

As a resident of Carlsbad, I request that when drawing the district lines for North San Diego County, that the Commission keep Carlsbad within the bordering communities of the North County coastal corridor including cities of Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, Rancho Santé Fe, Solano Beach, and Vista (a member of Tri-City) cities. According to SANDAG, the I-5 North Coast Corridor's (I-5 NCC) 27 miles of highway connects the cities of Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, and San Diego. As a gateway to San Diego County, the I-5 NCC is one of the most traveled highways in the nation. It carries locals and visitors to attractions such as its six lagoons, world-renowned beaches, Legoland, and Del Mar Fairgrounds, employment centers, and communities. Carlsbad also has similar demographics as the North County coastal corridor cities including, income, housing, and jobs. Following are a number of examples for keeping Carlsbad in a coastal grouping:

- 1) Strong common "coastal" identity' and shared social and economic interests
- 2) Similar demographics income, housing, and jobs
- 3) SANDAG regional planning identifies "north coastal"
- 4) Media markets identified as coastal
- 5) Some overlapping school districts, water districts, and regional mutual aid
- 6) A Tri-City common hospital district
- 7) Common I-5 and Highway 101 transportation routes

Following are population breakdowns of the North County Coastal Corridor.

Camp Pendleton	5,200
Oceanside	167,086
Carlsbad	105,328
Del Mar	4,161
Encinitas	59,518
Rancho Santé Fe	3,117
Solano Beach	12,867
Vista	98,834
Total	456,111

Thank you for your consideration.



UnionYes

Lorena Gonzalez
Secretary-Treasurer/CEO

Mickey Kasparian
President

San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council

May 23, 2011

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: Imperial County and the Border-Area Community of Interest

Dear Commissioners:

As the duly elected Secretary-Treasurer of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, I would like to contribute to the discussion being held about the County of Imperial and its connections to a community of interest that stretches outside of its county boundaries.

My comments follow similar testimony provided to you at the San Diego pre-map hearing on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Evan McLaughlin, the Labor Council's Political Director, provided testimony as speaker #33.

As a Latina and the daughter of an immigrant farmworker, I wish to elaborate on the patterns that the different geographical areas of this community of interest have in common with one another.

Specifically, Imperial County is part of a **Border-Area Community of Interest (BACOI)** that is significantly comprised of large, lower-income Latino families. These families are more likely to speak a language other than English at home, they have more children than other households, and their per-capita income is very low.

The challenges are immense for this community, if not obvious. Households in this community support more people while having less money at their disposal. Upward mobility is stymied in many instances because of household's custom use of a language other than English.

This “Border-Area Community of Interest,” in which the residents of Imperial County belong, is concentrated along the U.S.-Mexico border and includes

- a) the entirety of Imperial County, including the Cities of El Centro and Calexico;**
- b) the South Bay communities of San Diego County; including the cities of National City, Chula Vista and the San Ysidro and Barrio Logan zip codes of the City of San Diego; and**
- c) the Coachella Valley communities of Riverside County; including the Cities of Coachella and Indio and the Mecca census designated place.**

The 2005-2009 American Community Survey produced by the U.S. Census Bureau illustrates the traits that work to both define the demographics of the Border-Area Community of Interest (BACOI) and differentiate it from other “desert” communities that have been mistakenly offered in testimony from Riverside County residents.

- Households in the Border-Area Community of Interest are approximately 34% larger than the average household in California.
- Border-Area Community of Interest residents are twice as likely (103%) to speak a language other than English than the residents in the State of California as a whole.
- The BACOI is 43% more densely populated with children (as a percentage of residents under age 18) and has more than twice (147%) the density of Latino residents as the State of California has overall.
- Per capita income in the BACOI is 60% less than the state average.

These figures are much different than other communities in Riverside County that have been incorrectly identified as sharing a community of interest with areas of the Coachella Valley and Imperial County.

After surveying three such Riverside County communities west of the Coachella Valley – Palm Springs, Palm Desert and Twentynine Palms – it is apparent that they have very little in common with the BACOI when comparing the same socioeconomic metrics.

Those non-BACOI communities, when identified by the median of all three communities, are substantially less Latino and older than both the BACOI and the State of California as a whole. The household sizes in the community are smaller than both and more likely to speak English at home. Similarly, the per capita income in those non-BACOI communities is higher than the State of California average.

Of those 5 categories, the median of the seven BACOI communities and the media for the three non-BACOI communities fall on opposite sides of the State of California average in every instance.

