

Subject: Citizen for maintaining the composition of the 61st Assembly District

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Conversation: Citizen for maintaining the composition of the 61st Assembly District

Please accept this testimony regarding maintaining the composition of the 61st Assembly District, which includes the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario and Pomona.

Chino and Pomona have been a very special part of my entire life. I attended both Chino (New Hope and St. Margaret Mary's School) and Pomona (Pomona Catholic HS and Cal Poly Pomona) schools. Today, I continue to work, live and raise my family in these amazing cities.

Currently, I work in Pomona at the NHRA Museum at Fairplex. I've worked for the City of Pomona and volunteer with the Girls Scouts of America mentoring young girls of South Pomona, one of the city's poorer neighborhoods. I got involved in my communities because I wanted to make a difference and in the end of the day, I learned something new about myself.

Although communities are made up of different people from different cultures, races, ethnicities, religions and backgrounds, in essence, this is what makes a community unique. When you peel back the outermost layers of a community, you begin to see very common threads – the same dreams, hope and vision for a better life. Community is a strong word that involves caring for others and improving one's quality of life. So, as I raise my son in the Inland Empire, I hope to continue promoting leadership and service to the community. I am confident that this commission can continue to strengthen our communities of the 61st Assembly District by keeping it in tact. Thank you.

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