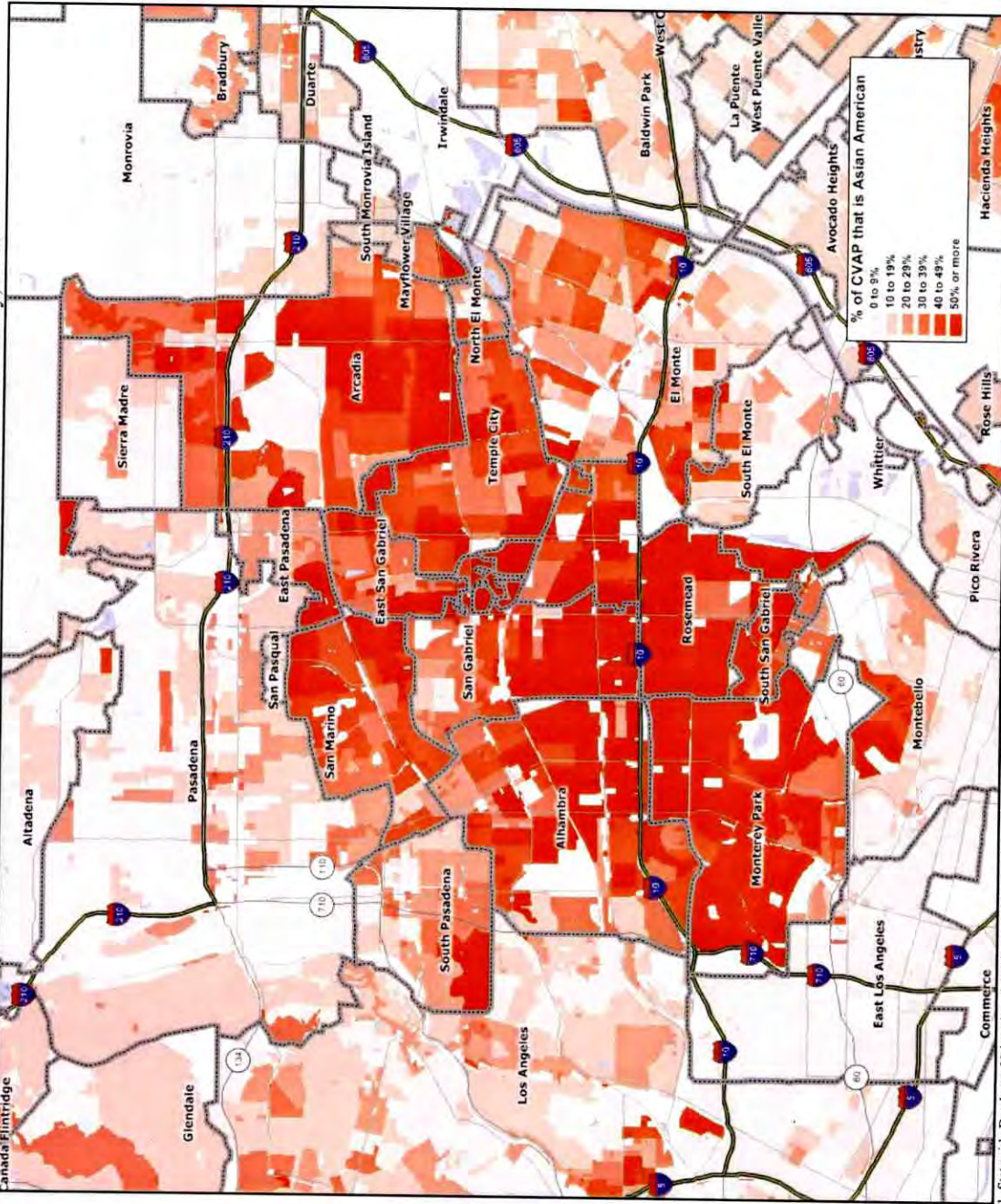
The second is located in the East San Gabriel Valley. It is made up of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar.

Both of these communities of interest have significant AAPI populations and many of the residents in these communities are immigrants. Also, each community has shared socio-economic needs and interests with respect to language access and education. It is unlikely that these two communities could be joined within one assembly district, but each should be kept intact.

