



Honorable Commissioners:

I write regarding the Commission's important work redistricting California's political boundaries based on the 2010 census data. On May 2, 2011, I began my fourth four-year term as an elected City Councilmember representing Pasadena City District 6, which includes the beautiful neighborhoods above the Rose Bowl, all of southwest Pasadena, much of Old Pasadena, the Art Center College of Design, the Pasadena Playhouse, the Pasadena Convention Center & Civic Auditorium, most of the Arroyo Seco, the historic Colorado Street Bridge, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Tournament of Roses House (Wrigley Mansion). I also have served for 12 years as the City Council's appointee to the Board of the Pasadena Center Operating Company, which operates the Pasadena Convention Center, and since last year I have served as one of Pasadena's three representatives to the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority Commission, which operates the Bob Hope Airport in Burbank.

If at all possible, the City of Pasadena should continue to be part of the Congressional District that includes the Cities of Burbank and Glendale, based on criteria pertaining to "communities of interest." Our State Senate and Assembly Districts should also take into account the same circumstances.

I understand that our Mayor, Bill Bogaard, has provided you with the compelling facts and circumstances in support of the proposition that the three Cities share strong and socially valuable communities of interest, so I do not repeat this information here. There exist numerous working relationships for operations and public service that have developed over the years with the Cities of Burbank and Glendale. I am confident that a review of the information provided by Mayor Bogaard will demonstrate the many ways in which our three Cities work together, and that the three Cities should be allowed to continue within the redistricting framework to pursue areas of collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. If any further information is needed, please advise.

Sincerely,

Steve Madison
Pasadena City Councilmember