

Subject: San Bernardino County Assembly District Comment & Map

From: "Jim Bagley" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 12:45:19 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

RE: Public input on the proposed MORONGOBAN Assembly District proposed map
San Bernardino County

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Please add my maps with comments to amend the proposed first draft maps.

Jim Bagley

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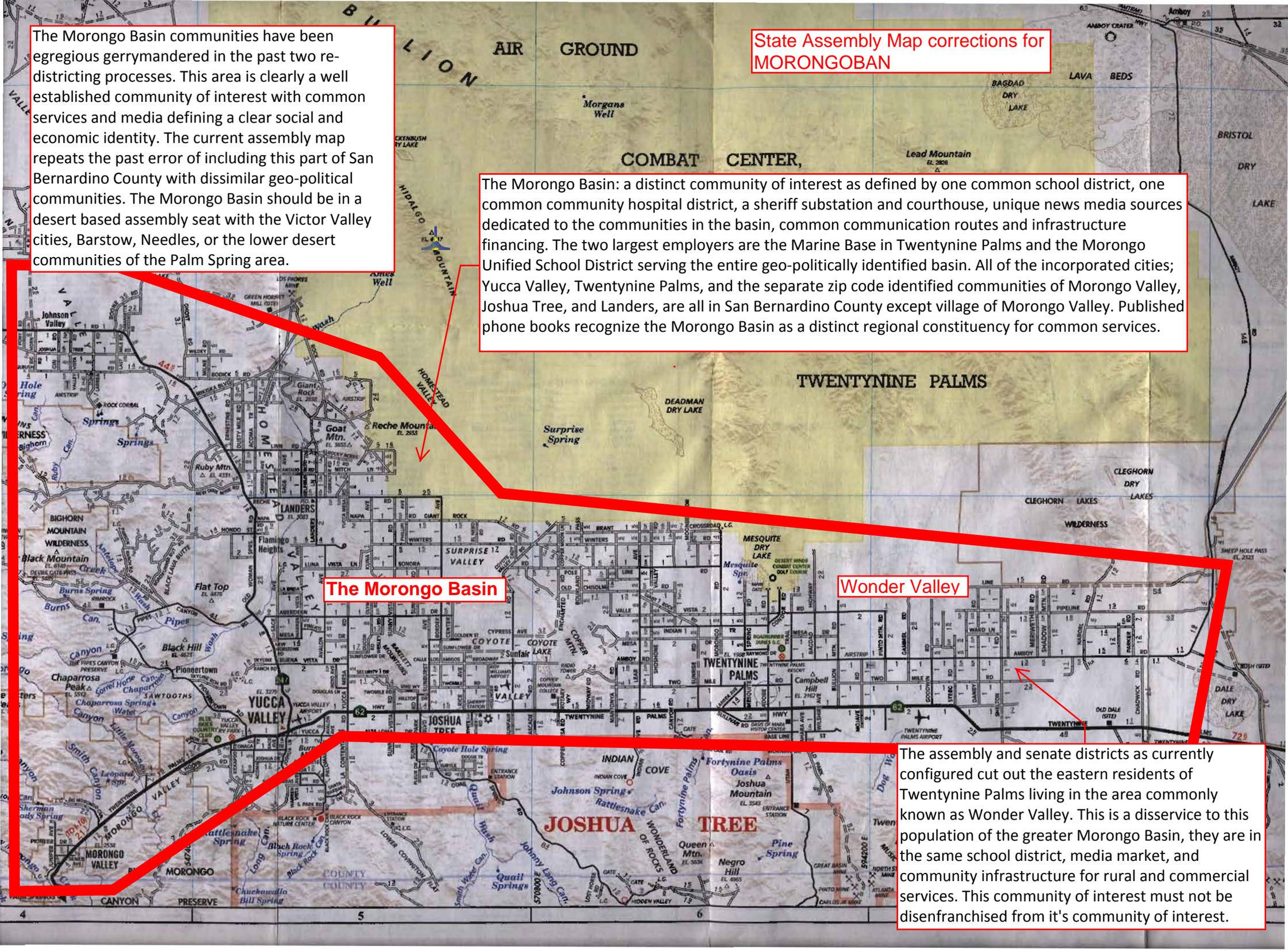
State Assembly Map corrections for MORONGBAN

