

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
12/20/2021 - 01:38	Sam McKinlay	LD6 and LD7 - Navajo Nation IMPORTANT	<p>Below is some data disputing the discussion of the loss of citizens on the Navajo Nation being used as verification to delete Flagstaff and retrogress small communities in the White Mountains. The alleged 40,000, the number I heard mentioned, did not affect voting in 2020. This argument is a moot point.</p> <p>For the Presidential Election of 2020, Democrats turned out 91,374 voters. 25,428 more in 2020 than 2016. 9,202 more Democrat voters turned out than Republicans in the three counties of Apache, Coconino and Navajo where the Navajo Nation rests. The alleged 'loss' of 40,000 should not be a factor in the drawing of LD6 and LD7. Period. Voter stats show that Democrat voters on reservation lands outnumber Democrats in Flagstaff. Will follow up with as close to exact numbers tomorrow.</p> <p>It's time for Arizona to do right by the citizens of the White Mountains, and keep them together to work on issues that unify them as communities. If you look at representation from past representatives in the current LD7, approximately 80% (possibly higher) of bills written were for the Native populations. The southern side of the current LD7 have rarely, if ever, seen their representatives, received a return phone call or assistance with issues. Personally, I don't like the segregative tone of discussions and requests in your meetings nor providing preference to one race over another. I thought that was what all this hatred, fighting and white supremacy accusations has been about. The hypocrisy is startling. Everyone I know and every white candidate or representative that I personally know has a great love and concern for our friends and fellow Americans in the Navajo, Hopi and Apache communities. That is not reciprocated from Native representatives. It is egregious some of their people, elderly and Veterans still live without power and water, don't fund programs to protect victims and prosecute offenders of violence against missing and murdered indigenous women and children, don't have adequate healthcare, schools, emergency services, roads, etc. with the amount of federal dollars received over the last five decades under Democrat control. But... the Navajo Nation just purchased a 5 million dollar office space in Washington D.C.</p> <p>During Covid in 2020, many spent time and money of our own delivering food and supplies to tribal communities in need (despite receiving over 714 million in CARES Act funding). LD6 Representatives went into both LD6 and LD7 and two candidates running in LD7 went into both districts as well all year delivering food and supplies. But, your Mission Statement and Constitution calls for communities of interest. Flagstaff is currently intertwined with the Nation, and it is better aligned as a community of interest than the small towns in the White Mountains of rural Arizona where there are no commonalities. The way Snowflake, Taylor, White Mountain Lakes and Show Low was plucked into the newly proposed LD6 has the distinct appearance of an ill-intended motive or direct request.</p> <p>I emailed documents showing requirements established by the Navajo Nation to register and vote, along with their rules regarding cancellation of voter registration for not voting in "every major tribal election". I suspect voter suppression could be the next issue to come up if Native Democrats don't get exactly what they want. Arizona legislation and laws are less restrictive than the Navajo Nation voter requirements. In Apache County ALL early voting sites are on the reservation with the exception of the county seat building. There are ZERO early voting sites off the reservation, which is suppressive of voters off the reservation, not on. Our voices matter just as much as anyone else's voice does. Keep our communities of interest together, ours and theirs; that's what they've asked for. Flagstaff is without argument, better aligned and a large employer of the Native people. It does not align with your 'Legal Overview' to place a burden on communities that have, in the past and present, good representation, working relationships, similar needs and lifestyle, to create a minority, and strip the good away because Native Democrats want to be sure their candidate wins the Primary. That is gerrymandering, discriminatory and retrogressive. Your own legal overview does not support the current map, nor the reasons for it. While I don't believe those in your ear speak for all Americans on tribal lands, if they are demanding to stay together, so are we; for representation's sake. The current map will leave thousands of individuals worse off than they were. Please put White Mountain communities together. It is time to get this right. Thank you for your time and efforts.</p>
12/20/2021 - 05:48	Mark Schaefer	Keep Deer Valley with Desert Ridge	<p>Keep Deer Valley with Desert Ridge. We work and shop and send our grandkids to school and sports teams games in this settled area.</p>

12/20/2021 - 06:24	Laurie Soloff	Proposed LD 17 is NOT representing our community	The Tucson metro region will suffer the consequences of the manipulated LD17 (on the state legislative map), and must be revised to be competitive. To enable the creation of this sprawling, uncompetitive district (drawn by sitting state senator Vince Leach in direct defiance of AZ voters' intentions when they adopted independent redistricting in the first place), LD21 has been pushed far into central Tucson, areas of northwest and southeast Tucson have been inexplicably mashed into a fabricated "community of interest" that ignores geographical barriers and common sense.
12/20/2021 - 06:44	Craig Stephan	Do not include Anthem, Deere Valley, and North Phoenix with Scottsdale	<p>There was substantial testimony to the Commission by residents of Scottsdale. This testimony supports the fact that the communities of interest in Scottsdale differ significantly from the communities of interest in Anthem, Deere Valley, Desert Ridge, and North Phoenix. Residents of Scottsdale north of Camelback Road have a more suburban and rural community than the communities of Anthem, Deere Valley, Desert Ridge, and North Phoenix. In this respect, Scottsdale is much more like Fountain Hills and Rio Verde.</p> <p>Therefore Congressional District 1 and Legislative Districts 3 and 4 should be drawn to more accurately reflect the communities of interest in Scottsdale. Anthem, Deere Valley, Desert Ridge, and other portions of North Phoenix should not be included in CD 1 or in LD3. In addition, LD3 should incorporate those portions of Scottsdale now included in LD4. This will serve to keep together the communities of interest in Scottsdale. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/20/2021 - 07:13	Kathleen P Crockett	CD Map 11.2	I am a resident of East Santa Cruz County and I plead with the commission to place Elgin and Sonita into CD 6 for all the same reasons we are placed in LD 19.
12/20/2021 - 07:16	Matt Parrili	CD Map Boundaries	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>As you work the CD map, please place Sonoita/Elgin in CD 6. This is a clear and compelling "Communities of Interest" issue. Refer to Citizens Map CD0052.</p> <p>Further, there is no supportable case for the southern extension of LD 21 as on the current LD Map. Do not let this happen on the CD Map. It slices through and segments ranching country even splitting some ranches between districts!</p>
12/20/2021 - 07:33	John Underwood	Redistricting	I believe in fairness to keep Dear valley and Desert Ridge together. This makes sense H
12/20/2021 - 07:34	Joshua Lee Taylor	Sonoita/Elgin in both LD 19 AND CD 6	<p>Good morning, I have written before on this subject and am again to express how vitally important it is to the Sonoita and Elgin residents to be included in LD 19 AND CD 6.</p> <p>I am a member of the majority in the Elgin/Sonoita community (Eastern Santa Cruz County),who shares little to nothing in common with those in Western Santa Cruz County. The eastern and western halves of Santa Cruz county do not share common politics, economics, and community interests. The majority of Elgin/Sonoita residents think and believe differently than those in the western half.</p> <p>The majority of Elgin/Sonoita residents commute to Sierra Vista and Western Cochise County to shop, and that is also where many of us work. I work in and do all of my shopping in Sierra Vista, because it is closer, more accessible, and provides more options for commerce than the nearest Western Santa Cruz County communities. My neighbors and all of my community friends do as well. We have little to no common interests with the folks in Western Santa Cruz County.</p> <p>My friends, neighbors, family and I are not adequately represented (if at all) in the current congressional and legislative districts. We do not share political beliefs with the politicians that are forced on us in the current districts. However, the majority of Eastern Santa Cruz County residents do identify with political trends and norms in Cochise County.</p> <p>If we are forced to remain in our old congressional and legislative districts we will continue to receive little to no representation, and we will continue to have no voice in local and state matters. Please help correct this!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Josh Taylor [REDACTED]</p>
12/20/2021 - 07:51	John R. Hansen	Redistricting	Please keep Deer Valley in Desert Ridge
12/20/2021 - 07:55	Gail Kamaras	Draft map 10/LD17	One final time I protest the illegal map being proposed for new LD17. Its submission was done through a corrupt process, suborning Commissioner Mehl and the mayor of Marana. Creating this district for the purpose of having a partisan "community of interest" is the opposite of the definition of that term. Chair Neuberg's stated reason for voting in favor of that district— basically "because I like it better" lacks any rationale. Finally the fair and competitive district standard in the law does not count less because it is listed last. Particularly with regard to LD17, to create a contiguous, compact district north of the Catalina mountains would enhance compliance with all the other criteria.

