

<b>ARIZONA</b> INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION	<b>Web Comments 10.19.21</b>		
Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
10/19/2021 - 05:52	Dana	Tucson and Pima County Congressional Districts should NOT be shared with Maricopa County	<p>In addition to keeping southern Arizona separate from Maricopa we need district 17 to add suburban territory south to Corona De Tucson. We need District 21 broken up and replaced. The eastern half of Santa Cruz County needs to be with district 19. The Pima County piece from the Green Valley area east to the Cochise line needs to go with District 19. The I-19 corridor from Green Valley to Nogales and all points west need to go to LD23. District 19 in Pima County north of I-10 needs to be with district 17.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Dana Deo</p>
10/19/2021 - 06:27	Joe N Pierson	Redistricting Maps	<p>Dear Redistricting Commission,</p> <p>Please Do NOT SHARE TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY DISTRICT MAPS WITH MARICOPA COUNTY. THIS WOULD BE UNFAIR TO PIMA COUNTY RESIDENTS.</p>
10/19/2021 - 07:01	Rizzuto Lisa	Anthem	I moved to Anthem 6 years ago because it was part of Maricopa County. My daughter goes to school there and my husband works 30 minutes south. I would be really upset if this changes.
10/19/2021 - 07:53	Linda Edwards	Redistricting	I live in Anthem (85086) and we are in LD1. I recommend we be annexed to Phoenix as our suburb doesn't belong in a district that represents rural AZ (Prescott). Thank you.
10/19/2021 - 07:55	Julie M Pindzola	Northern Arizona district lines	<p>Commissioners,      Regarding Northern Arizona districts: You have taken LDs that were R, B and Competitive and turned them into R, R, and Packed Blue.      In your IRC CD4.0 you have taken CDs that were Red and Purple and turned them into Red and Red. You have diluted the voting power of the Navajo/Hopi Nations and their regional sister tribes. I trust who have set aside the ridiculous CD3.5 as indefensible, but CD4.0 needs work also.</p> <p>The antithesis of Fair and Competitive Districts are point spreads of 30, 40 and 50 percent, Where these exist, you can see this is evidence of needing to do a better job balancing the representation of this state. This is starting to feel orchestrated by a certain Commissioner who is dominating the discussion.</p> <p>Please modify these districts. Go back to IRC LD2.0. Put Verde Valley in with Flagstaff as you've been asked countless times so our region has a hope of good candidates and competitive contests. Put Central Yavapai County in with Mohave County and Wickenburg where there are like minds. Let the Verde Valley have its space to not be dominated by Prescott.</p> <p>Regarding CD drawing for No AZ, go back and look at citizen inputs such as CD0001 and CD0025. We want competitive and balanced districts. We do not want a safe, wildly controversial incumbent to dominate over 1/3 of AZ land mass. This is wrong. You are picking winners and losers here and you have to know this.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
10/19/2021 - 07:55	Robin Low	Single district for Verde Valley and Flagstaff	The Verde Valley along with Flagstaff functions as a community of interest for jobs, tourism and geography. Please designate this area as a single legislative and congressional district.
10/19/2021 - 08:00	Kevin Cook	Single District for Flagstaff and Verde Valley	Flagstaff and the Verde Valley share jobs, a similar geography and tourism. They function as a region. Please keep this area together in one district.
10/19/2021 - 08:01	Harriet Sandberg	Fair Election Maps	The people of AZ want fair election maps, fair redistrict maps.

10/19/2021 - 08:06	Michael W. Dodd, DDS	Redistricting	I am concerned that I may one day live in an America where my vote no longer counts.
10/19/2021 - 08:10	Crystal Bazarnic	LD map 4.1 - I-17 north corridor - Anthem - Norterra	Hello. Thank you for hearing our feedback and separating the Anthem/New River area from Yavapai County. It is very appreciated. Our community of interest is still split between three different districts, 28, 3, and 1. From Anthem/New River down I-17 to, or even past the 101, is a very cohesive area with similar priorities, and should be kept together if possible. The part of 4.1 D28 that is to the east of I-17 should be with other areas east of around I-17, preferably down the I-17 north corridor. Thank you for your continued work.