The American Community Survey paints a very bright line when identifying the community of interest in which Imperial County counts itself.

The demographic pattern of the BACOI illustrates what people who work and live in the region already knew – that Imperial Valley and Coachella share a stronger connection to the U.S.-Mexico border communities found in San Diego County’s South Bay than it does with other “desert” communities in Riverside County.

Please consider these relevant facts as you propose new legislative districts for this people of this community. The challenges they face are immense and they deserve fair, effective and accountable representation by their government.

In solidarity,



Lorena Gonzalez

Secretary-Treasurer/CEO

San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Attachment:

- (1) Summary of the 2005-09 American Community Survey data for BACOI, Non-BACOI communities & the State of California

2005-09 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

	Average Household Size	Speak a language other than English at Home		Under age 18	Hispanic or Latino	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
		% of population Age 5 & older	% of population				
Border-Area Community of Interest (BACOI)							
El Centro (city)	2.99	69.9	33.3	74.8	\$ 38,312	\$ 18,513	
Calexico (city)	3.66	92.9	33	95.2	\$ 33,717	\$ 14,024	
Coachella (city)	4.24	85.6	38.7	94.4	\$ 39,186	\$ 11,500	
Mecca (census designated place)	4.06	90.1	38.5	92	\$ 25,873	\$ 8,278	
National City (city)	3.4	71.9	29.9	65.5	\$ 36,898	\$ 15,840	
San Ysidro (92173 zip code/City of San Diego)	3.89	87.4	37.2	89	\$ 27,943	\$ 9,256	
Barrio Logan (92113 zip code/City of San Diego)	3.93	72.3	39.1	74.7	\$ 23,841	\$ 8,620	
Other non-BACOI communities in Riverside County							
Palm Springs (city)	1.92	26.1	14.3	21.6	\$ 44,025	\$ 36,627	
Palm Desert (city)	2.09	21.9	16.3	22.2	\$ 53,938	\$ 39,525	
Twenty-nine Palms (city)	2.68	14.5	26.4	17.6	\$ 41,492	\$ 20,074	
Medians:							
Border-Area Community of Interest (BACOI)	3.89	85.6	37.2	89	\$ 33,717	\$ 11,500	
Other non-BACOI communities in Riverside County	2.09	21.9	16.3	21.6	\$ 44,025	\$ 36,627	
State of California	2.91	42.2	26	36.1	\$ 60,392	\$ 29,020	
BACOI vs. State of California (pct +/- State average)	34%	103%	43%	147%	-44%	-60%	
Non-BACOI in Riverside County (pct +/- State average)	-28%	-48%	-37%	-40%	-27%	26%	

Subject: Support An Asian District

From: "Dr. Allen Chan" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 20:39:45 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

CC: Jay Mendoza Montenegro <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

I totally support the testimony of the following Speakers:

LEY EBRADA – SPEAKER #34 – SAN MARCOS – MAY 13, 2011
RITA ANDREWS – SPEAKER #36 – SAN MARCOS – MAY 13, 2011
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VIRGIL YALONG – SPEAKER #44– SAN DIEGO – MAY 14, 2011
MARITA FERRER – SPEAKER #46– SAN DIEGO – MAY 14, 2011

I am a resident of San Diego County and U. S. citizen of voting age."

Sincerely,

Dr. Allen Chan

Co-Convener, Asian & Pacific American Coalition for Fair Representation

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Thank You for Your Support During the Past 18 Years!

If you like us to inform you of our promotions, offers or upcoming events, please join our VIP Club via our website [REDACTED] or our [REDACTED]

Thank You.

Dr. Chan

Jasmine Seafood Restaurant

[REDACTED], Kearny Mesa, San Diego, CA 92111

[p] [REDACTED]

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[fb] [REDACTED]

Jasmine Bistro, Pan Asian Cuisine

[REDACTED] El Cajon, CA 92020

[p] [REDACTED]

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[fb] [REDACTED]

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CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: MAY 14, 2011 LOCATION: SAN DIEGO

TO: COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
FROM: ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER CITIZENS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
RE: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING SPEAKERS:

- LEY EBRADA – SPEAKER #34 – SAN MARCOS – MAY 13, 2011
- RITA ANDREWS – SPEAKER #36 – SAN MARCOS – MAY 13, 2011
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- MARITA FERRER – SPEAKER #46 – SAN DIEGO – MAY 14, 2011

I am a resident of San Diego County and U. S. citizen of voting age. I am aware of the community of interest factors raised by the above Speakers and their requests to this Commission. I support the testimony of the above Speakers.

