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12/22/2021 - 00:23	IRC Process going forward	Lynne Hudson	<p>IRC Meeting Comment 12/21/21</p> <p>All members of the 2021 IRC deserve our gratitude, but I want to extend my special thanks to Shareen Lerner. She is blessed (some might argue cursed) with incredible patience and remarkable anticipatory problem skills. When selecting starting points for both CD and LD maps, she shared her best hypotheses, but never imposed her view on her colleagues. Instead she listened respectfully, offered counterproposals that referenced specific Constitutional criteria, and only then alerted her colleagues to potential pitfalls that going down other paths might lead to. Time after time she was outvoted, and time after time those of us who followed the IRC proceedings witnessed the results of ignoring her foresight—dead ends, tradeoffs, fits and starts—and restarts. That's how we left things yesterday.</p> <p>Today we learned what being taken seriously by Commission colleagues requires. Playing well with others is insufficient. No one should be surprised that Commissioner Lerner's righteous indignation erupted this morning. Her message was not new, she just repeated it more forcefully. Drawing her own red line was a game changer. Her colleagues became more willing to compromise, and the process moved noticeably forward. Perhaps if she had done that when the shenanigans started, all of us might have been saved a lot of time and anguish. Lesson learned.</p> <p>If maps are approved tomorrow as anticipated, we are likely to end up where we expected we would—with some people happy and others disappointed and/or angry. But only time will tell if the process actually ends there. We know the previous Arizona IRC was involved in court proceedings.</p> <p>A few days ago, the Commission's legal team reviewed a current court case regarding the Texas redistricting process. Their summary foreshadowed what might await Arizona. The Texas case demonstrates that courts will hear meritorious lawsuits even in the absence of pre-clearance. One thing the lawyers mentioned that could trigger a case in Arizona is evidence that better and fairer maps than those chosen were suggested and available. (This seems possible.) Another potential trigger is evidence that the Constitution was violated. (This, too, seems possible, as evidenced by facts uncovered and published by area investigative reporters.) Another possible source of evidence is the written record of changes made to approved draft maps, which arguably provides a roadmap documenting bias.</p> <p>I know current commissioners are likely to be called upon to provide guidance to the 2031 commission. I learned many things following this commission's work that I would like to make part of the public record. At the beginning of the process, it is important to have public discussions about all the criteria. What do the individual criteria mean and how will they be used to arrive at specific decisions—especially when they are in conflict and must be weighed. Here is an example: Consultants helped the current commissioners develop a common metric for competitiveness, but they never came to a common understanding of the role competitiveness can and should play in the redistricting process. I don't believe they did this for COIs either, which created problems throughout the process. (Many Arizonans continued to believe that a COI is defined by where you shop, dine, and worship.) Likewise, commissioners did not develop a common understanding of terms like "to the extent practicable" or "significant detriment to other criteria." This lack of clarity then spilled over into a large portion of the public. Having said that, some IRC followers were incredibly well informed and thoughtful. They contributed maps, documents, and public comments. I was amazed at the investment so many Arizonans put into following the Commission's work, attending public meetings, and providing thoughtful feedback.</p> <p>I want to end by thanking all the commissioners, staff, lawyers, mappers and consultants for their work. Democracy can be slow, messy, and imperfect, but I continue to believe it is worth the time and the effort.</p>
12/22/2021 - 01:19	state gerrymandering	Marvin Dean McCollum	the proposed state map is totally unfair!!! It should at least be 4-R---3-D---2-toss-ups

12/22/2021 - 01:38	Map Suggestion	Orelbis Fernandez	<p>Hello, I've been keeping up with maps published by the commission and felt disappointed with the amount of apparent gerrymandering still present in these maps. I've made a map I would like for you to see that while it may not be completely accurate with its demographic data, I feel it more fairly draws districts.</p> <p><a href="https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e070eff3-a22a-4acc-acb8-e38cd67d7dfc">https://app.districtbuilder.org/projects/e070eff3-a22a-4acc-acb8-e38cd67d7dfc</a></p>
12/22/2021 - 05:32	Reject draft congressional map	Valerie Morrill	I had hoped that the results of the IRC's commendable public outreach would reflect voters' pleas for competitive districts. You take away our voice and our vote by gerrymandering districts where only one party can win. Make each district where there is a fighting chance at least for the 2 major parties, and where independents may even have a presence. Fix it please.
12/22/2021 - 05:53	CD Draft Map	Matt Parrili	Commissioners, The current CD Draft Map leaves eastern Santa Cruz County without a voice in the US House of Representatives. The Sonoita/Elgin area is a majority conservative Republican area with interests common to CD 6 not CD 7 - read strong Communities of Interest! Including our area in CD 6 as laid out in our CD0052 Plan will in no way adversely impact the bullet proof Democrat majority in CD 7. We are talking about only 1500 voters. What it will do is give us our National democratic voice back.
12/22/2021 - 05:54	Redistricting my area	Margaret Straus	<p>I firmly request that part of my neighborhood, the block from 32nd Street to 40th Street and Camelback to Campbell stay in my legislative district. I am currently in Az LD28 which I understand is likely to become LD4. The block from 32nd Street to 40th Street and Camelback to Campbell must continue to remain MY neighborhood.</p> <p>Kindly, Margaret "Peg" Straus [REDACTED] Phx</p>
12/22/2021 - 06:15	Gerrymandered maps	Jennifer Turrell	Please reject the gerrymandered redistricting map that gives a 6-3 advantage to Republicans and tries to silence others within the state.
12/22/2021 - 06:19	I support LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1.	Michael Mendoza	Thank you.
12/22/2021 - 06:42	Sonoita-Elgin Place in CD 6	Tim Faulkner	<p>Good morning Commission,</p> <p>I have read my fellow residents (Matt Parrili) message that was sent to you and agree fully with his statement . Being placed in a CD 6 that will support our values and unites us with areas where we do most of our shopping and business is very important to the small numbers of people who live here . CD 6 would actually value us and see us as an asset rather casting our community aside . Being placed in CD 7 will offer us poor representation ( as experienced this past ten years) and again will quell our voices of dissatisfaction by simply ignoring us.</p> <p>Please consider this last minute request for the future prosperity of all who live in this area.</p> <p>Thank you for your thoughtful consideration, Tim Faulkner Elgin,Az</p>
12/22/2021 - 07:04	GOP Control of the IRC	larry romo	The entire purpose of the IRC is to create competitive, equitable districts. What we are seeing in this AZ IRC is blatant favoritism to the GOP. This is a direct violation of the voting rights of Arizonans.
12/22/2021 - 07:09	Map CD 7 and CD 6	Kathleen P Crockett	The population of Santa Cruz County is 83.5% Hispanic which mostly reside in West SCC with a mountain range separating that area from Sonoita, Elgin, Canelo. My husband and I are Caucasian as are most people in east SCC. We are college educated successful retirees in this part of the county with dozens of wineries, vineyards, and entrepreneur businesses. English is our first language and we are American born whereas over 33% of the western SCC is foreign born. The concerns of residents in east SCC are not addressed by our county to the point where legislation was initiated and AZ senate initiated a study group to determine the impact of succession of east SCC to Cochise. Our community of interest is Cochise County! We shop, go to doctors appointments, visit family, run errands in Cochise which is closer in proximity. Many of us are retired military officers and utilize Fort Huachuca for medical care, and are connected to the large military retiree community in the Sierra Vista area of Cochise. Our numbers are small and should not impact the "balancing" issues the commission faces. Our values do not parallel the strong Democratic leaning in the county. Again, this is a minority population. Please hear our voice and place eastern SCC in CD 6!
12/22/2021 - 07:14	I Support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Berger Kenneth	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.

