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Esther M. Rice
Financial Aid Secretary
Palo Verde College
One College Drive
Blythe, CA 92225
(760)
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Here is the message I tried to send to you.

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Respectfully submitted,

John W. Kopp
Eastvale, CA
My name is Sharon Deuber and I have lived in the San Jacinto Valley for 6 years. As a Real Estate Broker by profession for the past eleven years, I also serve the community of Hemet in the capacity of Vice Chair on the Hemet Planning Commission. For visionary reasons as to the future growth of the San Jacinto Valley, and for personal reasons as a resident of our Valley, I strongly encourage that we remain in the 45th Congressional District of Mary ono-Mack. As a desert community, having much in common with the Coachella Valley, our majority of residents being of retirement age benefit greatly from what the 45th District demonstrates to its citizens. In addition, as a growing community, the San Jacinto Valley is stretching toward tourism, arts, culture, entertainment venues, and manufacturing industries as future attractions to our existing foundation of a healthy family style environment. For years the San Jacinto Valley has been home to generations of families raising their families here, and as a community collectively seeking to establish its identity in southwest Riverside County, splitting us from our existing district at this time would be an irreparable fracture, not just a re-districting. As a result we would lose 20+ years of history from a District who cares about our future, our families, and our anticipated growth within the county. Please do not split the San Jacinto Valley from its proven and rightful position within Mary ono-Mack’s 45th Congressional District.

Respectfully,

Sharon L. Deuber

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Respectfully,

Michael H Wilson
Council Member
City of Indio

Sent from my iPad

Michael H. Wilson
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Mary Lisi
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P.M CHAPMAN
La Quinta, CA
Message Body:
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Mr. Laypool and Commissioners,

On behalf of Indio City Manager Dan Martinez, we are submitting the attached letter for your consideration in redistricting of eastern Riverside County to allow Indio to remain as part of the Coachella Valley.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Martinez at 760-391-4015 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Martha Sommons
Executive Assistant to CM
City of Indio - the place to Be!
Indio, CA 92201

City Hall Hours: Monday to Thursday, 7:30 am - 5:30 pm
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City Manager

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Alma Flores
Division of Children and Family Services
MHS Director Secretary
El Centro, CA 92243 =
We live in the current 80th Assembly district, in the City of Indio. We want my city to stay in the 80th district. We want representation in the state legislature. Your current suggests would hand legislative control of my city to cities that have no understanding or interest in the needs of the Coachella and Imperial valleys. Please be sure Coachella and Imperial Valleys have a voice in our state government.

Sincerely,
Nettie H. & Willie Washington
Delivery via E-mail & Fax

July 13, 2011

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
901 P Street, Suite 154-A
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dan Martinez  
City Manager

cc: Mayor and Council
July 13, 2011

Dear Commissioners

My name is Hal Lutz. I am a retired WWII Veteran who has lived in Hemet, CA for over 10 years. I am asking the commission to leave the Hemet/San Jacinto valley connected with the Coachella Valley Congressional District.

I have many retired friends throughout the San Jacinto and Coachella Valley. Many of the issues we face involve federal issues such as Social Security, Medicare and Veterans Benefits.

Again I ask you to consider keeping the city of Hemet in the Coachella Valley Congressional District.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Hal Lutz
City of Hemet
July 13, 2011

To: California Redistricting Commission
Re: Coachella Valley Congressional District

Dear Commissioners:

As former Mayor of the City of Hemet, I would ask the Commission to keep the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley connected with the Coachella Valley Congressional District.

Like the Coachella Valley, the San Jacinto Valley has a high number of retirees who need assistance with federal agencies such as Social Security, Medicare and Veterans Benefits.

The city of Hemet also acts as an entry way to the Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountain National Monument. This National Monument encompasses the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley as well as the Coachella Valley. The Monument attracts hikers from around the world and is a key component to the area’s tourism.

The first draft map that was released is an ideal Congressional district for the Hemet/San Jacinto Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marc Searl
Former Mayor of Hemet