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Dear CRC,

I am writing to ask that you please keep imperial county with Eastern Coachella Valley which includes everything from Imperial County border to the City of Indio.

Riverside County and the Coachella Valley occupy about 1/3 of the Salton Sea, sharing this natural resource the Imperial County. We have historically had our legislators working on policy to fix this dying sea. If we separate our two interrelated communities, we'll be able to fix this problem once and for all.

Finally, the Salton Sea was once a tourist attraction that tied together the residents of Imperial and Eastern Coachella. Some people even used to call it the "Salton Riviera". There were hotels, yacht clubs, and vacation homes. People would come from all over to this vacation spot. This brings more recognition to the entire Imperial Valley as a whole, and can also help bring money for the Imperial Valley and help expand for the community. This can lead ways to having more funds for the Imperial Valley to help for resources such as fixing the roads or having a variety of programs available for the community. Not only that, but it can help bring more inhabitants to the Salton Sea and help the "dying wasteland" become a vibrant bustling and glowing community once again with a sea that's clean just how it was back in the 1960s. It'll help people populate the ghost land that is essentially the Salton Sea and with some dedicated time it can be restored to its former glory and even better.

More importantly I believe the access to the water from the Salton Sea will help facilitate the underrated and undercounted population that resides within the Imperial County / Valley. Since the Imperial County relies heavily on water consumption for Agriculture there is a certain facilitation we need in order to make this happen. In order for everything to keep flowing and without stagnation in the future, having access will be critical for the lifelong growth of the Imperial County. Having full access of the Salton Sea will help a stagnant community that is the Imperial County begin to thrive within the years. Especially with this Pandemic it has been detrimental to the Imperial

County and many people and even businesses had to close down shop. Thus resulting in losses for the overall community of the Imperial County as well as business locations being empty and causing it to slowly turn into a ghost town.

Thanks for your time, patience and understanding,

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Resident of the Imperial County

