



Honorable Commissioners,

**I write today to strongly urge you NOT to combine the Coachella Valley with Imperial County.** The two areas are not only geographically distant, they are economically unrelated (tourism/suburban vs agriculture/rural) and share few if any of the same challenges.

Imperial County needs to have its own distinct, dedicated representative, close to home. They are traditionally aligned with San Diego and were once part of San Diego county! In fact, you yourselves put them in the same - CRC Region as San Diego! San Diego and Imperial counties share important border issues, agriculture and the dominant Interstate 8 corridor. Health care for Imperial residents is in San Diego or Mexico. People do not drive - hundreds of miles to Coachella Valley for health care! -

**The solution is easy:**

1. Keep Coachella Valley intact and within Riverside Co.
2. For CD45, add Desert Hot Springs and its unincorporated areas, then drop Moreno Valley and 1-2 other cities near Moreno Valley to total 703,000, -

Combining Coachella Valley with Imperial county makes no sense. Honestly, it sounds like a political move by one of the parties and this process is not supposed to be political.

Thanks for all you do, -  
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