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| 10/22/2021 - 06:38 | Mary Kay Allen            | Redistricting                                  | I would like to see something very simple, legislative districts that are drawn to allow for fair elections. No gerrymandering.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 07:38 | Beth Larson               | Fair maps - Stop Gerrymandering                | Come on, Legislators, Public Servants! Please. One voice, one vote. Every eligible voter should have his/her/their voice heard and counted. This is America. This is what democracy should be. Squash votes and prevent people from having representatives and you are no better than what some people would call a 'sh_thole' country. It's not that hard. Thanks.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 08:53 | Russo-Prunier Josephine M | Elections                                      | I will sign anything to have fair elections!   |
| 10/22/2021 - 09:21 | Lisa Beth Isabelle        | Redistricting maps                             | The 8 Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition should be considered by the commission; as well as the district proposed by the Navajo Nation.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 10:39 | Daniel Huff               | Oro Valley Community of Interest               | Significant IRC discussion has centered on Marana and Oro Valley being a community of interest. They are not. Oro Valley continues to annex into the Casas Adobes and Catalina Foothills communities. Oro Valley and Casas Adobes share a school district (Amphitheater Unified), shopping centers, parks, recreation areas, etc. Marana is distinct with a separate school district, and a strong agricultural presence. Oro Valley, Casas Adobes, and Catalina Foothills lack any agricultural industry and are more traditional suburbs of Tucson. Oro Valley is actually an outgrowth of Casas Adobes over the past 70 years. Marana has long been distinct and historically west of Interstate-10. Marana only recently annexed farther east of I-10. The acrobatics necessary to combine Oro Valley and Marana in one district at the expense of other communities of interest should not be pursued. A general survey of Oro Valley residents regarding a shared link with Marana would inevitably show that such a link is highly attenuated, at best. Keep up the good work, IRC, and please review ALL viewpoints when making decisions regarding communities of interest. |
| 10/22/2021 - 11:13 | Kathy Wagner              | Maps   | The current map shows Sun Lakes in District 13 which includes a northern portion of Gilbert. This area is a long way from Sun Lakes. It would be better if the district included more of Chandler and not north Gilbert. Sun Lakes was part of a competitive district and the new district 13 is not a competitive district. We need more competitive districts not less.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 12:04 | VeRost Paula              | Corruption                                     | You must be terrified to actually let everyone vote.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 12:28 | JJ Kohlson                | Fair redistricting                             | Fair redistricting   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:20 | Devin Del Palacio         | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual and the President of The Tolleson Union Governing Board.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:21 | Chris Gilfillan           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:22 | Sharon Zapata             | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:23 | Daniel R Ortega Jr.       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:23 | Christy Vezolles          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:24 | Christy Vezolles          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 13:25 | Pete Rios                 | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 14:59 | Bridgette Nieves          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:01 | Sandy Ochoa               | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as the Deputy Director of Mi Familia Vota. I represent an organization supporting this map.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:02 | Danita Rios               | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:04 | Sabrina Glidden           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:05 | Gregory Shrader           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:06 | Sabrina Glidden           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:07 | Eric Voise                | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:08 | Roberto Reveles           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:08 | Roberto Reveles           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:09 | Pawiter Singh Parhar      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting     | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |

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| 10/22/2021 - 15:10 | Michael Hegemeyer     | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 15:45 | Kathy Janfrancisco    | Fair Elections                             | There was nothing wrong with Az elections. Let every voter vote by mail or in person. Stop trying to fix what is not broken. 2020 election was fair, and proven fair 3 times costing taxpayers millions. Stop the big lie and set the record straight .we do not need restrictive voting laws to appease the minority who can't or won't accept the truth   |
| 10/22/2021 - 16:50 | Mary Monillas         | Redistricting maps                         | Kindly keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central and South Phoenix. These are more similar. Thank you   |
| 10/22/2021 - 16:51 | Janice Osmundson      | Phoenix redistricting                      | It is important to me, my family and my friends as citizens of Phoenix that all parts of Central Phoenix remain together as a district. Uptown belongs with Central Phoenix. They are essentially the same. The cultures and interests of the citizens there are the same. Traveling around downtown, uptown, and South Phoenix should leave a cohesive feel. Please do not remove Uptown Phoenix from the area. Thank you.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 16:57 | Alexander Gayle Homan | Redistricting Proposals                    | I am emailing to communicate my concerns with the current draft mapping of district 1. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:00 | Melinda Bacon         | Redistricting: Uptown Phoenix              | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix. This is in accordance with the Constitutional Criteria for redistricting that says:<br>- District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable.<br><br>Additional Constitutional criteria that applies states that:<br>- To the extent practicable, district lines shall use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts.<br><br>The way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix.<br><br>Thank you.<br>Melinda Bacon |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:02 | Jeanne Suliere        | Redistricting of Phoenix                   | RC -<br>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix. These are similar communities of interest that need representation that best represents their needs.<br>If you don't, Uptown will be deprived of representation as it would be drawn into suburban district 1.<br>I want districts that represent communities of interest. There must be a BALANCE of FA R representation.<br>Jeanne Suliere<br>Thank you. A Concerned Citizen   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:03 | Katherine Delgado     | Redistricting                              | Please keep District 6 the same! Districts need to represent the people and their values!!!!  |
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| 10/22/2021 - 17:07 | Mochael           | Redistricting map                   | <p>Arizona is About to Lose a Pro-Freedom Congressional District to the Radical Left. ACT NOW!</p> <p>The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission released their latest Congressional and Legislative maps.</p> <p>The new District 1 (currently Congressman Schweikert Republican District 6) will likely change from a +9 Republican District to a +1 Democrat District with a radical woke left candidate running for the Democrats that completely opposes our values of freedom and safe neighborhoods.</p> <p>Fortunately, these maps are only in draft mode. By law, your public comment as a community of interest shifts the boundaries of the districts.</p> <p>HOW TO FIX IT!</p> <p>You can share with the Independent Redistricting Commission that you want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>t makes sense this way.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:07 | Ryan Nicholas     | Redistricting - Proposed District 1 | <p>Dear IRC:</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Also, Please keep Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, Carefree/Cave Creek together as well. These suburban communities are all similar and should remain together. Lumping fountain hills in with indian reservation, does not adequately represent the citizens of Fountain Hills.</p> <p>Best,<br/>Ryan Nicholas</p>  |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:09 | Erin Nicholas     | Proposed District 1                 | <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Please keep Fountain Hills in the same district as Scottsdale, Carefree, and Cave Creek, as these are al similar demographics. Putting Ftn Hills in with indian reservation does not represent the folks of FTH.</p> <p>Thanks,<br/>Erin Nicholas</p>  |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:14 | Judith A. Gogolin | redistricting comments              | <p>Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>I want districts that represent communities of interest.</p>  |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:14 | Levi Medina       | Re districting                      | <p>keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:15 | Levi Medina       | Re districting                      | <p>keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:15 | Levi Medina       | Re districting                      | <p>keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:17 | Levi Medina       | Redistricting                       | <p>Please keep pinal county and Miracopa county LD 16 together!! Thank you</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:18 | Peter Anello      | Redistricting maps                  | <p>I do not think it's a good idea to read district certain map lines in areas that don't represent my community. I think Mesa should say Mesa Chandler is just a Chandler etc.</p>  |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:21 | Laura Schafer     | Redistributing map                  | <p>Please keep uptown Phoenix with its communities of interest (mid and lower town Phoenix) to insure it receives fair representation. It is vital that all districts are fairly represented!</p>  |

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| 10/22/2021 - 17:22 | Jacob Dodson         | Keep Uptown Phoenix  | With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. Uptown Phoenix is an urban area and as such should be kept with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:29 | Merissa Hamilton     | Public Comment: Grid Maps for CD1/CD3  | Uptown Phoenix is currently being deprived of representation as a community of interest since it's been separated from Central, Midtown, and South Phoenix in the latest Congressional draft maps. Uptown Phoenix shares similar demographics with Central, Midtown, and South Phoenix. Whereas, as a metropolitan area, Uptown Phoenix suffers if it is combined into an area that's largely suburban.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:35 | Betts Putnam-Hidalgo | Why does a single commissioner have more power than the residents of Tucson? | Commissioner Mehl appears to have more power than the residents of Tucson. As a person who waited through hours of public commentary to make my own comments about the redistricting mps being proposed at the time, i am horrified to see the Commission treat Commissioner Mehl as if he represents our city. He does not. Other than trying to create an all white and all wealthy district that will be completely unbalanced and uncompetitive, there is no reason to fuse Oro Valley and Marana and split up the City of Tucson. You all know that that is NOT what the majority of Tucsonans want because we told you what we wanted. Were you listening or is Commissioner Mehl the only voice in the room worth hearing?   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:39 | Lawrence Connor      | Congressional redistricting  | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. And my needs.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:41 | Justin Andrew Chavez | I want districts that represent communities of interest                      | Hello, I am citizen of district 3 and would like for you to please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:45 | Laura Hancock        | Redistricting  | Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 17:49 | Francesca Sanchez    | Redistricting Phoenix  | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Thank you!  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:07 | Ronald Puechner      | redistricting  | Hello, I am citizen of district 4 and would like for you to please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:10 | Ana                  | CD1 proposal disagreement  | Dear IRC , Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. Thank you   |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:10 | Barbara Tellman      | test maps  | It is clear that a small majority of commissioners is playing favorites with groups that submit maps. To give more weight to a small group of Republican Tucson businessmen over the interests of statewide Native American and Hispanic groups is unacceptable. This is not what the originators of the Redistricting Law intended at all.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:18 | Nancy A Livingston   | Redistricting of Legislative District 28                                     | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents our need. Thank you   |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:19 | Michael Heiser       | CD6 and redistricting draft  | Your planned changes to CD6 completely misrepresents our community and disenfranchises voters. I've lived in this district for decades and you clearly don't understand our district or our communities of interest.<br><br>Please leave CD6, Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix as is so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:24 | Angelica Cosentino   | Community of Interest  | Community of Interest.<br>I want Flagstaff, Cottonwood, and Sedona to be joined together in the same district so we can all have a collective voice. Our cities have a rich history together. We need to be one voice moving forward for the betterment of the people and the community.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:30 | Margaret Gallagher   | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                                   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:31 | Troy Reynolds        | Redistricting  | I am looking at the current proposed redistricting plans. District 1 encompasses a large rural area then dives into Uptown Phoenix. I am inclined to say a rural suburban district mixed with urban area are two distinct communities with differing needs. These two communities would have differing needs and thus both would end up with poorly represented communities. Representing communities should be the aim of redistricting. Uptown Phoenix has much different needs than suburban/rural areas. You would have representation that would invariably disparage the other part of the district. A much more common sense solution would be to put Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:31 | Georgetta Pierson    | CD1 Proposal Disagreement  | Dear IRC , please I ask that you keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs." Thank You.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:31 | Nicole Miller        | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                                   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:32 | José Bernal          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                                   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |

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| 10/22/2021 - 18:33 | Tessa Williams          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:37 | Irene Reynolds          | CD1 Proposal Disagreement                  | Dear IRC , please I ask that you keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs." Thank You.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:41 | Sarica Cernohous        | Uptown PHX                                 | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. Thank you!!!   |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:43 | Kyle Betz               | Redistricting                              | Please stop the take over by communist factions and keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:53 | Carol McCue             | Redistricting                              | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 18:58 | Carl Hellman            | Redistricting                              | Uptown Phoenix belongs with Mid Town, Central and South Phoenix. These communities of interest are natural geographic locations that need one representative. Mid Town has virtually nothing in common with Legislative District 23. This current attempt to include with Scottsdale is simply a maneuver to advance more Democratic Representation.<br>Carl Hellman  |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:05 | Judee Gonsalves         | CD1 proposal disagreement                  | Dear IRC , please I ask that you keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>Thank you   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:05 | Deborah M. Lavinsky     | Keep Uptown                                | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. I saw how the last redistricting divided my Central Phoenix neighborhood and placed it with non-communities of interest. It was damaging and we never felt like we had anything in common. Please think of the people, not just grids on the map to satisfy Washington bureaucrats who don't live here. Thank you.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:08 | Crystal D O'Haver       | Redistricting Commission                   | Please note I want districts that represent communities of interest.<br>All our communities of interest.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>I ask the IRC to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>Thank you<br>Crystal O   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:32 | George Mack             | redistricting issues                       | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. changing the districts is just 'Jerrymandering'.   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:47 | Diane Nevill            | Pima County LDs                            | Commission Mehl has free rein to remake Pima County LDs to suit the Republican vision. How is this an independent commission?   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:53 | Kristine Rodriguez      | Redistricting                              | Districts should represent communities of interest. Please keep uptown Phoenix with Midtown, central and south Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have appropriate representation   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:53 | Carol Stines            | Redistricting                              | Please keep uptown Phoenix with mid-town, central and south Phoenix and not part of suburban district 1   |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:54 | McLaughlin-Miley Connie | Redistricting                              | Fear Redistricting Commission:<br><br>I feel that districts deserve representation that fully represents the district's values.<br><br>t is important to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Thanks!  |
| 10/22/2021 - 19:55 | Lynda Sims              | Redistricting maps                         | Dear IRC:<br>We need redistricting maps to show a balanced representation of the communities where they resided. Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>Thank you.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 20:44 | Eric Rodriguez          | Redistricting                              | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/22/2021 - 21:50 | Joyce Edgar             | Voting rights and redistricting            | I am appalled at what your Republican legislature is doing to restrict voting and make it more difficult for people of color, the disabled, and the poor and elderly. And the very idea that you are trying to legislate the legislature's ability to overturn elections if you don't like the outcome is not only wrong it is UNCONSTITUTIONAL !<br>AND YOUR NEW REDISTRICTING IS just a further measure to make it more difficult for them to vote OR lessening the power of their voice! This is all Undemocratic, Unconstitutional, AND U AMERICAN! |

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| 10/22/2021 - 22:00 | Angela Moffatt               | Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central and South Phoenix | <p>To the RC,</p> <p>I am writing to let you know I OPPOSE the way the map is currently drawn for Uptown Phoenix. By being drawn into District 1, it robs the district of appropriate representation. The People want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you,<br/>Angela Moffatt<br/>Maricopa County</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 22:14 | Sarah Dorn                   | Congressional District 6                                    | <p>Central Phoenix and Suburban Scottsdale have no place being in the same Congressional districts. It is an obvious partisan attempt to flip a district. I thought this was supposed to be a non-partisan committee. Please act as such.</p>  |
| 10/22/2021 - 22:20 | Amy Johson                   | Redistricting   | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. This is the right thing to do.</p>   |
| 10/22/2021 - 22:27 | Kathy                        | Redistricting   | <p>Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.</p> |
| 10/22/2021 - 23:28 | Melissa Hawkins              | No to Redistricting   | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Thank you</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 00:29 | Cecelia C Edwards            | redistricting   | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 03:16 | Laurie Rando                 | NO REDISTRIC NG!  | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br/>No redistricting please!!!</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 05:11 | Dr. Aaron Garrett Strassberg | Redistricting concern                                       | <p>To Whom t May Concern:</p> <p>I recently learned that the redistricting of congressional district 1 will not effectively represent communities of interest. The proposal for congressional district 1 neglects communities of interest by combining Uptown Phoenix with suburban district 1. This does not provide a balance of voice and ideally will be reconsidered. What makes most sense to meet the needs of the communities is to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix. These communities make most sense to stay together within the same district and will have representation that will meet their needs most effectively. Please reconsider. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>God Bless,<br/>Dr. Aaron Garrett Strassberg</p>                           |
| 10/23/2021 - 05:18 | Kate Hansen                  | Redistricting Sedona and Verde Valley                       | <p>Hello ,</p> <p>I live in the village of oak creek. I'm opposed to the idea of Sedona being split and the village being split .</p> <p>Please consider aligning the verde valley with flagstaff we do not have enough in common with the rapidly growing Prescott area .</p> <p>Thank you<br/>Kate Hansen</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 05:25 | Mary Wimmer                  | Redistricting   | <p>Hello, I am citizen of district 3 and would like for you to please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 06:08 | Andrew Flach                 | Please drop LD Test Map v8 0                                | <p>I was extremely disappointed to see the Commission discard all of it's previous work on Southern Arizona LDs on Thursday and out of the blue adopt Commissioner Meh's bizarre vision for Tucson area LDs. To me it's crazy to ensure that the relatively small communities of Oro Valley and Marana are in the same district, while at the same time chopping up most of metro Tucson into 5 districts involving some weirdly shaped districts that look heavily gerrymandered. What is the point of days of meetings and discussions, just to have one Commissioner's personal preferences adopted wholesale on the last day? The Commission should drop LD Test Map v8.0 and go back to an earlier version based on the Commissions deliberations and discussions.</p>                  |