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The Morongo Basin

Wonder Valley

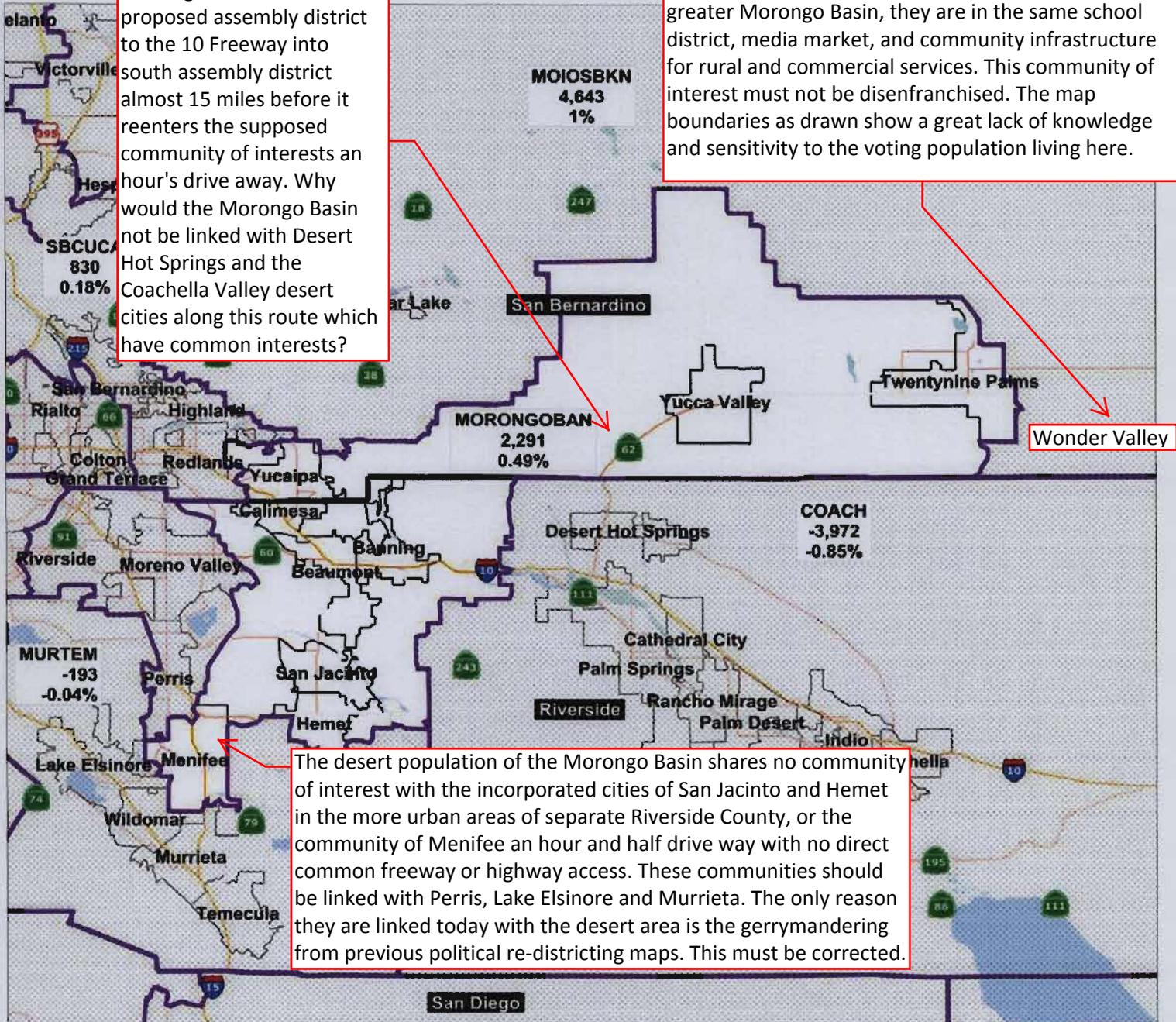
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California State Assembly - MORONGOBAN

Please note Hwy 62 the connection from the Morongo Basin exits the proposed assembly district to the 10 Freeway into south assembly district almost 15 miles before it reenters the supposed community of interests an hour's drive away. Why would the Morongo Basin not be linked with Desert Hot Springs and the Coachella Valley desert cities along this route which have common interests?

