

My name is Carol Schloff and I'm a community organizer for about 50 volunteers on the west side foothills of the Tucson Mountains. Our group, my Community of Interest, has been together for 5 years I live in the area you refer to as LD16 Tucson Estates, in Tucson Arizona. We are an urban-minded, densely populated area, with strong ties to the City of Tucson..

Our Community of Interest is Tucson. It takes me 15 minutes to drive from my house and be parked in front of City Hall. Tucson enriches our community. We embrace the arts, the food, and the culture. But more importantly, our Community of Interest enriches Tucson. Our ongoing Community Service in Tucson includes a monthly highway trash clean up, we volunteer at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, and my community of interest is currently crocheting sleeping mats out of plastic bags and distributing them in Tucson to organizations that help the homeless.

LD16 does not in any way represent our Tucson Community of Interest. LD16 is mostly rural or suburban with its power and population base in the far western Phoenix suburbs of Goodyear and Buckeye. 150 miles away from my home.

Also, our westside Tucson foothills precincts are isolated from the rest of LD16 by the 20,000 acres of Tucson Mountain Park and Saguaro West National Park.

You have divided our Tucson community, and in doing so, you have systematically disenfranchised most of the LD16 Tucson voters. You have undermined our voice and our vision for the city we love.

I implore you to return our Tucson precincts to metro Tucson. It's the right thing to do. It's where we live and it's where we belong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carol Schloff

Hi,

Thank you for your work. My name is Nancy Musgrave. I live in Picture Rocks which the latest maps show in the new Legislative District 16. This is upsetting to me to say the least. I can find no reason for putting my community of Picture Rocks in a district with towns way up in Pinal and Maricopa counties and not putting us in LD17, a district with other Pima County towns, specifically Marana, our neighbor who borders us on the north and the east. It's Marana, as our closest neighbor, that we have geographic and economic ties with, and with whom we even share a school district. You may not know this, but Picture Rocks is part of the Marana Unified School District. We have absolutely no ties at all to towns way up in Pinal and Maricopa counties. We do not belong in LD16. We belong in LD17.

To put Picture Rocks in LD16 means we would not be in a compact or contiguous district. And, just as bad, these maps separate us from our real community of interest, Marana. We don't even geographically connect to the rest of the proposed district - Marana is physically in-between Picture Rocks and Pinal County, geographically separating us from the rest of our proposed new district.

Looking at the maps, I see Vail is put in LD17, with Marana. Again, this makes no sense since Vail and Marana have nothing in common and they are nowhere near each other. This certainly would not be a contiguous district either. I propose you remove Vail from LD17 and put Picture Rocks in LD17 instead. Why not?

Again, I thank you for your time.

**Testimony to the Independent Redistricting Commission. Dec. 4, 2021**

I am Barbara Tellman. LD 10 is bad, but the worst part is that it appears to legitimize Right-wing racism. Red-shirted speakers demanded one after the other in hearings that they be kept in White Districts separate from people "not like them" in some cases even demanding a White Christian District. LD 17 is designed for separatists and is shaped to avoid Tucson which they loathe. It offers them a spot in the legislature from which to spread their ideology for 10 years. Haven't we learned anything from the rise of White Supremacy in the past?

Meanwhile, you ignore genuine Communities of Interest, starting with the mapping project in which more than 300 Pima County residents mapped communities and described them at a hearing and later repeatedly reinforced them when they were ignored, as they still are. Many people asserted their closeness with the City, different from the hatred of Tucson displayed by the Red Shirts. I submit a list of just some of the many ignored Communities.

LD 16 splinters 8 Tucson Mountains precincts, placing some Democrats who live in easy biking distance of Tucson City Hall into a non-compact district where they will be represented by Republican legislators from distant Phoenix suburbs, 2 ½ hours away through Republican Pinal County.

Tucson Estates/Avra Valley's 10 precincts were split into LD 16 and LD 23, giving them legislators 2 ½ hours to 4 hours away, while they can reach City Hall in 15 minutes.

LD 23 separates Tucson's tribes from Tucson where all their interests, including their casinos, lie and where thousands of tribal members live. Their small populations will be represented by legislators 4 hours drive away.

Chair Neuberg next asked people to identify splintered communities. Map LD 0055 (which I submit) shows how easy would be to keep 5 Communities of Interest together internally and with their larger community, the City of Tucson, while improving compactness. The rest can be easily united if the IRC really values Communities of Interest.. Others have done similar maps defending their Communities of Interest. Please take a close look at all of them.

Is it coincidence that small groups of Democrats were gerrymandered into the far end of Republican districts like 16 and 19 to make those districts appear competitive, when in fact Democrats will be legislatively disenfranchised?

Please take time to reconsider what you are doing and whether it meets all the legal criteria and will pass muster in the courts. Choose a togetherness approach, not one based on dislike of others. Early January is just a goal, not a deadline.

Barbara Tellman

Resident of Proposed New LD 20 near downtown Tucson

## **Some Communities of Interest that should be included in the adopted LD maps.**

These communities were identified early in the process but are not included in the latest maps. They were either separated internally and put in more than one LD, or were kept whole, but separated from the community where they live and work and put into districts where they would be represented by legislators from a distant city.

These areas all have geographic and economic ties to each other and/or their larger community with their business and social arrangements .

Does not include numerous Maricopa County areas.

### **Southern Arizona**

Tucson Estates/Avra Valley (split and separated from the Tucson Metro Area)

Tucson Mountains East (split, with parts separate from Tucson Metro Area)

University of Arizona (campus split and student housing split)

Tohono O'Odham Nation (separated from Tucson Metro Area)

Yaqui Tribe (separated from Tucson Metro Area)

Green Valley and the intermingled Continental and Sahuarita School Districts  
(Separated from the from the I-19 Corridor and Sahuarita)

Marana and Picture Rocks (separated into 2 districts)

Saddlebrooke East and West and the Oracle School District (separated)

Tanque Verde and Catalina Foothills (separated into 2 districts)

Santa Cruz County (separated into 2 districts)

### **Other Rural**

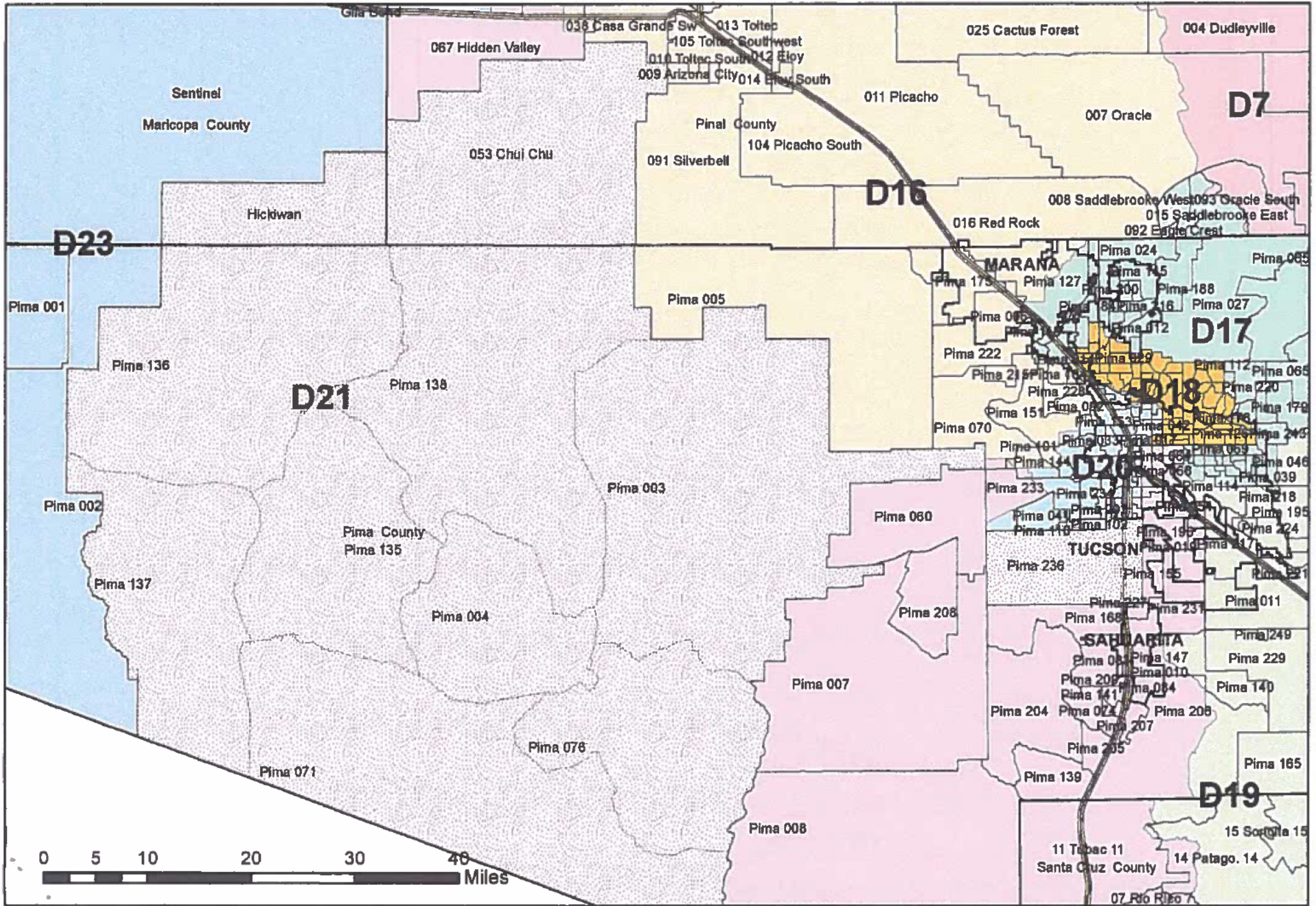
Flagstaff, Sedona, and the Verde Valley (separated)

Whiteriver and ShowLow/Pinetop (separated from their commercial areas, including Apache casino)

Florence and Coolidge (separated )

Gila Bend (separated)

# LD DRAFT MAP LD0055



## LD 0055 Community of Interest – Explanation

Chairman Neuberg said she welcomed suggestions about improving LD 10.0, especially Communities of Interest in the outskirts. Here are some for the Tucson area, especially the surroundings of current LD 3 on the west side. It does not include at least 10 other well-defined Communities of Interest in the Tucson area. A serious commitment to honoring some small Communities of Interest (defined by geographic, economic and social factors, rather than ideology) would result in a map that takes the constitutional requirements into consideration and increases compactness and gerrymandering.

LD0055 was designed by a citizen to solve specific Community of Interest problems. It includes all of the areas listed below. It is not an attempt to solve all the issues that arise in Pima County from LD 10.0. It meets the constitutional criteria and the Voting Rights Act. The areas covered were identified as Communities of Interest in the initial process and have been repeatedly defended as such since the beginning, but have been ignored. This map also improves compactness of LD 23 and LD 16, reducing gerrymandering.

**Tucson Estates/Avra Valley COI.** (15 min. drive to Downtown Tucson.) LD 10.0 divides this small area of about 10 precincts into three separate districts only one of which is likely to have legislators from Tucson. Some neighborhoods and precincts were split into separate districts. Three precincts would have a legislator from the Phoenix suburbs and the others from Yuma or Maricopa County. LD0055 unites them with Metro Tucson where all their business and social connections are.

**Tucson Mountains COI** extends from Sentinel Peak (just west of Downtown Tucson) to the Marana Town boundary between the Santa Cruz River and the Tucson Mountain Park/Saguaro National Park boundaries. LD 16 divides this area at Ironwood Hill Road, a continuation of Grant Road, (an easy bike ride to City Hall and a block north of the Mayor's home). Residents west of I-10 and north of this line would be represented by someone from the Phoenix suburbs, mostly likely Buckeye, where they have no connections. They would even be separated from their neighborhood shopping center. LD0055 joins this entire area up to the Marana boundary so they have legislators from Metro Tucson.

**Tohono O'Odham Nation (TON)** As stated eloquently by natives at the Tucson Hearing, Tucson began at the site of the TON village of Tukson. All of their business (including two casinos) is conducted in Metro Tucson and many of the tribe's members live in Metro Tucson. They have virtually no connection with Yuma where LD 10.0 places them, a 4 hour drive away, separated by large unpopulated roadless federal preserves and military areas. LD0055 places TON with the Tucson Metro Area.

**Stranded Tucson Metro Precincts** (part of which were initially defined as Drexel Heights COI.) LD 10.0 places some of them in precincts where their legislator would be from Yuma (3-4 hours away). LD0055 keeps all of those precincts (including the Yaqui Tribe and its casino) with Metro Tucson, where all their business and other activity occurs. Many tribal members live in the City of Tucson, including the entire Old Yaqui area near the University.

**Green Valley.** The I-19 corridor runs directly from Nogales, through Green Valley, past TON casinos and the San Xavier District, to downtown Tucson. LD 10.0 takes a section of I-19 corridor, including Green Valley away from this corridor, along which Green Valley interacts with the Metro Areas. LD 0055 joins Green Valley with the Nogales and Tucson Metro areas. Under LD 10.0 Green Valley residents would be represented in the Legislature by someone from Cochise County in a district that includes Morenci

Submitted by Barbara Tellman

3 December 2021

RE: LD 16

To whom it concerns:

We are a group of residents who live in Tucson and have been registered voters there for at least 20 years, with several of us many more years than that. We all live north of West Ironwood Hill Drive, the new southern boundary of LD 16, and have resided here for a range of time from 20 to 50 years. We have many ties to Tucson. We have sent children to TUSD, we have gone to school and/or worked at the University of Arizona, we pay Tucson city taxes, we vote in Tucson city elections, we volunteer in Tucson, and are part of the Tucson community.

According to the Voting Rights Act legislative districts "shall be geographically compact and contiguous; shall respect communities of interest; and shall use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries whenever practicable".

LD 16  
This district extends from West Ironwood Hill Drive in Tucson, through Casa Grande to Buckeye, over 100 miles away and much closer to Phoenix than Tucson. This district is not geographically compact, it cuts us off from Tucson, our community of interest, and ignores visible geographic features and Tucson city boundaries.

For these reasons we strongly object to the new district boundaries. We have little in common with Buckeye or Casa Grande and are strongly tied to the city of Tucson where we live.

Regards,

*Deborah Swartz*  
Deborah Swartz

*Mark Elson*  
Mark Elson

*Helga Teiwes*  
Helga Teiwes

*Donald Kucera*  
Donald Kucera

*Stacy Ryan*  
Stacy Ryan

*James H. Maish*  
James Maish

*Subdivision*  
*Hiawatha Hills*

*Hiawatha Hills*

*Teresa Terrace*

*Teresa Terrace*

*North Desert Hills*

*Teresa Terrace*

*Sajuno Miraflores*

My name is Peggy J. Turk Boyer. I have lived in Tucson since 2001, and recently retired as director and founder of a binational not for profit environmental organization, that worked to build stewardship with communities for better management of their natural resources. In this work we saw first-hand the powerful impact that having the right alignment of stakeholders with the ecosystem and socio-economic system can have on building stewardship and strengthening governance. Proposition 106 of the Arizona Constitution recognizes such principles in the criteria it has established, stating that congressional and legislative districts should: 1) be geographically compact and contiguous; 2) respect communities of interest, and 3) use visible geographic features, and existing boundaries, where possible, in addition to requirements to comply with the US voting rights act, have equal populations and be competitive.

I am concerned because the current proposal for LD17 as seen in the SALC maps does not follow these fundamental principles; it separates stakeholders with similar ecosystem and socio-economic interests. The Catalina Mountains is a major geologic barrier that separates the east Tucson/Tanque Verde community from Marana and Oro Valley, with a long drive in between. The east Tucson/Tanque Verde Community has little in common with these communities, with 3 or 4 school districts separating them, no shared worship, economy, nor employers. No one in east Tucson shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are on a day trip to Mount Lemon. The only reason for combining Marana, Oro Valley and east Tucson is to pull together Republican leaning suburbs, to create another safe Republican District, which is not necessary, as in this particular instance there is great potential to create a competitive district.

The gerrymandered district 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans, affecting the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten; solid Republican districts were increased from 13 to 15.

In addition, the SALC maps (LD17) split the City of Tucson into five different districts. Greater Tucson is too large to be kept in one or even two districts but there is no justification for splitting it into five districts. Many communities of interest that are functionally a part of the Tucson metropolitan were separated from the community where they live and work, including: Tucson Estates/Avra Valley (split and separated from Tucson Metro Area) Tucson Mountains (split, with parts separate from Tucson Metro Area) University of Arizona (campus split and student housing split) Tohono O'Odham Nation (separated from Tucson Metro Area) Yaqui Tribe (separated from Tucson Metro Area) Green Valley and the Continental and Sahuarita School Districts (Separated from the from the I-19 Corridor and Sahuarita) Marana and Picture Rocks (separated into 2 districts) Saddlebrooke East and West and the Oracle School District (separated into 2 districts) Tanque Verde and Catalina Foothills (separated into 2 districts) Flagstaff, Sedona, and the Verde Valley (separated) Whiteriver and Show Low/Pinetop (separated from their commercial areas, including Apache casino) Florence and Coolidge (separated) Gila Bend (separated) Santa Cruz County (separated into 2 districts)

When Proposition 106 was passed, ARIZONA made the commitment to follow an Independent Redistricting process. I am sure the commissioners don't need to be reminded that we depend upon your personal commitment to this process. I am concerned about input from incumbents that serve personal interests and other partisan gerrymandering efforts that seem evident. Only by fully upholding the criteria outlined in Propostion 106, can we hope to control the extremism that has infiltrated our local and national politics and wasted our tax dollars, and can we hope to restore dignity to our state.



My name is Gail Kamaras. I live near East Speedway and North Pantano Road In Tucson. According to draft legislative map 10, I will be in proposed district 18. That district does not conform to the standards required by law. It is not compact or contiguous. There is certainly no common community of interest.

This proposed district would stretch from southeast Tucson near the boneyard to the fringe of Oro Valley in the far northwest. To drive from one end of this district to another would require getting on the interstate. A person living in a metropolitan area should not need a 30 mile drive on an interstate highway to travel from one end of her district to the other.

The current maps neither comply with the Voting Rights Act, nor recognize that each major political party represents only about one third of the state population. Fair and competitive districts should be the default.

Draft legislative map 10 doesn't respect the compact and contiguous requirements, skipping over nearby populations and physical barriers to include those populations further away.

Finally, It now appears my proposed district and others nearby are the indirect result of prohibited influence by state legislator Vincent Leach to deliberately gerrymander a partisan district to benefit Leach. That is the draft map for LD 17 submitted by Commissioner Mehl. This casts an appearance of impropriety and corruption on the Commission. The legitimacy of our Redistricting process is at risk. This commission must do better by all Arizonans.

Thank you

Gail Kamaras

  
Tucson 85710

IRC statement, Dec. 4, 2021

My name is Rod McLeod; I have been a registered voter and resident of what is now Pct 148 in the Casas Adobes community since 1980.

I have been active in the Democratic Party locally since 2003, from the days of a Republican dominated LD28 to the current somewhat competitive LD9..which has moved, mainly through our efforts, from a +3-4% democratic voter registration to the current +8-9% registration. I feel we have played by the rules, done things right in terms of encouraging voter - of all parties and no-party - registrations by walking door-to-door, calling and talking to our neighbors.

We have little in common with the communities in the LD17 proposal that are distant geographically, culturally and economically while being tied in every way to the City of Tucson. I had a retail business for 15 years in the city and spend much of my recreational time, when not heading to fishing destinations in the southern part of the state, in the city limits of Tucson.

The proposed changes to the CD would cause similar problems to our communities of interest, throwing us in with rural communities from Greenlee, Pinal counties, when our educational, water utilities, and economic interests are clearly tied to the community of Tucson.

I have observed the changing nature of our suburban districts from the more rural (agricultural, mining, construction) ways of earning a living to those jobs in tourism, financial and high-tech. These are natural evolutions of our community and should be reflected in the newly created LD and CD districts.

It is un-Southern Arizonan and un-American to punish folks for playing by the rules in service to the community and that is precisely what the proposed maps will do.

My name is Lawrence Waggoner, and I grew up in Tucson but left after high school. My wife and I returned to Tucson 10 years ago this month after a 30-year Marine Corps career and 17 years of living abroad. Our home is in the Tanque Verde area.

Today I will take only a few minutes, and selfishly, I will talk only about the proposed district seventeen, my district. I am not the only resident in the area that finds the current district seventeen map unacceptable, and we are concerned about this entire process.

According to the Arizona Constitution, districts should be competitive when there is no significant detriment to the other five goals.

We are concerned that the current district seventeen map is drawn as a safe Republican district by almost ten points.

We are concerned that the proposed district is neither compact nor contiguous but made up of selected Republican-leaning suburbs from opposite ends of Tucson to create a safe Republican district.

We are concerned that the Chair of the Independent Redistricting Commission has stated that she supports a safe Republican district in Pima County.

We are also concerned to hear that a Republican State Senator, working with officials from Marana, has inserted a map, drawn by an official of the local Republican Party, into the IRC process. This hidden partisan action taints the entire process and specifically the current district 17 map.

Competitive districts are the only way to give Independents who make up one-third of the Arizona electorate a voice. The type of safe district construction as seen in the current district 17 map denies a voice to those voters.

I ask this commission to discard the current tainted district seventeen map and move to a more competitive district map. The district 17 in draft map 9.0 would be a very competitive district, and I know that other, more competitive maps, have been submitted to this commission. The interests of the citizens of Arizona, Pima County, and my Legislative District are best served by competitive districts. The legacy of this Independent Redistricting Commission rests on how you handle the concerns of the citizens of Arizona.

I thank you for your time.

Lawrence Waggoner

Tucson, AZ 85749

COMMENTS TO THE AZIRC FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 12/4/21

My name is Hyatt Simpson, and I have lived in Arizona for a total of 28 years, divided between Flagstaff and Tucson. My husband and I retired to Tucson in 2007, and our home is in the Tanque Verde Valley. We shop in Tucson, recreate in Tucson, eat out in Tucson, get our medical care in Tucson, and pay our water bills to Tucson. Needless to say, I am against the proposed LD map that places our neighborhood in a gerrymandered safe Republican district (17), a far cry from our current competitive district 10.

The IRC's webpage contains this statement: "Members must demonstrate a commitment to performing the IRC's charge in an honest, independent, and impartial fashion and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

I've been watching and commenting on this IRC's activities in the past couple of months. A number of things I've observed have caused me to question the integrity of the redistricting process in 2021. In addition to the many concerns mentioned by others here today, I am troubled by the following:

First and most egregious, is a recent article that reveals evidence of how State Senator Vince Leech may have conspired with officials from the Town of Marana to generate support for the LD map drawn by an official of the Pima County Republican Party, which will guarantee Leech's re-election.

