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Dear CRC Members:

I would like to call your attention to the **101 emails from citizens** (73 emails, one with a 29-signature petition attached) that was recently lodged with the Commission opposing the districting of cities in the Coachella Valley with Imperial County. These emails clearly spell out the reasons why these two areas should not be drawn together, most notably that the Coachella Valley is a tourism based economy with a suburban, contiguous bedroom community and Imperial County is a distant rural farmland area highly dependant on the agriculture industry. I have never in my (9) years in office had any kind of interaction with Imperial County Cities and/or their representatives. Conversely, I sit on many boards and commissions with my fellow elected officials of western Riverside County cities.

In your May 19 regional wrap-up the Commission clearly recognized these differences and directed several alternative maps combining Imperial County with San Diego County. In that hearing you reiterated the strong testimony of Imperial County and San Diego County residents to keep their counties together in one district. These counties share a common border and culture, and their elected officials have worked together on numerous projects and social issues for many years with great success. They already share educational, medical, and social interaction on a daily basis. San Diego County also has the necessary resources to bring Imperial County into a more productive area sooner than the cities in the eastern region of Riverside County.

**In your Region 2 wrap-up you directed that NO maps combining Coachella Valley with Imperial County be drawn.** The only outstanding question was which area should have responsibility over the Salton Sea. That can be mitigated either way to protect both areas interests.

I hear that powerful special interest groups are proposing maps combining these two unrelated areas and splitting the desert cities. However, the redistricting lines need to be drawn taking into consideration what is best for both areas and should NOT be about politics and catering to the needs of Special Interest groups. 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 our citizens who know needs of their respective cities and the unincorporated areas that will be directly affected by the Commission decision. In our case, **101 citizens are the largest number of emails supporting one specific redistricting issue in the entire State!**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
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