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To:  
California Redistricting Commission  
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear California Redistricting Commission,

We want to thank you for all the hard work you and your staff have put into this current redistricting process. California is a large and very diverse state, and we understand the challenges this presents. We appreciate the Commission's full transparency and your efforts to make public comment convenient throughout the process.

The Homestead Valley Community Council (HVCC) was formed in 1996 to address all matters of mutual interest affecting the four Homestead Valley sub-communities of Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley. We are comprised of delegates appointed through the community associations of each of the four Homestead Valley member communities.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> I provided brief phone-in comments to the Commission regarding the Homestead Valley community boundaries identified in the 11-02 visualization maps and spoke briefly about our community character and the surrounding high desert communities we most closely relate to. Please accept this letter and supporting documents as further explanation for those verbal comments.

The Homestead Valley Community is defined in the San Bernardino County General Plan and has its own Community Plan/Action Guide in the General plan.

Please see the attached map titled “*Homestead Valley Community Boundaries*” developed by San Bernardino County and included in the 2020 San Bernardino County Community Plan/Action Guide. Homestead Valley boundaries are identified by the blue line. <http://countywideplan.com/homesteadvalley/>

The four Morongo Basin communities of Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley comprise Homestead Valley. The State Highway 247 corridor runs through Homestead Valley as it exits Yucca Valley to the south and exits Johnson Valley to the north, where it then turns and proceeds westward to the community of Lucerne Valley. State Highway 247 unites the four unincorporated Homestead Valley communities and connects us to neighboring Lucerne Valley. In fact, the Homestead Valley Community Council is currently collaborating with the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA) to seek official State Scenic Highway designation for Highway 247. We are near the end of the process and are expecting the designation to be granted by Caltrans in the very near future. Homestead Valley is also collaborating closely with Lucerne Valley to assist our local law enforcement and County/State lawmakers in their efforts to combat the illegal marijuana farms plaguing our communities.

As I stated in my November 4<sup>th</sup> public comments, the maps you are currently using for line drawing do not accurately depict the community of Homestead Valley in its entirety. They are missing the upper northwest third as Hwy 247 turns west through Johnson Valley. Please see the second attached map, titled “*Homestead Valley Community Boundaries With Johnson Valley Portion Outline*”. The recognition of this discrepancy by the Redistricting Commission and the line drawers is very important to HVCC. We meet monthly and rotate our meetings between the four member communities. Representatives from our County, State, and Federal lawmakers often attend. Currently we are split in our assembly districts, likely due to the redistricting commission having similar inaccurate maps 10 years ago. We are hoping this can be remedied in the current redistricting process.

In my November 4<sup>th</sup> public comments I also expressed how important it is to the people of Homestead Valley that we remain in assembly, senate, and congressional districts with the high desert communities to the north and northwest of us that we have more in common with. This especially includes Lucerne Valley, but also includes other communities like Helendale/Silver Lakes, Hesperia, Apple Valley,

Big Bear, and Crestline. Homestead Valley is a Morongo Basin Community, so we also closely relate to the high desert communities along the Hwy 62 corridor from Wonder Valley/Twenty-nine Palms to Morongo Valley.

The following is a list of just some of the entities and services we share with Lucerne Valley and the communities listed to the west/northwest of us.

- State Hwy 247 Corridor and Scenic Designation Campaign
- Lucerne Valley Unified School District (Johnson Valley portion of HV)
- Mojave Water Agency
- Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District
- BLM's Barstow Resource Area
- San Bernardino County's New Marijuana Task Force

Homestead Valley is in the Mojave Desert and has little in common with the low desert communities in the Coachella Valley and the districts the current 11-02 visualizations are placing us in.


In summary, we have two requests of the Redistricting Commission as you proceed to complete the new district lines:

- 1) Please keep Homestead Valley whole by using the Homestead Valley boundaries as depicted in the attached maps taken from the San Bernardino County Homestead Valley Community Plan. We wish to correct the current assembly district split assigned in the last redistricting process. It is critical to us that the four Homestead Valley sub-communities of Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley share the same assembly, senate, and congressional districts.
- 2) Please keep Homestead Valley in the same legislative districts as Lucerne Valley, the neighboring community we most closely relate with. Also we prefer to be in districts currently drawn in the 11-02 visualizations to the west/northwest of us, more specifically VCD\_BEAVICVAL\_1102, VSD\_ANTVICVAL\_1102, VAD\_VVHD\_1102 (see attached visualization maps with notes)