I'm also concerned that the Commission seems to have confused the concept of competitive districts with the idea that each party deserves a certain number of safe districts. That confusion is demonstrated by a statement by the Chair of the IRC, concerning the proposed Tucson LD17, that she is "comfortable having a district that will ensure that right-of-center people will have some representation."

Because of the obvious misunderstanding of the Constitutional direction to create competitive districts where practicable, this Commission has appeared to ignore competitiveness in favor of safe districts. Exhibit A is the current LD map, which contains only 6 competitive districts out of a total of 30—and NONE are in Tucson.

I urge the Commission to take advantage of the remaining time they have to come up with a product that will better reflect the Constitutional criteria that they swore to honor. It doesn't need to be perfect, just demonstrably consistent with the Constitution!

Hyatt Simpson

TUCSON 85749

**Talking Points**  
**IRC Meeting 12/4/21**  
**Final Draft**

I'm Karen Wilkison and I live in the foothills in what is now Legislative District 9.

The Legislative District maps in Pima County as currently drawn, create three safe districts for Democrats and three safe for Republicans. ~~Safe maps are not competitive and therefore, not conducive to public involvement.~~

These "safe" districts aren't compact nor do they represent communities of interest. ~~At the same time they completely ignore independent voters.~~ I was very sad to learn that recently a state senator influenced officials to formulate District 17 so that he is virtually sure to be reelected.

I'm concerned about Legislative District 17 which doesn't comply with redistricting requirements ~~set out in the AZ Constitution. Besides not being compact, contiguous or competitive, it doesn't respect communities of interest.~~ By circling from Oro Valley to Vail in order to favor one party, Legislative District 17 connects disparate communities that have little to do with each other.

I'm concerned that in District 18, the foothills has little in common with the Davis-Monthan Air Base corridor but much more in common with the Tanque Verde area. In coming up with the new map, I urge you to use Draft Map Legislative District 0065 that connects the foothills and Tanque Verde areas which are true communities of interest.

Thank you for your work.

Karen Wilkison  


IRC Meeting. Tucson, December 4, 2021.

Comments of

Dianne Coscarelli, Tucson

Thank you commissioners. I am Dianne Coscarelli. I live in the Catalina Foothills and speak for myself and my family, who represent a full range of voters, including Independents.

The LDs in Pima County have been pinwheeled into six districts to create three safe districts for Republicans, even though they represent only 29% of registered Pima voters, and three safe for Democrats who represent 40%. And there are no competitive districts even though about one-third of voters are Independent. This leaves few choices for Independent voters.

These pinwheeled districts are the ripple effect of LD17, which is not compact, contiguous or competitive, and was created for partisan purposes. Recently, I was shocked to learn that a state senator maneuvered with officials in having LD17 structured in his favor. This is most disturbing.

But LD17 can be fixed. I urge you to draw LD17 to include the compact, contiguous and competitive area from Marana to my Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes, leaving the areas to the east in the eastern LDs.

Failing that, I urge you to adjust LD18 to replace the Davis-Monthan corridor with the Tanque Verde area to the east. My LD18 communities have a much stronger communities of interest link with the Tanque Verde area than with the Davis-Monthan corridor. This change can be seen in map LD0065.

Thank you.

Comments presented at the Independent Redistricting Commission Hearing  
4 December 2021

I am V Spike Peterson, for 31 years a Tucson resident and Professor of Political Science at the University of Arizona.

I first thank you for the (too often under-appreciated) time and effort you invest in your work as Commissioners.

Not surprisingly, I am someone who takes very seriously the privilege and responsibility of being a citizen of the United States. I am deeply committed to and actively participate in politics, in hopes of ensuring that the democratic principles (small d) – which so many have died for – are not further undermined by partisan bias.

My comments today focus on a single but absolutely crucial point: *Competitive districts are a cornerstone of democracy*, and the Arizona State Constitution, the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act legally establish guidelines that prohibit partisan gerrymandering. We know that heavily partisan districts undermine democratic objectives by effectively discouraging inclusive participation. The voices, priorities and votes of not only the marginalized party but the 31% of independent voters in Arizona are effectively side-lined in non-competitive districts.

My specific request is that District 17 include the compact, contiguous and competitive area from Marana to the Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes.

But my larger and emphatic request is that the IRC abide by legislated guidelines, which many observers argue, I believe persuasively, are violated by the proposed redistricting maps.

No one can doubt that the foundations of our democracy are currently threatened by polarizing dynamics, and research shows that heavily partisan districts foster the election of extremist candidates. You have an opportunity, indeed an obligation, to weaken the probability of that outcome by ensuring competitive districts. I urge you to meet the challenge of this responsibility.

Thank you.

Professor V. Spike Peterson, [REDACTED] Tucson, AZ 85705



To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee,

Good Day,

First, a Thank You to the Committee and all your hard work.

My name is Aaron Essif. My wife and I have resided and raise our children in Marana for the past 16 years. I am a Precinct Committee Member in current LD 11, soon to become LD 17. I'm afraid I need to strongly object to Map 10.0 plan for this. LD 17 in this map is neither Compact, Contiguous, Competitive nor does it represent the best result for Communities of Interest. These COI's include Northern Pima county places of Marana, Oro Valley, Casa Adobes, Rillito, and the Catalina Foothills. These places are all Urban-Suburban and share water sources and development concerns as well as transportation corridors (I-10 77 Oracle Rd and Tangerine).

LD 17 in Draft Map 9.0 does a MUCH better job and does not violate the criteria which supposed to be met. In Map 9.0 LD 17 resembles a <sup>hex</sup>triangle, is compact yet still includes a few sparsely populated places in Pima County that lie east of the Catalina Mountains. So, it is: Compact, Contiguous, and Competitive AND contains better representation of Communities of Interest. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted.

Aaron Essif

██████████ Marana, AZ 85653

**Comments on Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission approved LD17 Draft Map**  
**Dana Allmond**  
**4 Dec 2021**

My name is Dana Allmond. I am a Marana resident in the current LD11. I'm a mother of four children, wife, veteran, and retired Army LTC with more than 23 years of active duty service. I am a 1994 West Point Graduate and lifelong veteran advocate.

My comments regard my concerns about the true independence of the Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) and my rejection of the IRC approved LD17 draft map.

First, I appreciate the commissioners' written commitment "to apply the provisions of the Arizona Constitution, Article IV, Part 2, Section 1 in an honest, independent, and impartial fashion, and to upholding public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

The formation of the IRC was supposed to take redistricting out of the hands of the State Legislature; however, four of the five members of the IRC are from the State Legislature. This membership demonstrates that this Redistricting Commission is not actually Independent of the State Legislature.

My rejection of the IRC approved draft map for LD17 is based on multiple facts. It overwhelmingly violates the AZ State Constitution. It is blatantly designed to prevent competitive districts. Competitiveness is essential to our democracy. Candidates must work for resident votes. Voters pick their representatives. This map is not geographically compact and contiguous with a mountain range splitting the district.

This heavily gerrymandered draft map to ensure a Republican safe district indicates a strong fear of free and fair elections. I do not understand why I need to make it easy for party candidates to get elected and reelected. I am not beholden to candidate interests. A lawmaker's responsibility is to serve all Arizonans' interests. A lawmaker is expected to protect their constituents' life, limb, health, and welfare. I do not respect any candidate who does not want to work hard for my vote and make sure my family's liberties are upheld.

There are multiple communities in every district. The voices of everyone across all communities in each district must be fairly heard and advocated for. We are all human beings with plenty of the same community interests and concerns. I think we can agree that we all are interested in quality health care, schools, roads, and public transportation; clean lakes and rivers; and free and fair access to the ballot box. We are concerned about access to safe drinking water, water rights, water shortages, fires, unemployment, housing shortages, affordable housing, air and noise pollution, and traffic congestion.

I call on the IRC members to reject this draft map and approve the LD17 map version 9.0 which complies with the AZ State Constitution. It is the shape of a rectangle, respects county lines, and ranks very competitive with barely a one-point spread between Democrats and Republicans.

Sherrylyn Young, MD  
Tanque Verde Valley Resident, 85748

I am here to speak in support of LD draft map 10.0. Since the last redistricting, my LD 10 has included the eastern outskirts of Tucson and a large swath of the City. Unfortunately, this has resulted in almost no representation for the outskirts, and any consideration of our interests have been totally subjugated to the urban interests of the City of Tucson. I would like to thank the Commission for holding these public meetings, and even more so for making changes that indicate you are listening and hearing the concerns of my community. We are very happy with the present new LD 17 which, even though large, forms a more cohesive community of rural, suburban, and small-town interests.

I would also like to address the present CD draft map 7.1. I object to this map because it makes the same mistake that was made with the present LD 10, combining outskirt areas with large areas of the City.

A map, CD 0063, has been submitted with some changes, and I support this map. This map moves the areas of the City now in new CD 6 to new CD 7, which results in the City of Tucson being together in one Congressional District. It seems logical that the City of Tucson is a community of interest that would have their interests best served by being together. And, in fact, Tucson mayor Regina Romero has made statements indicating she would like the City of Tucson to be together in one CD. This move would then allow CD 6 to pick up Green Valley, Quail Creek, and Sahuarita which are suburban and small-town communities like the rest of CD 6.

CD 6 could also pick up Davis-Monthan which would then put it in the same CD as Fort Huachuca.

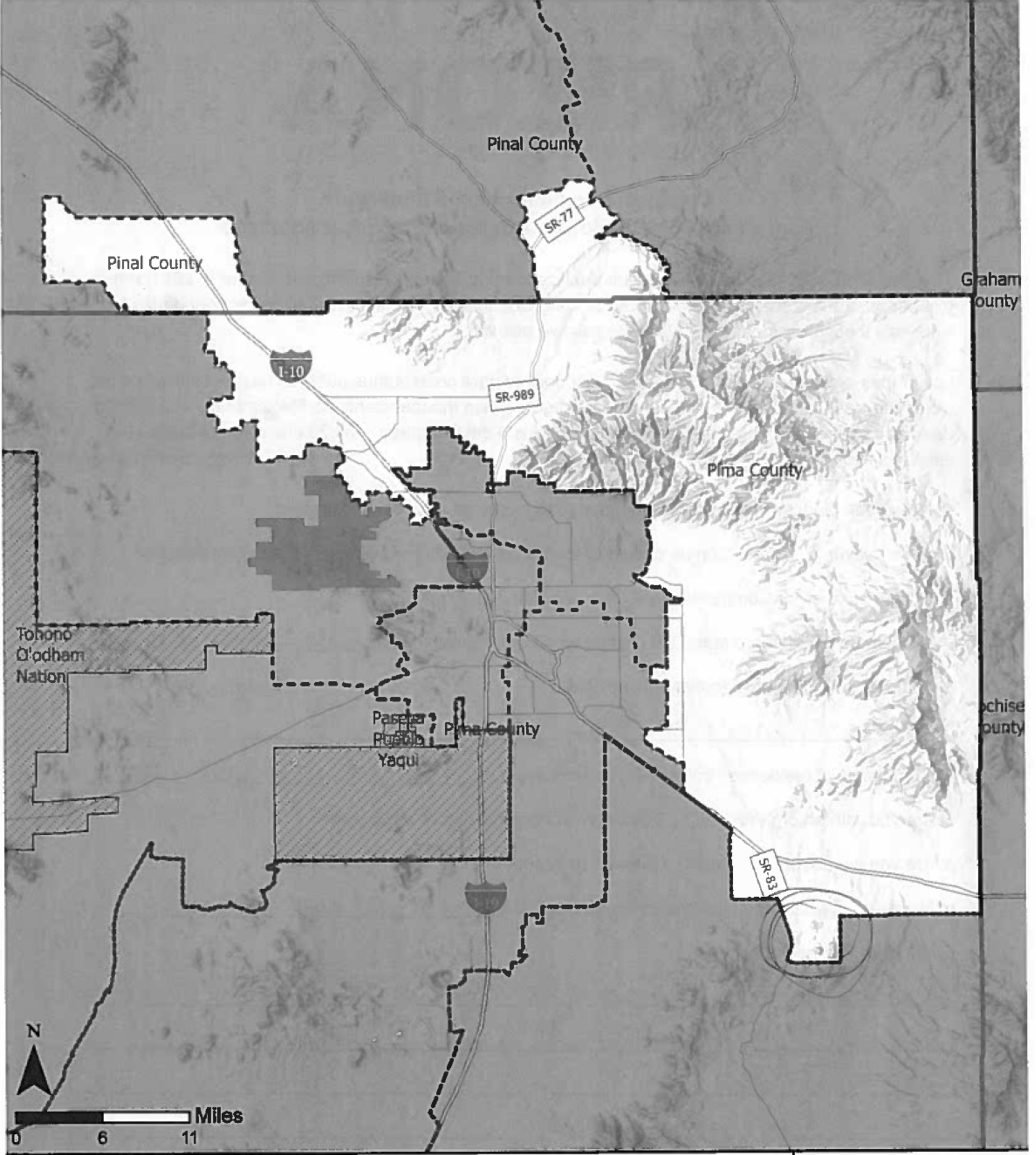
I hope you will give serious consideration to submitted map CD 0063 which has a lot of support in Southern Arizona.

My name is Heidi MacDonald. I have lived and worked in Tucson for 25 years and know this part of the world very well. I've lived on the SW side, in Barrio Santa Rosa, in Old Pascua, and now reside in Midtown. I worked at UA, Learjet, Honeywell, and Intuit. My love of birdwatching takes me all over the area. I am commenting because I love where I live, I love to vote, and because I have a minor in geography, I love maps. I vote in all elections, from school board to President, including all the ballot initiatives and bond propositions.

I live in the current LD9, and according to the proposed map, I will live in the new LD18. It's not a bad looking district, as far as maps go, but I must object to the sprawling extent of the new LD17. Upon inspection, portions of LD17 are south of my district, east of my district, north of my district, and west of my district. That is a very mixed up border, especially considering that three other districts (16, 20, and 21) also border LD18. I believe the convoluted border of LD17 was created for nefarious purposes, and not to serve the people in the greater Tucson area, nor the people of Arizona. It is neither compact, nor competitive: two of the goals of fair redistricting. I favor the 9.0 map configuration to this one. I implore you to scrap the 10.0 version and redraw the boundaries. Show the people of Arizona, and the country, what great redistricting looks like. I'm looking forward to reviewing the 11<sup>th</sup> version.



Heidi MacDonald

[REDACTED]  
Tucson AZ 85716  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

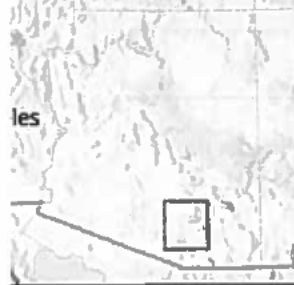


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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) CD 1 + LD # 17

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Dion Heimink Sr.

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Oro Valley AZ. 85704

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

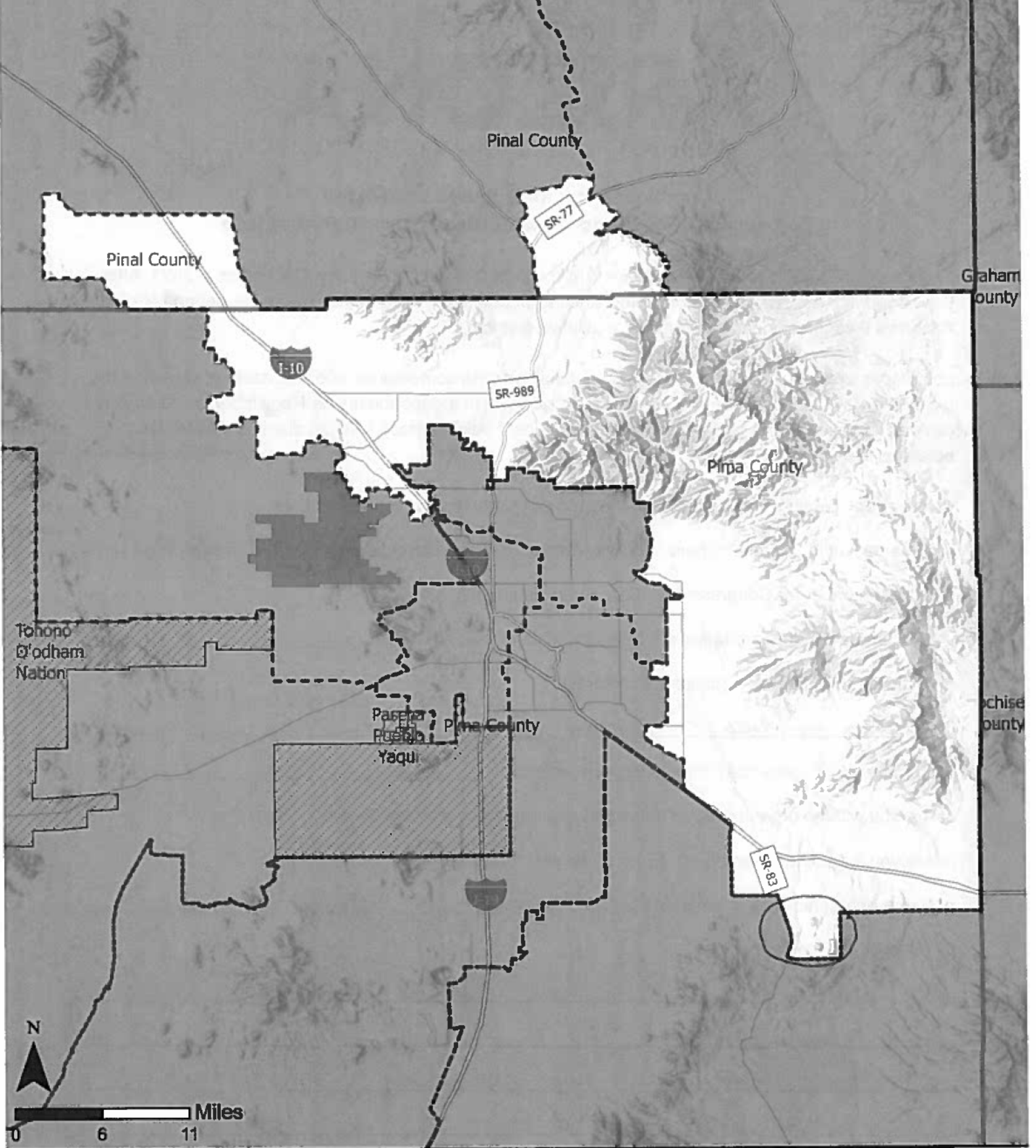
a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please remove the bottom portion that is circled and add  
to LD # 19. Support Map Version 10.0 creating  
LD # 17

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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

JAMES McFADZEAN

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: MAZANA

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

URGE IRC TO ADOPT DRAFT 10.0 & IN PARTICULAR LD 17

AS DRAWN,

AREA CIRCLED REMOVED FROM DRAFT 10.0 IN LD 17 TO LD 19

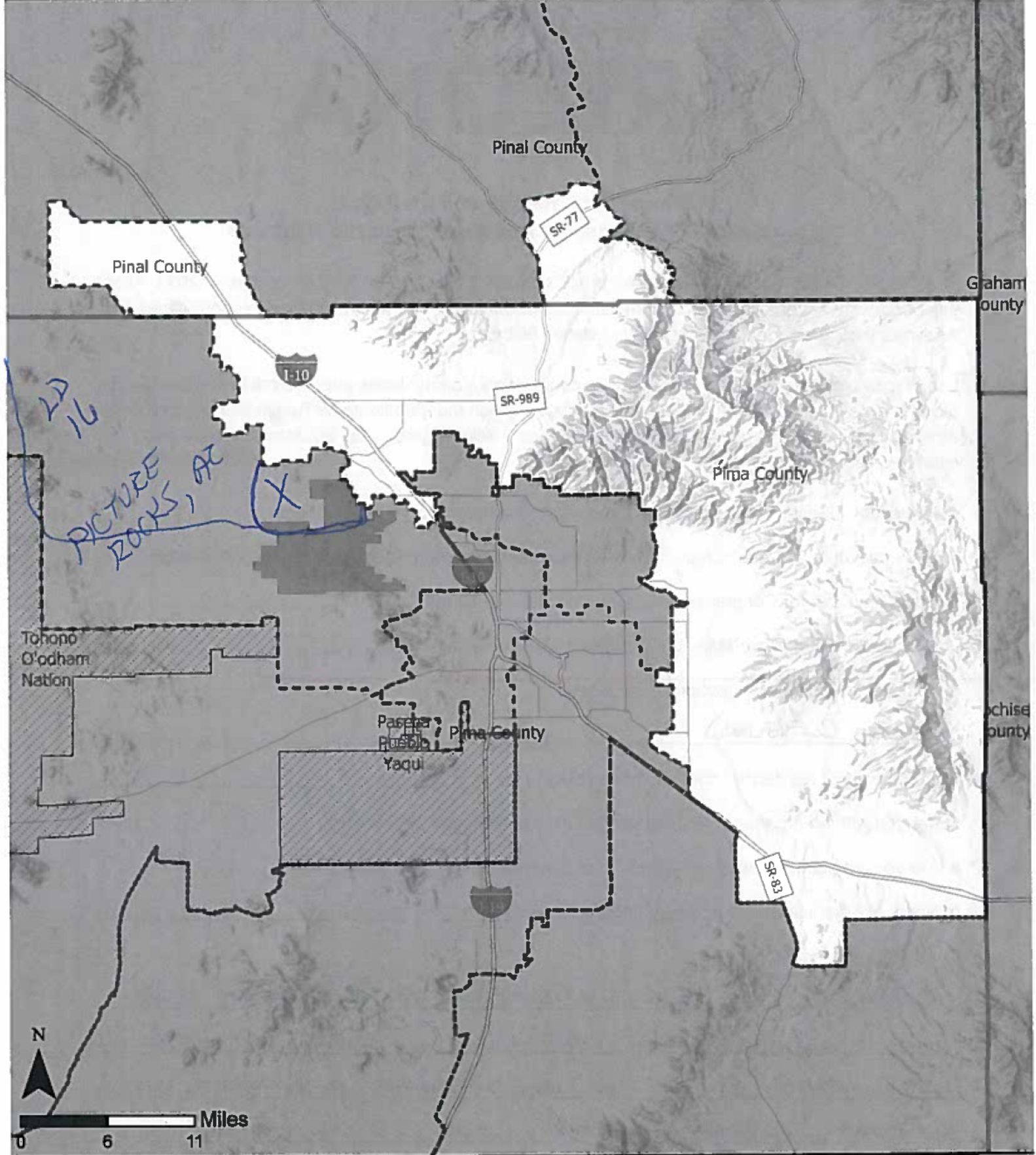
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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