12/20/2021 - 08:10	George M Whitmill	Map CD 7	I am a resident of Elgin, AZ and I would like the commission to move the Elgin-Sonoita area from CD 7 to CD 6. I own a vineyard and depend on Tourism and Wineries for income. My community of interest is in Cochise County where I shop, utilize the military fort, and seek intertainment. Western Santa Cruz County is dependent and focused on the Produce transportation and warehousing in constrast to the tourism in Eastern Santa Cruz County. I have nothing to do with Western SCC. Please move this area to CD 6.
12/20/2021 - 08:11	George M Whitmill	Map CD 7	I am a resident of Elgin, AZ and I would like the commission to move the Elgin-Sonoita area from CD 7 to CD 6. I own a vineyard and depend on Tourism and Wineries for income. My community of interest is in Cochise County where I shop, utilize the military fort, and seek intertainment. Western Santa Cruz County is dependent and focused on the Produce transportation and warehousing in constrast to the tourism in Eastern Santa Cruz County. I have nothing to do with Western SCC. Please move this area to CD 6.
12/20/2021 - 08:21	David Green	Sonoita / Elgin in CD6	Dear IRC, please appropriately place the Sonoita / Elgin area (not including Patagonia) into CD6. This will properly align interest with representation for this area which has a robust wine industry, ranching and tourism. Regards, David Green Chairman Sonoita/Elgin Community Group
12/20/2021 - 08:25	Linda Morenz	CD6/CD7	<p>Re CD6/CD7 The commission should honor Mayor Romero's request that the eastern boundary of CD7 be Campbell Ave. East of Campbell, the UA "community of interest" (COI) extends randomly into Tucson and the unincorporated areas of Pima County. For example my husband and I are both UA employees and live in Catalina Foothills. Most of my work friends live in the Foothills or other unincorporated areas around Tucson. There is no boundary within Tucson or Pima County that effectively delineates the UA COI.</p> <p>I have heard the commission give decision-making weight to the opinions of multiple mayors all over the state, to one City Councilwoman in Phoenix, even to private citizens who happen to have a direct line to commissioners. (I would gladly send my comments by phone or text if I had such contact information although I thought all comments were to go via this public comment mechanism). Why not give that same weight to the comments of the Mayor of one of the largest cities in Arizona? Put the eastern boundary of CD7 at Campbell.</p> <p>The construct of communities of interest can be very nebulous and hard to prove. In the case of the CD6/CD7 boundary discussion the UA COI fits that description- hard to justify any particular line. So why not follow the Mayor's request? One fears that the attempt to move the boundary further east is actually partisan and an attempt to make CD6 less competitive. The majority of citizens speaking at the Listening Sessions favored competitive districts</p> <p>Be fair to the citizens of Arizona who voted for this independent redistricting system precisely because they did not want districts based on partisan decisions.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:27	Douglass Ebstyne	Redistricting - Scottsdale Community	<p>We live in north Scottsdale and Scottsdale is our community of interest. CD 1 as proposed is gerrymandered. Phoenix does not belong in CD1 and Cave Creek should stay there.</p> <p>Deer Valley and Deer Valley airpark belong in LD2, NOT LD3; the western edge of LD3 should be the Scottsdale city limits. This is our community of interest. Again, the commission is ignoring community of interest in favor of playing politics. Not right. The Deer Valley area has nothing in common with Fountain Hills and Scottsdale.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:28	Douglass Ebstyne	Redistricting - Scottsdale Community	<p>We live in north Scottsdale and Scottsdale is our community of interest. CD 1 as proposed is gerrymandered. Phoenix does not belong in CD1 and Cave Creek should stay there.</p> <p>Deer Valley and Deer Valley airpark belong in LD2, NOT LD3; the western edge of LD3 should be the Scottsdale city limits. This is our community of interest. Again, the commission is ignoring community of interest in favor of playing politics. Not right. The Deer Valley area has nothing in common with Fountain Hills and Scottsdale.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:28	Janet Fernstrom	redistricting	<p>I have been reviewing the current changes and these are areas still I need of improvement. These changes need to be made: Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. This is my community and would be better represented with this change. 85258</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:38	Alley Walukiewicz	Redistricting	<p>Please listen to the communities and constituents of Arizona.</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>It is important to keep our local neighborhoods with common interests in tact.</p>

