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12/01/2021 - 04:39	12/01/2021 - 04:39	Michelle Kohlhase	input on my legislative district	<p>Hello, I am unable to attend the meeting in Mesa on Dec 2, so I thought I would voice my concerns through email. Although I live in North Mesa, which is close to Tempe, I do not feel that I connect with that community. I am a mother of 7 children who values family and right now my biggest concern lies with raising my children. Being that Tempe is essentially a college town, I do not believe that my voice will be well represented if I am lumped into their same legislative district. Gilbert, Queen Creek and Chandler have always been similar to Mesa in the small home town feeling of families being the backbone of the community. My families roots are heavily tied to the agricultural/farming community and I am raising my children with these same values. As an ASU graduate, I spent many hours in Tempe and can attest that these same values are not held in high regard in the community. I prefer to shop in Mesa and Gilbert, or even drive past Tempe to Scottsdale because these cities are more family friendly in their advertising (billboards), feel safer (no homeless or rowdy college students) and less chaotic traffic. I would hope that this would be taken into consideration when drawing the maps. Thank you for your time.</p>
12/01/2021 - 04:52	12/01/2021 - 04:52	Crystal D O'Haver	Mesa and Redistricting	<p>I am a Mesa resident in LD25, District 9, Precinct 307 (Hohokam park). My current District does not represent me or my neighbors well. Too many different cities are in it that do not compare to each other demographically speaking, and some cities are split up.</p> <p>Mesa, itself should be ONE COMPLETE DISTRICT as it is a large enough metro. It should not be split in half and then added to areas around it to make up the population needed for a district. Mesa has one of the largest school districts in the USA and should be kept intact for that reason also. We should have LOCAL representation from greater phx valley, not from Tucson which is extremely different demographically speaking than "small town" Mesa.</p> <p>I feel that the redistricting should keep my community of interest, Mesa, separate from Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tempe in particular: -Phoenix voters do not represent the same values of those of us in Mesa. Mesa (imho) is more of a "small town" mentality despite being part of the metro Phoenix area. -Tempe is also completely separate demographically speaking (and community of interest of its own) from Mesa as it is made up mostly of university students and those involved with the University lifestyle. -Scottsdale is again, demographically (community of interest wise) very different from Mesa, and does not mesh with the "east valley" smaller hometown feelings of Mesa residents.</p> <p>In drawing your lines, you should keep City boundaries intact as much as possible. People that live on one side of town (in a particular city in greater phoenix like Mesa) but work on the other should be in same district so that they can vote at lunch during work and not have to cross the metro to vote and be late to get back to work for example. A good divider of "rural areas" if needed would be to use major freeways such as the 17, 10, 8, 40 and even the 93 or 87 if necessary as long as you do not split a city in using such boundary line unless the city itself is over the population limit of a district – then a common boundary such as a major freeway makes sense.</p> <p>Rural areas should remain together and not be lumped with large cities where possible, as they have completely different communities of interest than the cities do. They should also have "local representation" and not be forced to be represented by the city people that both outnumber them, and have different interests entirely.</p>
12/01/2021 - 06:35	12/01/2021 - 06:35	Amelia Craig Cramer	Redistricting Map	<p>Dear RC Commissioners,</p> <p>As you are well aware, partisan gerrymandering in the development of voting districts is prohibited. Your proposed redistricting maps, unfortunately, are problematic and produce partisan gerrymandering in two respects: first, there has been elimination of a competitive district. The proposed map for District 17 produces a lopsided result with three districts primarily Republican and three primarily Democratic - evenly splitting between Republicans and Democrats, although Republicans represent only 29%; whereas Democrats represent 40%, and Independents or other parties represent 31%. The district maps should not be altering voting power in this way. Excluding Casas Adobes from the northern suburbs but adding Vail makes no sense and merely serves to unjustifiably favor Republicans. It creates a district that is not compact, competitive, and respectful of community interests. District 17 should include the compact, contiguous and competitive area from Marana to the Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes. The Houghton area, Vail, and Tanque Verde are separate communities and should be in the eastern legislative districts. For the federal Congressional District, the proposed map separates downtown Tucson from Fourth Avenue and the UofA, despite the contiguous commercial and residential district served by the trolley that is an area of common interests. And it pulls out predominantly Latinx neighborhoods in areas south of Broadway, which dilutes the voting strength of the Latinx community. CD7 should include the contiguous communities in downtown Tucson, UofA, and Fourth Avenue, as well as the Latinx neighborhoods south of Broadway.</p>
12/01/2021 - 06:59	12/01/2021 - 06:59	Paul Marion	Redistricting	<p>The most recent proposal for redistricting District 17 does not meet the legal requirement that it should be compact, contiguous, competitive, and respectful of community interests. The criteria prohibit political gerrymandering, but the current proposal is based on a plan to favor Republican voters. Please make the changes necessary for D 17 to be competitive. Thank you.</p>

12/01/2021 - 07:13	12/01/2021 - 07:13	Sherri Petrie	Opposition to the draft congressional and legislative maps.	<p>Hello, I live in Maricopa County, and I am writing today to give you information about my community of interest. My family has lived in Chandler, and the Gilbert School District for 35 years. Our zip code is 85225. We are in LD17 and CD9.</p> <p>Our children went to the Gilbert schools, and were involved on many sport teams and musical groups, all in Gilbert. Our church district is also in Gilbert, and we own a rental property in Gilbert, I also do much volunteer service in Gilbert. As you can see, our lives are mostly in the Gilbert area.</p> <p>When the district lines were re-drawn, a small splinter of our community was divided out and moved into a much larger area that had nothing to do with our community of interest. It never made sense. Since that time, we have not had much influence with our voice or vote.</p> <p>This has not given our small area adequate representation or cohesion. We have been divided from our community of interest for these past 10 years.</p> <p>Further, since CD9 was created our community of interest has been broken, and we have not been able to send a Representative of our choice to Washington DC. Our communities should be kept as whole.</p> <p>We hand picked where we wanted to raise our family and retire, and this community had the hometown values we desired.</p> <p>I attended your meeting in Mesa on August 9th, and sorry to say because of all the delays I was unable to speak, but I can tell you that I heard over and over again that everyone felt their communities had been split. I know our CD9 looks a little like the shape of the "sorting hat" from Harry Potter. I think you would do well to put our towns, cities, communities back together. That is what I heard.</p> <p>Thank you for taking your time to listen to all these important voices.</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:17	12/01/2021 - 07:17	Mozelle Ault	Redistricting of Mesa and surrounding areas	<p>"I have lived in Leisure World for the past 25 years Your proposed map separates my large neighborhood community from most of Mesa, Gilbert, and even Sun Lakes in Chandler, which is a similar community, and which we have been associated with in the congressional maps for the last ten years."</p> <p>"The RC has grouped my community with Ahwatukee and South Phoenix, areas that we have little commonality with our interests and values. It appears you have not taken our community interests into account as required by the state Constitution."</p> <p>Please link us together with common interests</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:19	12/01/2021 - 07:19	James Ault	Redistricting	<p>"I have lived in Leisure World for the past 25 years Your proposed map separates my large neighborhood community from most of Mesa, Gilbert, and even Sun Lakes in Chandler, which is a similar community, and which we have been associated with in the congressional maps for the last ten years."</p> <p>"The RC has grouped my community with Ahwatukee and South Phoenix, areas that we have little commonality with our interests and values. It appears you have not taken our community interests into account as required by the state Constitution."</p> <p>Please link us together with common interests.</p> <p>Thank you, James Ault</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:33	12/01/2021 - 07:33	Bonnie Jewell	East Valley District Maps	<p>We have been a resident of Queen Creek Arizona for 32+ years. I shop in Queen Creek and Gilbert, attend church, eat at restaurants, and spend 90% of our disposable income in this area. It is extremely important that Queen Creek and Gilbert area remain one legislative district. Please consider our request as a large portion of the residents share common interests, and if we are split we will be underrepresented. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:34	12/01/2021 - 07:34	Lori Lavender	Redistricting	<p>Hi, my husband and I live in Maricopa County.</p> <p>We have lived in Gilbert for nearly 30 years while raising our 3 children here. We have a Gilbert address and attend a Gilbert church, we own and operate a thriving small business in Gilbert, we vote for Gilbert town council and Gilbert school board.</p> <p>The proposed legislative district map has Gilbert dissected into 5 pieces. This does not represent my community of interest! We do not associate with Chandler, Tempe, or Mesa schools, churches, town council, school board, shopping, medical needs, bank, etc. Our community of interest is split 5 ways! We want our legislative district to include all of Gilbert to keep our city whole!</p> <p>Our congressional district should also be whole with Gilbert in a single CD. The proposed congressional district map divides Gilbert into both CD4 and CD5. Please keep Gilbert and Mesa together in CD5 within Maricopa County. That will represent our community of interest.</p> <p>We choose Gilbert as our home because of the small town feel and the laws, activities, and community that reflect our values. We want Gilbert to reflect our community of interest. We want our legislative district and our congressional district to reflect our community of interest here in Gilbert. We want to keep our city whole.</p> <p>Please take this to heart and recognize our desires to maintain the beneficial community and values we have had here in Gilbert making it the Town that it is!</p> <p>With Gratitude, Lori Lavender</p>