WILLIAM CLEVELAND

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: PICTURE ROCKS

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

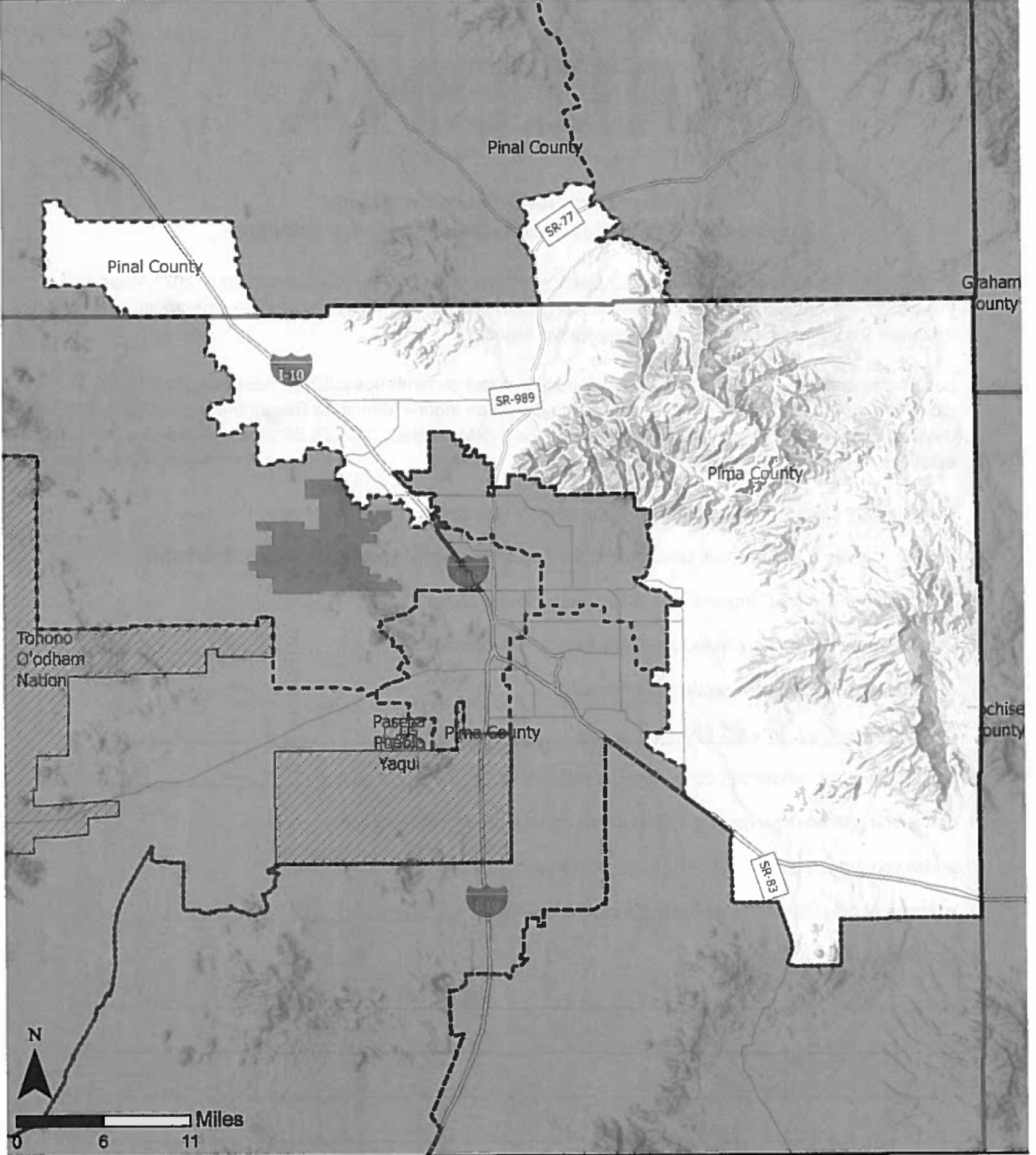
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CURRENTLY, PICTURE ROCKS IS A COMMUNITY IN UNINCORPORATED TUCSON  
THAT IS CONNECTED WITH MARANA, AZ & ORO VALLEY. OUR SHOPPING, DINING,  
SCHOOL, MEDICAL, ETC ARE ALL DONE IN MARANA OR ORO VALLEY. UNDER  
THE CURRENT DISTRICTING DRAFT MAPS, PICTURE ROCKS WILL BE SEPARATED  
FROM THESE COMMUNITIES IN LD17 AND PLACED IN LD16 WHICH PICTURE  
ROCKS HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH. I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THE DRAFT MAP  
FOR LD17, PLEASE KEEP PICTURE ROCKS WITH THE DISTRICT AND PUT IN LD17.  
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THANKS



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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

TRACEY BUNKER METZ

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: CATALINA

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

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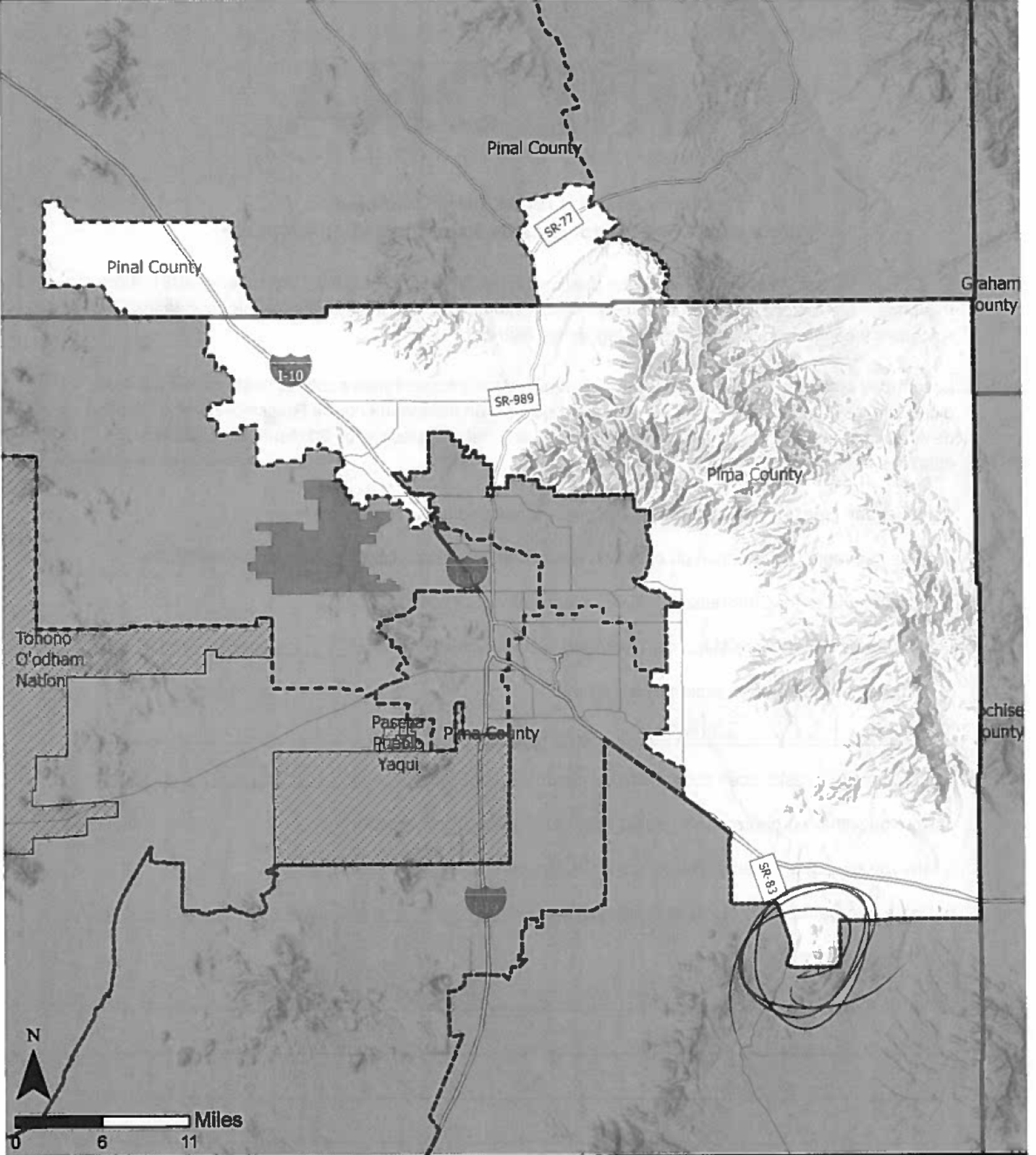
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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

DICK SUROWIEC

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia:



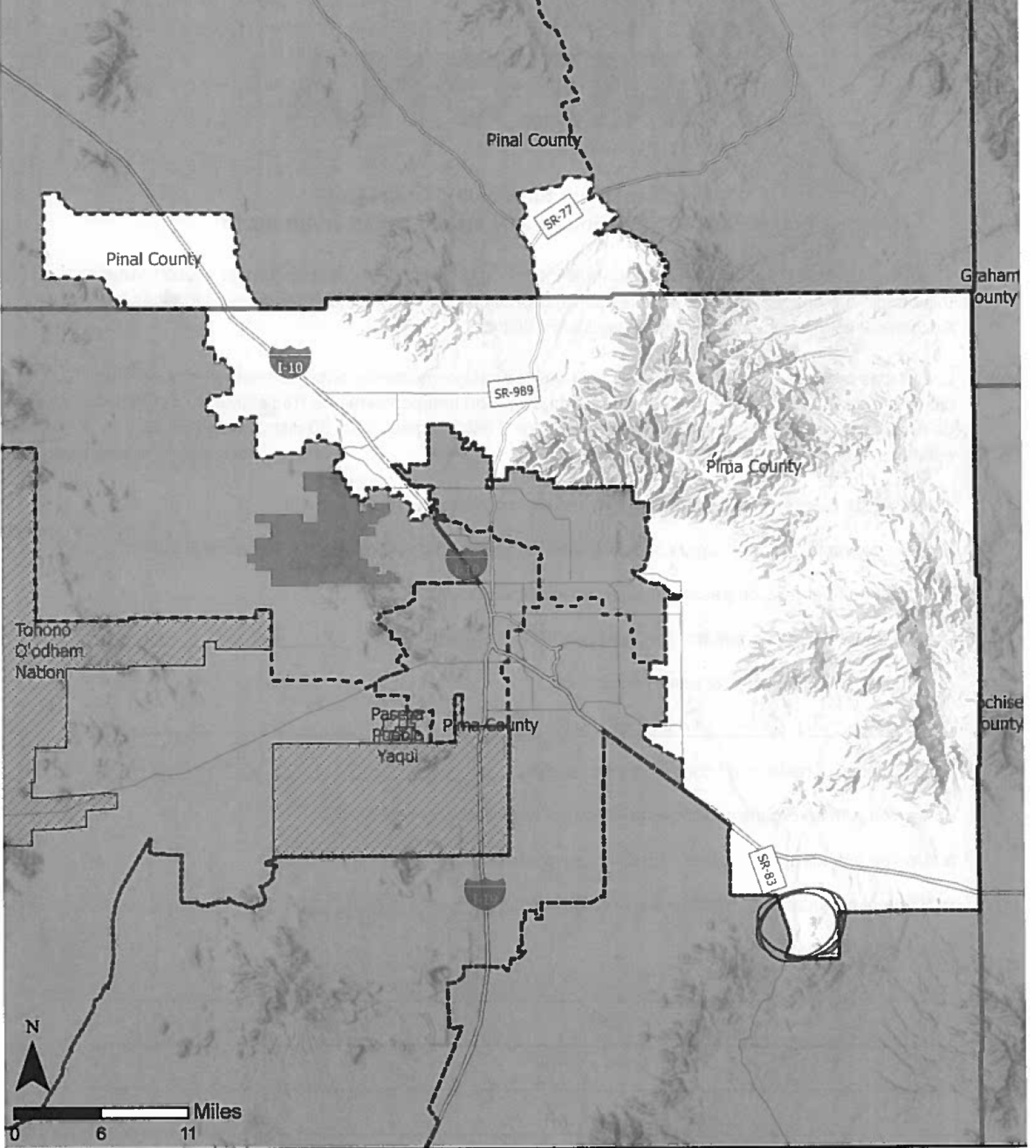
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b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~



Comments / Comentarios:

Remove creek area from LD 17  
and add Pictorial Rocks



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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Carol Surowiec

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia



5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: T

Comments / Comentarios:

Please remove circle area from LD 17

Add picture Park

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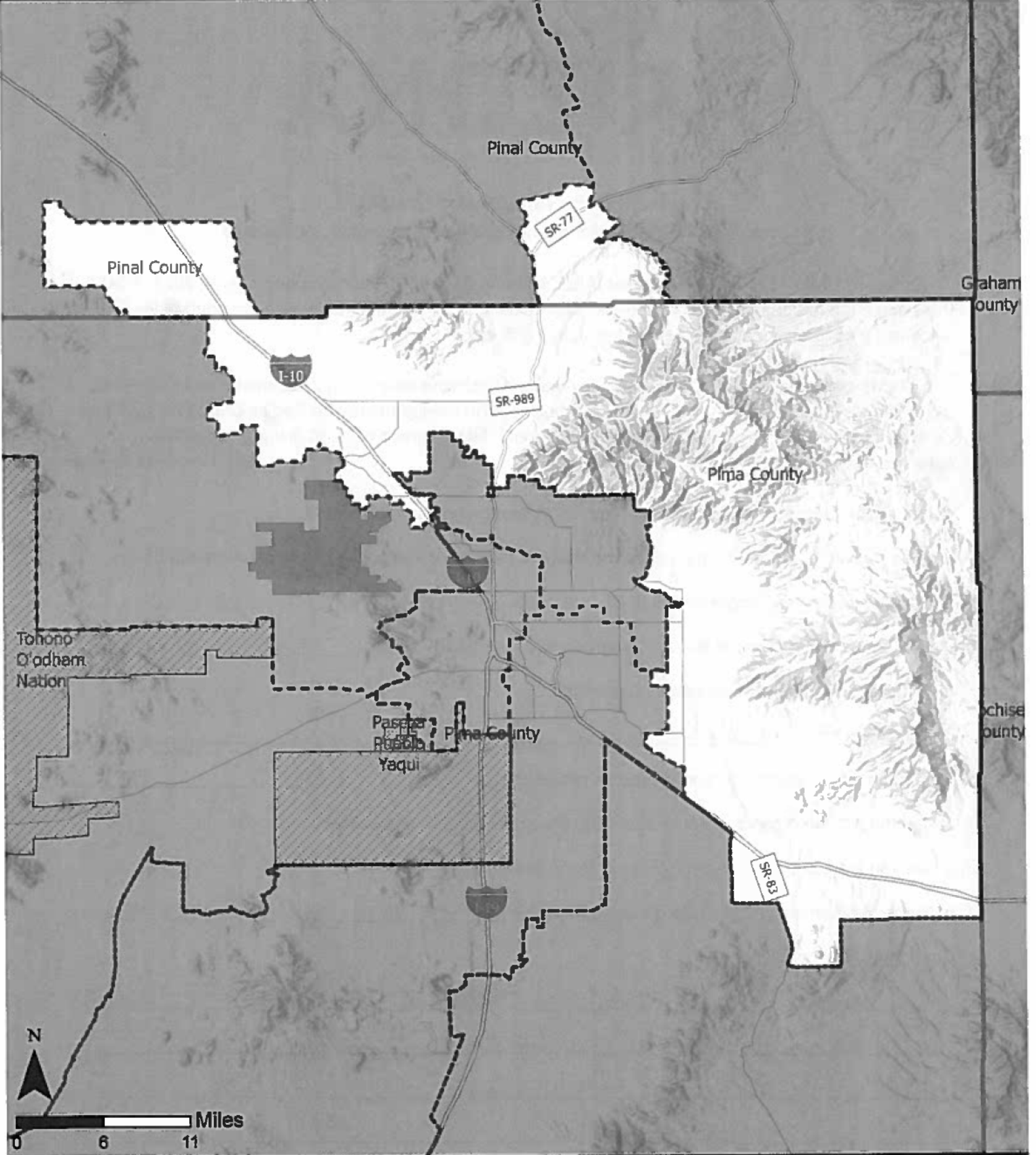
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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) 17

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Jeffrey Clark

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Oro Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: na

Comments / Comentarios:

I support LD 17 as is with one exception.

The communities in this LD have the same

interests. I would like

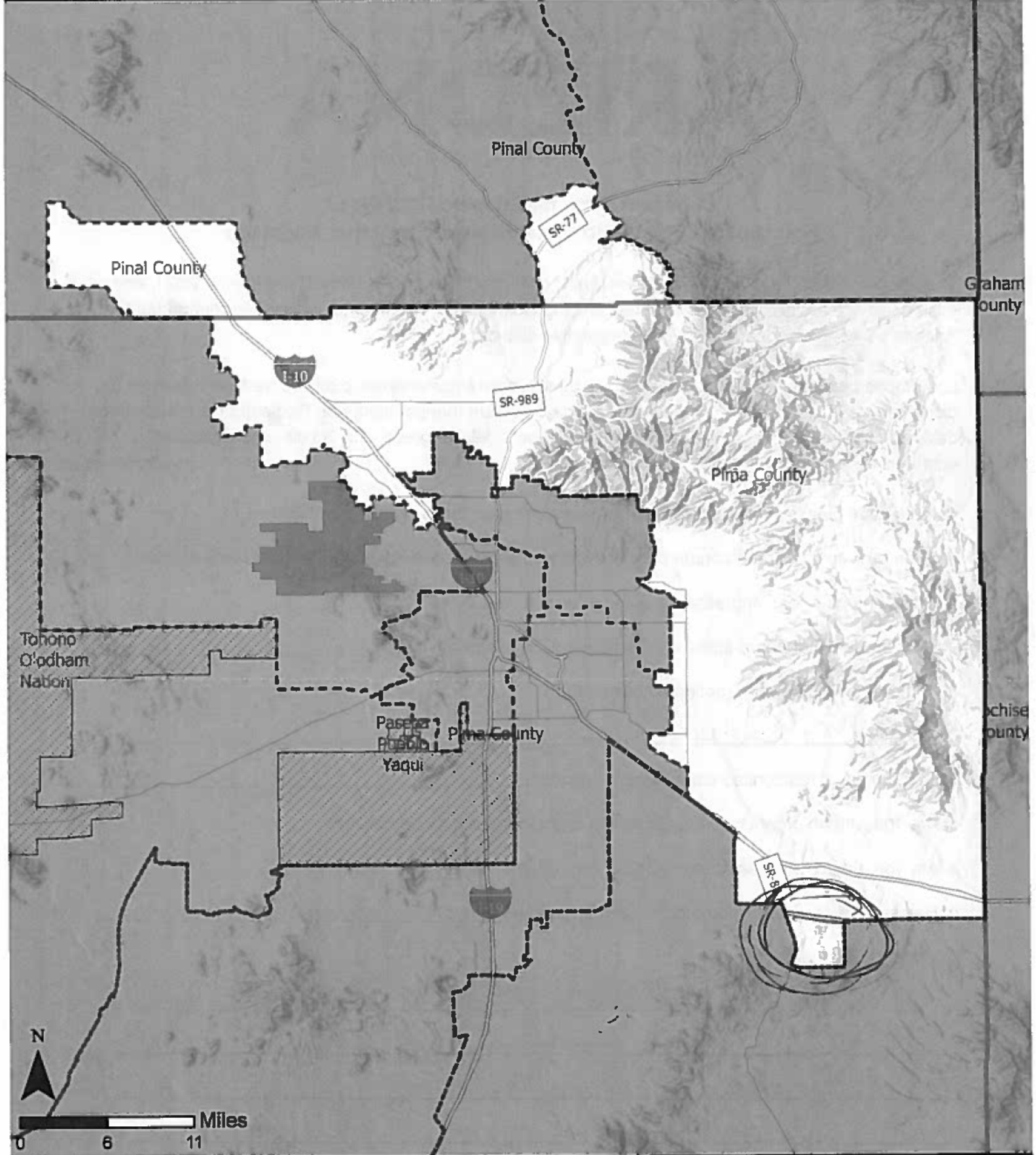
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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Anna Clark

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Oro Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

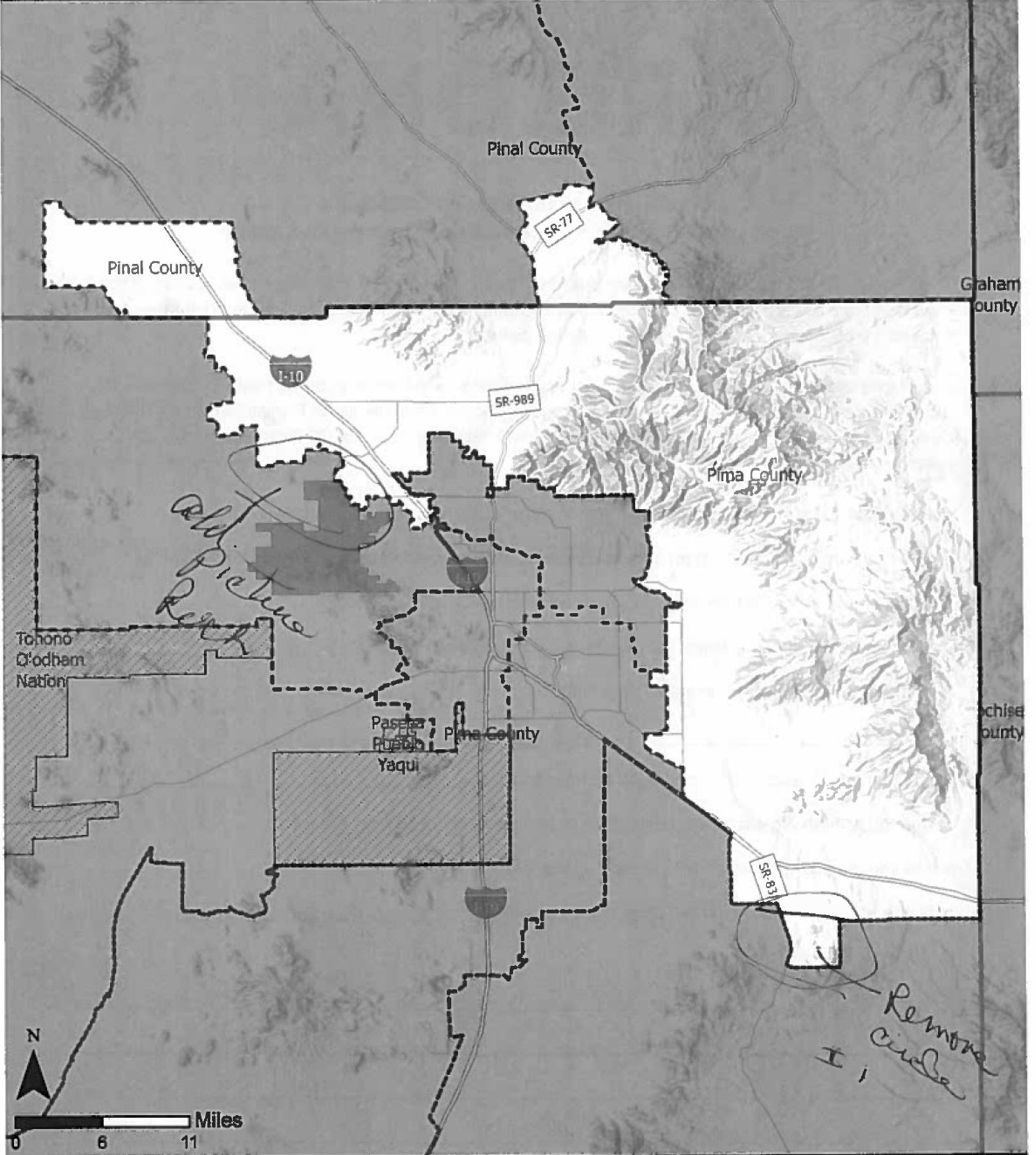
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Comments / Comentarios:

Please Remove Southern part of



LD 17. Put with LD 19

Also, Add Picture Rocks.



