

Submitted Time	Completed Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
10/01/2021 - 07:32	10/01/2021 - 07:32	Julie Lynn Warner	Redistricting in AZ	The legislative redistricting proposals would negatively affect voting outcomes in Arizona. Follow ALL SIX Constitutional requirements!
10/01/2021 - 10:17	10/01/2021 - 10:17	Matt Parrili	Map hub login problems	Created an account on the map hub just yesterday. Today (Fri, 1 Oct) can not log in. Nothing works! Please have someone call me se we can unscrew this. Matt Parrili, [REDACTED]
10/01/2021 - 10:40	10/01/2021 - 10:40	Hulan Gilchrist	opposing the breaking of LD23	The current Scottsdale and Fountain Hills LD 23 district should remain the same. There is no justification to break ing it up.
10/01/2021 - 10:42	10/01/2021 - 10:42	Diane Spence	Redistricting	New district maps proposed for Arizona misalign rural, suburban and urban areas. New lines directly impact who can win the outcomes of elections, based on the partisan identity of registered voters and district boundaries. This would negatively impact Arizona.
10/01/2021 - 12:15	10/01/2021 - 12:15	Anonymous	Unfair redistricting	Please don't force us in rural areas into Grijalva's district again! He NEVER votes the way we want, so we are effectively WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. That is not fair to us. Rural areas should include the Tucson mountains and foothills, and points west and northwest of the Tucson Mountains. We have suffered under Grijalva enough! He is a blithering communist, and we are the polar opposite. This doesn't apply only to me, but to many of my friends. Thank you.
10/01/2021 - 13:30	10/01/2021 - 13:30	Dan Greenhill	Redistricting	I'm against the current proposed redistricting plan of Scottsdale and fountain Hills as well as the Glendale Sun City areas mapping them into rural areas

10/01/2021 - 13:40	10/01/2021 - 13:40	Steve Robinson	Redistricting	<p>My name is Steve Robinson, I am a resident of the Rancho Vistoso section of Oro Valley, and I attended the IRC meeting in Tucson on September 29.</p> <p>I was pleased to have the opportunity to join with other Arizonans in a process that is so crucial to our democracy. But I was disheartened to listen to so many of my neighbors articulate the reasons why I fear for the future of our democracy—and why the commission's task is so important.</p> <p>I am a 68-year-old white male who was fortunate to retire with savings and a comfortable pension after working for the same company for 30 years. I have two grown daughters, one of whom is a PhD candidate at the University of Arizona.</p> <p>Early in my retirement I decided to take up golf. I am also an unabashed "car guy," some of whose happiest hours are spent in the garage, getting greasy underneath an old Chevy pickup truck. I recognize that my age, ethnicity and those two interests—most people would call them hobbies—place me in a particular subset of the overall community, and the overall population of the state. But I share much more important interests, values and concerns with citizens who would not fit so neatly into my "community of interest."</p> <p>This past Wednesday night I listened to speaker after speaker appeal to the commission to draw legislative and Congressional districts that fit only their rather narrowly defined communities. I heard people talk about the church they attend, the friends they've made, the hobbies they pursue, the restaurants they frequent. I heard them talk about the importance of good schools, safe neighborhoods and rewarding job opportunities.</p> <p>What I did not hear from these same people was an understanding that what is important to them might also be important to people who do not look like them, who do not come from the same background, who perhaps don't have the time or money to play golf or indulge other hobbies in their free time.</p> <p>I heard too many people say that their elected representatives should listen only to the priorities of people with whom they choose to associate, as if those priorities—health, security and opportunity—are somehow unique to people who live in a particular area or inhabit a particular lifestyle.</p> <p>Most troubling was hearing speakers express open contempt for the word "diversity," apparently hoping the commission would agree that candidates in the speakers' districts should look and sound just like them.</p> <p>The task ahead of you is so much more important than drawing lines on a map. Your task is to ensure that the foundational principles of our country are embraced, and that voters of different backgrounds have an equal opportunity to be represented by officeholders who understand the principle of shared values, hopes and dreams—values that do not discriminate on the basis of income, ethnicity, lifestyle or political party.</p> <p>Thank you for the work you are doing, and for your willingness to listen to my comments.</p> <p>Steve Robinson Oro Valley [REDACTED]</p>
10/01/2021 - 13:52	10/01/2021 - 13:52	Barbara Jennings	Redistricting	<p>Good afternoon. I am deeply concerned with some of the areas that are deemed to be redistricted. I live in CD6, so this is definitely going to impact me and my family and neighborhood. Residents of Scottsdale (north and south—or at least north of Thomas), Paradise Valley, Carefree, Cave Creek, and Fountain Hills are suburban "communities of interest" and similar in demographics and income. Drawing Carefree, Cave Creek, or Fountain Hills into a rural district, robs them of proper representation and shifts the population center in Northern Arizona to the south. Those suburban communities need to be in the same district as Scottsdale, PV, and Fountain Hills.</p> <p>Furthermore, Central Phoenix and lower Arcadia are urban areas, and thus should not be drawn into this district either. They are culturally and demographically different. They will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. I understand we have had a growth in population, but smaller districts, allow for much better and safe communities. I hope you take into account the interests and values of each area, so we are given proper representation.</p>
10/01/2021 - 17:37	10/01/2021 - 17:37	Elio Lewis	Redistricting	<p>Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.</p>
10/02/2021 - 12:32	10/02/2021 - 12:32	Wanona (Winnie) S Fritz	Redistricting CD8	<p>I have lived in Surprise (Sun City Grand) since 2001. As I review the proposed redistricting for CD8, I do not believe that Sun City West/ Surprise and our northwest suburbs should be drawn into a rural district. Based upon population diversity and needs, as well as population growth, they should be aligned with nearby similar suburban areas like Glendale and Peoria. Our community is reportedly #9 in the nation as Top Destination for young families who want to raise their children in an environment of safety, great schools, reasonable cost of living, and job availability.</p>

