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Re: Pasadena bisected in two congressional districts.

The great Honorable Edward R. Roybal, M.C. represented well North-western Pasadena and western Altadena in our nation's capitol. Congressman Edward Roybal was on the forefront in geriatrics and new healthcare issues. Pasadena had two congressmen.

Pasadena City Council #1, #2 and #3 have more in common with Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles and Highland Park than they do with Pasadena's Linda Vista, San Rafael and Hasting Ranch neighborhoods.

This nucleolus of these voters were so prized that Bakersfield's State Senator Walter Stern district served as their voice in State Senate. As such, the Arroyo Parkway wash should be western line of a distinct Congressional apart from Burbank and Glendale. Oak Avenue should be eastern terminus of a corridor along running both north and south on the 210 Freeway (North: Orange Grove Blvd; South: Colorado Blvd). Pasadena census tracts involved are: 4616, 4619, 4620, 4621, 4622, 4623and 4627.

The Hispanic Corridor 210 Freeway (north by Orange Blvd and south Colorado Blvd) has been identified since the 1980's. Voter polarization in Linda Vista neighborhood (census tracts 4608 and 4617) makes grouping them with the above census tracts less than adequate. Pasadena deserves two congresspeople.

The rest of affluent Pasadena could be oriented towards the San Gabriel Valley. Or as the Pasadena Chambers of Commerce suggests be with Burbank and Glendale for federal concerns. In their 20 April, 2011 letter to Citizens Redistricting Commission, the Board of Directors present cogent points in making the triune Cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank a whole at the federal level. I believe that the future of Pasadena's prosperity lies with being joined to the San Gabriel Valley for federal representation. Or better yet revive the Congressional district of the remarkable Rep. Edward Roybal when he stood for Pasadena.

Respectfully,

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