

**Subject:** Public Comment: 1 - Imperial

**From:** Robert Herrera <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 19:31:55 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Robert Herrera <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Redistricting

Message Body:

June 15, 2011

Robert A. Herrera

[REDACTED]  
Calexico, Ca. 92231

Dear Commissioners,

As an Imperial County resident and voter, I am concerned about the current draft maps you have drawn for the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts for our region.

Last month during your first round of public comment input hearings you received numerous requests, both in writing and in-person, to keep the Imperial and Coachella Valleys as one contiguous community of interest. Similarly, you also received requests from members of the Eastern San Diego Communities asking to not be included in a district which includes us here in Imperial County. After reviewing the drafts released on June 10th, it is clear to me that our voices were once again not heard.

Imperial County shares many common interests with Eastern Riverside County and all those of us who live here or even those who have visited the Southeast Desert would attest to this. Our population's characteristics and cultures are closely tied, our economies are closely linked, and we share many similar challenges such as; the Salton Sea and its restoration efforts, the New River and its threat to public health, poor air quality due to high particulate matter in our shared air basin, and limited options for higher educational institutions (no CSU or UC main campuses).

Similarly, both Valley's also share many positive attributes which include; vast natural resources which have already put us on the map as the hub for Renewable Energy generation potential, Enterprise Zones and other incentive programs for businesses, shared service territory in the Imperial Irrigation District (public utility company), agricultural based economies which have provided jobs to local farmworkers, shared waterways and canals, and deep cultural ties between families in both Valleys.

We deserve representation at the Federal and State level that takes into account the needs of our desert community and does not simply lump us with San Diego only because we share the U.S.-Mexico Border. Furthermore, this Commission has an opportunity to embolden our California Congressional delegation by assigning two representatives to the U.S.-Mexico Border rather than keeping the status-quo. The current district draft maps will disenfranchise our communities and continue to keep us in the shadows of our large urban communities to the west. Please reconsider your initial draft and listen to the request of Imperial County residents.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Herrera

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**From:** Josue Mercado <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 17:30:04 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Josue Mercado <[REDACTED]>

Subject: US Congressional Redistricting

Message Body:

I live in El Centro, a small community in Southern California, close to the border with Mexico. There have been a lot of border related issues that continue to negatively affect the economy of our State. Having just one congressional district to represent all of California's border communities does not help resolve those issues. More representatives of our States border communities are needed in Congress. I believe this is the time to redraw the Congressional District Map in a way that it will result in California gaining three US Congress districts (districts 45, 51, & 52) to represent the border communities. You hold the power to make this happen. Our communities and most of all, our States economy will be in great debt to you. Thank you for your time and please act on my humble recommendation.

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**From:** Robert Herrera <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 19:56:18 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Robert Herrera <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Keep Imperial County and Riverside County Together

Message Body:

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**From:** Efrain Guerrero <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 18:12:22 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** Efrain Guerrero <[REDACTED]>

**Subject:** Please help

Message Body:

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**From:** Daniel Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 15 Jun 2011 20:57:43 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Daniel Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Imperial County

Message Body:

I have 2 main comments. The first is regarding US Congressional Districts. I live in El Centro, a small community in Southern California, close to the border with Mexico. There have been a lot of border related issues that continue to negatively affect the economy of our State. Having just one congressional district to represent all of California's border communities does not help resolve those issues. More representatives of our States border communities are needed in Congress. I believe this is the time to redraw the Congressional District Map in a way that it will result in California gaining three US Congress districts.

Second, for the CA Legislative Districts (Senate and Assembly), Imperial County has much more in common with east Riverside County than with east San Diego County. That said, please ensure that Imperial County is not divided in any legislative district. It is hard enough to voice our concerns being the county furthest from Sacramento, without dividing us among louder voices.

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