

Thursday, May 18, 2011

Attention: Chair, Citizens Redistricting Committee (CRC)

I am a ten year resident of Riverside County, living in Sun City Palm Desert. I am concerned about the redistricting of the Coachella Valley by the improper combination of our community of interest with areas that are not similar or with like demographics and economic profiles.

It is obvious from the information published that all of the Districts in the Coachella Valley are larger in size than the population goal of the average District. I would like you to consider:

- preserve Coachella Valley as a District in it's entirety, if possible;
- if there is a need to include other population areas to the Coachella Valley it should be those with similar economic and demographic characteristics;
- it would be preferable to extend our District to the west where the business corridors extend and the economic ties already exist rather than to try to introduce more agricultural and/or barren areas to the south or east.

The Coachella Valley, as a community of interest, is much more like closer portions of San Bernardino County or Orange County than eastern Riverside County or Imperial County.

Your consideration in creating Congressional, Assembly and Senate Districts that have similar economic, social, demographic and standard of living similarities is strongly requested.

Sincerely,

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