12/01/2021 - 07:40	12/01/2021 - 07:40	Jonpaul Barrabee	Competitive districts are most important	<p>Competitive districts encourage voter engagement and potentially allow the make-up of the Arizona Legislature to change from election to election.</p> <p>District 17 should 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.</p> <p>The IRC criteria's prohibit partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>Contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, UA, and Fourth Avenue, should remain in CD7. CD7 should include areas south of Broadway, so that Latinos maintain voting strength in their communities of interest.</p> <p>Gerrymandering weakens democracy, I am depending you to do the right thing.</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:43	12/01/2021 - 07:43	Bonnie L Gibson	Redistricting	<p>Our democracy is under attack due to continued partisan redistricting. When you look at the proposed map of my area, it runs as a long narrow district that is designed only with the goal of creating a safe district for a minority party, and not because it serves a similar population. This ongoing gerrymandering leads to the further radicalization of politics and deprives the constituents the opportunity for realistic competitive representation. David Mehl is a businessman who has exerted his influence for his own personal gains, and the proposed map will do much to disenfranchise people. I urge the independent committee chair to put our fragile democracy ahead of everything else. Stop chopping up the maps in ways that essentially take our vote away.</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:45	12/01/2021 - 07:45	Howard Strause	Latest redistricting map	<p>Please do not adopt the latest gerrymandered redistricting map. I am particularly concerned with CD 17. This proposed sprawling meandering district can only be justified by efforts to give Republicans another safe district in a county predominantly populated by Democrats. You are specifically prohibited from using gerrymandering for such a purpose. Districts should be compact and should at least be shaped so that anyone can travel from one end of the district to another without leaving the district for a long period of time. CD 17, as you propose it ,now looks like the salamander that gave discredited gerrymandering its name. Besides giving Republicans another safe district, you will only accomplish making citizens more distrustful of the politics process.</p> <p>Thanks Howard</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:48	12/01/2021 - 07:48	ho	Sending a comment	<p>I attempted to make a comment by going to https //irc. az.gov/contact-us/public- comments. All I got was a message that the page was "unavailable". I hope this will be remedied now, and is not an effort to stop citizens from commenting.</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:53	12/01/2021 - 07:53	Laura Norton	protect AZ from extremism	<p>In the past few years the level of extremism in our political system has become visible on a daily basis. I urge this commission to select boundaries that create competitive districts across the entire state in order to protect our state from extreme political views.</p> <p>It is the competition during the general elections that will lead to listening and legislating for the entire electorate.</p> <p>When a district is competitive there is more time spent on solving issues of concern to the entire electorate of the district.</p> <p>To keep Arizona functioning well there need to be legislators who are listening to all of their constituents no matter which party they are in.</p> <p>I urge the commission to prioritize competition in the drawing of the new map boundaries.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work.</p> <p>Laura Norton 85251</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:54	12/01/2021 - 07:54	Nigel F Taplin	Please reduce extremism	<p>A resident of Scottsdale for 13 years. Father of 3 sons who were educated in K-12 schools and universities in AZ. My commitments to my community include serving on my HOA Board, a Deputy Registrar for Maricopa County, and a Steward for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. I live in LD 23 where we have tried very hard to elect candidates that reflect our democratic values but, due to one party's significant voter advantage created by the last redistricting process, we have not elected a state legislator for many elections cycles. The district has been so uncompetitive it has given us state legislators that promote extreme policies that do not represent the majority of voters. Disenfranchised voters promote extremism. I believe you know this and I am encouraged to note the current maps are trying to represent our demographics. I urge you to continue these efforts by revisiting D3 and keeping your resolve to avoid the pressure to allow extremism to flourish in our state. Thank you for your resolve. Thank you for working to provide a fair and competitive landscape to allow democracy to thrive.</p> <p>Nigel Taplin</p>
12/01/2021 - 07:58	12/01/2021 - 07:58	Doris Mills	Redistricting	<p>Again I am asking you to keep Scottsdale and Fountain Hills together in the same district. I have lived in the same house in Fountain Hills for 27 years. I am very attached to Scottsdale because my son and his family have lived there for almost 30 years. Being part of Anthem is so far away from us, we never go there for any reason. Scottsdale has everything we need and more in common with Fountain Hills than Anthem. The people there probably feel the same way. What do they have in common with Fountain Hills? Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/01/2021 - 08:05	12/01/2021 - 08:05	CHRISTINE DAYTON	LD0059	<p>Dear RC,</p> <p>Thank you for your time, energy and hard work on Redistricting.</p> <p>We have lived in Oro Valley for the past 41 years, since 1980. For the past 10 years we have been in LD11 which has 20,000 more Republicans than Democrats. How could this have been either competitive or representative. We would like you to consider LD0059 for our future. We hope you are fair and honest.</p>
12/01/2021 - 08:12	12/01/2021 - 08:12	Julia Ann Andrews	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I was born and raised in Scottsdale, and currently live in the central area of town. I am an ASU graduate and I work in the home building industry in Scottsdale. I am deeply involved with my community and I currently volunteer as a Steward at the Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve. I have been following the redistricting process and I have a large interest in keeping greater Scottsdale together. Since the IRC began its map-making, my focus has been on the "creation of competitive districts where there is no significant detriment to the other goals" which is why I urge you to adopt map #LDF049.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your hard work.</p> <p>Julia Andrews Scottsdale Resident</p>

12/01/2021 - 08:30	12/01/2021 - 08:30	Jim Dreis	Redistricting plan	Leave Vail, Houghton Corridor, & Tanque Verde in the Eastern Legislative District. And leave Downtown Tucson, UA, & 4th Avenue in CD 7. Include south of Broadway in CD 7 too. Regards
12/01/2021 - 08:52	12/01/2021 - 08:52	Susan Peskind	Redistricting	I am concerned with the plan to split LD 23. Please retain the established boundaries 5
12/01/2021 - 08:58	12/01/2021 - 08:58	Mary Dorsey	Redistricting Green Valley	Green Valley should be in the same district as Sahuarita along the I-19 corridor. We are practically one entity and it's difficult to distinguish the crossing from one to another. We have no connection to the east side of the mountains.
12/01/2021 - 09:08	12/01/2021 - 09:08	Larry & Mary Westfall	Plea to be Impartial in Redistricting	You must disregard political efforts to pervert the redistricting outcome for the Tucson area. Please adhere to professional and impartial alignment considerations as you finalize districts we must live with for the next ten years.
12/01/2021 - 09:09	12/01/2021 - 09:09	Warren Spector	Redistricting	Please don't redistrict Chandler and Gilbert! We have moved here years ago to get away from politics that don't align with our views. This is simply not fair to lump in opposing political parties in well established family communities!
12/01/2021 - 09:12	12/01/2021 - 09:12	Amanda Royce	Redistricting of Gilbert	Hi! As a resident in Gilbert and attendee of my local church, The redistricting in south Gilbert splits my area and those in my community apart. For us to be a united community please keep Gilbert together as much as possible. Example map of CD0067 is in line with keeping my community together. Thank you. Amanda Royce
12/01/2021 - 09:35	12/01/2021 - 09:35	Robert Edwards	District 17	Dear Sirs; a review of the current map for District 17 shows what appears to be a strangely configured, lopsided, non-contiguous district. The previous District 17 was compact and geographically contiguous and the population shared very common interests. The proposed map combines a population that is not geographically contiguous and includes a lot of folks who do NOT have common interests. THE WORST PART is, by admission of the RC, this new district is not competitive, whereas the old one was. How is this not a naked power grab by republicans? "Independent" means what it says. Please fix this. Thank you.
12/01/2021 - 09:39	12/01/2021 - 09:39	John R. Leech	competitive districting in the Catalina Foothills	Please keep in mind that the Catalina Foothills of Pima County have enjoyed competitive districting for ten years, leading to close-run races numerous times thanks to an equitable electoral map. We have common interests even though our politics differ. Sometimes my guy loses, sometimes she wins. That's how it goes in a democracy. Let's keep things fair. No 'done deals'. Commissioners as well as candidates need to remember they were chosen to represent all their constituents not just those who are like themselves in some particular way.
12/01/2021 - 10:01	12/01/2021 - 10:01	Ann Roscoe	Current maps	I think the committee needs to adhere to the criteria for drawing maps. I live in District 17 and the inclusion of Tanque Verde Valley, down to Vail in my district does not follow the guidelines. Taking comments from a partisan organization to structure this district really goes against the grain in fairness. Please reconsider.
12/01/2021 - 10:11	12/01/2021 - 10:11	Nancy Williams	Proposed boundary changes	Hello, I live in Green Valley which is basically the part of Sahuarita that most of the old people live in. I do not care to see Green Valley separated into a district that includes rural areas, that have nothing to do with where we live. Please keep us in the same district that Sahuarita is in, we are more a part of that town than Northern Tucson, or any other proposed area for Sahuarita. Enough with the gerrymandering already! Nancy Williams
12/01/2021 - 10:24	12/01/2021 - 10:24	Kristina Schlabach	submitting my public comment	I am very glad that AZ has an independent redistricting commission. Thank you for your work on behalf of all Arizona voters. The criteria you work with prohibit partisan gerrymandering! We are counting on you not to gerrymander on behalf of either political party. Please work with fairness and please work to create competitive districts! Please ensure that District 17 includes 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. Please allow that the contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, UA, and Fourth Avenue, remain in CD 7! Please include areas south of Broadway in CD 7 so that Latinos maintain voting strength in their communities of interest. Thank you for doing fair work on behalf of all of us. Please do not gerrymander for partisan purposes, nor give in to pressure to do so. We are counting on you.
12/01/2021 - 10:24	12/01/2021 - 10:24	Rich Wekerle	Elections	Stop the gerrymandering in Arizona. You have laws and rules to follow. Do it. You all know what's right and good for Arizona but you only listen to your own desires which are so faulted.
12/01/2021 - 10:29	12/01/2021 - 10:29	Susan DeArmond	independent redistricting committee	Comments for Dec. 4th IRC meeting regarding draft for LD 17. Please do not reject the guidelines for the RC by connecting Vail, AZ with Oro Valley for the LD 17 proposal. We need to keep our districts competitive which means either a Democrat or Republican can win the district. If the Commission sticks to its rules, Democracy will prevail.
