

Laning, Damian J.

From: Elizabeth Ayala <elizabeth.ayala@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:18 AM
To: District2; RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting comment

hello,

I am a resident of & voter in Riverside county's district 2.

I want the county to draw lines that have

- 1) Geographic continuity
- 2) Preserve communities of interest
- 3) Respect geographic integrity
- 4) Boundaries shall be easily identified by residents
- 5) Geographic compactness
- 6) Respect the voting rights act
- 7) do not bifurcate or split up communities of color

I do not care if the new maps mean two supervisors have to run against each other. The criteria should never include preserving a politician's seat.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Ayala
Riverside resident

Laning, Damian J.

From: Mullen, Tom
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:36 AM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Automatic reply: Redistricting comment

Hello,

I am currently out of the office, returning on Monday, August 23, 2021. Please contact Damian Laning, GIS Manager (DLaning@rivco.org) for immediate assistance.

Thank you,
Tom Mullen
Chief Data Officer
Riverside County

Laning, Damian J.

From: Andy Okoro <aokoro@ci.norco.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 12:09 PM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: City of Norco Written Documents Regarding Redistricting and Communities of Interest
Attachments: Mayor Letter to Riverside County Redistricting Advisory Commission.pdf

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Honorable Commission Members,

Please find attached a letter from the Mayor of the City of Norco regarding your upcoming meeting to consider County Supervisors' district boundaries. The City of Norco is urging you to keep the entire City of Norco under the same County Supervisor District.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Andy Okoro

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From: kquintanilla@cityofpalmdesert.org
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 5:39 PM
To: voterfirstact@crc.ca.gov
Cc: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting--Coachella Valley Perspective

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Good evening, Distinguished Commissioners,

The 2020 Census provides a snapshot of who we are as a nation, as a state, county and city levels. This data has been utilized since the founding of our nation. Our nation has evolved, over time, but we cannot overlook the ways in which we still have work to do. The most recent data has shown a need to redraw district boundaries across the state.

I have previously given my public comment during a Communities of Interest Forum for the Inland Empire where I addressed the need to keep the entirety of the Coachella Valley as one contiguous Assembly District where it is currently divided between AD42 and AD56, while being a part of a single Congressional District (36) and State Senate District (28). The majority of the callers who addressed the Coachella Valley stated that it should be merged to allow for better representation and an end to the "Us vs Them" that thrives when there is a competition for resources at any level. This also extends North and South, isolating residents of Joshua Tree and 29 Palms who work, shop and see their healthcare providers in the Coachella Valley. If possible, the district should be as far as Blythe as the communities along Interstate 10 share economic and environmental impacts of interstate travel and vehicular commerce. Environmental impacts make it imperative that the Coachella Valley have a part of the Salton Sea in the same district. Dividing the Salton Sea across two districts acknowledge the shared responsibility, impact and consequences to both Imperial and Riverside Counties. The Salton Sea must stay within one Congressional District as the federal support for this would require solid support. Separating it would be an ecological disaster which Southern California cannot afford as we are in danger of becoming a second Owens Lake Disaster.

During that public forum, I did not speak about Palm Desert, as I was awaiting the release of Census Data. Since 2010, Palm Desert has grown 5.6% in population size, and has also become more diverse. According to the tabulations from our local newspaper, The Desert Sun, there have been changes that warrant looking at our district boundaries again. In 2020, I became the first Latina elected to Palm Desert City Council. This was possible because I had to sue the City of Palm Desert to comply with CVRA. My Co-Plaintiff and I settled on a less than perfect model because we felt it was the easiest way to have people be engaged in the districting effort and would be a great first example so we could learn from it. My hope is that the new data will show that Palm Desert should completely end the electoral system from at large to district representation. At this time, District 1 in Palm Desert came together as a community of interest by demographic representation and proximity to the Civic Center. While campaigning and since taking office, I have heard from individuals who wish they were included in District 1 and those who wish their area had not separated from District 2 (at large). There is a grass roots organization, Drive For Five, working to engage residents and find a way to continue the effort for five equal districts, the way the other large cities in our desert have. Residents of Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Indio have five equal municipal voter districts. I humbly ask that the Redistricting Commission evaluate the unique situation in the City of Palm Desert.

Healthiest regards,



Karina Quintanilla

Councilmember

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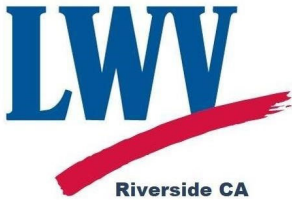
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Laning, Damian J.

From: Joan Donahue <donahue.joan@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 6:35 PM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting/City of Riverside/Supervisor Districts 1 & 2

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September 20, 2021

League of Women Voters Riverside writes to encourage the Riverside County Redistricting Commission to map the City of Riverside within one supervisor district. The City of Riverside is a contiguous population that shares common social and economic interests and should be included within a single district for effective and fair representation.