12/22/2021 - 07:15	Sonoita & Elgin should be in both LD 19 AND CD 6	Joshua Lee Taylor	<p>Commissioners,  The current CD Draft Map leaves Eastern Santa Cruz County disenfranchised, without a voice in the US House of Representatives. The Sonoita &amp; Elgin area is a majority conservative Republican area with interests common to CD 6, not CD 7. Sonoita and Elgin should be placed in CD6 in accordance with Communities of Interest goals. Including our area in CD 6 as laid out in our CD0052 Plan will not adversely impact the the Democrat majority in CD 7, as we are talking about only 1500 voters. Please help give back our voice in our elections!</p> <p>Thank you,  Josh Taylor  ██████████</p>
12/22/2021 - 07:23	Redistributing must follow the rules	Nancy branham	<p>There are six mandates that must be followed. It's the law. PLEASE follow the law and do not make a sham of this important and constitutionally mandated process.  Specifically my concern is #1 to keep Flagstaff whole including the communities of Bellemont, Kachina, Mountainaire, Munds park, Forest highlands, and Flagstaff Ranch. #2. Keep Sedona whole and put it and the verde valley communities with Flagstaff. If you review the public comments you have received this is what these communities clearly want. #3. Honor the indigenous populations by following your constitutionally mandated processes to do so. #4. I am from northern Arizona but there are other serious and flawed issues throughout the state. Thank you for your service but please follow the clearly outlined instructions you have been given by the constitution.</p> <p>Sincerely  Nancy Branham from Flagstaff</p>
12/22/2021 - 07:23	Gerrymandering of Congressional Districts	M L Taylor	<p>Please do not pass this new districting! As a democratic United States, this proposed districting is deeply wrong and does not secure fair voting. Arizona does not deserve such an ugly stain in its history books and neither do the people of Arizona!</p>

12/22/2021 - 07:30	Map 16	Jennifer Mindock	<p>Oops! it appears from map 16 that the commissioners have lost the Forrest for the trees. With our population almost evenly divided between the three parties, each group should be given a third of the seats in a map of the state's voting districts: 1/3 Republican, 1/3 Democrat, and 1/3 Independent. We should see equal representation by each party in the final maps for both the legislative and Congressional districts. That means, out of the 30 legislative seats posted Tuesday night; 10 should lean Republican; 10 should lean Democrat, and 10 should lean competitive for Independents. In the same way, tomorrow, when finalizing the Congressional Districts: 3 would lean Republican, 3 would lean Democrat, and 3 would lean competitive for Independents.</p> <p>Unfortunately for the details hammered out on Tuesday's LD map, the commissioners were very patient in wading through many compromises but they somehow became unmoored from the big picture. They will still need some major adjustments on Wednesday if the maps are going to represent the state of Arizona fairly. The 'final' legislative districts on map 16 should have even 10:10:10 ratios and instead have the ratio of 14:12:4: 14 Republican leaning; 12 Democrat leaning; and 4 Competitive leaning. Where's the fairness in giving Republicans a two seat advantage over the Democrats? Where's the fairness in telling Independents that there is a 'real' race where everyone's vote counts in only four seats out of the entries House of Representatives The commissioners spent hours changing details about districts without checking on the big picture and now there will need to be some major adjustments if the map is going to be an equitable arrangement for Arizona's voters to to be saddled to for the next ten years! It is obvious that no members of the IRC would even think of gerrymandering their final map in this way yet too much attention to details (and, really, a pretty unwieldy mapping app) have allowed this to happen. Hopefully, when the commissioners begins the CD on Wednesday they will be able to keep their eye on the big picture and create a genuinely representative (3:3:3) proportion on the CD map and won't have to return to the drawing board on that one as well.</p> <p>As hard as our commissioners have been working, it is unlikely they will be able to totally repair the LDs and finish the CDs tomorrow. There is not enough time in one day to adequately give careful attention to quality and integrity to the big picture that is needed. Maybe it is best for everyone to take a few days to rest and clear their heads before coming back on the 26th or 27th to complete the work. It is really no big surprise they the commission will not be finished with their weighty task on the 22nd as tentative goals for big projects such as this never finish early. Still, it must be discouraging for members of the commission who must certainly be growing very weary of compromising on irrelevant details while everyone ignores the white elephant of equal ratios at the state level. (Even the two hundred plus volunteers that applied for the honor of representing Arizona as one of the five redistricting commissioners are probably thanking their lucky stars that they didn't make it at this point!).</p> <p>No one can get our exhausted commissioners across the finish line; only their own continued work ethic and commitment to fairness can do this.* Hopefully they will find strength in knowing that their grand children will hear about what they did. Hopefully they will be proud to know their state will again lead the nation in pioneering the best practices for supporting and strengthening its democracy with fair voting districts. It may not always seem so but many of us who are not on the hot seat for accomplishing such a commendable task truly do appreciate their patience and perseverance in succeeding at the task. The public also has seen the respect they have modelled for the differing opinions of their colleagues and members of the public! Thank you to all of them! Have a restful holiday and everyone come back refreshed!</p> <p>* The regrettable decision to 'borrow' tech people from the current state's administration (it to save the state money?!) which came about halfway into the redistricting year is not too late to change. The commission as well as the public have definitely been hindered by a mapping and feedback app that is pretty user-unfriendly. Even Zillow has a user-friendly app that allows anyone to outline a territory on a map, select one of about five filters, and get immediate feedback. Customers can do this immediately without any tutorial and without filtering every question through their app crew. The support staff which the IRC has borrowed from the state, especially the map people would probably be very grateful if the commission spent the balance of the 6 million budget they were allowed to hire an expert from silicon Valley to mentor them and get the app up to modern snuff. If not enough money remains, there would certainly be justification for adding the 22% inflation that has occurred since this amount was allotted for the first IRC ten years ago. About 1.3 more billion dollars added would definitely be pretty enticing for a 'temp job' by one of the best programmers in the world. Additionally the state would benefit for decades to come by securing a powerful user-friendly app to build on. This time, it needs to be the Chairman and perhaps another member of the council ( maybe the other PhD who is also skilled at research) who locates and acquires the outside help for the commission. I would suggest starting with a local Zillow Realtor and working their way to the top of the company; the process would most likely go VERY QUICKLY and, if they don't get to the CEOs desk in an hour (Rich Barton) is one of the top programmers in the world), they may at least reach his executive assistant, Kristen Fowler who could give them other recommendations for the another top -rated -tech -guru who can advise our Arizona people for a few days.</p> <p>Those of the IRC team who have paid such admirable attention to the state's budget and chosen to use our government's support staff in order to help do this might not understand at first, but it is the right of the commissioners to do this and, it would be crazy to be penny wise and foolish at a time like this. The most import decision that can be made for our state is happening right now and we need to do the right thing' get the best help there is. Arizona can do this!</p>
12/22/2021 - 07:36	Fair Maps - Thank you C. Lerner	Ann Heitland	<p>Thank you, Commissioners Lerner and Watchman, for standing up for fair maps. CD2 remains a travesty. Neuberg's squelching of any discussion of splitting Yavapai County to the detriment of Native American representation will go down as a shameful chapter in redistricting history.</p>
12/22/2021 - 07:45	LD 16.0 and CD 13.9 maps	Janet Patrick	<p>The Commission has done a tremendous job in getting us to these two map versions. Let these be the final maps to organize our state for the next ten years.</p>