12/01/2021 - 10:31	12/01/2021 - 10:31	Sidney Lewis Byrd	Testimony for 12/02/2021 East Valley Meeting--Mesa AZ	I have been a resident in Gilbert since 2015 and live in Higley Groves West on E. Vaughn Ave., at Morrison Ranch, which is in the current LD12 and CD5 maps. The new RC Draft maps now divide Gilbert into 5 LDs and 2 CDs which does not represent my neighborhoods community of interest. As you know, the draft congressional lines would draw much of Gilbert, Chandler, and Mesa into the same district as Tempe and Ahwatukee despite these communities having almost nothing in common with one another. It makes no sense that residents of Leisure World and Sun Lakes would be grouped with ASU students while, simultaneously, neighbors sharing the same family values in Gilbert would be unnecessarily separated. Similarly, the draft legislative lines would split Gilbert into 5 legislative districts and would separate educational and religious communities of interest in Chandler, Mesa, and Queen Creek. This dramatically dilutes the voice of East Valley residents at the State Legislature. The new IRC Draft maps now move my residence at 3101 E. Vaughn Ave., Gilbert, 85234, from the CD5 to the CD4 congressional district which is mainly in Mesa and Tempe and is not aligned with my Gilbert community of interest. The remainder and majority of Gilbert would be within the CD5 congressional district. The proposed split of LD12 into two districts, LD13 and LD14, as shown in proposed map plan LD0064 and supported by a CD5 plan, as shown in proposed plan CD0071, would best support the communities of interest of Gilbert and Queen Creek. Keep Gilbert whole within its town boundaries under LD13 and under one congressional district CD5. I beseech the IRC to elect these map configurations, as presented in CD0071, as its final CD map and LD0064 as its final Legislative districts.
12/01/2021 - 10:36	12/01/2021 - 10:36	Dawn Schlum	IRC	Please be fair in representing ALL voters in my district which includes Fountain Hills. We need equal representation as Democrats' a growing group of voters in this beautiful town!
12/01/2021 - 10:45	12/01/2021 - 10:45	Edith Gallacher	Please do not split up Gilbert	I have lived in Gilbert for 27 years. I love my community and enjoy my associations as I attend church, bank, shop, and seek medical help all in Gilbert. I have noticed that the draft legislative lines would split Gilbert into 5 legislative districts. Please respect our Town of Gilbert boundaries and follow Baseline Rd as the northern boundary of our district. The town of Gilbert needs to stay together. We are a strong family community with strong rural and religious heritage. Please keep my community of interest together. Thank you!
12/01/2021 - 10:50	12/01/2021 - 10:50	Denise G. Link	Redistricting decisions	I am a PC for LD 24 and have several recommendations for the Independent Redistricting Commission to consider. As a registered nurse, I am especially concerned with how legislative and congressional districts are formed and the impact on the social determinants of health. The native American communities should be kept together and within an urban district to maximize the ability to access resources for education, improved telecommunication, utilities, and other services that can lead to better quality and quantity of life for our native peoples. Likewise, precincts should not be split between two or more districts as this can reduce the ability of neighborhoods that share important demographics to effectively represent the needs and priorities of the residents. Historic neighborhoods by their nature are special communities that have developed their identities over many decades and should be kept together to maintain the roots of our communities. Lastly, in the interest of creating districts that are politically balanced and competitive, the Frank Lloyd Wright district could be capped at the canal. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your service to Arizona.

12/01/2021 - 10:56	12/01/2021 - 10:56	Rodolfo Rivera	redistricting maps	<p>As a 20 + year resident of the Tanque Verde valley , I am commenting on the proposed redistricting of Dist.17 to jump over to include Tanque Verde, Houghton area, Vail concerning for several reasons.</p> <p>The purpose of the IRC is to make independent decisions. By accepting a proposal from the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a republican business group the Commission, shows a lack of independence. The fact that the proposal excludes Casa Adobes because they tend to vote and have a different viewpoint then what David Mehl and the have is troubling.</p> <p>I do not view that area as having any connection what so ever to this area. I view this a proposal as gerrymandering, it does nothing to maintain a compact, contiguous or competitive district. t creates a another safe in favor of the republicans.</p> <p>Further more the proposal disrupts the downtown area business, the U of A splitting up a like minded area. This will diminish the ability the voices in these areas to have a say in any matters important to that particular area.. In what I read thus far the proposed map is ensuring that republicans remain in firm control.</p> <p>The job of the IRC is to be independent so far I fail to see any such independence.</p>
12/01/2021 - 11 07	12/01/2021 - 11 07	Fredi Hamilton	LD5	<p>Sedona/VOC must retain its integrity as a voting unit and should not be split into two districts. We share common interests with Flagstaff .interests that are not shared by the either Payson or Prescott. Please reconsider the maps you have drawn and leave us as a single voting interest so that our needs will be heard by our representatives. Otherwise, our town will have no voice in our governance.</p> <p>I thank you.</p>
12/01/2021 - 11:12	12/01/2021 - 11:12	Wanda and James Torrey	redistricting	<p>We support that District 17 be a competitive area from Marana to the Foothills including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes. The Vail, Houghton Corridor, and Tanque Verde areas should remain in the eastern legislative districts. Communities in downtown Tucson, UA and Forth Avenue should remain in CD7. CD7 should also include areas south of Broadway so Latinos may have input in strength for their communities of interest. The Commission should not take input from outside sources such as the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. Such input leads to gerrymandering which is illegal and undemocratic and makes for more partisan politics where nothing gets done in the legislature or the legislature panders to extreme politicians. Please do your jobs and be independent or you need to resign your positions so others can do it !</p> <p>The Arizona Legislature must represent all of Arizona. It cannot do this if there is gerrymandering.</p>
12/01/2021 - 11 21	12/01/2021 - 11 21	Barb Schimpf	Redistricting	<p>I am an independent voter who has lived in Sedona since October 1987. This was BEFORE Sedona was incorporated. At that time, Sedona had issues dealing with inconsistent rules since Sedona was split into two counties. That was the push to get its citizens to vote for incorporation. Now, with the redistricting maps as currently drawn, this will set Sedona back 30 years. It doesn't make any sense. PLEASE keep Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, Verde Valley and Flagstaff in the SAME legislative district.</p>
12/01/2021 - 11 27	12/01/2021 - 11 27	Janice Suderman	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	<p>Fair and Competitive is what voters approved in Prop 106. Districts that are competitive often yield candidates that can speak to the middle. Community of interest have common needs and problems residents share that can be addressed by government action. We need more districts that are highly competitive.</p>
12/01/2021 - 11:41	12/01/2021 - 11:41	VIRGINIA HOPKINS SWENSON	Proposed Legislative District 8L	<p>I am not a fan of the proposed Legislative District 8 map. I feel including southern Scottsdale, most of Tempe and the Salt River Indian Community with my area in north Scottsdale puts me in a area with very different problems and issues. The area carved out north of Shea has much more in common with District 3 or even District 4. The area north of Shea is much less dense with larger properties. We enjoy a less urban lifestyle and would like to keep it that way. I rarely even venture south of Via Linda and never go to Tempe. We should try to keep the City of Scottsdale together as much as possible. There is a reason we choose to live here and not Tempe. The LD049 looks to be a good plan. I'd like my representative to be in tune with my area. Please reconsider this alignment</p>
12/01/2021 - 11 54	12/01/2021 - 11 54	Guy M Swenson	Proposed Legislative District 8	<p>Every effort should be made to keep Scottsdale together. The area north of Shea is very different demographic than Tempe. We sought out and enjoy a less crowded more rural area. The needs of our community are more in common with proposed LD 3 or LD 4.</p> <p>Please reconsider this district.</p>
12/01/2021 - 12:00	12/01/2021 - 12:00	Karen Keeney	Redistricting and Common Sense	<p>When redistricting, please support the guidelines of creating compact, contiguous, and competitive districts that support areas of interest. Oh, and I would like to add the criteria of common sense.</p> <p>District 17 meets those criteria when it includes Marana, Oro Valley, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills. However, as a resident of the Tanque Verde Valley, I object to Vail, the Houghton Corridor, and Tanque Verde being included in this district. Doing so would violate the guidelines of compact, contiguous areas, and common interests. Oh, and common sense. In addition, including the Vail, TV, and Houghton areas looks like blatant gerrymandering, which is prohibited.</p> <p>Similarly, CD 7 is a compact, contiguous district that should not be broken up. Downtown Tucson, the University, and 4th Avenue all have common interests. Please keep these areas together; it is another example of common sense.</p> <p>For all districts, I would push for the maps to reflect competitiveness. Voters who share areas of interest are more likely to work together regardless of their political party. We need to get back to the practice of political leaders representing people rather than party. Common sense?</p>
12/01/2021 - 12:12	12/01/2021 - 12:12	David Coatsworth	Map 10 Boundaries	<p>I understand that a high-priority goal of the redistricting process is to achieve districts that are compact and contiguous, and that gerrymandering is prohibited. The currently proposed boundaries of Arizona LD17 do not achieve the goals and violate the prohibition. I request that the goal of "compact and contiguous" be honored for the neighborhoods in the currently proposed LD17.</p> <p>I also understand that the proposed boundaries for Arizona CD7 have "sliced away" the downtown area, University of Arizona neighborhoods, and the Fourth Avenue area. I request that those areas be restored to CD7, and that neighborhoods south of Broadway to the east of downtown be included in CD7 in order to add Latino population strength to the CD.</p>
