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**Subject: Redistricting Coachella Valley???** We are CD45 Riverside County

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**Conversation:** Redistricting Coachella Valley???

We strongly wish to express that CD45 should be Riverside County only.

The Coachella Valley is known for its tourism, a resort community, and great place to set up roots for retirement.

We are extremely proud to call the Coachella Valley home. Almost anyone you talk to both in and out of the USA

recognizes what the Coachella Valley has to offer when it comes to it's art festivals, music festivals, major golf events, street fairs and that

it is truly a "major people place". One City runs into another and so does the entire Coachella Valley attitude of Service with a Smile.

There is so much to offer in this Valley for the enjoyment of all ages, especially the retirement community. With hiking, biking, golf, swimming the vitality of people in the Coachella Valley speaks favorably for our energetic lifestyle.

Riverside County depicts this whole attitude. We cannot understand the possibility of taking two such diverse Counties and trying to unite them into one.

The brief time we've spent in Imperial County shows just how red and green the differences are. Totally different thinking!!! and living!!!!

City life (greater population) versus farm life (more spread out); entertainment (sports, theatre, arts) versus agriculture; farming;

fast-paced versus slow; sharehealth care system versus health care tied to San Diego County.

People in both counties enjoying life in their own way but with such a diverse sense of direction and thought.

Absolutely no way should these areas be brought together. In our separate ways we want a solid, strong economy - a little tough to do when the people do not maintain similar, strong agendas and interests.

Please keep CD45 in Riverside County Only.

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