10/02/2021 - 17:32	10/02/2021 - 17:32	Thomas Hughes	Redistricting fairly and ethically	The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's mapping tool is confusing and should not be. It looks like the IRC is making this process difficult and the result will be a lack of public comment and jeopardize fair and competitive maps.
10/03/2021 - 07:15	10/03/2021 - 07:15	James P Tuthill	Public Meetings	Please hold one of your final meetings in Marana or Oro Valley. In the prior redistricting, Oro Valley was spilt in half and the northern half of Oro Valley was included in a huge district which includes Flagstaff. This was wrong and looked like jerry manderring (sp). Oro Valley has no economic, cultural or social connection with Flagstaff and the northern towns of that area. We are part of the greater Tucson area and should not be spit from it or other parts of the greater Tucson area. Thank you. Jim Tuthill [REDACTED] Oro Valley, AZ 85755
10/03/2021 - 14:02	10/03/2021 - 14:02	Thomas and Jean Meconi	evaluating published plans	Although it is interesting to peruse the published plans on the IRC Hub, there is no discernable way to evaluate them. Could you upload published plans as geospatial files like the shapefile format you made available for the 2021 grid maps? This would allow for careful scrutiny of each published plan on a multitude of criteria. In this way, citizens can truly participate and advocate for fair maps. Otherwise citizens are reduced to just looking at where the lines are drawn, not what the lines mean.
10/04/2021 - 09:24	10/04/2021 - 09:24	Beth Bremer	Polarization reports	Polarization reports are overdue and necessary for planning and carrying out the next steps in the redistricting process. Without these reports, the public and the Commissioners do not have the information necessary to fulfill the six criteria necessary for map drafting and submission.
10/04/2021 - 09:24	10/04/2021 - 09:24	Beth Bremer	Paper maps	The IRC said they accept paper maps, but have not clarified the process to submit a paper map nor how they will be importing it into the system for the public to have access. Paper maps need to be uploaded and contained within the system where the maps made by the software are, because all input should be treated and viewed equally by the public and the Commissioners. Inputting it into the Redistricting System would ensure equal consideration. In addition, this would allow the public to see paper maps and comment on them.
10/04/2021 - 10:15	10/04/2021 - 10:15	Dorothy Schumacher	Public Comments	I believe LD 23 should be redrawn. As it is now, it is one of the largest LDs. I suggest redrawing it to cover all of Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) and eliminate all areas not included. This would provide a community of interest and benefit our children. Thank you for your work. Dorothy Schumacher
10/04/2021 - 10:26	10/04/2021 - 10:26	Nancy Meister	Agenda for October 4	There does not seem to be an agenda posted. Is this just an executive session meeting?
10/04/2021 - 12:35	10/04/2021 - 12:35	Bruce Flocken	Written Testimony to the IRC for Consideration	<p>My name is Bruce Flocken. I'm a retired Gilbert (LD12) resident for the past 25 years and an Arizona resident for 42 years. I was a Phoenix and Glendale resident for the first 17 years. In all 42 years in Arizona, at 3 primary addresses in Maricopa County, I have voted in unfair and uncompetitive congressional or legislative districts every election. Yet, Arizona today is roughly a third registered Independent, a third Democrat, and a third Republican. Over my 42 years in Arizona, a solid majority of Arizona elected officials have been from one party, the Republican party. That doesn't sync with the current registered voter population breakdown. I have also seen the lack of competition in districts produce more and more extremist elected candidates who take actions that are not supported by the majority of Arizonans. This has led to a parallel rise in citizen initiatives to do what the legislature will not do, or to counter what they have done. Citizen initiatives should be rare if representatives represented the voters well.</p> <p>The Independent Redistricting Commission created in year 2000, with prop 106, promised "Fair and Competitive" districts in it's wording. Please give the the "Fair and Competitive" theme of Prop 106 solid weighting in the drawing of new district maps. I also urge the IRC to preserve the voices of communities of interest representing native and ethnic minority populations. The U.S. Supreme Court, in past rulings, has said that LD populations can vary from equal for legitimate reasons, such as complying with the Voting Rights Act. Please give this solid weighting as well.</p> <p>Thank you for your service!</p> <p>Bruce Flocken Gilbert</p>

10/04/2021 - 15:14	10/04/2021 - 15:14	Crystal Bazarnic	Legislative Redistricting request: I-17 North Corridor community of interest	<p>Hello, and thank you for all your work, and especially for listening to Arizona citizens as you go through this process. I am writing to you on behalf of those of us who live in far north Maricopa County along the I-17 corridor. This corridor runs from the top of Maricopa county, down through Anthem, Carefree Highway, Norterra, Stetson Hills, and down to the area of the north 101, to the east AND west of I-17(our district shouldn't only be east of the highway.) In our area, we travel up and down I-17 regularly for dining, shopping, taking our children to school, and attending church. It is a highly connected community. In the grid maps, you have us connected with Fountain Hills and rural areas out to the east of Scottsdale, which makes no sense (though I know those were just starting points.) Our community needs to be kept together, and if we don't have enough population to make up a district, continuing south down I-17 to Bell or even further makes more sense than connecting us with rural areas we have no commonalities with. We could also be pulled east to include Cave Creek or southeast to include the Desert Ridge area along the 101, but prefer to keep our district contiguous and compact. Thank you for listening!</p>
10/04/2021 - 15:36	10/04/2021 - 15:36	Wanda Kolomyjec	Strange district line leaving me out of my community	<p>I live at [REDACTED] Phoenix, AZ in Ahwatukee. While virtually all of Ahwatukee is in LD 18, about five houses (mine included) are for some unknown reason part of LD 27 all the way on the other side of South Mountain. I am effectively shut out of my own community's legislative district. PLEASE consider including my half of the street in the district I actually live in.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
10/05/2021 - 08:58	10/05/2021 - 08:58	Daniel M Conway	Grid Map	<p>I am appalled that you are spending even 10 minutes on discussing the totally defective grid maps presented by your mapping consultants. It is time to take charge and listen to the public. There have been several maps submitted that make a very natural split between Northern and Southern Arizona which should be the starting point.</p> <p>Daniel M Conway</p>
10/05/2021 - 10:39	10/05/2021 - 10:39	Bill Marshall	Redistricting Rules	<p>I don't remember where to get the rules for the Redistricting Committee to draw up the legislative and congressional maps. please send me them so I can be accurate as we consider your proposed grid Maps. Also, please share the tentative time line and dates for the whole process to happen and completed. God Bless and thank you</p> <p>Bill Marshall</p>