12/01/2021 - 12:16	12/01/2021 - 12:16	Thomas A George	Gerrymandering LD17	<p>I am a resident of Casas Adobes. I continue to look for a home in this area as well as Marana, Oro Valley and the Catalina Foothills. I feel as though these areas have a shared commonality of values and goals. The redistricting of LD17 to exclude Casas Adobes and reach North and East reeks of Gerrymandering. I strongly oppose this attempt by the Republican party to stifle our voices and create their own haven. Competitive districts are the heart of our democracy. The redrawn proposal is a slap in the face to that. Let's not make this another Arizona partisan joke. Please vote this down.</p>
12/01/2021 - 12:50	12/01/2021 - 12:50	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern Az	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>You have a tough job and complex, but amid it all I urgently ask that you remember that your basic responsibility is to create FA R voting districts. In Northern Arizona, you have created three LDs (5, 6, and 7) in which a majority party has an advantage, respectively, of 27 points, 28 points and 40 points over the other. Your proposed CD is also not competitive. This is not FAIR - certainly not when easy remedies are at hand, to wit: adopting the LD maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and the CD map proposed by the Navaho Nation, all of which are supported by numerous organizations and voters in the affected areas.</p> <p>Please, adopt these alternate maps and give us fair districts!</p>

12/01/2021 - 12:54	12/01/2021 - 12:54	Steven H. Slaton	Future district 7	<p>My Name is Steven Slaton; I live in Show Low Az. Like to thank Chairman Neuberg, and Commissioners, My wife and I represent the White Mountain Conservatives. We represent thousands of folks who live throughout the White Mountains of Northern Arizona Mountain communities. As for the future of Legislative District 7, By including the Northern Communities with a Southern district of Pinal County as shown in your approved Draft Map Legislative District 7, is not communities of interests or competitiveness.</p> <p>With the size of these districts half of our population is bound to feel unrepresented. And they are already!</p> <p>Districts should accurately represent communities of interest who live and work together. Being loop in with the Pinal County which main community of interest is mining, were we have nothing in common with mining.</p> <p>A new Legislative District 7 should accurately represent communities of interest which is required by State and Federal law.</p> <p>We the people of Northern Az. request you reinstate your Az. Draft Map 1.0 Legislative District 7. HOWEVER the communities of Snowflake, Taylor, Holbrook, Joseph city, and Winslow, are not part of these communities of interested of the White Mountains.</p> <p>These communities are made up primarily of rock and high desert plateau, with a vast valley of ranchland, and agriculture, With 2 of the largest Marijuana growing facilities in the state, as well as large wind Farms, and Helium development from Holbrook Basin through the Navajo Reservation these differences separates the two regions, and they should be included in Legislative District 6 not Legislative District 7.</p> <p>The culture and way of life is different than those communities of interest of the White Mountain Communities.</p> <p>The White Mountain Community which is outlined on the Az Draft Map 1 0 with their community of interest is commitment to bringing tourism to the region, along with common interest within other White Mountain communities, which share rivers and lakes, National Forest, winter sport activities, Hunting, Fishing with ongoing Economic Development of the White Mountain.</p> <p>The White Mountain communities for Legislative District 7 need to be with other White Mountain communities of the same interests. These interests are non-partisan and are for the common good in our locales and region.</p> <p>These cities include Lakeside/Pinetop, Show low, Heber/Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Payson, Pine, Strawberry, Cornville, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Williams, Parks, Sedona, Suburban and Rural Flagstaff only as in Doney Park, and West Flagstaff. All of These Communities would meet communities of interests as well population requirements for Legislative District 7 according to Federal and State Laws.</p> <p>Thank you for your time Sincerely Steven Slaton</p>
12/01/2021 - 13:16	12/01/2021 - 13:16	Theodore Luke Mastos	Redistricting	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I see that the web site offers Valerie Neumann as the contact for the December 4, 2021 public meeting, I trust this will find its way to her or the appropriate person(s).</p> <p>My partner and I have read and re-read the opinion piece in today's (December 1, 2021) Arizona Daily Star authored by Lisa Wolfe, Merrill Eisenberg, and Susan Bickel on page A6 titled, "Speak your mind about redistricting before the meeting". We are in complete agreement with every point and position they raise and posture concerning State Legislative Districts and Congressional Districts.</p> <p>As they suggest, we reiterate that the Independent Redistricting Commission (RC) criteria in the effort of redistricting is prohibited from partisan gerrymandering. It is imperative for the IRC to complete your mission free of partisan influence. Regardless of my party affiliation, I believe every Arizona citizen expects and insists on a pure application of this criteria.</p> <p>I trust the IRC has access to our Tucson paper of record and, in this instance will review the article. In an effort to minimize this communication, I will not regurgitate every point in it. I will assume the IRC will appreciate the article and even accept the article into the record.</p> <p>The article points out that Pima County voters have six (6) districts: three (3) safe for Republicans - even though they represent only 29% of registered Pima voters - and three (3) safe for Democrats, who represent 40%. There are no competitive districts, even though 31% of Pima County voters are Independent or registered with other parties. We do not feel this is anywhere near equitable and does not fulfill RC fairness guidelines as specified in the Arizona State Constitution, the United States Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>While we hope the following is not only redundant but, seared into the RC collective knowledge. That Districts should be relatively equal in population, be geographically compact and contiguous, and respect communities of interest, enabling residents with common concerns to elect legislators who will represent those interests. Not to mention that the districts should be competitive, because not all district residents who share common concerns hold common political beliefs. If the IRC fully complies with all applicable guidelines, we expect we will be saving tax dollars by staying out of the court system for corrective adjudication.</p> <p>Sincerely, Theodore Luke Mastos and Anne-Marie Moore [REDACTED] Oro Valley, AZ 85737-6670</p>
12/01/2021 - 13:18	12/01/2021 - 13:18	Conny Swacha	No to proposed new LD 19	<p>The proposed new LD 19 does NOT keep Green Valley with its community of interest, our neighbors in Sahuarita, Tubac, Tucson, and Nogales. Therefore, I, as a longtime Green Valley resident, am firmly against it. In addition, this is in violation of stated RC priorities to keep communities of interest together.</p>
12/01/2021 - 13:26	12/01/2021 - 13:26	Larry A. Suderman	Public Comment	<p>It is difficult for 90% of the population to understand why they cannot continue to have free and fair elections. They do understand that the political groups (Republicans, Democrats, etc.) do not care what the people want. At the beginning of each decade the political groups only care about themselves. We all understand that the United States of America is on the verge of ending the best chance of being a positive form of Democratic Self Rule. The in-fighting is just another step.</p> <p>There is a simpler way to resolve the screwed-up way it has been done in the past. The population determines the number of Representatives. A district should only cover an Area where the population resides. Ignore Political Groups. Focus on where the population lives. Stop Gerryman-dering, It is illegal and amoral.</p> <p>Next we need all of the people in this process to be grown up mature adults. I hope that is possible!</p>
12/01/2021 - 13:29	12/01/2021 - 13:29	charles carson	redistricting ld25	<p>ten ywars ago we were moved in to Ld25 Whed Mat samon retired he asked Andy Biggs tu run for congress, In his first term Mr. Bigges won by 46 votes.. In his 2nd term he won by 3%.It seems to me that tid25 is pretty evenly divided . I know you go by the head cpunt,buy not every one votes. F the object is ti even out diferant points view I think ld25 is pritty even</p>

12/01/2021 - 13:39	12/01/2021 - 13:39	Louise A. Liggett	Establishing a Solely RURAL Legislative District in Eastern AZ	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>Being robbed of our Voice in the State Legislature by the previous RC Commissioners, RURAL Arizonians have been forced to endure "Taxation Without Representation".</p> <p>Truly your IRC would be dishonest and highly irresponsible to bury our RURAL Voice again within a largely Urban District.</p> <p>RURAL AZ is not a dying way of life, but a living hope for Arizona's future. We are strong principled citizens. We are a valuable reminder of the struggles of the past: a teacher of the ways of life. We are a witness to the flaws of our forefathers and their amazing successes through ingenuity and perseverance. We are Necessary!</p> <p>Urban residents dream about leaving the city behind to visit RURAL Arizona. Tourism floods our Arizona Highways. They travel to our small towns & wilderness areas to use our roads, forests, lakes, mountains, the amenities we build & care-take so they can unwind & reconnect with nature. Our RURAL atmosphere is beautifully healing and restoring to mind, body & spirit. We are Necessary! We must be protected!</p> <p>That is why you must restore our RURAL Voice by sanctifying a truly RURAL District. You must make it happen!</p> <p>We support the RC draft map LD7 with changes that will establish a RURAL Voice. 5+Eastern Counties, RURAL & undivided.</p> <p>We also support the IRC draft map LD6 Native American District combined with Flagstaff, which are communities of interest rather than with our RURAL areas.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
12/01/2021 - 13:46	12/01/2021 - 13:46	Vivian Perry	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	The last iteration of the IRC Draft Map would result in 5 safe Republican districts in Northern Arizona. In order to achieve one competitive district, that map needs to be modified to include Sedona and Cottonwood in the same district as Flagstaff and Northeastern Arizona. The map submitted by the Navajo Nation works to do this.
12/01/2021 - 13:54	12/01/2021 - 13:54	Dorothy Leonard	Redistricting	Your criteria prohibit partisan gerrymandering. Please do the right thing; keep in mind that we need competitive districts--not "safe" ones, for democracy to work. The continuous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, US and 4th ave should remain in CD&. CD7 should include areas south of Broadway. We do not need more extreme partisanship.