12/22/2021 - 08:01	Support of Lerner's proposals	nancy wexler	Commissioner Lerner is doing everything she can to represent the majority of Arizona who voted for and insist on a fair, non gerrymandered mapping process. This process should not exist to create safe districts, but logical, competitive ones to ensure our electeds represent ALL Arizonans. Let's get this done even if it means extending the date. Compromise does not mean giving into the pressure to satisfy the commission or the arbitrary deadline. Give us fair maps and a fair chance at preserving our democracy
12/22/2021 - 08:04	REDISTRICTING	Brenda Wexler	Extreme partisanship is toxic to democracy. Give Arizonans a fair map. No gerrymandering.
12/22/2021 - 08:10	Santa Cruz County	Christine Courtland	Dear IRC, Although I hoped for competitive fair answers to result from this process, the latest maps do not follow through. They do not represent our community and have been manipulated to violate the United States Voting Rights Act. Please reconsider this plea - my county has strong historical ties with I 19 corridor lines for medical, social, recreational, tourism and bicultural connections. Association with Cochise County is rare and inconsistent with our values. I trust you will take these comments into account. Respectfully, Christine
12/22/2021 - 08:13	CD maps	William James	Dear Commissioners, The proper CD maps appear gerrymandered. They are overwhelmingly favorable to Republicans. Please revise the CD maps to produce a fair and competitive distribution. Allowing the currently proposed maps will surely push our state further into the hole of extreme and destructive partisanship we have witnessed in the last year's.
12/22/2021 - 08:14	CD maps	William James	Dear Commissioners, The proper CD maps appear gerrymandered. They are overwhelmingly favorable to Republicans. Please revise the CD maps to produce a fair and competitive distribution. Allowing the currently proposed maps will surely push our state further into the hole of extreme and destructive partisanship we have witnessed in the last year's.
12/22/2021 - 08:25	Redistricting	Robert Musselwhite	Let's make the new districts reflect registration in Arizona as to party.
12/22/2021 - 08:26	Gerrymandering map	Murryelle Bothwell	Please reject the GOP gerrymandering map for AZ. All does not seem independent.
12/22/2021 - 08:27	Gerrymandering map	Murryelle Bothwell	Please reject the GOP gerrymandering map for AZ. All does not seem independent.
12/22/2021 - 08:34	LD3 Version 16.0	Cindy Cummens	The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. Meaning that districts are to be created that are fair and competitive. Running for office should be a challenge for whoever is running and not just a slam dunk for a particular party, right? Candidates should have to work to get my vote and prove it once elected by representing the voice of the people that elected them. As an Independent if districts are carved out using the 6 mandated criteria I would have that voice to make an informed decision of whom to vote for. With the current proposed draft map version 16.0, LD3 gets s less competitive, it gets less compact, and it gets further away from any coherent community of interest. The solution to a viable LD3 is not to move it north and west, but to move it south and picking up parts of LD4 which is over-populated. I thank you all for your consideration.
12/22/2021 - 08:35	LD Restricting	Ronald Edward Brown	It is my understanding that purposeful gerrymandering is driving Arizona Redistricting, specifically LD17 which is a narrow and widening zone that is an obvious example. There is no justification for wrapping a zone around surrounding areas when they could be linked with adjacent areas of similar economic, education and interest. The proposed inclusion for example of including Oro Valley in a mostly republican area instead of linking it within LD18 is a disservice to the voting public. In fact, the separation of Oro Valley allow an otherwise Republican area and would result in a competitive, from both sides, in a district of mutuality with swings in voting choice and an example of democracy.
12/22/2021 - 08:46	Legislative Redistricting	Patti Jo Marsh	First Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and all the IRC for the difficult hard work you have accomplished so far. Thank you for listening to the concerns of all communities. PLEASE adopt the 16.0 legislative map because it is keeping people of same interest, same way of life able to work together for the good of their communities. I have great concerns about 13.9 Congressional map. We live in fairly new developing Asante/Desert Oasis of Surprise AZ. We shop, do business , attend events in Surprise. We do not live a small town rural community way of life. This map groups us in with citizens that have complexity different needs, wants in life. Again this is keeping citizens of same interest, same way of life, same need of protection to be able to work together for the good of their neighbors, comunity. Please include Asante/Desert Oasis with Congressional District 8. thank you for your time and listening to the concerns of our communities.
12/22/2021 - 08:53	LD17	Dianne Coscarelli	Chair Neuberg has stated that her justification for LD17 is to ensure that "right-of-center" voters will have representation. Right-of-center voters want real choices, with the highest quality of candidates, something competitive districts offer. You do them a disservice when a district that has great potential to be competitive is explicitly gerrymandered to the right. Be careful what you wish for: When you gift LD17 to extremists you diminish the voices of right-of-center voters, as well as others, including Independents. Please do not squander this potentially competitive district.