10/05/2021 - 13:17	10/05/2021 - 13:17	Marjorie J Shavlik	Congressional and Legislative Districts for Anthem, AZ	<p>My name is Marjorie Shavlik. I have been an Arizona voter since 2016. I live in Anthem, a suburb of Phoenix, that is approximately 5 miles north of the Carefree Highway, 5 miles south of New River and split in two by Interstate 17. This area is also known as the North Valley or North Phoenix and is part of Maricopa County.</p> <p>I object to placing my community in the same congressional district (9) as Mohave and La Paz counties. My community is a bedroom community to Phoenix and has no affinity to Mohave or La Paz counties. The maps, as drawn, are not compact, not competitive and do not support my community of interest.</p> <p>We are a suburban community with suburban concerns, e.g., air quality, traffic, transportation infrastructure, schools, parks and safety, to name a few.</p> <p>A better map would have Anthem included only with other Maricopa County communities, preferably starting at the county boundary at New River, running west highway 60, south to 101 loop or Bell Rd and bordered on the east by Pima Rd or the east side of McDowell Mountain Park.</p> <p>Legislative district (4) runs down the east side of Interstate 17 but leaves half of New River and Anthem communities on the west side of I-17 in another district. East and west New River and Anthem communities need to be joined together in the proposed district. A better boundary for the west side of the district would be New River Road/Agua Fria River.</p> <p>A better southern boundary would include Tramonto, Dove Valley, Desert Hills and run to Happy Valley or 101 Loop. The eastern boundary could be Scottsdale Road. These are the areas I shop, dine, visit health care providers, accounting, and law firms. Anthem children are part of Deer Valley school district which runs through this area. This would better match my community of interest.</p> <p>Thank you for the work you have undertaken to realign Arizona congressional and legislative districts.</p> <p>Regards, Marjorie J. Shavlik</p>
10/05/2021 - 15:01	10/05/2021 - 15:01	Hope Busto-Keyes	Immediate Publishing of Updated Maps for Public Comment	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>As you work on shaping maps, please upload and publish the updates immediately to allow quick & useful public comment for your review. Like you, we, the public, are interested in contributing to creating fair and legal maps within your timeline.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
10/05/2021 - 16:36	10/05/2021 - 16:36	Mark W. Knecht	LD Test Map problems	<p>The LD Test Map that was shared with the public, and I think was used as a starting point in today's meeting (10/5/21) has major population problems in 3 districts:</p> <p>District 14 -> -58,360 District 22 -> +85,296 District 29 -> -27,501</p> <p>These issues should be addressed as soon as possible and a new test map shared with the public so we can all work from something without issues like this.</p> <p>Thank you, Mark</p>
10/05/2021 - 17:48	10/05/2021 - 17:48	Nelson Morgan	Your link to today's video is incorrect	<p>The link that says Audio Minutes (which goes to a YouTube video) which is listed under today's meeting goes instead to a video of another meeting, I think from one of the listening tour or grid map meetings. It's less than 2 hrs long.</p>

10/06/2021 - 06:11	10/06/2021 - 06:11	Ms. Karen A. Moscato	Mohave County / Re-Districting	<p>I have been a resident of Arizona, Mohave County for 4 years now. It was with great disappointment that I read at the map drawing meeting (October 4 and 5) there were a few instances when the Redistricting Commissioner flirted with creating a congressional district or map that wraps about 75% or more of the circumference of the state borders and connects Mohave county with Graham County!</p> <p>This and other proposals disregard community of interest testimony from Mohave Co and other areas on the western/Colorado River border. In addition to creating a district that bridges the northern Arizona border; it creates a skewed Republican advantage throughout the state. As many here are registered Independents, I find this mirroring the hyper partisan games we see playing out in Arizona and in Washington DC.</p> <p>In addition to this blatantly Republican takeover, there is total disregard of the 22 Native American people in Arizona. They have asked the IRC not to divide their tribal lands and keep the tribal population together. What more ways can we insult them and drive a wedge in their culture? Please respect these Americans as we have done enough damage to them and their culture.</p> <p>My other concerns lie in the missed opportunity to conduct a re-districting in a collaborative, fair and transparent in manner. A stronger future for Mohave County, its residents and our water rights depend on strong leadership and a fair representation. End the culture of secrecy, short-sighted thinking, and a loss of focus on the working families and residents of Mohave County.</p> <p>Do what is right for Arizona, not the Republican party.</p>
10/06/2021 - 07:49	10/06/2021 - 07:49	Arlene Rheinfelder	Map Submission	<p>I tried to submit a map on 10/5 but received an error message that it did not go through. However, when I tried to resubmit it says it was previously submitted. I would like to submit this map and time is getting short. It took me a LOOOOOONG time to learn the software and get it finished.</p> <p>Help.</p> <p>Thank you. Arlene Rheinfelder [REDACTED]</p>
10/06/2021 - 08:48	10/06/2021 - 08:48	Jeffrey Tucker	Website - IIRC General Timeline not easily available	<p>Hello, I am hoping that this request will prompt a change to your website. The website seems to be well organized and very helpful however, I cannot easily locate the Commission's overall schedule. The Public Meetings tab seems like it would be the likely place for this to reside, but it seems to only provide the specific meeting information through this week in October. Is it possible for the Commission to publish its expected schedule for each phase from the start through project completion? Understandably, dates for specific meetings are not known until closer to the actual date, and that is not what is being requested here. Instead, simply a high-level calendar that shows and describes the "whats" and approximate "whens" of each phase in the Commissions work...Example Communities of Interest Tour: July-August, Grid Map Review: September - October, and so on.</p> <p>It seems like this resource could be placed on the Public Meetings page of the site to allow the public to have an overall context of the Commission's work and progress, and an easy reference to determine when forthcoming events are estimated to occur.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your work on the Commission.</p> <p>Jeff T.</p>
10/06/2021 - 10:20	10/06/2021 - 10:20	Mark W. Knecht	Oct. 5th - LD Test Map Ver 1 not legal	<p>As presented yesterday and as mad available on the Redistricting System site the LD Test Map is not legal for equal population reasons. One district has 85,000 too many people and two other district are missing people.</p> <p>Until that map is made legal with reasonably similar populations it should not be used as a starting point for discussion and changes.</p>
10/06/2021 - 11:35	10/06/2021 - 11:35	Barbara rosenberg	Cd 1.0 1.1. Ld 1.0	<p>During yesterday's meeting it was stated that these maps would be available to the public. However later in the meeting that decision was changed. This means that a member of the public going to the hub expecting the most up to date information will not find it there.</p>