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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) CD 6 # LD 17

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: ORD Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si - No

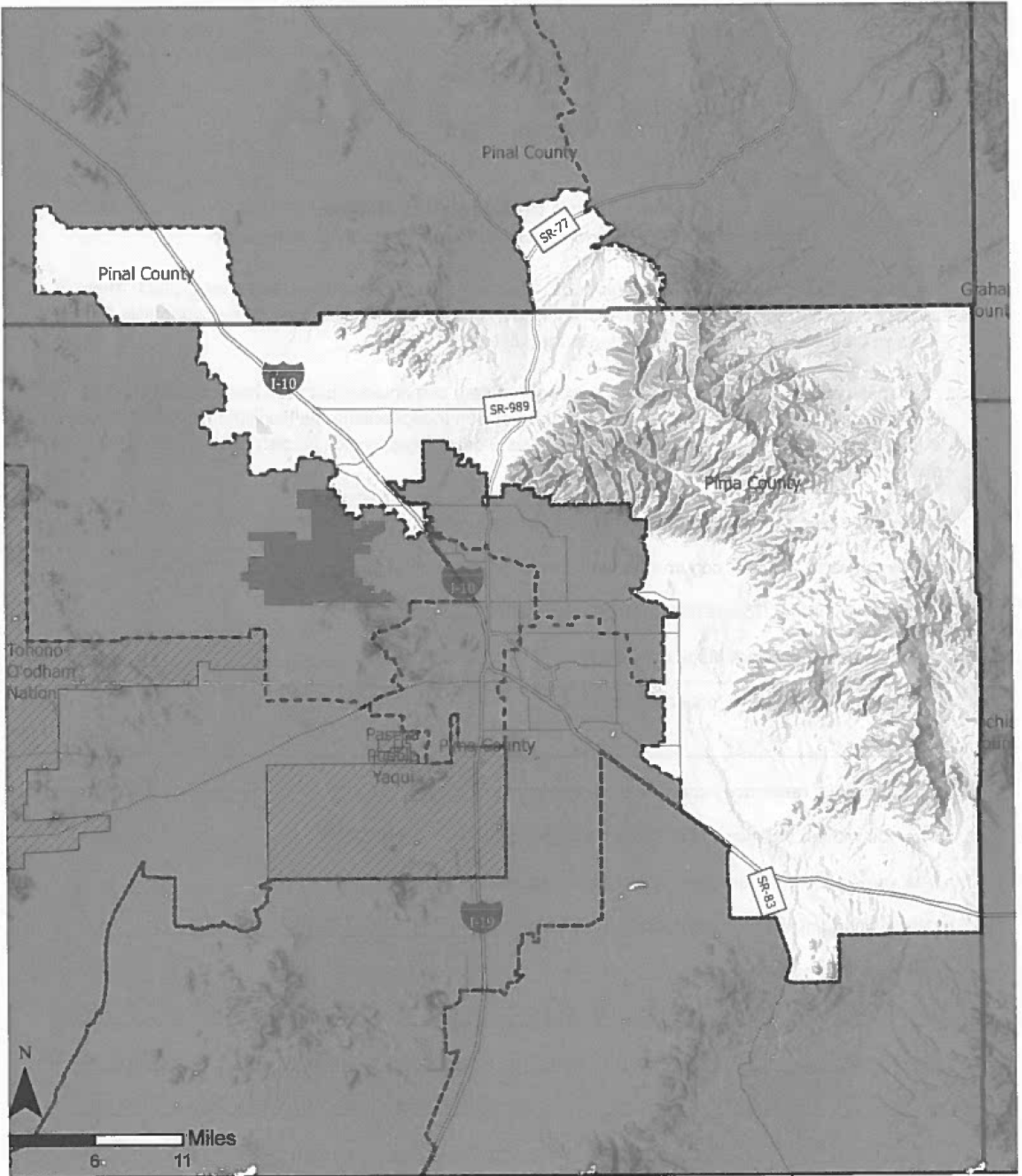
b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

Remove circle # 1 on bottom right  
Add Picturo Rock just south of marana



Payton Davis

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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) 17(LD) . CD6

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Ann Hollis

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Tanque Verde Valley but in Tucson

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

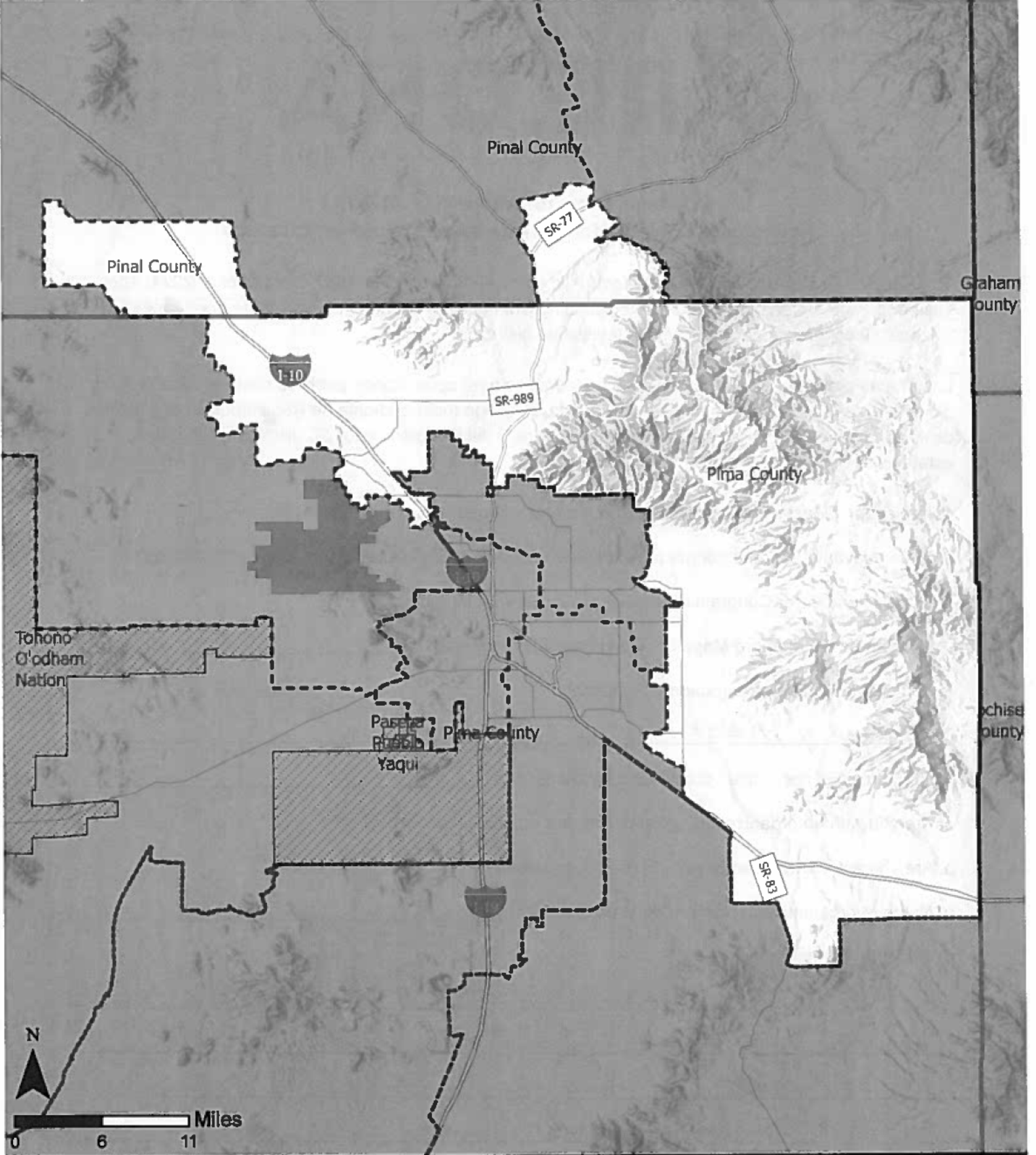
Comments / Comentarios:

As retired military, I work with the non-profit supporting the veterans' cemetery in Marana. This cemetery was originally proposed to Tucson but the city council refused. I now spend more time in downtown Marana than in downtown Tucson.

In addition, Tucson's city council has a city plan to eliminate planes from Davis-Monthan AFB. I urge the IRC put DHA FB into CD6 so there is at least one



voice protecting this national asset & economic engine for Pima County. Personally, LD 17 represents my current COI as well as represents the communities that want to border the national (over / siguiente) forests & not live downtown Tucson





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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Mary Keerins

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Tucson

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

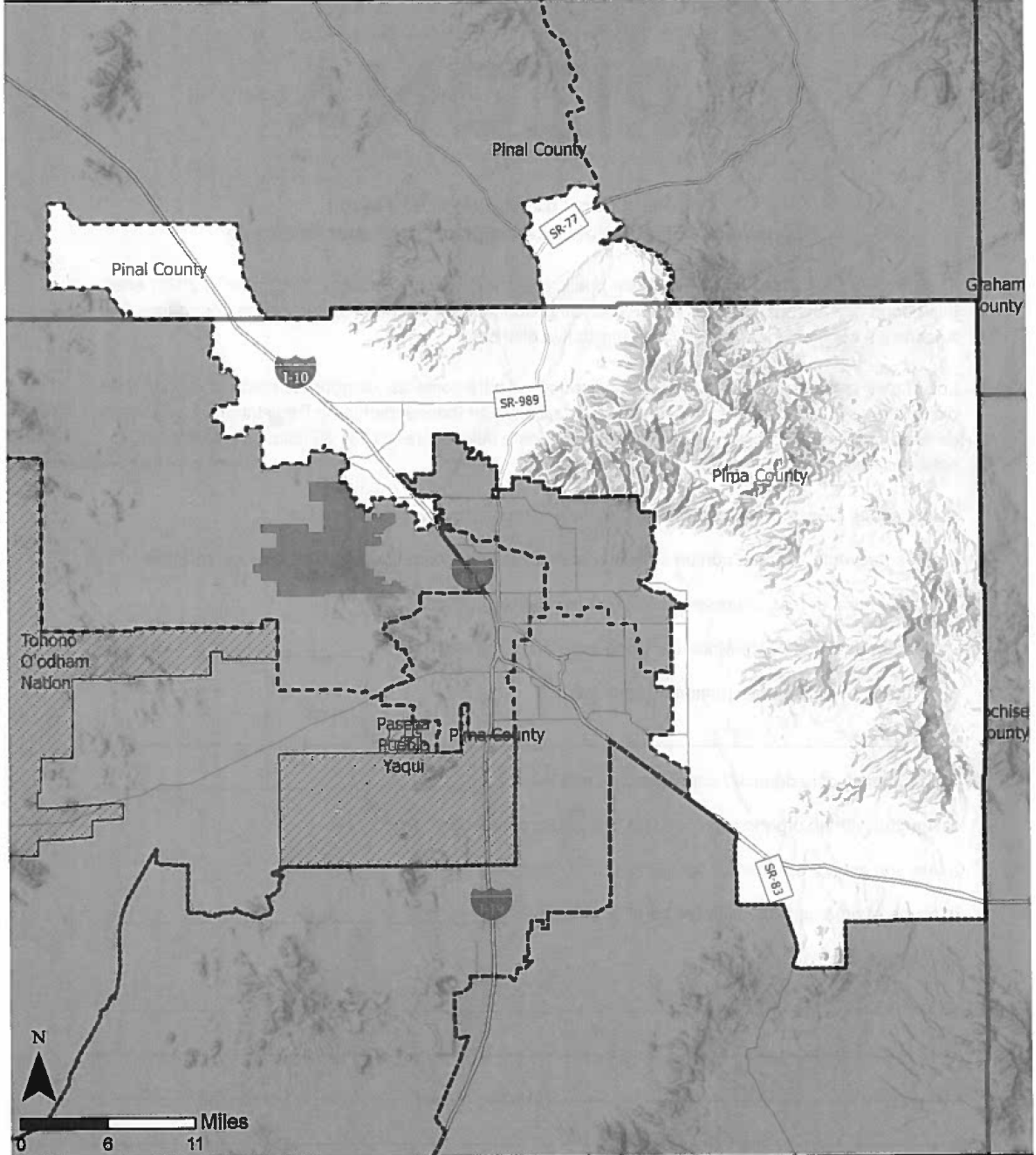
a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:


LD17 is not a competitive district according  
to the IRC regulations. It has been formed  
in order to create a safe republican district.  
Make LD17 competitive according to the IRC rules  
Map 9.0 works for this

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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

RAFAEL POLO

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: oro Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización?  Yes/Si - No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: LD 17

Comments / Comentarios:

Here to support Draft Map for LD 17

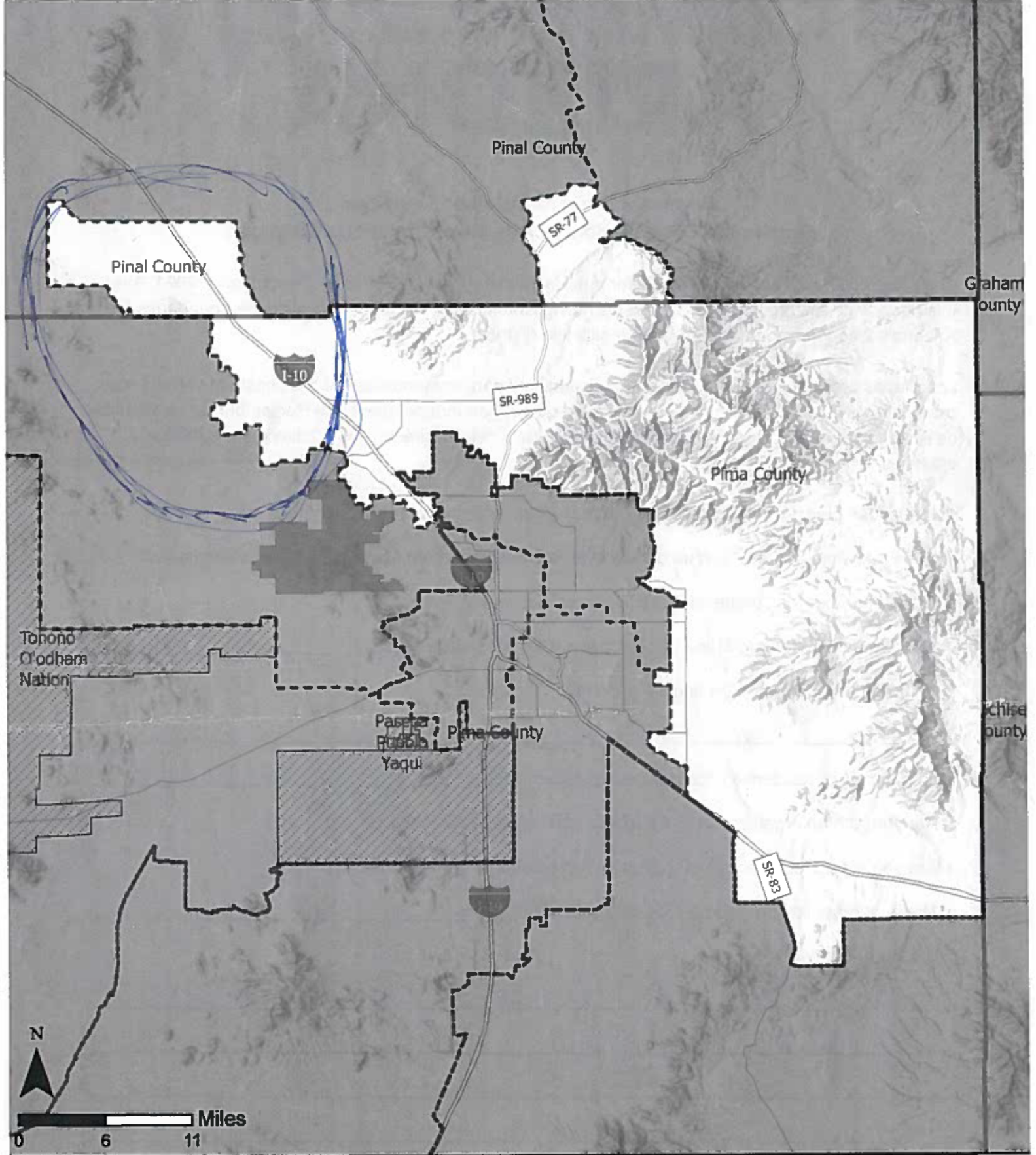
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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Susan Anderson*

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: *Precinct 40 Pima Co. unincorporated area*

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

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*Both CD6 and LD 17 are highly gerrymandered.*  
*Obey the constitution!*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(over / siguiente)

Madam Chairwoman and Members, I'm Frank Bergen, resident of the present CD 2 and LD 10. I think I speak for all who look forward to a decade ahead in which we can go to the polls confident of having a reasonable chance of electing representatives of our choosing. I speak as one who wants nothing more than districts which are compact, contiguous and competitive, in accord with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Today we comment one final time on the draft maps you have approved, which contain very few competitive legislative districts. Most of us are aware of the convoluted map of Pima County's districts, produced by a Republican party official and introduced by a Republican Commissioner appointed by the competitiveness-averse House Speaker, as the preference of a lobbying group of which he is a founder. And this map was approved by your deciding vote, Madam Chairwoman, with the rationale that it will allow conservative Pima voters to elect candidates who will represent them in our legislature. Pima Republicans do not need that impermissible assistance. During the decade just ending they have elected one Republican to the House from

districts 2, 9 and 10 and only Republicans to House and Senate from district 11.

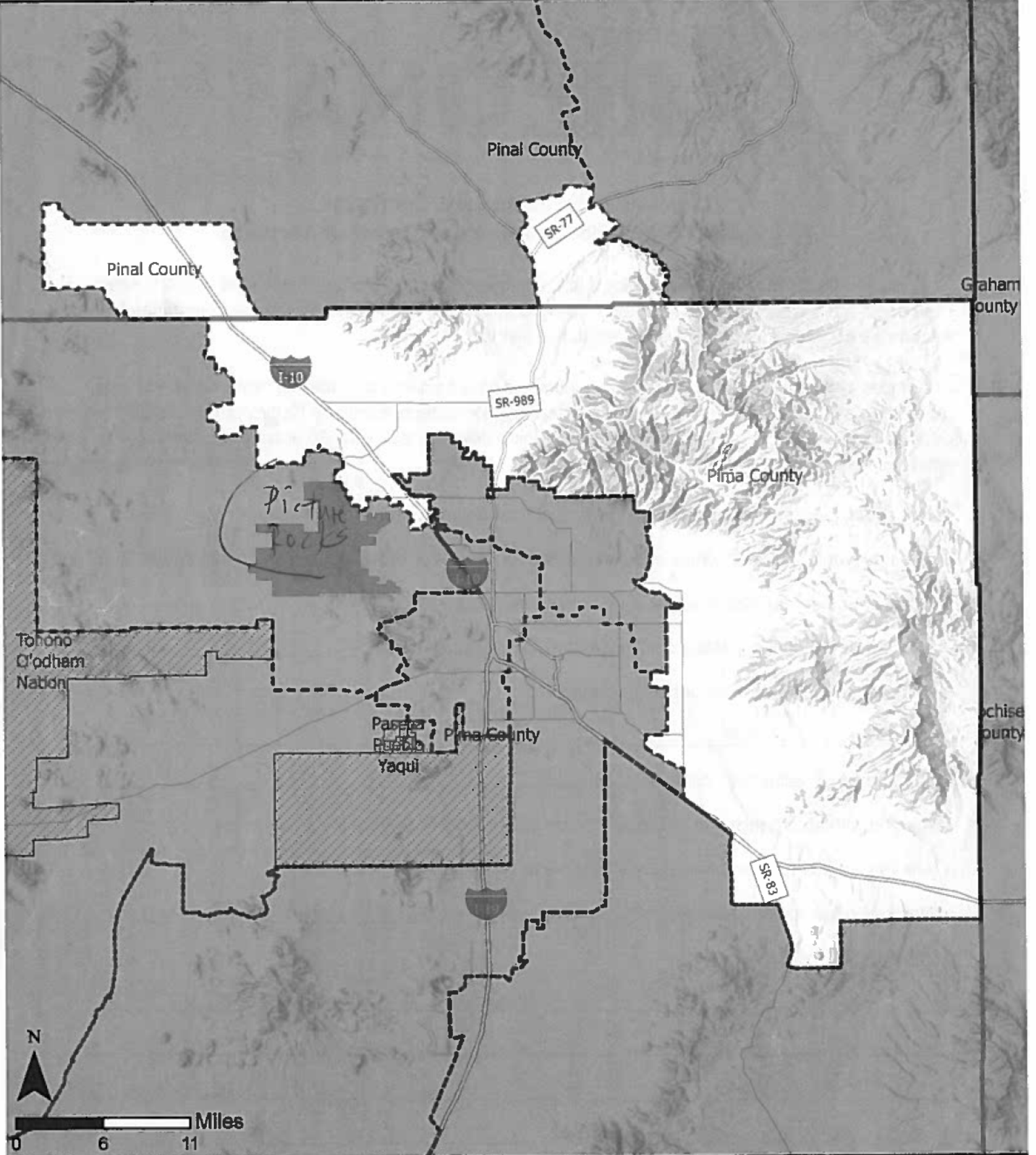
Draft LD 17 is unacceptable. It is clearly neither contiguous nor compact and, worst of all, it is deliberately and admittedly not competitive. I respectfully request that, in the work ahead to finalize legislative maps, it be replaced by the draft proposed by Commissioner Lerner, in which LD 17 is compact, contiguous and clearly quite competitive.

Thank you.