12/20/2021 - 08:41	Jeffrey Apodaca	Map Updates this Last Weekend.	<p>Good morning, I have two comments concerning the map updates this past weekend.</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:41	Jeffrey Apodaca	Map Updates this Last Weekend.	<p>Good morning, I have two comments concerning the map updates this past weekend.</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:45	Peter Smith	Redistricting	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:48	Jeanne Suliere	Redistricting Maps	<p>CD1 should stay as is. keep Cave Creek et al where it is !</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:48	Robert Lettieri	Public Comments on redistricting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills •CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 08:55	Greg DePinto	Redistricting	<p>Would you please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2? Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills CD1 should stay as is. Would you please not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1?</p> <p>I appreciate your consideration.</p> <p>Greg DePinto</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:56	Francine Saccio	LD17	<p>My husband and I live in the LD17 proposed district. It is so obvious that this map is Gerrymandered by the Republicans. It is non competitive, it is It is not our community of interest. We object to this proposed map.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:57	Dr. Richard Rutkowski	Latest LD3 and CD1 maps	<p>I agree with moving the Desert Ridge area from LD3 into LD2. This is very appropriate from the perspective of preserving communities of interest. For the same reason, please remove the adjacent Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and move it to LD2. The Deer Valley Airport area does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. In order to balance population numbers, the western border of LD3 between Shea and Frank Lloyd Wright can be moved to the Loop 101.</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is, WITHOUT central Phoenix. To maintain what is a non-urban and geographically reasonable community of interest, please keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1 along with Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, & Scottsdale.</p>
12/20/2021 - 08:58	Beverly Harding	Redistricting	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>Thank you, Bev</p>

12/20/2021 - 09:04	Judith Rutkowski	Latest LD3 and CD1 maps	<p>The removal of the Desert Ridge area from LD3 into LD2 makes sense to protect communities of interest. For the same reason, it would also be appropriate and I request that the adjacent Deer Valley airport area be moved from LD3 into LD2. The Deer Valley Airport area does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. To preserve population balance, the western border of LD3 between Shea and Frank Lloyd Wright can be moved west to the Loop 101, which is also a better major dividing point than 96th Street.</p> <p>Removing central Phoenix from CD1 is very logical. It should not be in the same CD as Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, and Scottsdale, which are not large urban communities. To maintain what is a non-urban and geographically reasonable community of interest, Cave Creek and Carefree should remain in CD 1 along with Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, & Scottsdale.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:06	Dennis Verno	Draft redistricting map	<p>This does not represent the best interest of the people. Communities need representation and this will be the opposite. Please reconsider this draft and think of the people you are supposed to be working for.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:07	Michele Stephens	Proposed LD3	<p>Thank you for continuing to work on the draft maps. I live in Central Scottsdale and I work, play, eat, shop and go to church in Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>I am asking that you please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills and in the past 12 months I have never been to either area.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:08	Judith Gogolin	redistricting	<p>I live in Scottsdale and have been following the redistricting. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills or Rio Verde.</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:10	Tega Maidoh	East valley Changes	<p>Good morning commission. I am Tega a resident of Tempe and I wanted to make suggested changes to the East Valley that would respect Communities of Interest, City Boundaries, while keeping the valley compact.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) D8 should have a Northern boundary in Scottsdale at Camelback Road. This would keep the Scottsdale Entertainment district whole. 2) At Rural Road the boundary between D8 and D12 should move North to Southern Avenue. This would keep the retirement communities at Friendship Village whole in D12 which is a better fit. 3) The North West boundary of D9 should be at Rio Salado Parkway. This keeps the Riverview Park whole in D9. 4) Put the Lehi area in D10. It's mormon community is a community of interest with East Mesa. 5) Move D13 further North into Chandler to take the Latino community. They are currently separated split from 6) Move the parts of Tempe in D9 into D8 and D12
12/20/2021 - 09:12	Michele Stephens	Proposed CD1 Map	<p>As a resident of Scottsdale, I thank you for your proposed changes to CD1 and ask that you keep urban Phoenix out of our rural area and keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. This will reflect the rural area of North Scottsdale and represents areas I shop, eat, recreate and go to church.</p> <p>Thank you for all your hard work in the redistricting efforts.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:24	Ryan Nicholas	Redistricting - Proposed District 1 & LD3	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is currently. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Adding urban PHX would only pair Dissimilar communities of interest! Cave Creek and Carefree are very similar to Scottsdale, and suburban in nature!</p> <p>Do the right thing....Follow the AZ CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS!</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:28	Charmaine Roth	Please remove Deer Vally from LD3, CD! should stay as it is	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p>

12/20/2021 - 09:29	erin nicholas	Redistricting - Proposed District 1 & LD3	<p>Hello, as a Scottsdale resident, I dont understand the logic behind lumping the deer vallye airport area into the LD3 district. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>Also, Please do not add urban PHX to CD1, but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. What does an urban area have in common with a suburban neighborhood? I'll tell you. NOTHING. different community of interest...different demographics....just Different! Cave Creek, Scottsdale, FTN Hills and Carefree are very similiar in resident makeup and SHOULD stay together.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:46	Christine Wilson	Redistricting	<p>Dear Ladies and Gentlemen. Please do NOT add urban Phoenix to the Scottsdale districts. We are nothing like Phoenix and would like to keep our own identity separate from Phoenix. Scottsdale's residents are generally conservative while Phoenix's are generally liberal. When drawing redistricting maps, you are supposed to keep like-minded residents together. Please keep Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airport area out of the Scottsdale district. Again, they are a different type of residents and it makes the district too wide-spread.</p> <p>Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and New River should all be together in the same district. Please try to make this work like it's supposed to -- by districting together like-minded communities. Thank you so much for your efforts to make this work according to the guidelines of redistricting. We appreciate all of your hard work.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:51	Gregory J. Larson	Redistricting Comment	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>Thank you very much.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:53	Dina Galassini	Redistricting Request	<p>We live in Fountain Hills and do not go to Desert Ridge. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Thank you.</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:55	JERRY HUBBARD	Northeastern Arizona Redistricting, LD7 & LD6	<p>To the members of the IRC:</p> <p>Your proposed draft map 15.0 separates the towns of Snowflake, Taylor, Show Low, Pinetop and Lakeside from their neighboring communities of interest in LD7 in the White Mountain area, and includes them in LD6 with the Native American communities.</p> <p>I strongly disagree with this proposal and request that you return to the district boundaries shown in map 12.1.1, which unites these towns with their neighbors in LD7, and includes Flagstaff with the Reservation district in LD6.</p> <p>As Commissioner Mehl has recommended, this more closely follows Arizona redistricting criteria of preserving communities of interest, being compact and contiguous, and following existing political subdivisions and natural boundaries.</p> <p>Do not follow the path of drawing district boundaries to guarantee a particular electoral outcome based on race or political party.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>Jerry Hubbard Overgaard, AZ</p>
12/20/2021 - 09:55	Andrew Jennings	NW Mesa	<p>You should consider putting the Northwest corner of Mesa back in an LD with the rest of Mesa.</p>
12/20/2021 - 10:01	Donna Federici	Sonoita Elgin redistricting	<p>Committee members,</p> <p>I sincerely ask that you consider moving our portion of Santa Cruz County out of CD 7 and into CD 6 where we align better with community interests. We are not currently represented by politicians that consider our lifestyles or economic concerns when governing. They view us more as an inconvenience than as a resource, especially when you consider the definition of community of interest.</p> <p>In general, criteria related to communities of interest can be divided into three categories: (1) criteria related to administrative or geographic boundaries; (2) criteria related to common interests or common characteristics; and (3) criteria related to patterns of interaction.</p> <p>Our area is a perfect example of the above definition.</p>
12/20/2021 - 10:09	John Pio	Draft LD3 Map	<p>I believe it is appropriate for the commission to remove Desert Ridge, New River, and Deer Valley Airpark from LD3 as they are separate communities of interest from North Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde. The residents of those areas have very different needs and concerns and should not be placed together into the same LD. Thank you.</p>

