

**Subject:** || Dennis Stratton May 23rd Citizen Comment Deadline concerns ||

**From:** <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 20:48:24 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners,

This process is supposed to be a fair and honest proceeding and "citizen-based redistricting" not special interest with powerful lawyers to influence the outcome.

How do we receive fair treatment in the Coachella Valley when the odds are against its citizens concerning the mapping that will include Imperial County (?) with Coachella Valley?

Thank you for your time,  
Dennis Stratton, Retired USN  
Palm Springs

**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE COACHELLA VALLEY WITH IMPERIAL COUNTY!!!!

**From:** "Linda Davis" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 11:24:41 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Please do not take away our distinctive representation for our desert cities...we must remain in Riverside County and not be included in the imperial county maps.

Thank you,

Jeff & Linda Davis  
Bermuda Dunes, ca



# GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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May 27, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **Re: Proposed Assembly and Senate Districts for the City of Riverside and Western Riverside County**

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, I urge the Commission to consider ensuring the new districts affecting the City of Riverside stay within the County of Riverside jurisdictional boundaries.

With just over 300,000 residents and sized at approximately 80 square miles, the City of Riverside is the economic engine and official seat of the County. The city boundaries encompass the transportation corridors created by the SR-91 (Riverside), SR-60 and I-215, as well as Burlington Northern Santa Fe and UPSP rail lines. The Santa Ana River runs alongside the city's northern edges with March Air Reserve Base and Joint Powers Authority wrapping the southeastern borders.

As one of the largest counties in the state in terms of landmass stretching from Orange County to the Arizona border, the County of Riverside is the site of the fastest growing population across the state of California. With 2.2 million people and growing, the county is a center for expansion and its continued development is critically dependent upon the coordinated efforts of local agencies and service providers to work with state and federal legislators to meet the needs of this community.

Because of its size and stature within Riverside County, the City of Riverside is often representative of the entire county at state and national levels, and it is for the following pragmatic purposes that I request your support of this request.

- **Aligned Transportation Efforts:** Riverside County has coordinated efforts in place via RCTC (Riverside County Transportation Commission) and WRCOG (Western Riverside Council of Governments) to address countywide transportation planning, funding and pursuit of funding for road and highway improvements that are vital to improve the quality of life of county residents and reduce traffic congestion in our region. Conversely, San Bernardino County, our neighbor to the north, maintains its own unique associated governments/ transportation districts often representing priorities based on their different set of needs.
- **Consistency with School Districts:** The City of Riverside shares one of its school districts, Alvorad Unified, with Riverside County and the City of Corona.
- **Shared Community College:** The City of Riverside is home to the main operations of the Riverside Community College District and its main campus at Riverside City College (RCC). RCC has grown to be one of California's leading community colleges and is a landmark in downtown Riverside and has been part of the community since 1916. During this time, the district has grown with the surrounding neighborhoods and the cities it serves. Today, RCC has campuses in three cities – Riverside, Moreno Valley, and Norco.
- **Market Conditions:** As the driver for economic activity within the region, the City of Riverside and Western Riverside County at large depend upon coordinated representation with the state and federal government in order to effectively meet the needs of its residents. The need for organized leverage on issues of goods movement and infrastructure along transportation corridors aligns the City of Riverside with the Cities of Corona and Norco.

- **Federal/State Matching Fund Requirements:** Infrastructure, housing, workforce and transportation projects that receive state and federal funding often require a local contribution, sponsor or match. To require a cross-county collaboration would make these types of projects difficult, if not impossible, to administer.
- **Shared Identity:** Outside of the region, Riverside County and the City of Riverside are often used interchangeably. It is in the best interest of our county and the jurisdictions aligned closely with us – Corona, Norco and the March JPA – to maintain a unified identity.

Please consider the attached maps in your deliberations because they reflect our sincere efforts to align communities of interest into districts that will effectively and collaboratively represent the interests of the businesses, residents, and communities in our region. For the above reasons, I urge your consideration to ensure that the City and County of Riverside's district boundaries are drawn within the County of Riverside.

