

**Subject:** Thank you for submitting Public Comment Re: Coachella Valley

**From:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:01:27 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Coachella Valley Redistricting  
**From:** Sheryl Hamlin <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:30:21 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Citizens,

Thanks for spending your time on the statewide redistricting effort. This was a monumental task.

We in the Coachella Valley appreciate that you have seen to keep the valley together as a district. Our valley is unique in that its major industry is tourism and our crime is very low compared to other parts of Riverside county. Tourism stretches from Palm Springs to the Salton Sea, where the Albert Frey designed Yacht Club has been recently renovated to international acclaim.

Thanks again for your service.

Sheryl Hamlin  
Palm Springs, CA

**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - Riverside

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

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 21:12:12 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** John Kopp <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Getting It Right - Dealing With Deadlines

Message Body:

From where I stand as neither ethnically and racially a minority, I might be expected by some to express a belief that the CRC -- like Goldilocks, with her bear chair, bear porridge bowl and bear bed size -- has pretty much gotten things just about right with its 1st set of draft redistricting maps.

While I applaud the honesty and effort of the CRC members, I do not believe that its 1st draft efforts have resulted in acceptable districts.

I.

Visually, the most obvious and clearly egregious is the heavy handed attempts vis-a-vis 'nesting' of the 80 Assembly districts into 40 state Senatorial districts (with later implications for Board of Equalization districts).

This is also one of the easiest to correct. The concept of 'nesting' "...two whole, complete, and adjacent Assembly districts,..." into one Senate district is far, far down the rank-order list in the California State Constitution's marching orders to the CRC. By that criteria, 'nesting' ranks as 6th in priority, below (1) population equality, (2) compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act, (3) geographic contiguity, (4) geographic integrity of all sort of boundary lines & communities of interest, as well as (5) geographic compactness.

Since they all rank higher in the pecking order than the directive to 'nest' 2 Assembly districts to make one Senate district, I suggest the Commission instruct map-makers to nest only when instructed to do so by the commission, which, in reality, means that the CRC should tell Q2 Data & Research how to draw (and where able 'nest') every Senate district.

II.

The next Commission cut at district maps will have to address the many complaint, both general and particular, about perceived deficiencies in the 1st drafts.

It is certain that, in general terms, a very detailed analysis of suggested VRA section 2 districts, presented by the likes of MALDEF, NALEAO the NAACP and many others, will have to be paid attention to.

At the very specific level, things like linking (or not) American Canyon with Napa county and the wine growing industry, will have to be attended to.

III.

For myself, I'm very happy with what you've done with Riverside County. You've attained a fair balance, and I'm grateful. Keep up the good work. (Just fix that Senate district stuff.)

IV.

The 2nd draft maps and 1st report drafts that you're planning to issue on 07/12/2011 will have to be pretty close to the final mark, as there will be precious little time to the make major changes between then and the projected 07/28/2011 [date still firm-?] release date for the final draft maps and 2nd (final) reports. Between then and your 08/15/2011 deadline will be hectic; please try your level best to get it as nearly perfect as possible with map set #2 and report set #1.

I sincerely offer you my very best wishes for what I hope and believe will be a truly bipartisan effort by the Commission. Your efforts will be with us for a decade, and the history of your efforts and achievements will set the marks for subsequent Commissions to work toward achieving.

John W. Kopp

Eastvale, Riverside County, CA

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**Subject:** Re: Redistricting Riverside County  
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 19:18:53 -0400 (EDT)  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for your support in the past to keep our Desert Cities intact. The preliminary Assembly, Senate and Congressional maps for the Coachella Valley that were published on June 10, are just what we need.

It appears there is an organized political effort to separate our communities in the Coachella Valley. This would draw lines within our communities and cause adversity.

Please do not attempt to make changes for the EAST Coachella Valley (Indio, Coachella, Mecca) to be districited with Imperial Co., and keep our communities together.

*Charlene Withers*

[REDACTED]  
*Palm Springs, CA 92264*  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Thank you to the California Redistricting Commission from Palm Desert

**From:** Anne Taylor <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:32:26 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

Your map of the Coachella Valley, completed by the addition of Desert Hot Springs, is excellent. We are all united here by many things, like the Imperial Valley with San Diego County is united and should be together by themselves. I personally am grateful that you did not make changes just for the sake of changes, which you could have been pushed into doing. You carefully considered this area and the preliminary maps reflect your serious consideration of the local facts and of the preferences of the voters.

