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Name	Zip Code	Community name	About the community	Nearby areas to include or not include	Other community information	Other public comments
Charity Olivia Robinson	90037	ALL & ANY etc...	ALL & ANY etc...	ALL & ANY etc...	ALL & ANY etc...	ALL & ANY etc...
Sandra Flores	90022	East LA – Alma Family Services	ELA is a community of diverse individuals that value social justice, advocacy and ethnicities. ELA is important to me and to others because it is a community that continues to value our culture and traditions. ELA values our home language and our county of origins.	ELA does not need to be redistrict or separated. As a community of culture and diversity, ELA needs to stay together as it is a community of resilience, hope and perseverance.	East LA, Northeast LA and SELA share MANY social interests. For years, our communities have banded together as a region to address environmental issues and have been able to achieve results such as the cleaning up of toxic lead spewed by the Exide battery recycling plant and to stop the proliferation of landfills. Environmental Justice is particularly important to me as I am involved in a community garden project and have participate in other clean-up efforts.	A basic concept we teach our children is to preserve what works and only attempt to fix what is broken. Our Community of Interest is not broken. We are stronger and better together as one region. We hope the commission seriously consider the interests of people like you/me, residents and professionals who have dedicated their life to your region and wants it to be preserved! <i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>
Arturo Jimenez	91767	Pomona	Pomona es una ciudad con una comunidad vibrante.	-	-	<i>(See live recording for live comments.)</i>
Remberto Nunez	90033	Gente Unida por Este, Nor Este, ur Sur Este de Los Angeles	Mi nombre es Remberto Nunez y he trabajado en en la comunidad de del Nor Este de Los Angeles for mas the trece anos. Como proveedor de servicio sociales, puedo decirles que la	For generations, Northeast LA, East LA, and South East LA have been united communities with very similar needs by folks with very similar demographics. Look	Yes, my father who lives in South Gate (South East LA) was able to easily access his vaccine in Boyle Heights, an area he has been closely connected to for decades. Separating these communities would be a big mistake during the time of the pandemic. Folks from all three regions are	Please consider those that rely on a seamless social services system that exists because there is one leadership rather than breaking up districts and sowing confusion amongst the most neediest in Los Angeles. <i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>

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		<p>comunidad del Nor Este con el Este de Los Angeles son una comunidad unida. Unida por familias, grupos sociales al igual que por recursos sociales. Estos barrios son comunidades de interes que serian mayor servidos por un solo representante que puede abogar para servicios de salud, empleo, y recursos esenciales. Un buen ejemplo es LAC USC que sirve a las comunidades del Este de Los Angeles, Nor Este, y Sur Este de Los Angeles. Necesitamos una persona que pueda continuar con el trabajo de Care First que une a las comunidades de Nor Este, Este, y Sur Este de Los Angeles. Esta area siempre a sido una area unificada por los mismos intereses de acceso a servicios de salud, seguridad de comida que han demostrado progreso bajo un liderasgo. Estas areas contienen unas de las personas mas necesitadas en</p>	<p>at the Covid data. During the pandemic, all three communities supported each other and were supported by a single official that understood how the communities are interconnected.</p>	<p>interconnected by families, jobs (many work in Vernon), and services. There is a continuity of services that exists because there is one leadership that can streamline resources throughout the North East LA, South East LA, and East LA Region.</p>	
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Diego Rodrigues	90022	Eastside Region	<p>Hola, mi nombre es Diego Rodrigues, Soy el Director de Operaciones de Alma Family Services. Me gustaria proponer que las comunidades del noreste, este y sureste de Los Angeles se conserven en un distrito debido a nuestra geografia, cultura, intereses</p>	<p>I want to be part of the entire Eastside region -- including Southeast LA (cities like Bell and South Gate) and Northeast LA (areas like Eagle Rock and Highland Park).</p>	<p>It is critical to maintain the region united, under the strong representation and advocacy of one Supervisor.</p>	<p><i>(See recording for live comments.)</i></p>

