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Commissioners,

I thank you for your dedication and service to the people of California on the important task of redrawing boundaries for our political representatives. Attached is my prepared speech that I presented at the public hearing on Saturday, May 14, 2011, in San Diego. I hope it will help you to determine the fair and equitable distribution of the population according to the voters rights act. Furthermore, I hope you will be fair and impartial in creating the map that will not divide the community of interest, particularly the refugees and immigrant communities of San Diego.

Khamp K. Thongrivong

TESTIMONY OF KHAMP THONGRIVONG  
At Public Hearing Held By  
COMMISSIONERS OF CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
For The State of California  
DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO  
**SPEAKER #52**

My name is Khamp Thongrivong. I have lived in San Diego County for over 30 years. I am one of the co-founders of two local nonprofit organizations:

1. Pan Pacific Law Enforcement Association, which is an Asian and Pacific Islander police officers association (<http://www.panpac.org/>). The goal of this organization is to provide training and support for pre/post employment in law enforcement professions with a particular emphasis on the recruitment, advancement, and promotions of Asians and Pacific Islanders.
2. The second organization is the Lao American Coalition (<http://laoamericancoalition.org/>). It is dedicated to advancing the Lao American community's social and economic standing through civic participation and public policy advocacy.

While Laotians live in different areas of the City, there are two Lao temples that serve the community of roughly 15,000 to 20,000 people. One temple, located at 726 44th Street, was the first Lao temple in the United States. There are now more Lao temple spreading across the United States. This temple is located within the boundary of the 76<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. The second temple, located at 205 65<sup>th</sup> Street, is within the boundary of the 78<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Both temples serve as centers of social, cultural and religious gatherings for the Lao community, English speaking and non-English speaking.

I would ask that the two temples be in the same 78<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, to include the areas of Chollas View Neighborhoods consisting of East of Freeway 805, South of Freeway 8 and North of Market Street. This would give our community the opportunity to petition the same Assembly member on issues affecting our community. Furthermore, we'll be included with our Southeast Asian and East African Refugees neighbors with whom we share common interests.

Thank you for your consideration and Thank you for your service.

Respectfully,

Khamp K. Thongrivong