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06/04/2021 - 08:44	06/04/2021 - 08:44	06/04/2021 - 08:44	Leslie L Hunten	Stay accountable and transparent	Dear IRC, Arizona is well known as a red state. The legislature has been Republican-dominated for decades, which has brought us constant attacks on voting rights, abortion limits, and a state budget starved for funds for social services. One quarter of our children live in poverty and many go without healthcare. My understanding of the redistricting process is that it is supposed to be fair and transparent. Inviting state legislators into the process is supposed to be prohibited, and yet I hear that it has been proposed. This looks like a blatantly unethical and illegal move. At a bare minimum, I expect the IRC to follow the rules and to leave politics at home. Therefore, I expect the IRC to stay independent from legislators, and to hire firms that are impartial and non-partisan. Otherwise this whole effort will be a sham, and we'll end up with gerrymandered districts. Please do not allow legislators into the process. Thank you.
06/05/2021 - 12:39	06/05/2021 - 12:39	06/05/2021 - 12:39	Rivko Knox	The Importance of Ensuring that IRC Public Hearings are Accessible to All!!!	<p>As someone who actively participated in the public hearings regarding the 2011 IRC process (2010 Census), I eagerly look forward to participating in the upcoming hearings as well.</p> <p>I also want to urge you as strongly as I can to ensure that all these public hearings adhere to the following overriding guidelines because I very strongly believe that what will be seen as a 'fair' redistricting process must be considered to be transparent and access ble.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They must be very well publicized using local media, social media, mail, phone banks; and via entities in each community that are broad based, e.g., public schools, libraries, churches, social organizations, non profits & of course Tribal entities. 2) In order to ensure that ALL people can participate, public hearings must be held at various times - not just during normal working hours – to include evenings, weekends etc. 3) There must be plenty of advance notice (see 1 above) so those wishing to attend can arrange for child care, elder care & transportation; and the IRC should reach out to non profits to see if some of those will assist in providing child/elder care and transportation at no or reduced cost. 4) Public hearing locations must be ADA compliant, and to include closed captioning, translation service and interpretation services offered, wherever possible. 5) And where such exists, locations should be convenient to public transportation. 6) Public hearings should be geographically diverse to ensure that ALL Arizonans, wherever they live, can participate. 7) Hearing locations should be selected with input from local organizations/non profits (that work with often marginalized communities) to ensure they are as convenient as possible – and as 'welcoming' as possible for everyone. <p>Thank you for allowing me to share my comments!!</p>

06/05/2021 - 14:25	06/05/2021 - 14:25	06/05/2021 - 14:25	Cindy Wagner	Public Meetings	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I am very concerned about the way upcoming the Travel Schedule is noted on the 6/8 agenda (5. G.). Are you ready for these meetings that start on June 17? You have had little or no discussion re these meetings in public. We are not aware of how they are going to be organized, nor what will be presented, etc.</p> <p>Please consider that the first proposed meetings in Coconino Co. will set the tone for all your future meetings. No doubt press will be present and the public will be watching. We want you to be effective.</p> <p>You and your staff must make sure that the facilities are adequate, the meeting is run in a efficient manner, and everyone has the opportunity to speak. Guidelines re meeting compartment must be published and adhered to. Public safety must be enforced.</p> <p>Public hearings should be well-publicized to the public, utilizing local media outlets, mail and phone services.</p> <p>Public hearings should be scheduled outside of standard working hours, with the meetings scheduled with enough advance notice to allow for the arrangement of child care, transportation, work shift coverage, etc.</p> <p>Hearing venues must be ADA-compliant, and should be easily accessible from public transportation lines.</p> <p>Closed captioning, translation services and interpretation services should be offered.</p> <p>The hearing schedule should be geographically diverse, providing ample participation opportunities to Arizonans living outside of the major metropolitan areas. Thank you for your time.</p>
06/05/2021 - 16:02	06/05/2021 - 16:02	06/05/2021 - 16:02	Maria Lynam	6/8 - Agenda Item 5 G. Travel Schedule	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I am very concerned about the way upcoming Travel Schedule is noted on the 6/8 agenda (5. G.). Are you ready for these meetings that start on June 17? You have had little or no discussion re these meetings in public. We are not aware of how they are going to be organized, nor what will be presented, etc.</p> <p>Please consider that the first proposed meetings in Coconino Co. will set the tone for all your future meetings. No doubt press will be present and the public will be watching. We want you to be effective.</p> <p>You and your staff must make sure that the facilities are adequate, the meeting is run in a efficient manner, and everyone has the opportunity to speak. Guidelines re meeting compartment must be published and adhered to. Public safety must be enforced.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing how you will address these issues.</p>
06/05/2021 - 16:14	06/05/2021 - 16:14	06/05/2021 - 16:14	Bill Lynam	Travel Schedule 5 G. Agenda 6/8	<p>I noticed that you are going to Coconino County for the first two meetings on your travel schedule. Since this county is the second largest in the US, I trust that you have found two completely geographic locations.</p> <p>Time is short and I have not seen any notices about these meetings. Maybe you are doing that intentionally? You can expect Trumpists and respectful citizens who want input on the process, and you will no doubt have a large Native American population attend.</p> <p>What are you going to cover in your presentations? Will you have a signup sheet available so everyone who wants to speak have a chance? Will you allow concealed weapons in the venue?</p> <p>Please be aware that public safety is also your responsibility.</p> <p>We all hope for a successful series of meetings so the pressure is on you and your staff to make this happen.</p>

06/06/2021 - 12:38	06/06/2021 - 12:38	06/06/2021 - 12:38	Diane McQueen	Listening Tour	I am very concerned about the organization of the listening tours and how prepared the Commission will be (and how the public can prepare for) the Jun 17 meeting in Coconino County. What is the location and time of the meeting? The public may need to arrange their schedules if they want to attend the meeting. Some of us will be driving a long distance to attend the meeting. We deserve to have as much information about the meeting well in advance. How are you going to allow the public to speak and how long will we be able speak? Will there be covid restrictions limiting how many people can attend? This meeting is less than two weeks away and the Commission has published absolutely no information about it to the public other than it is in Coconino County. Legally you only need to post the information 48 hours in advance but given the importance of the topic, the Commission should be making every effort to be as transparent as possible and be respectful to the public who want to be involved in this process. The public deserves a lot more transparency than this and if the Commission doesn't already have the details with less than two weeks before the meeting than they should not be scheduling any listening tours until they do. And why are these public meetings being scheduled if a Community Outreach Coordinator hasn't been hired yet? This position is integral to ensuring that the public, especially those in rural areas, are made aware of these meetings well in advance. In your rush to get this going the Commission and the Executive Director are coming off to the public as putting the cart before the horse and giving the impression of a very disorganized organization.
