To the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission,

We in the valley have constantly been put on the back burner in terms of resources. This decade’s redistricting must reflect the most equal representation of not just the big urban centers but all the people who live in the district. We have seen very little coming our way in terms of aid and resources to counter the oncoming disaster that is the Salton Sea. I personally suffer from asthma and not five years ago my little sister now has asthma-like symptoms. And asthma is not the only health issue we are endangered with.

We must at least have the opportunity to represent ourselves in state and federal legislative systems to bring about the change that we desperately need. Otherwise we will be left to suffer the consequences of the draining Salton Sea which is exposing deadly contaminants to the air that we breath. After that we won’t be able to live where we were born, lived, and hoped to continue living in all due to negligence.

The state senate 40th district and the 51st congressional district should at least reflect a community tied together culturally and economically. The aforementioned districts would reflect this needed level of detail if they were to be changed to look like the 56th assembly district. We have little to no connection to the San Diego area economically so our needs do not align with theirs. This should be common sense, only seeing population numbers and using that to measure districts is an administrative fallacy that makes for flawed representation.