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**TO: Citizen Redistricting Commission
Sacramento, Ca.**

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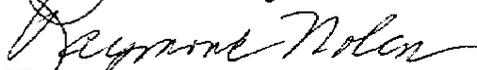
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cities such as Palm Springs all the way out to Blythe and Indio, Coachella and Thermal. You are mixing apples and oranges by including Hemet, San Jacinto and the pass cities with Coachella. It makes no sense, and you probably will open yourselves up to lawsuits.

Please re-consider your proposed Congressional map for the Coachella Valley, and please re-draw it to more reflect what you are supposed to do with the Voters Rights Act and combining communities of interest!!!!

Yours truly,



Ray Nolen

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Raymond Nolen
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John Petrie

Palm Springs, CA 92263

June 27, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Ste 154A
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via Fax: (916) 651-5711

RE: Proposed Redistricting Lines – 45th Congressional and 80th State Assembly Districts

To all Commission members:

Yours has been a very difficult job; first, there is the sheer magnitude of the task. Add to that the fact that you are the first Citizens Redistricting Commission to be formed as a result of recent legislation. And, you have done an admirable job in a relatively short time. However, I write to ask you to reconsider your proposed redistricting lines for the 45th CD and the 80th AD.

You were given a series of criteria to use as tools in your redistricting efforts. I want to address two of those, as they pertain to the two districts I have chosen for discussion:

- **Geographic Integrity/contiguity**
 - Most of Riverside County and all of Imperial County comprise one vast desert area, sharing similar climate and similar topographical characteristics. Spanning the two existing Counties is the Salton Sea, California's largest body of water, which has been in severe peril for years. In addition to stagnation and evaporation, the Salton Sea has suffered greatly from poor legislative attention, with multiple elected officials paying scattered attention to a major feature of our region.
 - This sprawling desert area is home to an enormous agricultural community, with similar crops, fed by similar irrigation systems. The farming area is contiguous from one county to the next. It knows no political border; nor should there be one.
 - California's Governor has recently declared that this immense, dry desert area will soon become home to one of the world's largest alternative energy complexes. Such great potential should not be hampered by schisms in its political nurturing and legislation.
- **Communities of Interest**
 - The growth of the Hispanic population in Imperial and Riverside Counties in the past decade has been phenomenal. Both Counties now have Hispanic population percentages that substantially exceed the State average. Much of that rich cultural heritage is represented by the farmers in the fields of the two counties. They share a common language, a rich common heritage, and very similar economic and educational status. They are part of the rich mosaic that makes for California's greatness. Their community should be encouraged to develop and flourish. Dividing their legislative representation, as you have proposed, is injurious to their development, and would be harmful to the growth and prosperity of California.

As you have currently drawn Imperial County, it is connected to San Diego, a metropolitan area that has little in common with the desolate desert that is Imperial County. Furthermore, a rugged range of mountains further divides and alienates the desert from the upscale San Diego metropolitan area. There simply is no commonality of interest here.

Similarly, you have drawn the 45th CD and 80th AD to include the Inland Empire communities of Banning, Beaumont, San Jacinto, Calimesa and Hemet. In addition to being walled off by a giant mountain range from the Coachella Valley cities, these Inland Empire communities all face westward toward the greater Los Angeles Metropolitan region. The Inland Empire communities share strong economic, educational and communication ties with Los Angeles. They simply do not, in any way, relate to the communities of the Coachella Valley.

In summary, Riverside County and Imperial County are one community. At this moment, with this great once-in-a-decade opportunity, it is critical that our new political boundaries recognize our strong economic, societal and emotional bonds.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Petrie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Petrie

REGION 1 : IMPERIAL

Send to:

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Sacramento, CA 95814

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My name is Antonio "Tony" P Tirado _____ and I am live/work in the community of Calexico, Ca Imperial County _____

The Commission's maps affect our representation in the following way: No REPRESENTATION. Eastern San Diego has 2/3 rd majority of voters with no common interest with only 33>3% Latinos versus Imperial County 80% Latinos, Riverside County 44.7% Latinos .

That alone IS commonality with Coachella, Indio-Thermal-Blyth, Riverside County. This two communities travel back and forth to harvest the crops of both valleys year round. We share generation of power, New River the most polluted River in the U.S. a health hazard two both communities, our air basin has a high particle matter "PM" 10 . Bottom line we need REPRESENTATION at the Federal, State level in order for us to address this issues. Your responsibility is to assure the communities of California the Voting Rights of 1965 be not violated to include IMPERIAL and RIVERSIDE COUNTIES.

The following communities share common social and economic characteristics to my community (state neighborhoods):

Coachella, Indio-Thermal and Blythe, Riverside

County _____

My community is different from (state the neighborhoods): _South Eastern San Diego , County__ no commonality what

so ever. (note) they grow Avacados in San Diego, We

don't.. _____

My recommendation is that the Commission remove the following communities from my district:

South Eastern San Diego

County _____

_____ My recommendation is that the Commission add following communities from my district:

_Indio, Coachella-Thermal and Blyth, Riverside

County _____

I can be reached at (add phone or email)_E-mail _____

Signature _____

Date June 06,

2011 _____

REGION 1: IMPERIAL

[REDACTED]
Holtville, California 92250-9704

June 21, 2011

Citizens Redistricting Commission

[REDACTED]
Sacramento, California 95814

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Greetings:

At our Imperial County Board of Education Meeting last night, we discussed the problems that we have in education throughout the county.

We definitely feel that Imperial County and Eastern San Diego County have very little in common.

The Eastern part of Riverside County including Blythe and other desert communities have much in common. Our high rate of unemployment, the necessity of having good Migrant Education Programs to educate the diverse educational needs of our ethnic populations.

I have lived in Imperial County since 1936 and some of my best friends are hispanic.

We sincerely ask that you seriously consider the needs of our county when making your decisions.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

James L. Strain

Imperial County Board of Education

Encl: 2

McCabe School Commencement

May 31st, 1945

Graduates

- HERMAN BEJJEAN, JR.
- VIRGIL M. BIGHAM
- OLLIE MARIE BROWNING
- ALICE PAULINE CAMPBELL
- ROSARIO GONZALES
- JIM KURUPAS
- TOM KURUPAS
- MANUEL P. LEON
- FRANCIS MARIE LOPEZ
- TOMMIE RICHARD RHOADES
- GEORGE EDWARD RUSSEL
- GEORGE SHAW
- JAMES LEE STRAIN

PROGRAM

Recessional

Kathryn Kampe

Pledge of Allegiance

America The Beautiful

Voice of Nature

Voice of Beauty

Choric Choeir

Voice of Courage

Choric Choeir

I Narrator

Chorus - Whispering Hope -

Voice of Happiness

Duet: Singdown

Choric Choeir Pear to Summer

Voice of Wisdom

Chorus - In The Woods

Voice of Prayer

Solo: The World is Waiting for the Sunrise Herman Bejjean

Chorus: The Heavens Are Declaring

II Narrator

Presentation of class

Presentation of Diploma

Recessional

Lights & Curtain

Mrs. R. A. Chesnut

James Strain

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