

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
12/16/2021 - 04:33	Brenda Dickinson	Adopt LD 12.1.1 Map	It is imperative that we keep Yavapai County whole and adopt the LD 12.1.1 map. As a County, we have worked hard to maintain the Upper Verde River Valley Watershed with a coalition which was organized in 2007 to preserve the vitality, health and future flows of the Upper Verde River in Yavapai County. In 1999, the USGS and ADWR formed the Rural Watershed Initiative that addresses water supply issues in rural Arizona. Yavapai County became a stakeholder in 2001, recognizing that adequate water resources are critical to the quality of life and economic well-being of residents living in the upper and middle Verde River Watershed area, as well as preserving wildlife and recreation in this area. I agree that the vast majority of the Verde Valley more closely aligns with the rest of Yavapai County due to shared resources such as Yavapai College, the Yavapai County Free Library Network, the County Jail, law enforcement, among other resources, and our taxes have paid for all of this. The Central Arizona Fire and Medical Authority (CAFMA) also covers 365 square miles of Yavapai County from the head of the Verde River to Highland Pines. We also work together for the homeless in Yavapai County with the Verde Valley Homeless Coalition, the Coalition for Compassion and Justice, the United Way of Yavapai County and numerous other groups on the Collective Impact Partnership. We are a community with mutual interests and concerns. Through joint partnership with Sedona we fight illegal drug infiltration and sex-trafficking in our communities. We focus on keeping our communities rural with outdoor activities, county fairs, local parades, shared health care facilities, as well as maintaining our mutual infrastructure and roads. We do not share these interests and resources with Maricopa and Coconino counties. Commissioner Neuberg, please consider keeping Yavapai County whole. Thank you.
12/16/2021 - 05:00	Gail A. Digate	LD 5, 6, 7	Move Flagstaff from LD6 (Native Tribal District) to LD7 with Flagstaff suburbs. Keep Sedona intact. I live in the Coconino portion of Sedona and consider my community of interest to be Flagstaff, not Prescott and Prescott Valley. Fair and competitive maps are what voters approved in Proposition 106 and fair and competitive maps are what Arizona voters deserve from the work of the IRC. Please remember that competitive maps protect voters against extremism, encourage and support bipartisan cooperation, produce better quality candidates, result in elected officials who are responsive to their constituents, and yield a greater level of civic engagement.
12/16/2021 - 05:04	James Nicholas Digate	Final Decisions regarding LD 5, 6, and 7	I live in Sedona, the portion that is in Coconino County. I do not feel an affiliation with Prescott and Prescott Valley – these are NOT my communities of interest. I support moving Flagstaff from LD6 (Native Tribal District) to LD7 with Flagstaff suburbs. I request that Sedona remain intact. Fair and competitive maps are what voters approved in Proposition 106 and fair and competitive maps are what Arizona voters deserve from the work of the IRC. Please remember that competitive maps protect voters against extremism, encourage and support bipartisan cooperation, produce better quality candidates, result in elected officials who are responsive to their constituents, and yield a greater level of civic engagement.
12/16/2021 - 05:25	Alison Hastert	Redistricting Map Choice	I am a resident of Yavapai County and much prefer redistricting map 12.1.1 which keeps all of Yavapai County together, particularly the Verde watershed. Thank you.

12/16/2021 - 05:50	Virginia Dotson	Map comments for CD2, LD5, LD6, LD7	<p>CD2 in Test Map Version 8.1 needs further improvements. Please continue making this district more competitive so that the large Native American population in the 14 Tribal Nations will have a chance to elect a candidate of their choosing. Please do not cancel out their votes by including too many areas that vote extreme-right. Version 8.1 is still showing Republicans winning 9 out of 9 test elections, which is too high for this community. I ask you to consider some of the features of Citizen Map CDF010 to make the district fair. You could do this by taking out Yavapai County west of Mingus Mountain. CD2 will need to comply with the Voting Rights Act--preferably on the first try--or the DOJ may intervene.</p> <p>For northeastern Arizona Legislative districts, I strongly support Commissioner Lerner's proposal to move the Verde Valley into LD7, and Wickenburg into LD5. These districts would better represent their communities if they were somewhat competitive. Rural Arizona is not solid red: we have a lot of Independents and Democrats who deserve representation as well.</p> <p>The Test Map for LD6, the Native American Voting Rights Act district, should exclude Flagstaff. This change would allow the Native American population the opportunity to elect candidates whom they choose to fairly represent them, per the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:12	Dianne Coscarelli	IRC Legacy	<p>Thank you Commissioners for working hard to meet the goals of Prop 106 in defining districts for the next decade. You are making weighty decisions that will affect those who today are as young as eight-years-old. Many of our children and grandchildren will be voting for the first time in the districts you create. We trust you will leave these future voters, as well as retirees and everyone else in between, your legacy that includes vibrant, competitive districts where their voices will matter.