12/20/2021 - 10:13	John Pio	Draft CD1 Map	I believe the Commission should keep CD1 as it currently is. It is not appropriate to include Central Phoenix with Scottsdale and Fountain Hills as the residents of Central Phoenix tend to be younger and decidedly more urban. Including Cave Creek and Carefree in CD1 is appropriate as the residents of those areas have common interests, concerns, and needs as Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 10:35	Judith Reisman	LD 17	How can this be happening? Senator Leach is not working to create an INDEPENDENT district here. Can anyone stop him and the rest of the gang from this constitutionally illegal action? Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 10:52	Michelle Fallen	Scottsdale	I appreciate the changes that were made over the last week, but there are still some big problems in the current maps for Scottsdale: 1) •Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. They have absolutely NOTHING in common and do not belong together. 2) •CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Phoenix add is absolutely ridiculous. This area has NOTHING like and kind to Scottsdale.
12/20/2021 - 10:54	darl fassett	Redistricting	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 10:55	Gerry Frigon	Redistricting	To whom it may concern: Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Thank you! Gerry Frigon
12/20/2021 - 11:06	Cynthia Sampson	Please Remove urban Phx from LD23 and other requests.	I am a long time resident of Scottsdale. * Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley air park do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills * CD1 should stay as is. * Please do not add urban PHX to LD23 but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 11:26	Joseph Chaplik	LD3	Please correct LD 3 with removing Deer Valley and Desert Ridge. These are not a community of interest to Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. I have lived here for 11 years and rarely go to Desert Ridge from Scottsdale FLW area. Our community of interest is Scottsdale for business, shopping, medical, church, and entertainment.
12/20/2021 - 11:30	Chaunda Fanning	Redistricting proposal	I do not approve of the redistricting of the Deer Valley area to remove it from Desert Ridge. This is an attempt to make our area less diverse and is a disservice to Desert Ridge. It does not make sense. Stop the Redistricting.
12/20/2021 - 11:31	Debra L DiPrimio	Carefree & Cave Creek	As a Carefree resident I am writing to strongly request that I not be put into a district where my values and vote will not be diluted. We absolutely should remain TOGETHER with northern Scottsdale. My address is: 36622 Tom Darlington St, Carefree, AZ. Thank you, Debra DiPrimio

12/20/2021 - 11:39	Sue Thome	Gerrymandering	Chairwoman Neuberger: The demise of democracy is on your shoulders (and your shoulders alone) in siding with ultra-conservative extremist Mehl in his plot to rearrange Southern Arizona districts to favor Republican wins in our Democratic County by twisting and turning our competitive districts (CD2/6,LD9, LD11) and outright gerrymander creating LD 17 which I ke a rattler snakes around Tucson ignoring natural boundaries, destroying the competitiveness of the present legislative districts, and combining voters with no common interests but minority political gain in far flung regions from Marana to Vail. I watched the Dec.1st, Saturday comments given in Tucson for the whole time allowed for comments (10a-3:30/4p). During that time well more than half of the presenters told you to drop your illegal LD17 district and keep Marana, Oro Valley and Casas Adobes as the competitive, compact and contiguous district it is. Even more of us watched virtually from home to support the hundreds who went to protest your maps. You are ignoring the majority and VRA rules as well as the AZ Constitution which disallows blatant gerrymandering. I also watched as people of Green Valley and Sahuarita petitioned you to be included in the same district together. Splitting these two closely involved cities in favor of including Sahuarita with more right wing Sonoita stinks of gerrymander. This is not a contiguous, compact community with common interests, but does satisfy your political need to undermine the Democratic nature of our county. Midtown voices were heard as well about your splintering close knit neighborhoods for the sake of your gerrymandering in the north. I REPEAT, AND THIS TIME LISTEN. A MAJORITY OF SOUTHERN ARIZONANS SHOWED UP BY OVER A 2 TO ONE PERCENTAGE TO TELL YOU TO ADOPT MAP 9.0 WHICH SETS REASONABLE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN SOUTHERN AZ AND STOP THE OUTRIGHT ILLEGAL GERRYMANDER OF LD17. YOU ARE THE RINGLEADER IN THIS DISGUSTING ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW DEMOCRATIC VOTING IN SOUTHERN AZ. Come to your senses and do the right thing!!
12/20/2021 - 11:39	Henry Ganster	LD2/LD3 REALIGNMENT	I am a 30+ year resident of Scottsdale. Please remove the Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. From my experience, those particular communities have nothing in common with Scottsdale (or Fountain Hills for that matter).
12/20/2021 - 11:40	Karen Trisko	District boundaries	Hello, I am disturbed by actions to include parts of urban Phoenix in CD1. Cave Creek and Carefree should be in CD1, but not Phoenix. They are different communities of interest. Please leave CD1 as is. Furthermore, Deer valley airport and Desert Ridge do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 11:43	Judith Kroit	CD3.	I am very upset that Deerfield Airport is even being considered to be a part of MY VERY residential area of Desert Ridge. There couldn't be 2 more different demographics than these 2 areas have.
12/20/2021 - 11:44	Valerie Giramberk	LD3 & LD 4	As the map currently stands, my neighborhood, even my current precinct, is split between legislative districts 3 and 4. Wouldn't it make more sense to take LD 3's boundary to the 101 in order to not split neighborhoods? Deer Valley Airport as well as Desert Ridge should not be in LD 3 as there is no common interest between those areas and the northeast area of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills.
12/20/2021 - 11:46	Paula Linker	Redistricting - Scottsdale CD1	Dear IRC, 12-20-21 Thank you for your time. The last iteration of the map is logical, the small suburban areas are all of similar housing and commercial structures and blend together, they should be kept together. Deer Valley Airport and surrounding area is not of similar contextual areas, they should not be with suburban areas. Paula Linker [REDACTED] Scottsdale, AZ 85260
12/20/2021 - 11:46	Judith Kroot	LD1	Combining the rural area of Pheinix with Carefree is ridiculous to even being considered. The population of these 2 areas couldn't be more different demographically.
12/20/2021 - 11:47	Robert G May	redistricting	Please note that we in Deer Valley want to remain in the Desert Ridge District where we will be better represented in our concerns and views. Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 11:48	Alven Kroot	CD3.	Putting Deerfield Airport with the residential district of Desert Ridge is ridiculous.
12/20/2021 - 11:50	Valerie Giramberk	CD1	Please keep Carefree and Cave Creek in CD1 as per the proposed map and do not include Phoenix which has no commonalities with Scottsdale, Cave Creek, Carefree, Fountain Hills or any other communities now included in the current draft map.

