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Dear Anaheim Redistricting,

My name is Rashad Al-Dabbagh. I am writing as a community member of Little Arabia and as the Executive Director of the Arab American Civic Council.

My community is the Arab American community in what is known as Little Arabia, a destination that includes more than 100 Arab community businesses and nonprofits. It is located on Brookhurst Street primarily between Crescent and Katella Ave in West Anaheim.

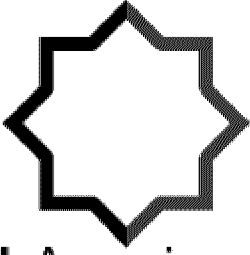
Anaheim's Little Arabia is a safe space for Arabic-speaking immigrants as well as other immigrants and refugees from the Greater Middle Eastern region. However, our Arab American community must be recognized as a core part of Anaheim.

I, personally, often visited Little Arabia as a new immigrant when I first moved to Southern California because of the community that existed here. It was my home away from home. Since then Little Arabia has grown, and what has to offer has multiplied.

The Arab community is an "invisible minority that doesn't qualify for a lot of funding that others may receive because the Census counts our community as "white" or "caucasian". Our immigrant community needs basic services and improved language access. Most importantly, we must have recognition from the city and official designation as Little Arabia, as well as from the federal government to get its own Census designation.

Sincerely,  
Rashad Al-Dabbagh

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