06/06/2021 - 12:46	06/06/2021 - 12:46	06/06/2021 - 12:46	Diane McQueen	Comments made via the Contact Us link	I stand with all other comments that comments submitted using the Contact Us link should be made public. I was unable to attend last week's meeting so my comments had to be made using the Contact Us link. I did not make them because I wanted them kept private or forced to be disclosed through a public records request. All comments made through Contact Us should be made public without having to submit a records request. I want to see all comments (including mine) made public.
06/06/2021 - 12:49	06/06/2021 - 12:49	06/06/2021 - 12:49	Diane McQueen	Comments submitted through Contact Us	And one additional item from my last submission on this. When I submit a public comment during the meeting I can choose to have a copy of the comment emailed to me. This should be the same for comments submitted via Contact Us. People submitting comments via Contact Us should have the option to get a copy of their comment emailed to them.
06/06/2021 - 17:13	06/06/2021 - 17:13	06/06/2021 - 17:13	Marilyn Bernhardt	Coconino County meeting	To the Commissioners, Thanks for coming to Northern Arizona on your listening tour. Since you only have to notify us 48 hours in advance, I really appreciate you publishing your proposed schedule two weeks ahead of the Coconino County meeting. A few concerns: 1)Coconino County is a VERY large county, and residents might well be driving a couple of hours to attend, so please be prepared to extend the meeting beyond business hours if needed and let those travelling from a distance speak first . 2)Grand Canyon Village, Supai, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow, Page, Tuba City and part of Sedona all lie within Coconino County. How will all these different communities receive notice of the meeting? Some have no reliable internet. Will you mail notices? Can you effectively notify all these communities within the two week period? 3)Assuming you want to hear about Communities of Interest, will your notice offer a definition of such Communities and explain the purpose of your Commission? If not, maybe you could begin the meeting with this information. 4)It would be so helpful if you could: - inform us in advance how much time will be allotted per speaker, - establish ground rules to keep order and maintain respect - forbid weapons at the location of the meeting Thank you for your service to Arizona, Marilyn Bernhardt, Sedona AZ

06/06/2021 - 17:37	06/06/2021 - 17:37	06/06/2021 - 17:37	Peggy Chaikin	Public meeting	<p>Thank you for reaching out with public meetings on redistricting. I hope there will ample time for community members to plan their attendance. Please provide a broad range of notifications - newspapers, radio, internet, local news broadcasts. Also please give the public a solid introduction and description of what is planned so there can be an informed discussion.</p> <p>Thank you for serving the people of Az.</p>
06/06/2021 - 17:45	06/06/2021 - 17:45	06/06/2021 - 17:45	John Neville	Meetings in Coconino County	<p>I understand that your committee is intending to hold listening sessions in Coconino County later this month. You need to know that Coconino County is huge, and depending upon where you host these meetings, people will still have to travel hours to get there. So, it is critical that people are warned far in advance. Also, we who live in LD-6 are very concerned about some of the people who may attend these sessions. As in the past, these people (currently represented by Wendy Rogers in the State Senate) will not be interested in participating in a fair, open and reasonable meeting. They believe the big lies about the 2020 election, and many of them believe QAnon fantasies about the world. When they come to public meetings, they come to disrupt the sessions and to intimidate others. So, could you please host safe and civil sessions. That means: 1. NO GUNS! 2. Follow COVID-19 protocols (some people who have not been vaccinated may show up and some may object to wearing masks and respecting the space of others). 3. Print up a poster and announce the rules for civil, civic engagement. No shouting. No interrupting. Civic, respectful discourse only. Anyone not participating in a civil manner should be removed from the sessions - no matter what their political affiliation. 4. Set the time of each comment period and enforce it for everyone. 5. Each attendee should register with the name and all contact information. 6. Scheduling could be an issue if you intend to have good participation. You have selected work days for these sessions, and many people will have conflicts with their employment, school and family commitments. It would be much better to schedule the session on the weekends.</p> <p>Also, it will be important that people understand the purpose of the IRC and how your process will work to guarantee fair, competitive voting districts. People have heard of gerrymandering and know that it used to occur here in Arizona. They will need assurance that this IRC will make sure all districts are balanced so that the will of the people of Arizona is represented in their government. You may want to present an overview of the IRC to kick off the session - and then state the commitment to civil engagement during the session.</p> <p>Good luck with this. Thank you for coming up to Coconino County. At this time, many of us are not represented in the Arizona Legislature. The current legislators and senator do not represent the majority of people in LD-6 and are pursuing legislation that does nothing to meet the needs of Arizonans. In fact, it often does the opposite flying in the face of the consensus of the voters. So, we hope this new redistricting plan will help correct the inequity currently in place.</p>
06/07/2021 - 07:29	06/07/2021 - 07:29	06/07/2021 - 07:29	Ellen Ferreira	IRC Northern AZ Meeting	<p>Thank you for planning meetings in Northern Arizona. As you know, Coconino County encompasses a huge geographic area. Please provide as much prior notice as possible and publicize the meetings widely to maximize the amount of public participation. Also, please ensure that all public commenters are registered, including their home zip codes. It will also help if the meeting time is extended beyond 5 pm to allow working people and those traveling long distances to participate. Thank you.</p>