Lastly, I want to call the commission's attention to the fact that it may be possible to draw an Asian American Voting Rights Act assembly district centered in the West San Gabriel Valley. If you look at the attached map, you will see a swath of areas in the west valley where Asian Americans make up over half of citizen voting-age population (CVAP). The commission should take note not only of the community of interest in the west valley cities I mentioned, but also that the Asian American population in these cities, along with adjacent areas, could constitute a majority of an assembly district's CVAP.

*Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Eugene Lee, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA*

Percent of Citizen Voting-Age Population that is Asian American, West San Gabriel Valley, 2010¹



¹ Statewide Database, University of California, Berkeley. Race categories compliant with Office of Management on Budget (OMB) guidance on aggregation and allocation of data on race for use in civil rights monitoring and enforcement (OMB Bulletin No. 00-02).

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Janet Chin
President, Garvey School Board

*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel*

My name is Janet Chin. I am a member of the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR)'s LA San Gabriel Valley coalition and want to thank the Commission for holding a hearing in the San Gabriel Valley region.

I am the President of the Garvey School Board. I live in Rosemead and have been a resident of the San Gabriel Valley for over 37 years. I am an U.S. Army veteran and am involved with recruitment for the Army.

I participate in a number of civic and community activities. I am a member of the board of directors for the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association and serve as captain of my neighborhood watch. I also run an educational charity called the M. Janet Chin Youth Foundation which provides service-based learning projects for youth.

There is a community of interest in the West San Gabriel Valley, the core of which consists of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead and San Gabriel. This community of interest extends to adjacent cities such as Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City. The residents of these areas share common immigrant backgrounds and common interests in education and language access.

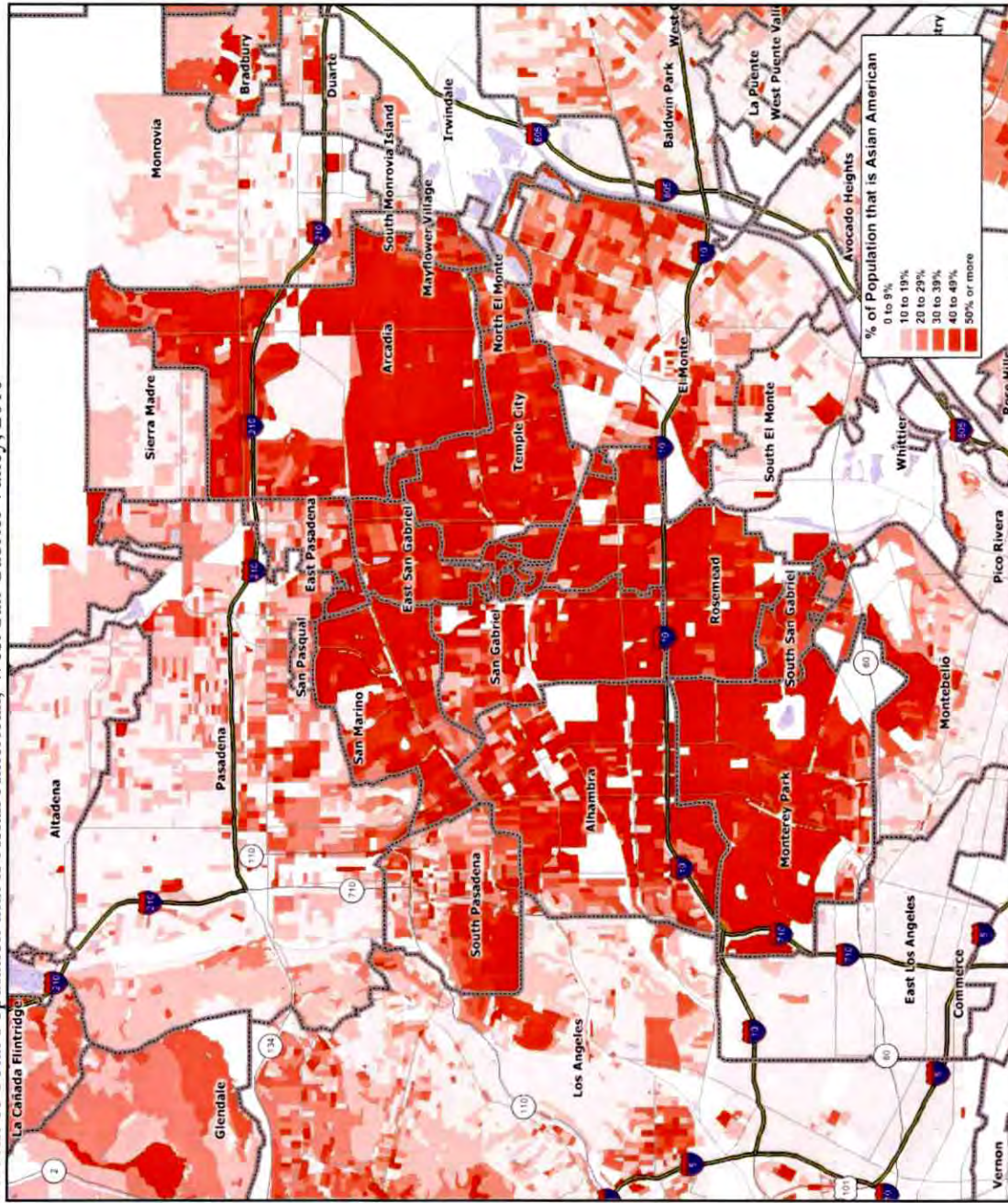
The West San Gabriel Valley has seen continuing growth in the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community, dating back to the 1970s when Monterey Park outlawed restrictive covenants barring property sales to non-whites, encouraging AAPIs to move there. This was followed by an influx of Asian immigrants during the 1980s and 1990s who moved to Monterey Park and surrounding cities such as Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and now Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City. The West San Gabriel Valley continues to be a gateway for new immigrants.