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| 10/23/2021 - 06:19 | Jessica Williamson     | redistricting                                | It is important to keep Sedona intact to reflect the fact that we are one community. We share a community of interest with the rest of the Verde Valley and with Flagstaff. The Mingus Mountain separates Sedona and the Verde Valley from Prescott and the cities on the other side of the mountain. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We have historically and continue to be one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. People who work in Sedona live in the Verde Valley and Flagstaff; Sedona shares a healthcare system with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff; our primary transportation corridor(I-17) links us to Flagstaff; there is no direct transportation or public transportation over the mountain to Prescott; our public transit is Verde Valley based; our history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River) link us to other Verde Valley Communities and to Flagstaff Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 06:21 | Kevin Cook             | Sedona Says No to Divided                    | Sedona is a single city divided by a dotted line on a map, not divided by sense of place. Do not align our city to multiple districts.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:19 | Ann Denslow            | Redistricting                                | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. I / We should all want districts that represent communities of interest.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:22 | Stephanie Struebel     | draft of CD map putting current CD 6 as CD 1 | Regarding Current CD6 (Future CD1), which is my voting district: Uptown Phoenix is an urban areas and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix. Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:35 | Maryann Kenney         | Draft maps for Verde Valley area             | I am writing to express objection to the current draft maps for the Verde Valley. One of the specific requirements of redistricting is to respect communities of interest, where practicable. Another is to use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries. Of these criteria, the commission has chosen only to use county boundaries in my area. It would certainly appear practicable to make the choice to respect the consistent, strong and public wishes of the Sedona, Verde Valley and Flagstaff areas to be included as a community of interest. We share common natural resources, a tourism economy, a shared employment base, and shared medical services. We are on the north side of a large visible geographic feature - Mingus Mountain. You have chosen to split a vibrant long established town at arbitrary road boundaries around County borders that simply do not make sense to every day life. You have split Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek apart though we share common schools and fire department. The insistence on splitting at a county line does not appear to be applied equally across the state, but has been used here to split an established community. I urge you, with respect, in the strongest possible terms, please make practicable adjustments as expressly described in the Arizona constitution to meet our community of interest, geographic, city and town boundaries. |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:38 | Sheyenne Frederickson  | Redistricting                                | I want districts that represent communities of interest.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:38 | Gail Kamaras           | Tucson area maps                             | Who's running the show? Where's the independence?<br><br>This week's Independent Redistricting Commission meetings have shown a clear bias by the IRC in prioritizing the self-serving agenda of Republican Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson to create an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. That proposed district is neither compact, nor does it meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act. This is gerrymandering by any other name. The proposed district also ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson area residents.<br><br>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should have a larger, less partisan vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 07:39 | Mary Lynn Zonakis      | IRC map                                      | I am writing to ask you to keep the city of Sedona intact. It makes no sense to split a working city in half as a district.<br>I also think it is important for the entire Verde Valley area of communities, Flagstaff and Sedona to stay together as one district. While there are different counties involved, these areas function as one working community and deserve a voice together for voting issues.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:00 | C William Edwards, Jr. | Anthem and Redistricting                     | Please move Anthem (85086) from Yavapai County's district as we are in Maricopa County. We are a suburb not in a rural area. Thank you.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:13 | SR Bamford             | Redistricting                                | We are very concerned with how the state is being redistricted. With the way the map is currently drafted, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. This opposes our values of freedom and safe neighborhoods! Please remember how important it is to have districts that represent communities of interest.<br><br>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>Thank you.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:16 | Suzanne Blanck         | DO NOT REDISTRICT UPTOWN PHOENIX             | Please KEEP Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br>Thank you  |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:18 | Patty Castillo Porter  | Redistricting                                | Dear Commission committee -<br>The redistricting needs to be represented by constituents with similar values; therefore, please keep Uptown apart from the Mid Town, Central and S. Phoenix as those voters' ideals do not align with the Uptown crowd.<br><br>Thank you   |

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| 10/23/2021 - 08:26 | Sheri L Schlozman          | What? How can you split up Sedona?                        | Hi,<br><br>I'm writing to STRONGLY disagree with your new map that splits Sedona into two legislative districts. I live in the part of Sedona which is connected to Coconino County. I find it strange that Sedona is split, but that happened long ago when the city was first incorporated. I am a resident of Sedona! One City! I vote in Sedona and for Sedona issues. I implore you not to split us up, and even more to keep us United with the Verde Valley where I shop, go to Doctor's appointments and do business on a regular basis. You want to put me in a legislative district with Payson. I don't think I've ever even BEEN to Payson. PLEASE. This is WRONG!!!! Thank you. Sheri L Schlozman Sedona, AZ  |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:28 | John R Morrison            | Everything  | The Left insanely hates America. I am shifting from a dead left state to fight in Arizona  |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:31 | Kenneth M. Kichler         | Redistricting of LD23                                     | I want to express my concern that the current plan for this legislative district does not reflect the real make up of our community. The proposed plan totally reverses how our district is organized and destroys our neighborhood cohesiveness. Please reconsider this plan and redraw a better more compatible solution.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:35 | Deborah Knuckey            | Redistricting   | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix separate, so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 08:45 | Alexis Butler              | I want districts that represent communities of interest!! | Hello!<br>I want districts that represent communities of interest!!<br>Please don't remove my representation!<br>Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their (my!) needs. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix (me!) will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Pleas fix this!<br>Thank you!  |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:07 | Lea Martin                 | County Lines  | There is no reason to split Sedona into different districts along county lines. We are ONE community and Sedona is OUR town regardless of which county we live in. ONE town - ONE people - ALL for ONE   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:10 | Jerry Hartleben            | PLEASE DON'T SPLIT SEDONA                                 | Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:15 | Stephen Harris             | AZ Redistricting  | After review of the IRC recommended redistricting, I believe the Independent Redistricting Commission should align districts that represent communities of interest.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>I strongly urge the RC to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:20 | Cathy Ravetto              | Redistricting   | We want the redistricting map to represent fairly the needs of communities. We don't want a Jimmy rigged redistricting that represents only one side. This can be done honestly now, or we will work that much harder to inform communities that they are not getting a fair chance. They will join us in defeating this obstacle.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:22 | Anne Emerson               | Cutting Sedona in half                                    | "Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:30 | Rev. Dr. Kaye E Skinner RN | Redistricting   | With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Please ask the IRC to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:37 | Steven Boyd                | Redistricting - Public comments and concerns              | Districts are designed to represent the communities they represent and have interest in. The way the map is being proposed appears to be more politically motivated than to be inclusive. For example the uptown Phoenix area will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. These have distinctly different socioeconomic groups and lumping them together is a disservice to your charter. I encourage you to re-evaluate and ensure fair representation to Arizona citizens.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 09:47 | Gloria Deane               | Redistricting   | Keep Arizona the same! Do not do any redistricting.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 10:15 | Dennis Dunphy              | Verde Valley  | I was really surprised to see the latest proposed maps have split the Verde Valley's connection to Flagstaff and LD6. I don't think you recognize that political county lines drawn by surveyors are frequently arbitrary and don't take into account imposing physical features. The Verde Valley is in Yavapai County, for sure, but we are connected by geography, culture, medical services, transportation corridors, retail businesses, etc. to Coconino's largest city, Flagstaff. The hospitals in Cottonwood and Sedona, and all of the medical clinics in Camp Verde, Cottonwood and Sedona are linked to Northern Arizona Healthcare in Flag, not Prescott. The splitting of the City of Sedona--a community of only about 8,000-- based on county lines, reveals the simplistic fallacy of your current approach. Please think more deeply about this, |

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| 10/23/2021 - 10:18 | John Robinson       | Redistricting Process   | <p>Dear Sirs and Madams of the RC:</p> <p>I am a physician practicing in Scottsdale, serving patients from all over the Valley since 2006, including Phoenix.</p> <p>My goal is to continue to provide public comment to you regarding any concerns I see regarding your challenging process of redistricting fairly. Your mandate, as described clearly in the AZ Constitution, and that I am sure you are very aware, is quite clear and I look forward to this process reflecting all six (6) aspects including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Comply with the US Constitution and US Voting Rights Act</li> <li>2. Congressional &amp; Legislative Districts divided into equal populations</li> <li>3. Districts should be geographically compact &amp; connected</li> <li>4. District boundaries must respect communities of interest</li> <li>5. Use geographic features such as city and town boundaries and undivided census tracks</li> <li>6. Competitive Districts as long as the other five requirements are prioritized</li> </ol> <p>This comment refers to Uptown Phoenix and the fact that it is an urban area that should be included in the same district as central Phoenix, as this is reflective of the AZ Constitutional requirement that Districts should be geographically compact &amp; connected and District boundaries must respect communities of interest, at the very least.</p> <p>Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of proper and balanced representation by being drawn into a suburban district. Uptown Phoenix is NOT suburban.</p> <p>I also believe that by properly including Uptown Phoenix with Central Phoenix helps to strengthen Phoenix proper as a growing metropolitan area with a diverse yet consistent set of values, earning its place as one of the most important cities in the US.</p> <p>Thank you for your balanced consideration of these facts.</p> <p>Dr. John A. Robinson</p> |
| 10/23/2021 - 10:28 | Constance Levinson  | Map design  | <p>I despair! Those of us living in the northern part of the state feel ignored. Nothing we have said has registered. Please do not split Sedona into two parts. We want to vote as well one city. We have nothing in common with Prescott and are baffled at your insistence in throwing us in with them.</p> <p>You speak about communities of interest and then ignore the facts. Prescott is geographically set apart from us. There is no easy access to the Quad Cities area for us. It's a very long drive to Prescott from the Verde Valley.</p> <p>Please be independent. Right now the commission just looks like old school political maneuvering. Republicans get what they want and the rest of us suffer. Industry gets what it wants. Anyone from Phoenix to Tucson gets what they want.</p> <p><b>WE ARE IGNORED. WE MUST LIVE FOR TEN YEARS WITH YOUR DECISIONS. RIGHT NOW THEY ARE IGNORING WHAT WE HAVE SAID SO THAT THE SPECIAL INTERESTS CAN BE SERVED.</b></p> <p><b>YOU ARE IGNORING THE NAVAJO NATION AND THEIR PROPOSALS. THAT IS NOT RIGHT. THEY ABOVE ALL PEOPLE DESERVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY</b></p> <p>Please do us the courtesy of listening to what we said at the open meetings. It appears to us that the independent commission is far from that. The North is tired of being ignored by the rest of the state. It's simply not fair.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 10:43 | Maurice R Magana    | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                                  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 10:45 | Stephen Lee         | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                                  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 11 02 | Suzanne Rowe        | NO to Changing keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix | I oppose the redistricting of these areas.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 11 02 | Dino J. DeConcini   | Redistricting   | Please create as many competitive districts as possible.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 11 21 | Robert Clyde Spurny | Redistricting   | Keep the uptown Phoenix district together with the midtown central and south Phoenix areas. This keeps similar Districts and their interests together for a better representation.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 11 28 | Jackie Barbour      | Protest of redistricting decision for VOC                                   | This is very important to me and my family and community. Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.  |

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| 10/23/2021 - 11:45 | Miranda Lopez      | The Independent Redistricting Commission is Deferring to the Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>This week's Independent Redistricting Commission meetings have shown that the IRC is prioritizing the partisan agenda of Republican Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson to create an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. By deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, the proposed district not only ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson residents, but creates an electoral divide that does not in any way reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact.</p> <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in IRC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl, that uses tendrils from rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p> |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:11 | Fener Ann          | Redistricting  | Don't mess with our district (Surprise) Do not carve up our city for political purposes . We are happy with Ms Lesco and all that she does for us ! t's a well known fact that when redistricting is planned it's not in our best interests HEQM   |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:31 | Lisa Floyd         | Redistricting  | RC, please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:42 | Karen Lee Strauch  | Sedona/Verde Valley Misalignment   | Viewing the map of District 7, there is no other word to describe the confines of the district other than a gerrymander. Pinal County and the lower third of Gila County have absolutely no connection, communities of interest, geography, business interests, health or education interests similar to those of Sedona. The Verde Valley and in particular Sedona MUST be associated with the Flagstaff community for all the specific reasons mentioned above, THAT WE DO NOT SHARE WITH THE SOUTHERN PARTS OF THE DISTRICT MAP.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:48 | Janice Johnson     | Redistricting...gerry mandering...<br>VOTE these maniacs out!  |  |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:50 | Regina Blalack     | Redistricting  | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br>Thank you  |
| 10/23/2021 - 12:55 | Diane Nevill       | The Independent Redistricting Commission is Deferring to the Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>This week's Independent Redistricting Commission meetings have shown that the IRC is prioritizing the partisan agenda of Republican Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson to create an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. By deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, the proposed district not only ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson residents, but creates an electoral divide that does not in any way reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact.</p> <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in IRC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl, that uses tendrils from rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p> |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:00 | Donna Morley       | Redistricting of Phoenix   | Do not allow the redistricting of Phoenix to allow the loss of downtown Phoenix to be sucked into District 1 rather than representing communities of interest!<br>This is not to the benefit to the people who reside there!! Don't do it!   |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:07 | Nancy Ross         | Redistricting Oro Valley   | Please don't put Oro Valley in Pinal county. I've lived here 30 yrs. Nancy Ross  |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:08 | Lori Lagorio       | Redistricting  | Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:13 | Leiann Anderson    | Current CD6  | Uptown Phoenix is an urban areas and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix. Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. Our goal is Communities of Interest.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:14 | Theresa Smith      | Redistricting  | Please leave uptown Phoenix with the rest of Phoenix and do not put them with the suburbs. Districts should be together that have similar needs and can better be represented.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:37 | Tom Marcinko       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:38 | Henry walls        | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 13:39 | Maria Gomez Murphy | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 14:02 | Eric Lovelis       | Redistricting Uptown, mid town, and downtown   | Hello,<br>The center city of Phoenix (South, Downtown, Midtown, and Uptown) have very little in common with the rest of district 1. The center city of Phoenix is an urban area while the rest of district 1 is more of a suburb, Please incorporate South, Downtown, Midtown, and Uptown into district 3 as they have more in common.   |

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| 10/23/2021 - 14:12 | Barbara V Buchanan | Payson--Gila County  | <p>Thank you for the informative letter to the editor in the Payson Roundup BUT there was NO contact information.</p> <p>On to my concerns. Globe is the county seat and at the far south end of the county. Currently most social &amp; legal services are offered that southern part of Gila. The political views of Gila County are perfect for ultra-right wing politicians. Gila County has one of the highest high school drop-out rates in the country. Arizona already ranks 49th nationally in school/education quality and priority. There is a connection, I think.</p> <p>The topography of this long county is very different which makes the concerns at times opposite. Northern Gila County is surrounded by and/or part of the Kaibab National Forest. Recreational activities like boating, hunting, fishing, hiking, biking at the Payson elevation of 5000' are very different from the Globe area. Globe's elevation is only 1500' lower is home to high desert plants--not the towering Ponderosa Pines of the White Mountains and the Mogollon Rim. The primary attractions of southern Gila County are mining &amp; tourism. It is a destination location for retirees.</p> <p>The northern and southern areas of Gila County are too different to continue as one. Payson should, in my opinion, perhaps be part of Coconino and/or Navajo. I'm not sure where eastern Gila County would go...</p> |
| 10/23/2021 - 14:18 | Jan Oswald         | redistricting  | <p>Please keep the Verde Valley together with Flagstaff. It's important even though Sedona is divided into two counties, we need to have one voice with Flagstaff. Thank you, Jan</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 14:21 | Shelly Honn        | CD8 Redistricting  | <p>I am currently a resident in CD8 LD20, I've been reviewing the current redistricting draft map for CD8 and have concerns regarding where it has been redrawn.</p> <p>The commission has taken this district and condensed it down and moved it south to where most of the population will be Latino, you've given no regard to the Caucasian constituents and are forcing this district into a Democrat stronghold along with giving no current Congressional Representative. Essentially forcing a vote for a new Congressional Representative in CD8.</p> <p>This redrawn map will have negative impacts on this district for years to come. I understand the Latino Coalition has had a strong hand in reshaping these districts, this is unfair as they do not represent the current district has a whole and will create an imbalance on ethnicities in this district. By doing this you've not created a more diverse district.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 14:34 | Eve Shapiro        | competitive districts  | <p>This week's Independent Redistricting Commission meetings have shown that the IRC is prioritizing the partisan agenda of Republican Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson to create an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. By deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, the proposed district not only ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson residents, but creates an electoral divide that does not in any way reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact.</p> <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in RC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl, that uses tendrils from rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts. The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 14:35 | Martha Harvey      | Redistricting  | <p>Is there a rationale for a simple grid arrangement? Why or why not?</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 15:11 | Hyatt Simpson      | public comments  | <p>I am curious about your published public comments for 10/21/21; I submitted comments at least 3 times during different parts of the meeting, and yet only one of my comments was published. I was not aware that we were limited in our feedback during the meeting, and that someone would pick and choose which of my feedback would be passed on to the AIRC. I was attempting to alert the commission members to my concerns on specific topics. The criteria for publishing public comments should be prominent on the Contact Us section of the website!</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 15:41 | Anne M Andrade     | Redistricting  | <p>Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.</p> <p>Thank you, Anne Andrade</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 16:20 | Jennifer Dawson    | The Independent Redistricting Commission is Deferring to the Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>The RC appears to be under the thumb of Commissioner Mehl. This is unacceptable.</p> <p>The meetings this week have shown that the IRC is prioritizing the partisan agenda of Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson, creating an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. By deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, the proposed district not only ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson residents, but creates an electoral divide that does not in any way reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact.</p> <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in IRC LD Test Map v8.0 (proposed by Commissioner Mehl), that uses tendrils from rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC is not Mehl's toy, to create what only HE wants. The IRC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 16:23 | John Neville       | The Verde Valley   | <p>Since moving to Arizona 20 years ago, we have rarely had representation in the Arizona Legislature. For a while, Tom O'Halleran (R) was our Legislator and then our Senator in Phoenix. Then he was pushed out by extreme right-wingers from Prescott. Since then, we've not be represented. None of the current people from LD-6 live in the Verde Valley, nor do they know or understand our issues. None of the legislation in the last session dealt with issues important to us in the Verde Valley. Rogers, Blackman and Barton consistently proposed meaningless or hostile legislation that either did not serve our interests or actually threatened our safety and well-being. Now, your maps propose to break Sedona apart and throw part of the Verde Valley under the rule of the people of Prescott. Please don't do this to us. We need the entire Verde Valley and Sedona to be in one legislative district with communities that share our concerns and values. If the current map stands, we will again be denied representation in the Arizona Legislature. And that's a crime.</p>   |