12/22/2021 - 08:53	IRC Maps CD12.1 and LD15	Carissa Sipp	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am writing today as the IRC team is in the last phase of the discussion. The draft maps have been analyzed by independent groups looking at gerrymandering and currently they have graded us in AZ as the following:</p> <p>1.) Congressional Map 12.1 is awfully R-leaning by a heavy majority despite the majority of voters being balances in AZ and more independents. We have received 'C' across the board and closer to an F for minority representation. We have enabled voices to be drowned out. I ask in the last push the IRC council consider revising the map to provide the Native Americans a voice and not assume they are and desire to be partisan. Also, work more within county lines and respect geographical features in representation. The effort of the GOP to not yield to others to promote complete and compact CDs shows and we can and should do better- otherwise we will be in the throws of extremists and lawsuits for years to come at the expense of taxpayers. The comments from GOP reps that 'tribal members can have their voice heard in DEM primaries' is beyond the most slanted and in fact racists take one has heard from this commission and will be grounds for lawsuits.  <a href="https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recC7o73t5H9guw7r">https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recC7o73t5H9guw7r</a></p> <p>2.) LD map 15.0 is stronger and more balanced so I greatly appreciate the effort. It still fails horribly and can still use the help to stop the county splits. The horrid splits of counties and geographical barriers and efforts to create 'safe' districts receives almost an F in gerrymandering grading. District 18 is horrible at this with my relatives just off Tanque Verde squashed into a newly formed heavy REP district created from great partisan effort. Saddlebrook and retirement communities have representation with their CD - they should not get preferential treatment. These communities are a strain on resources (water, infrastructure) from the communities they desire to 'escape' from diversity. Having a better and bigger discussion with a competitive district would lead to a better future and representation for our children and the majority of AZ. Gerrymandered districts have no desire to negotiate in governance thus creating extremists in governance.  <a href="https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recYW2ZCwhirMcFw0">https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recYW2ZCwhirMcFw0</a></p> <p>Please consider the mountain boundaries as well as moving District 21 to below the Tucson city limit or at the least Golf Links and balance the district 18 better to avoid the split on the east side of Tucson by including the Tanque Verde community in with the Tucson city representatives as my relatives desire. They have no common ground with Saddlebrook, have been Tucson natives for decades and own land passed down to their children. Their heart is Tucson. They buy feed from Tucson stores. They appreciate the diversity and are a diverse family themselves after moving to Tucson in the 1960s. Respect this voice.</p> <p>Additionally, the comments overheard and seen online and in social media are disturbing reflecting a bias to the REP side are at odds with the constitution and the fair representation of all. The dog whistles thrown out by particular groups in an effort to show why districts should lean to the REP favor as well as hints that the commission favors them will haunt us for the next 10-yrs and taint the history and legacy of this commission.</p> <p>By law, the districts should be as compact as possible instead of appearing gerrymandered, and must essentially have equal populations. Other criteria include keeping communities of interest together, competitiveness when it doesn't interfere with other criteria and adherence with state and federal laws, including the Voting Rights Act- this is the criteria. Currently the public hasn't seen this from the efforts in much of the voting preferences. This needs to be addressed immediately.</p> <p>Good Luck - the next 10-yrs will be decided with these maps and your honest reflection on your actions and leadership should weigh heavily on the commission and their conscience.</p> <p>Carissa</p>
12/22/2021 - 08:55	Proposed CD & LD maps	Dr. Richard Rutkowski	Please approve LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 13.9 as the best compromise to preserve communities of interest. Thank you.
12/22/2021 - 08:56	Proposed CD & LD maps	Judith Rutkowski	Please approve LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 13.9 as the best compromise to preserve communities of interest. Thank you.
12/22/2021 - 09:02	LD 19 and LD 21 Interface	Connie Williams	<p>I have carefully watched this process unfold. I have written before about the LD19 and 21 interface as it impacts Santa Cruz County. I will not repeat my other comments. Instead, I would like to call your attention to the fact that LD 19 is nearly 8,000 voters short and the LD21 is about 6,000 voters over the target number.</p> <p>The start to a fix is easy. We in Santa Cruz County want to keep our county whole. We are so small and distant from Phoenix, dividing us legislatively diminishes our voice and that matters. Restoring Santa Cruz County to all in LD 21 won't completely solve the numbers problem, but it's a helpful start.</p>

12/22/2021 - 09:11	CD12.1 and LD15 maps	Christine Sipp	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am a retired transplant to AZ. I am beyond miffed at the recent comments by the IRC members and effectively the lack of any desire to be competitive. Recent public comments, those seen online and in social media are disturbing reflecting a bias to the REP side are at odds with the constitution and the fair representation of all. The dog whistles are out. The lack of empathy is astounding especially those I consider have enough years behind them to understand their view is not the only view and they in fact can learn by others. I am insulted by particular groups throwing out anti-Semitic, racist, and even misogynistic remarks to support the formation of GOP leaning districts. I am disgusted with this whole process and the bias shown. We were once excited to have an IRC to avoid the partisan squabbles of other states in redistricting but it seems even the 'independent' has no meaning for the commission.</p> <p>The evidence is in plain sight of the lean of the commission. It is not hidden.  <a href="https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2021/12/21/arizona-independent-redistricting-commission-nears-final-vote-maps/8973373002/">https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2021/12/21/arizona-independent-redistricting-commission-nears-final-vote-maps/8973373002/</a></p> <p>We publicly see the effort to patronize those wanting competitive districts in an effort to have donor money speak volumes NOT the voters. All the current maps lean to the REP favor and no consideration has been taken from the people's voice.</p> <p>By law, the districts should be as compact as possible instead of appearing gerrymandered, and must essentially have equal populations. Other criteria include keeping communities of interest together, competitiveness when it doesn't interfere with other criteria and adherence with state and federal laws, including the Voting Rights Act- this is the criteria. Currently the public hasn't seen this from the efforts in much of the voting preferences. This needs to be addressed immediately.</p> <p>The mountains are geographical division and should be respected. Districts should not stretch from mid Tucson to Mexico. THIS should be addressed. The maps in plain sight show the effective gerrymandering. Be best- do better.</p> <p><a href="https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recC7o73t5H9guw7r">https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card?planId=recC7o73t5H9guw7r</a></p> <p>The next 10-yrs will be decided with these maps and your honest reflection on your actions and leadership should weigh heavily on the commission and their conscience.</p> <p>This process should be hard- the districts should be competitive and the bias should be removed from the commission. This is to be IND but the GOP seems to have sway and the cards are stacked. Remember - cheating is a choice not a mistake and currently it seems the commission is making a lot of bad choices and saying it is all fair.</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:12	Santa Cruz County	Livia Pontual	<p>Please do not split Santa Cruz County! Thank you!</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:15	Draft Mapping	Gregory Larson	<p>Dear Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC, Thank you for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of their work.</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:17	redistricting	Frances Steinman	<p>A fair redistricting supports democracy. Splitting districts so that one party has a distinct advantage, undermines the intent of ensuring fair and honest elections. If one side believes the only way to win is to "stack the deck" so that only they can win, we may as well be in Russia. Maybe we should be asking the 6 Republicans if they want a Democracy or want a "sham election" where only their candidate can win.</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:19	Thank you IRC and Chairwoman Neuburg!	Benjamin Wells	<p>From a Scottsdale resident for the last 25 years..... THANK YOU for all your work and listening to the concerns of the community to keep our communities of interest together.</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:20	Redistricting	Vicki Lynes	<p>Just a note of thanks to Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for the redistricting process and for hearing the feedback from the people of AZ. With this process only taking place every 10 years, it's important to take time to listen and make adjustments. You all did that and we thank you. I thank you.</p>

