

**Subject:** (no subject)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 15:11:56 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Please keep the Coachella Valley in tact due to common interests. Imperial Valley should be in the San Diego region and not part of us. Thank you.**

**Don Genhart - aka "Prince of the Desert"**

[REDACTED]

**Palm Desert, California 92211-2802**

[REDACTED] **Email:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** tentative maps

**From:** Doris <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 19:43:11 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** tentative map

**From:** Doris <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 19:48:01 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

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**Doris M. Ellis**

**[REDACTED]**  
**Indio, CA 92201**

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**Subject:** Riverside County Redistricting Issues

**From:** Charlene Stover <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 10:11:48 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Attached and below is a letter in support of the first draft maps establishing the redistricting lines for Riverside county and including the San Jacinto Valley with the Coachella Valley.

Charlene Stover, Citizen  
San Jacinto Valley

[REDACTED]

My name is Charlene Stover and I am a resident of Hemet, CA located in the San Jacinto Valley which encompasses both Hemet and San Jacinto. I have been a resident in Hemet for 45 years and was a secondary level teacher in the San Jacinto Unified School District for 31 of those years.

This letter is in response to the redistricting lines drawn for Riverside County.

I am in full agreement with the first draft maps which established competitive districts. Competitive districts make our candidates work hard to keep our votes.

The San Jacinto Valley encompassing Hemet and San Jacinto has been divided between two Congressional Districts for ten years; and, under the first draft map, we will now be united. The interests of Hemet and San Jacinto lie more with the semi-rural aspect of the Coachella Valley rather than the industrial, business climate of Riverside and Corona.

It stands to reason that the Coachella Valley should be connected with the San Jacinto Valley with the full district within the boundaries of Riverside County. Our demographics are similar with a high percentage of retirees as well as agricultural workers.

The Salton Sea is an issue in the Coachella Valley; logically, in my opinion, it seems that this issue would be better served with two Congressional Representatives giving it their attention in Washington DC.

In summary, keep politics out of Redistricting; keep the first draft maps drawn for the Hemet San Jacinto area connecting it to the Coachella Valley.

Sincerely,

Charlene Stover, Hemet

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**Subject:** Redistricting

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 13:19:57 -0400 (EDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

CRC Members:

I am a resident of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County. I and many of my friends and neighbors were very pleased with your proposed district map as presented on June 10. Unfortunately, you revised the map last week to remove some the western half of our valley and include Imperial County. It seems you are listening to the planned and repeated testimony and messages from people in the eastern Coachella Valley and our current Assembly Representative. We are concerned that he is playing politics and is only concerned with insuring that there are sufficient members of his political party in his district to insure his and his parties reelection. We trust that the Gerrymandering of districts as done in the past is ancient history.

Many of us who live in the Coachella Valley would prefer to have our entire valley included within the 80th Assembly District. Imperial Counties interests and those of the Coachella Valley are vastly different. Imperial County is an agricultural area whereas the Coachella Valley is a resort/senior/tourist area. I understand that the thinking people of Imperial County have expressed a desire to be included with San Diego County as have the residents of San Diego.

We ask that you seriously consider returning to the map presented on June 10 in which the Coachella Valley was designated as one.

Thank you for listening and for your consideration of my request. Randall Morton

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

**From:** Dennis Mark Stratton <dennisstratt[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 19:29:33 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

From: Dennis Mark Stratton <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Coachella Valley Community of Interest

Message Body:

Dear Chairman Yao and members of the redistricting commission,

As the Leadership Coachella Valley Vice Chairman of Executive Mentors I would like to express my concern over dividing up our community family of cities with in the Coachella Valley.

The significant driver of our economy here in the Coachella Valley is tourism. We are not an agricultural community of interest.

Several of our communities such as Cathedral City were unfairly disenfranchised during the last redistricting process some ten years ago. This must not happen again. All our cities must remain intact.

Keeping these communities of interest intact will have significant positive impact on the economic future of our valley.

We have no common community of interest with Imperial County. All of our cities work together to build our future leaders. We share a common education system, health care system and emergency communications system. Imperial County is not involved nor contribute to any of this efforts.

Drawing lines based on POLITICAL interest is not what we voted for!

Any and all efforts to not follow the law must be challenged.

Thank you for your time and thank you for who you are and your service on the commission.

Dennis M Stratton, USN Retired

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

**From:** David H Barnes [REDACTED] >

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 15:23:34 +0000

**To:** [REDACTED]

**From:** David H Barnes [REDACTED]

**Subject:** splitting our new community

Message Body:

The new City of Jurupa, founded July 1, 2011, is being split into two congressional districts: separated by a range of mountains and a county line. We have been split in state districts for two decades, resulting in NO representation in hte state senate or assembly. Please leave the new City of Jurupa valley (92509 and 91752) in one congressional district in one county, Riverside County. Thank you kindly.

David H. Barnes, Resident since 1974

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**Subject:** New District Map for Coachella Valley

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 16:38:34 -0400

**To:** [REDACTED]

It is indeed disheartening to see a supposedly neutral board playing politics one more time to the point of flagrant ignorance.

Where in the world do you get the concept of dividing the Coachella Valley by plucking out Indio and Coachella and parts of Cathedral City????

If your intent is to get Democrats elected then that should be your goal in the first place. The district I saw on your last map made the voting stats pretty much even which is what we want and need. Gerrymandering has caused the Coachella Valley serious harm and left us with hollow leaders who get in only because the members favor their political party.

