

Subject: NO Redistricting the Coachella Valley

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Conversation: NO Redistricting the Coachella Valley

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I am a resident of Palm Desert, and was born and raised in the Coachella Valley.

I adamantly oppose any redistricting to include the Imperial Valley for various reasons. I would point out that the similarities in demographics, tourism, agriculture, etc, are quite polar opposites, and should be considered when making such a decision.

In the Coachella Valley, most are resort communities with hotels, restaurants and events. The mode of transportation in and out of the valley include PS airport, Interstate 10 and Hwy. 111 throughout. Our communities have some of the fastest-growing retirement population in the state, so it's important to consider this aspect, due to our aging population and their healthcare needs. Many of our seasonal residents have their second homes here, while having their primary homes in Los Angeles or Orange Counties.

Within our communities we have a shared standard of living with many suburban bedroom communities. Many communities have shared associations of governments that do not include Imperial Valley. The Coachella Valley is geographically contiguous and compact, while the Imperial Valley is minimally a hour's drive away. We share local media and LA-based newspapers, TV and radio, with local spotlight.

I would implore you to take consideration the tourism-oriented Coachella Valley not being a positive thing for the residents of either areas if districted together with agriculture-focused Imperial County.

Sincerely,

Laurie Brown