Residents of this area have a shared need for language access. Many residents of this area have limited English-speaking ability. These language needs are clearly highlighted by a bait-and-switch scheme that was carried out in 2000 and 2001, in which an Alhambra car dealership defrauded Chinese American consumers with limited English ability. The dealership used Mandarin-speaking sales people to negotiate car contracts with these consumers, but then gave those consumers written contracts with less desirable financing and warranty terms.

This incident led to the legislature's passage of AB 309 in 2003, which requires businesses to provide certain types of written consumer contracts in the language the contracts were negotiated in. Residents of this area were fortunate to be included in an assembly district that encompasses several of the West San Gabriel Valley cities, producing an assembly member who responded to their needs by authoring AB 309.

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Janet Chin, Garvey School District
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA

Percent of Total Population that is Asian American, West San Gabriel Valley, 2010¹



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL-94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

Residents of these West San Gabriel Valley cities, specifically AAPI residents, have faced discrimination tied to their shared language needs and also their common immigrant background. In the 1980s, at a time when Monterey Park experienced a rapid growth in its immigrant population and related commercial development, there was a racist backlash in the form of efforts to impose an English-only rule on business signs. While these efforts were fortunately defeated, they speak to the need West San Gabriel Valley residents have for strong representation at the state and federal level.

The residents of these cities are also tied together by common educational interests. As a school board member, I am intimately familiar with the needs of the many independent school districts in the West San Gabriel Valley. These include Alhambra Unified, Arcadia Unified, Garvey, Rosemead, San Gabriel Unified, San Marino Unified, and Temple City Unified. Students in this area have similar educational needs, as indicated by their common levels of educational attainment and the prevalence of English language learner students.

The policy interests of the residents of this community of interest on issues of education, immigration and language access, as well as other issues, would be best-served if the community was kept intact within the same assembly, senate and congressional districts. Thank you for your attention and I urge you to preserve this community of interest, made up of the cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, and also Arcadia, San Marino and Temple City.

Jay Chen
President, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District

*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA*

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input regarding our community. I am Jay Chen, the President of the Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, which is the largest school district in the San Gabriel Valley and serves approximately 50,000 students from K-12 to adult education. I have lived in Hacienda Heights for over 20 years and am a graduate of middle and high schools in the area.

Besides serving on the school board, I am the President of the La Puente Valley Regional Occupation Program, a joint powers authority that manages career technical programs for the Hacienda-La Puente, Bassett and Rowland Unified School Districts. I also serve on the board of the San Gabriel Valley YMCA and am a direct commission officer in the United States Naval Reserve.

I request that you keep Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar together to maintain the integrity of the community of interest comprised of the residents in those areas. This is a geographically contiguous area bounded and defined by natural boundaries such as the Whittier, Puente and Chino Hills, and connected by manmade ones such as the economic corridors along Colima Road, Valley Blvd and the 60 freeway. These boundaries and arteries have helped to develop this area into a community of interest sharing educational, language access, immigration and business concerns.