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:14	Kimberly Martin	Keep Map 12.1.1	<p>Please keep Yavapai county together.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:17	Pat Boyd	Redistricting	<p>I support LD17 map 9.0 which mirrors the Democratic, Republican, and Independent voters of Arizona. I strongly oppose Map 10 that is outrageously advantageous to the Republican Party and represents unfair and unethical political gerrymandering.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:19	Dianne Coscarelli	Native American Interests	<p>Thank you Chair Neuberg for expressing that you are sympathetic to the Native American concerns about their opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:40	Dianne Coscarelli	CDs 6 and 7; Tucson Boundary	<p>Please listen to Mayor Romero who requests the boundary between CDs 6 and 7 be at Campbell Avenue north of Broadway Road in order to keep downtown and the university together. Commissioner Mehl wants it two miles to the east at Alvernon arguing that area is totally a university area. But as any Tucsonian would say: That is really stretching it. Following his logic would suggest that most of the City of Tucson is a university area! Commissioner Mehl's position raises suspicions that he is trying to pack more Democratic areas into CD 7 to free up CD 6 for more Republican areas.</p>
12/16/2021 - 07:59	Denise G. Link	Redistricting decisions for Phoenix	<p>I have lived in Phoenix for over 20 years and I am a precinct committee person for legislative district 24 and reside in the current Congressional district 7. As a large metropolitan area, Phoenix is not really representative of the nature of our state, which is really mostly rural. To create 4 congressional districts concentrated in Phoenix would put a disproportionate amount of influence for that area. On the other hand, Phoenix has been represented quite well with having two congressional districts. I respectfully request that the committee consider leaving the districts as they are. As the saying goes, if it is not broken, don't fix it. Thank you for your service and for your consideration of this request.</p>
12/16/2021 - 08:03	Robert ODonnell	redistricting	<p>please approve the version of the maps named 12.1.1. Living in Sedona, which is a divided community as far as counties, we should not continue the issue by splitting it nor splitting the verde valley in the election process.</p>

12/16/2021 - 08:21	Nancy Pfafflin	Proposed maps	<p>I urge the IRC to reject Map 10.0 because it does not meet the requirements which were established to guide the redistricting process. As a resident of LD17 I am particularly disturbed by the change from its current status as a competitive district. Map 9.0 is much more faithful to those requirements and should be adopted.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/16/2021 - 08:26	Jana Lynn Granillo	Legislative draft maps - comment	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I write representing myself. As a resident of Tempe and east valley for 30 plus years, I am advocating for a democratic voice. For legislative maps, prioritizing LD 12.0.1 is important as it considers a more population balanced and compact map. It respects city boundaries (governance) and communities of interest of the areas, for the East Valley better than other maps.</p> <p>Thank you for your work.</p>
12/16/2021 - 08:46	Golda Velez	Where are the objective metrics??	<p>Explicitly packing and gerrymandering districts in this blatant way, that clearly reduces competitiveness, is alarming.</p> <p>Please use objective metrics for competitiveness and compactness to guide the process.</p>
12/16/2021 - 08:53	Mary-Jeanne Fincher	Public records requests	<p>Is it the Commission's intent to slow-walk Public Records requests until after final maps are adopted and the public loses interest? It appears so. The "migration" was a flimsy excuse for the delays, and now that migration is complete, what is the plan to address the backlog of requests?</p>
12/16/2021 - 08:54	James Ferris	Redistricting	<p>I am a Councilman for the Town of Payson. Jesse Bryant tried to get our Town Council to pass a resolution for his version of the map. A town council has no business proorting to speak for its citizens especially after a veiled and deceptive presentation that Jesse delivered. Our council members have little knowledge or interest in redistricting. I guarantee that the other communities that passed Jesse's resolution had no knowledge or understanding of what they approved, but it gives the appearance that the entire community is in favor of their resolutions - BS. If the goal is to creat districts of commonality Jesse's map does just the opposite. People supporting the +5 map are not honest about their intentions.</p>
12/16/2021 - 09:17	Lisa Wolfe	Dist 17 argument on competitiveness	<p>Dist. 17, in its natural configuration, leans Dem. Dems, in suggesting alternate maps, are trying to compromise by making it competitive. Creating a Repub district that, as Comm. Neuberg pointed out, has a desire to be separate from Tucson and some instances hates Tucson, is definitely partisan. These suburbs get water from Tucson, do business in Tucson, grew from Tucson, and would not exist without Tucson. Divisiveness in favor of Republicans (Leech is an extremist seeking to retain his seat in the expanded Dist 17) is not in the purview of the Chairperson. I am disappointed in your opening remarks on this point.</p> <p>And I'm disappointed that you say a slight line difference is irrelevant. It is the slight line difference that gerrymanders a district.</p>
