

Subject: Public Comment: 2 - Riverside

From: Joan Jordan <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 02:29:53 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Joan Jordan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Remapping Jurupa Valley

Message Body:

I have lived in Riverside co. for over 41 years and I do not want to be sent to San Bernardino County. Ken Calvert and John Tavaglione our are representatives and are very visible and have be instrumental in revitalizing our area. Joe Baca can not even handle own his district and you want to add our area to him.

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Subject: Public Comment: 2 - Riverside

From: Leslie Liles <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 02:47:02 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Leslie Liles <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Split of The City of Jurupa Valley

Message Body:

The City of Jurupa Valley should remain in Riverside County represented by Ken Calvert. As a new city we should remain whole in order to prosper as a city. Not even a month into cityhood is not a good time to split our citizens by dividing the area into different congressional districts. It will surly spell a difficult road ahead for a new city.

Please consider keeping all of Jurupa Valley in the same district.

Thank you

Leslie Liles

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From: Lorraine Reese <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 04:34:41 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Lorraine Reese <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting Riverside

Message Body:

Please do not split the city of Jurupa Valley, (zip code 92509 we have lived in Riverside for many years, we do not want to live in San Bernardino, and will most likely move if this we are rezoned in to that county.

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Subject: Riverside County Redistricting

From: Ricki Brodie <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 21:53:58 -0700 (PDT)

To: [REDACTED]

Please see attached letter -

Commission letter - July 17, 2011.doc

July 18, 2011

Ms. Ricki Brodie

[REDACTED]
Palm Desert, CA 92211
[REDACTED]

Dear Commissioners:

I would like to tell you about an experience I had in Coachella, Calif. While I was taking a class at Coachella Adult School, I occasionally went out to lunch with my fellow students. On one occasion we went to a local Chinese restaurant. When I was handed a menu I found it was in Spanish and Chinese. There was no English menu.

Situations like this occur all over the Coachella Valley. Parts of the Valley are English speaking; parts of the Valley are Spanish speaking. There are major divides in the Coachella Valley based on language and ethnicity.

It has become apparent to me that there is a real continuation of people and language between Riverside County and Imperial County. I hope you keep this in mind when you draw the next Reapportionment maps.

As you become familiar with areas such as Coachella, Mecca, and Thermal you will see their similarity to the towns of Brawley, El Centro, and Imperial. In terms of language and ethnicity of the population they are one area and should be considered as such.

Sincerely,

Ricki Brodie

Subject: visualizations

From: Steven Hernandez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 10:31:04 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

nDear Commissioners,

I spoke before your Committee in Palm Springs on May 12 and in San Diego on June 20 representing the City of Coachella.

After seeing the overwhelming testimony at the Palm Springs hearing in favor of linking the Coachella Valley with the Imperial Valley, I was a concerned when your first map did not link our two valleys.

I am now grateful to see that as a result of what are very clear community of interest matters between the Eastern Coachella Valley and the Imperial Valley that your visualization has kept our two Valleys together in the Assembly.

There are also great arguments for keeping our communities combined in the same Senate District and Congressional Districts as well.

The population of our two Valleys is predominantly lower income, young, unemployed and Latino. In agriculture, we share a major economic sector, as well as the currently emerging green energy sector. In fact, just days ago the US Secretary of Interior approved a 152 mile line that will bring large scale energy from both the Coachella and Imperial County. In addition, both Riverside and Imperial County have approved large scale energy projects that will produce thousand of megawatts'. Other transmission lines and large scale energy projects are also planned.

The full development of the Renewable Energy Sector and the maintaining of the agriculture sector is key to both of our valleys future success. In fact, because of the attraction and make up of the Baby Boomer population in the Coachella Valley, there is a big drive amongst regional leaders to diversify the CV economy. Baby boomer are working longer and have less disposable income than generations before them. No longer can "hospitality and tourism" be the only economic sector in the Coachella Valley. Economic diversification is key. Agriculture has been the sector that has remained constant in the Coachella and Imperial Valley. The unemployment rate in some areas of the Imperial valley has hovered around 30percent. There are areas in the Coachella Valley that have unemployment rates as has high as 24percent. Many economist have eluded that ag has keep the unemployment rate from growing. Ag is still the second largest employer and revenue generator in the Coachella Valley and number one in Imperial.

The Salton Sea, one of the biggest environmental hazards in the Western United States, is not only in the Coachella Valley but in Imperial Valley. Most importantly, the Sea is the home land of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. The TM have anseterial land between the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. In fact, the majority of the Natives Americans living within both counties are Cahuilla Indians. In my city alone, three Indian tribes are represented: the Cabazon band of Mission Indians, The Augustine Band of Mission Indians and the 29palms Band of Mission Indians. The Torres Martinez also have land rights in Coachella. These tribes would be better served with one legislator in each level of government.