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| 10/23/2021 - 16:27 | Lain Ehmann          | Redistricting  | The new map makes no sense. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. I am in the proposed District 1 and this is horrifying!   |
| 10/23/2021 - 16:33 | Sharon Morris        | Proposed Maps  | You folks have a tough job, no question. But I'd like to make a few points that I hope will help improve the maps. Please, where ever you can, try to make the maps as competitive as possible. Some districts just aren't competitive at all. I spent my career serving my country overseas in places like Iraq, Yemen, and Afghanistan. I have seen first hand what extremism and a failure to compromise can do. Nothing good comes from self-righteous rage. The more competitive a district, the more likely we will see moderate candidates who seek voters from across the aisle. Second, our democracy shouldn't be about the powerful and the well connected. Please, listen to Native American and minority proposals with great seriousness and attention. For too long, these groups have been treated poorly in our democracy. We will be stronger as a country if we can admit that and make things right.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 16:37 | Jill Norgaard        | Voting rights act  | Please abide by the voting rights act in drawing your maps, but please also understand that groups that have submitted maps to help you do that have partisan objectives. The AIRC must follow the Arizona constitution in a way that is fair and evenhanded to all Arizonans. Please be very careful when examining any map submitted by groups claiming to help the Commission abide by the VRA. These maps have partisan objectives not just with respect to specific districts, but with respect to the entire map. Please focus on drawing your own map that is VRA compliant.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 17:10 | John & Elouise Flagg | Redistricting  | It is of utmost importance that districts represent communities of interest. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br>Thank you,<br>John & Elouise Flagg  |
| 10/23/2021 - 17:43 | Carolyn Kavanagh     | Redistricting maps   | As a resident of the Village of Oak Creek, I strongly urge the committee to keep us with Flagstaff, Sedona and the Greater Verde Valley. Please have the courtesy to hold public hearings in our area so that our voices and concerns are heard.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 17:44 | Carolyn Kavanagh     | Redistricting maps   | As a resident of the Village of Oak Creek, I strongly urge the committee to keep us with Flagstaff, Sedona and the Greater Verde Valley. Please have the courtesy to hold public hearings in our area so that our voices and concerns are heard.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 17:46 | Yvonne Cahill        | Comments on maps ld23  | I viewed the most recent maps for our LD 23. I am very upset that you are thinking about breaking up Scottsdale! Scottsdale is a unique city like no other! My Church is in North Scottsdale, I golf all over Scottsdale. my dog groomer is in south Scottsdale and I shop mainly in McCormick Ranch. The community of interest is Scottsdale! Please keep Scottsdale as one city of interest.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 17:58 | Dieter A Knecht      | Keep Sedona in one legislative district and with COI Flagstaff | I am very concerned that the draft redistricting map shows that my city of Sedona is split into two separate legislative districts!<br><br>Such a split of Sedona destroys a community of interest; it does not meet the important factor of respect of competitiveness that is required by the AZ Constitution to be included in redistricting. Please reinstate the city of Sedona into one, not two legislative districts in the final map.<br><br>Please give as much support to the northern cities of Sedona and Flagstaff as you have shown for the Mayor of Marana and business leaders of southern Arizona. The commercial and public safety of the northern communities will be greatly enhanced if Sedona, Flagstaff and Verde Valley are kept in the same legislative district. These comprise an important community of interest – the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon corridor represents the second-largest tourism economy in Arizona, with over \$2 billion in spending in 2019.<br><br>The proposed draft redistricting map needs to be changed to include all of Sedona, Flagstaff and the Verde Valley in the same legislative district in the final map.<br><br>Sincerely,<br><br>Dieter A Knecht<br>Sedona, AZ |
| 10/23/2021 - 18:01 | Joseph Earl Junker   | Redistricting, Current LD23                                    | I'm a very concerned citizen in LD23. I saw the latest maps that came out. The recent map indicates that you have split Scottsdale into D8 and D3. Associating Scottsdale with Tempe is a BIG mistake. I think that a good community of interest is the CITY OF SCOTTSDALE. The entire span of my activities are in SCOTTSDALE. It seems that taking all of Scottsdale together would be more desirable, better for me, and better for the people in this territory. If there were to be any separation of Scottsdale, I would say based on my lifestyle. I suggest if any part of Scottsdale need separated due to number of voters, separating at Oak or McDowell Road make more sense. The interests of voters in that area would be more compatible with Tempe. Areas where most of my activities, neighbors, and business should be in the same district.   |
| 10/23/2021 - 18:51 | Jennifer Sheedy      | Redistricting  | To Whom it May Concern at the RC - Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. Lumping them all together will not serve the individual groups and viewpoints in these communities and there are a variety.<br>Thank you,<br>Jennifer Sheedy   |
| 10/23/2021 - 18:59 | Danielle Steele      | Redistricting  | The Independent Redistricting Commission: I want districts that represent communities of interest.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/23/2021 - 19:22 | June Kinsley         | redistricting maps   | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. Thank you   |