12/16/2021 - 09:23	Sharon R Edgar	LD17 - Population of Incorporation Areas is less than 18,000	<p>At the December 13th meeting, Chairwoman Neuberg she is "very concerned" about the unincorporated areas in LD17. According to the "LD12.1 Assigned District Splits" report on the Redistricting Hub, the population of that version of LD17 is 239,065. 16,523 of those residents live in unincorporated areas in Pima County. 1,322 of those residents live in Pinal County. I think you are trying all sorts of arguments to justify selectively including Republican communities on both sides of the Catalina Mountains for Commissioner Mehl. Only 17,845 people in unincorporated areas in LD17. You are giving them a disproportional amount of power.</p>
12/16/2021 - 09:30	Michael Nisito	Redistricting Maps Consideration	<p>I am a resident of Yavapai County in Cottonwood Verde Villages #7 in Verde Valley.</p> <p>I want you to use LD Map 12.1.1 because it keeps our County communities of interest together, particularly the Verde watershed.</p>
12/16/2021 - 09:41	Jerry Mendoza	Support for the Latino Coalition maps 9.1.1	<p>Comment in support of the the Latino Coalition maps 9.1.1.</p>

12/16/2021 - 09:43	Vickey Finger	Keeping Flagstaff, Sedona and the Verde Valley in one LD.	<p>First thank you for you hard and difficult work.</p> <p>You have heard many comments from the people who live in the Sedona, Flagstaff and Verde Valley that they want to be kept in the same Legislatiave District, identifying themselves as a community of interest. The people who live in these areas are best able to define this. Please hear them.</p> <p>As Pinney Sheoran, incoming president of the League of Women Voters has said, what is important about a community of interest for state redistricting is that the the residents have common needs and problems that can be addressed by government action. This includes things like common economic needs, water rights, highways, education, and healthcare. Our legislature passes laws that effect these areas. It does not include such things as where we choose to shop or hike or where we pay our taxes. Flagstaff, Verde Valley and Sedona are definitely linked in these ways.</p> <p>Flagstaff's median age, which is younger than the others, is given as a reason not to join these communities. If you lived in Flagstaff you would know that young and old have common interests in all of the things I listed above. Our jobs and livelihoods, our education and our family's education, our healthcare are all linked. We drive the same highways and drink the same water no matter our age. Age has not been used as a factor in other LDs and should not be used here.</p> <p>You have the power to make the LDs more fair, competitive and meet the 6 criteria for redistricting which the voters of AZ have asked you to do.m</p>
12/16/2021 - 09:49	Harriet Tom	Chandler Redistrict Proposal	<p>Hi commission, my name is Harriet Tom and I live near the corner of Alma School Road and Chandler Heights. I prefer legislative map 12.0.0 for the East Valley and Chandler. I think it does a better job of fixing some of the divisions among communities and cities from past maps. I feel it also does a much better job than 12.0.1 of keeping Asian American and Latino communities intact.</p>
12/16/2021 - 10:04	Nancy Wexler	Maps getting worse, not better!	<p>Hello, I am writing to support Commissioner Lerner's maps. I have submitted comments and testimony supporting a more competitive, compact map in the Tucson area -that LD 17 in particular does not make any sense as proposed in the draft and that the way several populations are split is in contradiction to the task of this commission. The same goes for the latest partisan changes to CD6. These CAN be competitive an compact and truly represent the communities of interest -the natural, not the manufactured ones to give an advantage to a particular party. Since we don't get to know the VRA conversations, all the public sees are VRA violations and and maps that do not reflect the 6 constitutional critera the voters overwhelmingly want to ensure-thus the creation .of the AIRC to begin with.</p>

12/16/2021 - 10:11	Douglas C Syme	Communities of Interest	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Thank you all for your efforts in this challenging task.</p> <p>As a resident in Green Valley, I am very concerned that the LD proposal to separate Communities of Interest in our area.</p> <p>Green Valley and Sahuarita are not only physically contiguous, west of the Santa Rita mountains, but are functionally contiguous in that we go to church, recreate, and shop together as essentially one community.</p> <p>To separate us into separate Legislative Districts is not appropriate nor does it meet the objectives laid out in your stated rules and intentions.</p> <p>Please put Green Valley into the same LD 21 with Sahuarita.</p> <p>Sincerely, Douglas C Syme ██████████ Green Valley AZ 85614</p>
12/16/2021 - 10:15	Denise Skalon	TEMPE REDISTRICTING	I've lived in Tempe for 41 years and love this city! I support draft map 12.0.1 because it keeps the community of interest that matters to me most within its boundaries.