If you were to take a ride along Valley Blvd, Colima, or the 60 freeway, you would be struck by the number of thriving small businesses that operate along this corridor. Late night Asian eateries, tea shops, 99 ranch markets and more dot this corridor, as well as warehouses and showrooms stocked with wholesale goods from China. This is a thriving region for Asia-related commerce, and it spills into the residential side as well since many of these business owners live in the surrounding communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland, Walnut and Diamond Bar.

The residents of these areas have similar educational interests. This is why Rowland Unified, Bassett Unified and Hacienda-La Puente Unified decided to create a joint powers authority to administer to the vocational needs of our similar student populations. Hacienda-La Puente and Walnut Valley Unified School District (which serves Walnut and Diamond Bar) are both Districts of Choice, meaning they can accept students from outside of their district. These districts regularly compete for the same students and often students transfer back and forth across Hacienda, Rowland and Walnut school districts. This has happened so frequently that Rowland Unified recently sued Walnut Valley for taking too many of its students, a suit that Rowland ultimately won. The disagreement over these transfers aside, the frequent interchange of students across school districts in the East San Gabriel Valley is striking and underscores the need for residents of these areas to have common representation on educational issues.

Academically, these regions have very similar school performance as well. Rowland and Hacienda-La Puente have nearly identical API scores of approximately 790 points, while Walnut has an API of approximately 890 points, placing all three districts firmly in the upper echelon of districts in California. The student body served by these three districts is similar as well, with

many students hailing from a Chinese, Korean, or Latino background. All three districts have very significant English Language Learner populations that require a unique approach compared to less diverse districts.

From the joint powers authority that links Hacienda Heights to Rowland Heights, to the interchange of students among all of the above mentioned towns and cities, to the similar student demographics and achievement levels, it is clear that this region has very similar educational needs best served by unified representation at the state and national level.

Additionally, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities in this area have a clear need for fair representation. On various issues, the preferences of the AAPI community in this area have faced opposition tied to their common immigrant background and the misperception of AAPIs as outsiders.

For example, during the mid-1980s, protests erupted over a plan to build a Taiwanese Buddhist temple in the hills of Hacienda Heights over misplaced fears of gong-banging and animal sacrifices. Although the temple was ultimately completed, Hacienda Heights found itself at the heart of another ethnic controversy when a visit from Al Gore to the temple in 1996 prompted investigations of political donors with Asian sounding names, casting a pall over Asian American political participation locally and nationwide for several years.

Largely due to the continuing prevalence of these tensions, Hacienda Heights remains an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County. Multiple efforts to achieve cityhood for Hacienda Heights have been defeated at the ballot box over the decades, with the latest occurring in 2003 in part after fears were raised of Asian American candidates dominating the new city council. After I was elected to the school board in 2007, I was even told that my seat should have gone to a "white" candidate since the board member that I was replacing was white.

These ethnic tensions have only increased now that our school board is majority Chinese American. Efforts to bring a Chinese language program to Cedarlane Middle School have been met with howls of protest from a pocket of predominately elderly and white residents who claim that the program promotes Communism and is favoritism towards Chinese students, even though nearly all of the students at Cedarlane are Latino. I have personally been called a Communist and other board members have been told to go back to China (even if they are not from China).

These xenophobic and racist statements that have been made during school board meetings have gotten so out of hand that they have been covered by CNN, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, Fox News, NBC, and the BBC. Currently the protestors are collecting signatures for a recall election, directly targeting the three school board members of Chinese descent, even though the decision to continue the Chinese program was made unanimously by the entire board.

These ethnic tensions are not limited to Hacienda Heights alone. AAPIs in Walnut and Rowland Heights have also seen their struggles as well. Efforts for cityhood in Rowland Heights have been even less successful than in Hacienda Heights, and the federal government is currently suing the city of Walnut for blocking the construction of a Buddhist church, as a Catholic church of even greater size had been permitted earlier.

Because these underlying tensions are not just persisting, but growing, AAPI communities in Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar should be kept together to

preserve their political voice. There are very few regions in Southern California that are home to such a concentrated population of AAPIs, and have borne witness to so much ethnic tension. To allow these communities to be split would be devastatingly disempowering.