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| 10/23/2021 - 20:31 | Evelyn Lathram    | Leg draft map 8.0 version   | <p>* I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8.0 version.</p> <p>* Version 8.0 ignores natural boundaries by including two mountain ranges in LD17. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible.</p> <p>* Version 8.0 ignores county boundaries by including a large chunk of distant places in Pinal County with distant places in Pima County.</p> <p>* Version 8.0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Tucson is our hub.</p> <p>* Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse.</p> <p>* LD maps should be competitive and representative. This version is neither. Six Democratic districts are packed (&gt;99% win chance) while only one Republican district is comparably packed.</p> <p>* According to Planscore, a Democratic candidate would only have a 32% chance of winning a seat in LD 17.</p>  |
| 10/23/2021 - 20:37 | Laurie Soloff     | Need Independent Redistricting Commission, Not Deferring to Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>This RC meetings this week have shown that the IRC is prioritizing the partisan agenda of Republican Commissioner Mehl by joining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District that wraps around Tucson to create an artificially homogenous suburban Republican district. By deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, the proposed district not only ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson residents, but creates an electoral divide that does not in any way reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact.</p> <p>Oro Valley is part of Tucson metro region; Mr Mehl is obvious in his biased attempt to create a false Republican-dominated district.</p> <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in IRC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl, that uses rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p> |
| 10/23/2021 - 20:41 | A Senti           | Discard misrepresentations proposed IRC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl,  | <p>Prioritizing Commissioner Mehl's repeatedly stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together has resulted in IRC LD Test Map v8.0, proposed by Commissioner Mehl, that uses tendrils from rural and semi-rural districts to split the heart of metro Tucson into five Legislative Districts, a blatant attempt biased to favor Republican party interests only.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should not revolve around one Commissioner's vision for what his home district should look like, especially when that vision fragments nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should discard Mehl's vision for Southern Arizona and draw Legislative District Maps that give all Arizonans equal priority.</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 21:11 | Diane Niemann     | "CD1 proposal disagreement"   | <p>"Dear IRC, please I ask that you keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs. I interact mostly to the south of where I live (church, shopping, banking, parks, etc.) in Congressional District 6 and Legislative District 15."</p>   |
| 10/23/2021 - 22:05 | Tracy Scheinkman  | Competitive districts   | <p>I think the Commission needs to work to make more competitive districts. We have a nearly even split in Arizona between people on different sides of the political spectrum. There is no reason for us having a majority of districts that are strongly leaning one way or the other. We should in fact have a majority of districts that are competitive. In addition the number of districts that are leaning strongly one way or another should be evenly divided by political lean. Finally I support the concerns of the Native American tribes in Arizona, there concerns should be addressed and their maps should be looked at seriously. You can meet their needs AND create many more competitive districts.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 00:11 | Brian Eckley      | New District One that is currently District 6   | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 07:17 | Elizabeth Packard | Redistricting in Oro Valley   | <p>The most recent maps of my area are not respecting the community of interest of the people of Oro Valley. The boundary of northern Oro Valley should not split this community and should recognize that our work, shopping schools and hospitals should all be included in the boundary. Currently my new district would include much of Pinal county and I have no business or interests in that area. We are closely linked to Casa Adobes for shopping and north and downtown Tucson for entertainment and medical appointments.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 07:39 | Juanita Rosenfeld | Redistricting   | <p>We live in Anthem and understand that you are considering lumping our community with Wickenburg and other rural communities. That makes no sense to those of us living in Anthem where our official mailing address is Phoenix. We do all of our shopping in Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Anthem. We chose Anthem for its golf but also its close proximity to Costco (15 mins). Please do not redistrict our community.</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Juanita Rosenfeld</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 07:46 | Janet LeBlanc     | Redistricting   | <p>Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs!</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 07:48 | John Vandenberg   | Redistricting   | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 07:55 | Diane M Meyer     | Redistricting   | <p>Please keep uptown and downtown Phoenix and the South Central Portion as one district. Don't allow this stuff to happen that the Demorats are trying to do.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 08:39 | Jason Garner      | Communities of Interest   | <p>Do not bring politics into the redistricting. Abide by the 6 criteria of the AZ Constitution and leave out personal preference. Considering anything but the 6 legal criteria is wrong, ignorant of the law and ia a means to an agenda.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 08:41 | Sylvia Achter       | Arizona Redistricting  | <p>Hello there -</p> <p>I am writing a short note to IMPLORE you to follow the 6 items of Constitutional criteria in drawing Arizona's districts.</p> <p>I have viewed a video presentation made about the proposed districts and HEART LY object to the use of politics and "equality" from the commentators. This is NOT about "equal representation".</p> <p>Follow the Constitutional guidelines.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Sylvia Achter<br/>Gilbert, AZ</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 09:00 | Katy Moss           | Re-districting per Constitution!   | <p>We The People are pissed off beyond belief.</p> <p>Stop with your ignorant. Illegal nonsense now!<br/>We aren't having it.</p> <p>Do the maps for districts correctly. Period.<br/>Or youll end up in gitmo with Hobbs and the rest.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 09:29 | Margaret Vaughn     | Redistricting Maps   | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 09:46 | Nubert Boubeka      | LD Test Map v. 8 0   | <p>My message is to show my immediate opposition to the LD Test Map v. 8.0 as it is being proposed and it is a grab for power. There is a sense that the City of Tucson is being carved to pieces and all the basis of representation to the State Capitol be coming from the communities that does not make up Tucson or communities of concerns. Foothills has more in common with the City of Tucson, economically and culturally. The idea that it identifies with communities as far as Marana and Saddlebrooke is not telling at all. The majority of Foothills economic power is City of Tucson. To make things worse, the proposed D17 map comes around eastern Tucson by linking communities that are not associated with Marana, not only by just principal but no connections to inputs to existing boundaries. I oppose the map as it is being proposed and urge that a newer map be placed. That the Latino Coalition map is given the same consideration as it touches to better representation of communities within Tucson and not breaking them to small parts.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 09:51 | Peggy J. Turk Boyer | The Independent Redistricting Commission is Deferring to the Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>I am very disappointed with the efforts of Republican Commissioner Mehl to shave off the outskirts (Oro Valley, Marana, Tanque Verde) of the Tucson metropolitan area in the redistricting maps to create an artificially homogenous suburban republican district. This is contrary to the interests of the citizens of the Tucson community, contrary to the spirit of competitiveness, reflects a republican agenda, and does not reflect the community and its interactions. Commissioner Mehl's stated goal of keeping Marana and Oro Valley together splits the heart of the metro Tucson area into five Legislative Districts. The redistricting process for Arizona should not revolve around one commissioner's vision is for his home district, which fragments the entire population of Tucson. The IRC should discard his vision and draw Legislative District Maps that give equal priority to all Arizonans, not just Mehl's view. The Tucson community is more unified than his vision suggests.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:24 | William Engler      | Legislative District maps  | <p>My name is William Engler and I have lived in Anthem for over 19 years. Ten years ago when the maps were redrawn Anthem was put in a legislative district with which we have no community of interest and the current new map seems to be doing the same. Our area has nothing in common with the far west valley and would be better served if the district was more north ad south rather than going into such a rural area.</p> <p>This is a concern I voiced in person earlier in the process and I urge the commission take my concerns in consideration.</p> <p>Thank you,<br/>William Engler<br/>[REDACTED]<br/>Anthem, AZ 85086</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:28 | Susan Bickel        | Draft map 8.0  | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group from Tucson - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law. The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>By approving Commissioner Mehl's preferred Southern Arizona map in order to keep Marana and Oro Valley together, the IRC has chopped the heart of Tucson up into little pieces. This effectively packs Democrats into one district.</p> <p>I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8 0 version. As a resident of unincorporated Tucson, I am familiar with the proposed LD17 area. Draft map LD 8 0 ignores natural boundaries by including two mountain ranges in LD17. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible. Draft map LD 8 0 ignores county boundaries by including a large chunk of distant places in Pinal County with distant places in Pima County. Draft map LD 8 0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Tucson is our hub. Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:29 | Lisa Beth Isabelle  | Tangier Verde area on latest map LD test map v8.0  | <p>I live in the Tanque Verde area and do not want to be lumped into a district with Oro Valley-Marana area-we have little common interests. This seems an unfair and contrived positioning of voters to favor Republican interests.</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 10:30 | Monica Surfaro Spigelman | Maps   | <p>Because this is the weekend I am using your general contact firm- but my comments relate to your recent meeting. This Catalina Foothills resident of 15 years continues to be concerned, as I follow your recent redistricting meetings with great disappointment. Why did you agree to a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group (SALC) &amp; pushed forward by Republican Commissioners? This is completely counter to your mission of independent redistricting. Commissioner Lerner voiced this same concern.</p> <p>The Commission is charged with the responsibility of drawing districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act. You must do your job to respond to the needs &amp; rights of all our communities.<br/>Monica Surfaro Spigelman</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:34 | Lisa Beth Isabelle       | LD test map v8.0-incorporating the SALC map        | Incorporating the SALC map clearly is a conflict of interest for Commissioner Mehl, a founder of SALC. This map favors his real estate interests and profits. This is hardly in line with the supposed "Independent" Redistricting Committee. He should be replaced on the Committee unless he drops his support.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:42 | Tracy Lee Stevens        | Redistricting                                      | I am totally against having part of Maricopa County with Mohave County as a district. They counties have nothing in common as far as community and the things that are important to each, particularly Mohave County. We are unique with small communities throughout that have needs different than ANY part of Maricopa County. We have faith and family as priorities and a awesome sherrif who supports 2a, we have the river with Laughlin Nevada right at our door. We have the open desert to explore. Pushing a part of Maricopa County into a district with Mohave County will change our way of life and Disrupt our small caring and loving communities!   |
| 10/24/2021 - 10:45 | Melissa Carson           | We are paying attention. Re: Redistricting         | 15 : 15   |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 03 | Carl Johnson             | No on Redistricting                                | I am opposed to changing the districts as it would not be fair to the residents therein.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 03 | Shannon Golden           | Redistricting                                      | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 05 | Ronald Gipson            | Redistricting District #6                          | Please do not Californicate Arizona. Leave District #6 as it is now.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 06 | Magdaleno Marin          | Districts  | Please leave the districting how it is. I don't want to be represented by urban dwellers whose interests don't align with mine.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 08 | Amy Gaiennie             | Tucson Area Maps                                   | <p>As a Tucson resident for 37 years, I'm very concerned about the LD Test Map v8.0 proposed by Republican Commissioner Mehl. I strongly support the formation of an alternative map that ensures boundaries that serve the people of Arizona and the residents of Tucson, not the partisan interests of politicians.</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl has created a Legislative District--joining Marana and Oro Valley and skirting the edges of Tucson--that is deliberately and artificially suburban, homogenous, and Republican. It creates an electoral divide that does not reflect how citizens in these areas truly interact and ignores the interests and concerns of Tucson's residents.</p> <p>I am also opposed to the way Commissioner Mehl's map fragments the Tucson area--an area with a far larger population than the Commissioner's home district--under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's (SALC) preferred legislative districts. I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns that these districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday with no information on the process that SALC--a special interest group--used to draw them.</p> <p>The above indicates that the IRC is falling far short of its stated goals to be fair and non-partisan and to ensure that all Arizona residents have equal priority in the process of redistricting. I strongly support a much-improved alternative to LD Test Map v8 0.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:11 | Stephen Diamond          | Comments on redistricting                          | I object to the Commission's considering the late submission by Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a Republican-leaning special interest group, as a basis for the current redistricting. Specifically, the draft proposal has the City of Tucson divided into fragments, with some LD boundaries extending far outside the City into rural areas that have different political priorities. My own eastside Tucson neighborhood would be in LD 17, divorced from the main part of Tucson and lumped with Redington, San Manuel, Mammoth, Oracle, and other areas well outside of Tucson. This is obvious gerrymandering to create a safe Republican district where Democratic votes will not count. The Commission must reject this proposal and proceed with non-partisan fairness.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:14 | John Namisnak            | No Redistricting my neighborhood keep it the same. | Dear IRC: Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:14 | Trish Namisnak           | No Redistricting my neighborhood keep it the same. | Please ask the IRC to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 30 | Francine Adelson         | Redistricting                                      | Comment on redistricting  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11 31 | David Schultz            | Oppose redistricting                               | <p>We the people need districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 11:32 | Brian Bickel      | Southern Arizona LDs | <p>Commissioner Mehl has been focused on keeping Marana and Oro Valley together as a community of interest and he attempts to do that by including vast quantities of uninhabited land in the Coronado National Forest and a significant chunk of Pinal County. This is simply an attempt to grant the wish of Major General Ted Maxwell, President &amp; CEO of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council for a Republican Legislative District that represents the business interests of Southern Arizona. They currently have that voice with LD14 which includes Cochise County and a significant part of East Central Pima County as well as LD11 which includes most of Oro Valley and Marana as well as much of Pinal County. Both of those districts have been solidly Republican for most if not all of the last ten years. All Commissioner Mehl is doing is swapping one portion of Pinal County for another and sweeping over to eastern Pima County creating a district that is divided in half by the Catalina Mountains and the Coronado National Forest. If this isn't a blatant gerrymander, then I don't know what is.</p> <p>I can assure you that the citizens of Marana and Oro Valley have no more in common with San Manuel and Mammoth than they currently have with Casa Grande and Maricopa City and even less in common with the residents of eastern Pima County.</p> <p>I have placed a proposed map in the "Everyone" folder called "Southern AZ Legislative Districts" which places virtually all of Marana and Oro Valley along with Casas Adobes and the Catalina Foothills into one legislative district, with a much stronger community of interest than Marana and Oro Valley have with San Manuel, Mammoth and the Tanque Verde area of eastern Pima County.</p> <p>The map also keeps Graham and Greenlee Counties whole and out of the southern LDs providing an opportunity to include them with the Navajo Nation and also includes Vail, Rita Ranch, Corona de Tucson, Sahuarita, Green Valley and Davis Monthan AFB which they want to form a military corridor which includes Ft. Huachuca. If the goal is to keep Marana and Oro Valley in the same district, there are better ways to accomplish that goal than Commissioner Mehl has proposed. But if the goal is to create another Republican legislative district, well we all know what that's called.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:42 | Linda Peet Dugan  | Redistricting        | <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:50 | Pam Lauck         | Redistricting        | <p>Please do the right thing when redistricting by not excluding areas to gain a one side political gain! We want fair and ethical redistricting!</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:54 | Cynthia L. Kovack | Redistricting of Az  | <p>I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I would want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on this very important project.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 11:55 | Mary Garland      | Redistricting        | <p>I am a 50 resident of Sedona and Oak Creek Canyon. I feel strongly that Sedona should not be split along County lines. We must be in the same legislative district as the Village of Oak Creek and other parts of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Sedona, Cottonwood, the Greater Verde Valley, Flagstaff and surrounding areas need our legislative representatives to defend our shared regional concerns. Don't ignore the need of our more rural communities!</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:00 | Marcy Heiman      | Redistricting        | <p>Hi there</p> <p>Please keep Sun City and Sun City West separated as they are now. Additionally please keep all the uptown Phoenix with same community of interest. Uptown Phoenix has nothing in common with the suburban areas you have drawn currently. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, central and south Phoenix so these similar communities of interest have representation that best represents their needs. Thank you</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:00 | Cindy Clites      | Redistricting        | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank You.</p> <p>Cindy Clites</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:02 | Donna Bryan       | Redistricting        | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Donna Bryan</p> <p>Sun City, AZ</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:04 | Teri Grunewald    | Redistricting        | <p>The current temporary map that has been put out and advertised does not represent the current lifestyles, belief systems, and values that the people in Yavapai county have. District lines should be similar to the county lines already designated as people live in specific counties for many reasons. There is no need to divide and substantially change the current boundaries. The people of Prescott, Sedona, verde valley, camp verde, black canyon, and Wickenburg have many things in common and most do not want to be divided.</p> <p>Please leave the current boundaries similar, if not the same in all districts. If the census did not show that Arizona gained or lost congressional seats in the 2020 census, then the districts should not be changed and should remain the same.</p> <p>Please leave all the congressional, legislative, and supervisory districts alone. Our common core values, beliefs, and lifestyles still have much in common and we do not need more division in our state.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 12:05 | Nancy Wood         | Anthem in Legislative Redistricting Map | <p>Dear Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission,</p> <p>I have lived in Anthem for almost 10 years. I want to thank you for separating Anthem from Yavapai County. It gives me hope that those of us who live in Anthem will have a legislative district with a better balance in our communities of interest and be more politically competitive.</p> <p>I am asking you to please reconsider placing Anthem in LD28. LD 28 is largely rural Arizona. Its largest town, Wickenburg, is about 60 miles from metro Phoenix. On the other hand, Anthem is within the Phoenix metropolitan area. A large portion of Anthem is part of Phoenix. Phoenix is where many Anthem residents work, shop and play. Our community interests are much different than those of rural Arizona.</p> <p>I am asking the Commission to please place Anthem in a legislative district with our neighboring communities. Please make D28 a more balanced and competitive district. Thank you for all of your work, including asking for and listening to community input.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Nancy Wood</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:08 | Francine Adelson   | Redistricting                           | <p>Anthem should not be in a district with Wickenburg, Wittman and rural Arizona. There are no common interests. It is a suburb of Phoenix and should be combined with other areas up and down I-17 from New River to North Loop 101 both east and west of the freeway. Also Carefree Highway and I-17 should be kept in a district with Anthem to the North and Norterra to the South. All suburban. It is a cohesive community with similar interests sharing similar priorities and growth that can not be addressed the same as rural areas.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:09 | Christine K. Adams | redistricting in Sedona                 | <p>The idea of splitting our City into two districts is really not smart, in fact it is difficult to understand how such an idea has even been proposed -- Sedona and the Verde Valley are a unit and the interests of the small cities here are very often the same and need one strong powerful voice -- not different representatives in government.</p> <p>Our cities and county areas will be encountering unprecedented growth as the last two years have indicated. We need ONE voice in DC and in AZ -- We are already suffering from a botched law from the State to allow Short Term Rentals everywhere and punishment by the state if our City does not comply. It is ruining our town and breaking up wonderful neighborhoods --</p> <p>Please DO NOT split our City into different districts. We do not need more destruction of our unity and town.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:15 | Teri Grunewald     | Redistricting                           | <p>Although I have previously written, I recently saw a video with one of the Democrats suggesting political division, I would like to express my opinion to LEAVE OUT the politics and make sure the six constitutional criteria are met at all times. Our country is not really a democracy where the majority rules but a constitutional republic where all are represented.</p> <p>I reside in two counties and most of my life lived in Maricopa county. I do not believe for one minute we are divided equally on political status. We are not. Our lines should remain respectively similar to the current lines or change back to what the truly are instead of being manipulated falsely like the past. We do not need to be drastically changed and all need to be represented. Leave the political nonsense out of it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:17 | Jan Oswald         | redistricting                           | <p>Please keep the Verde Valley together with Flagstaff. It's important even though Sedona is divided into two counties, we need to have one voice with Flagstaff. Thank you, Jan</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:28 | Delia Athey        | CD 1 change                             | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:35 | Charles D Nugent   | Redistricting                           | <p>I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I want districts that represent communities of interest. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on this very important projec</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:36 | Kopel Harrienne    | New River                               | <p>I have been following the different lines drawn for redistricting. Carefree Highway seems like the only 'line' you keep using as a cutoff. Truly, I feel that the line should be more to the north. Most of my business and entertainment takes place south and west of my home.</p> <p>Please don't incorporate the New River/Anthem area because of an easy border(Carefree)</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:37 | Alan Nichols       | LD 8 0                                  | <p>LD Map 8 0 is an unacceptable map for Southern Arizona LDs. This map connects areas that are not contiguous nor do they share communities of interest. The Vail area is many miles and five hours from Mammoth and is not accessible without travel through other LD areas. These areas have no community of interest and are not compact. Additionally, the Marana area is a semi-rural bedroom community that has more in common with Gila Bend and the City of Maricopa than either Oracle or Saddlebrook. DMAFB has no connection with Clifton while Green Valley which is close is cut out to combine with Sierra Vista which is far away. Nogales, which is 60 miles south of Tucson is combined with the southern boundaries of the City of Tucson and incorporates the areas surrounding the DMAFB. This map divides the City of Tucson into 5 separate LDs rather than combining them to maintain its community of interest in line with the constitution. I strongly urge the Commission to roundly refuse this map that was given little consideration late in the session on October 21, 2021 and restart the deliberation on Southern Arizona Legislative districts form Map 6.2. Thank you.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:38 | LESLIE COHEN       | Redistricting Map                       | <p>I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. Communities of interest are divided and there is no rationale for the suggested districts.</p> <p>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did SALC consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 12:59 | Mary Ann Keerins   | Legislative District 17 (as now drawn)  | <p>Chairwoman Neuberg is allowing Commissioner Mehl to bully the group into accepting his preferred map. The new map does Not meet the requirements for being compact, it does not use geographic boundaries because it crosses over different counties, and it is not competitive. The prior iteration before Mehl forced the combining of Maran and Oro Vallley was a competitive map. The current one is not competitive.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 12:59 | Misty Atkins      | maps   | LD 17 was bullied through by a special interest business group. It is clearly a gerrymandered district. In map 7.0 it went from a 50/49 R to D district to a district that only has a 38% chance of electing a Democrat. This map will automatically trigger a legal challenge, and rightfully so.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:02 | Leslie McCarver   | Redistricting  | WE WANT DISTRICTS THAT REPRESENT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.<br>Please retain Uptown Phoenix in the same district with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix.<br>To do otherwise will deprive it of direct representation if drawn into a suburban district.<br>NOT APPROPRIATE.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:04 | Jeanne Christie   | LD 17  | Present LD 17 map is the perfect example of gerrymandering. How can 54% Republicans-44% Democrats be competitive? Why are outside interests permitted to dictate how a Legislative District is determined? Please take a good, long look at the present LD 17 map. Gerrymandering,  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:08 | Debra Gooding     | IRC  | I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I want districts that represent communities of interest.<br><br>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.<br><br>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.<br><br>Thank you for your time and work on this very important project.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:08 | Moriarity Mary    | Redistricting of Anthem Az   | Dear Committee,<br><br>I have been following your committee and progress with redistricting. I live in Anthem, Az. 85086<br>I do thank you for removing anthem from Yavapai county .<br>I am very concerned that we are still lumped in with the rural areas to our west. We should be in a district with similar needs to the south .<br>We are a metropolitan area whose needs align with the areas along the 17 and Phoenix to our south. Our school district is the Deer Valley School District to our south . t is also metropolitan. Our needs and the people that should have a chance to represent us have nothing in common with the areas you have placed us with.<br>We have owned a home in Anthem since 2004 and we are tired of having no chance of good representation. Unfortunately some of the rural area have given rise to militias and an American "crazies". Balanced districts create elections that attract better candidates from both parties!<br>Please do this redistricting fairly!<br>Mary and John Moriarity   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:12 | Marcia B. Ellis   | Maintain a non-partisan approach to voting districts and don't divide our region along County lines              | My husband and I do not want Sedona to be split along County lines, nor do we want to be separated from the Village and other parts of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Sedona, Cottonwood, the Greater Verde Valley, Flagstaff and surrounding areas need representation for our shared regional concerns, and strongly support keeping Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and the surrounding communities intact in one district. 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.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:15 | Lois Keevin       | Redistricting  | Respect communities of interest focusing on 6 Constitutional Criteria, and leave politics out.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:17 | Brian Steiner     | Redistricting Map LD0011 constitutional version  | Redistricting map should follow the constitution and in the order of importance. Putting competitiveness ahead of the more important criteria's would be a violation of the constitution and could put the whole process in court for not following clear instructions.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:17 | Brian Steiner     | Redistricting Map LD0011 constitutional version  | Redistricting map should follow the constitution and in the order of importance. Putting competitiveness ahead of the more important criteria's would be a violation of the constitution and could put the whole process in court for not following clear instructions.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:17 | Cindy Wagner      | Fair Maps  | The Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon corridor represents the second-largest tourism economy in Arizona, with over \$2 BILLION in spending in 2019, as cited to the ARC by Jeannine Reno on Wednesday. Prescott has no part in this commercial activity. Prescott is geographically separated from this area by natural barriers such as Mingus Mountain. This means Prescott should be in a separate Legislative District and in a separate Congressional District. Prescott has historically been in a Congressional District with the Colorado River areas and it should remain so; this configuration also gives more opportunity for the Native American Tribes to elect Congressional representatives of their choice.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:18 | Phyllis Smith     | LD map version 8.0 - LD 3  | I live in Cave Creek and have for 31 years. I've never had the opportunity to choose the candidate of my choice for the State Legislature. The current map version 8.0 continues this trend but with even more disparity with a 26+% spread. How is this justified in terms of the intent and requirements of the Prop 106 statute requiring fair and competitive districts?<br><br>This disparity can be equalized by making both LD 3 and LD 8 competitive. Moving the Pima/Salt River Reservation and parts of northern Tempe into LD 3 would accomplish this. It would also combine the Pima/Salt River and Fort McDowell Reservations under the same LD.<br><br>I am also concerned with the lack of true competitiveness of all LDs in the 8.0 version. Eleven districts are drawn to favor Democrats, 14 to favor Republicans and only 5 fall within the adopted competitive range. This too does not meet the intent of Prop 106. Best decisions cannot be a rushed. It is obvious that the State Legislature is projected in favor of one party with the current drawing of the LDs. |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:20 | Miranda Lopez     | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts. | Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:21 | Patricia Wiedhopf | Fair and Competitive Maps  | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission.<br><br>Please do not dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 13:21 | Eve Shapiro         | competitive districts  | <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:22 | Miranda Lopez       | The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act | <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:22 | Miranda Lopez       | Recent RC Meetings   | <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:25 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps  | <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:26 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps  | <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:29 | Deborah Bonjouklian | Redistricting Concerns   | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:30 | Lori Cinnamond      | SALC Maps NOT FAIR NOT COMPETITIVE   | <p>As I reviewed the 10/21 meeting of the AIRC, I am deeply concerned and disheartened by how the chair has turned over control of decision making with regard to Southern Arizona to Republican Commissioner Mehl. I am having a hard time making sense of why the commission has gone to the trouble of holding public hearings and soliciting public comments, when comments from the MANY citizens of Pima County are being ignored. Commissioner Mehl cannot be trusted to make fair and independent recommendations. I ask that he recuse himself from decisions regarding districts in Pima County. His strong partisanship is in blatant contradiction to the goals of the AIRC. It is clear that deferring to Commissioner Mehl regarding southern Arizona will result in a number Republican gerrymandered districts. With southern Arizona's voter registration split almost evenly between R, D and I, it should be easy to create a districts that are FAIR and COMPETITIVE AND meet the other requirements of redistricting. Commissionner Mehl's agenda is in direct violation of the intent of the Arizona Constitutional Amendment that created this commission. The public is counting on the members of this commission to fulfill their duties with respect to ALL the voters, not just special friends of Commissioner Mehl.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 13:31 | Ann Strine         | Redistricting Map  | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:41 | Barbro checkett    | Redistricting keep upper, mid and lower Phoenix together   | Please keep uptown Phoenix districting with mid and lower Phoenix vs moving to suburban district.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:41 | Anna Arnold        | LD Map Version 8.0   | <p>I have lived in Cave Creek for 34 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or the US Congress. My current legislative District, as projected in Map 8.0 has an over 20% disparity in favor of the Republicans. This disparity is above the vote spread approved by the Commission for competitiveness. It appears that if parts of the proposed LD8 could be incorporated into the proposed LD3, including the Salt River Pima Reservation and portions of northern Tempe, both proposed Districts would be more competitive.</p> <p>I thank the Commission for separating our legislative District from Yavapai county, but urge you to draw maps that create a better balance between the two political parties.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:45 | Jennifer Dawson    | Redistricting maps   | <p>The RC is ignoring the wishes of many Arizonans.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>This is unacceptable. The RC needs to respect ALL communities, and provide fair, balanced and competitive districts for ALL Arizonans.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:45 | Suzanne Mead       | Statewide Map Competitiveness in LD 8.0  | In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106 or the Voting Rights Act. Please ensure the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:47 | Cheryl Purvis      | Southern Arizona redistricting should NOT be done by special interests   | Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, does not deserve special access to the redistricting process. The immediate embrace of their map, which was submitted late in the process, AND THEN the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:52 | Jennifer Dawson    | Redistricting maps   | <p>What is being done to Tucson? Extensions down to the Mexican border, encircled by a district going around the city from east to west, chunks of one district nibbling away at another.</p> <p>This is gerrymandering, pure and simple - nothing competitive or fair about any of it.</p> <p>There are 6 Constitutional and voter-approved criteria that must be followed for legitimate, legal, "fair, balanced, and competitive" maps.</p> <p>The RC seems to be ignoring all of them, bending over backwards to make Commissioner Mehl happy, with his last-minute SALC map (and NO transparency about how it was created).</p> <p>This is absolutely unacceptable. The IRC needs to do a LOT better.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:53 | Dorothy L Richmond | Fair, NOT Gerrymandered Redistricting  | Pima County voters resent and disagree with Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of their donors, powerful single-interest entities. We in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors locally and in Navajo Nation as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote. Voters will choose our elected representatives, not parties, candidates or outspoken authoritarians!  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:57 | Cheryl Purvis      | SALC's proposed districts artificially divide Tucson   | The maps submitted for Tucson by SALC divide Tucson on artificial boundaries, which will dilute Tucson's representation. One artificial border merges a small slice of Tucson with rural areas extending to the New Mexico border, and whose legislative concerns are unlikely to be similar to those of me and my neighbors. This is contrary to the intent of the Independent Redistricting process.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 13:59 | Cheryl Purvis      | SALC's proposed legislative map was improperly included  | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. Did SALC consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed, with specific documentation of the process and minutes of any meetings which occurred in process of drawing the proposed maps.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:00 | Cheryl Purvis      | IRC has a responsibility to protect voting power of communities of color   | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:04 | Richard E Boyer    | The Independent Redistricting Commission is Deferring to the Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl at the Expense of Tucson | <p>Combining Marana and Oro Valley in a Legislative District surrounding Tucson seems to be a clear attempt to create a district that is a mostly suburban Republican district - which is not in anyway a natural situation. It seems like the RC is putting into place the partisan agenda of certain Republican members. Deliberately skirting the edges of the city of Tucson, this artificial district ignores the Tucson residents interests and concerns. It also results in a divided electorate which only will make it harder for people affected by this plan to work together for common goals.</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl's desire to keep Marana and Oro Valley together has shaped an RC LD Test Map v8 0 that uses narrow areas from rural and semi-rural districts to divide the core Tucson area into five Legislative Districts.</p> <p>The Arizona redistricting process should serve all the citizens of this area, not focus around one Commissioner's idea of what his home district should look like. Prioritizing the interests of all Arizonans should take priority over a partisan vision that breaks up nearby areas with a much larger population. The RC should reject this narrow vision and draw one that respects the interests of all who would be affected.</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 14:10 | Suzanne Mead       | Fair and Balanced Map for D3 in LD Version 8.0 | <p>I have lived in Carefree for 10 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. My current legislative district is non-competitive with a 26.5% disadvantage for one party.</p> <p>Fairly balanced maps will benefit citizens of all parties since they will help guard against extremist ideology and require candidates and legislators to be more responsive to the interests and needs of all their constituents.</p> <p>I thank the Commission for separating our current district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand that our community of interest not only extends south from Carefree Highway, but also seeks more political balance within Maricopa County.</p> <p>One way to achieve this is by incorporating parts of the adjoining new Legislative D8 which has an uncompetitive vote spread of 64.19 D to 35.81 R into new LD 3 which has a non-competitive vote spread of 39.79 D to 60.21 R. These spreads do not compare favorably with the maximum targeted 46.5 to 53 range that the Commission initially agreed on. In particular, I suggest adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:24 | Patricia Dow       | The Redistricting Process                      | The RC has a legal obligation to create fair and competitive maps that also comply with the Voting Rights Act. Our state has become more diverse, and voter registration and recent elections reflect the fact that no party has an electoral advantage.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:24 | Christina Early    | Fair and competitive districts                 | Arizona is a purple state! Our districts should reflect that! My low income working class neighborhood should not be in a district that is also a district of Million dollar homes, upscale shopping and not representing me, my voice would be drowned out by the contrast in these neighborhoods. Please give my neighborhood a chance to be heard. Thank you!  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:29 | Patricia S Murrish | Redistricting                                  | <p>I live in Sun Lakes 85248 zip code. I feel very strongly that we should stay in Maricopa County and the Chandler area since that is the school district in this area and we pay taxes there.</p> <p>I also feel that all legislative district should be as competitive as possible, the new proposed District 13 does not look competitive the way it is currently drawn. Lines need to be drawn with community interest and parity in mind. I'm a strong believer in voting rights for all registered voters without roadblocks that prevent people from voting.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:39 | Gail Kamaras       | Maps/process                                   | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:43 | Suzanne stanewich  | Southern AZ redistricting map                  | <p>Districts should be as square as possible - this proposed map is not acceptable, is not fair, and is a great big gerrymandered mess.</p> <p>Districts are supposed to actually fairly represent the population. Anything less is an attempt to cheat Arizonans from their voice and representation.</p> <p>This map seems to be a Republican attempt to redistrict in their favor, and a supposed "independent" organization should reject any map that serves the purpose of an unfair advantage to either party.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:43 | Margaret H Lacey   | Map v8 0                                       | <p>Thanks to interference from the commissioner from SALC (a business group, not a protected group) the map for Pima County and Tucson looks like a puzzle that is impossible to put together piece by piece, but only with all 7 at the same time. Looking at the Phoenix area map, I just see little squares that make the puzzle very easy to put together! But the 7 pieces that all snake into Tucson illustrate the definition of Gerrymandering!!!</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:46 | Patricia S Murrish | Redistricting                                  | <p>I live in Sun Lakes 85248 zip code. I feel very strongly that we should stay in Maricopa County and the Chandler area since that is the school district in this area and we pay taxes there.</p> <p>I also feel that all legislative district should be as competitive as possible, the new proposed District 13 does not look competitive the way it is currently drawn. Lines need to be drawn with community interest and parity in mind. I'm a strong believer in voting rights for all registered voters without roadblocks that prevent people from voting.</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 14:47 | Caroline Anderson | Southern Arizona map changes. | <p>Why are Marana and Oro Valley being set aside as a separate district? There is little balance there and the only COI seems to be wealthy white people. The lack of diversity is disheartening.</p> <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts.</p> <p>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:48 | Jessica England   | Redistricting                 | Please focus on the six constitutional criteria.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:50 | Judith A Porter   | Redistricting                 | <p>According to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's latest Congressional and Legislative maps, Arizona is about to lose a Pro-Freedom Congressional District to the Radical Left.</p> <p>For example, the new District 1 (currently Congressman Schweikert Republican District 6) will likely change from a +9 Republican District to a +1 Democrat District with a radical woke left candidate running for the Democrats that completely opposes their values of freedom and safe neighborhoods.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>In the current political climate, this is a VERY bad time to start redistricting! Bad move!</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:51 | Janet H Senf      | Recent Decisions              | I have been following the Redistricting Commission's progress and was feeling proud that our state has been using a nonpartisan process to develop maps responsive to the multi-cultural population of Arizona. Apparently, it was premature to feel good about the process. We are now seeing disregard for the Navajo Nation's concerns, the Latino Coalition's proposals summarily rejected and the inclusion of a special interest group's desired map outcome. What happened? Please do not move forward until it is clear to all of us why these actions are justified and in the interest of all Arizonans.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:53 | Eileen Hollowell  | Proposed district 27          | A last minute pitch by Republican Commissioner Mehl which would create a new LD 17 will cut me off from my community of interest. I live in Oro Valley. Proposed LD 17 will place me in a district dominated by Pinal County rural interests. The only possible reason for creating such a large state legislative district is to assure a "safe" Republican district. If The Commission adopts Mehl's last minute proposal it will be ignoring its own guidelines and policies. Please reconsider or citizens will not be able to believe that a sincere effort has been made to follow the rules and guidelines the Commission has published  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:58 | Patricia Wiedhopf | Fair and Competitive Maps     | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 14:59 | Eloise Gore       | LD Maps - Tucson, Pima County | <p>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>I am very troubled that the IRC is seriously considering the LDs shown in LD Test Map v8.0, which adopts a Republican Commissioner's proposal. I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns in this regard, particularly inclusion of the map drawn by SALC, a special interest group. Did SALC consult with the Latino communities in Southern Arizona? The districts must comply with the VRA to ensure that historically marginalized communities are protected, including Native American and Latino. It appears the Navajo Nation and Latino Coalition proposals have been disregarded.</p> <p>Compliance with the VRA is but one of the independent redistricting criteria this proposed map would violate. The LDs in Test Map v8 0 clearly fail to comply with two other Redistricting criteria: Compactness and Competitiveness. As drafted, LDs 18, 20, 21, and 23 would be "safe" Democratic districts, and LDs 17 and 19 would be "safe" Republican districts. All five of these districts include oddly shaped squiggles, bulges and tails; classic hallmarks of gerrymandering. It is obvious that these tortured shapes have been drawn in order to keep Marana and Oro Valley together, while chopping the heart of Tucson into tiny, separate pieces. There would be no Competitive Districts in the Tucson &amp; Pima County area!</p> <p>The sudden embrace of a map submitted so late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to force those non-compliant district configurations into the official draft maps, is counter to the meaning of independent redistricting.</p> <p>Please redraw the maps to more fully capture and comply with the Redistricting Criteria established in our laws.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:00 | Patricia Wiedhopf | Fair and Competitive Maps     | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:00 | Susan V Anderson  | Map 8 0                       | The 8.0 map submitted by SALC is a monstrosity. It covers a huge geographic area. Candidates running for office in the 8.0 boundaries will have to travel over 100 miles to meet their constituents. People in Oro Valley and Marana generally stay in Pima County for work, school, shopping, and entertainment. They share few cultural interests with people in the mining communities. Please go back to the drawing board and start again. Get input from the Latino community. Honor the Voting Rights Act. Arizona citizens deserve better.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:02 | Patricia Wiedhopf | Fair and Competitive Maps     | <p>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 15:03 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps          | The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:05 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps          | Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multi-ethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:06 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps          | Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:07 | Patricia Wiedhopf   | Fair and Competitive Maps          | Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:07 | Marilyn Bernhardt   | Draft map - splitting Sedona       | Dear Commissioners, Sedona is a small town of 9000 people closely aligned with the Village of Oak Creek, which is only a few miles away. It makes no sense to separate these close-knit communities into three districts, as the draft map proposes. We have strong ties with one another as well as with the entire Verde Valley. Please recognize the importance to all voters of this area that the whole be maintained in one district.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:10 | Elysa Daniels       | Redistricting maps Maricopa County | Thank you for your work. The LD test map V6.0 is fair and competitive. The V8.0 map is not competitive and does not meet the prop 106 criteria of fair and competitive. Please ensure the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature. I have lived and voted in Carefree for over 35 years and have not been able to vote for a candidate with a chance. I commend you for separating our current LD 1 away from Yavapai County, but please choose a map with better balance between D3 and D8. Thank you  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:10 | brenda wexler       | redistricting                      | Arizona has grown in diversity. Acknowledge it by redistricting in a way so their voices count.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:12 | Alyce H Simpson     | Mapping                            | LD Test map 8.0 is painful to look at—such contortions to placate one special interest group (SALC), to the detriment of the Public's interests and those of the Navajo Nation, the Latino Coalition, and Tucson's communities.<br>---I OBJECT to the huge swath of the area east of Tucson, including most of the Tanque Verde Valley, being sacrificed to Commissioner Mehl's desire to keep Oro Valley and Marana together! The residents of the Tanque Verde Valley deserve to be in a district that reflects our social and economic ties to Tucson, and should not be plopped into a giant, amorphous rural district.<br>---I would also like to reiterate that the A RC's constitutional mandate is to create FAIR and COMPETITIVE maps. Respecting the VRA helps assure fairness. Competitive does not mean equal numbers of heavily skewed districts. Truly competitive districts will help deter the extremism that has infected the ruling party of this state, and dragged them down a rabbit hole of conspiracy theories, perpetuating the worst of political extremism.<br>---Did you take an oath to uphold the constitution of AZ and the USA? Please honor your oath! |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:17 | brenda wexler       | redistricting                      | Our current map is a showcase of competitive LDs and CDs. Our new map to be fair must also adhere to the competitive criteria set forth by your commission's mandate.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:22 | Mark L. Antin       | Redrawing the legislative map      | I have heard of plans to redraw the legislative map to fractionalize our Sedona and Verde Valley community. I most respectfully object and ask you to reconsider the rationale for this proposal. There are important communal ties in this area which should be fostered, not fractured. Whether it involves the internet, low cost housing, transportation, water resources and a host of other important issues, this region needs to speak with one voting voice. It would be contrary to our voting interests to separate and divide us. Thank you for your consideration. Mark L. Antin  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:23 | David Neil Seligson | Congressional Re-districting       | I would like my representation to affect the schools, commerce, public facilities and families in the community within which I live. How can I be fairly represented in Scottsdale if it is included with Suburban District 1?<br>The shapes of these congressional districts should be simple shapes, like rectangles, the same way District 6 is currently drawn. That is a beautiful district. Certainly the population density supports this. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown so these communities of interest can have representation that meets our needs.<br><br>Compact, contiguous, simple shapes are elegant. When I see a shape with a large "cutout", it's obvious the cutout was placed to stretch other portions of the district to create "competitiveness". This draft of the congressional map was clearly drawn with "competitiveness" as the primary goal. This ignores the higher priority goals to keep the communities fairly represented.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:29 | brenda wexler       | redistricting                      | How lucky I am to live in a perfectly competitive LD in Pima County, LD10. We are 1/3 I, 1/3 R and 1/3 D. My wish to preserve the democratic process is for all of Pima County is to become as competitive. Every political race will be competitive. That is what democracy is suppose to look like.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:30 | Carol Johnson       | Redistricting                      | No Gerrymandering. Make the maps fair and impartial.<br><br>33GN8  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:31 | Susan Carlson       | Map Version 8.0:D3                 | I am a ten-year resident of Carefree. My current district, LD1 could end up with a disparity of 26.5% favoring Republicans, which does not meet the intent of Prop106. Please create a better balance between D3 and D8. Thank you.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:32 | Jennifer Dawson     | Redistricting maps                 | It is obvious that the IRC is ignoring the minorities of Tucson, dismissing the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and completely rejecting - with little justification - the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition. However, there seemed to be no problem with bending over backwards to accommodate Commissioner Mehl and his last-minute SALC map - from the organization that he founded.<br>The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.<br>The immediate embrace of the SALC map, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.<br>The RC needs to do its duty: follow the law, protect all Arizonans, and show itself worthy of the adjective "Independent". So far, it is showing itself to be biased, partisan, and concerned with only a small portion of Arizona's population.      |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:33 | Judd Ruggill        | IRC LD Test Map v8 0               | Surely no real, patriotic American can abide by the kind of jiggery-pokery attempted by IRC LD Test Map v8.0. The Independent Redistricting Committee is supposed to be just that: INDEPENDENT. The idea of trying to ram through a partisan and highly gerrymandered map -- especially at the 11th hour -- is not only insulting but contravenes the spirit of both the US and Arizona Constitutions. Enough with the tomfoolery already and the absolute disrespect for our foundational documents and population. Why is it so difficult to recognize our communities of color and their voting rights?   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 15:34 | David Neil Seligson   | Legislative Redistricting                            | <p>When I hear the comments suggesting 15 v 15 was the goal, I think of the disaster that is currently LD28, my district. Please use simple shapes. Rectangles with North/South elongation in the Scottsdale/Phoenix areas. Communities of interest do not typically cross mountain preserves so that they can include 2 oppositely diverse communities together. Natural boundaries are ideal, since people don't cross them (like the mountain preserve) Even the highways must conform to nature. Representatives cannot be made to support a district that has 2 completely different communities. Their voice always ignores one of their communities.</p> <p>Please right the wrong that was LD28 and don't create more "LD28s" in the name of competitiveness. We still need to function as a state. Save the "Competitiveness" for the later drafts once you've preserved the voices of the communities.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:38 | Jennifer Dawson       | Redistricting maps                                   | <p>As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote. We strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. Where are the "fair, balanced and competitive" districts? The IRC is currently showing itself to be partisan, closed-minded and unfair to the majority of AZ voters. This is unacceptable.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 15:42 | Jon Bart Faber        | Test map v*.0 Tucson Area                            | <p>I want to protest the new version of the redistricting map, v8.0. I live in central Tucson and nothing against the people who live in rural areas outside of Tucson all the way to the Mexico border, but they are not who I think of when I identify with people with my concerns. Breaking up Tucson in this way while maintaining local neighborhood integrity in the Phoenix area stinks of gerrymandering and is wrong. Redo the maps and be fair. You are giving citizen redistricting commissions a bad name.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:00 | Pamela Powers Hannley | SALC: Special Interest Group Shouldn't Draw IRC Maps | <p>The voters of Arizona created the Independent Redistricting Commission to be independent. We wanted the RC to deliver the state of Arizona Legislative and Congressional Districts that were not gerrymandered to favor one political party or another. Arizona is a purple state. It is almost evenly divided between Democrats, Independents and Republicans. The majority of voters are not registered Republicans. It is unfair to nearly two-thirds of Arizona voters for the IRC consider maps that give one party a distinct advantage when that party does not have the majority of registered voters. The 2021 IRC is not following the will of the voters. Furthermore, it is a travesty that the IRC adopted the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's (SALC) ideas for OUR voting districts at the last minute with little or no public input. SALC is a business special interest group. They do not represent the general public. Arizona's state government is already owned by big money and special interest groups. Allowing a special interest group to draw our voting maps is going too far. The actions of the IRC underscore why the state of Arizona still needs federal oversight to ensure fairness.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:10 | Margaret Voge         | Re-districting                                       | <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote. In addition, redistricting must follow the Voter's Rights Act and the Proposition 106 guidelines approved by Arizona voters in 2000 with bipartisan support.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:17 | Lori spath            | Redistricting  | <p>I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on this very important project.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:17 | Mark Jameson          | District 6   | <p>I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I want districts that represent communities of interest. With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on this very important project.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:19 | Virginia Kovatch      | redistricting Maps                                   | <p>Why is SALC, a special interest group, allowed to submit a legislative map and have it approved?<br/>This is not fair, or independent!<br/>Virginia Kovatch</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:23 | Pam Knaack            | Redistricting  | <p>Please stick to the 6 constitutional criteria and respect the community's of interest.<br/>Thank you</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:25 | Virginia Kovatch      | Redistricting Maps                                   | <p>My neighborhood, Broadmore Broadway Village in Tucson, has been placed in a district with Patagonia and other towns more than 50 miles away. My Representatives are not going to be able to represent my interests if we are separated from the urban area in which we live. I am furious with this!<br/>Virginia Kovatch</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:30 | Michael Neely         | CD6 (Future CD1)                                     | <p>Uptown Phoenix is an urban areas and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix, Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. This makes no sense and should be changed. This goes against one of the six Congressional requirements, which is that District boundaries must respect communities of interest. In this case it certainly does not.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:30 | Marla E Neely         | CD6 (Future CD1)                                     | <p>Uptown Phoenix is an urban areas and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix, Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. This makes no sense and should be changed. This goes against one of the six Congressional requirements, which is that District boundaries must respect communities of interest. In this case it certainly does not.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:30 | brenda wexler         | redistricting  | <p>It's apparent from the last map slipped in at the last minute by Mr. Mehl, that his map is so obviously biased and totally non competitive that it must be rejected immediately! No question.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:31 | Judith Nostrant       | redistricting unfairness                             | <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:33 | Judith Nostrant       | unfair redistricting Tucson                          | <p>this is so wrong and unAmerican! I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. (Add your thoughts on how your part of Tucson is divided)</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 16:33 | Miriam Black      | Redistricting   | Redistricting- I am very concerned about the proposals that would impact Pima county and Oro Valley. When I learned about Arizona's redistricting commission and learned it was supposed to be non-political, I was happy because I believe in a fair opportunity for everyone's voices to be heard regardless of their ethnicity. I was stunned to hear about the political maneuvering going on to silence Minority voices. Please do not abandon the proposals put forth by Latino and Navajo communities.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:41 | Leslie L Hunten   | Include the Latino and Navajo maps!   | Dear IRC, why are you ignoring the Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting proposed map? And why are you ignoring the Navajo Nation's proposed map? Why are you fiddling with the Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population numbers? This is blatant game-playing, and should have been overruled immediately. The Chair should also have refused to play Commissioner Mehl's game of submitting a map at the last minute from his special-interest group, SALC. All of this betrays professional ethics and integrity; it's a Republican strategy to produce gerrymandered districts.<br><br>I request that Commission Chair Neuberger follow protocol and stop yielding to Mr. Mehl, and include for serious consideration the maps submitted by the Latino Coalition and the Navajo Nation.<br><br>Sincerely,<br>Leslie Hunten  |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:47 | Julianne Hurst    | The intent of independent redistricting   | The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.<br>I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. The part of Tucson where I live ends up with rural areas that have nothing to do with midtown's views and needs. It seems like the commission is hunting and picking parts of Tucson to gain advantage for certain political parties. Why are our proposed districts all over the place when Phoenix area's is somewhat neat boxes?<br>Thank you   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:48 | Julianne Hurst    | map   | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts.<br>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.<br>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:49 | Julianne Hurst    | more on the map   | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:55 | Neal Williams     | map issues  | I object to the commission's immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps. This act was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 16:57 | Neal Williams     | more on the map   | I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. My part of Tucson ends up grouped with rural areas that have nothing to do with the needs and issues of my part of Tucson.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:01 | Neal Williams     | more map issues   | I completely agree with Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC, which is a special interest group, used to draw them. And so I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:04 | Neal Williams     | Native population issue   | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission, not harmed by it. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.<br>The commission must do its due diligence and protect the rights of different groups, not deny them their representation.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:26 | Dianne Coscarelli | IRC's Deference to Priorities of Republican Commissioner Mehl as to Tucson area | I am troubled by the deferential treatment given to Commissioner Mehl regarding the Tucson area. He has his own agenda; he does not speak for most Tucsonans. At the end of Thursday's meeting, he urged some concerning partisan changes to this area when Marana (a rural/agricultural area) was combined with Oro Valley (a suburban area of Tucson). As a resident of the Catalina Foothills, I, along with many other similarly situated commenters, consider Oro Valley aligned with Casas Adobe and Tucson—but not with Marana. This Marana/Oro Valley combination caused a detrimental ripple effect to the draft districts. For example, District 17 seems to have gone from 50/49 competitiveness to 54/44, in favor of Mr. Mehl's Republican party. Please do not continue to allow Commissioner Mehl to dictate changes to please him and his friends that are obviously partisan, not competitive and not in the interest of Southern Arizona. |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:27 | Karen Wilkison    | Competitive Districts   | It is exceedingly important that the Independent Redistricting Committee adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act which protects historically marginalized communities. Whenever a change in the redistricting map is made, this is one important factor that needs to be considered, if not the most important. Please honor legislative district suggestions from Native American, Latino and other communities of color. This is the duty you assumed.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:29 | Dianne Coscarelli | Fair and Competitive Maps   | I request that maps be drawn so they are competitive WITHIN each district and not simply to balance the overall legislature.<br>It is only when each district is competitive within itself that we have elected representatives and candidates from all parties who will listen to their constituents and potential electors, and we avoid extremism.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:32 | Dianne Coscarelli | Bring Back Competitive Maps   | I welcome living and voting in competitive districts. Please bring back the competitive draft maps. For true competitiveness, 2% is a healthy deviation; 9% is unacceptable.  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 17:32 | Cynthia A Dean    | Redistricting  | <p>Uptown Phoenix is an urban area and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix, Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. This makes no sense and should be changed.</p> <p>This goes against one of the six Congressional requirements, which is that District boundaries must respect communities of interest. In this case it certainly does not.</p> <p>Cynthia A. Dean<br/>85050</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:32 | Dianne Coscarelli | Bring Back Competitive Maps                            | I welcome living and voting in competitive districts. Please bring back the competitive draft maps. For true competitiveness, 2% is a healthy deviation; 9% is unacceptable.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:33 | Cynthia A Dean    | Redistricting  | <p>Uptown Phoenix is an urban area and should be drawn into the same district as central Phoenix, Voters in Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into a suburban district. This makes no sense and should be changed.</p> <p>This goes against one of the six Congressional requirements, which is that District boundaries must respect communities of interest. In this case it certainly does not.</p> <p>Cynthia A. Dean<br/>85050</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:34 | Lee Stanfield     | LD Test Map v8 0 (a perfect example of gerrymandering) | Mehl & SALC are calling all the shots, while Indigenous people & Latinos are ignored!!! The SALC MAP IS GERRYMANDERING PERSONIFIED! It has not been adequately analyzed and should not have even been allowed to be submitted at all! It is obvious that its intent is to fragmentize the City of Tucson, denying our right as a community of interest!!! Oro Valley has expressed the desire to be included as a part of the Tucson community, yet the SALC map lumps Oro Valley and Marana together and then wraps all the way around Tucson to also include the Tanque Verde area! It chops up midtown, and lumps Davis-Monthan in with a Cochise County district! STOP THESE ATTEMPTS AT GERRYMANDERING!!!  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:48 | Karen Wilkison    | Influence by Powerful Single-Interest Entities         | One of the true strengths of Arizona is its multicultural and multiethnic make-up. This should be reflected in the drawing of districts that incorporate these strengths so that they have a voice in decisions. If possible, every district should include more than one cultural entity so that different views can be honored. The Commission should describe the process by which the map lines were drawn, adhering to the Commission's duty to honor all groups represented in Arizona. A district should not mainly comprise one socio-economic or ethnic group if it could include diversity.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:54 | Bonnie Heidler    | Draft Map  | In looking at LD Map 8.0, my new district, LD17, is no longer fair and competitive. I currently live in LD10, which is fair and competitive in that there has been a Republican elected to AZ State House. LD Map 7.0 has LD17 fair and competitive. It appears to have changed after Commissioner Mehl insisted that the SALC map be accepted. This change has now gerrymandered LD17. It was 51-49 Democrats and now is 54-44 Republicans. Please go back to LD Map 7.0 to continue to make changes. LD17 is being packed and not compact.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 17:59 | Janice Welchert   | The latest IRC proposed districting                    | <p>I object to the fragmentation of Tucson by this latest proposed mapping and the clear lean to put white faith based republicans and DM airforce base in pima county together in a district.</p> <p>I also object to the chairperson's frequent deference to the same members input. This is suppose to be an independent committee. It appears dependent on pleasing one interest.</p> <p>I also want to voice alarm at the willful disregard of the wishes of the Native American concerns that were voiced.</p> <p>This is alarming.</p> <p>Janice Welchert</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:02 | Jackie Jameson    | Redistricting  | <p>I would like to inform the Independent Redistricting Commission that I want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and work on this very important project.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:03 | Bonnie Heidler    | Latino Coalition and Navajo Nation Maps                | At the end of last week, Chair Neuberger allowed Commissioner Mehl to throw out the Latino Coalition map and the Navajo Nation map without a vote. Commissioner Lerner did object, but LD Map 8.0 now has LD17 gerrymandered. I live in LD10, which will become LD17. LD10 is a fair and competitive LD, but if map 8.0 becomes the draft map, it will no longer be a fair and competitive district. Please go back to a map that incorporates the Latino Coalition requests, as well as the Navajo Nation map. The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty. |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:09 | Trisha Liimatta   | Redistricting  | I would like districts that represent communities of interest. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:12 | Linda AA Chiles   | mapping  | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty. You need to do the correct action.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:25 | Christine Sipp    | Redistricting  | I live in the legislative district 10 in midtown Tucson and I noticed how the new redistricting test map 8 has my area of Poet square incorporated into a large rural section down to the Mexico border. I feel my interest will not be represented effectively. Will my vote count? I also question the integrity of Republican commissioner Mehl who accepted the map submitted by SALC but not by the Navajo nation. We need fair representation.  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 18:28 | Rosella Baroni     | District separation   | <p>Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.)</p> <p>Please keep the all place as one Rosella</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 18:44 | Dianne Coscarelli  | Sharing Commissioner Lerner's concerns as to including SALC districts | <p>As a voter in the Catalina foothills of Pima County I am very upset at attempts by Republicans to define Arizona voting districts to please the wishes of special interest groups such as the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC). As I watched the hearing online on Thursday, October 21, I was disappointed to see the attempts by the Republican Commissioners to immediately force districts proposed by a special interest group into the official draft maps. As Commissioner Lerner so thoughtfully questioned: Did they consult the Southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts?</p> <p>Thank you Commissioner Lerner for looking out for our Latino communities, our fastest growing population.</p> <p>During the hearing I was also disappointed at how quickly the proposals from the Navajo Nation were dismissed without as much as a whimper. And why were the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition summarily rejected?</p> <p>Please—Let's follow the U.S. Voting Rights Act and ensure that voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected as required under law.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:00 | Joseph R Sipp      | LD Test Map v8 0 Redistricting proposal                               | <p>I live in LD 10 in the Poet Square neighborhood. I believe the proposed redistricting will not be in the best interest of our area in Tucson. It fragments our city and will destroy the common effort to manage our city for its residents. It is clearly a power grab to dilute the citizens interest to maintain a progressive and forward looking city. Our vote will be useless since rural areas have different needs. Please reject this horribly drawn up redistricting mess.</p> <p>Sincerely yours,<br/>Joseph R Sipp</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:01 | Laurence R. Wittig | Input on maps thus far  | <p>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1<br/>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3<br/>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved. I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 (64.19 D to 35 81 R) into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>Statewide Competitiveness<br/>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:15 | Colleen Willhite   | Comments on Redistricting   | <p>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1<br/>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3<br/>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved.</p> <p>I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 (64.19 D to 35 81 R) into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>I have lived in LD 23 for 6 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. Our current legislative district has been non-competitive at a 26.5% disparity. I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and and draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.</p> <p>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:18 | Shelly Gordon-Gray | LD Test Map 8 0   | <p>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature. Please make sure Map 8.0 is evenly split and fair and competitive. Thank you.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:26 | Diane Nevill       | LDs in Tucson   | <p>I can hardly believe my eyes when I look at the proposed LDs in Tucson. What happened to contiguous LDs, keeping Communities of Interest together? That could not be further from the intenet of the committee the designed the IRC when It was created years ago. Please do not use the map created by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. It is looking after the interest of a small group of business people.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:30 | Diane Nevill       | fair and competitive maps   | <p>I am looking at the LD 8.0 maps. Very few of the LDs look like they would offer fair and competitive elections. Instead they look like they were designed for one party to dominate another. That is not the spirit of the RC. Let the LD elections be truly competitive.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 19:31 | Martha S O'Connor | Redistricting is a public priocess             | <p>Comments:</p> <p>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1</p> <p>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3</p> <p>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved</p> <p>I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 (64.19 D to 35 81 R) into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>I have lived in Scottsdale AZ for 21 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. Our current legislative district has been non-competitive at a 26.5% disparity. I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and and draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.</p> <p>Statewide Competitiveness</p> <p>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:34 | Rosemary Bolza    | new districts must include fair representation | <p>Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:37 | Donna Rice        | Sample districts                               | <p>LD 6:</p> <p>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3</p> <p>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved.</p> <p>I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 (64.19 D to 35 81 R) into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>I have lived in North Scottsdale for 11 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. Our current legislative district has been non-competitive at a 26.5% disparity. I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and and draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.</p> <p>Statewide Competitiveness</p> <p>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.</p>                                    |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:37 | Mark L. Antin     | Redrawing the legislative map                  | <p>I have heard of plans to redraw the legislative map to fractionalize our Sedona and Verde Valley community. I most respectfully object and ask you to reconsider the rationale for this proposal. There are important communal ties in this area which should be fostered, not fractured. Whether it involves the internet, low cost housing, transportation, water resources and a host of other important issues, this region needs to speak with one voting voice. It would be contrary to our voting interests to separate and divide us. Thank you for your consideration. Mark L. Antin</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:38 | Mark L. Antin     | Redrawing the legislative map                  | <p>I have heard of plans to redraw the legislative map to fractionalize our Sedona and Verde Valley community. I most respectfully object and ask you to reconsider the rationale for this proposal. There are important communal ties in this area which should be fostered, not fractured. Whether it involves the internet, low cost housing, transportation, water resources and a host of other important issues, this region needs to speak with one voting voice. It would be contrary to our voting interests to separate and divide us. Thank you for your consideration. Mark L. Antin</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:38 | Diane Nevill      | Tucson LDs                                     | <p>With the LD Map 8 0, Tucson has been broken up into so many segments, with some portions connected with the Mexico border, an hour away. t makes no sense how the community of Tucson is cut into pieces, like a hunk of beef. Tucson is a proud and historic community that should be kept more together than separated.</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 19:43 | Tyrone Kinzer    | Electoral map                                       | <p>Needed<br/>Arizona is About to Lose a Pro-Freedom Congressional District to the Radical Left. ACT NOW!</p> <p>The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission released their latest Congressional and Legislative maps.</p> <p>The new District 1 (currently Congressman Schweikert Republican District 6) will likely change from a +9 Republican District to a +1 Democrat District with a radical woke left candidate running for the Democrats that completely opposes our values of freedom and safe neighborhoods.</p> <p>Fortunately, these maps are only in draft mode. By law, your public comment as a community of interest shifts the boundaries of the districts.</p> <p>HOW TO FIX IT!<br/>You can share with the Independent Redistricting Commission that you want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p> <p>Please keep the RC to keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:44 | Golda Velez      | Latino community ignored? Navajo community ignored? | <p>hello IRC folks</p> <p>My family is part Mexican, part Jewish, we live in Northern Tucson. I am disgusted at what I have seen so far of this process, which is blatantly favoring chosen friends of some of the commissioners at the expense of the larger community.</p> <p>The Latino community submissions were ignored; the Navajo nation submissions were never analyzed or seriously considered. This process is deeply flawed and should be overturned.</p> <p>Use the guidelines that the commission itself approved! Stop making blatantly gerrymandered maps that obviously benefit one group. Just do your job.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:46 | Nancy Wexler     | Reject Thursday's test map!                         | <p>I tuned into the commission meeting on Thursday and was shocked that the deliberate care taken to ensure adherence to the six constitutional criteria and maintain competitive districts was compromised by one commissioner's desire to consolidate power in the test LD 17 map -the one combining Marana, Oro Valley and the strip east of Tucson with no legitimate justification. As the Chair noted, this creates an invalid severely uncompetitive district. this is clearly serving special interests with no regard for other communities of interest with valid maps requests. This must be rejected and another solution, not creating a 5pt advantage for one party with no VRA rationale, proposed. It is a clear, ill-configured gerrymander.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 19:59 | Sharon Stinard   | Redistricting in the East Valley                    | <p>I am shocked at the lopsided districts of 10, 15, 16 and 7. You need to make these districts closer to competitive--this is not a fair distribution and smacks of "packing" to benefit the Republican Party. We are suffering under a lack of quality candidates due to the "good ole boy" politics in East Mesa and Apache Junction (currently LD16) Also, county lines should be utilized to bring voters together with similar life styles and issues. Apache Junction, for instance, has very little in common with East Mesa. Mesa wants job centers and progress.... AJ just wants to be left alone with their dark skies and retirees. NOTH NG in common. I want to have the chance to have a political race that gives my Democratic candidates a chance to represent the far East Valley.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:06 | Betty Harris     | Most recent, #8 test map                            | <p>I am troubled by some of the changes in the Tucson area. It appears that some of the recent maps in the area where I live are based on political party affiliation and not on creating fair and equal legislative districts. District 17 comes to mind. What do Marana, Oro Valley, far eastern Tucson suburbs have in common with San Manuel and Mammoth? Is there a plan to isolate the city of Tucson into areas favoring party affiliation? The section where I live, district 23 on this map, formerly district 3, is missing a big chunk of suburbia, now in 3, the newer subdivisions south of west Valencia Rd., are now in a giant district which goes to Yuma. These are folks who work in Tucson.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:12 | Sarah R. Simmons | Redistricting maps and latest meetings              | <p>Commissioner Lerner was absolutely correct in her comments about the proposal submitted by Commissioner Mehl on behalf of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC). There is no indication as to the process the group used to make its suggested maps. There is no indication that the group consulted with Pima County's Latino community or any groups representing people of color in any meaningful way, if those groups were consulted at all. In light of the IRC's dismissal of proposals by the Navajo Nation and by the Latino Coalition, this last minute embrace of a map by a special interest group appears to ignore the Voting Rights Act, rather than giving it the position of prominence it is required to have. The protection of historically marginalized people of color is one of the IRC's mandated considerations. These recent actions where people of color are summarily dismissed while special business interests are given deference will be perceived as partisanship rather than the independence the commission is required to have. As a Pima County voter for almost 50 years, a resident of Arizona for 68 and as someone who voted to create the RC, I am very disturbed by these actions. Pima County is a multi-cultural and multi-ethnic community. We all deserve to have our votes matter, and we should not be forced to live for the next ten years with districts that are politically drawn by special interests. Thank you, Commissioner Lerner, for standing up for the rights of all voters.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:31 | Dan Roskey       | LD Test Map v8 0                                    | <p>I am very concerned about the commission's immediate embrace of a map introduced at the last minute by a special interest group (Southern Arizona Leadership Council). I fear that adoption of this map will unfairly break-up districts in the Tucson area making organization by neighborhood much more difficult in that area. This map has been objected to by BOTH of the Democratic commissioners. I think that this is a strong indication that the commission needs to reconsider something a little less biased.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:31 | Dan Roskey       | LD Test Map v8 0                                    | <p>I am very concerned about the commission's immediate embrace of a map introduced at the last minute by a special interest group (Southern Arizona Leadership Council). I fear that adoption of this map will unfairly break-up districts in the Tucson area making organization by neighborhood much more difficult in that area. This map has been objected to by BOTH of the Democratic commissioners. I think that this is a strong indication that the commission needs to reconsider something a little less biased.</p>   |
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| 10/24/2021 - 20:36 | Pamela Waters                | redistricting fairness?  | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts.</p> <p>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Pamela Waters<br/>Tucson, AZ</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:39 | Barbara H Warren             | Comments on Mapping Consultant for redistricting-- Reject NDC                              | The latest version of the AZ legislative districts map - proposed last-minute by the Southern AZ Leadership Council (SALC) - splits Tucson into 5 districts, including a peculiar dragon-shaped district that hearkens back a little too literally to the origin of the word "gerrymandering" for our tastes. Please correct this problem right away.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:48 | Barbara Holt Warren, MD, MPH | Inclusion and and fairness of with communities   | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:55 | Larry G Cromwell             | redistricting maps   | I am opposed to including Uptown Phoenix with District 1. The nature and interests are not the least bit similar, and it should remain in the District with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix as areas of similar interest. The communities are of more common interest than pulling Uptown Phoenix into the District 1 community. Representation should most closely accommodate the greatest common interests and goals of a District. Uptown Phoenix will be less well represented when included with District 1. Thank you for your consideration.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:57 | Rose Ingrid                  | Re districting Northern Pima Voimty  | We have no business nor desire being redistricted into an area that is another primarily Republican area. It is ethically and morally unfair and serves only to democratically void the Democratic and Independent votes in direct violation of our Constitution since it silences so many voices of citizens of the United States in favor of one political party - once again the Republicans. A totally unconscionable move.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 20:59 | L. Soloff                    | Reject map draft v. 8- it does not represent the interests of actual communittee residents | <p>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts.</p> <p>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:03 | Susan Husand                 | Legislative district maps  | <p>I live in central Tucson and there is an odd hook in District 21, which is where I live, that combines this area with Green Valley, Sahaurita, Amado, Nogales; areas that have much different concerns and issues than central Tucson. Likewise if I lived in those communities I would not feel my concerns were represented by the large voting block of urban Tucsonans. And, once again the voices of Latinos and Native Americans are being sidelined while Anglo business interests, the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, exercises their wealth and influence and shouts the loudest. How can this be an independent effort when the founder of this Council is a member of the commission?</p> <p>I applaud out state on having established this system for the redistricting process in an effort to remove the decisions from the political parties and I appreciate the difficulty of the task that the IRC is faced with. Please continue to strive for competitive districts that give genuine meaning to our elections and our state government. We all deserve a voice and a place at the table.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:04 | Peggie Jo Vincent            | Redistricting Map of Tucson  | Dear Redistricting Commission,<br>I am concerned that the map for Arizona legislative district was drawn without consideration for keeping the Tucson Districts compact and contiguous. The torturous boundaries don't look as if they are the result of local input. Please reconsider the map for Tucson Districts.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:11 | Maryanne Hartman             | Redistricting  | Please represent the communities of interest and do not draw uptown Phoenix into suburban district 1 !!! Thank you!!   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:11 | Garrett Abeln                | LD Maps  | I am very concerned about the current state of the LD maps. I live in east Tucson, right over the line putting me in a district with Tanque Verde and Oro Valley. Oro Valley is very far from where I live. It is a 40 min drive for me and I never go to that side of town. My parents and my sister's family live one mile west of me and they would be in a different LD. These lines would be very strange and bizarre for me to live with. My community of interest is East Tucson. It's where I work, live, go the movies. I have lived here my whole life and east Tucson is my home. Please put me in a fairly drawn east Tucson district not in Oro Valley.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:18 | Barbara Jennings             | Redistricting  | <p>Good evening,</p> <p>I am deeply concerned with the partisan comments made by Shereen Lerner. This should not be about trying to equal the playing field of Republicans and Democrats.. and I am so so sick and tired of Democrats breaking laws, ignoring the standards set to perform their job effectively and in the best interest of the people. We moved into certain areas based on the shared values of that area. Trying to position certain areas to reflect and give your political party and advantage, should not be allowed, and frankly these people should be removed. As our tax dollars are paying their salary and we are fed up with people using their position to enrich themselves. This power grab needs to end. I pray that the redistricting of our state is done with honesty and integrity- with the best interest of the people in mind- not your political party.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:30 | Tracy Pitt                   | Concern over adoption of SALC recommendations  | <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am dismayed by the last minute adoption of the districts proposed by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. SALC is a special interest group and provided no information about how they drew their districts. Did they consult the Southern Arizona Latino community? Did they take into consideration the U.S. Voting Rights Act requiring them to protect the voting power of historically marginalized communities? The adoption of these districts crafted by a single special interest group does not reflect the diverse voices of our community in Southern Arizona. As a citizen of Pima County I support our Latino and Indigenous communities as they assert their constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Tracy Pitt</p>   |

