

*May 23, 2011*

*My name is **Guadalupe Arce**, I live in **Brawley, CA** in Imperial Valley. The Coachella Valley has changed over the years but the ties that bind it with Imperial County has not, someday those very changes will be seen in my town **Brawley**. We have been blessed to be represented along with the Coachella Valley in part because we are recognized as a voting rights population that is protected under law. But more importantly because of that we now have an opportunity to be heard. Please do not change my district instead maintain our collective voices of Imperial County with our neighbors of Coachella Valley.*

***Guadalupe Arce***



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**Subject:** Public Comment from Imperial County

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

Dear Redistricting Commissioners:

As a native and current resident of Imperial County, I would like to share my thoughts with you on the redistricting issue of Imperial County with its neighboring counties. As you redraw our districts, I ask that you highly consider making our state and federal districts similar to our current 80th assembly district. I do not understand why Imperial County is usually placed in the same region as San Diego, like our current congressional and state senatorial district. The only thing we share or have in common with our neighbors to the east, San Diego, is a border.

I believe our state border needs additional representation. Currently, our state border is represented by one congressional representative. This has resulted in a lack of financial resources and prioritization of public policy for our border communities due to the lack of representation at the federal level. It is an advantage to San Diego county to use the high unemployment and low median household income rates to receive additional funds and resources for the region, but use a very small portion of the funding that is appropriated to them for the benefit of Imperial County residents. This is an overused and unfair practice that needs to be stopped.

We have a lot more things in common geographically, economically, environmentally, and demographically with eastern Riverside County. In the past few years, both Coachella Valley and Imperial County have received a lot of interest from developers and investors due to the vast potential of renewable energy development in these two valleys. Due to the increased interest and potential projects that can lead to much needed economic development, both valleys have been collaborating to nurture partnerships that are mutually beneficial.

I ask that you recognize and highly consider the commonalities between these two valleys when you redraw the lines and make our state senatorial district and congressional districts resemble our current 80th assembly district.

Sincerely,

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