12/01/2021 - 13:58	12/01/2021 - 13:58	Walter Marcus	Redistricting Process	It is hoped that the IRC will rise above partisanship and create fair and reasonable districts. Partisanship only demoralizes voters and weakens our government.
12/01/2021 - 13:59	12/01/2021 - 13:59	Karen Sue Kloter	Comment on redistricting	Please reject Commissioner Mehl's proposed gerrymandering of District 17. It does not follow the state constitution's guidelines of being contiguous with common interests. It's obvious this is done to design a Republican district. I reside in the foothills area and do not feel this will represent my interests. Do what is right and leave it according to the original design. Thank you
12/01/2021 - 14:36	12/01/2021 - 14:36	Richard H Chamberlin	LD2 redistricting	Please consider using LD map 0055 in redistricting the southern part of the state. I live in Green Valley LD2 which includes the neighboring communities of Sahuarita, Tubac and Tucson where we shop and have friends. The proposed map 10 splits Green Valley off into the extreme western border of LD21 and all the smaller Republican leaning towns to the east. This is unacceptable and violates the requirements of prop.106 which mandates keeping communities interest together.
12/01/2021 - 15:00	12/01/2021 - 15:00	Gayle Turner	Oppose Redistricting of east valley	I oppose the redistricting/remapping which would in put much of the east valley in an area of Tempe that has nothing of common interest with residents of east valley.
12/01/2021 - 15:00	12/01/2021 - 15:00	John Morgan	Redistricting	Please do the redistricting map such that LDs and the CDs are not gerrymandered to favor one party over the other.
12/01/2021 - 15:03	12/01/2021 - 15:03	Felipe Cerecedes	Quad Cities - Natural boundaries	I'm in the quad cities Prescott Valley is my community of interest. Mingus mountain is the natural, God given, pre-determined landmark that rightfully divides my worldly needs from Sedona, Verde Valley and Flagstaff. I have no interest in the policies of that area. Everything I need from the County is local and they have their own too. Best to keep them out of the Quad cities districts. Thank you.
12/01/2021 - 15:17	12/01/2021 - 15:17	Sidonia Luisa Glenn	Proposed Competitive map CDF001- Southern Arizona instead of proposed Congressional District 6 - Southern Arizona	Truly competitive district maps must include compact communities of interest! The proposed Congressional District 6 map includes the areas of Casa Grande and Eloy and most or all of Graham/Greenlee counties, which have closer ties to the social and economic(mining industry) areas of the north, and have much less in common with Southern Arizona. I have looked closely at the proposed "Competitive Map CDF001-Southern Arizona" submitted by Peggy Pena of Southern Arizona, and believe this map does a more equitable job of keeping similar communities of interest together, which promotes competitive districts and makes it possible for everyone's vote to count! Please adopt a more compact Congressional District map than the proposed Congressional District 6 map!!
12/01/2021 - 15:35	12/01/2021 - 15:35	HELEN BOYD	Compact, contiguous, and competitive area	It was a miracle when the Arizona voters passed the Proposition 106 in 2000 to assure fair redistricting, and so far it has worked. But I fear things are falling apart and the system is appearing to be rigged to assure a map has been drawn to assure a republican majority. You Commissioners have been given the job of drawing a map that gives us compact districts that are contiguous and competitive and that honor our communities of interest, without regard to partisanship. Alas you have not done this with the current map (10.0) which seems to have in mind that a political party is a community of interest. This is specifically not so as written in our Arizona Constitution. Thank you for your service.
12/01/2021 - 15:35	12/01/2021 - 15:35	Stephanie M Whittlesey	Redistricting	Don't change the boundaries of LD 3!!!!!!
12/01/2021 - 15:40	12/01/2021 - 15:40	HELEN BOYD	Redistricting meeting	The location of the final IRC meeting is inadequate to the task. The room is way too small to hold the people who are planning to come and the parking is totally inadequate. The choice of location of this commission now makes me question whether the commission is up to the onerous task the commission has before it if it fails in even this relatively small job. Please change the location so we can all get in or at least have a place to mill around outside. Also, please adhere to the standard of requiring masks be worn. You are putting everyone in danger, including yourselves, with the new omicron variant. It again puts your judgment in question.
12/01/2021 - 15:41	12/01/2021 - 15:41	Rondi Jo Habern	proposed maps	The proposed maps would group Cottonwood and Cornville with Prescott, all the way on the other side of Mingus Mountain, instead of grouping us with Sedona and Flagstaff, with whom we share cultural ties and have similar needs. Please keep the Verde Valley with Sedona and Flagstaff and split Yavapai county! County lines do not reflect communities!
12/01/2021 - 15:54	12/01/2021 - 15:54	HELEN BOYD	Redistricting meeting	I have been an Arizona resident for 50 years since college and currently live in Green Valley. As I look at the favored map (drawn by a Republican with an axe to grind), I see my community of interest concerns completely tossed aside. The map 10.0 has split Green Valley and Sahuarita in half and thrown us together with communities 2 hours to the east of us with whom we have nothing to do. We are torn apart from the people, clubs, restaurants, and other concerns against our wishes for no good reason. This goes totally against the design of the Commission as it was originally set up, to create communities of interest that are contiguous and compact and that are competitive. Pima County is a majority Democratic county and this is jerryandering at its worst. This goes against the law. The map LD0055 would be closer to the mark and I demand you throw away 10 0 and start working with LD0055. Thank you for your service, I know its a tough job.
12/01/2021 - 16:05	12/01/2021 - 16:05	HELEN BOYD	Redistricting meeting and jerryandering	I was proud to be an Arizonan of 40 years in 2000 when we passed Proposition 106 and outlawed jerryandering. We were a leader in the country when we did this. But I'm watching in horror as I see you five, including the Independent whom I have heretofore admired, and the two Democrats who seem to have taken a back seat to the Republicans and letting them turn everything over. I wonder if you five have forgotten that a political party is not a community of interest under any circumstances. Ever. What you are doing here will last for ten years or possibly longer if you get it wrong. Please get serious about what you're doing.

12/01/2021 - 16:11	12/01/2021 - 16:11	Joan Ann Murphy	Proposed Change of CD2 to CD6	<p>I live in Sierra Vista where I have resided on and off over the years. I previously worked at Ft Huachuca and still utilize some of the facilities there. I am opposed to changing CD2 to CD6 and much prefer the Competitive Congressional District of Southern AZ - (CDF001).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CDF001 takes in Ft Huachuca, Davis Monthan, the U of A and those things that people here have in common whether being in the military, federal civilian employees or retirees thereof. 2. CDF001 keeps the area more contiguous, more competitive and reflects the interests of the eastern part of Tucson and Southern Arizona (many of us travel to Tucson continually for medical care, shopping and recreation). Certainly the suburban area of Sierra Vista has much more in common with eastern Tucson than with rural Greenlee, Graham and Pinal Counties. 3. CDF001 will be a more manageable area for candidates who will later represent us.