The cities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and Diamond Bar have long suffered from split and disparate representation, such that these cities have often been rendered afterthoughts in the schemes of big businesses and environmentally unfriendly corporations. For example, Hacienda Heights is home to the largest operating landfill in the United States. The smell of rotting garbage is something very familiar to the children who attend my schools Orange Grove Middle and Los Altos High. Hacienda Heights has always lacked representation since it does not have a city council to fight for it, and has always been a mere appendage to whatever Assembly District it is tacked onto. Hacienda Heights is currently represented by two State Senators; I live in Senate District 30 but if I walk across the street I am in Senate District 29. Is it any wonder that a toxic landfill would be placed in the backyard of a political orphan?

Most recently, big businesses were able to have an environmental exemption approved in the California legislature for a proposed football stadium that would border Diamond Bar and Walnut. Placing a stadium of such a size would have a devastating impact on the quality of life in the area, and would make the gridlocked traffic of the 60/57 interchange even more unbearable. It is incredible that a full environmental impact review was waived for a project of this size, but it is not surprising. Because of how this region of the San Gabriel Valley has been split into various districts, there is not a single state or national elected official to hold accountable for this region.

In closing, I wish to reiterate the need to keep the communities of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut contiguous in the consideration of state and national electoral lines. These cities bear remarkably similar economic, educational, and environmental concerns, and have been poorly served by the gerrymandered lines of districts in the past. It is my hope that a committee of objective, educated, and concerned citizens can see the sense in maintaining this portion of the San Gabriel Valley as a contiguous whole. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments about redistricting in the East San Gabriel Valley.