12/16/2021 - 10:17	Martin W Skalon	TEMPE REDISTRICTING	I live in Tempe. I have lived here for 41 years. I support map 12.0.1
12/16/2021 - 10:23	Cindy Wagner	Fair Maps/Districts	After lo these many months of following the commission and attending town halls it is apparent that the commission is partisan. I am concerned about this and that the commission is pushing their "political" agenda to make Arizona safe primarily for Republicans though there are some proposed safe districts for Democrats. Also, it is perceived that the Commission is not giving voice to Native Americans and Latinos. The actions of the commission suggest a politically imbalanced Commission that is not seeking to represent all voices in Arizona but prioritizing the wishes of one political party. The Commission has created a draft legislative map that fails to uphold the spirit of our independent commission positioning Arizona to lose the legacy of fair and balanced maps. The population in the legislative districts appears to largely favor Republican interests. Competitive districts, not safe districts, are the way to allow diversity in political interests to be heard. Please create maps with Prop 106 and the will of Arizonans in mind. Do not gerrymander Arizona.
12/16/2021 - 10:34	Paul Tom	Redistricting	I prefer legislative map 12.0.0 for the East Valley and Chandler. I think it does a better job of fixing some of the divisions among communities and cities from past maps. I feel it also does a much better job than 12.0.1 of keeping Asian American and Latino communities intact.

12/16/2021 - 10:57	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. With the size of these districts half of our population is bound to feel unrepresented. And they are already! 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. A new Legislative District 7 should accurately represent communities of interest which is required by State and Federal law. We the people of Northern Az. request you reinstate your Az. Draft Map 1.0 Legislative District 7. HOWEVER the communities of Snowflake, Taylor, Ho brook, Joseph city, and Winslow, are not part of these communities of interested of the White Mountains. 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. The culture and way of life is different than those communities of interest of the White Mountain Communities. 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. 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. 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>
12/16/2021 - 11:07	Sandra Lowery	redistricting map 12.1.1	<p>I am a resident of Yavapai County (Dewey-Humboldt) and strongly urge you to approve the map 12.1.1. It helps our area's watershed and also represents the common interests of our community. Thank you for your hard work on this important project.</p>
12/16/2021 - 11:08	Tempest Shires	Dec 16th meeting - agenda item VI	<p>I urge the Commissioners to use the thousands of public comments that they themselves requested the public to submit to make decisions. I urge the Commissioners to use map 12.0.1 as their starting point for final deliberations for the Legislative Districts on Thursday 16th December. Though there are some areas that I'm sure need tweaking and some districts need only a little population balancing, it is a much better map than 12.1.1 as it honours city boundaries and doesn't divide the cities into too many districts. It also honours huge amounts of the public testimony heard in town halls and on the IRC public commenting dashboard - for example, for LD13, it keeps Sun Lakes with Chandler and uses the City of Chandler boundaries in the north and east of the district, and doesn't now include any of Gilbert so takes the best of the Gilbert Consolidated map as well as the requests of many Chandler and Sun Lakes residents.</p>

12/16/2021 - 11:18	Peggy Pena	Queen Creek/San Tan	FYI San Tan Valley is an unincorporated area in Pinal County and a census designated place. I lived there and still own property there since 1987. We always considered ourselves connected to Queen Creek in part because we used Queen Creek as our mailing address. Our area didn't become San Tan until 2009 when the USPS requested a name for our new zip code. The town of Queen Creek is on the eastern border of my property, less than a mile to the north and 3 miles to the east. People in our area have always considered ourselves to be connected to Queen Creek and most will answer Queen Creek when you ask them where they live.
12/16/2021 - 11:41	Paul Weich	Item VI	It seems to me the problem with deciding whether or not to use 12.0.1/12.1.1 as a "starting point" or going back to the previous version is that Monday's decision to come up with by-definition partisan maps was a flaw in the process. The Commission invited problematic maps. Go back to the previous versions and start narrowing down the tweaks instead of broadening the necessary tweaks!
12/16/2021 - 11:47	Nedra Eldridge	Redistricting	Hello my name is Nedra Eldridge I live in Phoenix I have lived in my home for over eight years I am contacting you to tell you that I support map 12.0.1
12/16/2021 - 11:54	Mary Elaine Geary	Redistricting maps for Arizona	My husband Jack and I would like to vote for you to accept the LD17 map 9.0 We are very unhappy with the other maps being proposed for consideration. They don't properly represent us.