10/06/2021 - 11:47	10/06/2021 - 11:47	Lynne Cornwell	Question-Concerns	<p>I have sent 2 emails. Dont know if the email address is even correct, but they are both below.</p> <p>From: Lynne Cornwell Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 11:45 AM To: ircadmin@azdoa.gov Subject: FW: Northern AZ Importance: High</p> <p>Just as an added item, unless you can find the site to get the email address that I am emailing, you would have no way of knowing about any public hearings. From what I see, you have only went to places 1 time and this was over about a 3 week span and you are making a final decision in December? How is that doing your due diligence in our communities. People have to try to track you down or hope to catch the only meeting you may do? Most people do not even know who governs the lines that they vote in. Flagstaff makes no sense. I have to vote of people that live no where near Flagstaff and people that live 3 miles from me vote on completely different candidates.</p> <p>Lynne Cornwell</p> <p>From: Lynne Cornwell Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2021 11:38 AM To: ircadmin@azdoa.gov Subject: Northern AZ Importance: High</p> <p>I live in Flagstaff and have for almost 20 years. I want to know why we have not ever had the chance to speak with this commission? We have a major issue in our area. All of the people that live and work in Flagstaff do not live downtown or within 5 miles of it. You have excluded all those living outside of city limits for years in voting for a mayor and local officials that impact our daily lives, taxes, etc. We have about a 18 mile stretch from the I-17/I-40 split in a straight line that is the dominant area where people live that have to live with rules that exclude them. People that live outside of the city limits are at least 50% of those that live an work directly in the Flagstaff area. This means that 50% of the impacted people in Flagstaff get no representation or say in their government and what happens locally. THAT IS WRONG!!!! I cannot say that enough times. If your address ends in Flagstaff, AZ, then you should be able to vote on any issue effecting Flagstaff AZ, which is an extremely small town geographically. This is a no brainer.</p> <p>WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? WHY DO THOSE DIRECTLY AROUND FLAGSTAFF THAT HAVE TO LIVE WITH FLAGSTAFF LAWS, RULES, AND PAY FLAGSTAFF TAXES, GET NO REPRESENTATION! I LIVE LESS THAN 3 MILES OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS AND I HAVE NO SAY!!!!</p> <p>It is very apparent in communication feeds that you talk about reservation issues, metropolitan issues, but nothing on rural issues. Do any of your commission members even know the REAL boundaries of living in Flagstaff, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Camp Verde, etc????? My guess is that none of you do or care to.</p> <p>YOUR RURAL AZ COMMUNITIES WANT ANSWERS, WANT TO BE HEARD, WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THE LINES YOU ARE DRAWING! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW REAL INTEREST IN REALLY DOING THE JOB RIGHT – AFTER ALL YOU ONLY DO IT ONCE EVER DECADE!</p> <p>I even went as far as to investigate how to get on the IRC, but no one answers questions, give the public information, etc. Sounds like the simply fact is that you don't want to do what the job truly requires or we would be represented in the commission.</p> <p>I would appreciate some kind of response or real information on how to get time in front of the commission or make formal public statements and have our concerns addressed before the redistricting maps are final AGAIN! I think it is time that rural AZ is finally given proper treatment and shown accountability to.</p> <p>Lynne Cornwell</p>
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10/06/2021 - 12:05	10/06/2021 - 12:05	Mark W. Knecht	LD Test Map Ver 1 - District 23 Gerrymandering	How can the IRC commissioner or the mapping team justify that citizens on the west side of the city of Yuma should be linked with citizens on the west side of Buckeye? D23 is clearly Gerrymandered. There is no community of interest that this represents. As a border city Yuma and some portion of Pima County should more naturally go together.
10/06/2021 - 14:25	10/06/2021 - 14:25	James K Borowske	Proposed Redistricting	I am a resident of Las Sendas Mountain community. I am writing to you after reviewing the proposed maps for redistricting. The proposed plan isolates Las Sendas from Mesa, my community of governmental interest and will deprive me from local representation. we will not be informed of local issues. Most important is the proposed congressional district moves Las Sendas from an Urban area to a rural constituency which is totally unacceptable. I urge the Redistricting Commission to reconsider their proposal and keep Las Sendas in the Mesa community district.. Thank you-James Borowske
10/06/2021 - 14:49	10/06/2021 - 14:49	Richard L Moran	redistricting	"With respect to the proposed grid maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 we want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you."
10/06/2021 - 15:11	10/06/2021 - 15:11	Elisabeth Tyndall	Competitive CD-SEAZ	I am writing in support of a competitive Congressional District for Southern Arizona and support the map submitted under that name. Cochise should remain should be in a CD and LD representing it's diversity and connection to Tucson, AZ. Residents of Cochise County shop and receive medical care in Tucson and have more in common through jobs and education with regions other than Graham and Greenlee. The map dated Oct.9 is not a competitive map, favoring republicans and separating our community. Thank you Elisabeth Tyndall
10/06/2021 - 15:28	10/06/2021 - 15:28	Craig L. Brown	First Draft Map LD 1.0	"As Chairman of Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, I would like to keep as many of our Yavapai County constituents in the same Legislative District. The first draft map LD 1.0 would only serve to create divisiveness among our county, which is not in the best interest of our constituency as a whole and because of that I would urge the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) to reconsider the proposed draft map".
10/06/2021 - 16:48	10/06/2021 - 16:48	William C Hill	redistricting	With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you.

