

Subject: 80th AD

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 4:51 PM

From: Frank Salazar <[REDACTED]>

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

Conversation: 80th AD

Dear Commission:

Please do not move our Assembly District.

For once we here in Imperial Valley feel like part of the process being aligned with the Coachella Valley.

Thanks.

Frank G. Salazar

[REDACTED]
El Centro, CA 92243

California: [REDACTED]

Subject: Testimony

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 9:28 AM

From: [REDACTED]

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Testimony

My name is Sonia Lopez and I am a resident of Chula Vista. I was raised in the Imperial Valley and have lived and worked as teacher and a school counselor in the San Diego area for some thirty five years. I would like to urge the Commission to retain the Imperial Valley and San Diego Senate and Congressional Districts together. These two areas are interdependent for various reasons, economically these two areas are dependent on each other for resources, that of food as well the material resources, such as water. Educationally a vast majority of young people migrate to the San Diego area to pursue their education, as I did. Culturally and socially the two areas have a diverse population with a high concentration of Latinos in both areas that I believe give the Latino population the opportunity to exercise their voting power. These factors I believe show that the two communities share many similarities in interest.



Calexico Elks Lodge #1382

* Calexico, CA 92231

May 22, 2011

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Rubio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" at the beginning.

Robert Rubio, PER
Trustee Chairman



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I WAS WORKING ON THURSDAY EVENING AND UNABLE TO ATTEND THE HEARING IN PALM SPRINGS LAST WEEK. WE HAVE AGRICULTURAL, WATER RIGHTS AND THE FUTURE OF THE SALTON SEA IN COMMON TO BOTH COUNTIES. ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR MEMBERS WE ASK NOT TO CHANGE MY DISTRICT, INSTEAD MAINTAIN OUR COLLECTIVE VOICES OF IMPERIAL COUNTY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS OF COACHELLA VALLEY AND NEXT TIME YOU SHOULD CONSIDER SCHEDULING A HEARING IN IMPERIAL COUNTY.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Rubio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ROBERT RUBIO
PRESIDENT

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Subject: Public Comment: Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 10:58 AM

From: Robert Rubio <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley

From: Robert Rubio <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley

Message Body:

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[REDACTED]

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Subject: Public Comment: Imperial Valley: Re-drawing the lines with common communities

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 11:43 AM

From: Everardo Cervantes <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Public Comment: Imperial Valley: Re-drawing the lines with common communities

From: Everardo Cervantes <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Imperial Valley: Re-drawing the lines with common communities

Message Body:

As a life long resident of the Imperial Valley I have seen how our Valley does not received fair representation since its district is shared by cities like San Diego; that have very little in common with the Imperial Valley. I feel that a district composed of similar communities would be of greater benefit to our district. This would mean that cities and towns along the southeastern desert region should be shaped much like our 80th Assembly District.

The district described above allows for a focus and collaborative set of communities within one single district. Not allowing the overshadowing of one single small town by a metropolitan city as it happens today.

Thank you for allowing the public to voice the concerns of our communities.

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attached is letter of support to keep Imperial County with Coechella together...

May 23, 2011

My name is **Olivia O. Delgado**, I live in Heber, in Imperial County.

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 Heber. 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.

Olivia O. Delgado

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Thank you!

Bianka Velez 
Administrative Assistant/Promotora
Comite Civico Del Valle, Inc.



Fax
Cell

Subject: Imperial County to join the Coachella Valley in a congressional district

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 3:50 PM

From: Jay Crawford <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Imperial County to join the Coachella Valley in a congressional district

To whom it may concern,

I, Jarvis Crawford, is writing this e-mail in support of the Imperial County to join the Coachella Valley in a congressional district.

Please feel to e-mail me back with any further questions or comments.

Jarvis Crawford

May 14, 2011
San Diego, California

number (Speaker)

35: @ Redistricting Community

voice
Educational Cultural Complex
San Diego, Ca.

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 3. It is for this reason that we must invest in our youth through supporting and enhancing educational opportunities as they will be paying:
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Subject: state redistricting commision hearing

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 4:31 PM

From: Rosa Ley <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: state redistricting commision hearing

To: California Redistricting Commission

Re: Imperial County

My name is Rosa Ley and I was speaker number 3 at the State Redistricting Commission hearing in San Diego on May 14, 2011. After I spoke, I listened in the audience as other members of my community spoke about Imperial County.

The more I think about it, and the more I heard you ask others about what other communities should be included with Imperial County in different legislative districts, the more I believe that Imperial County can be connected with the Coachella Valley as a community of

interest.

Specifically, the current 80th Assembly District and the 40th Senate District respect the ties that the two valleys have together. We are mainly Latino communities that are significantly dependent on farm work.

I want to reaffirm my testimony that we in Imperial County really depend on San Diego and Mexico for our businesses and our services like health care. And even though I think Coachella Valley can be part of the border community I spoke about, I don't think it makes sense to group us with the rest of Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Rosa Ley

Subject: Letter of Support

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011 4:42 PM

From: Martin Nolasco <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Diahna Garcia <[REDACTED]>

Conversation: Letter of Support

Letter sent as presented.