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Subject: Keep the Coachella Valley within Riverside County

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Conversation: Keep the Coachella Valley within Riverside County

Dear Honorable Members of the Redistricting Commission:

As Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Indio, the largest City in the Coachella Valley, please accept this email as my request that the cities and unincorporated areas within the greater Coachella Valley be kept within the Riverside County district. Although, we have the greatest respect for our neighbors to the east in Imperial County it would be imprudent for the Commission to combine the cities within Imperial County with the Coachella Valley. Fractionalizing the cities of Riverside County would diminish the effectiveness of local governmental agencies, as well as elected officials and legislative personnel.

Moreover, it is essential to keep the entire Coachella Valley connected in both State and Federal districts and entirely within Riverside County. If the lines are pushed into Imperial County, much like the current 80th Assembly district, agriculture will become the driving force for that seat's economy and hurt the Coachella Valley's billion dollar tourism industry and the growth of other businesses and light industry in the Valley. Further, the Coachella Valley Associations of Governments (CVAG) works side-by-side with the Western Riverside County Association of Governments (WRCOG) on various projects, funding and other issues that affect Riverside County as a whole. For those reasons and many others that have already been made a part of the Commission's formal record, I respectfully request that the Coachella Valley cities be kept within the greater Riverside County district lines.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Miller,

Mayor Pro Tem City of Indio

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