06/07/2021 - 09:12	06/07/2021 - 09:12	06/07/2021 - 09:12	Dieter A Knecht	IRC listening tour N AZ	<p>Thank you for coming to Northern Arizona on your listening tour to hear about our Communities of Interest. While you are only required to notify us 48 hours in advance of public meetings, thank you for publishing a proposed schedule two weeks before an in-person public meeting in Coconino County, however, because Coconino County is the second largest county in the United States, residents here might be driving for a couple of hours to attend. How do you plan to notify, for example, Grand Canyon Village, Supai, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow, Page, Tuba City and part of Sedona that are all in Coconino County? How will you be notifying these different communities effectively within two weeks? Will your notifications give a definition of COI and explain the mission of the IRC? Some of these areas do not have consistent internet services.</p> <p>I recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A presentation of the IRC and the redistricting process in Arizona. •Determine allowable time each presenter will be given and enforce that time limit. •Require each presenter to register. Require home zip code and subject matter, and have someone responsible for organizing the order of presenters. Please allow those who have traveled the farthest to speak first. Please ensure that no one side prevents others from speaking. •Run the meeting in an organized and respectful manner. •Start the meeting during normal business hours, but extend it to beyond 5:00 pm. •Follow COVID-19 protocols. •Do not allow guns." <p>Thank you for considering my comments. Dieter Knecht</p>
06/07/2021 - 11:08	06/07/2021 - 11:08	06/07/2021 - 11:08	Janet Regner	Outreach meeting in Coconino County	<p>I am writing with some urgency as I am part of a team which represents Coconino County. It has come to our attention that a community meeting is planned for June 17. We respectfully request an opportunity for consultation on this date as soon as possible due to the short time notice. Please contact me as soon as possible at [REDACTED] Respectfully, Janet K Regner</p>
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06/07/2021 - 11:26	06/07/2021 - 11:26	06/07/2021 - 11:26	BARB SCHIMPF	Redistricting	<p>Thank you for the upcoming listening tour to Coconino County you are planning! I am hoping that the meeting will be attended by a representative group of citizens as that will provide Arizona with a true perspective we need. In that vein, will you be able to notify residents with varying access to public information of the importance of your work? In addition, I am hopeful that the notice will include safety parameters that you intend to include at the meeting such as no firearms, Covid protocols, a registering of speakers and time limits. Since some of us will be travelling a long distance, could you allow those speakers the ability to speak first? Thank you for your work.</p>

06/07/2021 - 13:01	06/07/2021 - 13:01	06/07/2021 - 13:01	Dr. Karyn Riedell	Proposed Public Hearings	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>Thank you for your plan to travel around the state to hear from our communities. I do have some questions though. After looking at your proposed schedule for public hearings, I'm concerned that you will begin with Northern Arizona on June 17th. That is only 10 days from now.</p> <p>How will you get to the word out to the people of Northern Arizona? With only 10 days to go, is it even possible to notify people so that everyone has time to make plans? Northern Arizona is a vast and diverse region. Many people will have to travel long distances in order to attend the hearing.</p> <p>Given the complexity of travel in our area, I hope that you will consider your proposed schedule and visit Northern Arizona at a later date.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Karyn Riedell</p>
06/07/2021 - 13:59	06/07/2021 - 13:59	06/07/2021 - 13:59	Linda AA Chiles	Transparency/Travel schedule	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I am very concerned about the way upcoming Travel Schedule is noted on the 6/8 agenda (5. G.). Are you ready for these meetings that start on June 17? You have had little or no discussion regarding these meetings in public. To date we, your viewers, have no idea as to how they are going to be organized or what is going to be presented at these meetings. Please discuss these particulars at the June 8 meeting.</p> <p>The first proposed meetings in Coconino Co. will I kely set the tone for all your future meetings. No doubt the press will be present at these meetings and the public will be watching the effectiveness of these meetings.</p> <p>You and your staff need to make sure that the facilities are adequate, that the meeting is run efficiently, and, most importantly, that everyone has the opportunity to speak. Guidelines regarding meeting comporment ought to be published and adhered to. Public safety must be enforced. We are not out of "the Covid woods" yet.</p>

06/07/2021 - 14:57	06/07/2021 - 14:57	06/07/2021 - 14:57	Susan Bickel	public comments	<p>My thanks to each of you for your service to the people of Arizona. Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments via this public forum.</p> <p>I am a 4th generation Arizona native and I well remember learning the history of Arizona in a publicly funded school system. My grandparents were public school teachers and my grandfather served in the capacity of superintendent in a small but successful school district in southern Arizona.</p> <p>Work took me away from Arizona for a number of years but I was fortunate to be able to return and ultimately retire here. Living in many different places always reinforced why I was so fortunate to have grown up in Arizona.</p> <p>Having a well-rounded education with emphasis every year on Arizona and United States civics is one benefit that I will always treasure. Even though I didn't reside in Arizona for many years, I remembered that voting was always my duty as a citizen of our democracy.