Thank you, again,

Anne Taylor  
Palm Desert, CA.

**Subject:** Thank you for submitting Public Comment Re: Redistricting in the Rancho Mirage/Coachella Valley

**From:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 11:39:16 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Public Comments - Inland Empire

**From:** "Romero, Michelle" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 16:08:33 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

**CC:** Carolyn Patton <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached comments from community members who attended a recent redistricting community meeting in San Bernardino. Community members were given an opportunity to look at the first draft maps proposed by the Commission and responded accordingly. The letters attached are their response/comments about the draft lines.

In considering the comments, please note the following:

1. The Greenlining Institute has not taken a position on any lines that were drawn. It has and continues to be our goal to simply increase awareness and participation by low-income communities and communities of color across California. Therefore, the purpose of the providing a fill-in-the-blank letter form was to be able to capture input and feedback from community members who could not attend an in-person hearing and/or did not have the technological expertise or accessibility to submit comments themselves. In forwarding these comments on to the commission, we seek to facilitate a process whereby these concerns and comments may also be considered.
  
2. Some of the comments made in the letters attached, address other concerns that were raised during the community meeting. Several community members, including some who are formerly incarcerated individuals, brought up the issue of prison-based gerrymandering. The general sentiment was that something should be done to address the fact that counting the prison population in communities where the facilities are located as opposed to the communities where the inmates come from and return to, inflates the voice of voters in districts that include the prison population and unfairly provide them an advantage while disadvantaging others. This should provide the context necessary to understand the concerns expressed in the attached testimonials.

Thank you,

*Michelle Romero*

Claiming Our Democracy Fellow  
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Email: [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

Date: 6-17-11

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

San Bernardino, Jeanette Hayes

(Referring to prison-based gerrymandering.) In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region, I feel that the lines drawn from my community is unfair it takes away voting power from my district and gives it to another. San Bernardino should not be divided.

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region, I feel that the

lines dont make no sense

Sincerely,

Jeanette Hayes

[REDACTED]  
San Bernardino CA 92404  
Time FOR Change Foundation

(Signature) (Name) (City, County, Zip) (Organization, if applicable)

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Email: [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)Date: 6/17/11

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

*I feel that the lines  
are still skewed. When it should  
be the whole district should have  
one representative.*

In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region, *The lines does  
not make sense we are still  
disorder & under represented.*

*NOT in Compliance With Voting  
Act.*

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region, *Again I say  
these lines are making no sense.*

Sincerely,

*Concerned Citizen*

*[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, CA 92405*

(Signature) (Name) (City, County, Zip) (Organization, if applicable)

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Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

San Bernardino County, I Sherry Ervin, please have everything to be fixed as is district and vote to become a better community.

In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region, I feel that the lines drawn from my community is unfair it takes away voting power from my school and my neighbors should not be divided from any city.

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region, Need to think about making a fair vote and fair map lines.

Sincerely,

Sherry ErvinSan Bernardino, CA 92310-05

(Signature) (Name) (City, County, Zip) (Organization, if applicable)

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Date: 06/17/2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,  
Thank you for your efforts.

Please keep San Bernardino County solely  
to get 100% representation. DO NOT cross County  
Lines. AND, keep Fontana separate

In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region,  
from Rialto & include in O.N.T, R.C.  
Upland:

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region,

Sincerely,

Annie McAllister

Fontana, Calif 92334

AARP

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Email: [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)

Date: Juanita Burnett

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

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In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region,

Keep San Bernardino  
To Task. Do Not Divide BC. It's A Community  
Of Interest

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region,

Redlands Is Just A  
Part Of San Bernardino County why separate Red-  
lands From San Bernardino County, it makes no  
sense.