10/06/2021 - 16:57	10/06/2021 - 16:57	Jeffrey Tucker	Draft/Final Map Consideration - Rotary Park Precinct	<p>Dear Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission:</p> <p>My name is Jeffrey Tucker. I am an analyst who lives in Central Tempe, specifically the Rotary Park precinct. I have lived in Rotary Park for 7 years and am an active part of the Tempe community, participating in my neighborhood association and I ke many of my neighbors, I am active in Tempe events and affairs, and I shop at local Tempe businesses.</p> <p>The reason for my letter to you is my concern regarding the initial draft map for my precinct and proposed legislative district (District 9) that has been published by the commission. The southwest portion of this proposed district is my precinct, Rotary Park. It is the only exclusively Tempe precinct within the newly drawn District 9. It shares no school districts and no current Justice precincts with any of the other precincts within its boundaries. Further, according to the Maricopa county party registration maps, it is only one of three precincts within the proposed District 9 that maintains a predominantly Democratic registration. Essentially, Rotary Park becomes its own minority community of interest when viewed from a lens of being part of District 9, with very little in common with the 40+ other precincts in that district.</p> <p>In my humble opinion, for reasons stated above, keeping Rotary Park in District 9 would violate the communities of interest criterion. Further, keeping Rotary Park within District 9 would also disregard the "incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town, and county boundaries" criterion, since the eastern boundary of Rotary Park is not only the 101-Freeway, but also the Tempe city line. For the Draft and Final maps, it is my hope that the Commission will reconsider the positioning of Rotary Park into District 11 or into District 8, where the precinct would share common city, school, and justice jurisdictions with many of the other precincts within those proposed districts.</p> <p>Thank you for your work and dedication to making Arizona a fairer place to live and vote.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jeffrey Tucker</p>
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10/06/2021 - 18:02	10/06/2021 - 18:02	League of Women Voters Northern Arizona	Grid map for Northern Arizona	<p>League of Women Voters Northern Arizona ██████████ Sedona AZ 86339</p> <p>To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission</p> <p>The League of Women Voters of Northern Arizona (LWVNAZ) would like to make a formal statement regarding the most recent grid mapping provided by the Independent Redistricting Commission. The LWVNAZ, has members from Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and surrounding communities. We share a focus on many issues including water use and conservation, voting access for rural communities, and inclusion of our diverse native American communities, all within the context of a rigorous non-partisan approach.</p> <p>We realize the grid maps are simply starting points for further mapping, based on equal population distribution, however, we feel compelled to voice our conviction of the importance of maintaining communities of interest. We are strongly opposed to any mapping that splits apart towns or communities.</p> <p>We would like to state in the strongest terms our belief in the cross-town community links within the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Our joined area is distinct from communities further south, across Mingus Mountain and beyond. The concerns, activities and geographic distribution of that alternative region is handled by another distinct chapter of the League of Women Voters – Central Yavapai.</p> <p>Therefore, we urge the Independent Redistricting Commission to adjust the current draft map to include the towns of Verde Valley and Flagstaff within one AZ State Legislative District.</p> <p>Respectfully, Lynn Zonakis, President LWVNAZ Maryann Kenney, Vice President LWVNAZ</p>
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10/06/2021 - 19:24	10/06/2021 - 19:24	Dominik C Knoepfel	Rotary Park Precinct	<p>Dear Arizona Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>My name is Dominik Knoepfel and I grew up in the Rotary Park precinct and have lived there as a home owner for the last 11 years. I am writing to you today to oppose the drafted map which would put Rotary Park in District 9 lumped in with Mesa. We do not share any justice or school districts that we share with district 9, and I feel it would take away from the Tempe feel that Rotary Park has.</p>

10/06/2021 - 20:41	10/06/2021 - 20:41	Dana MEAD	Redistricting	<p>With respect to the proposed maps, in my opinion, that once again it entirely ignores the needs of rural Eastern Arizona.</p> <p>Our region was united from 2001 - 2010. In 2001, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 we want our voice back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache Counties, with Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai.</p> <p>Thank you, Dana Mead Navajo County</p>
10/06/2021 - 20:50	10/06/2021 - 20:50	Fleta Gladden	Redistricting	<p>The proposed maps, in my opinion once again entirely ignore the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature in 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. This will align all of our shared interests. It is fair and equal to all concerned.</p>
10/06/2021 - 21:11	10/06/2021 - 21:11	Margaret R Tinsley	redistricting	<p>I have lived in Arizona since 1964 and in Tempe since 1968. I am active in my community, having served on the Development Review Commission and currently on the Family Justice Commission. I have voted in every election since I turned 21, which was the voting age then.</p> <p>One of the things that makes me most proud of Arizona is our Independent Redistricting Commission, established by Arizonans so that we would have fair and competitive legislative and congressional districts. Thank you for serving on this very important commission.</p> <p>Over the years, Arizona has changed, and has recently become much more "purple". It is essential that our districts represent all those people, including people of color, and respect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act. Arizona now has about one-third Democrats, one-third independents, and one-third Republicans. All of them should have an opportunity to elect someone who represents their beliefs.</p> <p>One advantage of such competitive districts is that when there is legitimate competition, the balance swings to the middle, lessening the influence of the most extreme positions. This is especially true and important in our current state of polity.</p> <p>I currently live in LD18, and in CD 9. As I view the grid maps, I would be in LD 11 and CD 3. Both of these changes appear to respect the south-east metro communities involved, which I appreciate. I hope that similar respect will be shown to other established communities in Arizona.</p> <p>I urge you to establish competitive districts which comply with the Voting Rights Act so that the ability of all Arizonans to exercise their franchise is enhanced.</p> <p>Thank you again for your service on this commission.</p>
10/06/2021 - 21:19	10/06/2021 - 21:19	James R & Kathleen Tapscott	Redistricting	<p>The "current" redistricting proosal does not reflect our rural constituents! Return us to the to the previous areas, prior to 2018!</p>
10/06/2021 - 21:47	10/06/2021 - 21:47	Diane & Tom Mosier	IRC maps and redistricting effects on Navajo county	<p>With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that they entirely ignore the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Rural Arizonans deserve a voice.</p> <p>Thank you. Diane Mosier, Realtor, Show Low AZ</p>
10/07/2021 - 06:17	10/07/2021 - 06:17	Gina Wilson	redistricting maps for 2021	<p>With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please allow our voices to be heard so that we may finally have taxation with representation which we do not have now unless the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai is adopted. Thank you</p>

10/07/2021 - 07:14	10/07/2021 - 07:14	Kevin Rowan	redistricting	With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you.
10/07/2021 - 08:08	10/07/2021 - 08:08	Jamie K She burne	Redistricting	RURAL ARIZONA NEEDS FAIR REPRESENTATION THROUGH PROPER REDISTRICTING THAT MAKES SENSE With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you.
10/07/2021 - 08:36	10/07/2021 - 08:36	Jacklyn M Cox	Redistricting	With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you.
10/07/2021 - 09:30	10/07/2021 - 09:30	Pan Knaack	Redistricting	Cordes Lakes functions best with Prescott Valley and Prescott. Please DO NOT remove Cordes Lakes from Yavapai County. Thank for your attention to your constituents. Pan Knaack PC
10/07/2021 - 09:45	10/07/2021 - 09:45	Linda Thomson	Redistricting	We need to have our own districts separate from the reservations. Rural & Reservation issues are so different. I also feel these redistricting slant towards democratic districts not giving independents & republicans representation.