</p> <p>That being said, you can appreciate that I take redistricting and the process of assuring fair and balanced maps very seriously. Voters in Arizona overwhelmingly approved the formation of the Independent Redistricting Commission to remove politicians from the redistricting process. Because political party leaders in the legislature have direct stakes in the final maps, allowing legislators to provide input prior to draft maps is contrary to the people's wish and to the Arizona Constitution. I encourage you vote no on this suggestion.</p> <p>In the spirit of serving all the people of Arizona, I suggest that you give great consideration to accessibility during the upcoming public hearings.</p> <p>During the last redistricting effort, I was living in a remote area of Arizona. Nevertheless, I did make certain that I could drive to and from the hearings because I felt that my opinion was important. This made for a few very late nights but I was fortunate because I was retired, I had good health and my schedule was my own.</p> <p>Please consider scheduling public hearings so that all who wish to offer public comments have access to these meetings. Scheduling accessible meetings includes the following: meeting scheduled for outside of normal working hours; advance notice so that transportation, possible work coverage and child-care can be arranged; locations that give the public relatively easy access especially in areas outside of major metropolitan areas; and the assurance that these sites be safe, secure and ADA-accessible.</p>
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06/07/2021 - 15:54	06/07/2021 - 15:54	06/07/2021 - 15:54	Norma L Bliven	Proposed Public Hearings	<p>"Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>I am very concerned about the way upcoming Travel Schedule is noted on the 6/8 agenda (5. G.). It was proposed in last week's meeting that a discussion take place on 6/8 as to how to organize these meetings. Yet there is a proposed public schedule in this week's IRC meeting agenda. How can you possibly be ready? Are questions standardized? How are the questions organized? Why are they being asked? How are responses recorded and saved? How are the responses retrieved? How are responses collected into viable information? Who will attend? Who gets to speak? Are the facilities adequate? Will there be COVID precautions?</p> <p>There has been no information provided by Executive Director Brian Schmitt. There has been little or no discussion regarding these meetings in public. It is difficult to imagine that you are ready for these public hearings unless all detail has been agreed upon behind closed doors aka "Executive Session".</p> <p>Norma</p>
06/07/2021 - 17:45	06/07/2021 - 17:45	06/07/2021 - 17:45	Teresa Gerschutz	Request for IRC meetings are accessible for all Arizonans	<p>I encourage the AZ Independent Redistricting Commission make their public hearings as easily accessible as possible for all Arizonans. The Commission's hearings available via media outlets, mail and phone services would be much appreciated. As a Precinct Leader in Arizona, I feel it's not only important I attend these hearings, but my obligation. I need to know how our system works to best answer my neighbors' questions. And, like many Arizonans, I am traveling this summer, therefore welcome as many options for viewing as possible.</p>
06/07/2021 - 19:20	06/07/2021 - 19:20	06/07/2021 - 19:20	shanna leonard	Making suggestions	<p>What is the best way for people to make public comments and suggestions at a time when meetings are not going on.</p>
06/07/2021 - 19:27	06/07/2021 - 19:27	06/07/2021 - 19:27	Maryann Kenney	Listening to Legislators	<p>Please discard the idea of giving legislators a preferred platform to educate the commission. This is not the intention of the Independent Commission. Legislators have a vested interest in controlling their districts - this is the root cause of gerrymandering. Please do not open this door! We, the people of Arizona, wanted this commission to end gerrymandering by political parties.</p>
06/07/2021 - 19:43	06/07/2021 - 19:43	06/07/2021 - 19:43	Holli Ploog	Meeting Schedule	<p>Please reconsider holding a meeting in Coconino County in ten days. Coconino is the second largest county in the country. We do not even know where in the county the meeting will take place. It will take more than ten days for the word to get out and to have a truly representable group of people to testify on communities of interest. Work schedules, childcare, and transportation all need to be considered. Northern Arizona already is divided between multiple counties. LD6, as an example, is in parts of four counties today. They do not represent communities of interest fairly. Please give us sufficient time to ensure you hear from a wide group of people and not continue to exclude us. It would be easier to start in heavily populated areas where it is easier to organize and where less time is needed to bring everyone together on short notice. Thank you for your consideration and go Suns!</p>

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06/07/2021 - 20:27	06/07/2021 - 20:27	06/07/2021 - 20:27	Linda J Piurek	IRC Public Meetings	<p>Please keep the public trust by slowing your pace. Let's all be prepared. How will you notify participants? Please give a mission statement and a definition of COI. Thank you.</p>

06/07/2021 - 22:09	06/07/2021 - 22:09	06/07/2021 - 22:09	Rita Day	Agenda item V.5	<p>I am extremely concerned about the June 8 agenda item V.(g) - the upcoming travel schedule update-proposed tentative travel & meeting schedule. These meetings start on June 17th, which is little over a week away. Yet, there has been little or no discussion regarding the format of these meetings or the topics to be discussed. Furthermore, the commission is not yet fully staffed for these meetings, as a IT Officer, a Community Outreach Coordinator & a Deputy Director/Public Records Manager have yet to be hired. These positions should definitely be filled before traveling to N. Arizona.</p> <p>It seems like there is much work yet to be done in preparation for these live meetings. It's important to have adequate facilities, so all those interested can attend. The meeting guideline regarding comportment must be published in advance. Also, public safety must be enforced & no one should be allowed to bring guns into the meeting! This should be very clear beforehand. So I am very concerned that the Commission hasn't done the necessary planning & organization to make certain these in person presentations will be effective.