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Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to convey my concerns via email. My name is Manuel (Manny) M. Rios. I have served on the city council of the City of Coachella, 14 years, 6 years as Mayor, 4 years as Mayor Pro Tem and 4 years as Councilman. I served 8 years on the Planning Commission with 2 years as Chairman, and 4 years on the Board of Directors as Secretary of the Board for the Coachella Chamber of Commerce.

While serving on the city council, I also served on the executive board for both C-VAG (Coachella Valley Association of Governments) and Sun Line Transit Agency.

I bring to your attention my personal involvement with the City of Coachella and the Coachella Valley because in 26 years of service to the city and the valley, I have yet to hear any issues, political or otherwise addressing any of the needs for Imperial Valley. We are separated by many miles of open desert.

While there are some who would want to be part of Imperial Valley for the redistricting for their own political benefit. Our needs are very different. Here in the Coachella Valley we do have agriculture in our valley, providing employment for many, however, we are more dependent on tourism. Tourism is a major employment factor to consider, with our casinos, hotels, golf courses and concerts. Not forgetting many of our second home owners who are not registered voters in our valley.

I humbly ask you keep the Coachella Valley intact, we have more in common with our neighbors to the west, like Banning, Beaumont and Moreno Valley and no communality with Imperial Valley.

Sincerely, Manny Rios