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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Altadena and I am the immediate past president of the Altadena Branch of the NAACP. I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of California and active community volunteer. It is imperative that when you consider communities of interest in the San Gabriel Valley that you consider several factors.

The Los Angeles County cities and communities along the foothills and 210 freeway share much and have much in common. I am writing to bring several points to your attention.

- Most of the cities from Claremont to La Canada Flintridge are relatively the same size.
- Many of the families that live and work in the foothills have relatives across the communities that make up the 210 corridor.
- Many of residents share a deep appreciation for the mountains and foothills that make up the northern border of the 210 corridor. Air quality, water quality, recreational use and forest protection are of great concern to many of the residents and communities in the foothills.
- The foothill communities are ethnically and racially diverse. In fact, the communities from Claremont to La Canada are the most diverse communities in the foothills.
- African Americans are spread across the foothills but are largely absent from the southern parts of the San Gabriel Valley. It is imperative that the communities of Altadena, Duarte, Monrovia, La Canada and Claremont stay together.
- Organizations such as the NAACP, AYSO, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have common membership and affiliations throughout the foothills.
- Much of the foothills are patrolled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff and

Fire Departments.

- Many non-profits and community based organizations have the foothill cities in their coverage areas.

In short, by keeping the foothill cities together, the commission has the rare opportunity to create an ethnically diverse, politically moderate area of similar cities which are compact and county based. I strongly urge this commission to look at the communities south of the mountains and north and adjacent to the 210 Freeway as communities of interest for the purpose of Senate, Assembly and Congressional districting.

Respectfully,

Barbara Bigby