</p> <p>Coconino County is the 2nd largest county in the UNITED STATES! Residents will be coming from great distances. The county covers Grand Canyon Village, Flagstaff, parts of Sedona, Page, Supai, Tuba City, Williams, & Winslow. The residents need to be notified and in sufficient time for them to make travel plans to attend. It doesn't seem fair to them to be given last minute notice, as currently there is little more than a week for the schedule meeting. Also, there seems to be inadequate planning as to the format of the meeting and topics to cover. Even though technically the Commission is only required to give 48 hours notice, it does seem fair to not give adequate notice to this community. This county includes many tribal communities and they, along with all residents, should be given every opportunity for their voices to be heard.</p> <p>In conclusion, I don't think the Commission is adequately prepared to be scheduling the in person meetings as early as June 17th. Much more planning is needed to make these meetings effective. It would give the impression to the residents of Coconino county that their voices don't really matter to subject them to an ill prepared meeting.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day, Prescott, AZ</p>
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06/08/2021 - 00:02	06/08/2021 - 00:02	06/08/2021 - 00:02	Charlie Silver	Listening tour	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have to be candid with you. I am concerned and have many questions about the proposed item on June 17 involving the Listening Tour in Coconino County. Has there been adequate notification to ensure the public's participation that is crucial for the Commission's work? Are translators in place for the indigenous populations of Coconino County? It just feels very rushed. Especially in a county that is so large and diverse as Coconino County. At a minimum, it seems like it would be a necessity to have the Community Outreach Coordinator on staff before coming to northern Arizona.</p> <p>I would suggest shifting the listening tour to start first with communities that are closer to the metropolitan areas of Phoenix and Tucson. Hone the process and then move concentrically outward across the state.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
06/08/2021 - 00:07	06/08/2021 - 00:07	06/08/2021 - 00:07	Julie M Pindzola	public meetings tour	<p>Hello IRC</p> <p>As you work to frame the the public input travel schedule and format, please keep the following in mind:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explain clearly the purpose and process of the IRC's 10yr Community Redistricting responsibility, and that all 6 criteria are equally important. 2) Require that all speakers disclose their home town. Let the locals speak first. In fact, make seating reserved for locals and back tier or standing room for the out of county attendees. 3) HAVE SECURITY. There may be aggressive individuals who try to dominate and disrupt. Do not let them. 4) Give a longer lead time than the 9 days proposed for Coconino County. How well the meeting details reach the far flung communities and how well the travel challenges can be overcome by some folks in the Communities of Interest with influence success. And you do want successful public comment meetings, right? Maybe start with Yavapai County instead . 5) Please get your community Outreach staffer hired ASAP heading into the Listening Tour/Public Meetings. I believe you need the expertise, Now. <p>Thank you for all your efforts. This is very important</p>
06/08/2021 - 00:13	06/08/2021 - 00:13	06/08/2021 - 00:13	Julie M Pindzola	Director's Reports and Agendas	<p>Dear Administration,</p> <p>I request again, that you spell out the full titles of agencies before defaulting to their acronyms. For example, what is "CISO" Should I have to watch the meeting video to learn what it is? Even then, you may not state the full name of the agency. Please help the viewing citizenry and put the full name on the agendas. You can then follow that up with the acronyms.</p> <p>THANKS!</p>

06/08/2021 - 07:50	06/08/2021 - 07:50	06/08/2021 - 07:50	Laura Huenneke	proposed schedule for public meetings and townhalls	Thank you for drafting and posting a proposed schedule for listening sessions around the state. As a resident of Coconino County, I'm happy to see us on the list. But I do wonder about the practicality of choosing "remote" rural counties like Coconino and Navajo for your first sessions. Given the immense geographic size and dispersion of population, you aren't leaving much time for getting publicity out (eg some communities have only weekly newspapers) or for people to be able to get childcare or time off work arranged (eg for people who work at Grand Canyon or in Page). And do you have Navajo or Hopi translators already arranged? Do you have a background presentation already put together that addresses the issues these rural (and diverse) communities will benefit from? Given that you are planning two sessions in Maricopa County - I would respectfully suggest that maybe you have one of those sessions be your initial effort, so you are able to prepare and test many of the aspects of your session (background presentation, rules for submitting comment, signing or other ADA services, security, etc.) without the added complications of travel and remote community locations. Secondly - I observe you plan your virtual townhalls to take place during these meetings. That seems very problematic for the working public! Very hard for most normal people to take time off work on Tuesday mornings to call in for such a session. I strongly urge you to schedule at least a couple of such sessions in the evenings so that hard-working citizens of Arizona have a chance to be heard.
06/08/2021 - 07:50	06/08/2021 - 07:50	06/08/2021 - 07:50	Robin Low	Meeting in Northern Arizona	Please set a date to give communities and individuals adequate notice so they can attend. Holding a meeting in mid-June is unrealistic if you want to insure broad-base participation.