10/19/2021 - 08:17	Debbie Goldfogel	Anthem Re districting	Hello. We have lived in Anthem 21 years. I'm horrified at the prospect that Anthem and New River will be lumped together with Yavapai County in the Re districting process. We do not share common interests with rural communities to the north...we are Maricopa County, we work/shop/play in North Phoenix. We are Jewish, we worship in Phoenix, and our voices will not be heard in your proposed Yavapai district. Please do not marginalize us by separating us from the district in which we truly belong. I know this is an arduous task you have undertaken, and I thank you for your consideration of my comments.
10/19/2021 - 08:52	Mary Montgomery	Anthem	I and my husband live in Anthem. We consider ourselves Phoenix people. To see us lumped in with Yavapai County people for the purposes of representation is presumptively wrong. We are not at all like the rural residents to our north. We are urbanites; we are a diverse community; we school, shop, eat in Maricopa County. Please take our community out of the Yavapai County district and allow us to join our like neighbors to our immediate south. Here, and only here will get true representation. Thank you!
10/19/2021 - 09:21	DON LEE LEONARD	REDIST	i'M INTERESTED
10/19/2021 - 09:26	Harrianne Kopel	New River	I'm am very confused as to why my area is connected to the an area I have never been in. I shop and use resources along the I-17 corridor south of New River. Please adjust accordingly. Respectfully, Harrianne Kopel
10/19/2021 - 09:39	Sabra Ann Daly	Alignment with Flagstaff	We reside in Camp Verde close to the freeway and can tell you that traffic going north on I-17 has increased significantly over the past 6 years so we have found traveling to Prescott to be much more comfortable for us being seniors, to see doctors and to shop. Please do not align us with Flagstaff, which already has a traffic flow problem. Thank you
10/19/2021 - 09:51	Barb Schimpf	Sedona LD6	I am an independent voter and reside in Sedona, AZ - which is situated in both Coconino and Yavapai counties. I believe it is VERY important that as residents our voice remains as one. We need to continue to be in the district with Flagstaff with whom we are interconnected in our health and business needs.
10/19/2021 - 09:59	Diane E Boman	Commission Meeting October 18, 2021	I am concerned that the loud and insistent voice of Commissioner Mehl is drounding out the softer voices in the room. I would also request that Er ka does not begin to speak until all commissioners have had a chance to voice their opinion.
10/19/2021 - 10:07	Diane E Boman	Executive Session Meeting 6/29/21	I am very frustrated that with each Executive Session there is no explanation to the public of what was discussed and any conclusions that were made. What VRA guidance was received in today's meeting. This information could help the public draw their maps as well. I believe it is the publics right to know.
10/19/2021 - 10:08	Cindy Smith	Redistricting	There is no need to put Cottonwood/Yavapai County with Flagstaff. We are more aligned with Prescott. Leave us alone.
10/19/2021 - 10:30	James P Hartman	LD1 CaveCreek/Carefree	I think it is important to include North Scottdale, Desert Hills, Anthem in the new redistricting maps that include Cave Creek & Carefree.

10/19/2021 - 11:04	Melissa Gray	Anthem District	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for separating Anthem from Prescott.</p> <p>Please consider keeping Anthem together with the areas on I-17 from Loop 101 to New River. As an Anthem resident, this area of I-17 is where my family &amp; I: dine at restaurants, shop, and where my kids go school. In addition, my children participate in sports and extracurriculars in this area.</p> <p>The Anthem community should not be part of Fountain Hills or rural Arizona.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Melissa Gray</p>
10/19/2021 - 11:30	Yolanda Popoff	Including rural communities with Maricopa County	Please do not make this inclusion. As a resident of a rural community, I do not want to be part of Maricopa
10/19/2021 - 11:36	Joan Dziedzic	Redistributing. Maricopa County	I am objecting strongly to your switching us from Maricopa to the jurisdiction of Tucson. Whose brilliant idea was that and what was their ulterior motive. Not a good idea I suspect. Please stop any more of this and get on with the job of governing our beautiful State. Bring good things for Arizona not these diabolical ideas. Thank you from one of your dedicated voters.
10/19/2021 - 11:58	Laurie Thoma	Put Anthem in Maricopa country	Anthem should belong in the Maricopa county voting district. We live and shop in Maricopa county.
