

**Subject: Redistricting Proposal involving the city of South Pasadena**

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**Conversation:** Redistricting Proposal involving the city of South Pasadena

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission

I am a member of the Board of Education of the South Pasadena Unified School District, but write to you in my individual capacity.

Please keep the city of South Pasadena, whose borders are the same as the School District's, in the same Congressional District as the cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. While those cities' school districts have larger student bodies, the educational issues they face are similar to the issues that I address on the South Pasadena School Board.

Indeed, I sit on the board of the Five Star Coalition, a collaboration of the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, La Canada and South Pasadena school districts. The coalition works to strengthen public education in the five cities. The issues we face are very different from the issues faced in the larger Los Angeles Unified School District.

The Five Star Coalition has lobbied legislators on educational topics and has collaborated to promote legislative proposals. Keeping South Pasadena a part of a congressional district with Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena will enable those school districts, and the Five Star Coalition, to promote their unique issues before Congress.

In addition, I am advised that Glendale Community College (GCC) and Pasadena Community College (PCC) often work in concert with local school districts on joint grants and to develop curriculum. For example, PCC and GCC joined forces on the Career Technical Education (CTE) Collaborative to implement an internship/mentoring program for students to continue their studies through college and career/technical education courses in local government. GCC has also worked closely with GUSD and BUSD to provide CTE courses for K-12 students to assist with developing an educational and career pathway. Residents from Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Altadena, South Pasadena, and the other Foothill communities provide the majority of students to these two sister colleges.

I urge you to keep the city of South Pasadena in the congressional district of these foothill cities.

Sincerely, David Adelstein