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Hello Committee Members,

My name is Sarah Seo, and I am a Koreatown community member. I wanted to write to let you know that I fully support drawing the Los Angeles Police Department's Olympic Community Police Station boundaries into one state assembly district.

If I may quickly explain some background - The LAPD Olympic Community Station, and its boundaries, were established after a long and sustained effort from the Korean community. Previously, the greater Koreatown area had been cracked into two separate LAPD precincts. This resulted in less effective policing.

The Korean community has been very, very happy with the fact that greater Koreatown is patrolled by one police station. More than 70% of the Koreans within the Olympic Station boundaries are not English-fluent, so having a police station dedicated to our community's needs is critically important. The fact that the Olympic Station has 26 Korean-speaking officers is essential to our community. Navigating community/public/government organizations and services is confusing enough for a native born English speaking resident. Imagine how confusing it is to those who are not familiar with the customs, culture and language. And yet, the Korean community continues to provide a vibrant business and cultural center for Los Angeles. These shared concerns are exactly the factors that are supposed to be taken into consideration when determining district lines.

Because the greater Koreatown neighborhood, as defined by the LAPD Olympic Station patrol area, has specific needs and interests unique to the area, needs that have been recognized by the City of Los Angeles, we ask that you keep it whole when you draw new district lines. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Seo

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"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." Abraham Lincoln