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Hello, my name is Michael B. Sirota and I'm a longtime West San Fernando Valley resident. My business of 30 years, is located in the community of Canoga Park, and I also serve on the board of the Canoga Park / West Hills Chamber of Commerce. As is evident by the name of the Chamber, the two West Valley communities of Canoga Park and West Hills have a strong business and cultural connection, so strong in fact that we share the same Chamber because of our shared economic interests.

One of the elements of being a "community of interest" is shared shopping. I need to bring to the Commission's attention the Westfield Topanga Shopping Center Complex, which is now in its final phase of creation. This shopping center complex will have 3 million square feet, and will be the largest shopping center complex west of the Mississippi. Of particular note is that it is located along Topanga Boulevard, right on the border between Canoga Park and Woodland Hills, and very close to West Hills. This further demonstrates that Canoga Park and Woodland Hills and West Hills should all be kept together in legislative and congressional districts.

Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, and West Hills are also part of a broader "community of interest" known as the West San Fernando Valley. The Valley extends from the 405 Freeway west, stops at the Ventura County line, and extends as far north as the Los Angeles city limits and as far south as Mulholland Drive. Many organizations located within the Valley consider themselves to be either West Valley or East Valley, and name themselves accordingly. For example, I have been involved with an organization called LAPD West Valley Jeopardy Foundation, which raises funds for the LAPD West Valley Area, at risk youth program.

We consider ourselves part of the West Valley, and the West San Fernando Valley should

be kept together and not divided when lines are being drawn.

Thank you.

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