Respectfully,



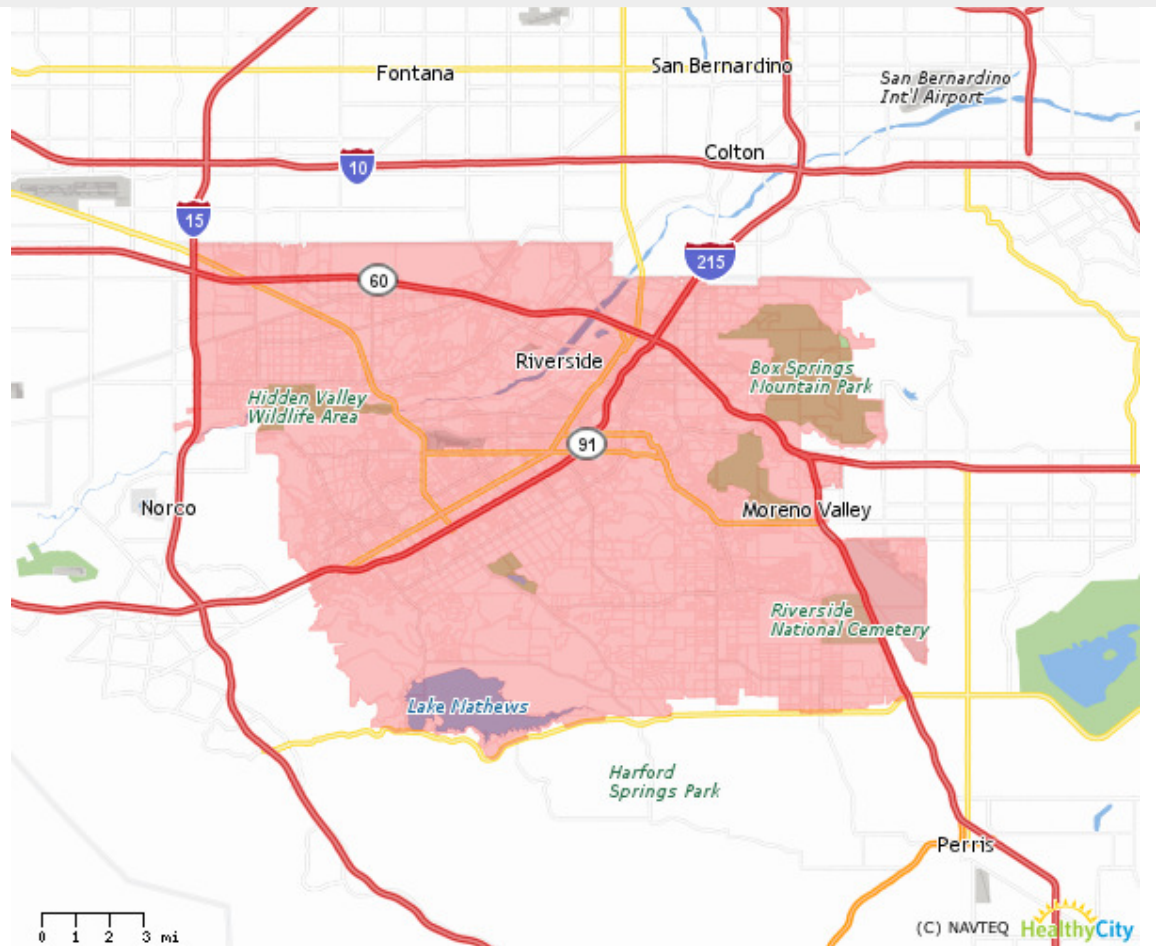
Cindy Roth  
President/CEO

CR/na

## Assembly Map - RIV, JV, MARB, LMAT

Submitted by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

**The City of Riverside and surrounding communities** – this community includes the cities of Riverside and newly-incorporated Jurupa Valley, March Air Reserve Base, and the communities near Lake Mathews. It is bordered to the North by San Bernardino County, to the West by the cities of Corona and Norco, to the East by the City of Moreno Valley, and to the South by Cajalco Road. The community primarily follows the transportation corridors created by the intersections of the SR-91, SR-60, and I-215.