12/20/2021 - 11:51	Alven Kroot	LD1	I am Very opposed to having the city of Pheonix in the same district as the very rural communities of Cave Creek and Carefree.
12/20/2021 - 11:52	Diane E Thomas	redistricting of CD1 and LD3	Please do not change the CD1 district. Cave Creek and Carefree share common interests in try to promote a suburban small town atmosphere. They do not have the same interests as suburban Phoenix. For the sake of both areas in order to make sure that the people are represented by like minded politicians, please do not change CD1. The same logic applies to LD3 district. Residents should be represented by officials who know and understand the issues of their area. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark are more suburban Phoenix and have issues such as needing more schools for the rapid growth of young families. Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are already have established schools. Scottsdale and Fountain Hills have more tourism and part time residents who do not vote for schools. This would hurt those areas who need schools. Politicians will be able to address the needs of their constituents if you keep Desert Ridge and Deer Valley Airpark as part of LD2.
12/20/2021 - 11:53	Jeff Hill	Comments to IRC	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 11:55	Henry Ganster	CD1	Please do not add urban Phoenix to CD1. However, let's keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 12:05	Vicki Vaughn	CD1 - urban phoenix NO - LD2 should have Deer Valley, not LD3	Respectfully, In keeping with areas of similarity, Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Same issue, CD1 should be as you had previously defined. The very Urban PHX does not belong. but Cave Creek and Carefree do. Thank you. Vicki and Vernon Vaughn
12/20/2021 - 12:08	Craig Stephan	Please remove Deer Valley airport area from LD3 to LD2	I have lived and worked in Scottsdale for over 30 years, and I am familiar with its communities of interest. The communities of interest in Scottsdale differ from those in Deer Valley and Desert Ridge. Therefore, please remove Deer Valley and Desert Ridge from LD3 and add them to LD2. Thank you for your consideration.
12/20/2021 - 12:09	Jennifer Kriwer	Redistricting	Please relook and please remove from LD3 Deer Valley airport and add it to LD2. Neither Deer Valley airport or Desert Ridge belong with Fountain Hills or Scottsdale
12/20/2021 - 12:10	Jennifer Kriwer	Redistricting	Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. It should stay as it is.
12/20/2021 - 12:12	Craig Stephan	Keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD1 and do not add urban Phoenix	Scottsdale and Fountain Hills have much more in common with Carefree and Cave Creek than with urban areas of Phoenix. Therefore, please leave Carefree and Cave Creek in CD1 and do not add urban areas of Phoenix.
12/20/2021 - 12:28	Kristine Ann Trainor	Redistricting for Yavapia Co.	I have lived in LD1for 15 years. The new map version 12.1.1 does a great job of keeping communities of interest together and provides the needed competitiveness for a healthy election. I strongly support map 12.1.1. Thank you. Kris Trainor
12/20/2021 - 12:40	Susan M Leeper	Map 12.1.1	Residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills gave significant testimony and we are being ignored in favor of other communities. Scottsdale should be kept intact from communities north of Bell Rd and east of 101 and south to include Old Town and entertainment/arts areas. On the other hand, Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpart do not belong with Scottsdale/Ftn Hills either. While Desert Ridge tends to be full of young families,Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are more settled and subdued communities. Deer Valley is an industrial area and more appropriately belongs with Phoenix. I strongly urge you to reconsider this map. Keep Scottsdale with areas I describe above with Fountain Hills. Remove Deer Valley and Desert Ridge areas.