10/07/2021 - 09:49	10/07/2021 - 09:49	Arlene Rheinfelder	Proposed draft LD5 and LD7 splitting Yavapai County	<p>Good afternoon, my name is Arlene Rheinfelder. I'm a native Arizonan and a 27 year resident of Yavapai County, AZ. I came today to express my concern with the proposed LD5 and LD7 division of Yavapai County in the last revision of the LD map. I believe that for the divided section of Yavapai County it disregards the community of interest.</p> <p>The southeast portion of Yavapai County has the Verde River as its Eastern boundary. Ranchers who live in that part of the County do NOT drive to Payson for groceries because there is no bridge to cross the river in that area. They drive west to 1-17 and over to Prescott Valley. The ranchers that live at Horseshoe Ranch off Bloody Basin Road, and those that live in Dugas send their children to the Mayer School District. Dividing Yavapai County at 1-17 in this area completely disregards the Communities of Interest of this part of the county which is more closely aligned with Mayer, Dewey, and Prescott Valley because of the impassable river barrier.</p> <p>Additionally, those who live along Orme Ranch Road, Cherry, and other communities along Hwy 169 attend school and shop in Mayer, Dewey-Humboldt, and Prescott Valley.</p> <p>Although the commission heard testimony from a certain group of people who stated Sedona and the Verde Valley belong with Flagstaff, the truth of the matter is that during the snowy months it's easier to go south on I-17 and east on Hwy 169 to Prescott Valley, than it is to drive the snow packed, treacherous road to Flagstaff either by I-17 or through Oak Creek Canyon. In the summer months, the constant tourism traffic makes it easier to go to Prescott Valley, than north to Flagstaff because traffic slows to a crawl through Oak Creek Canyon, and I-17 often slows or completely shuts down due to accidents and wildfires.</p> <p>My father and his girlfriend lived in Cottonwood for years. He hiked in Sedona daily. He never went to Flagstaff to shop or do any kind of business. They would drive over Mingus, or south on I-17 and east on Hwy 169 to shop at the Costco in Prescott.</p> <p>I own a business in Prescott. I have clients that drive over from Sedona, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde. I also have driven to Sedona and Cottonwood to meet clients. I do not have clients from Flagstaff, nor do I drive to Flagstaff to meet with clients.</p> <p>Yavapai College, which is located in Prescott, has satellite campuses in both Cottonwood and Sedona. Yavapai College does not have any campus in Flagstaff.</p> <p>For these reasons, I believe that the proposed division of Yavapai County is not appropriate. Thank you and God bless you with the wisdom of Solomon as you move forward.</p>
10/07/2021 - 10:26	10/07/2021 - 10:26	deborah johnson	redistricting	<p>With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you.</p>
10/07/2021 - 10:43	10/07/2021 - 10:43	Kathy Battin	Redistricting	<p>I am not happy with the proposed redistricting map. Northeastern Arizona needs a voice!</p>
10/07/2021 - 10:49	10/07/2021 - 10:49	Jordan Kirk	Redraw LD 23	<p>Hello, I believe LD 23 should be redrawn. As it is now, it is one of the largest LDs. I suggest redrawing it to cover all of SUSD and eliminate all areas not included. This would provide a community of interest and benefit our children. Thank you, Jordan Kirk</p>
10/07/2021 - 11:19	10/07/2021 - 11:19	Dwight S Kadar	Rural Arizona Redistricting	<p>Sedona and the Verde Valley align closely as communities of interest with Prescott and not Flagstaff. The Yavapai College Sedona Center is located in West Sedona, the Yavapai County Sheriff has an office in the Village of Oak Creek, and the Yavapai County Jail is located in Camp Verde. The vast majority of Sedona and the Verde Valley's property taxes are paid to Yavapai County. Therefore for Sedona and Verde Valley residents to have a voice with our elected officials, we must be included with Prescott in the final district maps.</p>
10/07/2021 - 11:26	10/07/2021 - 11:26	Jay cook	Redirecting map	<p>The 2 maps presented do not accurately represent our counties. Please refer back to the 2002-2010 map to have accurate representation for the 5 eastern countries!!!!</p>

10/07/2021 - 12:37	10/07/2021 - 12:37	Cathy Schwanke	Question- Where find CD Test Map Version 1.1 and LD Test Map Version 1.0.	Regarding CD Test Map Version 1.1 and LD Test Map Version 1.0., the IRC voted to use these rather than the grid maps. Since the IRC members are seeing these I'd like to see these too but can not find them on this IRC website. Can you please tell me how to locate these test maps? Thank you so much! ~Cathy
10/07/2021 - 13:05	10/07/2021 - 13:05	Glenna J Hale	Comments on Grid Maps	<p>October 6, 2021</p> <p>My name is Glenna Hale, I live in the northwest Peoria community of Trilogy at Vistancia. As a master planned community Vistancia has been identified as one of the top growing communities in the nation and is the second fastest selling community in Arizona. While Vistancia currently has over 14,000 residential homes, the area continues to grow and is expanding to the north and west.</p> <p>In reviewing the 2021 Grid Maps on the RIC website, I am genuinely concerned that Vistancia and parts of Sun City West are being included in Congressional District 9 (CD9). The way this CD is drawn it is geographically mostly rural, while the Vistancia and Sun City West communities are urban and densely populated. The inclusion of these two sizable urban areas in this CD appears to have been to meet population requirement with little respect for communities of interest and competitiveness. Although we may share environmental, water and health care concerns with our rural neighbors, our daily issues and interests are dramatically different. It is hard to image combining Lake Havasu City, Kingman, Bullhead City or the Colorado River Indian Reservation with Vistancia and seeing that as compatible, contiguous or fair to either the rural or urban communities. I would suggest that Vistancia and Sun City West be moved to CD8. Adjustment to CDs 2, 7 and 9 should make this possible and would better serve both the rural and urban areas.</p> <p>As for the Legislative District (LD) maps, it appears that Vistancia including Trilogy is being placed in LD 29 versus LD28 which is closer in proximity. While placing Vistancia in LD 29 creates an unusual shape for the district, the grouping of communities are compatible. As you move forward, I would encourage you to leave as much of Vistancia intact within a single LD as possible. The communities of Vistancia share remarkably similar social and economic interests. To separate these communities would be a true disservice to these very close-knit communities.</p> <p>In Closing I would like to thank the Commission for their time and efforts in undertaking the arduous task of redrawing the Congressional and Legislative Districts for Arizona. The opportunity for the public to see and comment at each stage of the process is much appreciated. Now we look forward to seeing the Commission's take on fair and equitable draft maps.</p> <p>Glenna Hale Currently in CD8 and LD22</p>