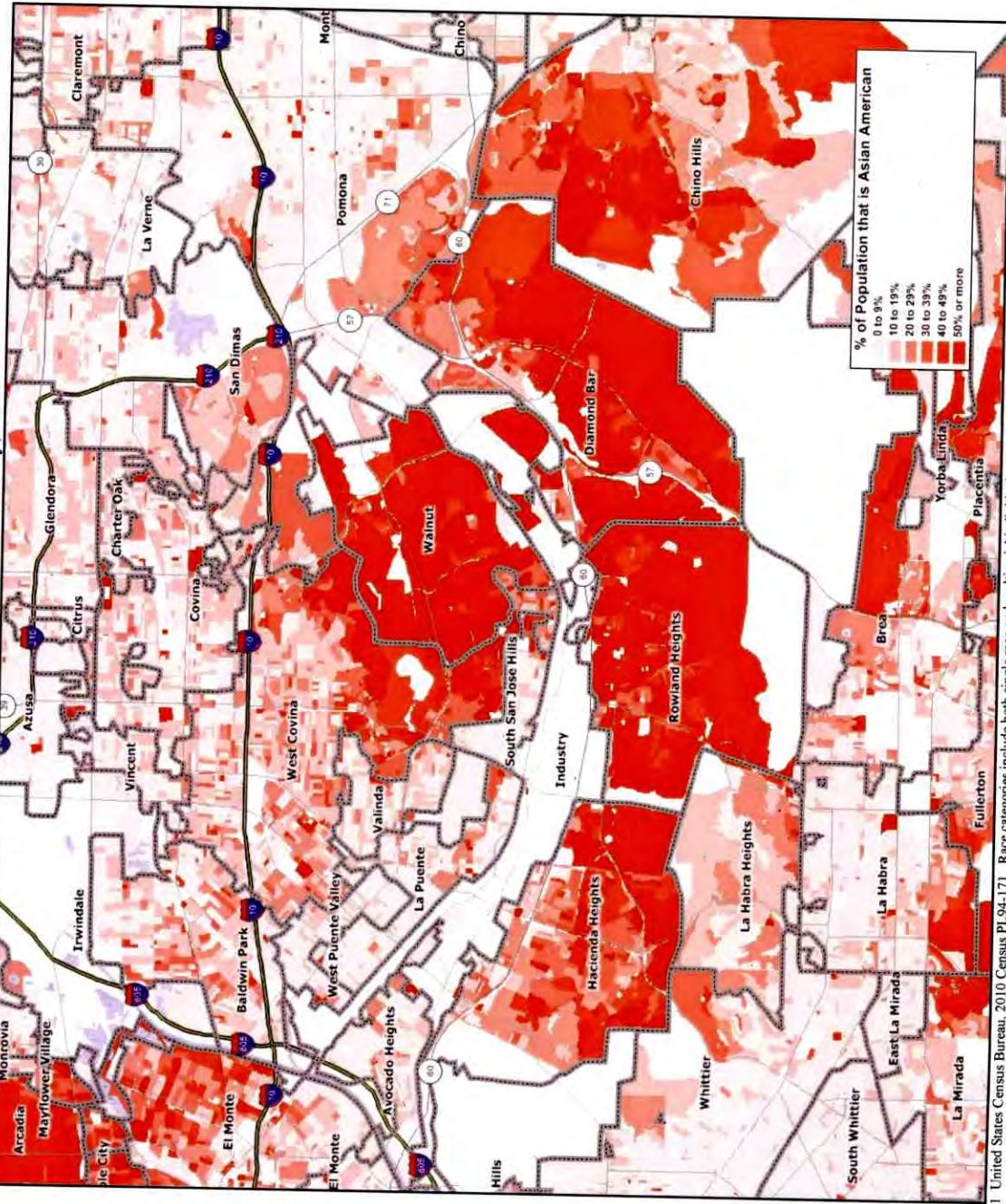
Sincerely,

Jay Chen

President, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District
President, La Puente Valley Regional Occupation Program

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Jay Chen, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA

Percent of Total Population that is Asian American, East San Gabriel Valley, 2010¹



¹ United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL 94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.

Howard Wang
Resident of Walnut

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*Written Testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel*

My name is Howard Wang. I want to thank the Commission for holding a hearing in the San Gabriel Valley region. I am the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs for Cal State Fullerton. I have lived in the San Gabriel Valley for over 16 years: 10 years in El Monte, and almost 6 years in Walnut.

I am a member of OCA-Greater Los Angeles chapter and Board of Advisors of OCA in Orange County where I work. I am a member of the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA), and a member of the Chinese American Association of Walnut. I have received education about redistricting from the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting (CAPAFR), specifically CAPAFR's San Gabriel Valley coalition, and have attended all the meetings that educate various communities on the Voting Rights Act and redistricting. I fully understand and whole-heartedly support the importance of keeping communities of interest and neighborhoods whole.

I support the broader principles that have been articulated by other members of CAPAFR throughout the state and in this hearing. Please respect our community's desire for fair representation. Please do not dilute our votes and please do not arbitrarily divide our neighborhoods and communities.

There is a community of interest in the East San Gabriel Valley, centered around cities and census-designated places of Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut. The residents of this area are tied together by common interests in education, language access, immigrant background, and commercial interests.