12/16/2021 - 11:58	Charles MacCabe	Redistricting	I object to the recent draft redistricting map that was specifically drawn to create a Republican-leaning district in Southern Arizona. As a resident of the current highly competitive District 2, it is in the best interest of the citizens of our region to retain the competitive nature of our district. Moreover, I am bothered by the role of David Mehl in pushing this configuration that would appear to benefit Juan Ciscomani, whose wife Laura sits on the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments, which nominated Mr. Mehl to the Redistricting Commission. This and other actions involving campaign donations to Juan Ciscomani certainly give the appearance of a quid pro quo. More competitive districts lead to better candidates and better representation.
12/16/2021 - 12:01	Laurie Vandenberg	Redistricting agenda item VI	I've lived in Ahwatukee LD 18 for 8 years. I strongly support draft map 12.0.1
12/16/2021 - 12:55	Bonnie Kistler	Redistricting in AZ	I am concerned about a map that has been introduced by a "Latino Coalition". The IRC should not be using any Latino Coalition map because they represent Democratic partisan maps. Every person on this team is a Democrat, including the ex-state Chairman of the Democratic party, DJ Quinlan. The IRC should listen to all the citizens who have called in and submitted maps, not just the "Latino Coalition".
12/16/2021 - 12:59	Ralph Atchue	Maps	I urge the IRC to adopt CD Plan 9.1.1 and LD Plan 12.0.1 as these plans offer the best path to a truly fair and competitive election process.
12/16/2021 - 13:01	Ernest C Strauch, Jr	Sedona with Flagstaff!	I am a former Vice-Mayor of Sedona. I am 81 years old. I am personally offended that my age has anything to do with how I vote or who my Community of Interest is!! Would any of you like to race on skis down the Flagstaff Snow Bowl against me? Secondly, you asked for input from Sedona. You seem concerned about whether our interest in water issues, for instance is better served with the Verde Valley inclusive in Yavapai County. The exact opposite occurs!! The moment Sedonans are included with Yavapai County and the Verde Valley, you have essentially taken away our ability to DO ANYTHING REGARDING OUR WATER! Prescott and Yavapai County are about DEVELOPMENT, we are about SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION!
12/16/2021 - 13:31	Rose e. Shoppach	Redistricting maps	Hello my name is Rose and I live in Mesa in Sunland village and have lived there for three and a half years. I favor redistricting map 12.0.1 I believe that it keeps communities with like interests together better. I don't like the version of Chandler that cuts the top off from the bottom and I think Gilbert needs to be kept in District 14. Thank you so much.
12/16/2021 - 14:03	Jill Thyr	Redistricting map	Please do not split up Yavapai County as it will not unify our people here who have similar needs and wants. Thank you, Jill

12/16/2021 - 14:05	Kee Allen Begay Jr.	Support LDF056 and CDF010 Map	<p>Respectfully requesting the Arizona Redistricting Commission to consider the following during your final vote adopting the new Legislative and Congressional District for the Northern part of Arizona especially for the Navajo Nation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Navajo Nation is strongly supporting the LDF056 and CDF010 Map 2. The need to protect Native American Voting strength especially the access being on a Tribal Reservation and remote location. Some locations are very isolated with limited infrastructure. 3. Preserving the Indigenous Voice at Arizona State Capital and U.S. Capital in D.C. <p>Please, sincerely consider this request for and on behalf of our younger generation. Thank you.</p>
12/16/2021 - 14:41	Peggy Pena	Communities of interest	<p>I am perplexed about the varied interpretation of communities of interest. Some of the commissioners seem to think because they say something is a community of interest makes it true with no justification other than this is what they heard. They feel that they know more about various groups interests than what representatives of different groups (Indians tribes, Latina coalition. Black community)say. They pay attention to some elected officials (Yuma mayor about the western valley) but discount the Glendale mayor. They bring up various reasons for communities of interest such as age, outlying area of a town, they fit together, some economic interest that may or may not be dominant, etc. to explain why some counties,cities or districts can/cannot be divided. They make changes to the boundaries of districts without reasons. Pinal county can be divided but Yavapai County can't. Gilbert, Lehi, Chandler shouldn't be divided but Queen Creek/San Tan Valley, Flagstaff, Sahurita, and several west valley Phoenix cities can. Starting place maps do not go anywhere except in minor changes in the direction where they started.</p> <p>Having followed the entire redistricting process I am now becoming disillusioned that the process can be fair. The community of interest maps; public and written comments, VAR, letters from various officials or groups, maps submitted do not seem to matter but are interpreted by the commissioners "visions." The measure of competitiveness that can be non arbitrary is being totally ignored even if it is one of the constitutional requirements.</p> <p>I</p>