12/01/2021 - 16:13	12/01/2021 - 16:13	HELEN BOYD	District 17	<p>I request 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. Those areas are hardly contiguous given there are mountains in between. Also the contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, U of A, and 4th Avenue should remain in CD7. CD7 should also contain areas south of Broadway so that Latinos maintain voting strength in their communities of interest. It seems the new areas have been drawn to break up any possibility of any Democratic strengths and assure Republican wins, which is NOT the job of the Commission. Your job is to assure voting Fairness. This is why the Arizona voters voted in Proposition 106 into the Arizona Constitution in the first place. Please honor it!!!!!!</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:20	12/01/2021 - 16:20	Connie Danielle Kruger	Redistricting maps	<p>Please do not split the East valley legislative lines into groups that have little in common (ie ASU students group with retirement communities). Splitting Gilbert into 5 legislative districts will adversely affect neighborhoods that currently share the same family values.</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:31	12/01/2021 - 16:31	Dieter A Knecht	Draft map legislative districts create large Republican advantage	<p>In the 2020 national election, the vote in Arizona was very close - President Trump lost by only about 10,000 votes out of over 3 million votes, or 0.3%. The Senate races were won by Democrats Mark Kelly and Kirsten Sinema by a narrow margin of only a few percent.</p> <p>In your Draft Map, of the 30 proposed state legislative districts, fifteen have uniformly elected Republican candidates by an average of 17% voter advantage; thirteen have uniformly elected Democratic candidates by an average of 30% voter advantage; the remaining two are truly competitive by 0 5-3%.</p> <p>Two conclusions can be drawn from these numbers. Such legislative district maps have put Democratic voters to a disadvantage in the past and will continue to do so under the legislative districts shown in the Draft map:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)The average Republican voter advantage of 17% in the fifteen Republican districts is almost one-half as much as the average Democratic voter advantage of 30% in the thirteen Democratic districts. This implies that there are on the average twice as many Democrats packed in their respective districts compared to the average number of Republicans packed in their districts, and an average of twice as many Democrats than Republicans are removed from having an effective electoral voice in the state, thus increasing the overall Republican gains. 2)With the current voter distribution shown in the Draft map legislative districts, it appears that Democrats could win at most 15 out of 30 legislative districts if they win in the two competitive districts, thus perpetuating one-party rule in the state. The safe districts also will result in the election of extremist candidates since in the safe districts the party primary will determine the election result. Our legislators will then be chosen by a low number of voters that tend to be more extremist than the average voter in Arizona. <p>Yet in Arizona as a whole, Democratic and Republican voters are within only a few percentage points as shown in the results for the Presidential and US Senate races.</p> <p>So why does it seem so difficult to create Legislative Districts that are more competitive? The Coconino Board of Supervisors solved this problem in Northern Arizona by converting the highly non-competitive districts LD5 (28% Republican advantage), LD6 (42% Democratic advantage), and LD7 (30% Republican advantage) into new competitive districts LDF 050 and 051 that reduce either party's advantage to less than one percent.</p> <p>By using available sophisticated software, Arizona's independent redistricting commission, RC, can create more equitable legislative districts in the state that would have a voter spread within the desired 4-7% and even down to 1% as in LDF 050 and 051.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to do this. Otherwise, I fear we will have ten more years of increasingly extremist representatives and senators in Arizona with the possible consequences of more Cyber Ninjas or outside actors showing up in the future.</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:37	12/01/2021 - 16:37	Carol S Wilson	Redistricting	<p>I write to make comments about the plans for redistricting in Arizona and specifically in Pima County. I request that District 17 include the compact, contiguous area from Marana to the Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes. It should NOT include the Far East side, including Tanque Verde, Vail and the Houghton corridor. The Eastside do not fit the criteria the IRC should be considering of communities of interest and common concerns. The IRC criteria prohibits partisan gerrymandering, which appears to be at the heart of the suggested reconfiguration suggested by Commissioner David Mehl. As a resident of the Eastside of Tucson, I oppose Commissioner Mehl's proposal and remind the IRC of the criteria that should be utilized in the decision making process.</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:39	12/01/2021 - 16:39	Sue Kroeger	Redistricting	<p>Please be reminded that your criteria prohibit partisan gerrymandering. What you are proposing for Pima County is mind-boggling, worrisome, and wrong. You have no legitimate rationale for what you are proposing.</p> <p>District 17 should 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. The contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, UA, and Fourth Avenue, should remain in CD7 and should include areas south of Broadway, so that Latinos maintain voting strength in their communities of interest.</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:40	12/01/2021 - 16:40	Nora Walker	I would like to speak at the 12/2 meeting in Mesa.	<p>I would like to speak at the 12/2 meeting in Mesa. -Nora Walker</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:46	12/01/2021 - 16:46	Pamela Goodmansen	Redistricting	<p>I live in Gilbert Arizona and do not want the redistricting lines to change to what has been proposed. It makes no sense that residents of Leisure World and Sun Lakes would be grouped with ASU students while, simultaneously, neighbors sharing the same family values in Gilbert would be unnecessarily separated.</p> <p>Similarly, the draft legislative lines would split Gilbert into 5 legislative districts and would separate educational and religious communities of interest in Chandler, Mesa, Queen Creek. This dramatically dilutes the voice of East Valley residents at the State Legislature.</p> <p>I believe that the lines should be drawn around the individual cities so each city can remain intact as much as possible. It is wrong to split cities into fractional pieces.</p>

12/01/2021 - 16:46	12/01/2021 - 16:46	Klara Cserny	The Sinister Gerrymander & The Independent (in Name Only) Redistricting Commission	<p>The Sinister Gerrymander & The Independent (in Name Only) Redistricting Commission</p> <p>It is truly sad to see the misbegotten mess that has been made of what was supposed to be a fair, unbiased, and un-influenced-by-political-issues redistricting process. No, not just sad - it is appalling, disheartening and serves only to further polarize the people. I fail to see why any districts, whether congressional or legislative, have to be drawn so as to be "safe" for any one party or ideology. Should they not all be competitive? Since when has the job of something called an "Independent Redistricting Commission" become making the districts safe for any one entity? That used to be the way things were done when the legislature was drawing the maps. I used to think "thank goodness that was taken out of the hands of partisan hacks". But apparently it was only to turn it over to people who are influenced by, and take the recommendations of, biased business interests and civilian party hacks. Very disappointing.</p> <p>From what I have read, there was a perfectly good, fair version of the map, for which you are to be commended, but then along came a group of business "leaders" with a different proposed map that pushed the districts to lean Republican, and you guys couldn't wait to fall in line and put that forward as your final version.</p> <p>What happened to make the one Independent on the Commission agree to this? Was there no disagreement expressed by either of the two Democrats? If not, why not? If yes, why did the "Independent" Chair not conduct discussions of the matter? Why were the authors of the map not questioned as to their motives?</p> <p>So many questions, which will probably never be answered, and we will be stuck for the next ten years with an unwanted, partisan Sinister Gerrymander.</p> <p>What a travesty!</p>
12/01/2021 - 16:48	12/01/2021 - 16:48	Joan J Mason	Concerns around new maps	<p>I am concerned that there is no plan for public comment while the final map is being developed. I think the public deserves a system for making comments on all phases of the redistricting process.</p> <p>I am also concerned that many individual districts are not competitive. The overall lack of competitiveness within districts creates a race to the extremes and dysfunction; it undermines our Democracy. I want to have healthy debate among candidates of all parties before I decide whom to vote for. It should not be a foregone conclusion that a certain party will win. Also, competitive districts encourage voter participation which is suppressed when outcomes are predictable; they also ensure that voters weigh in on down ballot races like school boards. Currently there are only two truly competitive districts, LD 2 and LD 4. Two districts favor Democrats in 8 of the 9 measured elections: one favors Republicans.</p> <p>I am also concerned that discussions around communities of interest are not public. The commission should clearly define what communities of interest they are keeping together. A political party is NOT a legitimate community of interest.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my concerns.</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:04	12/01/2021 - 17:04	James Flynn	Redistricting	<p>My name is James Flynn, I live in Hereford, AZ and am writing to you today because I'm very upset with the new congressional district that is being proposed (CD6) in my area. I'm dumbfounded that we will be grouped with Greenlee and Graham Counties with which we have nothing in common. I'm much more in favor of the CDF001 map which would keep district lines similar to what they are now while including changes in population. While the majority of Cochise County is rural, we have nothing to do with mining and because we are agricultural/suburban/military we have much more concern with controlled growth, water management, keeping the military & government contractors in our area. I've reviewed the proposed CD6 map and the proposed CDF001 map and find the CDF001 map much more fair and if the Independent Redistricting Commission is truly an independent entity than I can't see how they can even consider the proposed C6 map as it stands.</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:07	12/01/2021 - 17:07	Nancy Pfafflin	Redistricting maps	<p>As a citizen actively engaged in following and participating in both state and federal legislative processes, I have been very proud of and grateful for the work of Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission. This year I have some concerns about the maps which are currently being considered, due to few competitive districts. I urge the Commission to revise the current maps so that District 17 includes the compact, contiguous and competitive area from Marana to the Foothills, including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes (my neighborhood), and leaving Vail, the Houghton Corridor, and Tanque Verde in the eastern districts. I also urge revision to keep the contiguous communities of interest in downtown Tucson, UA, and Fourth Avenue, including areas south of Broadway, in CD7. Thank you for your work and your consideration of my views.</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:29	12/01/2021 - 17:29	Shanna Hunt	draft congressional lines	<p>Hello, my name is Shanna Hunt, I live in Maricopa County and I would like to share information about my community of interest.</p> <p>We have lived in Gilbert for 18 years. We have a Gilbert address, we attend a Gilbert church, we shop mostly in Gilbert, our healthcare providers and clinics are in Gilbert, we vote for Gilbert town council, we vote for Gilbert school board, we bank in Gilbert.</p> <p>The proposed legislative district map has Gilbert dissected into 5 pieces. This does not represent my community of interest! We do not associate with Chandler, Tempe, or Mesa schools, churches, town council, school board, shopping, medical needs, bank, etc. Our community of interest is split 5 ways! We want our legislative district to include all of Gilbert to keep our city whole!</p> <p>Our congressional district should also be whole with Gilbert in a single CD. The proposed congressional district map divides Gilbert into both CD4 and CD5. Please keep Gilbert and Mesa together in CD5 within Maricopa County. That will represent our community of interest.</p> <p>We choose Gilbert as our home because at the time we moved here it was a strong religious family community. We want Gilbert to reflect our community of interest. We want our legislative district and our congressional district to reflect our community of interest here in Gilbert. We want to keep our city whole.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:36	12/01/2021 - 17:36	Stephen Lloyd Dobrawa	Support of IRC Plan 10.2	<p>As a resident of Payson AZ I request that you do not make any additional changes to the existing Plan 10.2. Proposed changes to this plan would effectively disenfranchise the rural vote as the majority (if not all) of the rural voters do not have common interests with the Native American District. They have unique needs that are significantly different from those of us who live in Payson and other rural towns.</p>