Testimony to AIRC 12/4/221  
Franklyn J. Bergen



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Tucson 85749  
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Si es relevante, marque con un círculo el área en el mapa correspondiente a sus comentarios.

2. District number for Congressional (CD) or legislative (LD) map / CD7/LD16  
Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):  
Nancy M. SGRAVE

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Picture Rocks

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si - No   
a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si - No   
b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:  
Picture Rocks belongs in LD17, not LD16. Our Community of Interest is LD17. We even share a school district - our kids are in the Marana Unified School District. To put us in with Pinal & Maricopa counties is ridiculous. We have nothing in common with them, we don't even border the rest of LD16. Put us in LD17!!

IRC PUBLIC COMMENT: December 4, 2021

My name is Lynne Hudson. I live in Pima County. Thank you for your service and thank you for listening to my comments.

My first concern relates to draft map LD 17 in Pima County. According to multiple sources, this map was drawn purposefully to create a **partisan** district. This map should have been disqualified for violating the intent of Prop 106, but it eventually passed over the strong objections of Commissioners Watchman and Lerner who stated their expectation that public feedback would prompt necessary changes. They were correct about the feedback. It was overwhelmingly negative. Commenters on the IRC website used terms like sham and mockery to describe the LD 17 map and maps in Northern Arizona as well. Recently, the media weighed in with evidence documenting the inappropriate origins of the map and labeled it a **gerrymander**. We do not know yet what changes will be made because of this feedback.

How do we move forward given these recent events? This is a process question and my second

concern. First the good news. The redistricting process is not done, so there is time for a reboot. Second, the harder news. A reboot will not be successful unless three conditions are

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*I'll start by completing Lynn Hudson's comment*

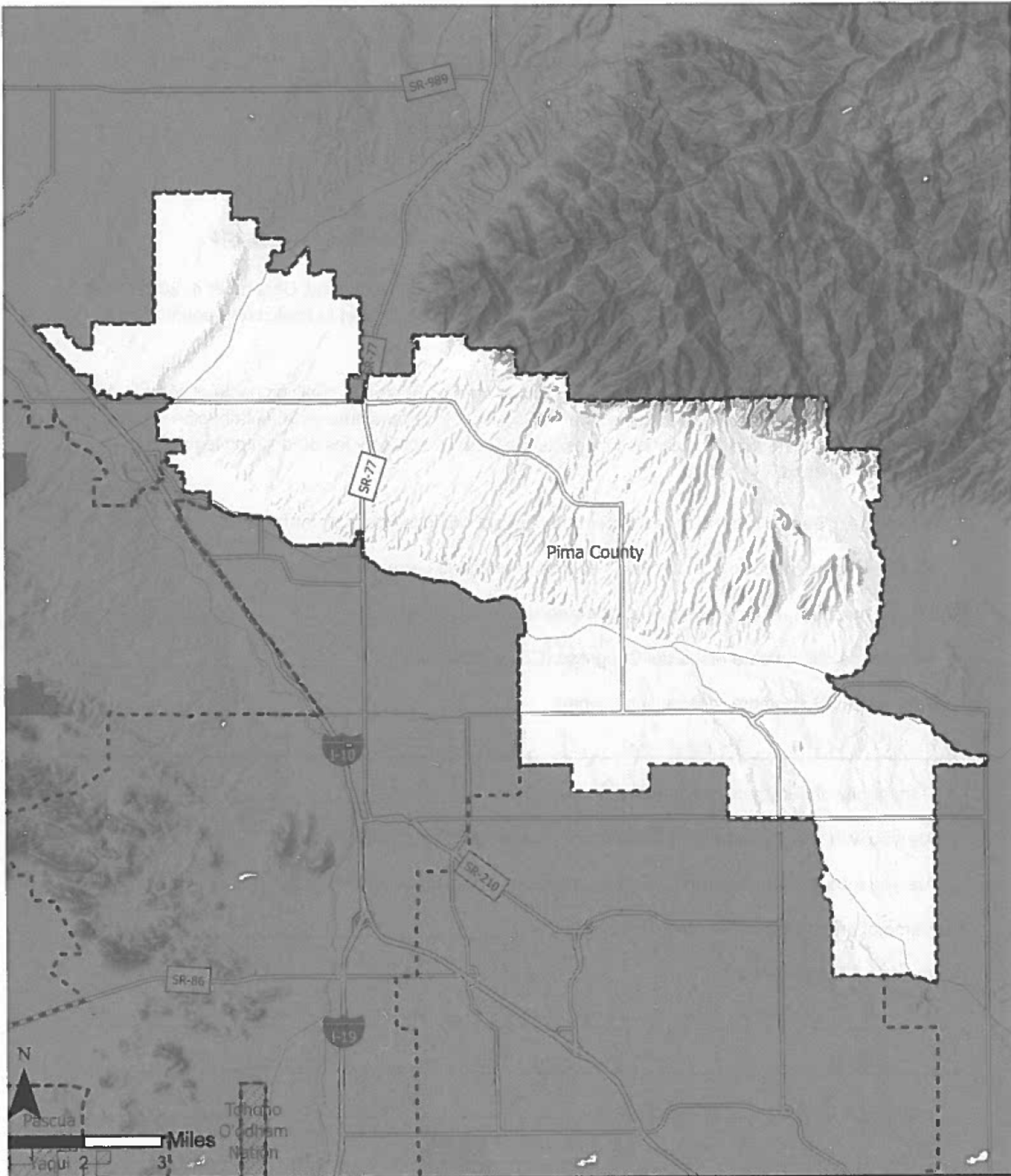
met: (1) political shenanigans must stop completely; (2) every commissioner must focus on what is best for all Arizonans; and (3) heated rhetoric and recriminations cannot be allowed to sap the energy needed to complete the job. That means we all have a role to play-- commissioners, staff, consultants, interested Arizonans and party leaders.

Here are my suggestions for **ALL** commissioners. Listen to the People, not your Party. Toss fatally flawed maps in the trash bin. No amount of tweaking can salvage them. Replace them with previously submitted maps that fit the redistricting criteria and have widespread support. In Southern Arizona, that means endorsing draft map LD 9.0 as the starting point for redrawing districts. I am less familiar with the approved maps in other areas, but I am familiar with comments from residents in Northern Arizona. They favor replacing the approved draft maps with maps submitted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. I do not know enough about other areas of Arizona to make meaningful suggestions.

I will end with one final suggestion: Ignore the calendar. You do not have a lot of time, but you have **enough** time. Chairman Newberg's earlier advice still applies: getting this right is more important than adhering to a self-imposed deadline.

Lynne Hudson





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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Mary Keenan

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Tucson

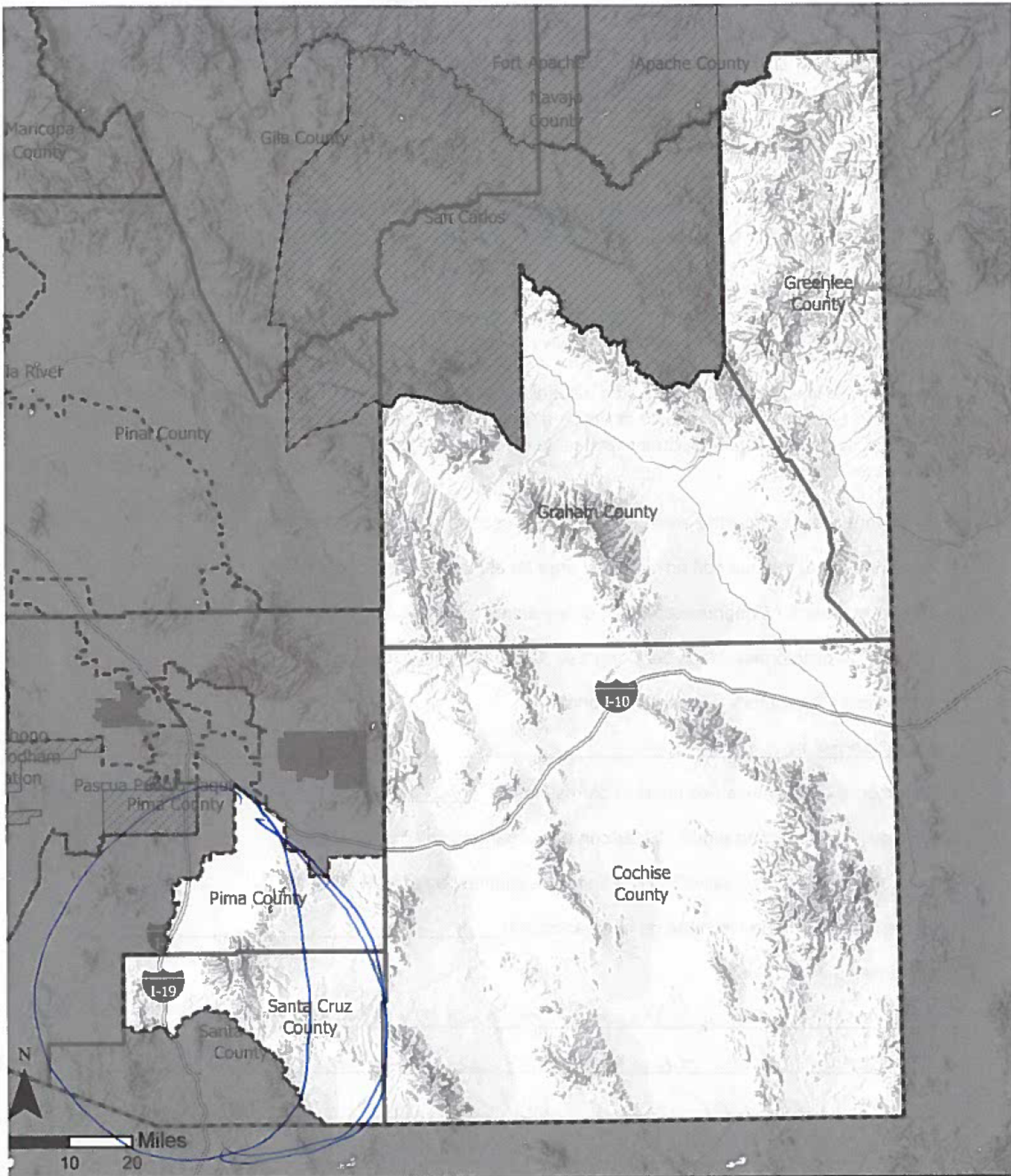
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b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_




Comments / Comentarios:

Map 10.D creates "packing" of Democrats into  
one district in order to have more  
Republicans in LD17. This goes against  
the Rules of the IRC



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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Deborah Melton

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Green Valley address / Town of Sahuarita

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si - No

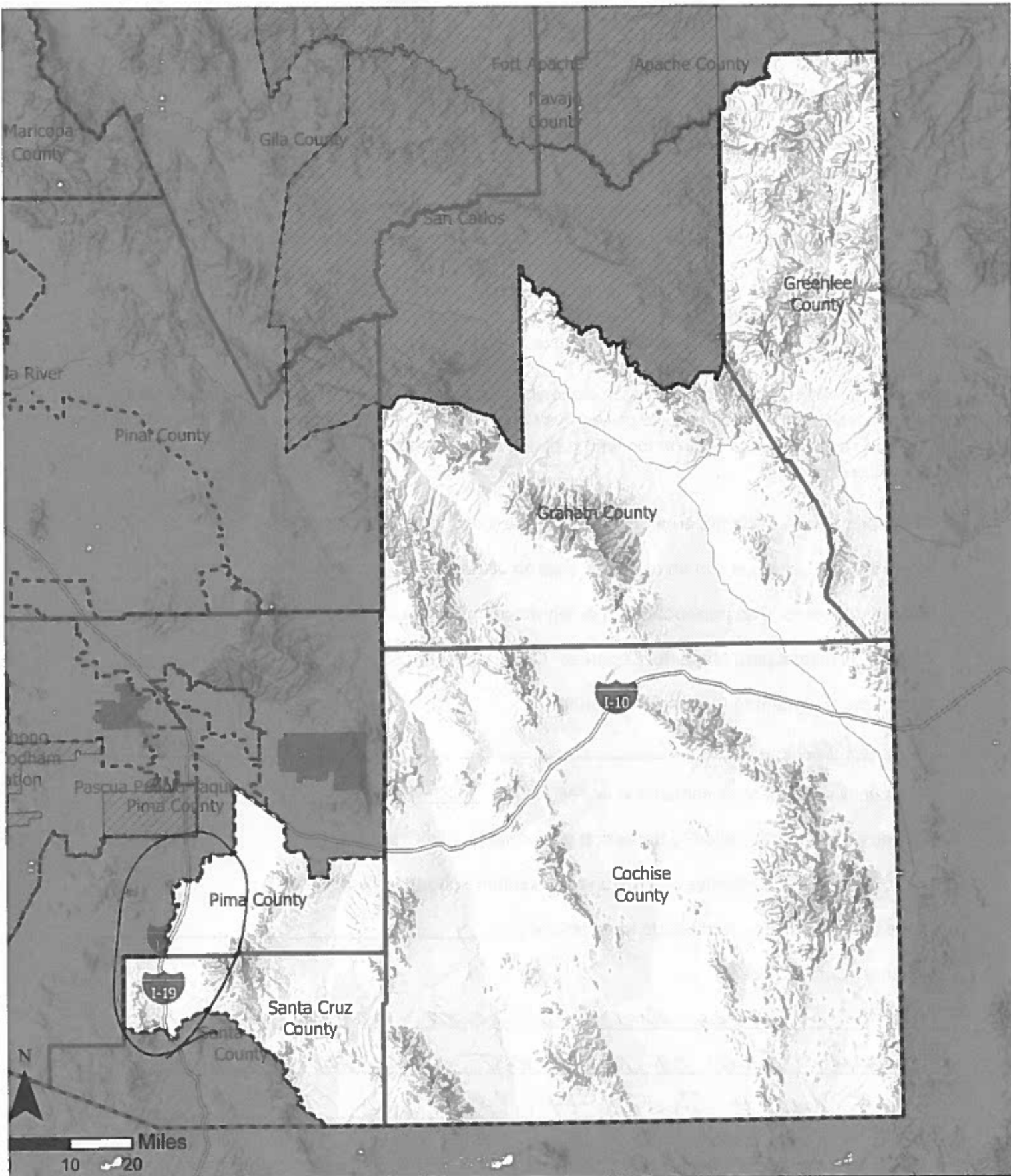
a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si - No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

Putting Santa Cruz city and the SE section of Pima city  
with counties to the east is splitting a community of interest.  
The I-19 corridor needs to be kept together in 1 LD  
And has more in common with LD 21.





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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

DAVID FRIEL

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: GREEN VALLEY, AZ

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

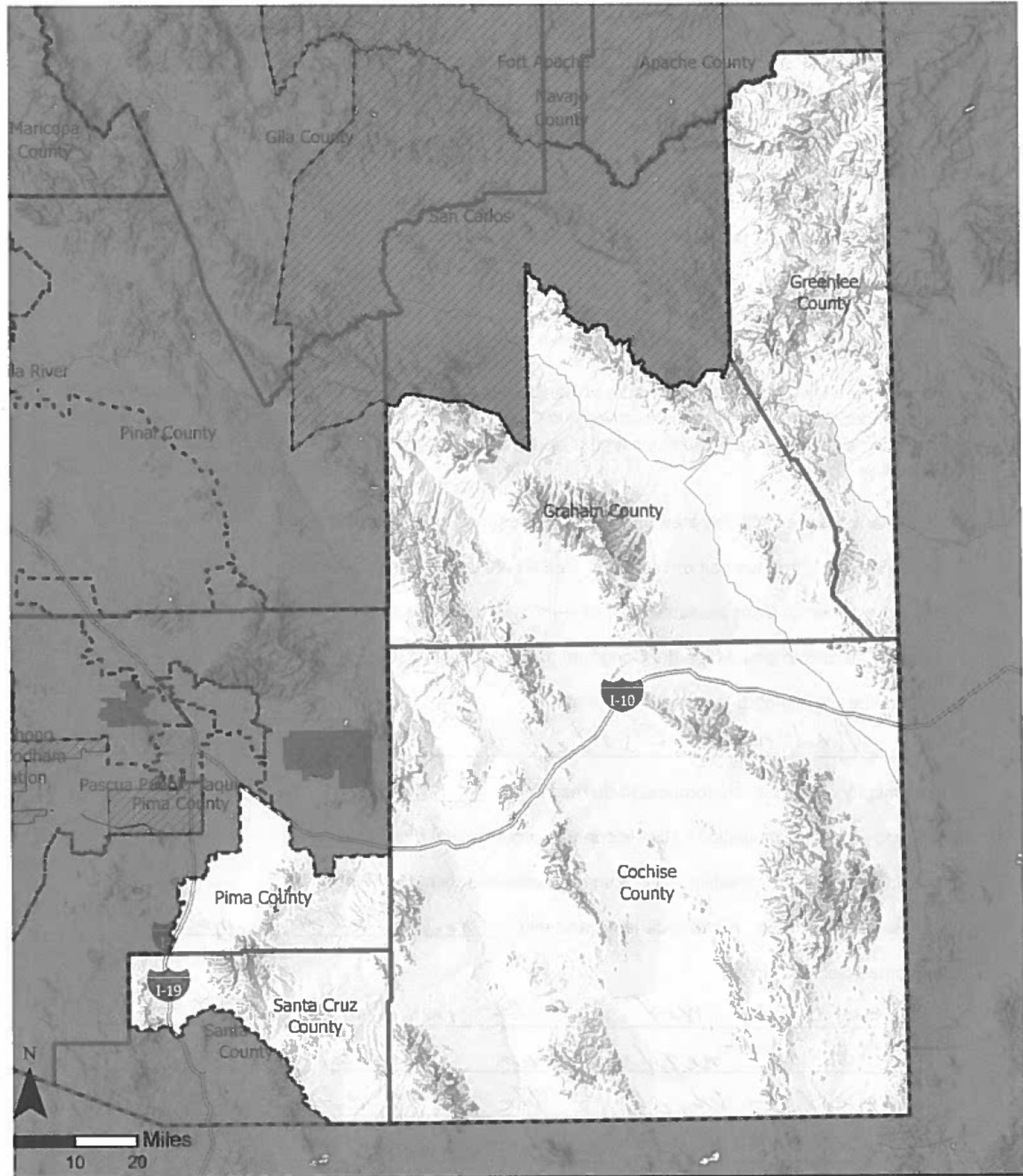
b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

GREEN VALLEY AND SAUHANATA ARE CONTIGUOUS  
COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AND SHOULD NOT  
SPLIT ALONG THE I-19 CORRIDOR



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Green Valley -

Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD)

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US 19 4.10.21

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Alyson Ospleend

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia:

Green Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización?  Yes / Si - No

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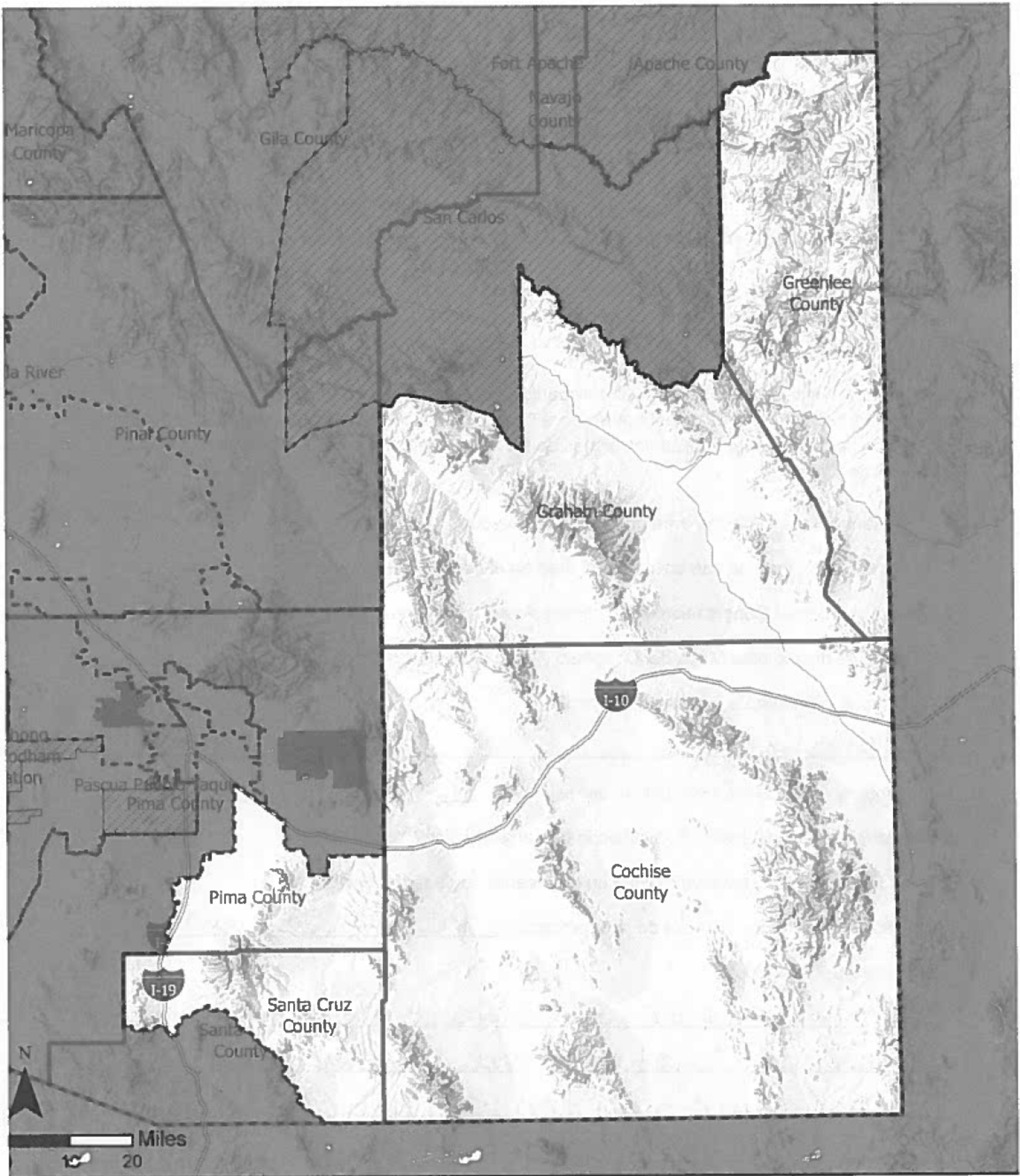
b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización:

Green Valley Democrats

Comments / Comentarios:

Please do not put GV in District 19 -  
it does not reflect our community of  
interest - which is the 19 corridor. We  
do not interact with folks on the NM border.  
Please put GV in District 21, ~~or~~ please nullify  
DRAFT 10-0 map + use 2005 map. Thank you.

