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Subject: Southeast Los Angeles County

Message Body:  
Greetings!

I would like to draw the Citizens Redistricting Commission's attention to the severe gerrymandering in Southeast Los Angeles County. I have lived in the city of Downey with my family for over 16 years. We shop, work, and visit our friends in Downey, Cerritos, Lakewood, Whittier, and adjacent areas. Currently these adjacent and strongly connected communities are siphoned off by political representation. Downey is in the same congressional district as MacArthur Park in the city of Los Angeles. Whittier is in the same district as Mission Viejo in South Orange County, Norwalk is in the same district as Pomona in the eastern San Gabriel Valley. This is incomprehensible! You have an amazing opportunity to rectify this mistake and unite these adjacent and connected communities. I urge this commission to draw districts that do not split these cities apart. The following cities are connected by transportation networks, socio-economic trends, shopping, schools, and history: Downey, Whittier, Lakewood, Cerritos, Artesia, Bellflower, Paramount, Norwalk, La Mirada, Hollydale (neighborhood of South Gate). Thank you for your time and I hope you do seriously consider this input.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Stafford

