

Subject:

From: "Conrad Negrón" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 11:43 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Keep Imperial County with San Diego; NOT with Coachella Valley.

Please Keep Coachella Valley with Riverside County.

**Conrad Negrón
Indian Wells, Ca.**

Subject: Imperial County

From: "Frances Miller" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 12:09 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Imperial County SHOULD be part of the Coachella Valley. The Coachella Valley has more in common with Imperial County than San Diego does.

Thank you and we hope you do right.

Frances & Donald Miller

[REDACTED]
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Subject: Imperial County

From: "DeLite Vogley" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:14 AM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Please keep Imperial County with San Diego.....
not the Coachella Valley.

DeLite Vogley

[REDACTED]

Palm Desert, Ca 92260

Subject: Public Comment: 1 - Imperial

From: Briana Burt <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:16 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Briana Burt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Bermuda Dunes

Message Body:

Dear Commissioners,

As a business owner in La Quinta, California I am concerned with the current proposal of separating the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. I was born and raised in the Coachella Valley where my parents owned a landscaping firm for over 25 years. My maternal grandfather worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Indio, CA connecting and serving the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. My maternal grandmother worked for Western Union and then the Coachella Valley Unified School District until she retired. My paternal grandfather drilled water wells throughout the Coachella and Imperial Valleys for most of his life.

After leaving for 13 years for school and work experience, I have recently returned to my community to build two thriving local businesses.

Being in La Quinta, my businesses are centrally located, attracting a diverse clientele. My high end retail shop attracts women from all backgrounds, including agricultural business owners from Imperial to homeowners in Rancho Mirage. My plant design and rental company works with agricultural vendors from the eastern valley and employs individuals that often times live in Imperial, but commute to the Coachella Valley for work.

It is obvious as someone who lives here year round and serves the community as an employer and a sales outlet, that the Imperial and Coachella Valleys share an important transportation connection that should not be ignored. Our communities are tightly connected through our economies and our cultures and splitting the two would only be disruptive.

After attending the hearing in Palm Springs, I expected that you would not take the similarities between our two valleys lightly. Individuals living on the border of these two Valleys understand how intricately woven our communities are. I strongly encourage you to take this testimony more seriously and look forward to the lines being redrawn to reconnect the Imperial and Coachella Valleys as they are and as they should.

Best Regards,

Briana Burt
[REDACTED]

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Subject: Re Districting

From: "Esteban Robles" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 4:33 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear commissioners,

I have been closely following the redistricting process. I was speaker number 37 at the Palm Springs hearing on May 12 and watched the San Bernardino hearing online on June 19.

I testified, as did many people on May 12 that the Coachella Valley has much in common with Imperial Valley. Residents of the Eastern Coachella Valley share the following traits with our brothers and sisters in the Imperial Valley, the Imperial Irrigation District, rural latino agricultural communities, high poverty levels, an emerging renewable energy sector, and the Salton Sea to name a few.

What the commission did in response to these strong community of interest claims is put the Eastern Coachella Valley with the rich, white Country Club folks in Rancho Mirage and put the folks of Imperial Valley with rich white folks in East San Diego.

You are splitting a community and severing the strength of its residents.

Please keep the Eastern Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley together particularly for the 80th Assembly District.

Thak you,

Esteban Robles

[REDACTED]
Indio, Ca

Subject: Redistricting

From: "Arkie Mayes" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 3:12 PM

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Sterling Mayes and I live in Imperial County. I'm the business manager of the Imperial County Building & Construction Trades Council, which represents union employees who work on construction projects in the Imperial Valley.

I am concerned with the way your proposed maps link the Imperial Valley with East San Diego County in the "ISAND" maps for Assembly and Senate.

Imperial County has the highest unemployment rate in the entire United States.

We are counting on investment in our Valley in things like renewable energy farms for geothermal, solar and wind. In the Salton Sea area, we are capable of producing 2,000 megawatts of geothermal energy.

In order to make production of renewable energy viable, we will need a transmission line to urban areas to deliver this new energy.

This puts us at odds with East San Diego County neighborhoods who oppose any kind of transmission line construction in the back country.

This shows we are not the same community of interest. We have an interest in creating these types of jobs in our Valley. Politicians from East County have opposed this effort at every turn.

We have no problem being represented with South San Diego communities in the way that the Commission proposed the "IMSAND" Congressional map. We work fine with those South San Diego County communities and face many of the same issues as it relates to our proximity to Mexico, especially as it relates to how the workforce in both Imperial County and South San Diego County have a large number of Mexican residents who travel to our communities to work.

But for the next 10 years, we cannot afford to have to compete within our own districts for the important issue of transmission line construction to our Valley. We must be represented fairly.

Please keep Imperial County separate from East San Diego County.

Sincerely,

Sterling "Arkie" Mayes