According to the 2010 Decennial Census, the proposed district contains the following statistics:

**Total Population:** 446,918

**Citizen Voting Age Population:** 239,844

**Hispanic or Latino:** 231,469 (51.79%)

**White Alone:** 148,547 (33.24%)

**Black or African American Alone:** 26,204 (5.86%)

**Asian:** 29,157 (6.52%)

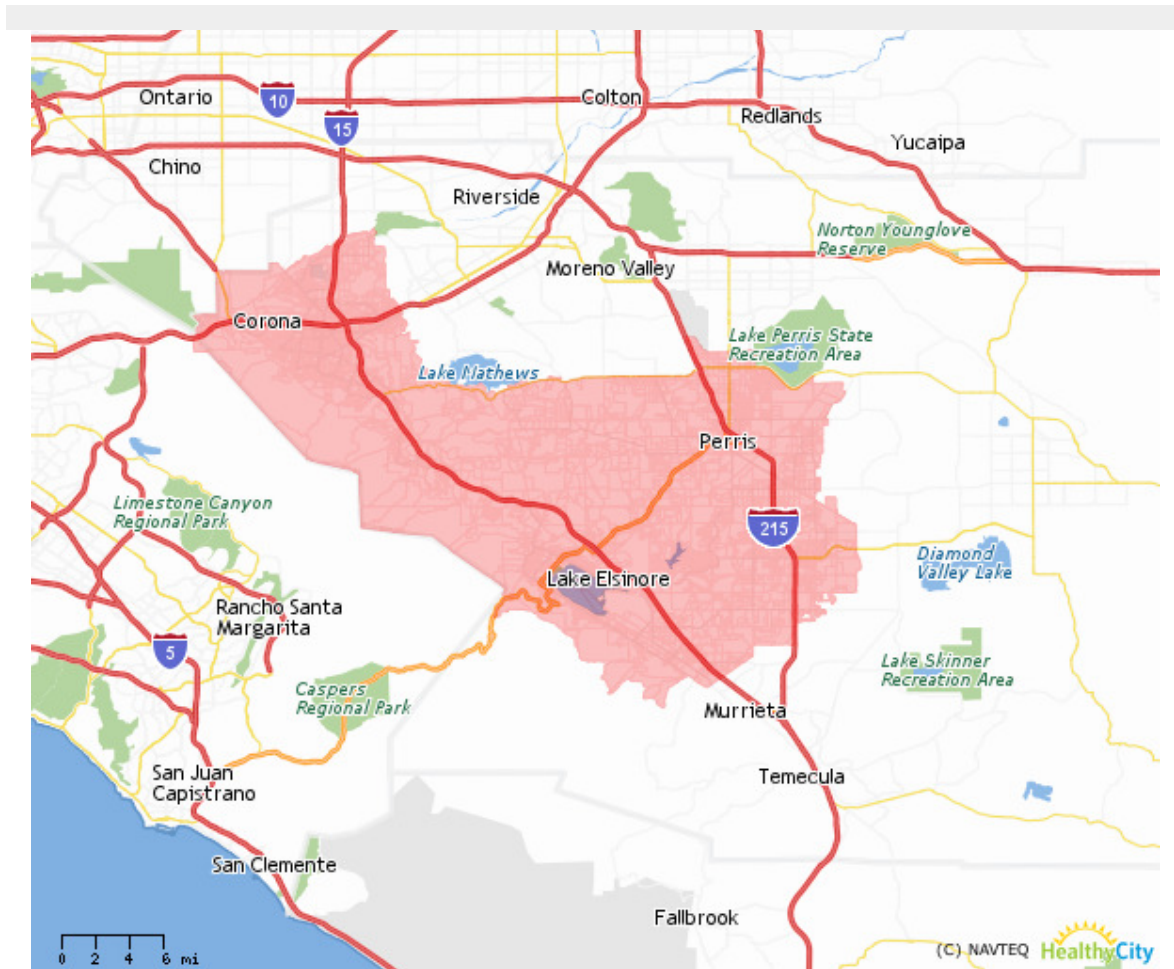
**Some Other Race:** 2,573 (0.58%)