12/01/2021 - 17:54	12/01/2021 - 17:54	Cassandra Dawn Dakan	Draft Congressional Map	<p>Arizona and Northern AZ need and deserve fair and competitive district maps to ensure that voting in our state over the next decade does not favor a single party, does not disenfranchise individual voters or communities of voters, or discourage any voter from participation in fair elections. The draft map as presented is not true to constitutional mandate to draw an updated census based map that ensures that the best candidates from all parties who want to serve are put forth, and that local voters are not thwarted or unmotivated to vote, or held back by any sense of unethical gerrymandering. Voting matters, and Arizona cannot afford to discourage voters, citizens who lose faith in the voting process due, in the case of the proposed mapping, to packed districts, or districts that have been given special treatment in the redistricting process, a process that should remain free of any partisan influence. The RC must go back to the drawing board and consider the weaknesses of the draft map and do better in a new version, for AZ citizens, its voters, and all future candidates who want to serve AZ communities.</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:54	12/01/2021 - 17:54	Jennifer Dawson	Dec. 4 IRC public hearing	<p>Please change the current venue for the Dec. 4 hearing (the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at the airport) .</p> <p>The meeting room only holds 200 people, and the hotel only has 125 parking spaces.</p> <p>Given the turnout at past RC hearings in Tucson, and the controversy over proposed LD17, there could easily be a total of 300-600 people showing up for the hearing. Tucsonans deserve a chance to be heard, and that requires a adequate venue for the anticipated turnout.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:59	12/01/2021 - 17:59	Deydrek Scott	Please adopt Coconino County Maps.	<p>Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission 1110 W Washington St. Ste. 127 Phoenix, AZ 85007</p> <p>December 1, 2021</p> <p>Dear Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>Thank you for your service to Arizona as you work through the process of redistricting and implementing the intent of Proposition 106. Your work is important to our democracy and ensuring Native American Communities have good representation.</p> <p>COV D-19 has greatly impacted Native American communities and our ability to participate at the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's meetings. Our communities face the additional challenge of access to reliable internet and phone connectivity. With limited connectivity it is a challenge to participate in virtual meetings and hearings.</p> <p>I'm writing to support Coconino County's map, #LDF051 meets the goals of Native American communities having a majority-minority district and would allow us residents in Native American communities to elect a candidate of our choice.</p> <p>Competitiveness is a significant issue and adopting #LDF050 and #LDF051 is a significant improvement over the version adopted as final draft legislative map 10.0. I ask that you please revise the final draft legislative map 10 0</p> <p>Thank you for your work on behalf of all Arizonians,</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Deydrek Scott</p>
12/01/2021 - 17:59	12/01/2021 - 17:59	Jill Hamilton	Draft proposal redistricting	<p>Hello IRC,</p> <p>My name is Jill Hamilton. My husband and I have lived and worked in Cochise County for 29 years. We both have worked for governmental and private entities and have spent years building ties among communities within our region.</p> <p>Seeing the draft map for redistricting concerns me greatly. To be blunt, I see it as chopping up needed human connections by apparently breaking up and gluing together disparate rural areas of the state. Two of those important connections of which I am most familiar are of health care entities and higher education.</p> <p>I would first address the connections critically important in the provision of health care. The resource for referral and emergency care and outreach is the corridor between health care providers and hospitals in Cochise County and those in Tucson. The map changing of that to Pinal, Graham and Greenlee counties breaks that flow. Those counties have their own ties for level one providers, emergency and non emergency connections therefore the threads of common interest will be broken if our representatives have such a large and unconnected physical and common interest mass to represent.</p> <p>The next concern I have are the areas of overlap among Cochise College and University of Arizona South and Pima County. It is apparent that both have common needs when it comes to constituents in both counties. Not only constituents but a daily traverse of students, faculty and staff who live in each county and commute. (As do many civil servants and military with connections to Ft. Huachuca). SE Pima County and Cochise Cochise County, Sierra Vista and Tucson have so many intertwined common interests which our elected leaders must address. So to that need I strongly object to the draft map and strongly support the proposed CDF001.</p> <p>Jill Hamilton</p>
12/01/2021 - 18:06	12/01/2021 - 18:06	Jennifer Dawson	District 17 and LD test map 9.2	<p>Mehl's district D17 in LD Test Maps v9.1 & v9.2 violates several redistricting criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It ignores "communities of interest", and purposefully splits Tanque Verde from the parts of Tucson where Tanque Verde residents are most likely to work, shop, worship and socialize. 2. It makes a mockery of the constitutional goal of using geographical features as district boundaries. District17 is really two geographically separate areas divided by an unpopulated and roadless portion of Catalina Mountains. This may be the only district on the LD map where you would have to leave the district and drive over 45 minutes to get from one population center to another. 3. It is neither fair nor balanced. t was created (and publicly admitted) to provide a "safe"Republican district in the Tucson area. The Arizona Constitution does not have that as a legitimate redistricting goal. <p>The IRC would do much better to approve LD map 9.0. It fulfills the necessary legal and Constitutional criteria.</p>

12/01/2021 - 18:23	12/01/2021 - 18:23	April Newman	Redistricting Comment - CD2	<p>Hello, my name is April Newman. I reside in Cochise County, just outside Sierra Vista city limits. Originally from Texas, I attended U of A in Tucson in the mid-late 1970's & fell in love with the state of Arizona. Due to my career I needed to relocate but vowed to return & did so upon my retirement in 2018. I selected the beautiful area near the San Pedro surrounded by the gorgeous Huachucas & Mule mountains. I volunteer in my community & have dedicated myself to protecting Cochise County's water, wildlife & the San Pedro. I am urging the redistricting committee to maintain the CDF001 map as it keeps Cochise County whole, contiguous and competitive. The suggested redistricting map will split up our county & I strongly am against lumping part of us in with Graham, Greenlee or Pinal County. Cochise County has strong ties to Tucson but I see little to no relationship with our communities & businesses/residents in Graham, Greenlee & Pinal.</p> <p>Sierra Vista, our largest town, has many residents that commute to work in Tucson as well as Tucson is our go-to for major shopping & entertainment, not to mention our community's ties to Tucson via Cochise College & UA South. We are connected emotionally & economically! Please, please vote for CDF001 as the new district map. Thank you!</p>
12/01/2021 - 18:37	12/01/2021 - 18:37	Karen Beckers	Redistricting	<p>I am a retiree who has lived in Sierra Vista for 21 years. My career was spent in educational administration in Wisconsin. I attempt to keep abreast of what's going on in my home state of AZ. The CDF001 maps seems to be much more reasonable in terms of keeping the districts competitive yet allowing for population changes. To change boundaries makes no sense, especially when it results in less competitive areas. What's the point? Sierra Vista and Cochise County have little in common with Safford and Morenci. I would wager that a high percentage of people in SV have never been to those communities and feel no connection to them. I really like the CDF001 map. Nice and compact and reasonable. Please opt to accept it!</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration of my opinion! Karen Beckers.</p>
12/01/2021 - 18:42	12/01/2021 - 18:42	Patricia Figueroa	LD district maps	<p>Gerrymandering weakens democracy. Please do not let these maps stand. We need our districts to stay as they are. We do not want to be part of Phoenix or Maricopa county. Republicans want to control all of the state which will eliminate all competition. If you are truly independent then do the right thing and don't stack the deck for any one party. Thank you.</p>
12/01/2021 - 18:56	12/01/2021 - 18:56	Stephanie Holbrook	Communities of Interest	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I live in LD22 at 91st and Beardsley in Peoria. According to the new Draft Map, it looks like my new district is going to be in LD28 that including Wickenburg.</p> <p>I live in a suburban area, Wickenburg is a rural area. We do not have the same property and education interests.</p>
12/01/2021 - 19:00	12/01/2021 - 19:00	Ann Rae Heitland	Rural Voice	<p>It's incredible (utterly not credible) for folks to argue that the 2011 maps took away "the voice of rural Arizona." Sylvia Allen, Walter Blackman, Brenda Barton are all from those eastern rural towns and monopolized the competitive district LD6 until radical Republican Wendy Rogers moved from Tempe to Flagstaff and out-Trumped Allen in the primary and went on to win the General, with votes mostly from the rural parts of the district.</p>
12/01/2021 - 19:08	12/01/2021 - 19:08	KAREN WOOD	Redistricting lines in the East Valley	<p>It comes to my attention that proposed new lines would be a huge detriment to my community. I have lived in Gilbert for 26 years. During that time, we have forged DEEP roots with our community. Church, neighborhood friends and families, charities I commit to, and help out. We have for 26 years, tried very hard to forge these deep roots. Retirement communities in Mesa being forged into a group with ASU communities do NOTHING to bring the communities together. Deep-rooted beliefs and values would be in conflict and only act to cause confusion and disenfranchisement of both groups. PLEASE keep our communities as they are. WE THE PEOPLE who live in these communities should have a huge impact on decisions such as these. Isn't there enough contention and division?</p>
12/01/2021 - 19:33	12/01/2021 - 19:33	Lisa Green	Proposed LD 6, LD7 AND CD2 maps	<p>I hear concerns from the Native American voters regarding the proposed CD2, LD6 & LD7 maps that they don't want to be in a district where a political candidate doesn't have to work for their vote.</p> <p>The current Legislative District 7 is already a district where the current AZ State Senator and AZ State Representatives didn't work for my vote.</p> <p>With LD7 being 64% Native vote, it is nearly impossible for a Republican candidate to be elected. (In fact, some candidates have been known to change party affiliation just to have a chance at winning an election.)</p> <p>The LD 7 current AZ State Senator and both AZ State Representatives, all Democrat Native Americans, didn't campaign for office before their election in 2020. They refused to debate the Republican candidates and don't respond to voters who don't live on the Reservations. They didn't work for my vote and they KNEW they didn't have to work for my vote to be elected.</p> <p>The current LD7 map is a blessing, giving my community of interest the opportunity to elect leadership who care about our community concerns.</p> <p>I support the proposed LD6 map because it will give the Native American Voters the opportunity to be loudly heard regarding their vote!</p> <p>Thank you for the time spent on these redistricting maps.</p>
12/01/2021 - 19:38	12/01/2021 - 19:38	Shelly Gordon-Gray	Comment on LD25 redrawn map	<p>My name is Shelly Gordon-Gray. I live in the Hohokam Park precinct in Mesa and have served as a precinct committee volunteer in my district for the past 2.5 years. I would like to recommend the following revisions to the new LD25 district map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The current LD25 and LD26 separate our Latinx community in Mesa by having Gilbert Road as the dividing line •Version 10 of the current RC draft maps (and its variants) have the dividing line again at Gilbert Road, even though earlier versions by the current RC had Mesa splitting between east and west down Lindsay or Val Vista Roads instead •Moving the east/west dividing line further east from Gilbert Road toward Lindsay and Val Vista Roads would also create the space needed to have fewer Gilbert precincts included in predominantly Mesa legislative districts. This would also stop the new LD9, which is proposed to cover west Mesa and a small part of north Gilbert, from crossing into school districts other than Mesa Public Schools, another "community" whose interests are important to consider.