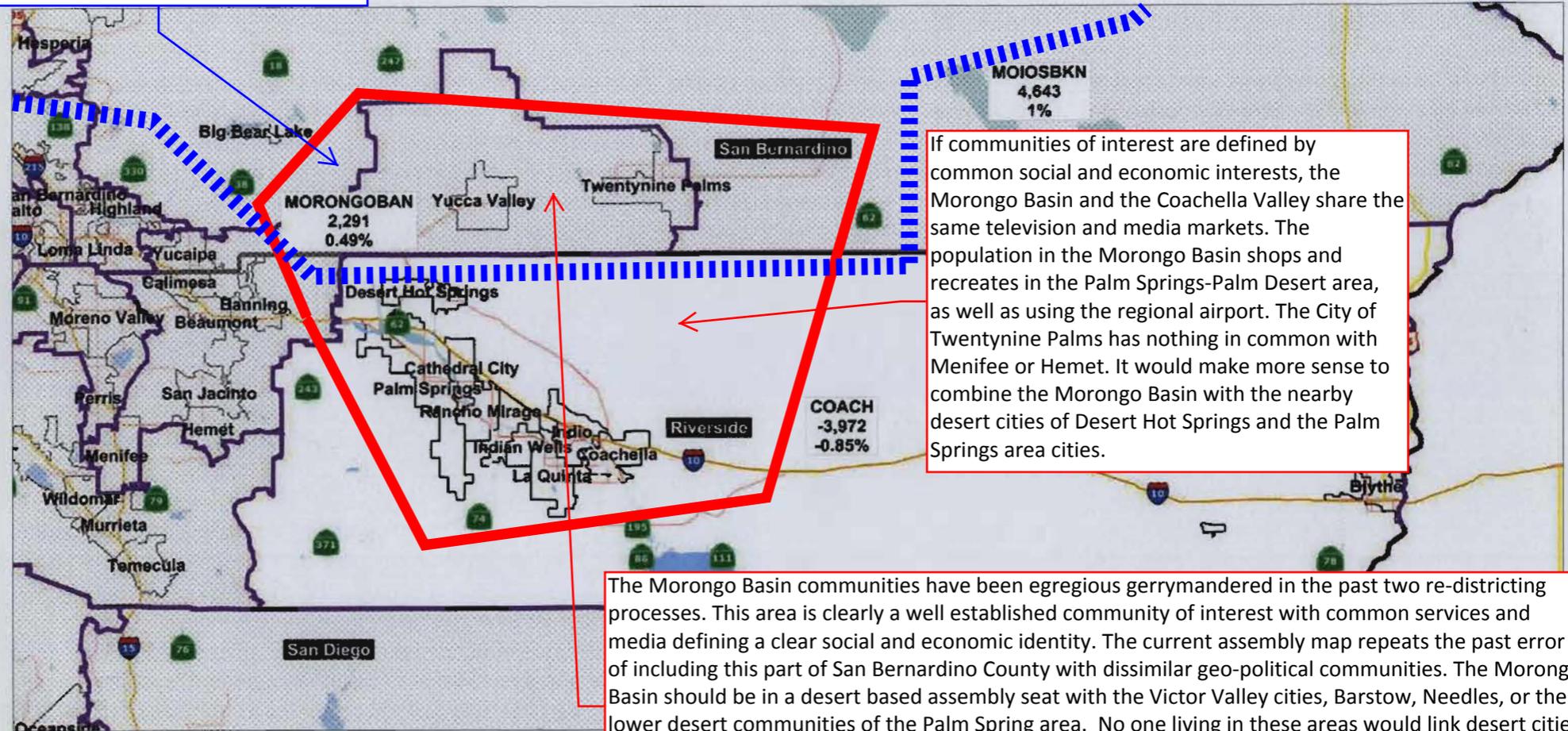
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The desert population of the Morongo Basin shares no community of interest with the incorporated cities of San Jacinto and Hemet in the more urban areas of separate Riverside County, or the community of Menifee an hour and half drive way with no direct common freeway or highway access. These communities should be linked with Perris, Lake Elsinore and Murrieta. The only reason they are linked today with the desert area is the gerrymandering from previous political re-districting maps. This must be corrected.

California State Assembly - COACH

The Morongo Basin should be in a desert based assembly seat with the Victor Valley cities of Apple Valley, Hesperia, and the similar communities of Barstow, Needles, and possibly Blythe. They are all in San Bernardino County (except Blythe) and share common desert community needs for infrastructure and services.



If communities of interest are defined by common social and economic interests, the Morongo Basin and the Coachella Valley share the same television and media markets. The population in the Morongo Basin shops and recreates in the Palm Springs-Palm Desert area, as well as using the regional airport. The City of Twentynine Palms has nothing in common with Menifee or Hemet. It would make more sense to combine the Morongo Basin with the nearby desert cities of Desert Hot Springs and the Palm Springs area cities.