12/20/2021 - 12:54	Judith Gogolin	redistricting	Remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 12:57	Jackie L Ulmer	Redistricting - LD23 - now CD1	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 13:03	BRUCE LINKER	Redistricting - Scottsdale CD1	Current CD-1 map reflects the small suburban areas of single family homes, small, commercial shops and neighborhood service stores that blend together, they should be kept together. Deer Valley Airport and surrounding area is not a similar contextual area and should not be with suburban areas. Bruce Linker [REDACTED] Scottsdale, AZ 85260
12/20/2021 - 13:08	Carrie Cox	Redistricting draft map	Thank you for all your time and effort. This is a ten year commitment!!! Listening to constituents is the primary goal. Self interest Groups and or political affiliates should have no bearing on your decision. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Thank you for your consideration.
12/20/2021 - 13:14	Paul Durham	splitting Deer Valley from Desert Ridge	Splitting deer valley from Desert Ridge by the IRC is a blatantly partisan decision. What little trust in our institutions that remain will be further eroded as it shows the biased and partisan behavior of the organization. Behaving irresponsibly defines the rules of engagement, and the left advantage of today will be gone tomorrow. The disrespect given today will be reciprocated tomorrow. Desert Ridge should stay with Deer Valley to maintain any form of civility between our political parties.
12/20/2021 - 13:34	Mary Hoover	Map for LD 17	Please I live in Marana, do not put me and my neighbors on the West side of I 10 in with the people on the East side of Town. We are neither contiguous nor competitive. This large swath of land only makes travel to meetings take more time and energy. Please reconsider.
12/20/2021 - 13:34	Jacob Brown	Mesa - Districts 8 and 9	Good afternoon, as a long time Mesa resident, I wanted to reach out regarding the boundaries between districts 8 and 9 as it relates to Mesa. I understand that there are many factors that this commission must consider when drawing these maps, but it seems like it is best to keep Mesa with Mesa. By drawing the lines down Country Club and University, you are breaking up family, religious, school, and out communities. Even when considering the factors listed below, I don't see a justification for drawing the line into Mesa. Equal sized population - District 8 including Tempe and Scottsdale has more people than District 9, so moving that Mesa section back into Mesa would equalize the populations. Communities of interest - as indicated previously, this will break up school districts, neighbors, families, and religious units. Drawing such an arbitrary line is disfavored for a reason. Following other boundaries - Why not just use Mesa boundaries? Keep jurisdictions together. Or Mesa Public School boundaries, or freeway boundaries (the 202 and 101). There are so many legitimate other boundaries to follow, it is unclear to me why those roads were chosen. All said, please keep Mesa with Mesa. The current plan will simply isolate that section of Mesa so that they never get any representation as everyone will focus on Tempe.
12/20/2021 - 13:41	Anne Teixeira	Redistricting	
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12/20/2021 - 13:42	Anne Teixeira	Redistricting	
12/20/2021 - 14:00	Leslie Pape	Redistricting	I am in favor of adopting LD17 map 9.0. Map 10.0 is clearly gerrymandering. Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 14:04	Karyn L Riedell	Flagstaff	I strongly believe that Flagstaff should not be split. But if you are intent on doing so, then please split at the railroad tracks--as requested by The Navajo Nation.

12/20/2021 - 14:11	Linda Spearman	Draft Map 12.0.1	<p>Dear Commission, I urge you to come as close to perfection as possible in meeting the stated objectives in order to avoid the appearance of gerrymandering, which will surely invoke a challenge. I believe Draft Map 12.0.1 accomplishes the objectives. Please give it your full consideration.</p> <p>Thank you, Linda A. Spearman</p>
12/20/2021 - 14:14	Ronald Brown	Original Proposal for LD17	<p>My concern focuses on the proposed plan for placing Oro Valley in LD17.</p> <p>This district as planned is stretched out and narrow, running southeast below to the northwest outside of the Tucson City containing large disparities of interests and concerns; and as such overwhelms focused political activism as well as effective Arizona and Federal efforts of resolution.</p> <p>I wish to impress on the planning committee benefits of placing Oro Valley into LD18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The proposed LD18 district and Oro Valley have a common border. •The makeup of the communities in terms of interests and concerns with respect to living conditions, resources, occupational opportunities, and interests are similar. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> oThe township of Oro Valley is well-invested in security, land preservation and recreational resources, and high-tech investment; much like LD18. oEach provide personal and professional resources directly and indirectly to the UofA, and surrounding technology development industries and services. oThe geographical nature of medical resources offers a centralized location of integrated care. o Oro Valley within the LD-18 mutually offer closely located residential areas to the university. oIn all, these attributes are benefits to the state's economy and environment and they bring together communities with politically awareness and historical records of shifting voting patterns). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The proposed change supports each of the Constitutional Criteria with respect to Article 4 part 2, Section A. <p>Thank you for your attention and consideration.</p>
12/20/2021 - 14:17	Priscilla Wilson	Redistributing Input	<p>I'm support of the IRC. Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Respectfully Priscilla Wilson</p>
12/20/2021 - 14:28	Michelle DePinto	Redistricting	<p>Hi - I understand progress was made over the weekend on the latest working DRAFT of the proposed new districts. I am a proponent of the following: 1.) Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills 2.) CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Thank you, Michelle DePinto</p>

12/20/2021 - 14:52	Marie Galletti	Stop the Gerrymandering	The Arizona IRC is charged with establishing fair boundaries that reflect the population of each district. David Daley, Garrett Archer and other credible journalists have reported that Republican members of the IRC are redistricting Maricopa County in order to give Republican candidates an unfair advantage over Democrats. The proposed changes, in particular those proposed for Gilbert, Chandler, and Phoenix, seek to deny Democratic voters a fair competitive position in future elections. Maricopa has become a purple county, and District boundaries must reflect this fact. As a citizen District 20, I strongly oppose any changes of District boundaries that would give Republican candidates an unfair advantage over Democrats. The Arizona legislature publicly stained the reputation of our state by denying the results of the 2020 Presidential election and by using taxpayer money on a "fraudit" conducted by an inexperienced Republican-leaning organization with the improbable name of Cyber Ninjas. Today the national spotlight is again focused on Arizona. Arizona must be perceived as a fair and democratic state, and, for the sake of our American republic, Arizona must be, in reality, a democratic state. The District boundaries proposed by the Republican members and the Republican-leaning chair of the IRC amount to gerrymandering in order to give an undemocratic advantage to Republicans. In light of the Big Lie that precipitated the attack of January 6, it is no exaggeration to say that our American democracy is in grave danger on the national as well as the local level. The IRC must stand for American democracy by opposing gerrymandering by Republican partisans.
12/20/2021 - 15:04	Amy Cummings	Boundaries of our district	CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1
12/20/2021 - 15:20	Wayne L Mitchell	Gerrymandering	I am a veteran, a professional (doctorate from ASU), and a concerned citizen. I love Arizona and have always been proud of this state; however, I'm concerned about this redistricting issue. We must NOT gerrymander in favor of the Republicans any more than we should not gerrymander in favor of the Democrats. Looking at the proposed re-districting map, it looks like this "independent" redistricting committee is not so as independent as it should be. We don't want to embarrass ourselves as we did this past year when a Republican state senator used public funds to pay the Cyber Ninjas to conduct an audit to see if Donald Trump really lost the vote in this state to Joe Biden. WHY CAN'T WE BE HONEST?
12/20/2021 - 15:40	DJ Lockwood	Redistricting	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Also, CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 15:52	LISA GLENN	Partisan gerrymandering	I am well aware, as I am sure that all of you are aware, that Arizona was one of the first states to put into place an Independent Redistricting Commission, instead of state legislators, to redraw the district voting maps after each 10-year census. Arizona was held up as an example for the rest of the country as moving toward a more democratic and independent process that encouraged more open and honest debate, more candidate contact with all constituents in a wide-ranging arena, a process that made it necessary for each candidate to explain their policies and to have to answer questions from the public. This does not happen now because we have "protected" districts, where a candidate does not have to answer to the public as a whole, but can expect to rely on his or her very narrow base. This was not the intent of the first Independent Redistricting Commission, and should not be so now. Although equal population, minority groups, and communities of interest are important considerations, the over-riding consideration should be districts that are as diverse and independent as possible. Without that particular consideration, we will always have extreme partisan candidates and extreme partisan policies that do not reflect the concerns and needs of the majority of the public. Please do not undo the reputation of a fair Arizona Redistricting Commission! Every single candidate should have to work honestly for their share of voters!!
12/20/2021 - 15:58	Denise Lockwood	Redistricting	Desert Ridge & Deer Valley Airpark don't belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills since Desert Ridge is a young family area & Scottsdale & Fountain Hills are retirement communities. Further, Deer Valley is an industrial area and belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix--not with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town in District 8, which is an arts and entertainment district. It does not belong with the residential area to the north. Let's try for common sense thinking. PLEASE RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST and reconsider to remove Desert Ridge and Deer Valley from our district. Thank you!
12/20/2021 - 15:59	Charles Mettille	redistrictising	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.

