Subject: Public Comment: 1 - Imperial

From: Tony Ortega <tjortega@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 07:39:29 +0000
To: 

Message Body:
Dear Commissioners,
First and foremost, thank you for your hard work in redrawing our state’s districts the most equitable and fair way possible. I’m writing to once again ask you to reconsider your State Senate and Congressional visualizations for Imperial County. On June 20th at the San Diego public hearing you heard from approximately 25 individuals who urged you to separate Imperial County from San Diego County and instead link Imperial with the East Riverside County desert region. Some of those individuals were from Imperial and others were from San Diego. Ultimately the unified message was very clear; San Diego residents do not want to be included with Imperial County and vice-versa.

It seems your Assembly visualization map has now been modified to include the desert areas in one district and this is the correct approach. Please move forward with drawing similar district maps for the State Senate and Congressional districts.

Thank you.

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Message Body:
Dear CRC,

As a resident and voter of Imperial County, I am writing to express my support for your current Assembly district visualization map which keeps Imperial County and Riverside County joined as one region. At this time, I am also hopeful that you will apply this same desert regional approach and draw the State Senate and Congressional districts within Imperial and East Riverside County.

Thank You.

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Subject: thank you
From: Democratic Headquarters of the Desert
Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 14:30:11 -0700
To: Commissioners

Dear Commissioners: Like so many, I want to add my thanks to you for your work these past few months as you have labored to set up the new Districts for our State. My hope remains that Imperial County will, at last, be brought into the Coachella Valley, where it belongs. Not only for the State Assembly and the State Senate, but for the Congressional District of the 45th as well. Imperial and Coachella share so much in geography, agriculture, language, and issues such as education, water, air quality, the Salton Sea that we do indeed belong together as one: with one Congressional representative, with one member of the Assembly, with one member of the State Senate so that our mutual issues can be addressed and our problems heard and solved. I hope that before the final maps are completed, this will remain a top priority. Again, sincere thanks for your work. It is appreciated.

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Democratic Headquarters of the Desert
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