Signature: <u>Jonathan A. Valdez</u> Print Name: <u>Jonathan A. Valdez</u> Email Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Residence Address: <u>San Diego, CA 92126</u>	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Residence Address: _____
Signature: <u>James</u> Print Name: <u>JAMES BRUNN</u> Email Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Residence Address: <u>SD, CA 92114</u>	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Residence Address: _____
Signature: <u>Megan Zoranta</u> Print Name: <u>Megan Zoranta</u> Email Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Residence Address: <u>La Mesa, CA 91932</u>	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Email Address: _____ Residence Address: _____
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Subject: redistricting

From: Laura Cyphert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 01:15:38 -0400

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Laura Cyphert and I am an elected member of the Lakeside Planning Group, and a long time resident of San Diego's East County, including the communities of El Cajon, Descanso, Jamul, and currently Lakeside.

I understand that there is some discussion of redistricting, which would lump Lakeside with Imperial County communities. I strongly urge the commissioners to keep El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, Alpine, Descanso, Gutay, Pine Valley, Jamul, Poway, Ramona, Julian and other rural communities on the western side of the Cuyamaca mountain range (and in the Cleveland National Forest), as contiguous districts. These communities are very similar in our demographics, as they are largely bedroom communities of the greater San Diego area. If these communities were included in a district that includes the desert and farming communities of Imperial County, this would greatly compromise the ability for either of our very diverse regions to have representation, as we have such dis-similar and often conflicting interests.

Please keep our east county communities, west of the Cuyamaca's, in tact.

Best regards,

Laura Cyphert

[REDACTED]
Lakeside, CA 92040

[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting/ Escondido

From: Ardith Burrows <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 20:28:03 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

Members of The Redistricting District

It has always been a mystery to me that Escondido is split into two districts putting the west side of town in the same district as Encinitas. Really?

We have NOTHING in common with Encinitas. Our demographics are completely different.

Just for openers, we are a dry arid agricultural area requiring completely different considerations than the coastal cities. We barely speak the same language, Dude!

Please unify Escondido into one assembly seat and group us with cities that have like interests, needs and concerns; ie San Marcos, Valley Center, Vista and Fallbrook.

Regards

Ardie Burrows

[REDACTED]
Escondido, Ca. 92025

Subject: Redistricting

From: jean stanzick <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 17:09:56 -0700

To: [REDACTED]

I received an e-mail stating that east San Diego County is proposed to be included in a district with Imperial County. This clearly seems to be a political effort to quiet the often annoying voices of the conservative element in East County and dilute their influence by grouping them with a completely unrelated area. Our area is San Diego. Our county is San Diego. Our news, weather, entertainment, shopping, educational facilities, churches et al are in the San Diego locale. As a very liberal constituent I have learned to love the "right stuff" in east county even though I don't often agree with it. Rethink this issue. Get in a car and visit the area. Gerrymandering is an ugly word and spending dollars to save a few dimes is not what our state needs now. We look stupid enough as it is.

Thanks

Jean Stanzick E.A.

Subject: REDISTRICTING OF OUR COMMUNITIES SOUTH OF 8 FREEWAY

From: "Christy Figueroa" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 19:28:23 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

CC: <[REDACTED]>

TO: Redistricting Commission

My name is Mrs. Christy Figueroa-Pettis and I am a Co-Chair for the San Diego Organizing Project and the Southern California Regional Co-Chair for PICO National Network, a multi faith-based non partisan community organization representing 45,000 families in San Diego and over a million families nationwide. I am also a member of St. Stephen's Church of God In Christ on Imperial Avenue and represent the 2nd and 4th Jurisdiction under the Pastoral Leadership of Bishop George Dallas McKinney.