10/07/2021 - 13:09	10/07/2021 - 13:09	Lynn Peterts	IRC Public Testimony Oct 7, 2021	<p>This is the test of the testimony I plan to give on Oct 7, 2021 in Surprise, AZ. *****</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity today to speak directly to the Commission. My name is Lynn Peters and I have lived in the city of Surprise for 21 years. Surprise has changed dramatically over those 21 years and continues growth toward the west and north.</p> <p>My primary request is that Surprise remain whole in a single CD and LD. Currently Surprise, along with Sun City West and parts of northern Peoria are in Grid map CD9. This CD is geographically mostly rural while the communities of Surprise, Sun City West and Peoria are urban and densely populated. Our issues and interests are dramatically different from rural cities and towns. We do not relate to Lake Havasu City, Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Mead, Mohave City, or the Colorado River Indian Reservation all grouped with Surprise, Sun City West and northern Peoria in Grid map CD9.</p> <p>Because Surprise, Sun City West and northern Peoria are not compatible with the other communities in Grid map CD9, CD's 7, 8, and 9 need to be adjusted. CD8 needs to move north to include Surprise, Sun City West and parts of north Peoria. Adjustments to neighboring CD's 7 and 9 should make this possible.</p> <p>While I certainly agree that it is critical that rural voices be heard by our representatives I believe that including densely populated urban cities with rural communities seriously dilutes the message of those rural communities. Maricopa County communities in Metro Phoenix should not be grouped with Mohave County communities so that their population requirements are met. That is a disservice to both groups. I suspect that Avondale and Goodyear should not be sacrificed to meet the population requirement of Pima County. Maricopa County Communities should always be grouped with other Maricopa County Communities.</p> <p>Surprise has been placed in Grid map LD29. While this LD is an odd shape the grouping of communities is rather good. I specifically ask that you be certain to keep the Surprise Heritage District in tact within a single LD. This is a close knit Hispanic community which is bounded North-South by Bell Rd and Greenway Rd and East-West by El Mirage Rd and Dysart Rd.</p> <p>I would also like to state that I am in support of the LGBTQ community as a community of interest and hope that the Commission will thoughtfully review the EQAZ maps that have been submitted by this community.</p> <p>Thank you. Lynn Peters [REDACTED] Surprise, AZ 85374</p>
10/07/2021 - 13:38	10/07/2021 - 13:38	Mark W. Knecht	Unverified algorithms appear to be biased	<p>The algorithms used by the mapping company are not independently verified to be non-biased. All of the generated maps, both the official grid maps and the test maps, have census blocks that have been cut by the computer program and not verified by any human as being fair and unbiased. Please tell the mapping team to cease using that algorithm and keep everything on census blocks so that we in the public can understand what's really going on. If the IRC eventually decides that every block must be equal population down to 1 person - which cannot be done because of births, deaths and people moving - only then allow the mapping company to modify blocks by computer.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention.</p>
10/07/2021 - 15:07	10/07/2021 - 15:07	MARK T ATCHLEY	DISTRICT 6 REDISTRICTING	<p>THE NEWEST PROPOSED RE DISTRICTING MAP THAT HAS DISTRICT 6 ENCOMPASSING THE NAVAJO RESERVATION AND ALMOST ALL OF NORTHERN AZ IS TOTALLY WRONG. THE RESERVATION AND THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON THE RESERVATION HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON AT ALL. THE RESERVATION IS ALL OPEN HIGH DESERT NOT MOUNTAINOUS PINE COVERD MOUNTAINS. THIS IS TOTALLY INCOMPETENT ON THE REDISTRICTING PARTY'S BEHALF. THE ONLY REASON IS PARTISAN DISTRICTING. THIS IS A SHAM AND NEEDS TO BE RESTORED TO WHAT IT WAS OR AT LEAST DISTRICT TO PEOPLE OF LIKE INTEREST THIS IS NOT WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED HERE AT ALL. PLEASE MAKE THIS RIGHT AND DO NOT CHANGE IT TO THE PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT THIS WILL CAUSE NO REPRESENTATION FOR THE WHITE MOUNTAINS OR NO REPRESENTATION FOR THE NAVAJO RESERVATION</p>

10/07/2021 - 15:14	10/07/2021 - 15:14	Rhonda Lynn Atchley	Proposed redistricting map	"With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you."
10/07/2021 - 15:59	10/07/2021 - 15:59	Joseph Seelye	Comments on the Grid Maps	<p>Hello</p> <p>Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Grid Maps. My name is Joseph Seelye and I live in Tempe, specifically the Rotary Park Precinct. I have lived in here for just over 7 years, I am active in the community and currently sit as Chairperson for my Neighborhood Association representing the Cole Park Neighborhood Association of the City of Tempe. I shop and do business within Tempe.</p> <p>After reviewing the Grid Maps available online, I was dismayed to find that the Rotary Park Precinct is outside the boundaries of either Legislative Districts, LD 8 and LD 11, within City of Tempe boundaries. The Grid Map shows my voting precinct within LD 9 which is within the City of Mesa.</p> <p>Not only does the inclusion of Rotary Park Precinct in LD 9 violate the communities of interest criterion, but it also disregards the natural boundaries of City Lines and the freeway system, of which creates an artificial boundary further distancing Rotary Park Precinct from the rest of LD 9.</p> <p>For these reasons, I ask the commission to include the Rotary Park Precinct firmly within the natural boundaries of the City of Tempe and the Freeway system in either proposed LD 8 or LD 11 and not within the proposed LD 9.</p> <p>Thank you Joseph Seelye</p>
10/07/2021 - 16:21	10/07/2021 - 16:21	Philip Goldblatt	Method used for redistricting	I wish to question the idea that each district must have about equal population. That automatically makes it impossible to meet any of the other criteria. The law does not prioritize each of the criteria so I am asking that the legislators use more the "communities of interest" criteria to draw the district boundaries and the internal competitiveness criteria as well. This does not violate the "each person one vote" standard that the US Constitution mandates. Thank you for considering this.

