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Reader's winning question

Do we say, "The Rozario Sisters live in districts 12, 15, 18 and 22." or should we say — "The Rozario Sisters live in district 12, district 15, district 18 and district 22"?

The first example is certainly more compact than the second. But do the sisters all live in all four districts? If each sister lives in one of those districts, it is correct to say:

"The Rozario sisters, W, X, Y and Z, live in districts 12, 15, 18 and 22 respectively."

This week's winner is: TINA TAN.

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