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			<p>económicos y sociales regionales compartidos. El área del noreste de Los Angeles incluye Highland Park, Glassell Park, Eagle Rock, Echo Park, Elysian Valley, Mt Washington y Silverlake. La comunidad del sureste de Los Ángeles incluye South Gate, Walnut Park, Huntington Park, Maywood, Cudahy, Vernon, Lynwood, Bell y Bell Gardens. Durante años, nuestras comunidades se han unido, compartiendo preocupaciones, trabajando en colaboración hacia el crecimiento de toda la región y para construir una comunidad unida, segura, saludable y fuerte. Somos una comunidad de interés. Como proveedor de servicios sociales, comencé mi carrera hace 15 años en el sureste de Los Ángeles, luego me transfirí al noreste de Los Ángeles, donde todavía superviso una</p>			
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			serie de proyectos y he administrado diferentes clínicas y programas en el este de Los Angeles durante los últimos años.			
María Elena Limon	91766	Pomona	Mi comunidad es latina y por lo tanto necesitamos representantes latinos.	No, porque las áreas vecinas no incluyen a nosotros los latinos.	Gracias a los representantes latinos contamos con la ayuda de ellos.	Es importante incluir estas en español para que nosotros latinos tengamos derecho a expresar todas nuestras opiniones <i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>
Denise Villamil	90042	NELA/ East LA/ Eastside	I am a parent, a resident and service provider . Everything is vital in this area, where I shop, live and find education for my daughter.	-	-	Hi, my name is Denise Villamil and I'm a resident and stakeholder of the Northeast LA and East LA Communities. The Eastside area is a unique community of interests comprised of various stakeholders who share a vision and unity.As a service provider for youth it has been decades of working together with partners who share the same interest in helping this region. This is a result of the genuine investment and understanding of the needs of families and children in this area. We are able to relate to similar challenges and find solutions together. A division and redistricting of our district could result in drastic service area disruption and ultimately at the cost of the community who is in high need of our services. As a service provider I have seen how having one Supervisor, who advocates on behalf of the whole region is critical to address

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						<p>inequities, promote growth and collaboration across communities that share similar interests. It is important to have one representative who we can rely on for the needs of the region. The Eastside has grown considerably and I have experienced this growth as a Northeast LA Resident, Service Provider, and parent. The progress is a result of years of work and the leadership of one supervisor who understands the importance of addressing the region's individual needs while also having a larger vision for the district. We do not want our region fragmented. We strongly advocate against dividing our region which has moved towards greater collaboration and improved quality of life for the community at large. As a constituent, I urge the commission to put the communities' shared interest first.</p> <p><i>(See recording for live comments.)</i></p>
Karina Contreras	90022	East LA	<p>Todos somos latinos. Me gusta que me siento cómoda con gente que tiene mismas historias a mi. Son inmigrantes y hay tiendas con gente que trabaja y habla igual que yo.</p>	<p>Si Huntington Park y South Gate y Boyle Heights y El Sereno</p>	<p>Todos nos ayudamos. Y vamos a otras ciudadades como Huntington Park y SouthGate porque sabemos qué hay gente que habla nuestro lenguaje. En Boyle Height, El Sereno nos sentimos cómodos porque también hay la misma gente</p>	-
Jesus Villalba	90280	Southeast LA Region	<p>Hello commissioners. My name is Jesus Villalba Gastelum and</p>	-	-	<p><i>(See recording for live comments.)</i></p>

