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Mr. Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Claypool:

Thank you for recognizing my testimony at the Citizen's Redistricting Commission hearing in the San Fernando Valley this past Saturday, April 30, 2011. As a longtime resident and advocate for the Valley, including in my present capacity as President of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association (VICA), I hope that my insight into the unique aspects of the Valley and its communities' interrelations was beneficial to the Commission.

While I applaud the smooth flow of procedure at Saturday's hearing, it was disappointing that the Commission had neither obtained shapefiles and maps of the Valley communities nor inquired with community groups such as VICA about the Valley's composition. Several residents were frustrated that community members were forced to repeatedly explain the location of well-known Valley neighborhoods, such as Sherman Oaks and Sylmar.

Hoping to ease further frustration, the VICA staff has prepared electronic shapefiles of each of the Valley communities, as well as an outline of the overall San Fernando Valley that includes communities of interest. The maps were created based on the Los Angeles County GIS neighborhood file and a 2009 community recognition project by the *Los Angeles Times*.

The maps can be obtained at <http://wearesfv.com/> or by going to the specific links below:

San Fernando Valley Population and Latino Densities [PDF]

<http://wearesfv.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Initial-SFV-Pop-and-Latino.pdf>

San Fernando Valley Neighborhoods A through N [PDF]

<http://wearesfv.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/NH-A-N.pdf>

San Fernando Valley Neighborhoods O through Z [PDF]

<http://wearesfv.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/NH-O-Z.pdf>

We would appreciate your staff downloading the maps and providing them to the commission members. If requested, my staff would be happy to print these maps and present them to the commission at a future hearing.

I am happy to assist the Commission in any way possible to ensure proper representation of the San Fernando Valley. I look forward to presenting VICA's proposal for Assembly, Senate and Congressional district lines at the May 26th hearing in Northridge.

Sincerely,

Stuart Waldman
President, VICA