10/19/2021 - 12:48	Sarah Ann Williams	Fair redistricting maps	Please oh please, we need help drawing these maps so they are fair and do not represent only special interest groups.
10/19/2021 - 13:25	Tatiana Peña	South Phoenix and Laveen	<p>Dear IRC,</p> <p>Hello Commissioners! Thank you for all the hard work you are doing to draw out maps for our great State of Arizona. I've spoken publicly twice and am a native resident and currently residing in South Phoenix. I've seen some drafts recently on the maps that show South Phoenix is still being split and Laveen is separated from South Phoenix. South Phoenix goes as far East as 48th St. We go as far south to where the last homes meet the Northern part of South Mountain. The Southern edges of the mountains are Ahwatukee and has a completely different culture and basically shares little community of interest. South Phoenix goes up to the Salt River bed. North of the riverbed is Downtown Phoenix. This area is also very different from South Phoenix. Laveen is a community that shares a strong similarity in culture and demographics. I always recommend that if more population is needed, connect South Phoenix and Laveen. Between the two areas, we have a very dense black voting block. Splitting this community would weaken their voices in Arizona. Please keep them United and stronger. There's also a strong Southside Latino Community between South Phoenix and Laveen. Within latino voters, you often hear about Southsiders and Westsiders. There's a strong Lowrider culture but we like to distinguish South Phoenix and Laveen as Southsiders. The Westsiders are further West of us. We have our differences. These terms are simply for communities based on geographical location and we take pride in our communities. The terms Southsiders and Westsiders is not necessarily based on any illegal activity. It's very common for our people to say they are proud Southsiders.</p> <p>Downtown Phoenix is not very similar in culture. Most of the developments and people are not native to the area since these developments are still fairly new since downtown used to almost have no housing. It used to be more business focused.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tatiana Peña</p>

10/19/2021 - 13:41	Lynne Hudson	Mapping Process	<p>I was concerned today by Commissioner Mehl's haste to make a motion to adopt his preferred Congressional District map and cut off discussion. He did cede the floor long enough for Commissioners Lerner and Watchman to state what were clear and specific reasons for their preference for 4.0 and their concerns about 4.2. But rather than responding to their points, he abruptly shut off the discussion by making a motion to adopt his choice, a motion promptly supported by Commissioner York.</p> <p>In my experience as a White female administrator myself, I am all too familiar with this tactic, and I am compelled to point out that White male privilege is no substitute for honest debate. I am, therefore, requesting that Chairperson Neuberg ensure this does not happen again.</p> <p>I would also remind all interested parties that earlier in this process when Republicans and Democrats had different preferences, the decision was made to pursue both starting points for a period of time until it became clear that one was more workable than the other. I believe this approach will be most productive in the long run. While time is a concern, getting the best solution is more important than "moving along", something Doug Johnson has emphasized on several occasions.</p>
10/19/2021 - 13:49	Christine Graham	Redistricting	<p>I would like to thank you for your hard work first of all. I would also encourage you to keep the latest redistricting lines that have been drawn which include Anthem and new River in with Tramonto, rather than with Prescott area. We live at shop and educate our children in Maricopa County and have much more in common with that county than with Yavapai County.</p>
10/19/2021 - 14:29	ANN H MURRAY	GAIN Meeting October 26, 2021	<p>Would it be possible for a representative to present a 10 minute overview of the redistricting process and how to read the maps at our Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhood Zoom meeting on October 26 from 7:30 to 7:40 pm? We are a several block watch groups and nonpolitical.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this!</p>
10/19/2021 - 15:00	Margaret Lonnelle Foucier	Redistricting of Arizona	<p>Dear IRC Commissioners,</p> <p>Please do not combine Maricopa County with surrounding rural areas in the new redistricting of Arizona. I live in Yavapai County. The needs and interests are very different here from those of a large city. I'm asking you to keep "Communities of Interest" together so that administrations can work effectively.</p> <p>Personally I don't want to be represented by Maricopa County, but am happy to be represented by an integrated Yavapai County District.</p> <p>Thank you for representing the will of your citizens,</p> <p>Margaret L. Foucier [REDACTED]</p>
