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Dear Commissioners:

On Friday, April 29, 2011 there was a public hearing which took place at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. I have to say that I was dismayed in the manner voters were unable to speak before the Commission to include input regarding the City of Pomona. As a resident of Pomona, our city has had to endure years of political mayhem on the state level and legal challenges to include our city as a Community of Interest. As history shows, our city lies in a geographic nightmare. While we are part of Los Angeles County we have been considered as an outsider since a natural barrier separates us from the rest of the county and we do not belong to the Inland Empire as well. We have been disenfranchised for generations until recently.

I was given number 64 because of the way staff was giving out numbers to present before the Commission. Those of us that drove from Pomona had to deal with a nightmare on our highways. After hearing of the Commission's manner of giving out numbers, I was dismayed and upset that such careless mechanism was provided to voters to be heard. The Commission could have changed history by having one of your public input hearings in our city, but instead chose to have hearings nearly impossible for our residents to make the trip to either the city of San Gabriel or tomorrows meeting in the city of Norco.

Yet again, our community can say that Pomona was not given the appropriate time to be heard. If the Commission is to do the work the voters charged it with, then I hope you change the way of choosing speakers that come to public hearings from now on. Whether you choose a lottery system or seek an alternative our community deserves better and so does the number of other communities that have similar issues with this

process.

I ask that staff address these concerns in a timely manner.

Best,

Primo Castro
Resident of Pomona