10/07/2021 - 17:28	10/07/2021 - 17:28	Jeffrey Tucker	Grid Map Revision request - District 11 - Community north of South Mountain	<p>Dear Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission:</p> <p>My name is Jeffrey Tucker. I am a business analyst who lives in the current Legislative District 18. I have been active in the political activities within my district for many years.</p> <p>I am writing to you with some concern about the overall shape of the “new” District 18, which will soon be the proposed District 11 grid map with some additions and subtractions. The reason for concern centers on the inclusion of the population that is north of South Mountain and west of Interstate 10. During the 2000-2010 timeframe I lived in the northernmost precinct of Ahwatukee in what was then District 20. I was responsible for, and enjoyed doing much political outreach for my neighborhood as well as those voters who lived north of South Mountain.</p> <p>I tried often to get the voters living north of South Mountain involved in then-District 20’s events; however, the common objection I faced was that the mountain boundary made participation difficult or at times impossible due to rush-hour traffic-clogged arteries connecting the communities. As a result, these voters often felt ignored, and not included in the district as a whole. Further they felt that even when they were successful in attending and participating that their concerns were very different than those faced by the other Phoenix, Chandler and Tempe voters present. Essentially, the precincts north of South Mountain are a community of interest that is split off from the rest of the proposed District 11 community due to the boundary of South Mountain.</p> <p>Recently, a potentially greater concern has also arisen. The main artery connecting District 11 with its northern and southern parts is Interstate 10. Interstate 10 will be under years-long construction during the formative years of the new District 11, essentially creating an even more substantial barrier to participation, isolating this northern community from the more populous southern communities of the proposed district.</p> <p>From a political standpoint, while I would love for these northern precincts to be included with the new District 11 because it would make elections for my particular political party, the Democrats, vastly easier, in good conscience, it seems that their inclusion would violate the communities of interest criterion. Further, South Mountain is a significant, large geographic feature which seems to create a natural district line border. In conclusion, for the Draft and Final maps, it is my hope that the Commission will consider apportioning the north of South Mountain precincts into a community that will be more suitable for hearing and addressing their concerns.</p> <p>I am grateful that Arizona has an Independent Redistricting Committee that is devoted to creating fair and competitive legislative and congressional districts. I appreciate your service to the State of Arizona and the work that you are doing to make Arizona a fairer place to live and vote.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Jeffrey Tucker</p>
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10/07/2021 - 17:45	10/07/2021 - 17:45	Colleen Pope	Rotary Park Precinct in Tempe	<p>Dear Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission:</p> <p>My name is Colleen Pope. My husband and I have been raising our family in the Rotary Park Precinct in Tempe for over 19 years. We are very happy in this area and intend to stay for the long haul. Our family is actively involved in our local church, a number of organizations, a nearby charter school, and ASU. We frequent our local businesses and enjoy the social life that this area offers</p> <p>Upon reviewing the initial maps, I was concerned to see that Rotary Park had been lumped in with proposed legislative District 9. Rotary Park is the only exclusively Tempe precinct within the newly drawn District 9. It shares no school districts or no current Justice precincts with any of the other precincts within its boundaries. Further, according to the Maricopa County party registration maps, it is only one of three precincts within the proposed District 9 that maintains a predominantly Democratic registration. Rotary Park would become a minority community of interest if it did in fact become part of District 9. It would have very little in common with the 40+ other precincts in that district.</p> <p>For that reason, keeping Rotary Park in District 9 would violate the communities of interest criterion. The proposed boundaries would also disregard the "incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town, and county boundaries." The eastern boundary of Rotary Park is not only the 101-Freeway, but also the Tempe city line. For the next iteration of maps, it is my hope that the Commission will consider the positioning of Rotary Park into District 11 or into District 8, where the precinct would share common city, school, and justice jurisdictions with many of the other precincts within those proposed districts.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and your work on behalf of your fellow Arizonans. Sincerely, Colleen Pope</p>
10/07/2021 - 18:16	10/07/2021 - 18:16	Dennis Vanderplow	Redistricting Surprise AZ	As a resident of Surprise AZ I urge the commission to keep Surprise AZ in the same legislative and congressional districts. Surprise is in a very dynamic growth area and needs the commonality of single districts.
10/07/2021 - 19:48	10/07/2021 - 19:48	Marlene Macek	Oct. 7th Comment to Commission	<p>Please note that online comments were not enabled during this meeting.</p> <p>The Verde Valley communities do not align well with Flagstaff. We are better aligned with Prescott. Prescott is the center of the Yavapai County government which is important especially for the four unincorporated communities in the Verde Valley. In the Village of Oak Creek where I live, 42.2% of our population is over 65 years old. In Flagstaff, that percentage is 8.4%. That is a big difference. In Prescott, the percentage population over 65 years old is 37.3% which is more aligned with the Village of Oak Creek. Keep the Verde Valley communities with Prescott. It makes sense.</p>
10/07/2021 - 20:02	10/07/2021 - 20:02	Jeri Kurtenbach	Redistricting	"With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you."

10/07/2021 - 23:40	10/07/2021 - 23:40	ED Rogers	redistricting plan butchers navajo and apache counties dont do it	<p>With respect to the proposed maps, it is my opinion that it once again entirely ignores the needs of Rural Eastern Arizona. Our region of the 5 Eastern Counties was perfectly united from 2001-2010. In 2011, the IRC silenced our voice in the legislature. In 2021 We want our Rural voice in our state government given back! Please restore to us the 5+ Eastern Counties district: Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Southern Navajo and Apache counties, with the Copper Corridor of eastern Pinal County and the Verde Valley of Southeast Yavapai. Thank you."</p> <p>Second: The AZ IRC will be holding another series of public hearings around the state during the month of November. They are inviting communities to request to host a hearing. We need to have as many hearings covering our region as we can. Contact your city/town council/ County supervisors and suggest to them to invite an IRC hearing to your location during the month of November. These hearings will be concerning the IRC draft maps which will come at the end of October.</p> <p>CITIES & COUNTIES: Attached is IRC newest map proposals, and a resolution that city and county governments could adopt. Cities and Counties could pass resolutions that would encourage the IRC to listen and respond to our request for a rural legislative district.</p> <p>For any town/county officials who pass a resolution, please submit them to: ircadmin@azdoa.gov</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for your contribution to this effort to restore our Rural Voice to the state Legislature.</p> <p>1 Comment</p> <p>Janelle Solomon Wiltbank</p> <p>Kelly Rael, do you know what the proposed reasoning is for changing district boundaries? i.e. to make districts more equal population-wise, etc.?</p> <p>· Reply · Share · 6h</p>
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