10/19/2021 - 16:31	Linda J Piurek	IRC	<p>Part of Sedona is in Yavapai County and the other part is in Coconino County. I want Sedona to be in the same legislative and congressional district. Please continue to appreciate the public's trust in you!</p>
10/19/2021 - 16:33	Patricia Ann Downs	Redistricting.	<p>I would like to submit my thoughts on redistricting. I live in Verde Village, Unit 6. I have no relationship with Flagstaff and the other others. Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Jerome, Sedona, VOC, Prescott, Prescott Valley are all areas we interact with. We are like minded residents and want to continue in our current district. Thank you.</p>
10/19/2021 - 18:05	Pamela Kerr	Remove legislators who do not support democracy	<p>All citizens have the right to vote.</p>
10/19/2021 - 19:53	Joanne DiMino	Paradise Valley Redistricting	<p>Paradise Valley should not be divided for redistricting. We are a unique and focused community of about 13,000 citizens. We have strong community self governance - the way it should be. All politics are local. There is no good reason to split our community.</p>

10/19/2021 - 20:07	Dieter A Knecht	Keep Verde Valley, including Sedona as in region with Flagstaff	<p>I am a resident of Sedona and Verde Valley, and I urge you to keep my community of interest, as described in the following, together in one legislative district in the Arizona redistricting process.</p> <p>My Community of Interest includes Sedona, Verde Valley, Cottonwood and Flagstaff. Scenic Oak Creek Canyon connects Sedona with Flagstaff, and Oak Creek continues downstream through Page Springs wine growing region, Cornville and Cottonwood to the Verde River. Tourism brings up a large group of visitors from the I-17 corridor through Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon, Flagstaff to Grand Canyon. Mayors and City Managers of Verde Valley, including Sedona, meet monthly to work together on issues of mutual interest. Basic shopping needs are met by stores in Flagstaff and the region; only a few times during the past 5 years have I crossed over Mingus Mountain to go to Prescott to shop at Costco and other big box stores not available here.</p> <p>As part of the Northern AZ Healthcare system, I have had one heart procedure at Flagstaff Medical Center and am scheduled for a follow-up procedure in December. My wife and I have used physician and medical practices with offices in Flagstaff, Sedona and Cottonwood. Our neighbor is now recovering from a complex bone fracture that could only be treated in Flagstaff.</p> <p>We in the Verde Valley have many cultural ties with Flagstaff – the Northern AZ watercolor society has primarily members from Flagstaff, Sedona and Cottonwood. I will attend one of the Sedona - Fall Open Studios in a few weeks held by an artist in Cornville, part of the Verde Valley. The Verde Valley Sinfionetta includes musicians from Flagstaff, Sedona, Verde Valley and Cottonwood; Sedona/Verde Valley residents attend Flagstaff Symphony concerts as well as other film and theater venues in Flagstaff. The Sedona International Film Festival has outlets in Flagstaff in addition to its home.</p> <p>Although Sedona is physically split between Coconino and Yavapai counties, all residents need to belong to the same legislative district along with Cottonwood, Verde Valley and most of Flagstaff.</p> <p>This is our Community of Interest. I urge you to keep this community of interest whole in the new Redistricting Map.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dieter Knecht [REDACTED] Sedona, AZ 86336</p>
10/19/2021 - 20:42	Crystal Bazanic	LD map 5.0 - north I-17 corridor	Hello, and thank you for all you continue to do to work toward fair maps. I am commenting on LD draft map 5.0 that was posted tonight. I really like what has been done with D1 going down the I-17. It is a huge improvement over part of this district being lumped with the far northwest valley. It could be further improved by somehow working Anthem in there, as they are a very important part of our community of interest. One suggestion might be to shave off D1 to the east and cut out the swath of Cave Creek included in D1, and the far east side of the bottom of D1 - just enough to equal out the populations. This is a fascinating process and I appreciate the hard work and dedication this takes. Competitiveness is very important since AZ is a purple state, and keeping communities of interest together is also important. I have faith that we can accomplish both. Thank you.
10/19/2021 - 21:20	shea Ruth	Fair maps	I was fair redistricting for fair elections. Stop gerrymandering now
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