The Morongo Basin communities have been egregious gerrymandered in the past two re-districting processes. This area is clearly a well established community of interest with common services and media defining a clear social and economic identity. The current assembly map repeats the past error of including this part of San Bernardino County with dissimilar geo-political communities. The Morongo Basin should be in a desert based assembly seat with the Victor Valley cities, Barstow, Needles, or the lower desert communities of the Palm Spring area. No one living in these areas would link desert cities to Inland Empire cities as the maps as presented have proposed.

Submitted by Jim Bagley
Twentynine Palms

Subject: Reject Draft 1 of CRC

From: Elissa Buckles <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my objection to the redistricting proposal that would split the city of Chino Hills between two separate congressional districts. This will not benefit the citizens of Chino Hills, but it will negatively impact the city by:

- (1) Not providing for appropriate representation: While some proponents of the proposed plan have suggested that Chino Hills would receive even better representation because it would be represented by two different legislators, this claim is bogus. Chino Hill's demographics, concerns, and political and social views are much more cohesive as a city (and with other cities in its present district), than they are like those of either proposed districts. To split the city further dilutes the voices of its citizens – which is precisely what these committees were set up by the voters to protect.
- (2) Negatively impact funding: If Chino Hills is split between districts and placed with cities of larger size than itself, funding for such public services as fire and police protection and library services will likely be negatively affected, especially for the northern part of the city which would be placed in the East San Gabriel district.

Sincerely,
Elissa Buckles

Subject: Redistricting Map

From: "B. Matthew" <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 6:08 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

I am concerned about the redistricting map, especially when it comes to the City of Arcadia in Southern California. For years Arcadia has been grouped with similar foothill cities such as Monrovia, Sierra Madre, and Glendora. Arcadia is an affluent foothill city that prides itself on beautiful tree lined streets and excellent schools. It appears the first draft simply divides areas along racial lines, which is overly simplistic. Yes, Arcadia has a large Asian population, but is vastly different than San Gabriel, Alhambra, and Monterey Park which the drafts have grouped them. The Asian American community is diverse in culture and in economic grounding, and to lump cities into districts on race alone is simply ignorant. Having lived in Arcadia for over 30 years, I can tell you we share much more in common with Sierra Madre and Glendora, than we do with the cities on the proposed draft.

Please consider including Arcadia in the Foothills district, as it would be much more appropriate. Thank You

-Brett

Subject: Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

From: Norma Leon <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 10:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Norma Leon <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pomona Valley

Message Body:

As a Chino resident, I am pleased with the first draft of maps (Commission) Assembly, Senate and Congressional district in the Pomona Valley area.

In the development of new district boundaries established by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, it is imperative that the cities of Chino, Montclair, Ontario, and Pomona continue to be included in the same Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional District.

It is geographically compact. It is generally bounded by four freeways, I-10 on the north, I-15 on the east, SR 60 on the south, and SR 71 on the west.

Thank you for your time in researching this and creating the best solutions for our communities.

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Subject: Public Comment: 2 - San Bernardino

From: Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

Date: 6/28/2011 7:31 PM

To: [REDACTED]

From: Bill Ruh <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Pomona Valley visualization Option 2

Message Body:

Visualization Option 2 for the Pomona Valley map is the best. Communities of Pomona, Claremont, Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario and Chino have very historic ties. They are a very strong economic entity. The map is relatively compact. It keeps like communities together. It keeps the social, economic, demographic and educational ties together.

The map is well drawn and well balanced.

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Subject: SBBAN Senate map comments

From: "Jim Bagley" [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, 28 Jun 2011 17:01:47 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