Sincerely,

Juanita Burnett  
Juanita Burnett  
San Bernardino  
San Bernardino County 92305  
Time For Change Foundation

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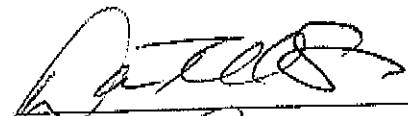
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Date: June 17, 2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region, I feel that the San Bernardino County lines drawn from my community are unfair. I feel that San Bernardino City & County should ~~not~~ not have no division between them and ~~all~~ it all should be One representation, and not ~~one~~ for either the same county. There is no equal population in reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region, we want the San Bernardino County by itself. don't incorporate with other counties. Not the impact of this division of the S.B County messes with the funding and the Voting Right it will never be equal on either end one county without more than the other. In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region, the way the lines are dividing San Bernardino is not good we have Highland Colton San Bernardino cities divide when they are all part of one County everything is at a unfair at Vantage for each and every County. I feel that the equal amount of voices must be heard due to the unfair division. I feel that there should not be any lines dividing anything.

Sincerely,



Dana Robertson

Box 2 San Bernardino, San Bernardino County,

92404,

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Email: [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov)Date: 6.17.11

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

*I feel that the lines are still divided well if it should be the whole district should have one representatives*

In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region, San Bernardino, Pomona,

*To keep San Bernardino one county we really do not have anything in common with Riverside County. Keep them intact.*

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region, Ridgway is part of

*the San Bernardino County & makes no sense to divide Ridgway from SBDHO.*

Sincerely,

Cecilia JassoSBDHO. 90404Time for a change

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Date: 10-17-2011

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

Thank you for your efforts. In reviewing your proposed Assembly districts for my region,

In reviewing your proposed Senate districts for my region,

In reviewing your proposed Congressional districts for my region,

*The fact that half of Redlands has been taken out of our district makes no sense. Redlands is part of San Bernardino Community Culture.*

Sincerely,

Stacy Duncanson

SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405

Time For Change Foundation

Stacy Duncanson

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**Subject:** Thank you for submitting Public Comment Re: Coachella Valley Proposed Redistricting

**From:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:41:52 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 20:30:24 -0700

**To:** [REDACTED]

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I am a veteran of WW II and have enjoyed living in the Coachella Valley for almost 10 years.

I want to thank you for listening to the senior citizens and to the veterans who think your new map of this area, without adding the Imperial Valley, is as good as it gets. Adding Desert Hot Springs completed the whole package. In fact, I can't find anyone who can tell me why it wasn't there to begin with. We all appreciate your work on this. I am sure it was tougher than it looked.

Job well done!

Dr. Bill.

**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 17:46:46 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

Thank you for your efforts in drawing the lines in Riverside County. I have been a resident of the Coachella Valley since 1955. I have gone to school here in the desert, founded and published a newspaper, "The Public Record", owned and operated GETM, Inc., a credit and collection business. It is in our best interest to maintain the current lines you have drawn. Your decision is a viable one and one that is workable for all habitants of the County. Again, thank you for your efforts

Bette Myers  
Valley Creditors Service  
President/CEO

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Coachella Valley

**From:** Carolyn Daniels <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 13:01:17 -0500 (CDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Please keep the entire valley in one district. I've found it very confusing to be represented by a state senator from San Diego.  
We never see that person. Carolyn Daniels

**Subject:** Coachella Valley Proposed Redistricting

**From:** "Peter R. McWilliams" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 12:41:23 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**CC:** "Carol A. McWilliams" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Sirs:

I live in Indio, and have been a property owner in Indio since 2005, and want to make it known to you in no uncertain terms that neither my wife nor I wish to be included w/ Imperial County in any shape or form with regard to the proposed redistricting.

This would be a big mistake, as there is no reason to break off the eastern end of a homogeneous valley of cities which have had their own identity for decades, and lump us in w/ the sparsely-populated and largely rural, Imperial Valley.

Please take our wishes into account when making your recommendations.

Sincerely,

**Peter R. McWilliams, B.Sc., M.B.A.**

[REDACTED]  
Indio, CA 92201  
[REDACTED]

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**Subject:** Public Comment: 2 - Riverside

**From:** "Terrence W. Halloran" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Wed, 22 Jun 2011 22:26:01 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Terrence W. Halloran <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: Banning and Beaumont

Message Body:

The Banning/Beaumont Senate District should not include any part of San Bernardino County.

Banning and Beaumont should be in a Congressional District that combines our area with the Coachella Valley and the San Jacinto Valley. Our Assembly and Senate districts should be centered in this same area.

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