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I want to keep Chino, Montclair, Ontario, and Pomona together. We have a lot in common and all of the cities work together well.

In the development of new district boundaries established by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, it is imperative that the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario, and Pomona continue to be included in the same Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional District.

These cities were first joined in the same 61st Assembly District created by the Special Masters on Reapportionment in 1991 to give minority voters a chance to elect the representative of their choice.

The State Supreme Court established this district;

to break it up would be to inject politics into the process.

It is geographically compact. It is generally bounded by four freeways, I-10 on the north, I-15 on the east, SR 60 on the south, and SR 71 on the west.

The four cities are remarkably similar -- stable, working class communities with strong blue-collar, family roots.

Two-thirds of our people were born in the U.S.A. More than half were born in California, and more than 80% have lived in the same residence for more than a year.

We have young families, our median age is 30 years of age and household size is almost four persons.

More than two-thirds of adults have graduated high school. Most work in manufacturing, retail, transportation/warehousing and construction.

Almost two-thirds of homes are owner-occupied.

Children in the four cities participate in the same youth activities and sports leagues

Boys & Girls Club of Pomona Valley serves both Pomona and Ontario

Pomona YMCA serves Pomona and Ontario Families

American Youth Soccer Leagues share the same fields in Ontario, Montclair, Pomona & Chino

Girl Scouts of America is based in Montclair but it serves the entire Pomona Valley

I have resided in the District my entire life. I know first hand that these communities are

connected by a social, familial, economic and demographic factors. We work together, we recreate together and we shop together. We do not want to be divided along artificial county lines; county lines which were created in a very different era, time and place.

**Sincerely,**

**Bill Ruh**  
Councilmember  
City of Montclair