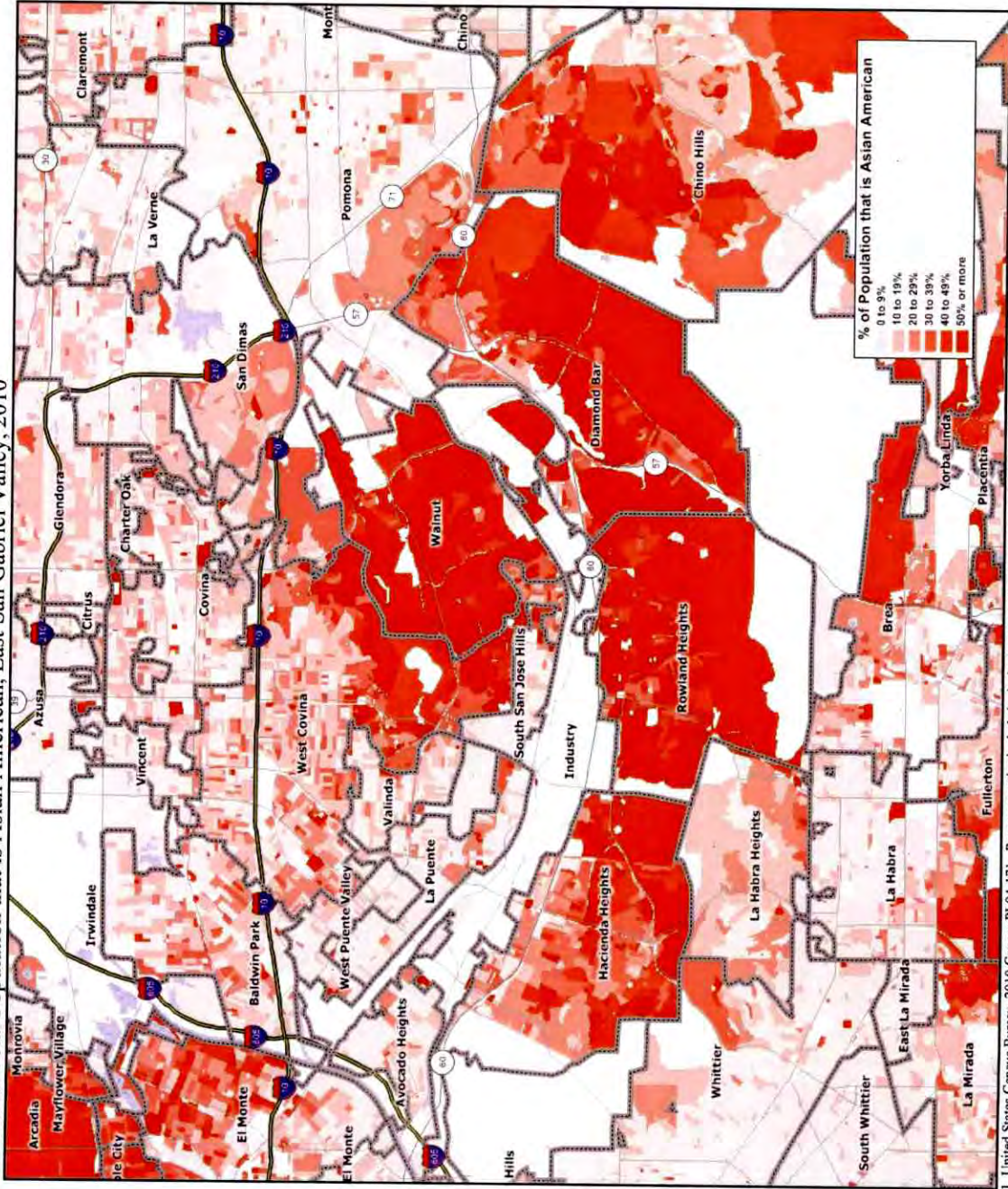
I am familiar with educational issues within this community of interest. Students have common levels of educational attainment, but at the same time there are a significant number of English language learner students as well as "linguistically isolated" communities. The residents of this area have an interest in after-school as well as Saturday language schools to maintain our language heritage. School districts in this area similarly have an interest in establishing language programs to enhance student learning and inter-cultural communication. These interests would be best-served if this community of interest is kept intact at the assembly, senate and congressional levels.

Additionally, the areas along the 60 freeway, sandwiched by Colima Road and Valley Boulevard, represent an important economic corridor and commercial thoroughfare for the San Gabriel Valley. Business development in this area shares common commercial interests and issues. Most of the businesses are small, family operated stores that carry products and services that cater to a number of Asian ethnic groups such as Filipinos, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese. Even several of the large businesses such as banks with Asian names and grocery chain stores also cater to a large number of Asian communities across the number of cities mentioned above. The current district mapping divides up communities that share such interests.

The policy interests of the residents of this community of interest on issues of education, immigration and language access, as well as other issues, would be well-served if it was kept intact within the same assembly, senate and congressional districts. I thank the Commissioners for your attention.

Map Submitted in Support of the Testimony of Howard Wang, Resident of Walnut
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA

Percent of Total Population that is Asian American, East San Gabriel Valley, 2010¹



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Daniel Kikuo Ichinose, Demographic Research Project
Asian Pacific American Legal Center

Testimony Presented to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
Public Input Hearing: April 29, 2011 in San Gabriel, CA

My name is Dan Ichinose and I direct the Demographic Research Project and Census Information Center at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center. I am here to present data supporting the testimony of stakeholders you've heard from tonight about two communities of interest in the San Gabriel Valley.

Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are a major part of the San Gabriel Valley's demographic landscape. Table San Gabriel Valley 1 shows the size and concentration of Asian American and Pacific Islander population in 11 major cities in West and East San Gabriel Valley.