12/20/2021 - 17:10	Millicent Gray	AZ Redistricting	<p>From Millicent Gray and Family To the Members of the IRC Greetings. My family adds our support to the following versions developed, based on direction from Commissioners Lerner and Vice-Chair Watchman, concerning CD Plan 9.1.1 and LD Plan 12.0.1. These plans appear to be more balanced and fair compared to other versions; they lean more closely to the draft maps; and more closely respect the input from the Navajo Nation and the Latino Coalition, which as we know, are communities protected by the Voting Rights Act. The people of the Navajo Nation have made it quite evident that they do not want to be in the same district as Flagstaff. It would appear that the Nation and other Native American communities risk losing the opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice when connected to Flagstaff. We simply can't risk that. The Native Americans of Arizona MUST have a voice and a choice. Draft Map LD17 #TusconGerrymander is simply not viable. Too partisan. Republican, not competitive. 75% of live public testimony OPPOSED this map. Thank you. Sincerely, Millicent Gray</p>
12/20/2021 - 17:26	Michael S. Pyska	Redistricting	<p>To the Redistricting Commissioners, I've lived in Ahwatukee Foothills since 187 and I support the draft map 12.0.1 for LD12. It's shape more closely resembles the community of interest which is Ahwakuee and the I-10 corridor. This area more closely represents the areas that I live and work in after spending time at Intel and Microchip.</p>
12/20/2021 - 18:05	Gloria Boettcher	Redistricting	<p>We have given significant testimony and the residents of Desert Ridge/Deer Valley/Scottsdale/Fountain Hills are not being heard. Because our communities are not being heard, please allow me to reiterate:</p> <p>Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town Scottsdale in D8. That is an art and entertainment district and does not belong with the residential area to the north.</p> <p>Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a young, family area where Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area - it belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix. LD2 and LD4 should be consistent with LD27 by adding Deer Valley to LD2 and Desert Ridge to LD4.</p> <p>Our neighborhood and our communities of interest should be treated with respect - not ignored and passed over.</p> <p>Thanks, Gloria Boettcher</p>
12/20/2021 - 18:20	Michele Swinick	URGENT ISSUE & CONCERNS - Redistricting Comments	<p>The Redistricting currently being proposed does not reflect our community in Scottsdale and needs to be immediately adjusted. Please remove the Deer Valley airport from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark are very far and different from Scottsdale and Fountain Hills & do not belong with those 2 areas.</p> <p>As for CD1, you've already made enough changes to destroy the district so please leave it as is. Urban Phoenix should not be included & Cave Creek & Carefree need to remain.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
12/20/2021 - 18:20	Tega Maidoh	Chandler	<p>Hello commissioners. I am Tega a resident of the East valley and I fully support the changes to IRC draft map 15.0 regarding LD 13 proposed by Commissioner Lerner. The change unites Latino communities in Chandler and communities of interest with Gilbert into LD 13, while improving all constitutional criteria. This change should remain in the final map for D13.</p>
12/20/2021 - 20:05	Eric Shelley	LD Map	<p>Re: the changes to the legislative map from today's meeting - LD 2 should not include land north of the SR-101. They are distinctly different communities and should not be part of the same legislative district.</p>
12/20/2021 - 20:06	Eric Shelley	LD Map	<p>Re: the changes to the legislative map from today's meeting - LD 2 should not include land north of the SR-101. They are distinctly different communities and should not be part of the same legislative district.</p>
12/20/2021 - 20:06	Tega Maidoh	Casa Grande/Tucson in Congressional Redistricting	<p>Good evening commissioners. I would like to remind you that fair and competitive maps matter and should be drawn on the congressional level. To achieve this the current congressional starting point needs some changes. Casa Grande should be put whole in D2. In the last redistricting session Casa Grande was kept whole and it should remain whole in D2 as it is a community of interest with Coolidge and Florence. Furthermore, dividing Casa Grande would result in a dilution of the Latino community because they are well spread out in the city. To account for this population loss, the border between D6 and D7 should be moved West to Country Club Road which is a fair boundary that does not split the University of Arizona community.</p>

12/20/2021 - 20:48	Crystal Bazarnic	LD28 - Anthem/north Phoenix	I see that now on the 16.0 map, I-17 is the boundary between LD3 and LD28. It is very important to our COI that both the east and west sides of I-17 are kept together in one district. As this map is currently drawn, the west side of Anthem is separated from the rest of the community, and the 303 area west of I-17 is not included in our district. This area will be showing massive growth over the next 10 years, and we want to keep it in our district. We need our entire north I-17 corridor kept as intact as possible. Thank you.
12/20/2021 - 21:32	Paul Rowe	LD 3 AND CD 1	Commissioners, The recommendations for including western and northern sections into LD 3, specifically the Deer Valley airport area and Desert Ridge, are not similar communities of interest with Scottsdale, whereas Cave Creek and Carefree are. Please maintain CD 1 as is. Urban areas of Phoenix also are not of similar communities. Thank you, Paul Rowe LD 23
12/20/2021 - 21:32	Vivian Perry	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	During the months of consideration maps that reflected the needs for representation of the Navajo Nation and Latino communities have been pushed to the back. It seems that the Independent Chair of the commission favors the Republican commission members with great regularity. This does not reflect the wishes of the citizens of Arizona when the IRC was founded. I hope that my fears aren't reflected in the final maps.
12/20/2021 - 21:47	Sandra Morrison	Re-districting map	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/20/2021 - 21:53	Carolyn C. McMahon	Redistricting	I want Deer Valley to remain with Desert Ridge. This has been a good district division meeting the needs of our students.