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| 10/24/2021 - 21:35 | Jennifer Carey        | Draft maps and political weight            | Hi, Im concerned about Shereen Lerners recent comments about the political party percentages in drafting the district areas. Why are we considering political affiliations? It is not a constitutional requirement and it is not professional or appropriate from a non partisan commission of this kind. How can we, the people of this state, be reassured the commission is only considering those requirements dictated constitutionally while behaving in a moral and professional way throughout this process?   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:37 | Michael David Bryan   | Tucson Community of Interest and version 8 | <p>The district map of Southern AZ must recognize the essential unity of Tucson as a community of interest by placing as much of the metro population in as few compact districts as possible. Cracking the metro area into parts of 4 or 5 districts is deeply violative of Tucson's community.</p> <p>The proposed version 8 map seems to demonstrate an intent to dilute and divide the Tucson community of interest in order to create a single district of the two separate communities of Oro Valley and Marana. Those towns have distinct geographic separations, different growth histories, land use, and economic foundations. The real aim of SALC in drafting this proposed map seems to be to pack a congressional district in Pima County with Republicans. As such, the proposed map is also very likely violative of the core legal requirements of the Constitution and Voting Rights Act, and likely to be challenged and struck down in court.</p> <p>Adopting the version 8 map, which was drafted behind closed doors by a special interest organization (SALC) with close ties of one of the Republican commissioners, would be also a deeply troubling abdication of the intent of Arizona's citizens in creating the IRC as a non-partisan body and violates the integrity of the IRC process.</p> <p>In addition to these concerns, the adoption of version 8 would completely ignore the input and interests of our minority racial, ethnic, cultural, and language populations here in southern AZ. Specifically, version 8 would ignore the input and interests of our Latino and Native American communities in favor of a map drafted in secret and adopted in haste without sufficient consideration of the principles the RC was established to protect.</p> <p>I am frankly outraged that the RC would even consider the adoption of the version 8 map.</p> |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:48 | Nola Priest           | Redistricting                              | I have just seen the latest proposed redistricting of the Tucson area. This looks like a textbook case of gerrymandering. Why is Tucson split into five districts and stretched out to include Oro Valley and Marana in one district? I heartily oppose this plan. Arizona is frequently in the news lately lately for all the wrong reasons. Please fix this.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:53 | Marlene verdery       | Maps                                       | The Phoenix metro area has a reasonable patchwork, while the Southern AZ area in the latest map has districts stretched in unusual shapes, an effort in gerrymandering, which is against the rules. Several earlier maps had shapes and sizes that worked and were competitive. The "gerrymandered" map for the Tucson area has LDs that would not be competitive.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 21:57 | Leticia Velazquez     | Congressional District                     | <p>Dear Independent Redistricting Commission, please listen, we want districts that represent communities of interest.</p> <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p> <p>With the way the map is currently drawn, Uptown Phoenix will be deprived of representation by being drawn into suburban district 1.</p>  |
| 10/24/2021 - 22:12 | Mark William Anderson | Map 8 0 unacceptable                       | The proposed new Legislative District 17 as shown in map 8.0 is much too big. With over 100 miles to cover and two mountain ranges to traverse it will be a nightmare for any candidate to canvass and meet voters. The configuration is so strange it could be used as a textbook example of gerrymandering. It leads this citizen to believe that it is purposely contrived so a politician can choose his voters rather than having to vie for votes in the marketplace of ideas. This leads directly to political extremism. I urge the RC to reject this map straightaway.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 22:13 | Nancy Ross            | Redistricting Oro Valley, Az.              | I've lived here 30 yrs. I have more in common with Tucson than I have with Marana.   |
| 10/24/2021 - 22:52 | Georgia Spillers      | Uptown Phoenix                             | I urge you to draw districts that represent the community's interest. Please do not redraw Uptown Phoenix into suburban district 1. Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so that the interests and needs of these communities will be best represented.  |
| 10/24/2021 - 22:56 | Jennifer Dawson       | Redistricting maps                         | <p>This newest version of a redistricting map looks suspiciously like gerrymandering:</p> <p>Oro Valley and Marana are NOT a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these communities in the same legislative district over keeping Tucson districts "contiguous and compact" violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. To have the Tucson area extending to Mexico is ridiculous.</p> <p>There are specific, Constitutional, voter-approved criteria for the redistricting process and the creation of maps, The RC needs to follow those guidelines and work to create fair, competitive maps representing ALL Arizonans, instead of giving credence to seriously biased "at the last minute" maps, catering only to special-interests.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 23:00 | Cristina Soto-Weibel  | Proposed districting maps as of Oct 22     | <p>The inclusion of the SALC districts has been done hurriedly and without transparency in the methodology used to draw them. It is clear to me that there has NOT been any effort to reach out to Hispanic communities- of which I'm a part of-, and to Native American communities to hear their input. With the districts as drawn, it seems to me there is a clear bias towards diluting the vote of Hispanic and Native American communities.</p> <p>It's also extremely concerning that an INDEPENDENT Commission will not even consider the Navajo Nation's proposed congressional district and legislative district. The quick dismissal of the Latino Coalition proposal was also evidence of bias in the Commissioners. The Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 23:06 | Jennifer Dawson       | Redistricting maps                         | <p>Who really is calling the shots for the RC...?</p> <p>The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process.</p> <p>Is the IRC representing all Arizonans, or a small, elite "special-interest" group?</p> <p>The SALC map would certainly seem to indicate the latter.</p> <p>This is unacceptable. The RC has Constitutional and voter-approved mandates to follow. It should do so immediately, otherwise, it renounces by its behavior any claims to honesty or integrity.</p>   |
| 10/24/2021 - 23:25 | Lynn Goldstein        | Fair Redistricting                         | <p>Ladies and Gentlemen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•I feel that CD Test Map Version 6 0:D1 meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced.</li> <li>•I commend the Commission on creating a fair and competitive map</li> <li>•I have lived in Carefee for six years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress.</li> <li>•My current legislative district, LD1, has been non-competitive at a 26.5% disparity.</li> <li>•I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County but urge you to understand our community of interest and to draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for creating a fair and competitive map.<br/>Lynn Goldstein</p>  |

