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The Indian Wells Valley has been aligned with Kern County since 1943. This was a logical arrangement and remains so today. The citizens of the Indian Wells Valley are demographically similar to the citizens of the Kern county area with respect to income, ethnicity, and educational level. Because of this Kern County is more oriented to be able to provide the services required by the population of the Indian Wells Valley. The relationship between the Indian Wells Valley and Kern County is a strong and positive one and has been mutually beneficial since the original alignment. Kern County officials have proven to be conversant with the issues of the valley, supportive of the needs of its citizenry and proactive in advocating for all of its citizens. Sierra Sands Unified School District, in particular, has benefitted from the knowledgeable oversight, guidance and support provided by the Kern County Office of the Superintendent of Schools as well as by the services afforded to the district by the Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Kern County

Fire Department. These relationships are integral to the continuing success of the school district, the safety of its students, and the viability of the community. The District and the community have particularly benefitted from their relationships with its United States congressional representative. He is a knowledgeable advocate for the issues that are most important to the school district and the community in general. For these reasons Sierra Sands Unified School District respectfully requests that the Indian Wells Valley be allowed to remain in its current voter aligned geographic location.