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Honorable Commissioners:

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From: "Ellen Swensen" [Redacted]  
To: "Ellen Swensen" [Redacted]

Districting Imperial Co. with  
Coachella Valley is a POLITICAL  
move!! Vote NO on this!

From: "Julie Bornstein" [Redacted]  
Date: June 25, 2011 7:01:41 PM PDT  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: Comment letters to Citizens' Redistricting Commission

Dear Friends: As you know, California is in the middle of the Constitutionally-mandated redistricting process for Assembly, Senate and Congressional Districts. This year, a citizen's commission, established by a vote of the people, is undertaking this process and you have the opportunity to express your wishes to them as they draw the legislative maps that will be used for the next ten years. I hope I can persuade you to get involved by sending an email with your thoughts.

Because of the growth in Riverside County, we have a chance to have new districts drawn that will give Democrats an opportunity to win more Assembly and Senate seats and replace Mary Bono Mack with a Democrat. This can happen if the Commission puts the eastern Coachella Valley and Imperial County together in the respective districts. For more than 20 years, Imperial and the Coachella Valley and Palo Verde Valley have been in the same Senate and Assembly district—Congress should follow the same pattern in my opinion which would help address issues at the Salton Sea, among other important challenges we face in California's southern desert region.

If you are so inclined, an email from you, as a resident and voter in the Coachella Valley, to the Commission can help make these districts, more hospitable to progressive representation, happen. **The deadline is this Tuesday at 5 pm. (see below).** Your comment need not be long but we want to make the point that eastern Riverside County and Imperial County belong together. The Commission is proposing to link Imperial with San Diego County with whom they have very little in common which then results in parts of eastern Riverside County being attached to Morongo Valley to the north and Menifee to the south! So—it would be great if you would take a few minutes in the next couple of days to send your comment to the Commission (below) either by fax or email.

Comments are accepted **only until 5 pm on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.** Comments can be emailed to: [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov) or faxed to the CRC at (916) 651-5711.

Many, many thanks!  
Julie

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← she is a political activist, ex-Assembly, who ran for Congress in 2008.

No COI reason, just politics!

Please re-read the testimony. The arguments to combine Imperial + Coachella Valley are WEAK!!

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