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| 10/24/2021 - 23:45 | Amy Nichols | Keep politics out of it                           | <p>Commissioners,</p> <p>You have 6 criteria to consider and meet when it comes to your redistricting work. Political balance (ie., "15 and 15") isn't one of them. The LDs need to reflect the communities of that district, not some political fantasy individual commissioners have about have an equal split among political parties based on what her ideas of the overall state political makeup is. If this commissioner cannot make impartial decisions based on the 6 criteria set before the commission, I suggest she be relieved of her duty and someone who is impartial take her place. Her "15 and 15" idea is a disgrace and an insult to the voters of Arizona.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Amy Nichols</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 00:31 | Dan Hunt    | LD Test Map v8 0 (based on the SALC proposed map) | <p>Dear Commission,</p> <p>As a community member of Tucson my family is horrified by this redistricting map (LD test map v8.0 - SALC adoption map). This draft map does great harm to voting representation of the Tucson community. I agree completely with Commissioner Lerner's concerns and alarms raised in the presentation and map adoption.</p> <p>I am first appalled by the fact this adoption was only to keep one member happy. This particular member has not only one but two conflicts of interest with representation on this commission. Mr Mehl belongs to the organization (SALC) which brought this map to the committee base on little to NO commitment to the Tucson community and little to no facts to back up the districting. No background regarding the division was provided and Mehl is a considerable donor to many in state politics that have no intention to do any favors to the Tucson community. He only represents and wants to 'protect' the union of the more affluent Tucson neighborhoods with Marana-Oro Valley. Mr. Mehl also corrupted the 'independence' of the commission by bringing this partisan map to the table. The committee's willingness to accept the map has red flags all over it and is a disturbing step as the procedural adoption was made when legal guidance to the committee directly advised they could not straight out adopt the map.</p> <p>Thru the adoption the of v8 map - or better named the 'SALC' map - you are directly splitting Tucson into 5 congressional districts and completely eroding any vital representation of the people of Tucson. You are telling me - living in midtown - I can travel between 4 congressional districts just riding my bike with my young children from our house to the U of A. We do this weekly and to see such a short trip of 5 miles turns into 4 different areas of representation to keep the SALC proposal seems insane. SALC is tainted with little to no experience in creating congressional maps, completely a conflict of interest for David Mehl as both he AND he son are on SALC, this is one of his pet projects (SALC) and he has invested over tens of thousands of funding to the state GOP in the past few years.</p> <p>Latino, Native American communities were not consulted on this map proposed late Wednesday. The horror of this map was apparently adopted with the afore mention procedural steps since legally the committee cannot just completely adopt such a partisan map without the steps that were completed.</p> <p>Please consider immediately invalidating the 5 ways split of the Tucson community and the complete disenfranchisement of Latino, Native Americans and the Tucson community as a whole.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Dan Hunt</p> |