12/16/2021 - 14:51	Thomas W. Sonandres	Public Comment to IRC: Fair or Gerrymandered Maps?	<p>The Commission's work will have been FAIR and INDEPENDENT if the balance of D-Safe and R-Safe LD and CD districts accurately reflects the balance of AZ (1) 2021 D & R registrations,(2) 2016-2020 IRC nine focus election voting populations, and (3) 2020 elected representatives.</p> <p>If it doesn't, then the Commission will have manipulated the boundaries to favor one party, the definition of gerrymandering.</p> <p>I define "Safe" as all districts above IRC's 4.0% "Very Competitive" D-R split margin where elections are won and lost. For example, the overwhelming majority of 2020 AZ congressional and state legislative wins were by margins over 4% and not "very competitive."</p> <p>--88.9%, or 8 of 9 AZ nine congressional races were won by non-competitive +4% margins.</p> <p>-- 96.7%. or 29 of 30 state senate races were won by more than 4% margins.</p> <p>-- 85%, or 51 of 60 state house races were won by more than 4% margins.</p> <p>So, what are the AZ percent balances of D & R 2021 registered voters, IRC 2016-2020 nine focus election voting populations and 2020 elected congressional and state legislators?</p> <p>+3.04% R = D & R % of total Oct. 2021 registered voters (31.56% D, 34.60% R)</p> <p>+4.59% R = % comparing only R against D registrations (47.70% D, 52.29% R)</p> <p>+2.16% D = % of total votes cast for D and R candidates in IRC nine focus elections (51.08% D, 48.92% R)</p> <p>+3.04 R = % of D and R reps of total of 99 AZ US Reps and AZ Senate and AZ House members. 48 D-elected reps or 48.48% D, and 51 R-elected reps or 51.52% R</p> <p>NOT coincidentally three of these four percentages are below the IRC 4.0% "Very Competitive" metric and the fourth (+4.59% R voter registrations vs. D registrations) is almost so.</p> <p>CONCLUSIONS:</p> <p>A fair and independent balance of Safe Districts in the final CD and LD maps should be an equal number of D-Safes and R-Safes that reflect the "very competitive" (<4%) make up of (1) D & R registered voters, (2) the D & R voting populations of the IRC 9 focus elections, and the (3) 2020 D & R elected US Reps and AZ state senators and representatives.</p> <p>On this basis, I propose that NONE of the recent eight IRC maps below reflect this D-R even balance of Safes. ALL eight give a SAFE-District advantage to one party, seven maps have one or more R-Safes than D-Safes, and one map has one more D-Safes than R-Safes. And I conclude all eight recent IRC maps are gerrymandered.</p> <p>CD 7.1 = 2 Very Competitive, 3 D-Safes plus 4 R-Safes = +1 R-Safes CD 9.0 = 2 Very Competitive, 2 D-Safes plus 5 R-Safes = +3 R-Safes CD 9.1.1 = 2 Very Competitive, 3 D-Safes plus 4 R-Safes = +1 R-Safe CD 9.2.1 = 1 Very Competitive, 3 D-Safes plus 5 R-Safes = +2 R-Safes LD 10.0 = 2 Very Competitive, 13 D-Safes plus 15 R-Safes = +2 R-Safes LD 12.1 = 2 Very Competitive, 12 D-Safes plus 16 R-Safes = +4 R-Safes LD 12.0.1 = 5 Very Competitive, 13 D-Safes plus 12 R-Safes = +1 D-Safes LD 12.1.1 = 3 Very Competitive, 12 D-Safes plus 15 R-Safes = +3 R-Safes</p> <p>The Commission still has time to rectify this unfair advantage to one party, an advantage not reflected in how Arizonans vote and register to vote.</p> <p>Of course, significantly reducing the total number of safe districts would have been an historic achievement, but the above eight maps suggest that the IRC is quite determined to keep Safe Districts in the astoundingly high range, here between 83.5% and 96.7%.</p>
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12/16/2021 - 15:35	John Neville	No Gerrymandering CD-1(2) or LD-6	The final maps for our current voting districts (LD-6 and CD-1) look like an attempt to disenfranchise all voters except the extreme right wing. As drawn, we will lose our current Congressional representative. He might be replaced by a person that should be institutionalized, according to his own family. And the proposed replacement of LD-6 would couple Sedona and the Verde Valley with Prescott. That means that people over the Mingus Mountains who prize short-term development profits over human rights and water resources will control our representation in the AZ Legislature. In other words, we will not have any representation in Phoenix or in Washington. Because the maps are so lopsided, it is definite that there will be lawsuits unless they are changed to meet the letter of the law. Let's hope that the AZ IRC decides to avoid going to court and redraws the maps to include competitive districts containing communities of common interests.