06/08/2021 - 07:54	06/08/2021 - 07:54	06/08/2021 - 07:54	Julie Pindzola	invitation of Legislative Leaders to IRC	I want to reiterate that I do not think it appropriate to specifically invite these politicians to your meeting. They are important people, granted, but they are not to be elevated in this case. they get review and input opportunities at the back end. They should not be influencing the maps on the front end. They clearly have a vested interest. This INDEPENDENT COMMISSION needs to keep an arm's length from partisanship to the fullest extent possible. Do not be swayed by the loudest voices (and most organized, bot voices?). Thank you. good luck today on your decision making.
06/08/2021 - 08:11	06/08/2021 - 08:11	06/08/2021 - 08:11	David Myers	Redistricting meetings in northern Arizona	Hello, Redistricting Commission Member, I appreciate that you plan to hold public/community meetings in northern Arizona for citizen input on redistricting. Because the Coconino County area is so large, I encourage you to widely advertise the meeting in all local newspapers, such as in Grand Canyon Village, Supai, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow, Page, Tuba City, and Sedona well in advance of the meeting, plus enlisting tribal and other community leaders to distribute notice of the meeting and help people arrange transportation to attend. This includes county and municipal governments. I am also concerned that the meeting may be subject to strong advocacy and possible take-over attempts by people wishing to have a disproportionate, one-sided influence in the proceedings, so I hope you will be prepared with procedures that allow everyone to feel safe and participate. Thank you for your role in the redistricting process. As you know, this is a momentous and essential undertaking for our democracy. Respectfully, David Myers

06/08/2021 - 08:24	06/08/2021 - 08:24	06/08/2021 - 08:24	Marilyn Wheatley	IRC: Public notice of meeting	<p>Thank you for coming to Northern Arizona on your listening tour to hear about our Communities of Interest. I know you are only required to notify us 48 hours in advance of public meetings, so I appreciate you publishing a proposed schedule two weeks before an in-person public meeting in Coconino County, however, I do have some concerns. Coconino County is the second largest county in the United States. Depending on where you hold the public hearing, residents here might be driving for a couple of hours to attend. Grand Canyon Village, Supai, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow, Page, Tuba City, and parts of Sedona are all in Coconino County. How will you be notifying these different communities? Newspaper and radio ads? Social media? Notifications to the tribal and county governments, town councils, and city councils? Some of these areas do not have consistent internet services. Will you be mailing notices? Can you effectively notify all these communities within two weeks? Assuming you want to hear about Communities of Interest, will your notifications give a definition of COI and explain the mission of the IRC?</p> <p>Here are some suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Start the meeting with a presentation of the IRC and the redistricting process in Arizona. •Determine how much time each presenter will be given and enforce that time limit. •Require each presenter to register. Require home zip code and subject matter, and have someone responsible for organizing the order of presenters. Please allow those who have traveled the farthest to speak first. Please ensure that no one side prevents others from speaking. •Run the meeting in an organized and respectful manner. •Start the meeting during normal business hours, but extend it to beyond 5:00 pm. •Follow COVID-19 protocols. •Do not allow guns. <p>* Anyone that is disrespectful, or disruptive, and doesn't allow others to speak should be escorted out.</p>
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06/08/2021 - 08:29	06/08/2021 - 08:29	06/08/2021 - 08:29	John Wheatley	Northern AZ listening tour	<p>As a Sedona resident, I was pleased to learn you'll be coming to my county for a listening tour. Districting has a major, major impact on politics and power, as you are no doubt keenly aware.</p> <p>Given the importance of your work, I sincerely hope and strongly suggest you devote sufficient resources to informing Coconino County residents of your planned meeting. It's a huge county with people in far flung places. They will need to plan in advance to attend. Widely advertising this will allow you to receive input from actual residents, rather than a stacked crowd of political zealots.</p> <p>In addition, I would like to offer the following suggestions for the meetings itself:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start the meeting with a presentation of the IRC and the redistricting process in Arizona. Determine how much time each presenter will be given and enforce that time limit. Require each presenter to register. Require home zip code and subject matter, and have someone responsible for organizing the order of presenters. Please allow those who have traveled the farthest to speak first. Please ensure that no one side prevents others from speaking. Run the meeting in an organized and respectful manner. Start the meeting during normal business hours, but extend it to beyond 5:00 pm. Follow COVID-19 protocols. Do not allow guns. <p>Thank you so much for conducting your important work in a transparent, non-partisan fashion.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>John Wheatley</p>
06/08/2021 - 08:39	06/08/2021 - 08:39	06/08/2021 - 08:39	Mary-Jeanne Fincher	public records request	I made a public records request last Tuesday (6/1/21) and have not received it yet. Please let me know the status and ETD. Thanks.
06/08/2021 - 08:54	06/08/2021 - 08:54	06/08/2021 - 08:54	jo kontzer	public meeting in N. Arizona	these proposed meetings on June 17 and June 22 have not been announced at your IRC meetings. This process needs to be slowed down to allow both you and the public to be prepared to discuss the relevant issues.
