Hello,
A member of our local Democratic Club asked me to pass her comments on to the San Bernardino County Redistricting website. I agree with her points.

Thanks,
Jo Ann Bollen,
Yucca Valley

To The SBC Redistricting Commission,

We are a rural community, NE of Palm Springs. I have lived here for 19 years and have only been to San Bernardino once. I have regularly gone to the airport in Palm Springs, to the DMV, to doctor appointments, to shop, to eat, to the movies and to visit friends. Yucca Valley does not have the services and it makes sense to me for Yucca Valley (and nearby communities in the Morongo Basin) to be included with Palm Springs (and nearby cities in the Coachella Valley), rather than San Bernardino, which is so far away from us.

With issues that matter to our community, we are usually thought of as an afterthought, if at all, and we have to fight to get attention to our needs.

We are very engaged in all aspects of our community, especially conservation of the land and the quality and costs of utilities.

The main road through Yucca Valley is State Highway 62 and we have already exceeded the original planned number of vehicles it can handle, so we are in need of solving that problem - too much traffic and challenging access to local roadside businesses.

We limit outdoor lighting to try to keep the night sky the attraction it has always been for residents and visitors. We are a gateway community to Joshua Tree National Park.

There are many volunteer organizations to help groups and individuals. Overall, it's a typical rural community that helps its neighbors and has many activities for children and families.

After high school, many children then leave home for higher education. There are very few job sources available above minimum wage: The Hi Desert Medical Center, the Marine Base, the School District, and WalMart. Most of those jobs first require higher education.

Local restaurants and fast food businesses abound - most have excellent food and we hope to return to normal soon.
Overall, it's a good place to live and raise a family or retire. We are too far from San Bernardino to benefit from what it may offer, so please include us with Palm Springs.

Sincerely,

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