This is not about Latinos as many spout off, as you well know, Latinos predominately vote Democrat. Even in a 50-50 cultural balance, you end up with a dominant Democrat District.

It has now come to the point where special interest groups want to give certain candidates the overwhelming advantage and you as a commission are falling right into agreement.

Indio and Coachella have absolutely NOTHING in absolute common with the Imperial Valley to warrant us to be part of that county. We are in Riverside County and function as such. Once again you are going to split us up into two different counties which give them both a reason to ignore us as a totality.

I am ashamed of the way this is going due to political pressures and I pray you will see the value in my point.

Alfred Vasquez  
Indio resident

**Subject:** Keep the Coachella Valley One Voting District

**From:** "Buzz Colton" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 11:45:05 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

**Good Day,**

**I want to share my strong opinion that the Coachella Valley should be kept as one voting district. The Coachella Valley is perhaps one of the most vibrantly growing districts in the State of California and it needs to be able to continue to guide itself successfully as it has done for the last 20 years. This dynamic growth pattern does not need to be intermingled with other areas and their concerns nor does it need to take a back seat by being associated with other areas that do not affect this valley. The negative impact of changing this voting district will far outweigh any positive impact that might be achieved by combining this voting district with another. There is a delicate balance of voting influence in our region and it works. Please do not upset our progress by compounding the voting balance.**

**Thank you for listening.**

**Michael A. Colton**

[REDACTED]

**Indian Wells, CA 92210**

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**Subject:** Comments on new draft maps

**From:** Kathy DeRosa <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 21:04:29 -0700 (PDT)

**To:** [REDACTED]

Dear Chairman Yao and members of the redistricting commission:

My name is Kathleen DeRosa. I am the Mayor of Cathedral City. I had written you last month sharing with you my involvement as chair of the Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Authority, immediate past chair of the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP), a board member of the Riverside County Division of the League of California Cities and a member of the executive committee of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).

While I had the distinct honor and pleasure of addressing you during the public hearing held in Palm Springs some time ago, I am very disturb to see your new maps gerrymandering and disenfranchising Cathedral City once again by pulling us away from our regional partners, the cities we work closely with on a daily basis. As Mayor of my city and as an active community partner, please allow me to share with you, there is absolutely no relationship with the cities of Imperial County. There is no relationship because we are not communities of interest. Cathedral City has no ag lands and our needs are so very different and diverse. Our community has a significant Hispanic population, but Cathedral City is also ranked 5th in the state as being home to a very active GLBT community.

Several years ago, seeing and understanding that we were a disenfranchised community of interest, the western cities of the Coachella Valley, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City formed the tri-valley coalition. This joining of communities as allowed us to work on issues of mutual interest, concern and benefit to our communities. This partnership, in concert with the Coachella Valley Partnership has allowed us the honor of being designated one of only 12 IHUBS in the state. Please allow me to remind you that it was Imperial County that chose to team up with San Diego and the San Diego Economic Development organization and not the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership. Our communities have made our choses based on what we see as our communities of interest, what our constituents need and want and as such, Imperial County chose to link to San Diego County.

A significant drivers of the economy here is the Coachella Valley is tourism, hence it is critical to allow Cathedral City to not continue to be disenfranchised and to keep our community and the Coachella Valley intact. Keeping these communities of interest intact will have significant positive impact on the economic future of our valley. As I stated during the hearing there is no commonality between the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and the Imperial County Council of Governments.

Again allow me to reiterate that several Coachella Valley and the Banning Pass cities of Banning and Beaumont are in the final stage of finalizing an emergency communication system (ERICA) that will link public safety in this entire area. The Palo Verde Valley, Blythe, is also a significant partner in CVAG.

From a non partisan view, the first draft of the map was indeed fair and equitable to all involved and will serve the citizens of the area best.

Thank you for your time and thank you for who you are and your service on this very important commission.

Respectfully,

Kathleen DeRosa

Mayor, Cathedral City

**Subject:** 80th assembly

**From:** "Gonzales, Rosalinda" <[REDACTED]>

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 15:40:15 -0700

**To:** <[REDACTED]>

I am a resident of the city of Indio in the Coachella Valley. Which is in the 80<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. I have resided here for 58 yrs. I am disappointed in the tentative maps released by the Commission on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Coachella Valley and Imperial County are in the same desert, share the same history, water and utility district. We have the same climate, much of the same industries like tourism, agriculture and green energy, and both the Coachella Valley and Imperial County are dealing with the growing problems at the Salton Sea.

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Rosa Gonzales  
Resident of Indio, Ca. 92201

**Subject:** (no subject)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** Tue, 12 Jul 2011 15:18:33 EDT

**To:** [REDACTED]

**To the California Redistricting Commission,**

After an initial sigh of relief, we here in the Coachella Valley are now threaten with division once again. Geographically, in the Coachella Valley there are nine connecting cities, Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio and Coachella. Why is it that we recognize the importance of working together and producing an end line product that is good for our communities, residents and businesses and there is an insistent effort by others to continue to separate us?

I would at this time ask you to seriously re-consider forcing on us a political division. We need a strong voice for the Coachella Valley based on the "Common Interests" clause of your mandate.

**Terry Henderson,  
Councilmember, La Quinta**