06/08/2021 - 09:19	06/08/2021 - 09:19	06/08/2021 - 09:19	Ann Heitland	Public Hearings for Northern Arizona	<p>I am surprised and concerned that your first public hearings are scheduled for Coconino County and then for Navajo and Apache counties. These are huge land areas (Coconino is the largest county in the state; the second largest in the country) and have very diverse populations. People need time to arrange transportation to in-person meetings that may require 3 hours of travel time.</p> <p>To complicate matters, communication is difficult since newspapers are not published daily and internet service is poor to non-existent. These communication problems mean that many will not be aware of the schedule until it is too late to participate.</p> <p>What arrangements have you made for translation services?</p> <p>Security -- please do not admit individuals carrying weapons of any kind.</p> <p>Please make your first meetings in Phoenix where you can work out the kinks inherent in any initial process without the added complications presented by these counties.</p>
06/08/2021 - 09:35	06/08/2021 - 09:35	06/08/2021 - 09:35	Karen Blatt	Updates	Please add my email address to your list for updates. Thank you. Karen

06/08/2021 - 09:56	06/08/2021 - 09:56	06/08/2021 - 09:56	Aris Correa	Public Hearings V on the agenda for 6/8/2021	6/8/2021. I looked at the proposed public hearing listening tour and it is an absolute joke. In 2011 the IRC conducted over 20 public hearings in 22 cities before maps were drawn and held an additional 30 hearings after maps were drawn. There are no hearings for Pinal County. It currently sounds like you are discussing another hearing in Maricopa and Pima, obviously still overlooking Rural communities all over the state. 9 in person hearings and 3 google meets lumped in with a weekly IRC meeting. Disgraceful. And these hearings are to start this next week? You haven't even done any kind of outreach to the community and have not hired an outreach coordinator. Erica Schupak Neuberg and the rest of the commission THIS IS YOUR WHOLE JOB! 9 hearings? You need to do the work to actually draw good maps for Arizona, being on the IRC isn't just to look good on camera and add something else to your CV. Disgraceful. Do the work. Also I see you closed the public comments early today, real classy.
06/08/2021 - 10:05	06/08/2021 - 10:05	06/08/2021 - 10:05	Fredi Hamilton	Redistricting meetings	Redistricting is one of the most important issues currently being addressed in Arizona and we certainly appreciate all the hard work that is going into the process. To guarantee that we all have a voice in this, I implore you to be diligent in making certain that ALL constituencies feel represented. To that end, please make sure to get the word out to all our rural communities...especially those on tribal lands who do not always have access to the internet.....so we can all have adequate time to prepare for the town meetings in our localities. In the end, we all want to feel the process was fair and equitable and we count on you to insure that it will be. Sincerely yours, Fredi Hamilton
06/08/2021 - 11:19	06/08/2021 - 11:19	06/08/2021 - 11:19	Eric Descheenie	Northern Arizona Public Participation Plan is INADEQUATE	The earliest the schedule could be voted upon would be 6/8, which would allow for less than 10 days for community outreach before the first public hearing. The Commission hasn't considered the communication needs of different communities. Digital outreach may not be enough for Indigenous communities in Northern AZ, yet they're the first scheduled hearings. The 10-day window doesn't provide enough time for mail + phone call + or other forms of outreach. The Commission has yet to hire a Community Outreach Coordinator, which would limit the capacity to reach out to Arizonans to ensure attendance at these hearings. The Commission has yet to hire an Information Technology Officer who could facilitate any virtual/remote hearings.
06/08/2021 - 15:39	06/08/2021 - 15:39	06/08/2021 - 15:39	Carol Ann Maas	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	I am expecting the IRC public comment opportunity, once the maps are ready, will provide complete and comprehensive opportunity to hear from anyone without discrimination. This includes at least 48 hour notice of the hearing, a location that is easily accessed by all people (able bodied and handicapped) at a time that the vast majority of residents would be able attend. The last time we had these opportunities the hearings were well attended. Any limitations to time/place/and capability to attend would repress the will of the people.

06/08/2021 - 17:27	06/08/2021 - 17:27	06/08/2021 - 17:27	Geoff Hing	Unit from which grid maps are drawn	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I'm the data and demographics reporter for the Arizona Republic. I had a quick question about the use of Census data in creating the grid maps. Is the unit from which the grid map districts are drawn a census block, a voting tabulation district (VTD) or something else?</p> <p>If you need clarification about my request. Please feel free to give me a call back at [REDACTED] any time.</p> <p>Best, Geoff</p>
06/08/2021 - 19:42	06/08/2021 - 19:42	06/08/2021 - 19:42	Helen Abrahamson	IRC meeting	<p>Hello. thank you for the work you are doing. I am writing with concerns about the public meetings scheduled for later this month in Northern Arizona. I do appreciate that you are taking the time to hear the concerns of residents throughout the state. However, Cocinono County is the 2nd largest county in the nation, and residents may need to travel long distances to attend these meeting. They will need ample time to prepare for this travel, and because of the diverse communities, somewhat limited infrastructure and logistical barriers, I am concerned that more time is needed to communicate with and inform residents of the upcoming meetings. I also hope the meetings will adhere to a suitable agenda, be conducted in a respectful manner and that the Commissioners will truly listen to the concerns and issues brought up by attendees. Again, thank you for the time and work you devote to this important task.</p>
06/09/2021 - 09:20	06/09/2021 - 09:20	06/09/2021 - 09:20	Matthew Nelson	IRC meeting public hearings	<p>There are no scheduled public hearings for Pinal County. The IRC needs to hear from people in Pinal County. There are fewer public hearings this year compared to last time. There is no need to have the public hearings done by August either. Schedule a public hearing for Pinal County.</p> <p>Matthew Nelson [REDACTED] Oracle AZ 85623</p>
