

From: Primo Castro [REDACTED]
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To: CommServ
Subject: Redistricting LA County 2011

Dear Members of the Commission:

There is no doubt the County of Los Angeles has grown considerably since the last census and over the past 25 years. As an active resident from the city of Pomona I ask the Commission to change the Supervisorial boundary lines from its current form to reflect the new makeup of Los Angeles County. It has been stated and reported by the U.S. Census Bureau that Latinos have grown considerably. I also ask the Commission to consider placing Pomona with other similar communities of interest, **preferably a supervisorial district which is made up of communities on the eastern portion of Los Angeles County (east of the 605 fwy)**. Our current supervisorial district does not accurately reflect similarities with other communities found in District 1. Pomona is neatly situated on the eastern boundary of Los Angeles County being separated by what is known as Kellogg Hill (in the Covina Hills area).

It is imperative Pomona continues to seek the benefits our city has grown to appreciate and enjoy from the last 2000 Census. Historically, the city of Pomona had been portioned and defragmented in a number of districts (Congressional, Assembly and Senate), which resulted in the city's inability to provide adequate federal resources and a collective voice in Sacramento or in Washington, D.C. I am ask that Pomona not have the same fate on the County level.

It is evident from our past the city of Pomona has suffered grimly from lack of federal resources as our infrastructure, buildings and roads are in desperate need of repair and modernization. Our city of over 160,000 (2000 Census) residents and the 5th largest city in Los Angeles County struggle to follow its neighbors for a path of self-improvement. Our community is a culturally mixed and vibrant city where our demographics include 70% of the population of Latino descent, 10% African-American, 7% Asian, and 1% Native American. Within these groups a majority of our residents recently experienced their first political elections. For example, in the 2008 Presidential Elections all city council districts experienced record numbers of registered voters going to the polls. Several districts experienced an increase between 25-40% voter participation. This was a historic feat that had never been experienced in our community. We must continue to improve these great leaps for fair county political representation.

As the Commission continues to come together and adopt guidelines for the redrawing of supervisorial boundaries, we ask that our community be kept intact to continue the great strides the city of Pomona has achieved.
Sincerely,

Primo Castro
Resident of Pomona