**Two or More Races:** 8,968 (2.01%)

## Assembly Map - COR, NOR, PER, LELS

Submitted by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

**The Cities of Corona, Norco, Lake Elsinore, and Perris** – this community includes the cities of Corona, Norco, Lake Elsinore, and Perris. It is bordered to the North by the City of Riverside and Cajalco Road. To the East, this community is bordered by the rural space between the communities associated with the cities of Perris and Lake Elsinore and the communities associated with Hemet and San Jacinto. To the South, this community is bordered by the City of Murrieta. To the West, this community is bordered by Orange County. The community primarily follows the transportation corridors created by the I-15 and I-215.



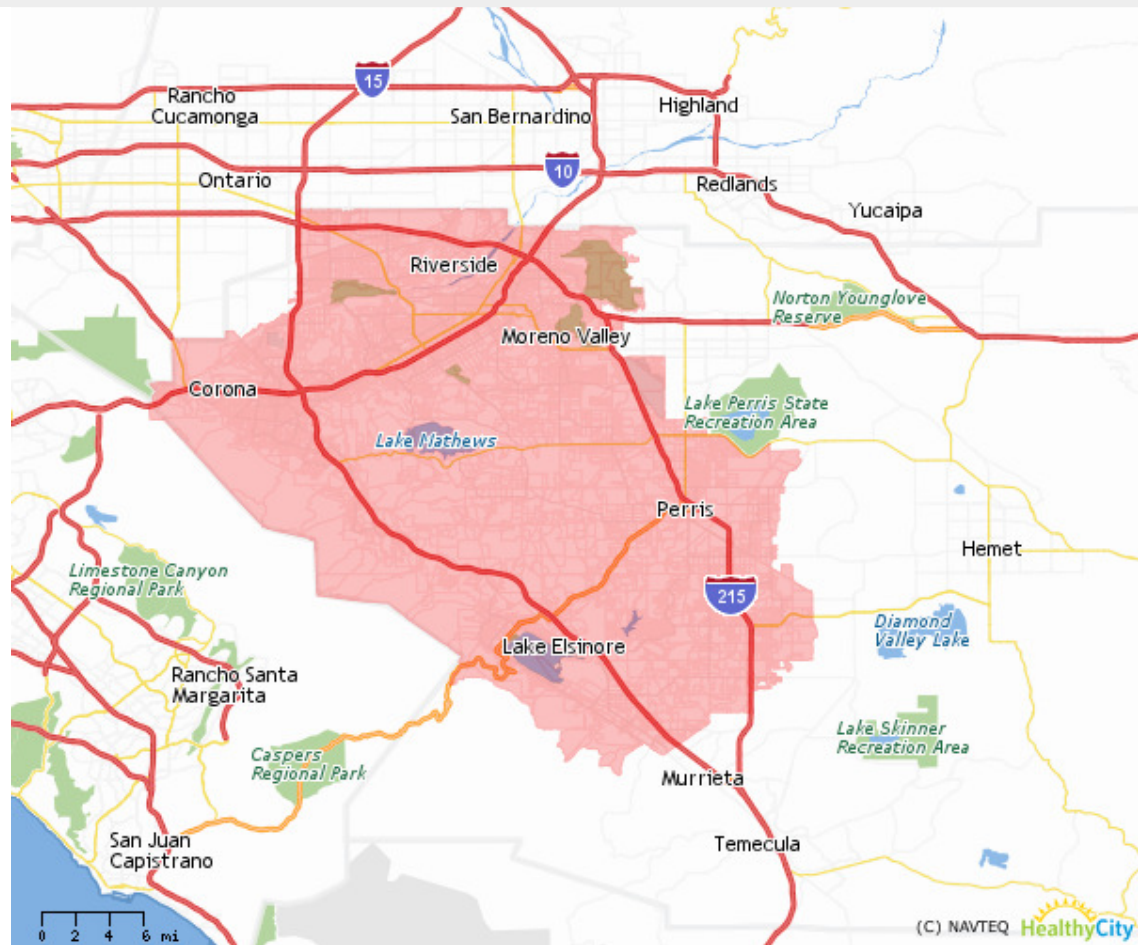
According to the 2010 Decennial Census, the proposed district contains the following statistics:

- Total Population:** 508,483
- Citizen Voting Age Population:** 266,779
- Hispanic or Latino:** 232,911 (45.81%)
- White Alone:** 200,806 (39.49%)
- Black or African American Alone:** 29,305 (5.76%)
- Asian:** 31,150 (6.13%)
- Some Other Race:** 2,674 (0.53%)
- Two or More Races:** 11,637 (2.29%)

## Senate Map - RIV, JV, COR, NOR, PER, LELS

Submitted by the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

**Northwest Riverside County** – this community includes the cities of Riverside, newly-incorporated Jurupa Valley, Corona, Norco, Perris, and Lake Elsinore. It is bordered on the North and West by the Riverside County borders with San Bernardino and Orange counties. The area is bordered on the East by the City of Moreno Valley and the space between the communities associated with the City of Perris and those communities associated with the cities of Hemet and San Jacinto. The area narrows to the South and is primarily bordered by the City of Murrieta. The community follows primary transportation corridors of the SR-91, SR-60, I-15, and I-215.



According to the 2010 Decennial Census, the proposed district contains the following statistics:

**Total Population:** 955,640

**Citizen Voting Age Population:** 506,790

**Hispanic or Latino:** 464,521 (48.61%)

**White Alone:** 349,574 (36.58%)

**Black or African American Alone:** 55,435 (5.80%)

**Asian:** 60,260 (6.31%)

**Some Other Race:** 5,245 (0.55%)

**Two or More Races:** 20,605 (2.16%)

**Subject:** Coachella Valley and Imperial County

**From:** jean nelson <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 12:57:43 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please DO NOT combine these, as the problems will only get worse than they are now!



**Subject:** 101 Citizen Emails Oppose Coachella Valley-Imperial Merge

**From:** Ellen Swensen <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Fri, 27 May 2011 09:51:28 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear CRC,

I want to call your attention to the **101 citizens** (73 emails, one with a 29-signature petition) that emailed you, opposing the districting of our Coachella Valley with Imperial County. These emails clearly lay out the reasons, most notably that the Coachella Valley is a tourism economy, sub-urban, contiguous bedroom community and Imperial Co. is distant rural farmland.

In your May 19 regional wrap-up, you clearly recognized this difference and directed several alternative maps combining Imperial with San Diego Co. In that hearing, you reiterated the strong testimony of Imperial Co and San Diego citizens to keep their counties together. They share a border culture and have worked together for years. They share Interstate 8, health care, education and even the Girl Scouts! You also noted the strong testimony to keep the Coachella Valley desert cities together.

**In your Region 2 wrap-up, you directed NO maps combining Coachella Valley with Imperial Co.** The only outstanding question was who should have the Salton Sea.

Now, I see that the powerful special interest groups are proposing maps combining these two unrelated areas and splitting the desert cities. Since the CRC gave the citizens no time to react to these maps, I am entering into the record my request that you don't let these groups have the last say and that you will put the most weight on the citizens who know their areas and will be directly affected. In our case, **101 citizens is the largest number of emails supporting one specific issue in the entire state!**

Once again, **please do not combine the Coachella Valley with Imperial Co. in any maps**, for the reasons stated above.

Thanks for all your hard work,  
Ellen Swensen  
Rancho Mirage