12/22/2021 - 09:21	AZ redistricting	Daniel Hunt	Speaking as a citizen of these Unites States of America, a democracy, we want a governing system in place that represents its citizens - ALL of its citizens. In the state of Arizona, also a democracy last time I checked, we want fair, competitive, compact maps that consistently (not selectively) respect communities of interest and comply with Voting Rights Act requirements. What is being proposed is turning out to be a far cry from the compact, geographically rational, competitive districts called for in the AZ constitution. When we have a system that is set up so one party always wins, that's not democracy and we will end up with skewed representation where only a select few citizens are heard. How is that democracy? The purpose of the AIRC is to ensure that bias does not corrupt the decisions of the redistricting maps, but that it exactly what is happening. The commission is not achieving the purpose of their duties to meet the six constitutional criteria - particularly compactness and competitiveness. Gerrymandering LD17 and LD21 achieves the exact opposite of these criteria. These districts are neither compact nor competitive and it is quite remarkable how something like this could even be considered by an "independent" commission. I implore the commission to go back to map 9.0 which is the closest thing to representing a democratic state.
12/22/2021 - 09:27	IRC Maps	Sharon OBrien	The maps as put forth do not follow the rules of acknowledging groups of interest, especially Latinos and Native tribal communities. Please consider these people and the rationale put forth by Ms. Lerner as you finalize this process. Gerrymandering is not the answer to a fair system.
12/22/2021 - 09:28	redistricting	Sally A Brashears	Thankyou for listening to the concerns of our community and for your hard work on the maps.
12/22/2021 - 09:29	Sonoita / Elgin in CD6	David S. Green	Commissioners, thank you for all your hard work in this effort on behalf of the state of Arizona. The current CD Draft Map leaves eastern Santa Cruz County without a voice in the US House of Representatives. The Sonoita/Elgin area is a majority conservative Republican area with interests common to CD 6 not CD 7 - read strong Communities of Interest! This are is majority Republican. What CD6 will do is give us our National democratic voice back. Best, David Green
12/22/2021 - 09:29	Draft Map for eastern Santa Cruz county	Ronald Yospur	IRC Commissioners The current CD Draft Map leaves eastern Santa Cruz County without a voice in the US House of Representatives. The Sonoita/Elgin area is a majority conservative Republican area with interests common to CD 6 not CD 7 - read strong Communities of Interest! Including our area in CD 6 as laid out in our CD0052 Plan will in no way adversely impact the bullet proof Democrat majority in CD 7. We are talking about only 1500 voters. What it will do is give us our National democratic voice back.!!
12/22/2021 - 09:35	Redistricting	Jennifer Kriwer	Just wanted to send a thank to Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest. I know it is a considerable amount of work..  Thank you so much
12/22/2021 - 09:51	Current CD Draft Map as it impacts Sonoita /Egin Santa Cruz County	Suzanne Jenkins	"Commissioners, Request your consideration of our small community of Sonoita and Elgin in Santa Cruz COunty. We have been totally ignored by the CD for 10 years and have had very little relationship with LD2 , Previously when we were linked to Cochise County we accepted. We are primarily conservative registered Republicans and Independants. Sonoita/Elgin shares a great deal of common social and economic interests with Cochise County. The relationship is more than we have with the rest of Santa Cruz County for several reasons..  Our Elgin school has students from Cochise County in addition to Sonoita Elgin and some from Patagonia . We have very few who come from other locations in SCC. Our high school students tend to go to schools in Cochise County, Patagonia and Vail, yet few will go to the rest of Santa Cruz County schools. Mostly they will go to Sierra Vista, Tombstone or private schools.  As the cost of gas is increasing people are becoming more concerned about how far they have to travel. These issues are difficult for our older community, It would be supportive of our community to have a CD and LD who care about our community instead of ignoring us.  The current CD Draft Map leaves us without a voice in the US House of Representatives. Including our area in CD 6 will in no way adversely impact the bullet proof Democrat majority in CD 7. We are talking about only 1500 voters. What it will do is give us our National democratic voice back." Regards Suzanne Jenkins

12/22/2021 - 09:52	Redistricting Santa Cruz County	Carolyn Shafer	<p>I have not only resided in Santa Cruz County for 26 years; I have lived an actively involved life in working with many people across the county who are focused on protecting and enhancing the true wealth of this county: our public lands, our diversity, and our cultural history. As the co-owner of a retail business for 15 years in Patagonia, I know first hand that this area is a world-wide destination for nature based activities.</p> <p>Santa Cruz County is the smallest county in Arizona based on geographic size and is one of the smallest based on population and per capita income. It is also reported that Santa Cruz County has the highest quality of life. I believe that quality of life reflects the residents being actively engaged in co-creating a thriving community for all.</p> <p>Based on my experience, I implore you not to divide Santa Cruz County into different legislative districts. All of Santa Cruz County is a community of interest with visible geographic features: the headwaters of the Santa Cruz River are in San Rafael Valley and the Sonoita Creek Watershed is a major tributary to the Santa Cruz River. A significant part of Santa Cruz County is identified as a Global Biodiversity Hotspot recognized by many scientists as one of the top regions in the world most in need of protection for species survival. The Patagonia Mountains on the southeastern Santa Cruz County border are key to Santa Cruz County's future well being.</p> <p>In order to best protect this COMMUNITY of interest, it is critical that all of Santa Cruz County continue as one district rather than being divided in two and assigned to other districts.</p> <p>DO NOT divide up the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed which includes the Patagonia Mountains and the Town of Patagonia. A 6:30 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects AZ in 2021. AZ is no longer a Republican dominant state. AZ's US Senators are both Democrats. AZ went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. DO NO ignore the will of the AZ voters! The IRC was created by voters to prevent gerrymandering: the proposed level of partisan imbalance is a clear indicator of pending partisan gerrymandering!</p>
12/22/2021 - 09:54	Gerrymandering	Luis Ortega	Respectfully reject the AZ GOP gerrymandering. Our state needs better.
12/22/2021 - 10:06	Thank you	Alison Walukiewicz	<p>Dear Chairwoman Neuburg and the entire IRC,</p> <p>Thank you for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of your hard work. I really appreciate the effort and time.</p> <p>Thank you so much,</p> <p>Alley</p>