The Imperial Irrigation District serves the Imperial Valley and the Coachella Valley, and the Coachella Valley Unified School District serves residents of the Imperial Valley as well. Water History and water future are things the commission should ponder as well.

Again, thank you for keeping the Coachella Valley and Imperial Valley linked in the Assembly. I hope you strongly consider linking the two in the Senate and Congress as well.

Sincerely,
Steven Hernandez
Mayor Pro Tem
City of Coachella

Subject: Visualizations

From: Arturo Aviles <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 18:06:11 +0000

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners,

It was with great feelings that i write this letter to get the commission to consider adding the Coachella and Imperial Counties into one Senate and Congressional District.

I have read the testimonials of several elected officials expressing that the Coachella Valley should retain all state and federal representation because of tourism serving as the community of interest. My view is that that argument is not good enough.

i will offer a counter proposal based on one argument also. Native American Tribes. I ask the commission to strongly consider the Native American link between the Coachella and Imperial Counties. Cahuilla Indians is the ethnic make up of the majority of tribes that live in both Imperial and Coachella Valley. In fact, the Torres Martinez Band of Cahuilla Indians has their reservations between both Valleys. The Torres Martinez future is linked to the success of both the Imperial and Coachella Valley. The Torres Martinez has been a leader in the Salton Sea restoration efforts and is a one of five member in the Salton Sea Commission. Their is currently a master planned development in the work on Torres Martinez reservation that hinges on the successful restoration of the salton sea.

Many of the other Cahuilla tribes such as the Augustine Band of Mission Indians and Cabazon Band of Mission indians used the San Jacinto and Mecca Hills mountains as hunting grounds and have ceremonial lands within them. The San Jacinto and Mecca Hills are between Imperial and Coachella Valley and have linked both valleys. There is also great economic diversification endeavors going on as tribes are looking at the emerging renewable energy sector and making investing within it such as the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians located in the Coachella Valley.

Again, i ask that you link the Imperial and Coachella Valley in one Senate and Congressional District.

Arturo Aviles
Councilman
City of Coachella

Subject: (no subject)

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 17:23:52 EDT

To: [REDACTED]

Greetings

I think Temecula (Riverside County) should be included in the so called Perris Con. district. Then Remove and add Corona to the northern (Riverside Con. District) This is based on the first set of lines those two districts would be great with those changes. It would make more sense that way and Temecula would be within it's "Home" county.

Thank you,

Dr John Manley Luckey
Temecula Ca.

Subject: Comment on visualizations for COACH and BBCOH

From: "Julie Bornstein" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:46:23 -0700

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Commissioners: I am a 27-year resident of the Coachella Valley in Riverside County and have been active in the community for all of those years. I wish to commend and thank the Commission for responding to citizen input on the drawing of legislative districts. I write in support of the most recent visualizations for COACH and BBCOH Assembly Districts that cover eastern Riverside County, Imperial County and portions of San Bernardino Valley covering Morongo and Yucca Valleys.

In addition to working in various nonprofits which provide medical care and affordable housing in the Coachella Valley, the Palo Verde Valley and Imperial County, I also teach American Government at the local Community College--College of the Desert. In my opinion, the current Assembly District visualizations recognize the community of interest resulting from the social, economic, geographic and community service integration of this region. Many of our local nonprofits provide services throughout this region and we recognize that families and commerce move about this desert region. COACH and BBCOH properly recognize the growth of the Latino community, respect their political strength and best serve the region.

I have also been an elected official in the region. I was elected to the non-partisan office of Community College Trustee in 1989 in the Desert Community College District. At that time, the district included the San Bernardino area of Morongo, Yucca Valley and Joshua Tree--as proposed in BBCOH. (It has since been split by the Legislature into a separate district). We found many students who lived in one county and worked in the other. Students took classes at both the Copper Mountain Campus in Joshua Tree and College of the Desert in Palm Desert. While the population demographics are different and the weather somewhat different, both regions have a retirement, desert community life.

I was elected to partisan office in the Assembly in 1992. The 80th District at that time (and ever since) couples Imperial County with eastern Riverside County. This district is truly a well-designed district of rural, agricultural economies, large elements of tourism and many retired "snow-birds". The entire area has no city larger than 80,000. The entire region is part of the SCAG planning and transportation Council of Governments.

I commend you for your recognition of the similarities of Imperial County and the Riverside County desert. I urge you to formalize the visualization maps for COACH and BBCOH (Assembly Districts) in your final redistricting efforts.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Julie Bornstein

[REDACTED]
Palm Desert, California 92261
[REDACTED]

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From: "Estela Z. Horner" <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 19:13:45 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Estela Z. Horner <[REDACTED]>

Subject: redistricting

Message Body:

Jurupa Valley just became a city why is commission remapping our city? None of the members of this commission have ever visited our area. For two decades we tried to become a city now, without consulting we citizens, you want to split this new city.