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| 10/25/2021 - 00:53 | Carissa Sipp      | LD Test Map v8 0 (SALC proposed map) | <p>Dear Commission,</p> <p>As a working mother and parent to 2 children who attend school in midtown with friends all over the Tucson community, I am disgusted at the slice and dicing of Tucson in this redistricting map (LD test map v8.0 - SALC adoption map). This draft map does great harm to voting representation of the Tucson community and places my daughters' friends from one school in midtown Tucson into 5 congressional districts. I agree completely with Commissioner Lerner's concerns and alarms raised in the presentation and map adoption.</p> <p>First, the commission is to be 'Independent'. I could not be more appalled by the fact this adoption was only to keep one member happy. This particular member is not only a member of SALC, has a family member who is also a member of the organization AND has donated tens of thousands of dollars into party politics in the state. These conflicts of interest taint this adoption of the SALC map immediately.</p> <p>As mentioned, Mr Mehl belongs to the organization (SALC) which brought this map to the committee based on little to NO commitment to the Tucson community and little to no facts to back up the districting. No background regarding the division was provided and Mehl is a considerable donor to many in state politics that have no intention to do any favors to the Tucson community. He only represents and wants to 'protect' the union of the more affluent Tucson neighborhoods with Marana-Oro Valley. Mr. Mehl also corrupted the 'independence' of the commission by bringing this partisan map to the table as mentioned above. The committee's willingness to accept the map has red flags all over it and is a disturbing step as the procedural adoption was made when legal guidance to the committee directly advised they could not straight out adopt the map.</p> <p>Thru the adoption of the v8 map - or better named the 'SALC' map - you are directly splitting Tucson into 5 congressional districts and completely eroding any vital representation of the people of Tucson. You are telling me - living in midtown - I can travel between 5 congressional districts just attending my daughter's school and having a playdate with a school mate. We do this weekly, by bike and to see such a short trip of 5 miles turns into a minimum of 4 different areas of representation to keep the SALC proposal for one goal - keeping the rich happy - seems to be highly illegal and against to mission of the committee- the Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee.</p> <p>Again I cannot help but restate - SALC is tainted with little to no experience in creating congressional maps, completely a conflict of interest for David Mehl as both he AND he son are on SALC, this is one of his pet projects (SALC) and he has invested over tens of thousands of funding to the state GOP in the past few years. This map should have been dismissed immediately upon arrival for lack of integrity and thoroughness of evaluation.</p> <p>Of final but utmost importance and issue with this map- the Latino and Native American communities were not consulted on this map proposed late Wednesday. As his map was apparently adopted with the afore mention procedural steps since legally the committee cannot just completely adopt such a partisan map without the steps that were completed. This is obviously disturbing to Tucsonans and those looking to keep this process Independent.</p> <p>Please consider immediately invalidating the 5 ways split of the Tucson community and the complete disenfranchisement of Latino, Native Americans and the Tucson community as a whole.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Carissa Sipp</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 01:07 | Donahue Martha    | Elections                            | <p>What are you afraid of?? Staying a red state??<br/>You stinking cheats!!!</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 02:53 | Anna M. Marsolo   | Redistricting Cave Creek Area        | <p>I have lived in Cave Creek for 26 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. My current legislative district, LD1, is projected to have a 26.5% disparity favoring Republican. This does not meet the intent of Prop 106 and continues the non-competitiveness of our area.</p> <p>I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and to draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8. Sadly, gerrymander is alive and well, doing bad things. Politicians will carve territory into districts for political gain along partisan lines. This can lead to some serious consequences for the health of our democracy. Sadly it also defies our Constitution. Thank you, Anna Marsolo</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 04:51 | Donna King        | Rigged Election                      | <p>You know the election was rigged. You know that you all are destroying America keeping this terrible man in office. We may not even have Christmas the way things are going and worse yet thousands are dying. Illegal aliens coming in by the droves. Do something Now Please!</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:07 | brenda wexler     | redistricting                        | <p>Please explain the reason for throwing out the Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting proposed maps.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:26 | Priya Sundareshan | Draft maps and RC independence       | <p>Chair Neuberger, you have allowed Commissioner Mehl to ride roughshod over other Commissioners in the latest changes to the draft maps, and you must undo these changes and stop overly deferring to him in order for the IRC to regain its independence. Mehl's directed changes have particularly skewed the LD maps and created multiple imbalances in both population and competitiveness. Commissioner Mehl has had too much authority over the latest test map changes, which have incorporated the desires of his pet interest group SALC and his false assertion that Marana and Oro Valley must be kept together as a "community of interest" (they are no more a community of interest than any other neighborhood or suburb of Tucson is with each other). These changes have completely altered the southern Arizona region in ways contrary to the IRC's purposes, by 1) cracking Tucson into multiple districts that dilutes voting power, as well as 2) packing population into the Democratic-leaning districts while allowing the Republican-leaning LD17 to be thousands of people under the average district population, further diluting voting power of midtown Tucson. As a Tucsonian who grew up in the Catalina Foothills area, I do not appreciate the way Tucson's voting power has been minimized. The maps that existed before these changes were made were less offensive to the IRC's criteria (for example, test maps 4.1 or 6.1). Please consider reverting to these versions which are less unbalanced than later versions.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the IRC is required to follow the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. This is the only criterion that is non-negotiable, as every other criterion is to be followed "to the extent practicable." Yet the IRC has so far given short shrift to the input of the important VRA constituencies engaging in the mapping process. The IRC has not considered the maps submitted by the Latino Coalition or the Navajo Nation. And the IRC appears to have ignored the Latino Coalition's recommendation of creating an additional minority-majority district, despite the fact that Arizona's growth in the last decade has been driven by minority populations, especially the Latino population. The RC must give appropriate consideration to these suggestions, especially when interest groups like the SALC have already had significant sway in the mapping process. Please incorporate the suggestions of the VRA constituencies when you meet on Tuesday.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:42 | Linda Peet Dugan  | Maps                                 | <p>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p>  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 05:43 | Marilyn Mesa     | Redistricting   | <p>Please keep uptown and midtown together. Please keep south Phoenix and central PhD together.</p> <p>Do not group them together that is misrepresenting the peoples interest. That's not serving the public good.</p> <p>Whole communities will lack representation.</p> <p>There will certainly be problems if this is attempted.</p> <p>Please do the right thing and keep the representation accurate.</p> <p>Thank you for your help</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:43 | Linda Peet Dugan | Map   | I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. (Add your thoughts on how your part of Tucson is divided)   |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:45 | Linda Peet Dugan | Maps  | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be  |
| 10/25/2021 - 05:59 | Harold Shell     | Re-districting  | I have lived in (Carefree, Cave Creek, etc.) for 24 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. My current legislative district, LD1, is projected to have a 26.5% disparity favoring Republicans. This does not meet the intent of Prop 106 and continues the non-competitiveness of our area. I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and and to draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 06:36 | Lora Nastase     | Fair Representation for all Arizonans                     | Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 06:55 | Nancy Wexler     | Greater Tucson COI  | Why is Oro Valley being considered as a COI with Marana when its economic and social connections to Tucson, the Foothills, and Casas Adobes are greater?  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:00 | Nancy Wexler     | Navajo Nation and Latino Coalition map submissions        | The Navajo Nation and Latino Coalition submitted serious maps for consideration that maintain the influences of these voices so critical to Arizona. Why are these not accepted for consideration? By not doing so, the Commission does not appear to uphold the VRA voting power influence of these communities  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:11 | Rita Day         | Include Verde Valley with Flagstaff in Redistricting maps | <p>I am deeply concerned that several Commissioners are stating that "the Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be connected with either Prescott or Flagstaff." Being divided between these two connection is an inaccurate description. Instead it should be made clear that the majority of residents of Verde Valley and the residents of Prescott are clear in their desire that Verde Valley should be included with Flagstaff and NOT Prescott. Those saying they want Verde Valley included with Prescott rather than Flagstaff and a very small minority.</p> <p>I was quite clear at the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July that the "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is know LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20 or more people who spoke, only 1 preferred to be included with Prescott. So commissioner's comments that Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be connected with either Flagstaff or Prescott, is a huge distortion of the fact that the vast majority, 85% of more, of those speaking at the community of interest hearings clearly preferred Verde Valley to be included with Flagstaff.</p> <p>These are some of the reasons that Verde Valley, Cottonwood &amp; Sedona should NOT be connected with Prescott, but included with Flagstaff:</p> <p>They are separated geographically, economically, agriculturally, and socially by the virtue of the Mingus Mountains.</p> <p>There is a separate county administration building in Cottonwood where the County Supervisor from that area, District 3, has her office.</p> <p>The YC Sheriff's Office has an eastern Yavapai County command(Cornville, Lake Montezuma, Oak Creek, Rim Rock, Beaver Creek, Verde Village and the Village of Oak Creek), with stations in Camp Verde and the Village of Oak Creek.</p> <p>There is a separate detention center in Camp Verde.</p> <p>They also have their own school districts, newspaper, radio station, etc.</p> <p>So please listen to the majority if 85% or more who spoke at the Community of Interest Hearings and the many comments made on the IRC website supporting the fact that the majority want Verde Valley, Cottonwood and Sedona included with Flagstaff and NOT Prescott.</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Rita Day</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:21 | Barbara Bloom    | redistricting   | How can democracy be maintained if redistricting fails to consider the proposal from the Navajo Nation? And how can Tucson be so disjointed? Corruption reeks from the current maps.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:31 | Ron Hooper       | RE districting and respecting Communities of Interest     | The Az constitution is clear on the 6 criteria, respect cohesive Communities of interest and not some political unconstitutional objective.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 07:32 | TAMAR RALA KREISWIRTH | Mapping   | I live in the Oracle-Ina Rd area of Tucson. Thank you for taking my comment. When I think of redistricting, I think of the process in scientific terms like: variables, controls, hypothesis, independence – as in when one factor doesn't influence another. And as in any science experiment, it takes a few go-arounds before coming to a conclusion. So, we all know that there will be stumbles along the way to a fair map. It helps to have a starting point, right? There are experts in the field of redistricting that provide guidelines and standards to follow. Because this process can be so easily manipulated – history proves that gerrymandering is contrary to the goals of fair maps but, is done all the time; It is imperative that the AZ RC incorporate the standards consistently and I am currently unsure if that is happening right now. There is a vocal group that have made their opinions clear to the IRC – people who, in my opinion, harbor resentments that our country is not monolithic society in skin color, race, creed, religion. The concept of 'separating' yourself from the rest of the community breeds mistrust and hate and not only is harmful in the redistricting process but, does damage to our society as a whole in perpetuity – and we don't want Arizona to add to this division in our country. At the same time, we are asked to provide you "communities of interest". For example: Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson than Marana but, as of yesterday, there appeared to be more weight given the SAZ Leadership council founded by Commissioner Mehl. What about the Latino Coalition or the Navajo Nation? Please, please apply consistent measures to this process so that no one can question whether the results are fair or not. |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:35 | Deborah Simkin        | Redistricting                                     | It appears the proposed redistricting maps are attempting to appease a particular group instead of approaching this function in a logical manner. There is no reason that greater Tucson needs to be broken into such illogical groupings. Find a successful approach - like Phoenix and apply the same standards. I feel like I'm back in TX - the king of gerrymandering - where Austin was broken into little pieces with the obvious intent of allowing liberal voters no voice. Do better!  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:44 | Lisa Follett          | Redistricting                                     | Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these communities in the same legislative district over keeping Tucson districts contiguous and compact violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. Marana needs to be its own district.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:46 | Martha Loretta Sowers | Legislative Maps                                  | Legislative districts must adhere to the Voting Rights Act to assure Native Americans and Latinos, marginalized communities, are fairly represented. Special Interest groups, i.e. Southern Arizona Leadership Counsel, must not hold sway. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:47 | Bradley L Sowers      | Legislative Maps                                  | As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote. Powerful special interest groups, SZLC, should not define legislative districts over fair representation of citizens.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:50 | Ann Strine            | Last Minute Map                                   | The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process. This is supposed to be an independent commission and this blatant consideration of a map with obvious political/business pressures does not harken to the stated objectives of this commission. The resulting map is quite ridiculous, and certainly out of step with the previous map and that for Maricopa. Please revert to an earlier version and not pander to the biased interests of those submitting this map.<br><br>Thank you.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:52 | Zachary Jarrett       | LD Test Map v8 0 is Bad for Tucson                | I have reviewed LD Test Map v 8.0 and do not like the way midtown Tucson is fragmented. This map would put my neighbors in a district extending all the way South to Mexico. The people who live in southern rural Arizona are not my community of interest. Midtown Tucson is my community of interest and we deserve representation that reflects that.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:54 | Zachary Jarrett       | Concerns about SLAC's map                         | I am concerned about the late inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed districts. We do not know how those districts were drawn and there has been no chance until just now for the public to see or weigh in on them. Adopting a special interest group's districts goes against the idea of an independent redistricting commission.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:56 | Marjorie Pellegrino   | Tucson  | It's troubling that you've adopted a map submitted by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) at the end of the process -- when we have little time to review and understand the implications. The integrity of this process is suspect.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:56 | Jim Meade             | Redistricting                                     | Please do not split the City of Sedona into 2 separate legislative districts. We are one city and deserve the right to equal representation. We also deserve to be kept with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as one district along with the tribal nations as Northern Arizonans we have much the same interests. Don't seek a solution for a problem that does not exist.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:56 | Jim Meade             | Redistricting                                     | Please do not split the City of Sedona into 2 separate legislative districts. We are one city and deserve the right to equal representation. We also deserve to be kept with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as one district along with the tribal nations as Northern Arizonans we have much the same interests. Don't seek a solution for a problem that does not exist.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:57 | Zachary Jarrett       | Native and Latino communities should be protected | Native and Latino and other under-represented communities should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. The RC should seriously consider proposals from those communities. Democracy depends on all of us being heard and represented, and throwing out legislative district submissions from the Navajo Nation and the Latino Coalition runs counter to the very idea of an Independent Redistricting Commission.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 07:57 | Linda AA Chiles       | MAPPING   | It makes no sense for Verde Valley and Sedona to be in the same district. Not only because of their economics (Sedona people having much more income than Verde Valley people) and agriculturally (tourists vs. farming) but also because of the geographic separation (Mingus Mountains). These 2 need to be in separate districts for competitiveness. Competitiveness is every bit as important as every other component of the requirements. BOTH parties need to have as equal a possibility of election as possible.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:03 | Susannah Rutt         | CD1 Proposal disagreement                         | Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown Central and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents our needs.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 08:03 | Eric Day   | Verde Valley should be included with Flagstaff | <p>Commissioners,<br/>At the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July, the "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. Cottonwood, Verde Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff should be separate from the rest of Yavapai County for the following reasons:</p> <p>They are separated geographically, economically, agriculturally, and socially by the virtue of the Mingus Mountains. There is even a separate county administration building in Cottonwood where the County Supervisor from that area, District 3, has her office. They also have their own newspaper, radio station, etc. They also have their own separate Hospital and Healthcare systems.</p> <p>There are 2 separate Communities of Interest (COI): Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff versus Prescott Quad City Area. These 2 COI are distinct from each other and should NOT be included as one!!!</p> <p>Please listen to the residents of these areas who want these 2 COI to be separated from each other. Let me remind you again of what was said at the the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July. The "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. So please listen to what citizens living in these areas are saying!</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Eric Day</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:04 | jo kontzer | mapping  | <p>"Please keep the City of Sedona intact and joined with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:05 | RitaDay    | Verde Valley should be included with Flagstaff | <p>Commissioners,<br/>At the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July, the "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. Cottonwood, Verde Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff should be separate from the rest of Yavapai County for the following reasons:</p> <p>They are separated geographically, economically, agriculturally, and socially by the virtue of the Mingus Mountains. There is even a separate county administration building in Cottonwood where the County Supervisor from that area, District 3, has her office. They also have their own newspaper, radio station, etc. They also have their own separate Hospital and Healthcare systems.</p> <p>There are 2 separate Communities of Interest (COI): Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff versus Prescott Quad City Area. These 2 COI are distinct from each other and should NOT be included as one!!!</p> <p>Please listen to the residents of these areas who want these 2 COI to be separated from each other. Let me remind you again of what was said at the the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July. The "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. So please listen to what citizens living in these areas are saying!</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Rita Day</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:07 | Eric Day   | Include Verde Valley with Sedona               | <p>At the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July, the "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. Cottonwood, Verde Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff should be separate from the rest of Yavapai County for the following reasons:</p> <p>They are separated geographically, economically, agriculturally, and socially by the virtue of the Mingus Mountains. There is even a separate county administration building in Cottonwood where the County Supervisor from that area, District 3, has her office. They also have their own newspaper, radio station, etc. They also have their own separate Hospital and Healthcare systems.</p> <p>There are 2 separate Communities of Interest (COI): Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff versus Prescott Quad City Area. These 2 COI are distinct from each other and should NOT be included as one!!!</p> <p>Please listen to the residents of these areas who want these 2 COI to be separated from each other. Let me remind you again of what was said at the the Prescott and Sedona Community of Interest Hearing in July. The "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the Verde Valley/Sedona area being part of what is now LD6, remaining with Flagstaff. In Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. So please listen to what citizens living in these areas are saying!</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Eric Day</p>                    |