12/16/2021 - 16:19	Jack Duffy	legislative dist #7 on draft map 12	I like the draft map 12 version of legislative district #7. This is the district I live in. Please adopt this map. Thanks, Jack Duffy Globe, Arizona
12/16/2021 - 16:23	Priscilla	Map 12.1.1 District 7	Whom it may concern I would like first to thank everyone for their hard work and listening all our concerns about this matter . Please today I would like to request you support for the map 12.1.1 for district number 7 reflects our common areas of interest and sociocultural aspects . God bless all . Sincerely , Priscilla Brewer
12/16/2021 - 16:48	April Smith	Redistricting Maps	I am emailing regarding the process of creating the redistricting maps for Arizona. There is a Latino Coalition that should not be coming in at the 11th hour to try to sway and pull the maps. You are subjected to the criteria outlined in the AZ Constitution and the many hearings where the public has taken their time and energy into using their voice. Please stop this group from trying to influence the process. You owe it to the citizens of Arizona. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of Arizona.
12/16/2021 - 17:41	Iva	Sedona redistricting	I am a resident of Sedona in Coconino County. Choose LD map 12.1.1 which will keep all of Sedona together.
12/16/2021 - 17:52	Llama Habern	Keep Flagstaff, Sedona, and the Verde Valley together!	I would just like to remind the committee that those of us who actually live inside the Verde Valley (which none of the commissioners do) consider ourselves to be part of a community that includes Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Jerome, Sedona, and unincorporated areas such as Cornville and the Village of Oak Creek. Additionally, Flagstaff is a community of interest for us, and we DO NOT WANT Prescott telling us what THEY want for US. They do not understand our issues and are not part of our community! Please listen to residents of the Verde Valley and put us with Flagstaff AND keep Sedona whole and with us! The commission was chosen to carry out the will of the voters - that's the whole reason Prop 106 passed. Please uphold the spirit and the letter of Prop 106 and let the Verde Valley have a voice in our own future!
12/16/2021 - 18:23	Nancy Meister	Maps	A 17 to 13 advantage for the Republican Party is not fair and competitive which was the intent of I06. Maps were to be drawn by an independent commission. That does not seem to be the case this year. Communities of interest are not defined and are now being used to draw maps to favor one party over the other. The maps being proposed by three commissioners does not reflect that Arizona has become a purple state. In Tucson, the IRC should listen to the elected officials and divide the city at Campbell. As for Yavapai County, it could be split. Yuma County and other counties are split, so why can't Yavapai County be split?
12/16/2021 - 18:40	Sharla Mortimer	Ld1	We want yavapai county to be kept together and support LD Map 12.1.1

12/16/2021 - 19:26	Fredi Olster	Sedona?VOC	I live in VOC...the unincorporated "suburb" of Sedona....I ask that Sedona/VOC be kept whole as a voting entity and be incorporated into LD7 with Flagstaff. Otherwise I will no longer have a voice in electing officials to represent the needs of my community. I live to the east of Mingus Mountain in the Verde Valley and do not consider Prescott or Payson to be the cities that I have common interest with. This delineation is critical to fair representation for my town. Thank you.
12/16/2021 - 19:42	Rick Hamilton	LD7	Chairwoman Neuberg, Sedona/VOC are small tourist towns in Northern Arizona. We are most closely associated with Flagstaff in our business and tourism economy....Oak Creek Canyon runs between us and Flagstaff. We share visitors and the concerns that are associated with that tourism. Please, leave Sedona and VOC (the unincorporated suburb of Sedona) as a single voting unit and put us into LD 7 with Flagstaff so that we might have proper representation for this critical tourist industry of Arizona. Splitting us could cause damage to this economic driver of Arizona's economy. Please note too that we do not share interests with the city of Prescott...it is on the other side of the Mingus Mountains....they have their own concerns that are not aligned with our tourism based economy. Thank you.
12/16/2021 - 20:00	Jeannine Reno	Keep Sedona 86336 & Village of Oak Creek 86351 with Flagstaff	Please move Sedona (86336) and the Village of Oak Creek (Yavapai SEDONA 86351) with Flagstaff into LD7. The VOC is the unincorporated Yavapai portion is Sedona. The overwhelming majority of residents want Sedona to stay together AND stay with Flagstaff. Sedona, VOC & Flagstaff are a tourist economy we share a business infrastructure with Flagstaff, at 2.1 Billion dollars a year. We deserve representation to consider our Community of Interest as a whole. Also, when you take away the skew of student population at NAU, there are 6,000 + citizens in Flagstaff OVER 65+ years of age. That is quite significant. Sedona, VOC has more in common with Flagstaff than Prescott. Age is not the most important COI. Shared work, business, healthcare, schools, is more important.