Its time we citizens speak out.

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From: Becky Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:36:59 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Becky Wilson <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Jurupa being split in remapping

Message Body:

I am extremely upset by the proposal to split Jurupa Valley and assign all but the Pedley area to San Bernardino County. We have always been Riverside county and I do not think it should change. I want to still be represented by Ken Calvert and especially by John Tavaglione. Mr. Tavaglione has done more for this community in the last 15 years than all of the others put together. It would be a tragedy for the community if he is no longer able to represent us. Please do not change our representation, leave us with Riverside County.
Thank you very much.

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From: Tizoc DeAztlan [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 20:42:32 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Tizoc DeAztlan <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Coachella Valley

Message Body:

Commissioners,

I testified before your committee in San Diego on June 20. I just wanted to thank you for listening to the overwhelming testimony in favor of linking the Coachella Valley and the Imperial Valley. Your decision in the visualization to keep the 2 valleys together should be made permanent as it would best serve the community.

Best,

Tizoc DeAztlan

Bermuda Dunes, CA

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From: Patt Quinliven [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:12:08 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Patt Quinliven <[REDACTED]>

Subject: jurupa valley split

Message Body:

Oh please, how can anyone consider splitting a new city after the hard work and the hopes of all the citizens located in this area???? This is so destructive to this new city, we have hopes of growing within Riverside Cty, not SB Cty, our requirements are very different and we have temporarily adopted Riverside County rules until we can put our own in place. So, your cooperation in correcting this horrible error is really necessary now, it can not wait. I have lived here since 1973 and have kept dogs and horses for most of that time and need to continue doing so under the Riverside Cty regulations now in place. Also, corruption is nil here and we like it that way.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Luciano Mendez <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 22:59:58 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Luciano Mendez <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Coachella

Message Body:

Dear California Redistricting Committee,

I recently wrote to you to voice my reasons for keeping the Eastern Coachella Valley in the same legislative districts as Imperial Valley.

I now want to thank you for keep our two, very similar valleys together in your visualization for Assembly.

Our communities will be better represented in not only the Assembly but also in the Senate and Congress if we were linked together.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Luciano Mendez
Coachella, CA

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From: Briana Burt <[REDACTED]>

Date: Mon, 18 Jul 2011 23:13:21 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Briana Burt <[REDACTED]>

Subject: CV and IV

Message Body:

Dear Commission,

I have tracked very closely your efforts to redistrict our great State. I was initially concerned with the direction of your work as the first draft was released. There are very clear community of interest issues that combine both the Coachella Valley and the Imperial Valley. Unfortunately, the first draft map did not recognize the uniqueness our two valleys share. I now see your visualization has kept our two valleys together in the Assembly. I am grateful that this very necessary change has been made, and am hopeful that the very critical issues that our two valleys share will empower you to link the two in the Senate and Congressional Districts as well.

Sincerely,
Briana Burt
Bermuda Dunes, CA

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From: Marcelyn Scott <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tue, 19 Jul 2011 02:15:40 +0000

To: [REDACTED]

From: Marcelyn Scott <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Request for fair representation

Message Body:

Dear Ms. / Sirs,

Recently our newspaper printed the map of the Proposed Congressional Visualizations 2011.07.08. This map does not reflect the new city of Jurupa Valley. On the map it shows our city area chopped up into the areas of: Mira Loma, Glen Avon, Pedley and Rubidoux. The map divides our city in two different Congressional districts and 2 different counties!

For as long as I have lived here our area has been split up although we considered ourselves 1 community. Our valley was divided into pieces and we were represented by state representatives from other counties, neither of which who ever came to visit in our area or acknowledged our issues. We became a city July 1, 2011 to have better representation as a city than we did as an unincorporated county area. This does not appear to be the case on your current proposal. Geographically our area is separated from Fontana and Crestmore Heights by mountains and county lines. The San Bernadino side of the mountains has different needs and issues than we do. We would be better served by having representatives that at least reside in the same county as we do.

Our new city needs to be treated as a city and kept intact with a representative who represents both our city, Jurupa Valley, and our county, Riverside. Putting our city with Norco, Eastvale, Riverside, and/or Moreno Valley which are in the same county and same geographic area would make more sense. Our city needs fair representation, putting part of our city, or our entire city into a San Bernadino County District does not give us fair representation. Please remap the city of Jurupa Valley so we receive fair representation.

Sincerely,
Marcelyn Scott
Jurupa Valley, Ca

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