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San Bernardino County

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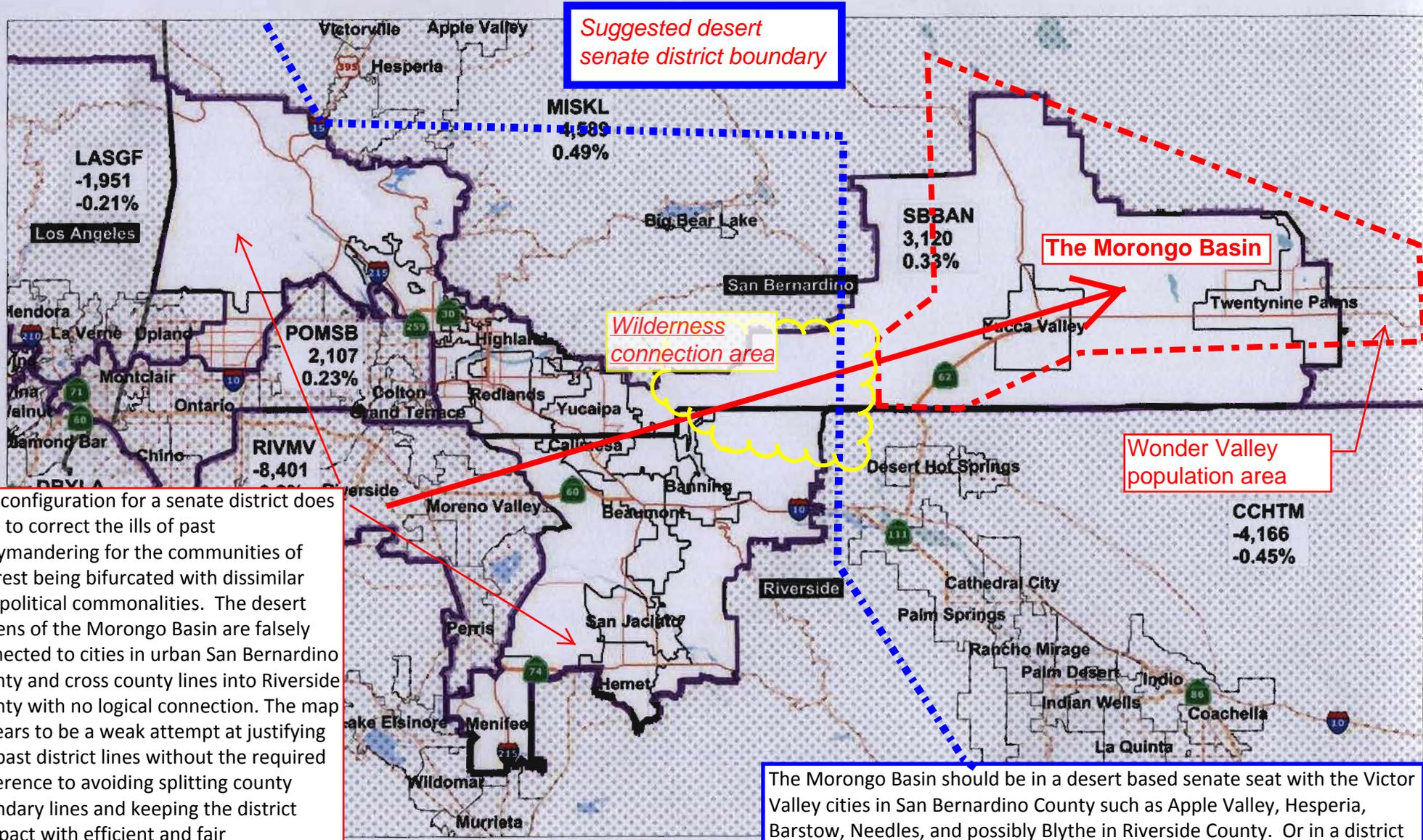
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California State Senate - SBBAN



Suggested desert senate district boundary

The Morongo Basin

Wilderness connection area

Wonder Valley population area

This configuration for a senate district does little to correct the ills of past gerrymandering for the communities of interest being bifurcated with dissimilar geo-political commonalities. The desert citizens of the Morongo Basin are falsely connected to cities in urban San Bernardino County and cross county lines into Riverside County with no logical connection. The map appears to be a weak attempt at justifying the past district lines without the required adherence to avoiding splitting county boundary lines and keeping the district compact with efficient and fair representation. As drawn it would require driving more than an hour and half to visit any of the area's disparate populations.

The Morongo Basin should be in a desert based senate seat with the Victor Valley cities in San Bernardino County such as Apple Valley, Hesperia, Barstow, Needles, and possibly Blythe in Riverside County. Or in a district including Desert Hot Springs and the lower desert communities of the Palm Spring area. We all share common desert community needs for infrastructure and services. That would create a logical senate district without treating the smaller desert communities like stepchildren in unimportant appendages to divergent population centers.

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One of the most flagrant things with the proposed MORONGBAN assembly and the SBBAN senate seats is the fact the only thing physically connecting the Morongo Basin to the rest of the district is this uninhabited wilderness area crossing the San Bernardino and Riverside County line. This legacy connection to the past district manipulations should be done away with.

Morongo Basin Community of Interest Area

For more detailed information about the area outlined in orange, see the Auto Club's San Bernardino Mountains Guide Map.

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Map copy courtesy of AAA

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