12/22/2021 - 10:07	IRC maps CD12.1 and LD15: URGENT Change needed	Joe Sipp	<p>"They have taught their tongue to speak lies, they weary themselves to commit iniquity" (Jeremiah 9:4)</p> <p>This seems like the right comment to start this dialogue. I have watched and listened and heard the commission. I have heard the patronizing demeanor and aggressive questions from 'independent' representatives to the public. I ask, given the proceedings, has the commission truly acted as independent or has it sided with one participant who has made aggression comments and surreptitious submittals of maps?</p> <p>My answer is NO. The current IRC is not independent.</p> <p>The current maps and the maps like LD v10 have shown this process is not independent. It has not been since inception. As a man who has faith leaders should do the right thing and hold themselves to the truth and have the purest of motives, I see this has not occurred.</p> <p>Please review the current maps. Ask for outside counsel to review the maps. They are tainted especially the current CD12.1. This is a horrible map with leanings to appease a party not the people. Consider the voices of the communities of interest and the goals of the commission. NO- Native Voices are not going to be 'heard' in DEM primaries if the district is gerrymandered? This comment by a committee member should have stricken this member from a vote. This would assume the GOP is not out to represent this minority in any shape and should be considered only for a homogeneous few. This is not fair representation then if the majority of districts lean to the GOP.</p> <p>To fix this- considered looking at the comments of those asking for competitive districts and review the tenants of the IRC and avoid gerrymandering tests with these three statistical steps taken directly from Stanford law review article 'Three Tests for Practical Evaluation of Partisan Gerrymandering' by Samuel S.-H. Wang:  (1) an unrepresentative distortion in the number of seats won based on expectations from nationwide district characteristics  (2) a discrepancy in winning vote margins between the two parties  (3) the construction of reliable wins for the party in charge of redistricting, as measured by either the difference between mean and median vote share, or an unusually even distribution of votes across districts.</p> <p>The first test relies on computer simulation to estimate appropriate levels of representation for a given level of popular vote and provides a way to measure the effects of a gerrymander. The second and third tests, which can be used to help evaluate redistricting intent, rely on well-established statistical principles and can be carried out using a hand calculator without examination of maps or redistricting procedures. We should not need #3 but unfortunately commission vote have been heavily one sided as if run by a partisan group.</p> <p>Currently the maps fail, lean GOP and the only hope is you look deep in yourselves as as INDEPENDENT commission and redo the decisions and votes made that impact the INDEPENDENT effort. You have the power.</p>
12/22/2021 - 10:08	Redistricting	Janis Flavin	Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of their work.
12/22/2021 - 10:10	Thank you	David Genge	Sending a quick thank you to Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest - your hard work and dedication to this process is appreciated!
12/22/2021 - 10:14	District 23	Thomas E Mulleady	Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC, Thank you for your work on keeping our communities together. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
12/22/2021 - 10:14	redistricting	Jeffrey Kuchar	Please accept LD17 9.0 as the new district boundaries.
12/22/2021 - 10:23	redistricting	Jeanne Devine	Please reject gerrymandering. Our democracy needs competitive districts- show the rest of America that Arizona's system of redistricting is truly fair and not corrupt. Reject dividing communities of interest and maintain competitiveness.
12/22/2021 - 10:31	Thank You and Please Adopt CD Map 13.9	cynthia	Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities and all of your work.  Please adopt the 16.0 legislative map as it does the best job of keeping our communities of interests together.
12/22/2021 - 10:35	Thank you--Redistricting	Judith Gogolin	I'm pleased to be able to thank Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of your work.
12/22/2021 - 11:01	Thank you	Jeff Goracke	Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC, thank you for listening to the concerns of our communities and all of your hard work throughout this process. Thanks! Jeff Goracke
12/22/2021 - 11:02	Thank you	Jeff Goracke	Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC, thank you for listening to the concerns of our communities and all of your hard work throughout this process. Thanks! Jeff Goracke

12/22/2021 - 11:15	thank you	Janet Fernstrom	Thank you so much Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of their work.
12/22/2021 - 11:17	Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and members of the IRC	Craig Stephan	I am a long-time resident of Scottsdale. I want to thank Chairwoman Neuburg and the members of the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest, for their dedication to the redistricting process, and for their hard work.
12/22/2021 - 11:29	community of interest	Joseph Chaplik	Thank you for listening to make better community of interests.
12/22/2021 - 11:35	map	Dana Kormash	Reject the IRC map.
12/22/2021 - 11:38	re: redistricting	Rachel Tatham	Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest and for all of the IRC work.
12/22/2021 - 11:46	Anthem in Legislative Redistricting Map	Nancy Wood	<p>Dear Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission,</p> <p>I have lived in Anthem for almost 10 year and I would like to be in a district with our ENTIRE I-17 north community on both sides of I-17. Using I-17 as the dividing line does not foster a sense of community for us. We live where we live because we have a community of interest. As lovely as Fountain Hills is, as well as the communities east of it, they are not a part of our community of interest. I would say the same of Sun City West.</p> <p>Lumping these disparate communities together does not serve the well-being of any. In addition to separating communities of interest, the current map for D28 renders it politically non-competitive.</p> <p>In the interest of democratic fairness, I am asking the Commission to please place Anthem in a legislative district with our neighboring communities. Please make D28 a more balanced and competitive district.</p> <p>Again, thank you for all of your work, including asking for and listening to community input.</p> <p>Sincerely, Nancy Wood</p>
12/22/2021 - 11:47	AZ Redistricting	Millicent Gray	<p>To the Commissioners of the Arizona IRC From Millicent Gray and Family Greetings</p> <p>In the end, it is, or should be, all about OUR DEMOCRACY. Please do not underestimate the need in this state and our country for the solid underpinnings of Democracy. Should we drift from our democratic principles, and not hold steadily firm in support of them, we could very well run the risk of oncoming chaos. It is NOT OK that our generation could be the one that loses the ongoing goal of Democracy. We as a country have worked too hard to get where we are now to give in to nay-sayers. Progress IS ongoing despite their troublesome words and actions. True, there are flaws and some more serious than others, that need attention; however, what system is ever free of flaws? So, we work on the flaws without damaging the system. This is what we can do for our state and our country. It is our right and duty as citizens, Please consider your decisions wisely and fairly as you duly finalize the redistricting maps. Sincerely, Millicent Gray</p>