As it stands now, the city's northside, downtown and mid-town neighborhoods are carved out of the city and mapped in District 2 while the rest of the city is in District 1. The district boundary is the 91 freeway - akin to examples of gerrymandering in smaller cities where a district line is drawn right down the middle of Main Street.

Consideration of communities of interest is paramount in drawing district lines. Clearly the residents of Riverside's Northside, Downtown, Woods Streets and Magnolia Center share more interests with Riversiders right across the 91 freeway than they do with the newly incorporated communities across the Santa Ana River.

As the largest city in the county, Riverside has a unique voice that must not be diluted. We share common interests with the rest of the county – housing, homelessness, transportation, and environmental concerns. But, because of our size, we need one representative to specifically champion our bigger city issues in relation to county policy. One representative, with undiluted attention to Riverside's concerns, promotes accountability, encourages better understanding of county issues, and increases community engagement. Moreover, fairly mapping the City of Riverside tells residents the county respects our community of interest and encourages participation in county decisions.

We appreciate the County's emphasis on transparency and accessibility during the redistricting process. We look forward to equitable maps that follow the new redistricting laws outlined by the State of California.

Joan Donahue, President
League of Women Voters Riverside

From: bob paul <bobnbarb01@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 3:01 PM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting <RIVCORedistricting@rivco.org>
Subject: re-districting

Temescal Valley in District 1, covers 19.3 square miles, has a current population of about 26,000 people, and is a census-designated area.

PLEASE do not move Temescal Valley to District 2 or any other district. We need to stay in District 1. We have worked too hard and too long, to be put into a different county district. Temescal Valley needs to remain intact in the First District. We are a strong, cohesive, diverse area, with its own identity; we have goals of eventually incorporating as our own city.

We are happy with our District 1 supervisor Kevin Jeffries who does an outstanding job of representing our needs. Kevin Jeffries' communication skills with his constituents are excellent and probably not found in other districts. If TV is annexed into another district, I do not feel we would be fairly represented. Our "sense of community" is long-standing, and unique to our area.

Leave Temescal Valley in District 1 where it belongs !. Nothing is broke, so don't move Temescal Valley to another district. Thank you.

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Laning, Damian J.

From: Nanette Pratini <nanette.pratini@webbassociates.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2021 11:08 AM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: GIS data

Your website says the Census Redistricting GIS data will be available Sept. 30th. However the data (in a not very user-friendly format) seems to be already available on the US Census website (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html#P2>). Are you anticipating another dataset, perhaps released by Riverside County GIS staff, as in 2011, that will be released Sept. 30?

Thank you,

P.S. I emailed the county GIS staff with a similar question but have not heard back from them

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FW: Riverside Community COI Submission

RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting <RIVCORedistricting@rivco.org>

Mon 9/27/2021 11:13 AM

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Sent: Monday, September 27, 2021 11:12 AM

To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting <RIVCORedistricting@rivco.org>

Subject: Riverside Community COI Submission

Good morning,

**EDIT: My initial email was flagged as too large to send. I am resending 2 separate emails in the hopes that these folders can be properly processed.

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. Please allow me to submit the attached zip folder of COIs from community partners across the county. A number of organizations held community meetings with residents and documented COIs that were identified in those meetings. They are here for your reference and consideration.

All the best,

--

Sky Allen

she/her/hers

Program Director

IE United

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Laning, Damian J.

From: Hendrickson, Melody
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:45 AM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Redistricting letter (MALDEF)

Good morning, all.

Sending you redistricting information for situational awareness.

MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund) tagged County of Riverside's Instagram account with the following statement:

MALDEF WEIGHS IN ON RIVERSIDE CO REDISTRICTING

Maldef asks @RivCoNOW Board of Supervisors to comply with state and federal voting rights law and reveal all relevant Census data, and create two Latino opportunity districts. Read the letter at link in bio.

Link below:

<https://www.maldef.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Ltr-to-Riverside-County-10.8.21-1.pdf>

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From: Greta Kaas-Lent <gretakaaslent@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:28 AM
To: RCIT - RIVCO Redistricting
Subject: Comment on Riverside County Redistricting



Riverside County Redistricting Commission:

After careful review of the four DRAFT County District maps, the League of Women Voters Southwest Riverside County would like to share the following recommendations.

The LWV SW Riverside County has members in Menifee, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Temecula, and several members in unincorporated areas of southwest Riverside County.

Our recommendations are:

1. The cities of Menifee, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta and Temecula need to be in the same district. These five cities are all commuter cities in which most residents work or go to school in San Diego, Orange or Los Angeles Counties. The cities share school districts, water districts, transportation issues, and environmental concerns. These five cities work together, depend on each other, and make up the heart of southwest Riverside County.

2. League members from the City of Hemet feel strongly about being mapped with East Hemet, Valle Vista and San Jacinto. These communities share common regional concerns and a long-time working relationship that should be united in one district and, with County support, encouraged to flourish.

Thank you for considering our recommendations. We look forward to your next DRAFT maps.

Members of the League of Women Voters - Southwest Riverside County