

Subject: lakeside redistricting

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Hello,

My name is Eric Montgomery I live in lakeside Ca. 92040. I recently heard it may be possible that my new congressional district may be added in or absorbed into a district including the imperial valley. Please rethink this!! There are huge differences in peoples culture, concerns and not to mention the vast space between lakeside and imperial valley.

The imperial valley is a huge farm district with many water rights issues and is a very rural area. it is 72 miles from lakeside to Ocotillo the nearest town in imperial valley, and 112 miles from lakeside to el centro. We in lakeside are more part of San Diego and other local cities in SD county than imperial county farmers. How could a congressperson possibly be able to represent the two vastly different areas with different political needs and ethnic associations. My father has spent 30 + years working in El Centro 2 to 4 days a week while living here in lakeside full time and I know from first hand accounts the vast differences in the two regions. I am no racist but it must be mentioned that the majority of people living in imperial valley are hispanic and it is a border town their immigration issues would have little to do with anything a congressman representing me in lakeside would be working for, not to mention all those farmers with their multi decade water rights battles how would that be a relevant issue for my congressman, here in town our biggest issues are traffic and good schools not the same issues of a farming, international border town. Having one district and two regions would not do either region and good representation. Please keep lakesides district within San Diego county.

Thank you for your time, God

bless you and God bless America! Eric Montgomery