12/22/2021 - 12:04	Commission Maps	Daniel Schulte	<p>It is with distress but unfortunately not surprise that I see the Republican gerrymandering extravaganza that is the work of the Republican commission. The "work" of this commission to secure through gerrymandering process Republican power that they can no longer secure through honest elections is very upsetting (Arizona is not, in fact, a "red" state any longer.) I object to my legislative district (18) being gerrymandered in a way simply to sway it to become a Republican district. In addition to gerrymandering the state legislative districts, I object to this commission is adding gerrymandered congressional districts to bolster Republican representation nationally. All of this is an obvious, naked power grab, entirely consistent with Republican anti-democratic operations that have become so standard in the party of faux "fraud investigations," bizarre conspiracy theories and the rise of the racist, violent Trump cult.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I also realize that the very operation of this commission serves to provide cover for a Republican power grab with a veneer of "independence," and thus any appeal to actual fairness or seeking support of democratic process here is essentially an exercise in futility with regard to the work of the commission itself.</p> <p>While distressing, none of the Republican engagement in anti-democratic process is surprising given the behavior of the leadership of the party in recent years. What I was surprised, and very disappointed by, has been the involvement of the commission chair in this process as a representative of the psychology profession. Dr. Neubertg characterizes herself as a "psychologist" even on the official commission website, while legally the status of psychologist can only be claimed by someone who is actively licensed as a psychologist (which she is not.) Dr. Neubertg runs a practice in which she tries to skirt this law by operating as a "life coach" while touting her psychology degree- clearly operating as a psychologist but not subject to any legal oversight that normally is required of one who operates in the practice. In the same way, she touts herself as an "independent" on this commission. This is only true in that she technically is not registered as the Republican, while operating functionally as a Republican operative to facilitate this commission's work to grab power for the Republican party. Her representing the profession of psychology in such an endeavor is truly dishonorable, and she should know that her behavior is recognized for what it is. As Republicans use this power grab as a basis for further eroding democratic process both in Arizona and nationally, Dr. Neubertg will have to reckon with her participation in this.</p>
12/22/2021 - 12:35	Legislative District 13	Jeffrey Tucker	<p>LD13 should be kept as it currently stands in Map 16.0 This map preserves true communities of interest in the district, including the diverse collection of Latinos, Asians, and urban professionals. This district should not return to the square shape it had earlier, as that map did NOT respect communities of interest.</p>
12/22/2021 - 12:41	thank you	Ann Mangold	<p>Dear chair woman Neuberg &amp; IRC thank you for the extra meetings to listen to our concerns regarding community interest and for all your hard work and the extra hours you invested to make sure every voice was heard. Greatly appreciated.</p>
12/22/2021 - 12:54	Adopt LD Map 16.0	Colten Bacs	<p>Hi there,</p> <p>Legislative Map 16.0 is an excellent representation of the diversity and inclusion of Arizona. It holds our communities of interest together and ensures that Arizonans of all views, faiths, beliefs, and groups, will be represented honestly and fairly. I thank you for your work on the board and in creating this map.</p> <p>Sincerely, Colten</p>
12/22/2021 - 12:58	LD Map 16	Alexis Monet Bacs	<p>Hello IRC,</p> <p>After reviewing LD map 16, I think that it is a map that does a very good job representing all our diverse communities of interest in the State of Arizona. No particular group is favored above another and everyone has an opportunity to come together within their community of interest and make their voice heard. Please approve LD map 16 and thank you for your work.</p> <p>Thank you, Alexis</p>
12/22/2021 - 13:07	IRC Maps	Georgetta Pierson	<p>Thank you for persevering through the process and listening to the communities of interest. The maps truly represent our State. You've done a great job with LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1. Please approve these as the final maps tomorrow.</p>
12/22/2021 - 13:14	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Cynthia A Dean	<p>Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 &amp; CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved.</p> <p>I continue to have a strong opinion of:</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. 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. Our neighborhood and our communities of interest should be treated with respect - not ignored and passed over.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

12/22/2021 - 13:27	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Laura Basey	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/22/2021 - 13:37	Partisan redistricting voting	Cheryl Boelter	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please tell me how one person can over ride the AZ constitution for equal rights to voting?</p> <p>There is NO representation other than to give Republicans only a strong vote, disregarding the majority of voters.</p> <p>You are required to follow the constitution and refuse any form of gerrymandering.</p> <p>That is what a democracy is for.</p> <p>Thank you, Cheryl Boelter a3e9j</p>
12/22/2021 - 13:40	Redistricting	David Yellin	Arizona Republicans are not alone in their redistricting attempt, aka gerrymandering, which would limit the legitimate voting rights of minorities and poor people. This is a nation wide effort by Republicans to control the House and Senate in 2022 and re-elect Donald Trump in 2024. We must speak out against this grave injustice to voting rights. We must not let Republicans rewrite history by white-washing the January 6 attack on the Capitol; it was a treasonous attempt to overthrow the government, not some patriotic tourist visit as Republicans would have us believe.
12/22/2021 - 14:13	GOP redistricting map	Renee Kirkpatrick	<p>Chair person Neuberg: Please vote AGAINST a gerrymandered map favoring an already radicalized GOP! Make a positive headline for Arizona by approving a map reflecting the diversity of Arizona communities, AND which follows Arizona State Law by adhering to a compact, contiguous and competitive requirement. Accept test mad v9!</p> <p>Thanks</p>
12/22/2021 - 14:31	I support LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1	Elizabeth J Heaney	<p>Hello:</p> <p>Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 &amp; CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.</p> <p>Sincerely, Liz Heaney</p>
12/22/2021 - 14:38	IRC: Truly sucky, partisan redistricting! Fix it!	Robert Jacobson	<p>I am thoroughly disappointed with the supposedly non-partisan -- but actually, very partisan -- actions of the "Independent Redistricting Commission." Like so many other governmental processes in Arizona, we've been done in rather than done for. Here are my concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You've divided tiny Santa Cruz County into different legislative district.</li> <li>• You've virtually eliminated the Santa Cruz Watershed district including Patagonia, where I live.</li> <li>• You've produced a 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans delegates. This isn't how it is around here. Hey! Arizona is no longer a Republican Party-dominated state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. And a majority of our members of Congress. as are nearly half of our State legislators.</li> <li>• The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering, not employ it as your M.O.</li> <li>• You have ignored the will of Arizona's voters with your obviously R-weighted recommendations.</li> <li>• If you individually have any political ambitions, your partisan redistricting will prevent their realization. Borderlands folks have long memories.</li> </ul>

