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**Subject: Coachella Valley is distinct from Imperial Valley which is tied to San Diego so they need different districts**

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**Conversation:** Coachella Valley is distinct from Imperial Valley which is tied to San Diego so they need different districts

Thank you for your consideration, Commissioners,

I am responding to what I heard at the very interesting session on 12 May 2011 in Palm Springs.

One speaker said the two valleys should be one district because the fault line runs by both Imperial and Coachella.

However, just because two communities are on the same side of the Pacific Plate and next to the San Andreas

Fault shouldn't be a compelling reason for the two communities to be in the same district. The COI's should

be more influential. Imperial Valley is a farming community and Coachella Valley is a tourism community.

People from Imperial Valley even travel to San Diego not Coachella Valley to satisfy other needs and wants.

Another speaker said the area where she lives needs welfare and health care, but people in

Imperial Valley don't come to Coachella for health care, they go to San Diego.

This next speaker broached a subject that wasn't supposed to even be in your per-view, so I'm only

responding because she spoke it.

The speaker said her area needs education money so Imperial and Coachella should be one district,

I assume that's so Coachella can then contribute more taxes to her education community, Imperial.

Making the "Wealth Pie" bigger, allowing her community to become more wealthy will do a better job

of getting more tax money to her Imperial Schools. Everyone then will get "bigger wealth bites".

Two other speakers then wrongly made race an issue and I know that is not a good reason for uniting

two communities that have separate business interests and separate COI's.

Another speaker said that from time to time a school in Imperial will have an activity with a school in Coachella, so the two valleys should be in the same district. However, Broadening horizons and associations isn't a reason, to connect to separate and distinct valleys into one district.

These two Valleys belong in separate districts so I hope the maps will be drawn that way.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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