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### Redistricting Commission:

I attended the hearing on Friday April 29 in San Gabriel – and listened to the 4 hours of testimony. (I also testified: number 108.) As a result I have a few relevant comments.

1. I was the speaker who insisted that the LA-San Bernardino county line, at least in its stretch just south of the mountains is not a mere arbitrary line but represents a genuine cultural difference, that Claremont looks west and takes Pasadena as its cultural ‘metropolis’ while Upland (Rancho Cucamonga too) look east and identify with San Bernardino.
2. That means that talking of ‘foothill communities’ and the ‘210 corridor’ are misleading names – for both the foothills and the 210 continue on east of Claremont. However, I have no better names to suggest.
3. Notice a similarity on the eastern end of the 210: the LaCanada-Flintridge people, along with Cresenta, do not include the western end of the 210 including Sunland, Tujunga, Sylmar, within their community: I take it that there is some cultural difference going on there as well.
4. I believe that all the speakers who proposed Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena as a

unit were government officials; i.e. I do not think that any ordinary citizens from any of the three cities spoke and defended that grouping.

5. Poor little Monclair: north, east, south it has ‘giants’ as neighbors; its plea to be grouped with its western neighbors so that it won’t be swallowed up is understandable. But otherwise it belongs with those larger cities.

6. It is worth noticing that prior to the construction of the 210, Foothill Blvd, the old route 66, was the corridor that linked the area.

7. Some city official made a nice plea that no city under 100K be split between districts. Of course that is a round number. But, though no one said this at the hearing, Pomona north of the 10 freeway has as its neighbors, San Dimas (west), LaVerne (north) and Claremont (east). If any city must be split to achieve the ideal size district, that would be a natural place to do so. (Foothill Blvd links all four of those cities – and more too (Glendora, Azusa...) all the way into Pasadena.

Thanks

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