Table San Gabriel Valley 1: Asian American, Pacific Islander Population
in San Gabriel Valley Cities, 2010¹

Region	City	2010 Population			
		Asian American		Pacific Islander	
		#	%	#	%
West SGV	Alhambra	45,395	55%	308	<1%
	Arcadia	34,416	61%	191	<1%
	Monterey Park	41,284	68%	176	<1%
	Rosemead	33,107	62%	92	<1%
	San Gabriel	24,672	62%	151	<1%
	San Marino	7,349	56%	55	<1%
	Temple City	20,412	57%	134	<1%
East SGV	Diamond Bar	30,478	55%	335	1%
	Hacienda Heights CDP	20,891	39%	290	1%
	Rowland Heights CDP	30,088	61%	271	1%
	Walnut	19,258	66%	152	1%
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ²		505,124	29%	6,820	<1%
LOS ANGELES COUNTY		1,497,960	15%	54,169	1%

1 United States Census Bureau, 2010 Census PL94-171. Race categories include both single race and multiracial individuals.
2 Defined as a region east of the city of Los Angeles, south of the San Gabriel mountains, and west of the Los Angeles County, San Bernardino County line including the cities / unincorporated areas of Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, Avocado Heights, Azusa, Baldwin Park, Bradbury, Charter Oak, Citrus, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Duarte, East Pasadena, East San Gabriel, El Monte, Glendora, Hacienda Heights, Industry, Irwindale, La Cañada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Mayflower Village, Monrovia, Monterey Park, North El Monte, Pasadena, Pomona, Rosemead, Rowland Heights, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South El Monte, South Monrovia Island, South Pasadena, South San Gabriel, South San Jose Hills, Temple City, Valinda, Vincent, Walnut, West Covina, and West Puente Valley.

Over one-third of Asian Americans in Los Angeles County live in the San Gabriel Valley. According to the 2010 Census, the region is home to over 505,000 Asian Americans and 6,800 Pacific Islanders. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up a majority of several cities and unincorporated communities in the region, including Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and Temple City to the west and Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, and Walnut to the east.

Table San Gabriel Valley 2 draws on recently released data from the University of California, Berkeley's Statewide Database and shows the percent of the citizen voting-age population in seven West San Gabriel Valley cities that is Asian American.

Table San Gabriel Valley 2: Asian American Citizen Voting Age Population in West San Gabriel Valley Cities, 2010¹

City	2010 Citizen Voting Age Population Asian American	
	#	%
Monterey Park	25,350	65%
Rosemead	17,071	57%
San Gabriel	12,302	54%
Alhambra	24,814	48%
Temple City	11,467	47%
Arcadia	16,050	46%
San Marino	3,967	46%
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	741,330	14%

¹ Statewide Database, University of California, Berkeley. Race categories compliant with Office of Management on Budget (OMB) guidance on aggregation and allocation of data on race for use in civil rights monitoring and enforcement (OMB Bulletin No. 00-02).

Drawn together with adjacent areas, these West San Gabriel Valley cities make up the core of a California State Assembly seat in which more than 50% of the district's citizen voting-age population is Asian American. As you know, meeting this 50% threshold is required if a district is to be protected under Section 2 of the federal Voting Rights Act.

For cities in both West and East San Gabriel Valley, Table San Gabriel Valley 3 shows the percent of population that is foreign-born, the percent of population that is limited-English proficient, and the median Academic Performance Index score for schools there.

Table San Gabriel Valley 3: Social and Economic Characteristics of San Gabriel Valley Cities

Region	City	% Foreign-Born ¹	% Limited-English Proficient ²	Median Academic Performance Index Score ³
West SGV	Alhambra	51%	37%	804
	Arcadia	48%	30%	923
	Monterey Park	53%	44%	834
	Rosemead	56%	53%	794
	San Gabriel	54%	41%	816
	San Marino	37%	16%	951
	Temple City	43%	31%	871
East SGV	Diamond Bar	41%	24%	908
	Hacienda Heights CDP	41%	29%	808
	Rowland Heights CDP	55%	37%	792
	Walnut	45%	26%	890
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	35%	27%	761	

¹ Percent of individuals born outside of the United States, not including individuals born in Puerto Rico, U.S. island areas or born abroad to American parent(s). United States Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Table B05002.

² Percent of individuals 5 years-of-age or older who speak English less than 'very well'. United States Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates, Table B16004.

³ Median Academic Performance Index (API) score for K-12 schools in city. California Department of Education, 2009 Base API Report.

Shared characteristics such as these establish two distinct communities of interest in the San Gabriel Valley, one in the west, one in the east. These two communities of interest cannot be drawn together, but neither should be divided in the redistricting process.

In summary, CAPAFR – LA San Gabriel Valley asks the Commission to (1) recognize and respect the integrity of two distinct communities of interest in the San Gabriel Valley and (2) consider voting rights interests of Asian Americans in the West San Gabriel Valley.

Thank you.