(over / siguiente)



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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) LD19

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Helen Boyd

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Green Valley

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización?  Yes/Si - No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: PC with current LD2

Comments / Comentarios:

This map as drawn smacks of jerry mandering.  
The Arizona Constitutional Amendment that set  
up this Commission promised to stop jerry mandering.  
This map treats the Republicans as a  
Community of interest. That is forbidden. Green  
Valley and Sahuarita in toto are a community  
of interest and should not be split in two!  
(over / siguiente)

[REDACTED]  
*Green Valley, AZ 85614*

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

I thank you for volunteering to serve on this commission.

My name is Douglas Syme and I live in Green Valley. I go to church in Sahuarita and volunteer at the Sahuarita Food Bank. Our family shops in Green Valley and Sahuarita. We have many ties to both Green Valley and Sahuarita.

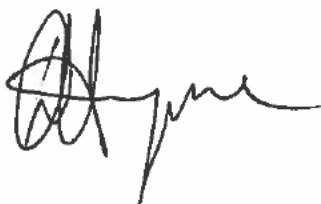
The draft maps 10.0 certainly don't respect our Communities of Interest as the proposed LD 19 separates Green Valley from Sahuarita and would join us to distant communities with which we share few Common Interests.

According to the Arizona Constitution, districts should be competitive when there is no significant detriment to the other five goals. By separating our communities this area loses its competitive nature.

- District 19 is not "compact and contiguous to the extent practicable." It is made up of selected suburbs from opposite ends of the Tucson area that are separated by a mountain range and a long drive (and may be suspected to have been chosen for partisan reasons).
- The definition of "compactness" is not to bypass nearby residents to include more distant residents. This is why I am supporting map LD0055 for the balance it brings to our community. Green Valley and Sahuarita should not be separated. Both communities work, play, share church and schools, dine and shop together. District 19 is not "compact and contiguous to the extent practicable."

I am encouraging you to adapt map LD0055 placing Green Valley in District 21.

I thank you for your time and service.



Nov. 12, 2021

Ms. Erika Newberg, Chair  
IRA Commission

My name is Michael Norman and I live in Green Valley, where I shop and go to church in Sahuarita. I am a 30+ year resident of Arizona, a semi-retired IBM exec, a veteran, a retired ASU professor and a Harvard alum.

I encourage you, and your associates, to adapt map LD0055 because it (by far) best represents my "community of interest".

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I believe District 19 in the Legislative Map is concerning. Its design disregards some of the goals of redistricting set out in the Arizona Constitution and instead serves the goal of creating a safe Republican district in a predominantly Democratic county. That goal is not in our Arizona Constitution.

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Many of the constitutional points about the proposed LD17 can be said of the Green Valley position in LD19 in the map version you support.

As such, I am encouraging you to adapt map LD0055 placing Green Valley in District 21.

I thank you for your time and service. I love Arizona and genuinely appreciate your service. Please accept, and consider, this letter in your deliberations - and let me know if I can be of any service to you or your commission.

Regards,  


Michael Norman

  
Green Valley, AZ 85614  




*Helen R. Brown*

Tucson AZ 85735

December 4, 2021

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission  
Dear Madam Chair,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed redistricting of Precinct 101 (Tucson Estates) into the new LD 16. I have live and been active in Precinct 101 for 9 years. I am a Precinct Committee Person, have attended LD 3 meetings, contributed to LD 3 fundraisers, campaigned and voted for LD 3 candidates.

On arrival in Arizona my plane landed at the Tucson Airport. I bought a home on the edge of urban Tucson, my ZIP is Tucson, AZ 85735. I became not just an Arizonan, but a Tucsonan. My daily living reflects intimate involvement with Tucson. Whether it is my car having its emissions test, or me seeing my primary care doctor, or 6 different specialists, or I shop for food, medicine, clothing, housewares, or furniture, whether I attend church, where I am active with the Grace St. Paul Spirit Players, or take classes, every one of these has been done within the city limits of Tucson. When I volunteered it was through Tucson's Literacy Connects, and at a school that is part of the Tucson Unified School District. I prepay my State Income Taxes by contributing to a public school, not a school where any child I am related to is or has attended, but a school in the Tucson Unified School District. When I vote I drop off my early ballot at a branch of the Pima County Library, located within the city limits of Tucson, where I also check books out, or donate them to that Library. I have lost track of the number of museums I have attended in Tucson. In the last 3 pre-pandemic years I attended over 40 plays a year, all involving dinner out, all within the city limits of Tucson. I am a regular contributor to Food Bank of Southern Arizona and the Tucson branch of the Salvation Army.

Neither age nor infirmity keeps me in Tucson. Since moving here I have spent more nights in each of Fairbanks and Anchorage, AK, Seattle, WA, Denver and Westminster, CO, Albuquerque, Santé Fe, and Las Cruces, NM. than I have in Phoenix.

I have never set foot in Goodyear, Buckeye, or Casa Grande. I should be voting with the people of Tucson, people with whom I have worked and played and with whom I have similar concerns and interests.

Respectfully,



Helen R. Brown

Voter ID # [REDACTED]

Dec. 1, 2021

Ms. Erika Newberg, Chair  
AZ Independent Redistricting Commission  
4000 N. Central Ave, #1150  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Dear Ms. Newberg,

My name is Lois Norman and I live in Green Valley, where I shop and go to church in Sahuarita. I am a retiree and a 30 year - plus resident of Arizona. I am concerned about harming our "community of interest".

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I believe District 19 in the Legislative Map is concerning. Its design disregards some of the goals of redistricting set out in the Arizona Constitution and instead serves the goal of creating a safe Republican district in a predominantly Democratic county. That goal is not in our Arizona Constitution.

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Many of the constitutional points about the proposed LD17 can be said of the Green Valley position in LD19 in the map version you support. This supports a community of interest and makes sense.

I am therefore encouraging you to adapt map LD0055 placing Green Valley in District 21.

I thank you for your time and service. I love Arizona and genuinely appreciate your service. Please accept, and consider, this letter in your deliberations - and let me know if I can be of any service.

Regards,

*Lois A. Norman*  
Lois Norman

Green Valley, AZ 85614

Commissioner

My name is Phil Nicolay and I live in Green Valley. I often shop and dine in Sahuarita.

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I thank you for your time and service.

Phil A. Nicolay, President  
Desert Beach, LLC.



  
Green Valley, Arizona 85622

Dear Commission

On behalf of the Democrats in the Santa Cruz valley, we thank you for volunteering to serve on this commission.

The draft maps 10.0 certainly don't respect our Communities of Interest.

According to the Arizona Constitution, districts should be competitive when there is no significant detriment to the other five goals. By separating our communities this area loses its competitive nature. Green Valley would be placed in district 19 with a stronghold of Republican voters and not fair and balanced as called out in your five goals.

The definition of "compactness" is not to bypass nearby residents to include more distant residents. This is why we are supporting map LD0055 for the balance it brings to our community. Green Valley and Sahuarita should not be separated. Both communities work, play, share church and schools, dine and shop together.

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Phil A. Nicolay, President  
Desert Beach, LLC.



Green Valley Arizona

Commissioner:

My name is Deb Nicolay, and I live in Green Valley. I often shop and dine in Sahuarita.

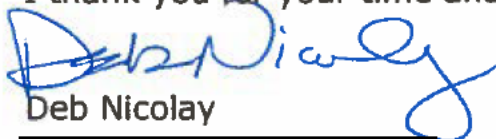
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 Green Valley

Dear Commission

On behalf of the Democrats in the Santa Cruz Valley, we thank you for volunteering to serve on this Commission.

The draft maps 10.0 certainly don't respect our Communities of Interest.

According to the Arizona Constitution, districts should be competitive when there is no significant detriment to the other five goals. By separating our communities this area loses its competitive nature. Green Valley would be placed in district 19 with a stronghold of Republican voters and not fair and balanced as called out in your five goals.

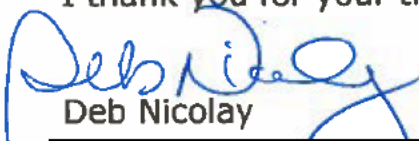
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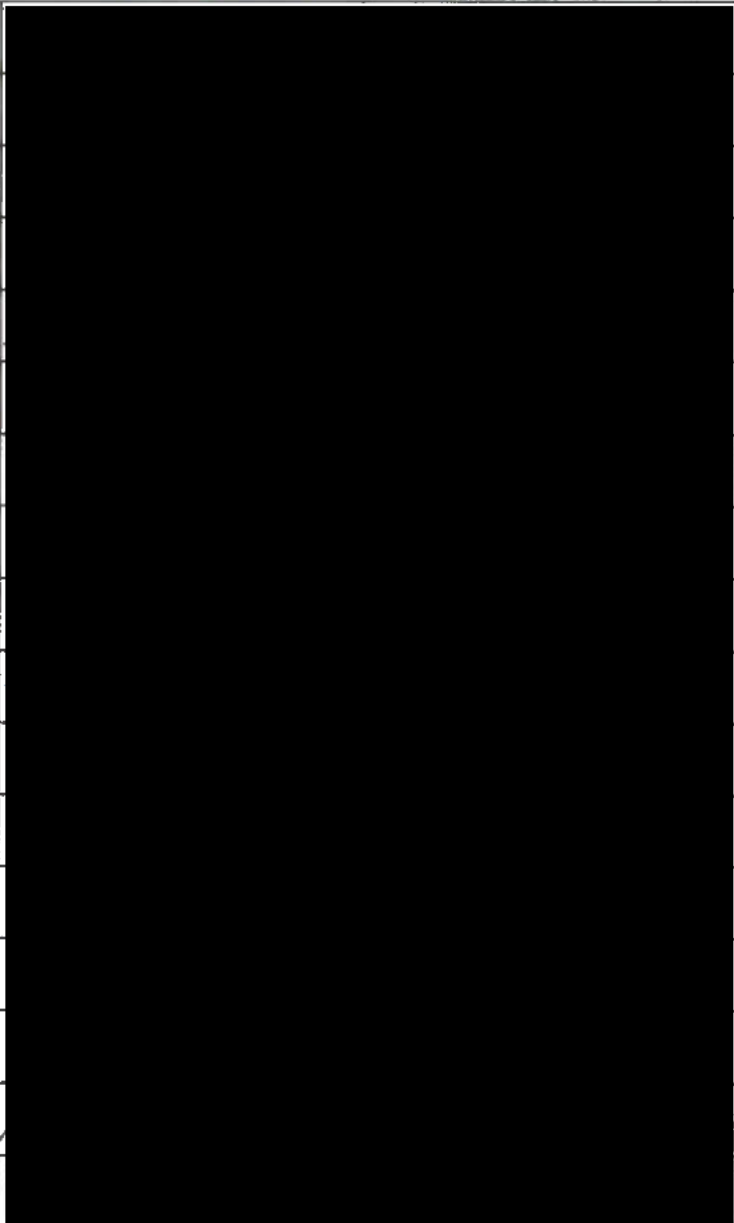
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STATEMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
December 4, 2021

My name is Claudia Levin and I live in Sahuarita. I live next door to the Tohono O'odham nation. I drive in to Tucson often for medical appointments, dining and entertainment. That is my community of interest. I support Map LD 0055.

I have never been to Sierra Vista, Bisbee, Benson or any other place in Cochise County and have no plans to do so. Even if I wanted to do so, the distances are too long to be practical.

I believe that Sahuarita and Green Valley should not be divided into two different legislative districts and that the I-19 Corridor should remain intact. As currently constituted, LD 2 has been a competitive district, which is one of the criteria that the Commission is legally bound to consider.

Sahuarita, Green Valley and the Tohono O'odham nation are strongly connected to Tucson and should remain in the same district. The 10.0 map fails to follow the Commission's own legally required criteria for proposed LD 21 in that the proposed district is not compact nor contiguous, and divides the region's community of interest.

A political party is NOT a community of interest under the law. Therefore, to make LD 21 more Republican violates the legal requirements and constitutes gerrymandering. Thank you.



Dear Commission

On behalf of the people in the Green Valley, we thank you for volunteering to serve on this commission.

The draft maps 10.0 certainly doesn't respect our Communities of Interest.

By separating our communities this area loses its competitive nature. By placing Green Valley in District 19 it would share no common interests with others in this area. Sierra Vista or Globe are military and mining communities. Unlike the retire communities of Green Valley or bedroom communities of Sahuarita.

The definition of "compactness" should not disregard the natural boundaries. The Sahuarita Mountains have been a natural boundary for the I19 corridor for years. It should remain so for the benefit of these communities along this natural route.

The two-sister cities on the map are one common area. For this reason Green Valley and Sahuarita should not be separated. Both communities work, play, share church and schools, dine and shop together.

Regardless of party affiliation this extremely oversized district does not deserve for all of those in these communities. Designing District 19 this way has created a district that violates the constitutional requirement of practicable and competitive districts by separating communities of interest.

I would encourage you to place Green Valley in District 21. Please use the natural boundaries to redraw the final new map. The current natural boundaries of the old legislative district two, meets this criteria.

I thank you for your time and service.

George McGaughey

 Green Valley, Arizona

My name is Deborah Melton and I have lived in Green Valley for 4 years. I shop, and participate in community activities, go to the doctor and dentist in Green Valley and Sahuarita. This is my community.

I want to complement the commission on work drawing maps for Congressional Districts. But I am very concerned about any LD map that would split Green Valley. The I-19 corridor is what unites our community. It is **not** a boundary. All of Green Valley and Sahuarita need to be kept together in one LD. Draft map 10.0 splits Green Valley and my address would be put in with Sierra Vista and Globe. I have never been to either or those places and my community has little in common with them.

The Arizona constitution states that districts must be compact and contiguous. Splitting Green Valley and putting part of it in with rural areas to the east does not accomplish that goal.

I am also deeply concerned by the recent revelations that draft map 10.0 was created to split populations in order to give one party a distinct advantage. This violates the criteria of redistricting outlined in the constitution and is one of the main reasons a bipartisan commission was created and approved by Arizona voters. Arizona is a growing state with people moving in from all over the country effectively turning Arizona purple. Therefore, it is more important than ever to keep all districts competitive, making elected officials more responsive to the needs of **all** citizens, **not** just those with extreme partisan views. Draft map 10.0 does **not** do that. It splits Green Valley giving advantage to Republicans. Green Valley needs to be together in LD21.

Therefore, I urge the commission to support Draft Map 0055 which keeps Green Valley community of interest together and provides for more competitive elections.

Thank you.

**Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting - Tucson**  
December 4, 2021

Good morning

Thank you, Commissioners, for the work you are doing. I know it's a difficult task.

My name is Dean Chaussee. My wife, Carolyn, and I have lived in Green Valley for 11 years. Green Valley is located about 20 miles south of Tucson.

As you probably know, Interstate 19 runs right through the middle of Green Valley and our community is closely tied to Sahuarita, Quail Creek and Tucson. I consider the communities along the I-19 corridor, communities of interest because we are interdependent. We shop, dine, attend church, and seek medical assistance in Green Valley and Sahuarita and visit friends in Quail Creek. We often come to Tucson for Doctor's appointments and for shopping and dining. Our weekly activities take us up and down the I-19 corridor and I feel these communities should NOT be separated by political boundaries.

The Santa Rita Mountain range is a natural geographic barrier to the East and should be used as a boundary.

Therefore, I support the Legislative District LD0055 (D21) map and the Congressional District D7 map.

Thank You.

Dean Chaussee

[REDACTED]  
Green Valley, AZ 85622  
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## 12.04.21 Comments to the IRC

Good morning. I'm Meredith Aronson. <sup>I'm here today representing</sup> ~~Live in the Broadmoor Broadway Village neighborhood, a post-war neighborhood in midtown Tucson. I'm here today representing our neighborhood association Board.~~

- In preparation for today's comments, we surveyed our neighborhood:
  - A full 86% of our neighbors indicated that they oppose our neighborhood's inclusion in Legislative District 21 as it's drawn.
  - When asked if they supported a Legislative District more aligned with our community of interest in central Tucson, and more balanced in terms of independent, Democratic, and Republican voters, 90% responded with "strongly agree" or "agree". ~~One individual commented that they would like to see the guidelines set forth in the state law establishing the redistricting commission be adhered to...in form and in spirit~~
  - These results deserve your attention.
- Through comments received on this survey and through conversations between neighbors, we know that there is significant anger right now for what is seen as partisan gerrymandering. We know that competitive districts support active and balanced political debate between parties and can reduce partisan friction. ~~We are concerned that the proposed District 21 is distinctly partisan and non-competitive.~~
- Additionally, we do not <sup>believe</sup> ~~feel~~ that inclusion with the more rural region running south to the border aligns us with our urban midtown neighborhood community of interest.
  - I have lived in both Tucson and Santa Cruz County.
  - Consuming issues for rural communities along the border include mining, water security, broadband access, and immigration
  - Consuming issues for the Broadmoor Broadway Village neighborhood include quality of life concerns like densification, telecommunication and transportation infrastructure, and the quality and range of schools available to us
  - These are distinctly different agendas for a community of interest
- Our neighborhood appreciates the opportunity to be heard, and we look forward to being better aligned with an urban community of interest in a redrawn competitive district. <sup>21</sup>

Good morning Chairwoman Neuberg and Commissioners.  
Thank you for coming to Tucson.

My name is Diane Nevill. I moved from Phoenix to Tucson about four years ago. I live in the current LD10 and CD2, both of which have been competitive districts, with both Democrats and Republicans winning elections. This is ideal, the best candidate wins the election, avoiding extremist winners.

I want to address the new CD6. The current map approved by the Commission looks like an elephant, with it's trunk reaching out to Casa Grande.

My observations:

Casa Grande does not belong in CD6. It is much more closely aligned with Phoenix than Tucson. People from Casa Grande work in Phoenix, shop in Phoenix, do business in Phoenix. They don't come to Tucson. If you remove the elephant's nose, CD6 can contain more of Tucson and Pima County, going south to Santa Cruz County line.

Tucson's Davis Monthan AFB and Sierra Vista's Fort Huachuca belong in the same district. The military bases can be more effectively represented.

I support CD Map 0072, or the Trunkless Elephant as it's been called. Please reconfigure the final map in that likeness.

Thank you for your consideration.

My name is Sierra Yamanaka and I am a life-long Tucsonan who has been very active in organizing in our community. As a graduate student in human rights at the University of Arizona, I care deeply about the work that the government does on behalf of its citizens.

I am concerned about the decisions being made in Congressional District 6 on this proposed map. Having worked in Casa Grande, Tucson, and throughout Cochise County, I don't believe that Casa Grande belongs in the same district as Tucson, and that they are not communities of common interest. Casa Grande has been growing, and is more akin to an exurb of Phoenix than to Tucson. Tucson, and its diverse interests deserve to be fairly represented in Congress, and more of the City should be included in CD 6.

Additionally, I am concerned about the proposed LD 17, which would be divided by the Catalina Mountains, one of Tucson's most notable natural landmarks. I would like to see a map that allows for the best representation possible, and having a district drawn like this does not make that allowance. Districts should be drawn so that they can be driven through. - hence compact + contiguous.

I want to acknowledge that redistricting is difficult work, and I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments with you. I hope that you will take what the public has to say seriously as you make your final decisions, and that you will act in the best interest of the most Arizonans possible. Thank you.

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**From:** Annie Ovitz  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 4, 2021 8:05 AM  
**To:** Annie Ovitz  
**Subject:** Redistricting final

## Redistricting final

Final Draft: Independent Redistricting Commission  
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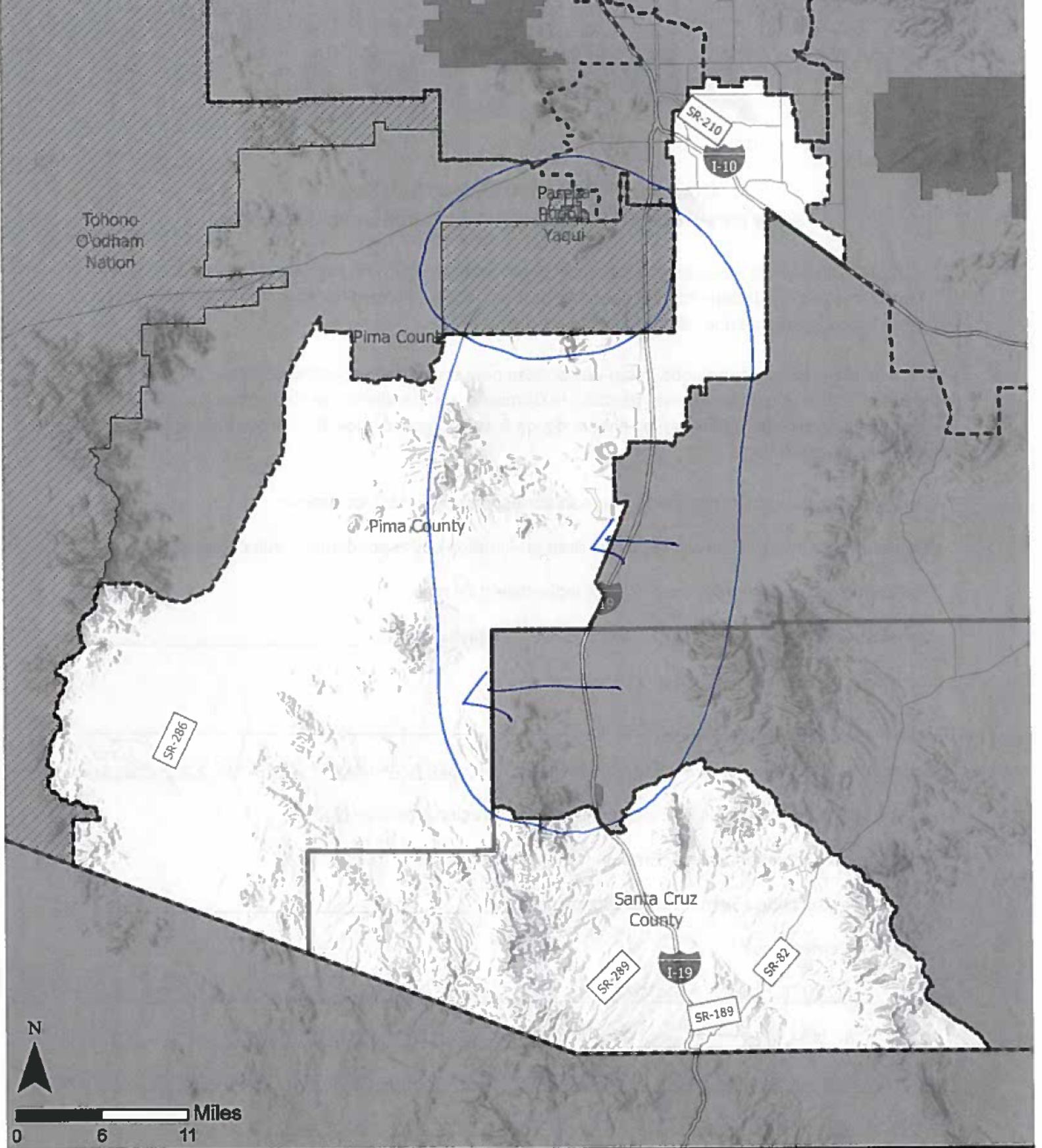
Good morning! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Erika Newberg for your unwavering commitment to attend every IRC hearing. I would also like to thank the Commissioners for your commitment to these hearings. My name is Annie Ovitz and I live in Green Valley.