12/01/2021 - 20:32	12/01/2021 - 20:32	Kent Winterton & Cinda Winterton	Redistricting	<p>Please DO NOT divide Gilbert into 5 districts as proposed! Please keep our community of interest in tact with Baseline and Arizona Avenue as the further most North and West boundaries. Do not extend into Tempe and Awhatukee.</p> <p>We have lived in Gilbert for 48 YEARS and have raised 6 children on the same property. Our roots are here! We pay taxes and spend our money locally. Our values and the values of our neighbors are very much the same and we don't want our voice divided.</p> <p>PLEASE keep our community of interest in tact!! We deserve that consideration.</p> <p>Respectfully, Kent and Cinda Winterton</p>
12/01/2021 - 20:50	12/01/2021 - 20:50	Stephen Nelson	Redistricting	<p>Please do not redistrict the State of Arizona in order to consolidate and benefit Republican Party voters.</p>
12/01/2021 - 20:52	12/01/2021 - 20:52	LORRA NE CRAWFORD	District 17	<p>Hello.</p> <p>I live in the Tanque Verde area and am concerned about partisan gerrymandering. Please keep Tanque Verde, Houghton Corridor and Vail in the eastern legislative districts and Marana, the Foothills including Oro Valley and Casas Adobes in a compact, contiguous and competitive District 17. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

12/01/2021 - 20:59	12/01/2021 - 20:59	Steven Oscherwitz, MD	District 17	<p>I am concerned my interests as a community health professional and county health advocate would not be represented if District 17 includes the east side of Tucson (Tanque Verde, Houghton Corridor and Vail). If these areas were included, the new district would not by definition be compact, contiguous and competitive.</p> <p>Sincerely, Steven Oscherwitz, MD Infectious Disease</p>
12/01/2021 - 21:22	12/01/2021 - 21:22	Bo Peng	Comment about Legislative Draft Map	<p>Dear RC members,</p> <p>My name is Bo Peng. I live near the SW corner of Elliot Rd and Cooper Rd in Gilbert. In the Approved Legislative Draft Map, my location is in the right pan-handle area of proposed Legislative District 12.</p> <p>I am writing to you because I believe the assignment of this pan-handle area is very unreasonable. This narrow area, according to the draft map, has been separated from the majority of the City of Gilbert and Gilbert Unified School District.</p> <p>In addition, It also split us from the natural community we are living in. For example, my daughter is enrolled into Chandler Traditional Academy (Liberty Campus, located near NW corner of Chandler Blvd and Gilbert Rd) through open enrollment. Most of my friends in town live in south Gilbert or east Chandler. I go to a church which is will soon move to Greenfield Rd between Queen Creek Rd and Ocotillo Rd. My family likes to go to Tumbleweed Park, Veterans Oasis Park and Gilbert Regional Park. We also shop in Santan Village area. As you can see, we are much more connected to the areas assigned to proposed LD 13 and part of LD 14. The current assignment to LD 12, however, combines our area with a large chunk of area to the west of Loop 101. We do not often visit that area and feel much less connected to that area.</p> <p>Therefore, I'm hoping you can consider merging this pan-handle area, at least the part belonging to Gilbert (East of Arizona Ave), to proposed LD 13, which covers most of our natural community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bo Peng</p>
12/01/2021 - 21:59	12/01/2021 - 21:59	Gabe Schulteis	12/1 meeting	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I spoke tonight representing the youth of Payson. I appreciate you hearing me, as I discussed my concerns for the social economic impact of the Navajo communities. As an advocate for the youth and as an Order of the Arrow board member, I consider all parties without politics. I want to clarify that I support the current RC 10 2 map. Out of respect for both rural communities AND the Navajo nation, I do not want Gila to be combined with the Navajo Nation. I would like to clarify my support of the CD2 map as well.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/01/2021 - 22:01	12/01/2021 - 22:01	Kathy Wagner	Draft Map 10.0	<p>Comments from the Commissioners suggest you think LD 13 is perfect being compact and square. However, this new district 13 takes the former LD 17 which was somewhat competitive into a district that is much less competitive. In the current LD 17 there are 9,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats. In the new LD 13 there will be 14,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats. It is not perfect because it will be a much less competitive district! You are also dividing up the Latino community in Chandler and they are a community of interest that should not be divided. The citizen map LDF034 is a much better map. It keeps the Latino community of interest as well as Chandler's downtown community and the Airport community of interest together. Please reconsider LD 13.</p>
12/01/2021 - 22:07	12/01/2021 - 22:07	Gene Thomas	Redistricting	<p>We definitely oppose the redistricting, as planned for Mesa and Gilbert. Please reconsider h</p>
12/01/2021 - 22:39	12/01/2021 - 22:39	Sarah M Roberts	Re: Proposed legislative and congressional maps	<p>Hello, I am writing to 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. Your criteria prohibits partisan gerrymandering. And I request that the contiguous communities in downtown Tucson, UA, and Fourth Ave remain in CD7 which should also include areas south of Broadway to maintain voting strength in communities of interest. Thank you very much. Sarah M. Roberts</p>
12/01/2021 - 22:56	12/01/2021 - 22:56	Adele Drumlevitch	Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) - Comment on Proposed Change to CD2 map	<p>I am Adele Drumlevitch. I am a self-employed lawyer. I have an office and live in Sierra Vista, Cochise County, AZ. I routinely travel to various courts in various cities in Cochise County.</p> <p>I have worked in Cochise County for almost 23.5 years. I came to Sierra Vista from Tucson to work at a private law firm. I have operated my own law firm since 2005. I moved my family to Sierra Vista 21 years ago – in 2000. My children attended elementary, junior high, and high school in Sierra Vista. I ran for judge two times since I resided in Cochise County (one time for Superior Court and one time for Justice of the Peace Precinct 5). I did not win either election, but I did find running for office to be a valuable and rewarding life experience and socially responsible and a "duty" to participate in the election process.</p> <p>I favor the Competitive Congressional District—Southern Arizona map : CDF001. CDF001 will preserve the vitality and "spirit" of Cochise County as a whole. It lends itself to keeping the geographical area "compact", and keeps Cochise County competitive. The proposed change from the current CD2 map to the proposed CD6 would be detrimental to Cochise County since CD 6 includes most of Graham County, all of Greenlee County and portions of Pima and Pinal Counties. There are many Communities of Interest (COI) which the IRC should consider when contemplating redistricting "the map" for the Congressional District, and changing it from the CD2 map to CDF001 (rather than to CD 6). I present some that I believe are most noteworthy and/or impact my business or my clients.</p> <p>Tucson and eastern Pima County have particular border-related concerns. This includes the negatives such as crime related to international illegal drug and human smuggling trade and the positives such as trade and commerce for local businesses and the ports of entry. This issues do not present (much) in Graham, Greenlee or Pinal Counties. Cochise County is not "like" Graham and Greenlee Counties. Many workers in Safford, Morenci, Clifton, and Duncan and other places in Graham and Greenlee are employed by mines in Morenci. The paychecks of the mining workers has a trickle down to other workers who provide services for those workers and their families. There is minimal mining now in Cochise County.</p> <p>Cochise County brings in tourists and permanent and temporary workers for attractions such as "Wild West" locations including historic Tombstone ("The town too tough to die") and historic Bisbee, Fort Huachuca in Sierra Vista – both military and government contractors, birding (Sierra Vista IS the "Hummingbird Capital of the World"), and tourist and commerce border crossing to Mexico through Douglas and Naco. These are unique to Cochise County, and there is nothing similar in Graham and Greenlee and Pinal counties.</p> <p>I thank the RC for considering my comments: Do not redistrict the CD2 map to CD 6, but rather to Competitive Congressional District—Southern Arizona CDF001 map.</p>

12/01/2021 - 23:53	12/01/2021 - 23:53	Iris J Adler	IRC Plan CDF001	<p>My name is Iris J Adler. I live in Rancho Carmela Estates in Cochise County. I am a retired Clinical Social Worker and worked on Fort Huachuca for Family Advocacy from 1995 to 2015. I am also a conservationist and support many organizations to prevent/change climate change. My husband is deceased.</p> <p>I favor the CDF001 map for redistricting over the RC's current draft map. This map (CDF001) keeps Cochise County whole and competitive. I want to address the Communities of Interest in this new map:</p> <p>One community of interest is Fort Huachuca in Cochise County and Davis Monthan Air Force Base. I worked at FT Huachuca for 20 years and know others who are still employed there and others who have retired as I have. I also live quite close to FT Huachuca. I have similar retiree concerns with those who have retired from FT Huachuca. I also shop and have financial dealings with local banks and nearby businesses, as well as in Tucson (Pima County).</p> <p>The synergy between Sierra Vista and other parts of Cochise County is much stronger with Tucson (Pima County) than any ties with Pinal, Graham or Greenlee Counties. Actually, I have nothing in common with those living in the latter Counties and have never visited there. I shop and get medical attention from stores and physicians in Tucson. Yesterday I had a heart scan (CTA) at Banner Hospital. I also have a subscription to Broadway in Tucson, and recently saw their opening show of Hamilton! My friends and I like to eat at various ethnic restaurants in Tucson.</p> <p>I see Sierra Vista as a "suburb" of Tucson, with Highway 90 being the primary connector road. These are definitely communities of interest, and these areas should not be split up. I have also volunteered at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and traveled there weekly for about 25 years. I enjoyed that a lot!</p> <p>Therefore, I recommend heartily you consider the Competitive Congressional District-Southern Arizona (CDF001) map to be more appropriate for our area. This new map has also taken into account population changes in our area.</p> <p>Thank you for your assistance in this matter.</p>
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