

Subject: 101 Citizen Emails Oppose Coachella Valley-Imperial Merge

From: Carol O'Donnell <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat, 28 May 2011 11:54:02 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Dear CRC,

Please take note that 101 citizens (there were 73 emails, one which included a 29-signature petition) e-mailed you opposing combining the Coachella Valley in the same district with Imperial County. These emails lay out the reasons this should not be done: the Coachella Valley's main economy is tourism; it is sub-urban and a contiguous bedroom community. Imperial County is rural farmland.

Your May 19 regional wrap-up recognized this difference and directed several alternative maps combining Imperial with San Diego County. In that hearing, you reiterated the testimony of Imperial County and San Diego County citizens to keep their counties together. They share a common border culture and have worked together for years. They share Interstate 8, health care, and education. 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.

It seems that the powerful special interest groups are proposing maps combining these two unrelated areas and splitting the desert cities, whereas this should be a non-partisan decision.

Since the CRC gave the citizens no time to react to these maps, I request that you do not allow these groups have the final word. I request that you listen to the citizens who know their areas and will be directly affected.

For the reasons stated, I request that you do not combine the Coachella Valley with Imperial County in any maps.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: City Council June 1

From: [REDACTED]

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Agenda on June 1

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