



I am a resident of La Quinta, California, which is in the Coachella Valley, and am concerned about the redistricting lines being drawn. The Coachella Valley is a distinct "community of Interest" due to many factors. The cities in the Coachella Valley share a large tourism economy -- our main revenue source -- stemming from many hotels, restaurants and events. We share transportation sources, a health care system, associations of governments and media sources. This is the fastest growing retirement community in the state and we share a standard of living due to the many suburban communities. All the cities are geographically contiguous.

The Imperial Valley's main industry is agriculture and the standard of living is very different from the Coachella Valley. It has distinct environmental issues (i.e., the Salton Sea) and the geothermal opportunity is on the south end of the Salton Sea. The Mexican border issues are shared with San Diego, as are unemployment and poverty. The Imperial Valley shares media outlets and health care systems with San Diego County.

It seems completely out-of-line to redistrict the Imperial Valley in with the Coachella Valley. Please give this thorough consideration so that your hard work does not go for naught and this issue does not wind up in the court system.

Sincerely,

Carol O'Donnell