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Message Body:

I am writing you as someone who is active in the South Asian community. It's very important that we keep the West San Fernando Valley together.

A large number of the members of the South Asian community live in the West San Fernando Valley, from Granada Hills down to Encino, from Chatsworth to Woodland Hills to Calabasas. I myself live in the West San Fernando Valley community of Reseda.

The South Asian community includes many people of many religious faiths -Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh, and Islam. The largest Hindu temple in the area, and in fact the largest Hindu Temple in Southern California, is located just south of the City of Calabasas. In addition, there are large Hindu temples in Northridge, Agoura Hills and Chatsworth.

There is a Sikh temple in Canoga Park. Those of the Islamic faith go to the Islamic Center of Reseda, the Islamic Center of Northridge, and the Islamic Center of Granada Hills. All three of these Islamic Centers substantially serve the South Asian community and those of the Muslim faith from the South Asian community.

Accordingly, I urge you to keep together in one district the West San Fernando Valley, which are those communities west of the 405 Freeway and out to the 101 Freeway to Calabasas and hopefully the areas just half a mile south of the City of Calabasas and the City of Agoura Hills.

Putting aside my background as someone of South Asian origin, I can just tell you from my daily life that the area of the West San Fernando Valley is a community. It is a very diverse community. It is the home of people of many ethnic backgrounds, including those of us who trace our roots to South Asia. The San Fernando Valley includes all the areas in the City of Los Angeles west of the 405 Freeway and north of Mulholland, and then goes out the 101 Freeway to include Calabasas, and I would argue also Agoura Hills.

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