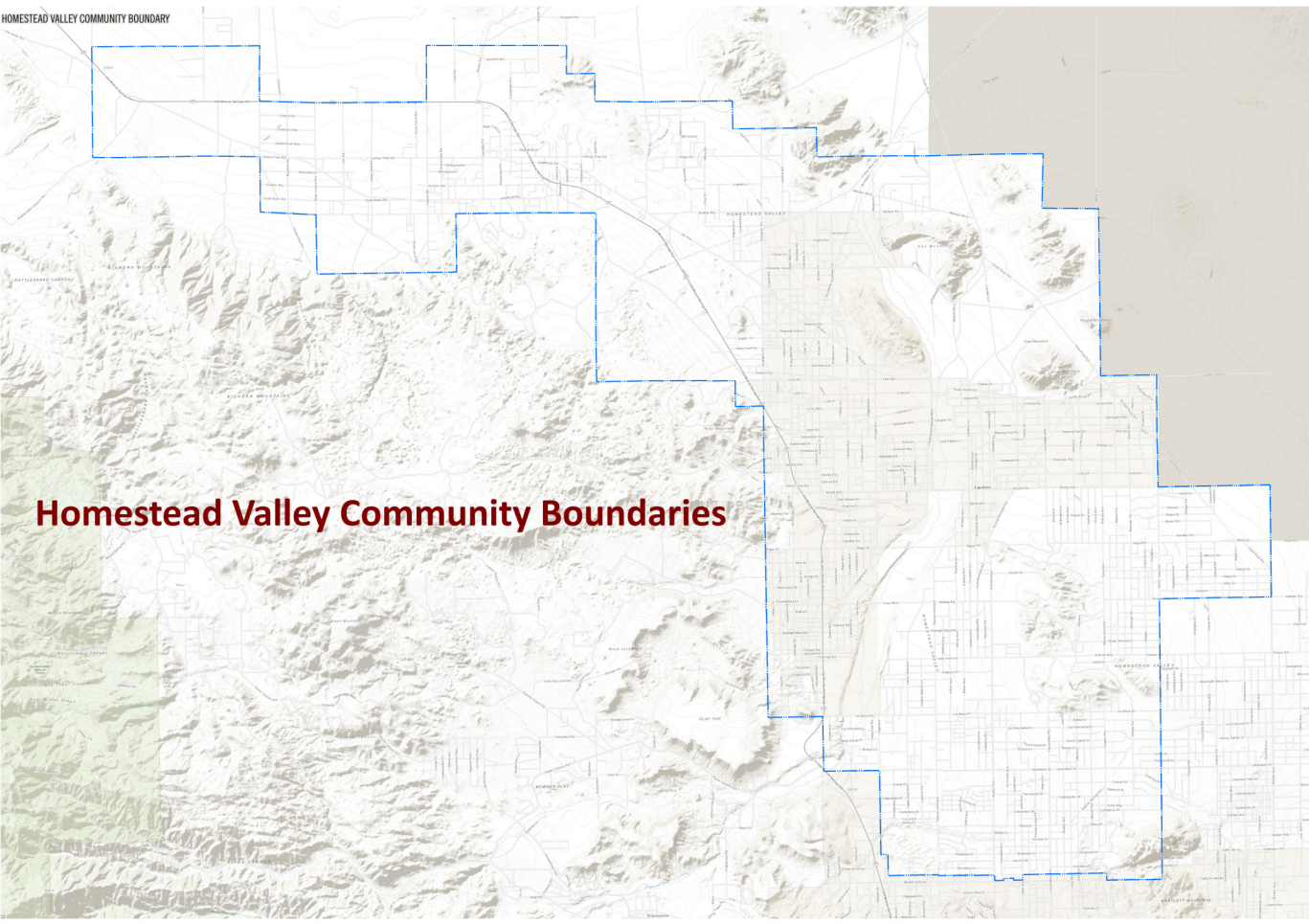
These comments were unanimously approved by the Homestead Valley Community Council delegates, and the community members in attendance at our last monthly meeting. We hope these requests can be accommodated. Thank you for all your hard work on this matter.