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			<p>I am a CHIRLA member. I'm also a resident of the city of South Gate, a community I have lived in for 11 years. South Gate is located in the Southeast LA region, which is a region I have been living in for 16 years. Today I will speak for my community of South Gate and the Gateway Cities as an immigrant: My neighbors, those who live in my community, are working class immigrants like me. They are construction workers, factory laborers, food plant processors, teachers, and resource center workers. They live in mostly apartment complexes, though their unit count tends to be in the dozens. We have Leland R Weaver Library , a few churches, Al Zahra mosque, a Jewish bookstore, but no synagogue. We also have Religious Private Schools in all of the big three Abrahamic faiths. We have South</p>			
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			<p>Gate Park, an isolated bike route along Southern, and of course a few very valuable COVID 19 testing and vaccination centers, and St Francis Hospital. The majority of my neighbors are of mixed indigenous and hispanic heritage, though we also share community with a few south Asian, Middle Eastern, North African, and European American neighbors. In our streets, you will hear Spanish spoken more than English, and the occasional Portuguese, Arabic and Bangla. We, like our neighbors, celebrate a vast variety of seasons and dates. Before COVID-19, South Gate hosted the Tweedy Mile fair every first weekend of June, and people from the region would gather. We also had Christmas parades down that same street, though now we enjoy the occasional car parade for big days like the first day of school, or individual</p>			
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			<p>milestones. A lot of our neighbors work in the factories in Vernon, preparing and packing meat, cutting fruit, and packaging goods, but because of unemployment there is no one big employer at the moment. South Gate hosts a satellite of ELAC and runs free shuttles to the main campus, and USC, CSULA and CSUDH are all less than a 40 minute drive away, or two hours by public transportation. The 105 and 710 run at the edges of the city of South Gate, and the Harbor Freeway leads to the ports near San Pedro, and just a mile out of South Gate runs the Metro Green line. If you take the 115 bus westbound, you will find yourself boarding the Metro Blue line. If you take the 60, you will arrive at the heart of downtown. Though many lines of public transportation traverse the cities, the wait times are beginning to increase and rapid lines are being</p>			
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			<p>removed. My community is drastically different from cities and neighborhoods like Los Angeles, Downey, Santa Fe Springs. They are very similar to Huntington Park, Maywood, Bell Gardens, and Bell, as well as the communities of Watts and Florence-Firestone. It is important that my community stays together because we share a common language other than English, a common background of immigration, similar housing and income conditions, and cultural values and traditions. Though we may be diverse in faith, we are very united in our resolve as the community of hard working and hard studying immigrants we are. We need to have representatives that come from the Southeast Los Angeles region, otherwise referred to as the Gateway Cities. With</p>			
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			<p>this information I hope you will be able to make the correct decisions, thank you for taking into account my testimony.</p>			
Roberto Bustillo	90255	Sur Este de Los Angeles	<p>Trabajo en Huntington Park y esta comunidad tiene un sector comercial bien fuerte, una red de organizaciones y líderes que son bien activos en la comunidad. Compartimos problemas comunes con otras ciudades del Sur Este de Los Angeles, seguridad, falta de vivienda económica, falta de oportunidades educativas para adultos, etc. También nos une la diversidad, el lenguaje, las comidas, las festividades y mas.</p>	<p>No, queremos que las comunidades sean divididas, por el contrario queremos que comunidades que están divididas haya una sola representación, tal es el caso de Watts en la ciudad de Los Angeles.</p>	<p>Somos una comunidad con muchas necesidades y queremos que se atiendan a esas necesidades. A la vez tambien tenemos una base amplia de pequenos negocios, varias escuelas, etc.</p>	<p>Quiero que se mantenga la unidad política de las comunidades.</p>
Sylvia	90744	Harbor Area	<p>my family has lived in the harbor area/ Wilmington and Carson communities for generations, We've watched our community grow and I</p>	<p>The Harbor Area has very different needs than the coastal beach cities on the westside from Playa Del Rey down to Redondo</p>	<p>Please keep my community whole.</p>	<p><i>(See recording for live comments.)</i></p>

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			<p>get to see this through pictures from my grandparents as we show my nieces and nephews how our community has changed. We are primarily Mexican, Mexican-American, Central American communities, as well Asian American, Pacific Islander communities and African-American, Black communities. We care about family sustaining wages with quality jobs that don't make us sacrifice our health. We care about quality affordable housing and resources to keep families housed. We want quality education for our public schools and the resources needed for students to attain higher education or skilled training.</p>	<p>Beach, and further south to Palos Verde's, . Wilmington and the Harbor Area is similar to Carson and West Long Beach.</p>		
Rosalina	91767	Pomona comunidad latina/latinx	<p>We need investment in our community of Pomona and we need to stay in the 1st district</p>	<p>Stay with the communities that are similar to us- e Monte, West Covina. We have similarities with the communities that</p>	<p>Nuestra comunidad es diversa pero hay muchos latinos y somos trabajadores, muchos trabajadores esenciales</p>	<p>Quedarnos en el distrito uno con Hilda Solis</p>

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Beatriz Sandaoval	91706	Baldwin Park	El Servicio de agua, transportación, servicios públicos, distrito escolar	Quiero que las comunidades de las BaldwinPark, La Puente, West Covina, Irwindale, El Monte, Bassette no pierdan su representación en el congreso y que nuestra comunidad se mantenga en el primer distrito	Prefiero hacerlo en mi comentario hablado	<i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>
Adriana Ortega	90601	Whittier	Hello commissioners, my name is Adriana Ortega, and I am a member of the Coalition for Humane Immigrants Rights (CHIRLA) and the People Bloc. I'm a resident of Whittier, California. I've lived in the community for 16 years. Today I will be speaking on behalf of my immigrant family and community in Whittier. The people who live in my community are a mix of the working, lower, and upper class. I grew up with a diverse community of humble	-	-	<i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>