The 10.0 version Legislative map represents my community of interest. I would like to see this map be the final map.

CD6 is where Green Valley and Sahuarita should be together. You currently have a portion of Green Valley in CD7. It will keep urban and shared communities of interests together. Tucson is separate from these urban areas and the Mayor understands that and she doesn't want Tucson in CD6. That would make absolutely no sense! That is why we are all here to make perfect sense of all of this! Let us keep Green Valley and Sahuarita together with our community of interest.

Thank you for your time.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Annie Ovitz  
Green Valley, Arizona 85622





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Deborah Melton

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Green Valley address / Town of Sahuarita

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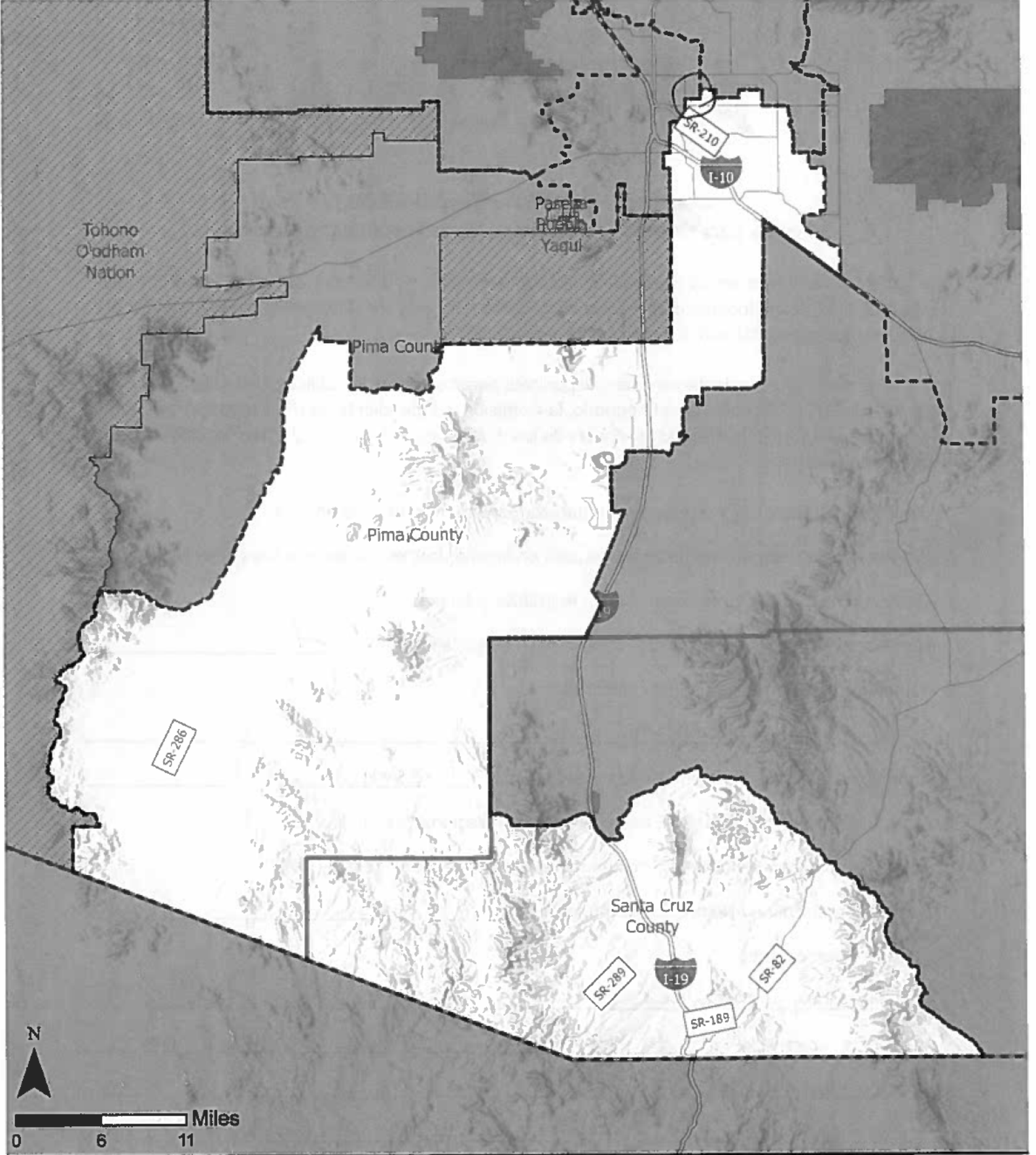
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Comments / Comentarios:

The I-19 Corridor from so. Tucson through Green Valley, Sahuarita  
Tubac to the <sup>border</sup> with Mexico is a community of interest  
united by commerce, environmental concerns & others and  
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Meredith Aronson

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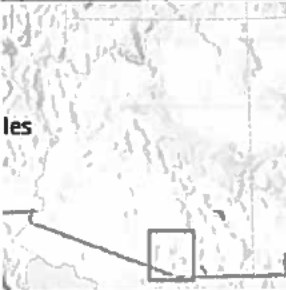
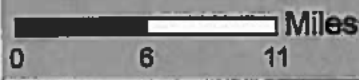
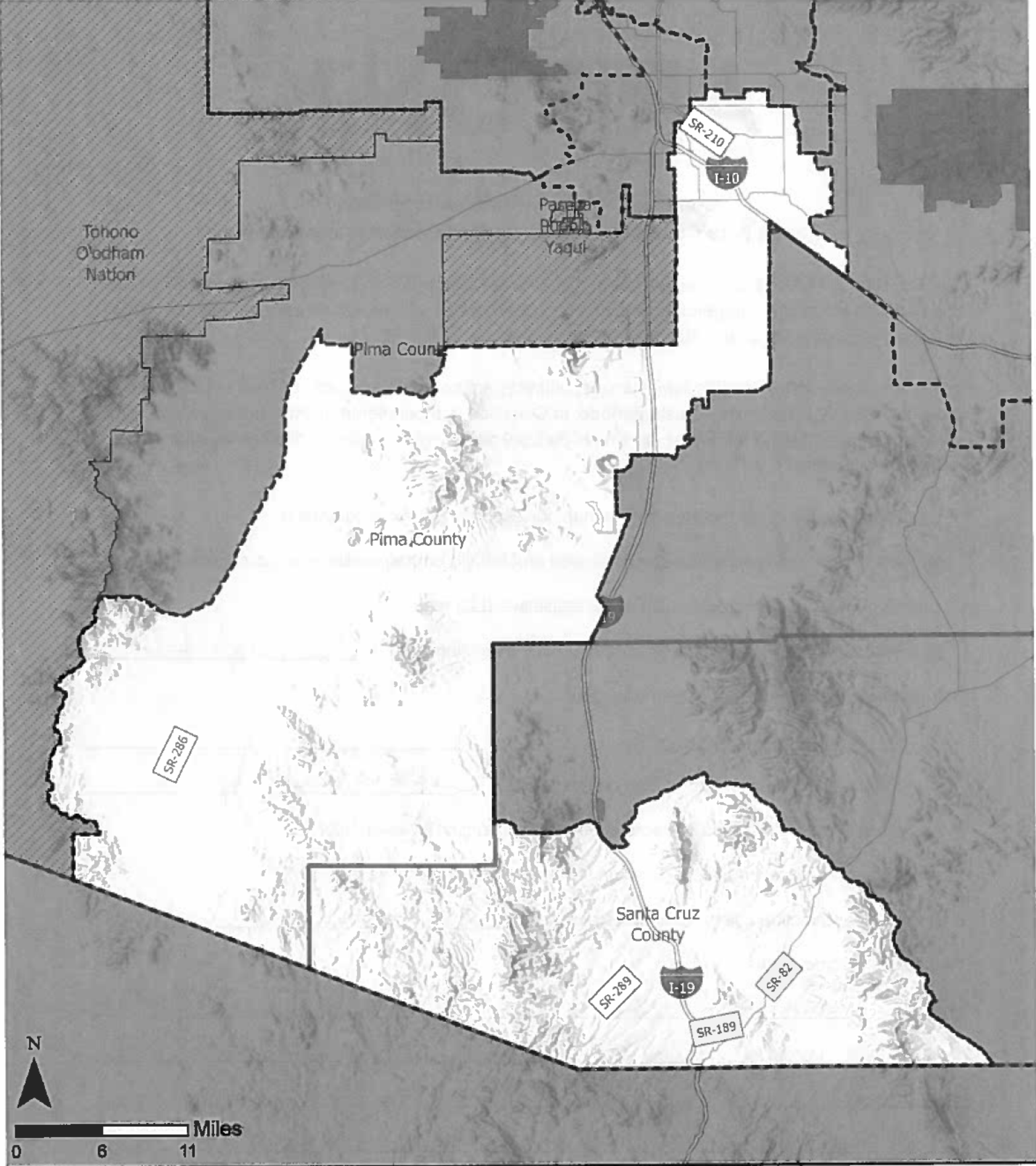
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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) Current LD2

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Helen Boyd

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Green Valley

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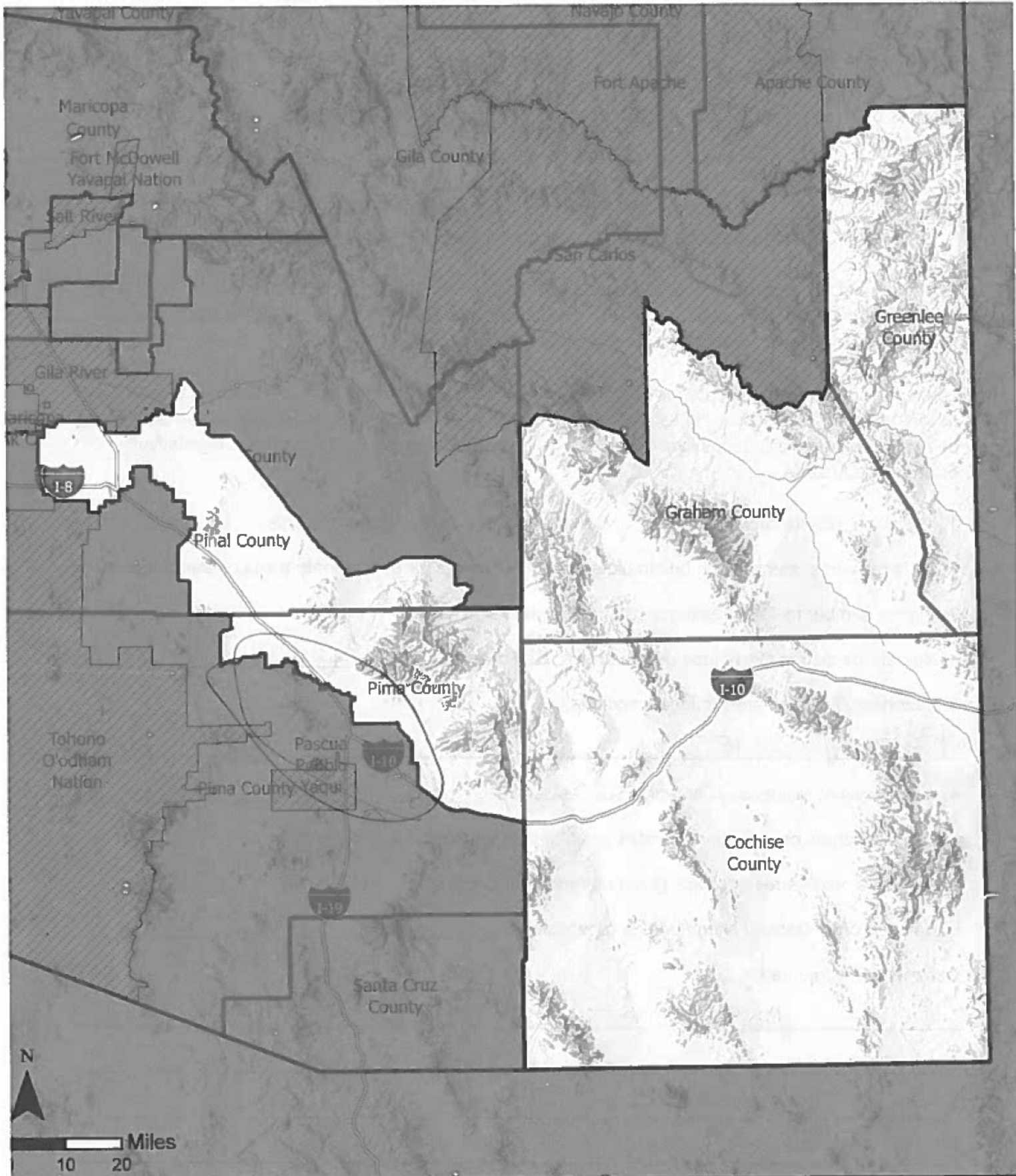
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Comments / Comentarios:

As a resident of Green Valley I'm horrified  
to see my community of interest banded  
together with communities across the  
Santa Ritas. I have nothing in common  
with those far flung communities. This  
is jerrymandering at its worst

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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) CD 6 & LD 17

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

PANTON DAVIES

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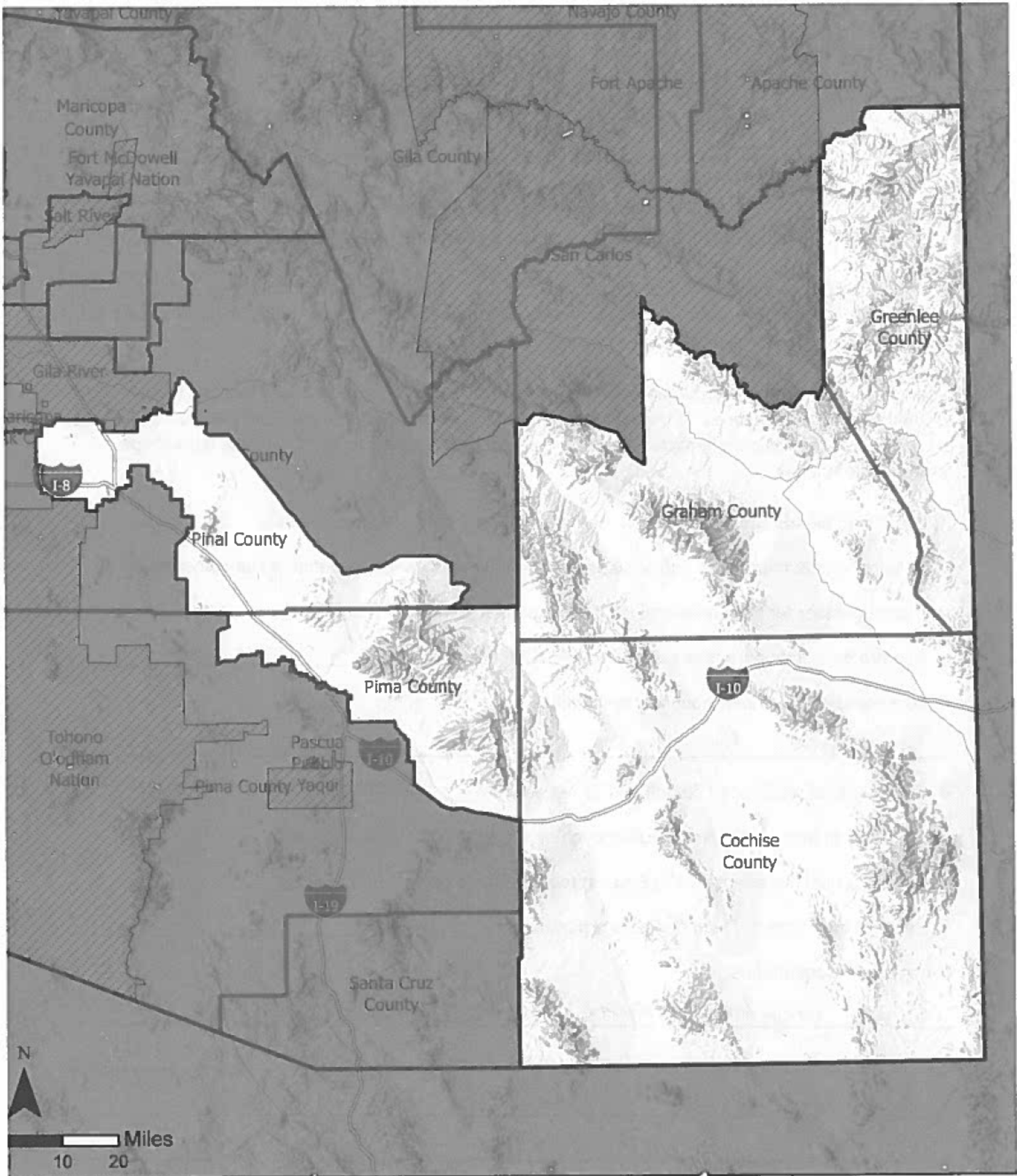
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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Mary Keerins

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The "elephant trunk" of CD6 reaching up  
into Pinal County does not reflect  
communities of interest.

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**Presentation Before the Arizona Redistricting Commission  
Public Hearing at Tucson, Arizona  
December 4th, 2021**

**Matt Parrilli  
On Behalf of  
The Citizens of Sonoita/Elgin, Arizona**



First of all I would like to give a shout-out to two of your stalwarts - Valerie Neumann in Admin & Alex Pena in Community Outreach. Both of them are very professional, responsive and pleasant. They are indeed a credit to the Commission.

As conservative citizens of Eastern Santa Cruz County, we are not satisfied with either of the Draft Maps as they are currently configured. We submitted two Citizen Map Plans to you in late October; CD0052 and LD0029. Both of those plans passed all of the Integrity Checks with flying colors – green checks all the way! Further, both Plans have identical boundary profiles which we deem essential to reclaiming our voices in the election process. As you shall see, since the last redistricting fiasco our votes have not amounted to a hill of beans. We have included parts of Dr. Lisa Handly’s briefing to you in August. Parts of it raise interesting questions about the application of law to “minorities”.

Since the LD Draft Map comes closest to meeting our needs let’s talk about our LD0029 Plan. It extends the western boundary of LD 19 into the eastern fringe of Santa Cruz County. The boundary generally follows the eastern slopes of the Santa Rita and Patagonia Mountains. This minor extension includes Sonoita/Elgin/Canelo and most of the San Raphael Valley down to the international border. We remind you that nearly half of the San Raphael is currently IN Cochise County! Neither of our plans contain the extended swath along the northern Santa Cruz County boundary as does the IRC LD Draft Map. Further, contrary to what many Democrats are telling you, neither of our plans include the Town of Patagonia and they never have. Please refer to the two focused views of our plan maps attached to this document.

We hear a lot about the Voting Rights Act and Latino majority districts. What follows should further debunk a lot of what you are hearing. The strength of Latino and Democrat votes in CD 7 and LD 21 actually fare very well under our two plans! Beyond that, we are providing you with the “racial block voting analysis” that Dr. Handy suggested.

Here is a look at how the data compare between the current IRC Draft Maps and our Citizen Submitted CD and LD Plan Maps.

CD Draft Map 10.0 – District 7 - voting age population:

Comp Dem vote= 60.01%

Comp Rep vote= 39.99%

Our CD0052 Plan – District 7

Comp Dem vote= **61.99%**

Comp Rep vote= **38.01%**

LD Draft Map – District 21- voting age population:

Comp Dem vote= 66.59%

Comp Rep vote= 33.41%

Our LD0029 Plan – District 21

Comp Dem vote= **59.32%**

Comp Rep vote= **40.68%**

The Democrat/Latino competitive advantage is preserved.

The CD Draft Map “Election Results” data field yielded 9 Democrat wins and **ZERO** Republican wins for CD 7! (LD Draft Map data was nul.)

That would make CD 7 a “**Bullet Proof**” district. Our CD Plan (CD0052) does not put a dent in that.

These are IRC data points produced by the mapping system – not us!

As a sanity check and further proof for our case, we went to the AZ Sec. State data base and found this startling fact:

In the 2020 Election cycle, **Santa Cruz County** voter registration comparables were: Dem-15,122. Rep- 5,090\* - a **297%** Democrat majority in the County! Can you now understand our concerns?

\*Source: STATE OF ARIZONA REGISTRATION REPORT, 3 Nov 2020

Now let's zoom in on Sonoita/Elgin et al.

There are 1580 registered voters in the Sonoita/Elgin area. Adopting our CD **AND** LD Plan boundaries will REMOVE 642 Republican votes from LD 21 while only removing 405 Democrat votes. Even rounding UP, that is a mere 0.7% of the registered Democrats in LD 21. That doesn't even move the needle!

There is nothing new about the change we are asking for. As far back as 1982 (that's as far as we could find data) east Santa Cruz County **WAS** part of the same Congressional and Legislative districts as Cochise County – and it remained so off and on for 20 out of the last 40 years!

