

**Subject: Keep CD 45 in Riverside County Only!****Date:** Tuesday, May 17, 2011 1:06 PM**From:** Ronald Fisher [REDACTED]**To:** <votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov>**Conversation:** Keep CD 45 in Riverside County Only!**To the Citizens Redistricting Committee:**

**I am opposed to any redistricting that includes Imperial County with Riverside County. The Coachella Valley is a distinct, cohesive "community of Interest" ('COI').**

Here are the facts in support of my opposition to any merger of Imperial County into Congressional District 45;

The Coachella Valley is a tourism economy - we are NOT agricultural

The Coachella Valley is a resort community with hotels, restaurants and many events unrelated to agriculture

The Coachella Valley transportation corridor is Interstate 10, and therefore tied to LA/ West Riverside Counties

The Coachella Valley is the fastest-growing retirement population in the state - we are NOT agricultural

The Coachella Valley is a shared health care system tied to Riverside County and specifically suited for our aging population

The Coachella Valley is a shared standard of living- suburban bedroom/RESORT communities

The Coachella Valley is shared associations of governments (they do not include Imperial Valley, nor should they)

The Coachella Valley is geographically contiguous and compact, a stand-alone community

The Coachella Valley is shared media - we share local media and LA-based newspapers, TV and radio

The Coachella Valley has many second home owners from Out-of-State, LA, and Orange County

**In contrast;**

Imperial County is its own COI and very different from Coachella Valley. It is tied to, and should stay with San Diego Co.

Imperial County is primarily an agricultural industry, NOT RESORT

Imperial County has distinct environmental issues (majority of Salton Sea, New River)

Imperial County has geothermal opportunity at the south end of Salton Sea, and in no way tied to Coachella Valley wind & solar

Imperial County shares Mexican border issues with San Diego

Imperial County has a very different standard of living; rural, farm, NOT RESORT

Imperial County has unemployment, poverty challenges not shared with Coachella Valley

Imperial County is geographically spread out, not contiguous with Coachella Valley

Imperial County is tied to San Diego County media  
Imperial County is tied to San Diego Co health care  
Imperial County is tied to San Diego by Interstate 8, a totally different travel corridor.

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