Sincerely,

James Harvey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Harvey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

President, Homestead Valley Community Council  
(On behalf of HVCC)



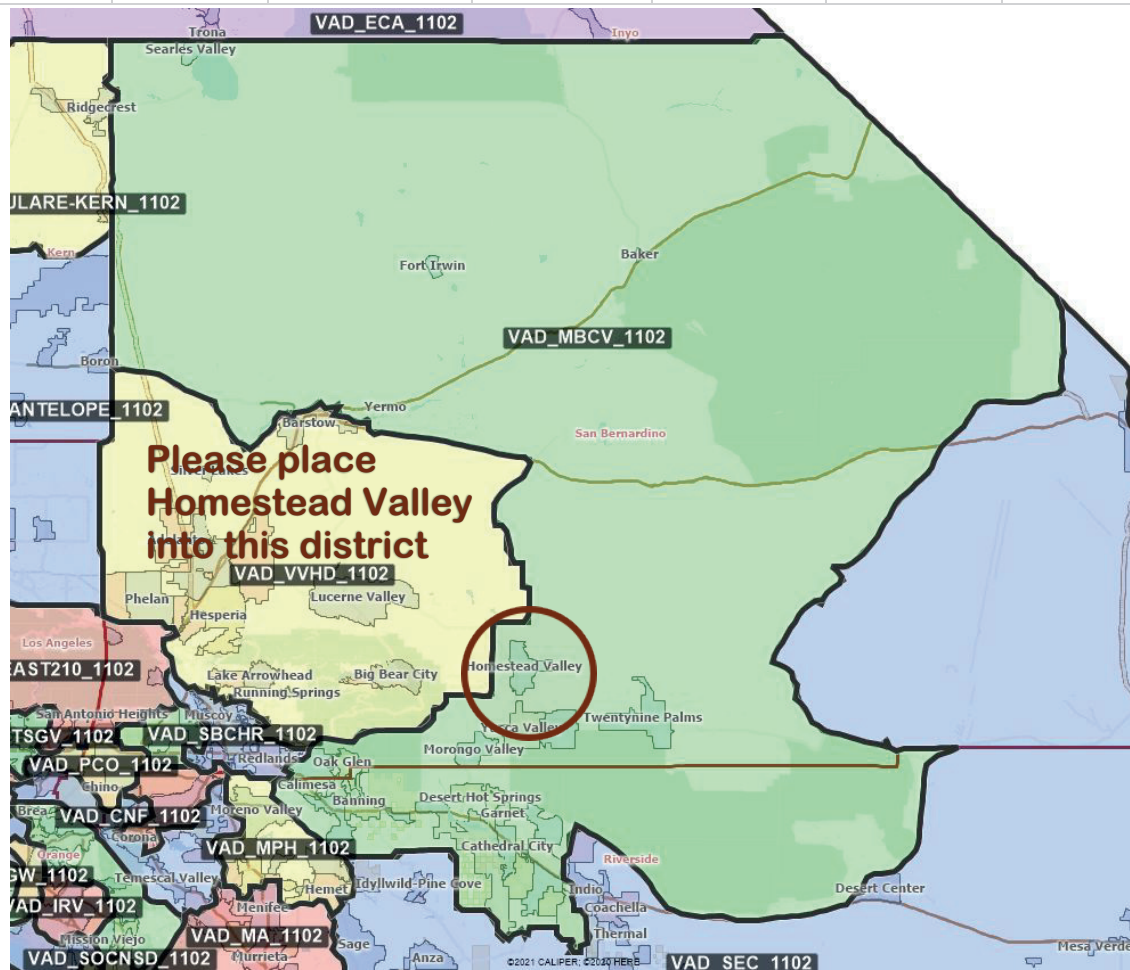
**Homestead Valley Community Boundaries**



