



Web Comments 8.27.21 - 9.2.21

Submitted Time	Completed Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
08/27/2021 - 08:45	08/27/2021 - 08:45	Linda A A Chiles	Transparency	Why are the mapping training sessions held in closed session? Where is the transparency in that? The public is very interested in how the maps are going to be created and has a right to that information. Open up these training sessions to the public.
08/29/2021 - 19:55	08/29/2021 - 19:55	Linda A A Chiles	Transparency	I am requesting that the IRC budget be made public, including all line items so that we know what comprises this \$7.9 million budget.
08/30/2021 - 05:27	08/30/2021 - 05:27	Julie Pindzola	accessing the COI survey data base	As of Sunday/Monday, the search function brings up one's map but not the comments. Hopefully this is due to your data processing with ESRI and will be returned to full function and public access today.
08/30/2021 - 06:05	08/30/2021 - 06:05	Julie Pindzola	Mapping Training	<p>I continue to be very concerned that there may be insufficient training for the public on the Timmons/Esri mapping tools. We have not been advised which, if any, outside open source redistrict mapping tools would be compatible and downloadable by Esri for Arizona IRC purposes. Some of these are easier to use than others. The ESRI YouTube videos have largely been difficult to read and learn from. There is only tomorrow's IRC meeting before you take a week off - leaving the public with very little-to-no time to communicate with you and your consultants before the GRID map is released Sept 14. Mr. York's scheduling conflicts seems to have thrown us (the engaged public) for a loop.</p> <p>Please take these concerns seriously and respond with some accommodations. Thank you. We need your help.</p> <p>We the PUBLIC need assurance that there will be live training and a help desk responsive to user challenges.</p>
08/30/2021 - 13:22	08/30/2021 - 13:22	Norma Bliven	IRC Budget	The IRC needs to be made public with all line items. Why is Executive Director Schmitt allowed to hide the budget?
08/30/2021 - 13:25	08/30/2021 - 13:25	Norma Bliven	ESRI Training	Why did it take months to discover that ESRI does not provide training for the public? Why did it take months to discover that the Timmons mapping consultants have no experience training on redistricting systems?
08/30/2021 - 13:28	08/30/2021 - 13:28	Norma Bliven	Public Input on Maps	A process by which the public can provide direct, in real time, feedback on the grid maps and following them the draft maps and after that the final proposed maps, must be a top priority. It seems the Commission is dragging this out in order to run out of time for public feedback. There seems to be no sense of urgency.
08/30/2021 - 15:44	08/30/2021 - 15:44	Rita Day	Esri and grid maps	<p>Re: Esri-</p> <p>There are many videos on the IRC website concerning Esri, the mapping tool that will be used by the commissioners and THE PUBLIC. However, these videos are NOT USER FRIENDLY! Please provide Arizona specific resources which have been referenced by the Timmons Group during past meetings. Also, it would be of great help if there is support helpline available for the public to access. The public wants to be involved but needs the resources to understand how to use the available tools. Please don't prevent the public from being as involved as they want because of non user friendly programs.</p> <p>Re: Public feedback on grid maps-</p> <p>Please provide the public a process by which they can give direct, real time feedback on the grid maps and the ability to follow these draft maps to the final proposed maps. This must be a top priority! Please provide the public with this process!</p>
08/30/2021 - 15:58	08/30/2021 - 15:58	Rita Day	IRC Budget	<p>The IRC has been meeting for 8 months, beginning in January. However, no specific information has been provided to the Commissioners nor the public regarding the \$7.9 million budget of the IRC. The IRC is supposed to be operating in full transparency, so the public is fully aware. Even though the meetings are available for the public to view, this alone doesn't represent full transparency if the details of the budget remain a mystery. With 6 full time staff members, two law firms, plus voting rights experts, mapping consultant team including an expert in racially polarized voting, there should be someone who can spend the time to provide details of the budget, including all line items. So far, neither the commissioners nor the public has been provided this information. This is a critical piece of information that needs to be provided in transparency is to be achieved.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day</p>

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08/30/2021 - 16:38	08/30/2021 - 16:38	Elizabeth A Thelen	Why is LD16 divided ?	Please put east Mesa in a Maricopa County district. Make LD16 Pinal.
08/31/2021 - 09:32	08/31/2021 - 09:32	Lynne Hudson	Public comments	Commissioners agreed months ago that public comments submitted between meetings should be posted in the website, but they have not been in several weeks. When can we expect to see them posted regularly again?
09/02/2021 - 10:06	09/02/2021 - 10:06	Don J Markowski	CHANDLER-GILBERT	<p>Please assign the whole cities of Chandler and Gilbert their own separate CD as their population numbers would merit this.</p> <p>Currently, it is absurd that parts of Phx, Tempe, Gilbert, Mesa and Chandler (CD-9) are represented by 1 congressperson who cannot possibly understand all of these 5 cities' problems.</p>
09/02/2021 - 16:59	09/02/2021 - 16:59	Jeffrey Specter	Public review and comment on draft district maps	I'm interested in reviewing and providing input on in-progress draft maps prior to selection of the official draft maps. What is the schedule for preparing the maps? How can I follow the process and provide meaningful input?