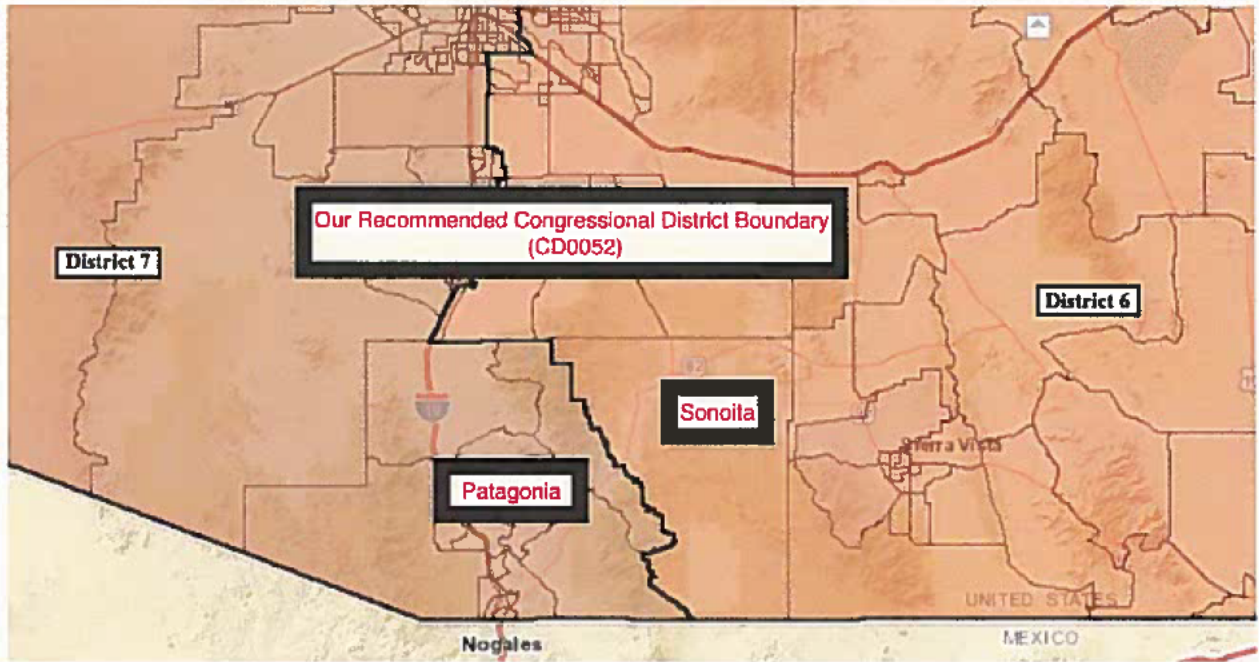
Let me leave you with a couple of personal thoughts:

On the subject of competitiveness, all we're hearing are arguments for competitiveness WITHIN a given district. I read through the entirety of Prop 106 – all of it as registered with the AZ Secretary of State in 2000. Nowhere in it does it say that Competitiveness should not be applied AMONG districts. Ditto for the AZ Constitution. This perspective should be considered by the IRC. Importantly, it may be more fair to the citizens of Arizona AND make this process a lot smoother.

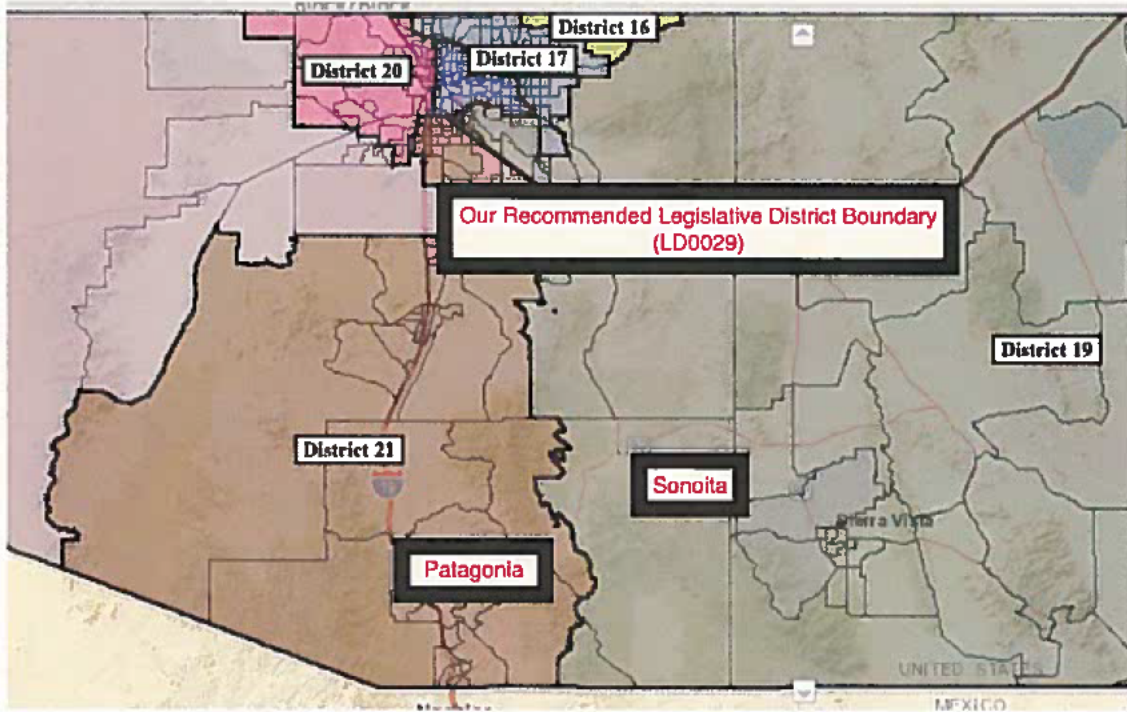
The Voting Rights Act, in its various iterations, talks about race, color and minorities. The last time I checked, White was a race. I think we have shown you that it can also be a minority. On top of that, the 1886 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution guarantees "...equal protection of the laws."

**We are in a struggle in this process.  
We are also in a critical struggle in our Country.  
Those struggles are inextricably linked.**

# Sonoita/Elgin et al Citizen CD Plan – CD0052



# Sonoita/Elgin et al Citizen LD Plan – LD0029





Dr. Lisa Handly, August, 2021 brief to the IRC - Excerpts.

### "Complying with the Voting Rights Act

- If voting is racially polarized, and candidates preferred by a politically cohesive minority group are usually defeated by white voters not supporting these candidates, a district(s) that offers minority voters an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice must be drawn.
- If such districts already exist, and minority-preferred candidates are winning only because the districts exist, then these minority districts must be maintained in a manner that continues to provide minority voters with an opportunity to elect their preferred candidates.

### *Thornburg v. Gingles*: Three-Pronged Test

U.S. Supreme Court held that plaintiffs **must satisfy three preconditions** to qualify for relief under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act:

- ■ The minority group must be sufficiently large and geographically compact to form a majority in a single-member district
- ■ The minority group must be politically cohesive
- ■ Whites must vote as a bloc to usually defeat the minority-preferred candidates. A racial bloc voting analysis is used to ascertain whether minority voters are politically cohesive and if white voters bloc vote to usually defeat minority-preferred candidates.

### Conclusion

What this means for this round of redistricting:

- ■ A racial bloc voting analysis is required to determine if voting is polarized in areas of the State with minority concentrations.
- ■ A district-specific, functional analysis should be conducted to ensure that minority districts are drawn so that they provide minority voters with an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice **without unnecessarily packing the district or unnecessarily violating such redistricting criteria as consideration for political subdivision boundaries and compactness.**

*Caveat:* None of this is to say that you cannot or should not draw districts with substantial minority populations if they are a geographically concentrated community of interest – you certainly can do this so long as race is not the predominate factor in the creation of these districts.”

## USC Title 52 - Voting

### 10301

#### (a)

No [voting](#) qualification or prerequisite to [voting](#) or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or [political subdivision](#) in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to [vote](#) on account of race or color, or in contravention of the guarantees set forth in [section 10303\(f\)\(2\) of this title](#), as provided in subsection (b).

#### (b)

A violation of subsection (a) is established if, based on the totality of circumstances, it is shown that the political processes leading to nomination or election in the State or [political subdivision](#) are not equally open to participation by members of a class of citizens protected by subsection (a) in that its members have less opportunity than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice. The extent to which members of a protected class have been elected to office in the State or [political subdivision](#)\* is one circumstance which may be considered: **Provided, That nothing in this section establishes a right to have members of a protected class elected in numbers equal to their proportion in the population.**

([Pub. L. 89-110, title I, § 2](#), Aug. 6, 1965, [79 Stat. 437](#); renumbered title I, [Pub. L. 91-285, § 2](#), June 22, 1970, [84 Stat. 314](#); amended [Pub. L. 94-73, title II, § 206](#), Aug. 6, 1975, [89 Stat. 402](#); [Pub. L. 97-205, § 3](#), June 29, 1982, [96 Stat. 134](#).)

## \* **political subdivision**

(2) The term "political subdivision" shall mean any county or parish, except that where registration for voting is not conducted under the supervision of a county or parish, the term shall include any other subdivision of a State which conducts registration for voting.

From: daniel schloff [REDACTED]  
Subject: Redistricting  
Date: Dec 3, 2021 at 6:34:26 PM  
To: Daniel Schloff [REDACTED]

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To the AZ IRC committee,

My name is Daniel Schloff and I live adjacent to Tucson Estates.

I'm asking you to keep me in my community of interest.

What is my community of interest? Your current proposed map has me in with Arizonans who live in Goodyear, Casa Grande, Coolidge, and other far flung places. Casa Grande and Coolidge are 75 miles from my residence. Goodyear is 140 miles from my residence which is more than a 2 hour commute each way. I do not belong to any fraternal, religious, or not-for-profit organizations in any of those areas. I do not spend my money in any of those areas. I do not read any newspapers, watch any television stations, nor listen to any radio stations in those areas. I do not farm or mine for a living. I'm a semi-retired senior citizen who has grown accustomed to the daily routine in my immediate area. I'm like an old dog. Please don't make me learn a new trick.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Schloff

Good Afternoon! My name is Virginia West, I am a United States citizen and a voter.

I am new to Tucson, moving here with my mom just prior to the 2020 elections from Wisconsin.

I worked a job with the Pima County Election Board before, during and after the election, directly handling the ballots. I had first-hand experience with how fair and free from fraud the election process is in Pima County and throughout the country.

I have become active in local, state and national politics since due to my experience with the 2020 election and I was surprised and pleased when I found out Arizona has an independent, bipartisan redistricting committee that voters put in place via Prop 106.

According to the 2020 census data, Arizona has experienced huge growth in both population and diversity. During the last 10 years, Arizona has also become more bipartisan with voters electing 6 democrats and 7 republicans to the 13 statewide offices. One third of the voters are declared independents!

There are two key principals I would like to speak to:

The first is fairness. Since the last maps were drawn, the population has become much more diverse. Fair districts would comply with the US Constitution and Voting Rights Act, include equal population, be compact and contiguous and respect communities of interest. We must protect and enhance the voting power of our growing communities of color.

Secondly, Arizona is a politically competitive state and our new maps must reflect this! This will protect against extremism and encourage better representation – candidates for office will have to appeal to a broad spectrum of voters and will have to work hard to get re-elected. There is not much incentive to run for office if districts have a preponderance of one party.

Having fair and competitive districts will encourage Arizona residents to become more active in our system of governing. A thriving democracy is an active democracy!

I want to thank the members of the IRC Committee for this difficult work. You are truly public servants. Please let the maps uphold all of the key principals.

I am so grateful to live in a country whose democratic government allows me to speak out, free from oppression, about my important issues and beliefs and be heard.

Thank you,

Virginia West

I am speaking to support the I19 Corridor  
Proposed ~~WPPSS~~ <sup>Draft</sup> Map

My name is Angie Dzikoski and I want to tell you about my Community of Interest. I have lived in Green Valley for over 8 years. My time is spent in Green Valley and Sahuarita, where I do most of my shopping, eating out and socializing. These two towns also share a Chamber of Commerce.

I have worked in Sahuarita and Southern Tucson. The San Xavier Mission is the jewel of I19 and the reservation should be included with Tucson, where many Tribal members live. Before COVID I tutored in Rio Rico. It is a pleasure to take a drive to Madera Canyon, Tubac, Arivaca and Nogales. I19 is the artery that connects my community and its "heart," it should NOT be used to separate those of us who live in this beautiful valley. There are major mountain ranges to the east that would make a better boundary; [natural<sup>and</sup> geographically sensible, instead of the jagged edge in the current draft maps.]

Those of us who live along I19 share many of the same interests and are a diverse group. This district needs to remain competitive to reflect this. [Santa Cruz is one of the smallest Counties and should NOT be split up. It is more similar to Green Valley than Sierra Vista or Tombstone.]

I am urging you to follow the rules voted on by Arizona's [in 2000] in Prop 106. We need maps that comply with the Voting Rights Act, have sensible borders, take geographic features into account, and are competitive.

Arizona is changing and our maps must reflect the diversity of our state and protect the Voting Rights of people of color. We must have Minority Majority Districts to include our diversity.

P 19 should be the center of my District.

Please consider the changes in the LDROSS proposed map.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Angie Dzikoski  
Green Valley

To: The Independent Redistricting Commission

From: Matthew Boyd, [REDACTED] Green Valley AZ  
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I'm submitting this letter to let you know as a 50-year resident of Arizona that I was so proud and hopeful that when we voters passed Proposition 106 in 2000. When its provisions became part of the Arizona Constitution jerrymandering was guaranteed to become a thing of the past. But I fear I may be wrong in seeing your behavior in embracing this Map 10.0 which splits so many communities: my beloved Green Valley, Quail Creek and Sahuarita where so many of my friends live, even Indian Reservations, and pairing them with the areas east of the Santa Ritas with nothing in common with us, you are not following the clear and implicit instructions as set out in the proposition: it needs to be geographically compact and contiguous, it must respect communities of interest, and it must be competitive. This map fails to do so. You have acted as if holding common political beliefs is enough to meet the criterion of community of interest, even if it breaks up the obvious commonalities. This must not stand and I strongly urge you to take a look at Map LD0055 as a better map to work with. Otherwise you will have miscarried your duties. I have every reason to believe you wish to comply with this and do a good job, so please rethink what you have been doing.

Sincerely, Matthew Boyd

TO THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

FROM HELEN BOYD, [REDACTED] GREEN VALLEY

I am a resident of Green Valley and I wish to first express my great disappointment that you have chosen to hold this meeting in a place that can't possibly contain all the people who wanted to attend. There isn't enough parking or enough space outside to mill around. While you haven't met our needs this way, you seem to have bent over backwards to accommodate the notion that Republicans are a community of interest that needs protection despite the fact that the Constitutional Amendment underlying this Commission was set up to end partisan jerrymandering which weakens democracy. This Map 10.0 being currently favored is bending over backwards to create a Republican majority in Pima County, creating safe districts instead of competitive ones.

Besides this, personally, I want people who will represent my area which is the entirety of Green Valley, Quail Creek and Sahuarita. This map splits each community apart and pairs us with districts east of the Santa Ritas who have nothing in common with us. Map LD0055 would be a better choice toward that end. Stop bending over backwards to accommodate certain segments while turning your back on so many others.

Thank you, Helen Boyd



Hello. I appreciate you, the IRC, taking time to listen to the concerns of Tucsonans today. My name is Leslie Stalc and I have been particularly pleased to be an active member of the Tucson community since moving to Arizona in 2011. I appreciate its diversity, its history, and the warmth of its residents. This community is my home, and many friends have become my "family" of choice.

I have significant concerns regarding the LD10.0 map and the legislative districts in the metro Tucson area the IRC has summarily adopted to resemble a gerrymandered puzzle rather than a district that honors many of the criteria I believe are constitutionally mandated, including districts that are communities of interest, contiguous and compact, and provide for competitive elections.

Specifically, I have concerns with regard to the Tucson Estates and Avra Valley areas and the Tohono D'Odham Nation. These are all communities of interest located in the metro Tucson area. Based on the LD10.0 map these communities have been drawn out of the Tucson area and gerrymandered into four of legislative districts as far flung as Yuma and Goodyear. It appears LD 10.0 map exiled these communities from their Tucson community for purely political purposes. Tucson is where these members live, shop, work and socialize. These members of our Tucson community also own established businesses here; for example, the Tohono D'Odham have two casinos here.

Additionally, these new districts on the LD10.0 map stand to disenfranchise or, at least marginalize, these voters. How? Do you honestly believe a representative from Yuma will consider the people in a few precincts hours away as important constituents? Additionally, should these voters need assistance from their representative or State senator, is it reasonable for them to shoulder the burden of a multi-hour drive for an in-person meeting?


My "ask" today is for the IRC to use the LD0055 map previously submitted to develop legislative districts in the metro Tucson area that eliminate gerrymandering, and keep our Tucson communities of interest together.

Again, I thank you for your time and hope you will consider my request.

Sincerely,

Leslie Ann Stalc

[REDACTED]  
Tucson, AZ 85705



12-4-21

My name is CJ Jones. I live at [REDACTED] in Tucson.

I am a Registered Professional Civil Engineer and have worked for multiple governmental organizations in several different US states as well as in Europe. I have been seriously politically engaged during my entire career in various cities- specifically in Santa Monica CA, Mendocino County CA and for the last twenty years here in Tucson.

I believe that competitive districts are good for democracy in that they get voters engaged in the political process. Competitive districts also lessen the chances of extremist candidates winning elected office--something I believe is particularly pertinent here in Arizona.

With that in mind, I request that District 17 include the compact, contiguous and competitive area from Marana to the Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes, leaving Vail, the Houghton Corridor and Tanque Verde in the Eastern legislative districts.

I would also like to request that the contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, the University of Arizona, and Fourth Avenue remain in CD7. I request that CD7 include areas south of Broadway, so that Latinos maintain voting strength in their communities of interest.

Independent Redistricting Commission criteria legislatively require districts to be compact and prohibit "gerrymandering",

*CS Jones P. 2*

a term I understand, comes from a comment made years ago that, on a map, a certain politician's district looked like a Gerrymander, a species of lizard. When I look at a map of LD17, it looks to me more like a Gerrymander than a compact district.

I urge you to do the right thing and comply with the criteria established by law that created the Independent Redistricting Commission and prohibits partisan gerrymandering.

Thank you.

Hello, my name is Margaret Hurst Lacey. I am a native Tucsonan, and I love my city. I've been an active volunteer in several arts and public service organizations since my retirement in 2005.


I understand the redistricting process is a monumental task, and I appreciate your volunteering to accomplish this.

I must however, talk about your responsibility to create competitive districts. It is clear this task was ignored in the current Legislative District map. Out of 20 districts, only 5 are even remotely competitive.

When I learned about redistricting 10 years ago, I did not understand the importance of competitive districts. I figured if the districts were evenly divided between parties, things would work. However, in the last 20 plus years, politics has become more and more polarized. If a district is overwhelmingly Republican or Democrat, the real battle for the seat happens during the primary election. That is when fewer voters participate, and the extremists have the best chance of winning. They then go on to win easily in the general election. Having safe districts will discourage moderation and bipartisanship. It also decreases participation in the electoral process and increases apathy among moderate and independent voters who feel their voice is never heard.

<sup>afternoon</sup>  
Good morning. My name is Lora Nastase and I'm a resident of ~~approximately along the 19th~~ <sup>Sahuarita</sup> ~~corridor~~. First, I want to acknowledge your hard work. I am also a community volunteer, and I know that what we see here today is just a small part of the work you all have done and will do on behalf of the citizens of Arizona. Your job is especially vital right now, as public confidence in the ethics of our elected officials and trust in our government institutions is low. It is important that your end product reflects the non-partisan nature of what the law charges you to do here. To that end, I ask you to keep the communities along the 1-19 corridor intact as one legislative district. ~~The members of these communities are my children's classmates in JEP classes, competitors in athletics, fellow worshippers at our Church, and purveyors of the goods and services where we choose to spend our money.~~ As a military family who lived on base at Davis Monthan, we recognize the beauty and strength that comes from a diverse population. It's important that cultural, socioeconomic, and racial diversity is represented in the legislative districts of Arizona. ~~Thank you.~~ <sup>additionally</sup>

~~districts~~ Competitive districts ensure good governance. Please keep the legislative districts diverse & competitive. <sup>say</sup> <sup>map</sup> No to 10.0  
Thank you

Lora Nastase  
  
Sahuarita, AZ 85629



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December 2, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide input as to how the communities served by Amphitheater Public Schools could be best represented by our state legislature for the next ten years.

We would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the request that Marana School Board Members Lopez and Holt, and Amphi School Board Member Kopec submitted to you on October 25, 2021. Amphi, Marana, and the greater northwest part of the Tucson metro area form an important community of interest and should be separated in the Legislative District map.

Amphitheater Public Schools proudly serves approximately 12,000 students and their families, and employs hundreds of dedicated and talented teachers and support staff. Amphi schools are a core part of the culture and history of Pima County, and our community works together tirelessly to support our schools, our children and our staff. Our district was founded 15 years before Arizona became a state at the end of the 19th Century, and we continue to serve our community and our families to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Our district includes economically and culturally diverse communities, from the Coronado K-8 School in Catalina to Nash Elementary near Grant and Oracle Roads in northern Tucson. All together our district is proud to serve communities and neighborhoods in Tucson, Casas Adobes, Oro Valley, and Catalina.

Amphi forms an important community of interest which merits special consideration by the Independent Redistricting Commission. Singular legislative district representation for our district and the communities in the northwest and north central region of Pima County is vitally important.

The prior redistricting process divided the school district into three separate Legislative Districts. We understand that division may be unavoidable. If that is the case either River Road or the Rillito River itself makes for the most logical line of demarcation.

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Amphitheater High School • Canyon del Oro High School • Ironwood Ridge High School  
Amphitheater Middle School • Coronado K-8 School • Cross Middle School • La Cima Middle School • Wilson K-8 School  
Copper Creek Elementary • Donaldson Elementary • Harelson Elementary • Holaway Elementary • Innovation Academy • Keeling Elementary  
Mesa Verde Elementary • Nash Elementary • Painted Sky Elementary • Prince Elementary • Rio Vista Elementary • Walker Elementary • Rillito Center • Amphi Academy Online

Amphitheater Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion/religious beliefs, gender, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, creed, citizenship status, marital status, political beliefs/affiliation, disability, home language, family, social or cultural background in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding the District's non-discrimination policies are handled at 701 W. Wetmore Road, Tucson, Arizona 85705 by David Rucker, Equity & Safety Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator, (520) 696-5164, [drucker@amphi.com](mailto:drucker@amphi.com), or Kristin McGraw, Executive Director of Student Services, (520) 696-5230, [kmcgraw@amphi.com](mailto:kmcgraw@amphi.com).

The education policy that drives so much of what we do is set at the Arizona State Legislature, and we are eager for opportunities to work together with them to advance policies and practices that will allow our students and our families to succeed. Dividing our communities would do a considerable disservice to the thousands of families we serve, and diminish their voice at the legislature.

Thank you for your consideration,

12/4/21

Matthew A. Kopec  
Governing Board Member  
Amphitheater Public Schools

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Amphitheater Public Schools

I was chair of  
CoT Redistricting Committee

- Letters of ~~the~~ October  
25<sup>th</sup> Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

PARTS OF GREENVALLEY ARE IN CD7  
 WITH TUCSON, YUMA & THE NATIVE  
 AMERICAN RESERVATION, COMMUNITIES WITH  
 WHICH WE HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON, CD6  
 WITH COCHISE COUNTY IS WHERE WE BELONG  
 AND NOT TUCSON, YUMA & THE NATIVE  
 AMERICAN RESERVATION. OUR NEEDS ARE  
 MUCH DIFFERENT THAN THOSE IN CD7.  
 GREENVALLEY IS A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY  
 WITH MANY VETERANS & THE TOWN OF  
 SAN JUANITA IS COMMUTER COMMUNITY WHICH  
 DOES NOT RELY ON TUCSON FOR ITS SERVICES  
 OR NEEDS A LARGE NUMBER OF BORDER PATROL  
 LAW ENFORCEMENT & MILITARY RESIDE IN →

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