06/09/2021 - 09:23	06/09/2021 - 09:23	06/09/2021 - 09:23	Vianey De Anda	Improve Public Hearing Standards	<p>The AZ IRC should ensure the locations of the public hearings are available near public transportation. It is also crucial that there is translation access in languages most common in the community, including ASL. It is important that the public notice for the meetings be more than 48 hours in advanced.</p>
06/09/2021 - 09:57	06/09/2021 - 09:57	06/09/2021 - 09:57	Ernesto Lopez	Fair elections	<p>Hello Commission,</p> <p>I'm writing about the redistricting commission and why it's important to me for it to be fair. Democracy is American and critical to Freedom. Democracy can only be upheld through fair process were all Americans have an equal voice. It's the duty of the commission to protect democracy and Freedom in this state and country. I hope you all include the voice of all Americans so we can all be represented in the upcoming Elections.</p> <p>Best,</p>

06/09/2021 - 10:01	06/09/2021 - 10:01	06/09/2021 - 10:01	Alexander Castillo	Tribes in Arizona	<p>Hello,</p> <p>The IRC recently released a proposed calendar of listening sessions and town hall meetings for communities of interest. I kindly request the commission consider including additional meetings specific to tribal communities. Tribes in Arizona make up a large portion of the state, coordinating listening sessions and town halls on tribal lands would provide the commission the opportunity to hear directly from tribal members and tribal leaders about the importance of proper representation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
06/09/2021 - 11:51	06/09/2021 - 11:51	06/09/2021 - 11:51	Cailan Cordwell	Fair Maps	<p>I'm a resident in the Phoenix area and I wanted to let you know how important it is to be that the maps drawn by the IRC this year are fair, because I believe everyone in Arizona deserves to have their communities of interest represented.</p>
06/09/2021 - 12:17	06/09/2021 - 12:17	06/09/2021 - 12:17	Suzanne Mead	Community Meeting Security	<p>I have been following disturbing news from school districts around the state about organized gangs of right wing zealots disrupting their public meetings. It would behoove the IRC to establish protocols to prevent such groups from taking over or disrupting community meetings. Security should be top of mind to protect attendees, commissioners and the free flow of ideas. See more here: https://www.azmirror.com/2021/05/27/protesting-masks-and-racism-education-the-patriots-take-on-arizonas-school-boards/</p>
06/09/2021 - 14:41	06/09/2021 - 14:41	06/09/2021 - 14:41	Charlotte Hosseini	Northern AZ Meetings	<p>Please allow adequate time AND notice for interested parties to attend your public meetings. If you would notice it at your regular meeting and allow time to publicize, you will get a better response, assuming that is what you want.</p>
06/09/2021 - 17:01	06/09/2021 - 17:01	06/09/2021 - 17:01	Emily R Kirkland	Fair Maps	<p>As one of the only states with an independent redistricting commission, we have an opportunity to be a model for the country as a whole. Please do everything you can to ensure that Arizona's maps are impartial and fair. We all deserve a say in our democracy!</p>

06/10/2021 - 13:48	06/10/2021 - 13:48	06/10/2021 - 13:48	Victoria Martinez	Territory State Arizona /Texas/New Mexico	<p>My name is VICTORIA MARTINEZ and being territory of state that is owner of state lands, and being the person managing taxes of state state, also the natural resources and development. I have was to be only person being higher legal authority of state . I have been trying to contact somebody over a year about this. I believe me and .u.s. congress of Washington has not appointed anyone to be in government or senate or legislative in 3 states. Since the 3 states our territory and a united states it would be impossible for any of the Indians tribes to be in office of any 3 states and no considering any joint communities or no share of any of the territory's of state and no natural resources funds . The indian tribes were known as joint (cape) committees by other persons that have illegally done these illegal acts and need to be fined and penalties in trial . The reasons for this is the budget since 1974 in Arizona State was being stolen/embezzled by that committee of indian tribes and was why a Government shut down in Arizona State by United States President Washington and i did agree was the right thing to do until the issues are resolved by the people of Territory of State would be myself and United States Washington President . That would also mean of that same person that was President of United States in the time of the Government Shut Down 2017 and including myself . Im territory of state being im not Indian race or ethnic, im inca aztec of the 3 states .i have been tested already and got medical proof. I need a meeting with your office as soon as possible or nothing will be resolved . As you see there is already been a cold war in State Arizona and many effected by this and many inmates /prisoners that had not had a chance to speak or to do any of there rights as a p.o.w. and is being put in other categories that should not be violating there rights as a p.o.w. The people and commissions and committee of the joint Indian tribes are the organizations committee committing the war crimes against all the State and Inmates and people in Arizona State . The state of Arizona is a government shut down so why would your committee being working in offices of government and federal and as a BIA ? Indian Affairs is illegally acting as Bureau in 3 states . Inmates are prisoner of war and been taken advantage of to be massacre for profit and use for money claims by the people in Arizona office house committee of indian tribes . I have kept tracked of all the issues involved and whom are in involved so has Washington State President house since 2017 . cold war begin 2016. The persons of Indian tribes and committee and participates will be charged in a legal trial in united states statues and laws. You know private prisons are illegal in Arizona State and United States . Indians are not legal citizens and need to stop victimizing u.s. citizens and people . The Prisons and jails , juvenile are being illegally running in Arizona State as the offices in house of Arizona State . thank you my number is [REDACTED]</p>
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