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Message Body:

Hello honorable members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission,

My name is Ashleigh Haney and I am a resident of the East San Fernando Valley neighborhood of Valley Village. I'm writing to request that while drawing the lines, that you will please not chop up the population of the San Fernando Valley into several districts with populations that live outside of the Valley. This is the situation that we have now and it seems to misunderstand the nature of the Valley community entirely. It also forces many residents of the Valley to drive out of the Valley if they want to see their representative and that doesn't make sense at all. That said, please remember that the San Fernando Valley is its own community and that none of us deserve to be considered an extra piece of some group based outside of the Valley.

Also, please know that Valley residents all understand that there is a natural dividing line in the Valley between the East and the West at the 405 freeway. Though we're all Valley and we all love each other for the most part, we're a big group (I think about one and a half million), and if you're going to group us into congressional districts of about 700 thousand, the split should definitely be east and west along the 405. All of the neighborhoods in the Valley are either entirely east or west of the 405 freeway. In the West Valley you've got Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Granada Hills North, Granada Hills South, Hidden Hills, North Hills West, Northridge East, Northridge West, Porter Ranch, West Hills, Winnetka, Woodland Hills/Warner Center, Encino, Lake Balboa, Reseda, and Tarzana. These are the West Valley communities and they should be kept together in the same district. In the East, you've got Arleta, Foothills Trails, Mission Hills, Nort!

h Hollywood Northeast, Pacoima, Panorama City, Sunland/Tujunga, Sun Valley, Sylmar, Greater Toluca Lake, Greater Valley Glen, Midtown North Hollywood, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley Village (my home town and by far the coolest of the bunch), and Van Nuys. We should be kept together as well.

I know that you guys have a tough job and I and many others appreciate all the hard work that you have unraveling a set of districts that never looked much like the communities they were supposed to represent. Good luck with this very important project.

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