12/22/2021 - 14:39	Desired map	Eleonore Krebs	<p>I am a retiree resident of Friendship Village Tempe. Retirees compose a significant part of the AZ population and are an important component of the AZ community. Their voice should be recognized in the final IRC maps for the East Valley.</p> <p>It is important for retirees to have a meaningful voice in AZ politics and decision-making. I therefore strongly recommend that the IRC seriously consider the suggestions of the citizens' group shown on map LD0061. On this map, the retirement communities of Friendship Village Tempe, Sun Lakes and Ahwatukee are in the same district, it's proposed LD12. This would give retirees a meaningful voice in at least this one district.</p> <p>As analysis by the citizens' group shows this recommended map would also increase competitiveness of districts in this area of the East Valley.</p> <p>Approval of the recommended LD0061 map also results in -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nearly equal East Valley (EV) community populations;</li> <li>- less breakup of city boundaries into fewer split sections;</li> <li>- formation of a cohesive Latino community in LDs 9 and 13.</li> </ul> <p>I sincerely hope that the IRC will strongly consider the important recommendation of proposed map LD0061 in its final analyses and deliberations! It is important that each citizen have a meaningful voice, assured by competitive and representative districts!</p> <p>Eleonore Krebs  <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>  (Friendship Village Tempe)  Tempe, AZ 85282-7816</p>
12/22/2021 - 14:39	LD and CD Maps	Jackie L Ulmer	adopt LD map 16.0 and CD map 13.9 to preserve communities of interest.
12/22/2021 - 14:41	Thank you - LD and CD maps	Jackie L Ulmer	<p>Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC</p> <p>Thank you for listening to the concerns of our communities of interest, please adopt LD map 16.0 and CD map 13.9 to preserve communities of interest.</p>
12/22/2021 - 14:58	Redistricting	Meri Thomason	Create a legacy of true democracy. PLEASE be fair in choosing a redistricting map!
12/22/2021 - 15:12	Redistricting 12.0.1	jacqueline Watkins	My name is Jacqueline Watkins. I have lived in my Tempe house in the Kiwanis Park neighborhood since 1983. The districts should be divided so that there are not extremes in numbers of either party but rather divided more evenly so that data shows close competition rather being clearly outnumbered in either direction by either party.
12/22/2021 - 15:42	THANK YOU	SHERYL B GRAY	THANK YOU FOR THE DILIGENT HOURS THAT EVERYONE HAS PUT IN DURING THE LAST MONTHS. I PRAY THAT WE WILL RECEIVE MAPS FAIR TO EVERYONE.
12/22/2021 - 15:43	Redistricting Committee	Laurie Thal Bingenheir	What an abuse of power by the so-called Independent to give the Republican Party a 6-3 gerrymandered redistricting advantage over Independents and Democrats for the next 10 years. Tragic for the future of young people who will see no hope in Arizona for their votes to count.
12/22/2021 - 16:08	We need fair and competitive maps.	Luci Messing	<p>Dear IRC Commissioners,</p> <p>Please honor the voters of Arizona and vote on maps that follow all guidelines in our constitution and at forth to establish maps. They must be compact and contiguous, respect communities of interest and NOT favoring one political party over another.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this matter.</p> <p>Luci Messing</p>
12/22/2021 - 16:33	Thank you for your redistricting decision	Ted Abraham	Thank you Chairwoman Neuburg and the IRC for listening to my concern on redistricting.
12/22/2021 - 16:36	Congressional Redistricting	Thomas Hollender	Reject the GOP's Gerrymandering proposal. Follow the Navajo Nations recommendations.

12/22/2021 - 16:40	Santa Cruz County Redistricting	Claudia Campos	As a 15 year resident and co-owner of an Ecotourism business in Santa Cruz County, I urge the Commissioners to not split Santa Cruz County in the Legislative District, and especially not divide up the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed, which includes the Patagonia Mountains and the town of Patagonia. Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. Please don't ignore the will of Arizona voters. Therefore, a 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Instead, that level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering.
12/22/2021 - 17:03	STUPID IS AS STUPID DOES	MICHAEL Terry Mege	THANKS ASSHOLES FOR FUCKING UP OUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. HOPE YOU ALL RESIDE IN HELL!
12/22/2021 - 17:17	Reject the GOP map	Reajul Lasker	You guys are doing this because GOP lost in 2016. Reject the new GOO favor map
12/22/2021 - 17:32	Redistricting part of Mesa district 9 and adding to tempe district 8	Allen Blau	With the finalizing of the maps for both congress and legislature, I noticed suddenly there is part of Mesa that has been added into a district in Tempe. I feel like it would be best to keep Mesa in Mesa. It also doesn't make sense because Tempe District 8 has a bigger population so by adding the corner into Mesa has made it bigger. It is better to leave things as they were and not make any last minute changes to the maps without public input.  Thank you for your time Allen Blau [REDACTED] Mesa, AZ 85204 [REDACTED]
12/22/2021 - 17:38	Redistricting	Gerry Friedel	Thank you for considering keeping the communities of interest intact with the new maps.
12/22/2021 - 18:11	Dec21 & 22 IRC meetings to approve final maps	Rita Day	After watching the last 2 days of the IRC meetings to vote on the final CD & LD maps, I think Commissioner Lerner deserves a Medal of Valor for her diligent, patient and competent responses to bring forth constitutional arguments for changes to the proposed maps in order to make them more competitive and aligned with constitutional requirements. She knew all the minute details of the maps and what their potential defects were. She had logical recommendations for changes that would improve competitiveness or adhere to constitutional requirements. Her recommendations for changes were minor and didn't make huge differences in the political breakdown of the map. She was always trying to be reasonable and recommend easy, minor changes supported by constitutional requirements. Yet, she was bullied by both Republican Commissioners AND Chairwoman Neuberg, to dissuade her from presenting her objections. Chairwoman Neuberg was more concerned with just approving the maps than attempting to arrive at quality, competitive and fair maps. She would talk down to Chairwoman Lerner and attempt to belittle her from proceeding with her objections. However, Commissioner Lerner bravely proceeded with her well grounded arguments.  I felt the whole process was difficult to watch due to the lack of courtesy on the part of the threesome: the 2 Republican Commissioners and Chairwoman Neuberg. It was not a fair process by any means. For anyone who hasn't watched the last 2 days (Dec.21 & 22), please take the time to do so. It's painful to watch and frustrating that this is supposed to be a nonpartisan process. It most definitely is Not, at least on the side of Republicans. The Democratic Commissioners took their job seriously and left partisanship out of their decisions. Not so for the opposing side!  Such a huge disappointment! Very sad for the entire State of Arizona!  Again, Commissioner Lerner deserves a huge thanks for her tireless and competent work on the IRC a commission. She's a hero in my mind!  Respectfully, Rita Day
12/22/2021 - 18:24	Reject gerrymandered maps	Candace Hughes	I feel that the newly drawn maps in adequate they represent rural areas of Arizona where greater social services and transportation are needed and are currently being elected by congressman Gosar who would remain our congressman. The republican party has not addressed the issues of transportation.
12/22/2021 - 20:37	Redistricting 21	Ann Richardson	Please keep us in a conservative area where we need to be . Don't make it difficult for who we've been and are in this district .
12/22/2021 - 21:13	Gerrymandered map	Michael Duran	Please for the love of God and our future, do not accept the gerrymandered map that favors a radicalized GOP!

12/22/2021 - 22:54	Redistricting	Sam Javelosa	<p>The proposed redistricting plan is totally counter to a democratic, competitive structure and process. This undermines the legacy of competitive districts in Arizona and does not reflect the competitive composition of Arizona voters who are balanced between Democrats, Republicans and independents. The plan provides a clear advantage to Republicans.</p> <p>It is time for this body to undo this travesty and assault on Arizona voters and our democratic process.</p>
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