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Subject: Hemet-San Jacinto are a community of interest - keep the San Jacinto Valley in 1 district

To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

I am writing as president of the Hemet-San Jacinto Action Group, a local organization of community leaders, to express our strong desire to see the San Jacinto Valley, including the two cities of Hemet and San Jacinto, be grouped together in a single state and congressional district.

In the southern California region, our distinct inland valley is a prime example of a "community of interest". Reasons for keeping our valley together include:

- Geographically distinct - surrounded on three sides by hills and mountains. No other cities share borders with our two cities.
- A 100 year common history of agriculture and recent suburbanization, and a common economic base
- Shared work opportunities within our valley, and the same

economic challenges.

- Common and unique transportation facilities– no freeway within 8 miles, and common 2 and 4 lane roads out of the valley
- Common media – one local weekly newspaper, The Valley Chronicle.
- City councils which for the first time in two decades are working closely together to overcome the difficult economic and social issues shared by our valley. Hemet council member Larry Smith spoke at the Norco meeting, and San Jacinto councilmember Andrew Kotyuk plans to speak at the Palm Springs meeting next week, both expressing the cities desire to be in one district.

Attached is a Google map with the San Jacinto Valley outlined in the center, showing its distinct geographical location.

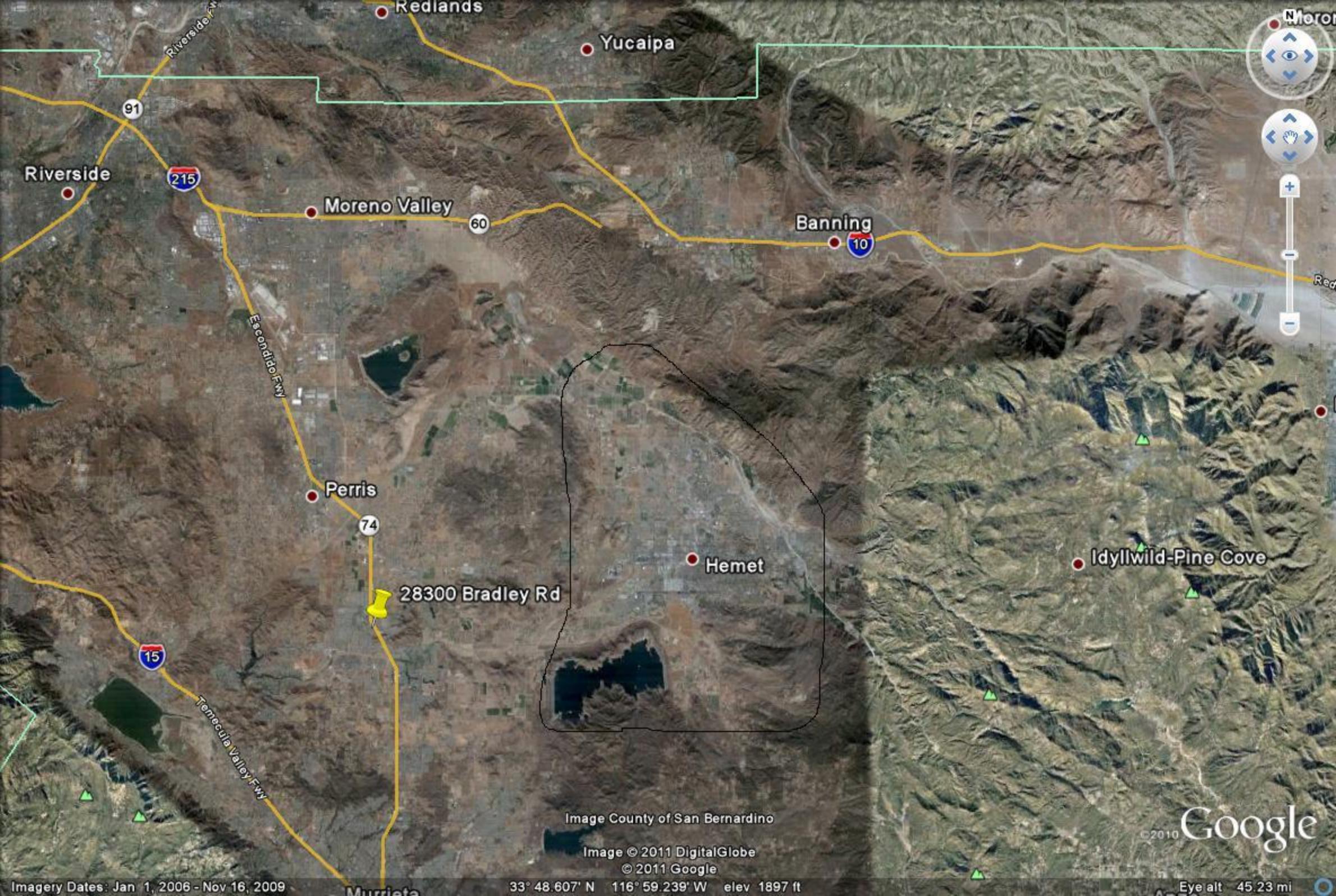
Thank you,

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The Hemet-San Jacinto Action Group is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-political advocacy network of community leaders dedicated to improving the quality of life in the San Jacinto Valley. The association provides leadership and advocacy in public policy issues, identifies important infrastructure and community needs, and lends support through various advocacy measures.



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Yucaipa

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