12/16/2021 - 20:37	Ravi Grivois-Shah	Map 10.0 inappropriate for Tucson	I am a family physician, CEO of the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation, and elected member of the TUSD Governing Board. I live in Colonia Solana, the residential neighborhood corner of Reid Park just SE of Broadway and Country Club, currently located in LD10. I understand that the current plans have my neighborhood as part of LD21 which is mostly rural and stretches south to the Mexican border. I support adoption of IRC proposed Map 9.0, which is compact, competitive and a more intuitive division of our city. On that map Melinda and I, and our neighborhood would be located within Legislative District 18 with other similar neighborhoods, without any rural or border areas also included. Thank you, Ravi.
12/16/2021 - 21:09	Cathleen Banister-Marx	Redistricting	I live in an unincorporated part of Sedona, more specifically the Village of Oak Creek. I am requesting that Sedona and Flagstaff be included in LD7. We share similar needs and issues and belong in the same district. We belong with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff and district lines should be drawn at Mingus Mountain, our natural boundary.
12/16/2021 - 21:20	John Banister-Marx	proposed redistricting	I have concerns regarding the proposed redistricting that splits Sedona and the unincorporated area of the Village of Oak Creek to Prescott which is over an hour to the west and Payson which is over an hour to the East. First, Sedona includes the Village of Oak Creek. Second, I only want to be moved into LD7 if Flagstaff is also a part of LD7. And lastly, we belong with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff and that Mingus Mountain is where the lines really should be drawn.
12/16/2021 - 21:29	Margaret Joy Weaver	Sedona move into LD7	I request Sedona move into LD7. One, Sedona includes the Village of Oak Creek which is an unincorporated area. Second, we only want to be moved into LD7 if Flagstaff is also a part of LD7. And last, we belong with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff and that Mingus Mountain is where the lines really should be drawn.

12/16/2021 - 21:44	Lisa Wolfe	Changing demographics and fairness	<p>Comm Neuberger makes a good point about the changing demographics in the northern areas of the State.</p> <p>Please extend that analysis to the rest of the State.</p> <p>In 2020, Joe Biden and Mark Kelly (Democrats) won. These were statewide races featuring one person/one vote.</p> <p>Demographics are changing statewide, and is the job of the IRC to recognize that fact when drawing maps.</p> <p>A map with 17 safe Repub districts and 13 safe Dem districts ignores demographics (approx 1/3 Repubs, 1/3 Dems, 1/3 Independents/others -swing voters). These safe Republican districts are not naturally occurring geographic, compact, communities of interest. The fact that other (rejected) maps contain safe districts plus competitive districts highlights the partisanship infecting the current map. With 17 safe Repub districts, the IRC automatically disenfranchises Democrats and Independents in both the 17 Republican-controlled districts as well as the Legislature as a whole. For the last decade, we have watched the Republican-controlled Legislature completely ignore both Democratic legislators and Democratic voters. Despite changing demographics, gerrymandered districts will perpetuate a lack of fairness and lack of attention to voter concerns, priorities, and communities of interest.</p>
12/16/2021 - 22:25	Teena Parham	LD 6 Ld 7	<p>What I really want for Christmas is to be given a fair chance by this commission to have you pick the 12.1.1 map. Rural eastern communities have a lot in common economically, school districts, small town values. We are hard working and love living in a small town. We have very little in common in the native communities and since they are a special interest group we are overlooked and ignored. Whether we live in the national forest or in the lower altitudes eastern rural areas are the same kind of people. The kind of people who relate to each other. I am begging for map draft 12.1.1. I want my communities of interest to be kept together. We deal with the same issues such as schools needing higher paying jobs and usually some kind of industry other than service oriented. We need to be producing something. The reservations have the BIA and all we have is county and state representation. Please give us a fighting chance for a voice</p> <p>Teena Parham  Overgaard AZ 85933</p>
12/16/2021 - 22:35	Brandy Schulteis	12.1.1 map	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I believe your 12.1.1 map has been put together well and has taken into consideration potential long term needs assessments, relative to the culture, functionality and interests of District 7 communities. This has been quite a task for you all. I appreciate your efforts as you have reflected on the differences, commonalities, challenges, vision, and processes of how to respond to the needs of our communities that are unique within each District. I agree with the implementation of your updated 12.1.1 map.</p> <p>Kindly, Brandy Schulteis</p>
12/16/2021 - 23:19	Karen L McClelland	maps ld7	<p>Please draw an LD map that keeps all of Sedona in both counties and the unincorporated areas of the Village of Oak Creek, Red Rock Loop Road and Oak Creek Canyon in ONE LD with the city of Flagstaff and adjoining areas south along SR89A. Ideally this district should include the rest of the Verde Valley (Cornville, Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Jerome and Verde Villages). All of the above mentioned areas share an economy based on tourism(and in many cases the same tourists) and this is more important than the county lines.</p> <p>But still it is vital that the Sedona area in both counties and inside city limits and the surrounding unincorporated areas are in ONE LD and ONE CD.</p>