

## REGION 2: RIVERSIDE

July 13, 2011

To: California Redistricting Commission  
Re: Coachella Valley Congressional District

Dear Commissioners:

As former Mayor of the City of Hemet, I would ask the Commission to keep the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley connected with the Coachella Valley Congressional District.

Like the Coachella Valley, the San Jacinto Valley has a high number of retirees who need assistance with federal agencies such as Social Security, Medicare and Veterans Benefits.

The city of Hemet also acts as an entry way to the Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountain National Monument. This National Monument encompasses the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley as well as the Coachella Valley. The Monument attracts hikers from around the world and is a key component to the area's tourism.

The first draft map that was released is an ideal Congressional district for the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.



Marc Searl  
Former Mayor of Hemet