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			<p>people. The majority of us are Latino immigrants whose primary language is Spanish besides English. However, there are areas like Uptown Whittier that consist of middle to upper class including nicer housing in the hills. Since my community is diverse, there is lots of housing but I am mostly, to my experience, surrounded by apartments and houses sometimes in crowded places like Uptown Whittier. From my experience, the largest employer besides the Uptown Whittier is the Starlight Cinema which is a popular movie theatre by all Whittier-raised people. The community members in my neighborhood do jobs of all sorts like fixing the roads in La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Uptown Whittier, and do jobs like being doctors and lawyers so the community is very diverse in their</p>			
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			<p>profession that keeps the community alive and resourceful. In the last 16 years, I have volunteered at with community services such as the Sorensen's Summer Reading Program, at Nelson After School Tutoring, and Rio Hondo's Government Relations for Advocate and Community Relations or known as GRACE but there are absolutely more volunteer opportunities in libraries, schools, childcare, religious services, parents centers and more. The educational institutions in my community are Rio Hondo Community College and a private school called Whittier College. For Cal States and UCs you have to leave the community the closest ones are 40 minutes away without traffic. My neighborhood is known for its celebrations like the Día de los Muertos Festival in Uptown Whittier, and in Los</p>			
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			<p>Ángeles. My community is located between the main freeways: the 60 East, 605 South and North, and the 405 North. To identify my community you would use the main street of Norwalk which takes you from Rio Hondo College to the Pioneer High School. To move around in my community, I drive now but before I would use public transportation when in high school and in my community college days. For many years now, I keep seeing public transportation continue and I still expect it to because many people of our community rely on it for jobs, education purposes and more. My community in Whittier is similar to the following neighborhoods/cities: South El Monte, Santa Fe, because it is a United community to everyone of all ages, race, and status. It has a loving environment for years now and will</p>			
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			<p>continue to be. My community in Whittier is different from the following neighborhoods/cities: Pico Rivera, Montebello because there may be a few homeless people but the area feels like home to those who were raised in Whittier like myself. It is important that my community sticks together because we care about the following issues such as immigration, COVID relief, access to education and worker rights because as a minority, the community has held on to each other as a community for many years and change was brought but it is not enough so it is important to have the community together. By keeping the following neighborhoods Whittier together in one district our representatives can continue to be champions for these issues. Thank you for</p>			
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			the opportunity to speak today.			
Nora Diaz	93550	Antilope Valle	<p>Hola, me llamo Nora Diaz y soy una miembro de CHIRLA. Yo vivo en la comunidad del Valle del Antilope desde el 2006. Hoy voy hablar como una inmigrante con 3 hijos inmigrantes con DACA. Hay 2 librerías una grande en Lancaster sobre Lancaster Blvd y otra pequeña en Palmdale por city hall. Los servicios de cuidado de niños son por medio de escuelas públicas o daycare privados. Los parques en mi comunidad están bien cuidados pero no han sido remodelados en muchos años. Por falta de recursos los parques McAdams sobre la 30th y R y el parque de correr Pelona se benefician de tener más actividades para los jóvenes y familias. Para servicios de salud para la comunidad inmigrante solo hay</p>	-	-	<i>(See recording for live comments.)</i>

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			<p>una clínica pero no es para emergencias, en la clínica Wesley Health Centers solo dan el programa de salud que hacen el físico. Para servicios como mamografías se refieren a clínica privada llamada Lancaster Imaging Center solo si calificas con cheques de menos de \$800 a la quincena. Para cualquier servicio de emergencia necesitaría ir hasta Sylmar al Olive View. Durante el tiempo que he vivido en mi comunidad he tenido que aprender a sobrevivir usando el transporte público llamado AVT. Pero usar el bus significa planear y caminar mucho para llegar a la parada de bus. Las rutas más usadas son la ruta 1 que te lleva del centro de transportación en Lancaster hasta la 60th st este en Palmdale. Pero si quieres ir de Littlerock que es una área más rural hasta Lancaster para ir al community college es</p>		
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			<p>muy difícil teniendo que tomar 2 o más buses. Es incluso más difícil para los jóvenes que tienen que ir a northridge para la universidad solo tiene un bus que sale del centro de transportación en Palmdale que solo pasa 3 veces al día. Las ciudades que quiero en mi comunidad de Antelope Valley son: Palmdale, Lancaster, Littlerock porque compartimos recursos como transporte, educación pública. Las ciudades que NO quiero en mi comunidad de Antelope Valley son: Simi Valley y San Fernando Valley como Pacoima y Porter Ranch y Sylmar porque ellos tienen más recursos para que la comunidad tenga más acceso a salud médica. Es importante que la comisión mantenga a mi comunidad de Antelope Valley tenga un representante que escuche a la</p>			
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			comunidad inmigrante. Tener a todo el Antilope Valle junto ayudará a advocar por alivio de covid para la comunidad inmigrante que lo necesita mucho. Gracias por la oportunidad de hablar hoy.			
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