

**Subject: Coachella valley not related to imperial valley**

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**Conversation:** Coachella valley not related to imperial valley

Hello:

I am writing in to share that Coachella valley is not related to imperial valley and I m concerned that where I live with be tied to imperial valley.

The fact is by drawing lines to include imperial with the Coachella valley would be detrimental to both the Coachella and Imperial. While imperial valley is mostly agricultural cochella's community of interest is a resort community with hotels, restaurants and events with shared transportation: PS airport, Hwy 10, Hwy 111 <x-apple-data-detectors://9> . It is a fast growing retirement population in the state with a sharehealth care system, especially for our aging population. We have a shared standard of living- suburban bedroom communities shared associations of governments (they do not include Imperial Valley). Many of the residents commute from los Angeles and orange county and in doing so we share LA newspapers, TV and radio and many of these residents have second homes here. There are NO connections to imperial valley!!

Instead imperial valley should be drawn into san Diego county as it is closer for exporting agricultural and the region there would be a community of interest.

Furthermore, the Coachella valley has distinct environmental issues (majority of Salton Sea, New River) and the geothermal opportunity on south end of Salton Sea is in no way tied to Coachella Valley.

Imperial valley's Mexican border issues are shared with San Diego county's standard of living and is very different from Coachella valleys. It is rural, farm land, high unemployment, poverty challenges

all not shared with Coachella Valley.

Lastly, Interstate 8 ties Imperial Co to San Diego.

Thank you for your handwork and for keeping the Coachella valley separate from Imperial valley!

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