12/20/2021 - 22:00	Jay Simpson	Princeton Gerrymandering Project Analysis of current maps vs. draft maps	<p>One of the three national experts who presented to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee regarding measures of competitiveness was Dr. Samuel Wang of Princeton University. Dr. Wang created the Princeton Gerrymandering Project which, among other things, has developed a well-respected method to score proposed redistricting maps for their fairness, competitiveness and partisan bias.</p> <p>Princeton scored the draft maps that the IRC published October 28th before the 30 public comment period. The scores were published the day after the draft maps were finalized. Both the congressional and legislative draft maps received an "A" for partisan fairness. The Congressional map, 7.1, was scored to have a 5.6% partisan bias towards republicans. See: https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recSdMbhcDC0NV6UO</p> <p>The LD map, 10.0, had a 3.3% partisan bias towards republicans. See: https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recwc9wLzOGzNpLud</p> <p>Both of the draft maps received the grade of "C" for competitiveness with the congressional map having only three of nine competitive districts and the legislative map having only five of thirty competitive districts.</p> <p>The IRC then had 30 days of hearings to receive public input on their draft maps. Hundreds of concerned citizens testified in favor of increasing the number of fair and competitive districts in both the congressional map and the legislative map. The number of witnesses supporting fair and competitive maps were roughly six times those who disfavored competitive districts. Voters who supported Proposition 106 (which created the IRC) expect the Commission to honor their charge to create fair and competitive districts, not a super majority of safe seats or a partisan map.</p> <p>Chair Neuberger said that she heard the public's call for competitive districts but she announced to the public that she is constrained by the Voting Rights Act which makes it impossible to draw competitive districts. She has used this justification (which is incorrect, of course) to give license to her republican colleagues to take advantage of the final map drafting process.</p> <p>Instead of heeding the overwhelming public call for fair and competitive maps, the IRC is currently engaged in a partisan exercise to create unfair and non-competitive maps. The two republican members of the IRC openly acknowledge that they are receiving private communications from partisan actors over their lunch break which are framing their suggestions for changes to achieve partisan advantage. (Jeremy Duda, a reporter for the Arizona Mirror, noted that they changed district lines to accommodate a republican legislator, Sine Kerr, who was about to be stuck in a democratic district but they changed the lines to accommodate her). Their changes to the draft maps have not focused on fairness but have been designed to create the maximum amount of partisan bias in favor of the republican party.</p> <p>The Princeton Gerrymandering Project has scored their most recent maps as of today, December 20, 2021. Specifically, they scored two maps, CD 11.1 and LD 15.0. Both maps have gone backwards from the draft maps according to Princeton's scoring. The republican bias on the legislative map has more than doubled to 6.7%. Not surprisingly, the partisan bias grade has been lowered to a "B" from an "A". There are fewer competitive districts (down to four from five out of thirty on the LD side). The number of county splits has increased and the compactness scores have gone down. This is a worse map according to nearly every criteria Princeton employs. The congressional map now has only two districts that are rated competitive under Princeton's scoring. I requested Princeton score CD map 12.1 which was adopted by the IRC late today. Based on Timmons' competitive data analysis, I am sure map 12.1 is a step in the wrong direction.</p> <p>Princeton Gerrymandering Project's scoring of the recent maps can be found here:</p> <p>AZ cong map 11.1 (RC): https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card/?planId=rectm7R9VDddge6nf</p> <p>AZ SL map 15.0 (RC): https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card/?planId=recYW2ZCwhirMcFw0</p> <p>Frankly, it is shocking that the IRC would willfully ignore the input of the public during the constitutionally required 30 day comment period. It is even more shocking that the draft maps, which were clearly biased towards republicans, should become even more biased during the final two weeks of mapping deliberations. This is not the fault of the public or the Voting Rights Act. It is plainly a failure of leadership. Chair Neuberger's legacy shall be forever tarnished based on her actions and inactions over the last 45 days.</p>
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12/20/2021 - 23:01	Julie Pindzola	Partisan Splits and Fair and Competitive maps	<p>I can't help but ask how in the world an Independent Redistricting Commission can confirm that it's work is Fair and Competitive if it cannot look at Partisan Split. Chair Neuberger chastises Commissioner Lerner for noting the competitive break down of any particular map version. This is not rational. The whole point of the demographics breakdown is to see the racial and partisan impacts of the mapped districts. Assessing the district maps to know which party has the likely win in the future is the purpose of this whole exercise. To contend otherwise is seriously disingenuous.</p> <p>WE want this data thoroughly evaluated in order to gain a reliable understanding of the numbers of safe districts and also Competitive districts. Competitiveness is a Constitutional criterion not to be minimized. Partisan Split is a measure of this criterion and should not be minimized. A statewide map that has an equal split of safe R and D districts with the remaining districts drawn to be highly Competitive would be a map to be proud of Arizona! Keep trying.</p>
12/20/2021 - 23:09	Suzanne Mead	Draft Map LD16.0	<p>The IRC has proposed a new legislative map 16.0. This map's treatment of LD3 in which Cave Creek and Carefree are located falls far afield of three important criteria: compactness, community of interest and partisan balance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --It does not reflect a true community of interest for Cave Creek and Carefree and Northern Scottsdale. Our community of interest remains to be south along the Tatum Blvd. and Cave Creek Road corridors and should include Desert Ridge and communities south of the 101 as far as Bell Road. --Anthem's community of interest is south along I-17 and neither Anthem nor the Cave Creek and Carefree communities have anything in common with New River. --It is not compact by any measure. --The vote spread is highly partisan at 26% and way outside the 4-7% targeted level of fairness. --This map appears to be gerrymandered in favor of sitting legislators in violation of the intended purpose of an Independent Redistricting Commission. <p>Please re-draw LD3 in Map 16.0, removing Anthem and New River, adding Desert Ridge and areas south of the 101 as far as Bell Road or further if needed for population.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>