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TO: REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC (WRITTEN) TESTIMONY FROM A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
PUBLIC HEARING, LOS ANGELES, APRIL 28, 2011**

Due to prior work and City function commitments; no City of Gardena Officials are able to attend the Public Hearing this afternoon to share our comments about the redistricting of Congressional District No. 35, currently under the leadership of The Honorable Maxine Waters.

It is respectfully requested that this correspondence be accepted as public testimony and be read into or become part of the official record of today's Public Hearing.


Gardena has no interest in changing the cities currently included in District 35. Our immediate adjoining neighbor cities, with which we also share many mutual interests and tasks, are the communities of Hawthorne and Lawndale. This long-time, effective relationship would be broken if the district were to be split.

Also, prior to the previous redistricting process which placed Gardena completely in District 35, our city was divided between the district led by Congresswoman Waters and the district led by then Congresswoman Millender-McDonald. This was a most difficult and cumbersome situation.

We, as a City, believe that we need cohesiveness with our neighboring communities, and would appreciate the Commission's careful and vigilant consideration of maintaining this critical and shared local government relationship under the continued leadership of the Congresswoman.

On behalf of the City of Gardena, I thank you for giving your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,


PAUL K. TANAKA
Mayor

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c: City of Gardena Councilmembers