As I represent various communities in San Diego (Southeast San Diego, Encanto, Chula Vista, La Mesa, Spring Valley, East San Diego, Lemon Grove, SDSU College areas, etc.) I must inform you that WE DO NOT WANT OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE SEPARATED UNDER THE REDISTRICTING ATTEMPT as we share similarities in our family interests, struggles and challenges, overcoming barriers, community successes, and both economical and social environments. We believe that rather than destroying what we have already gained, there should be great interest and focus on improvement in our district as we stand together through all of the challenges that our families face. Gang Violence, affordable housing, limited senior services, limited educational resources, foreclosures on homes leaving families homeless, prostitution, inaccessibility to much needed healthcare and living resources, adequate transportation and improvement of our community streets, parks an recreation centers and youth activities... The lack of these resources is unacceptable but would only get worse if redistricting occurred. Allow our voices to be heard loud and clear and let our votes count as one. We VOTE today to keep our communities together... As we strive for success together, as we teach our children together, and as we LIVE together.

We do not want to be a part of a district where we do not share the same issues, concerns, nor future hope and dreams for our families. Where there are no similarities and we are stripped from our voices when they need to be heard.

I thank you for your time and pray that you will do the right thing. Keep us as ONE.

Thank You,
Mrs. Christy Figueroa-Pettis
[REDACTED]

Subject: Redistricting of East County San Diego

From: "Harold Gottschalk" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 23:18:45 -0500

To: <[REDACTED]>

To whom it may concern,

East County, San Diego (Alpine, El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, Ramona, Poway) is a cohesive set of communities that should be represented together. Our communities would be best represented with similar communities and not with communities in another county that have other needs for representation.

I as a business person with an office in El Cajon and with my personal residence in Lakeside would prefer to have a representative district that has a cohesive needs for representation.

Thank you,
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Harold E. Gottschalk Jr.
Lakeside, CA

Subject: Redistricting Lakeside, CA with Imperial County

From: "Wilson's" [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 18:38:24 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To Whom It May Concern:

My hope is that this redistricting idea will not move forward. I cannot see any advantage for Lakeside. We have a very close relationship with the cities and towns around us and share many services.

Will this motion, if passed go to the vote? My vote is a resounding NO!

Sincerely,

Edward Wilson

[REDACTED]
Lakeside, CA 92040

Subject: Public Comment: Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: Myrna Reyes <myrnaf@██████████>

Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 00:11:53 +0000

To: ██████████

From: Myrna Reyes <██████████>
Subject: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Message Body:

"I support the testimony of the following Speakers:

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I am a resident of San Diego County and U. S. citizen of voting age."

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This mail is sent via contact form on Citizens Redistricting Commission

Subject: Please unify cities

From: Stewart Gage <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 18:52:26 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Commission,

I live in Escondido, CA and it is important to UNIFY ESCONDIDO into one Assembly seat. Escondido is a city of 144K people and it has been underrepresented because it was split in two. It needs to be joined with INLAND COMMUNITIES because it has nothing in common with the coastal communities.

Its environment is different, its transportation issues are different. Even its north San Diego county newspaper, the North County Times has two versions, coastal and inland.

ESCONDIDO should be joined with Valley Center, Hidden Meadows, Fallbrook, San Marcos, etc, because of its agricultural economy.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Stewart V. Gage

[REDACTED]

Escondido, CA 92030

Subject: Lakeside Chamber Press Announcement-Redistricting

From: "Barbara Gottschalk" [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 21:44:07 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Since East county is part of San Diego County and not Imperial count it doesn't make sense for the people in Imperial county to make decisions for us.

They are not in our water district, transportation etc to be able to make objective decisions for East County.

Please do not vote for this to happen.

Barbara Gottschalk

[REDACTED]
Lakeside, Ca 92040

Subject: I support the efforts of SCAPAL (Southwest Center For Asian Pacific American Law) and CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting).

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, 24 May 2011 02:41:46 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

To Voters First Act | crc.ca.gov:

I support the efforts of SCAPAL (Southwest Center For Asian Pacific American Law) and CAPAFR (Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting) in advocating to keep Asian Pacific Islander neighborhoods and communities together and not to split them apart in San Diego County.

All the best,

Marissa Acierto
San Diego Resident
2nd Generation, Filipino American
[REDACTED]

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

Subject: East County Redistricting

From: Carol Vacin <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 23 May 2011 21:35:54 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

To The California Citizens Redistricting Committee,

I am writing to say that I want to keep East County communities intact. East County has unique economic and cultural circumstances that should be recognized and represented as one. El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, Ramona, Alpine, and Poway share economies, as well as transportation and water concerns that are most similar to surrounding San Diego County communities. It would not make sense to connect with Imperial County. Therefore, please keep the East County communities intact.

Sincerely,

Carol Vacin

Carol Vacin

Cell Phone [REDACTED]

Home Phone [REDACTED]