

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:39:16 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs: I live in a retirement community in Indio. I understand you plan to include us with the Imperial Valley, We have no interests in common with that area - PLEASE RECONSIDER your redistricting plan.

Thank you.

Karen Knowles

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Indio, CA 92211



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June 16, 2011

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners,

As the representative of the Calexico New River Committee, I am concerned about the current draft maps you have drawn for the Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly districts for our region. The CNRC was established in 1999 by a group of concerned citizens with the vision to eliminate the negative health and environmental impacts of the New River and the threat it represents to the Salton Sea.

The CNRC co-sponsored AB 1079 in 2009, this bill requires that the California Mexico Border Relations Council (Border Council) develop a plan to guide implementation of the New River Improvement Project which is intended to “study, monitor, remediate and enhance the New River water quality in the County of Imperial to protect human health, and develop a river parkway suitable for public use and enjoyment.” Thanks to the joint efforts of organizations and voters in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys this project is a reality.

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 10<sup>th</sup>, it is clear to me that our voices were once again not heard.

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 farm workers, 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.

Respectfully,



Miguel Figueroa  
Executive Director

Calexico New River Committee

**Subject:** Public Comment: 1 - Imperial  
**From:** Karla <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:31:33 +0000  
**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Karla <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Re-Maping

Message Body:

I would like for the Commission to take into consideration our Imperial Valley representation that spoke on Monday in San Diego regarding our concerns and preference in being removed from San Digo and adding Riverside County. Please we have more things in common with Riverside then we do with San Diego. Thank you for your time and cooperation with this matter.

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**Subject:** Redistricting Map

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 15:05:25 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Commission Members:

I am writing in support of your preliminary map published on June 10, 2011. We were very pleased with your efforts as published and are disappointed that a segment of those in other areas want to change the good work you have done. Most of us living in the Coachella Valley wish to exclude Imperial County and any part of San Diego county in the final map. As noted earlier the Coachella Valley is a resort/retirement community and has little in common with the Agricultural areas of Imperial County.

Thank you for your work and we trust that the final map will reflect your efforts of June 10, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Randall Morton, Indio, CA

**Subject:** Eastern Riverside and Imperial counties

**From:** Colt Stewart <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:00:51 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Redistricting Commission,

Please consider including Imperial County with the Coachella Valley in Eastern Riverside County as one area of common interest for the following reasons:

1. Common Agricultural Economic Base.
2. Abundant Renewable Energy Resources (Solar, Wind and Geothermal) with common issues affecting their development and transmission.
3. A huge Hispanic population with many familial ties and interrelated socio-economic issues which can best be addressed in a common district.

Counties lines are the most arbitrary sort of demarcation. As I understand your challenge is to follow communities of interest. Let's do that here.

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,

Coulter Stewart

[REDACTED]  
Palm Desert, CA  
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06-22-2011

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Juan Uribe I currently live in Indio,CA, but i lived in Salton City, an Imperial County city, for 3 years and attended a school that is in Riverside county. To me Imperial County and Coachella Valley are connected to one another. Not only the Salton Sea connects us but both areas have a lot of agricultural similarities which to me always seemed to be one. I believe that both areas have a lot of farm labor that connect them to one another. There are a lot of farm workers that are constantly transferred to Mecca and Thermal from Imperial County and families from Coachella looking for work in Imperial County. That's why most people have roots and family in both Eastern Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley. While attending the classes in the Coachella Valley Unified School District and living in Imperial County my piers and I felt like if we were one with each other and we agreed that they are very similar areas.

I think keeping the Eastern Coachella Valley with Imperial County in an Assembly District would be better for students that attend those schools.

Thank you,

Juan Diego Uribe

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Indio, Ca

**Subject:** Eastern Riverside and Imperial counties

**From:** John Manion <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 18:23:37 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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Cordially,

John F. Manion

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Palm Desert, CA 93311

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