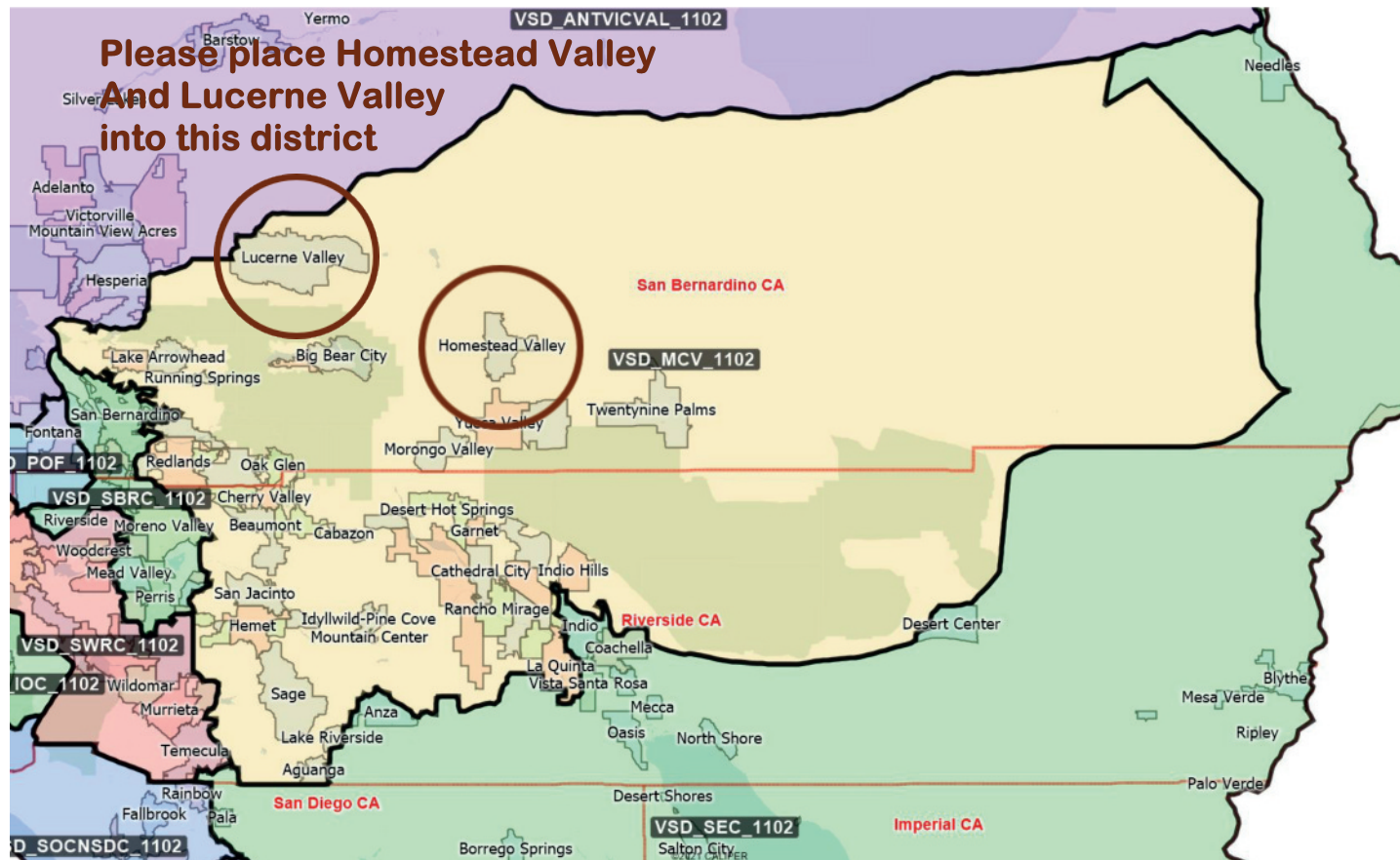
**Portion of Homestead Valley Omitted in the Redistricting Visualization Maps**

## Homestead Valley Community Boundaries With Johnson Valley Portion Outline

Name	Deviation	% Deviation	Total Population	%LatinoCVAP	%BlackCVAP	%AsianCVAP	%IndigenousCVAP	%WhiteCVAP
VAD_MBCV_1102	38,781	7.85%	533,009	26.74%	5.01%	4.11%	1.48%	62.09%



Name	Deviation	% Deviation	Total Population	%LatinoCVAP	%BlackCVAP	%AsianCVAP	%IndigenousCVAP	%WhiteCVAP
VSD_MCV_1102	-18,280	-1.85%	969,806	29.04%	5.50%	4.64%	1.31%	58.63%





Name	Deviation	% Deviation	Total Population	%LatinoCVAP	%BlackCVAP	%AsianCVAP	%IndigenousCVAP	%WhiteCVAP
VCD_MORCOA_1102	12,859	1.69%	773,209	31.74%	5.25%	3.59%	1.16%	57.51%

