



Dear CRC Commissioners,

As a Coachella Valley resident and voter, I am writing to ask that you do your homework and not listen to those that claim Imperial Co is a "mirror" of the Coachella Valley.

Coachella Valley is a center of tourism, golf, tennis centers, hotels and entertainment.

We have the fastest-aging population in the state, which will present unique, shared challenges.

Our desert cities share the same tourism industry and demographics as well as the same health care system, transportation, media, utilities, school systems, etc.

Our community is contiguous and compact.

Imperial County is an agricultural, rural area.

It is sparsely populated and spread out for hours of driving.

It has Mexican border issues shared with San Diego Co.

It share the huge I-8 corridor with San Diego

It is currently and has always been aligned with San Diego (it was once part of SD County!)

You even have it in the same CRC region with San Diego!

Imperial Co folks go to San Diego or Mexico for healthcare, not the Coachella Valley.

You will be seen as DISRUPTING OUR NATURAL COMMUNITIES as well as GERRYMANDERING if you combine Coachella Valley with Imperial County.

Thanks for your time,

Ellen Swensen