

Dear Commissioners,

My name is [NAME] and I am reaching out as a member of the Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment's (CAUSE) network. Thank you for the opportunity to share my input on the draft maps.

Although the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is the fastest growing population in the nation, the AAPI community still lacks adequate political representation. The AAPI community must be able to elect representatives that will advocate for their interests.

The West San Gabriel Valley is home to one of the largest AAPI communities in the nation and is recognized as a case study for successful AAPI political representation. The most recent visualization map shows dramatic changes to the current 27th Congressional District (CD-27) that would be a major setback for AAPIs, not only locally but nationally as well. Many feel represented by West San Gabriel Valley elected officials, even if they are not in the district. CD-27 is currently represented by an AAPI congresswoman, one of the few in the entire country.

Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, Rosemead, and Temple City should remain in the same congressional district. Separation of these cities would risk depriving the large AAPI community from being represented by somebody from their own community and would break up the AAPI community in the West San Gabriel Valley.

This is important to me because [.....]

Thank you again for the opportunity to share feedback.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature / Type Name Here]