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| 10/25/2021 - 08:14 | Kathleen Dubbs          | Draft maps  | Fair elections are the beating heart of our democracy. I have always been proud that Arizona supports this ideal through the IRC. With some of the new draft maps, however, I am afraid this ideal has been discarded in favor of special interests. What has happened to the contiguous, compact districts which adhere to the spirit and the substance of the Voting Rights Act? Please rethink the LDs in Pima County (where I reside), and consider the proposals in the north made by the Navajo Nation. The more I read about the IRC, the harder your job seems, but I implore you to do all you can to comply with the wishes of Arizonans who voted for the IRC and who trust you to do the right thing.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:33 | Neil Norton             | Redistricting   | What is with the proposed map 8.0? LD17 is not even close to a fair and balanced district. If your plan is for gerrymandering a district for one party over another you have succeeded. Oro Valley is not a rural area, it is urban and has very close ties to Tucson. Why would you put it in a district that has 2 mountain ranges separating the voters. We should be included with Tucson since we are tied to Tucson culturally, economically and socially. We eat there, go there for theater, shopping and education (through the U of A). We go to the Museums and take part in the arts programs. I am not sure how you came up with this district but I am thinking someone on the committee either has political or economic reasons for making this district the way it is being proposed. The committee was established by the voters to come up with nonpartisan districts and I hope that will be the final outcome, not some gerrymandered district that is 100% supportive of one party over the other. Neil Norton, Oro Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:36 | Steven R Marks          | Tanque Verde  | I live in Tanque Verde and have next to no affiliation to Marana and Oro Valley-- I work in an agency that is in Tucson, I shop in Tucson. My relative that I care for is in Tucson-- PLEASE I need to be in a district with TUCSON not Marana--- I like Marana and Oro valley but they are not my area Tucson is my area--- my home. Thank you   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:43 | Mary Ellen Denomy       | Redistricting   | I would like to suggest that the Picture Rocks area be included with areas that are closer in proximity. Those of us living here would like to consolidate any future leadership with closer geographic areas. It makes it incredibly difficult to reach out to leadership when they are located at such a distance.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:49 | Maria Lynam             | Maps displayed during IRC meetings.                     | Please ask Timmons to turn on the geography layer when maps are viewed by the public. t would be most helpful. Thank you.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 08:56 | Bill Lynam              | 10/26 RC Agenda discussion item.                        | The SALC map violates several of the RC/s Constitutional requirements: consideration of real Community of Interests (COIs), compactness, geography, and weakening of the Voting Rights Act. This special interest map was brought to the top of the heap while others, representing significant COIs (Latino, Navajo), were dismissed outright without much discussion. Commissioner Mehl is bulldozing his agenda through. The Chair and Vice Chair should take a stronger stance against his continual partisan agenda. He might be able to represent the area in which he lives, but his efforts impact the rest of the state.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:03 | Maria Guadalupe Hidalgo | Oct 25, 2021: Public Comments about Outrageous SALC Map | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's (SALC) proposed legislative districts.<br>oThose districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. ol concur with Commissioner Lerner's question: Did SALC consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question which must be addressed.<br>•The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization (SALC) with personal ties to Commissioner Mehl is profoundly disturbing and creates real concerns about the integrity of a process which is supposed to be fair and competitive.<br>•Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these 2 communities in the same legislative district over keeping Tucson districts contiguous and compact violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. This is a gerrymandering in the interest of white communities over the interests of communities of color.<br>•I live in the Catalina Foothills and the SALC map would pull me into the communities of Oro Valley and Marana. I have nothing in common with these predominately white suburban communities. The Catalina Foothills has more diversity than Oro Valley and Marana combined.<br>•The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color must be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty. |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:08 | Bryna Koch              | Comments on Current Maps 10/25                          | Good morning,<br><br>I am a voter in Tucson, Arizona. I echo Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) Districts. How did SALC create these districts? What factors did they include in their creation of these districts? Who did SALC hire to draw these districts? Were communities of interest, particularly related to the VRA included in the drawing of these districts? I am very concerned these SALC submitted these districts just last week, and they have been included, possibly to the detriment of Latino communities protected by the VRA.<br><br>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.<br><br>I encourage you to consider these concerns, particularly the potential negative impact in diluting the voting rights of Latino communities in Pima county.<br><br>I also encourage the commission to consider transparency as a value in the RC process and a value of our democracy. Accepting a late map with minimal discussion from a single focus interest group lacks transparency and perhaps worse, indicates a level of favoritism not extended to other groups and communities.<br><br>Thank you,<br><br>Bryna  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:09 | Alison H Jones          | Dist 18   | The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the LAST MINUTE by SALC, which has with personal ties to one of the commissioners (MEHL) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process. Cronyism should not be tolerated.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:10 | Alison H Jones          | Marana and Oro Valley                                   | Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these communities in the same legislative district over keeping Tucson districts contiguous and compact violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 09:10 | Marjorie J Shavlik      | Congressional and Legislative Districts for Anthem, AZ - Oct 25, 2021 | <p>My name is Marjorie Shavlik. I have been an Arizona voter since 2016. I live in Anthem, a suburb of Phoenix, which is five miles north of the Carefree Highway, five 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>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1<br/>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D28<br/>Thank you for removing Anthem from Yavapai County. However, Anthem should not be in a district with Wickenburg, Wittman, and rural Arizona. Also, the map as drawn, is not competitive because of its east/west design and does not support my community of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Anthem is in a community of interest with the areas up and down I-17 north from New River to north Loop 101, east and west of the freeway. We are a bedroom community to Phoenix and should be in a district with other nearby suburbs.</li> <li>•We shop, dine, and send our kids to school in neighboring communities along I-17. These areas should be kept together in one district.</li> </ul> <p>There is no reason to create a district that spans from I-17 to Wickenburg when there are more common-sense options available. I ask that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Respect the boundaries of precincts and the DVUSD school district.</li> <li>•Move D28 district boundaries south rather than west or east.</li> <li>•To keep elections more politically competitive, D28 should go down I-17 to or beyond the northern Loop 101.</li> <li>•The area of Carefree Hwy and I-17 should be kept in a district with Anthem to the north and the Norterra area to the south as it is a cohesive community of interest with similar priorities and growth.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for the work you have undertaken to realign Arizona congressional and legislative districts.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:11 | Valerie Policastro Edie | maps  | <p>The adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with PERSONAL TIES to one of the commissioners is deeply troubling and creates real concerns about the integrity of the process.</p> <p>Also, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these communities in the same legislative district OVER keeping Tucson districts contiguous and compact violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. This is clearly GERRYMANDERING- STOP IT!!!</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:11 | Alison H Jones          | SALC maps   | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>Please answer Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:16 | Judith Reisman          | redistricting- keep OV in Pima!                                       | <p>How could map version 8.0 have been proposed? It joins some Pima County cities with Pinal County in one district, chopped up parts of Tucson into others. This map creates extreme obstacles to voter outreach, boundary issues, and adequate representation of "communities of interest." This seems like gerrymandering at its boldest, not the opposite. Please reconsider what you are doing!</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:16 | Sheri L Schlozman       | Please DO NOT SPLIT SEDONA  | <p>Dear Commissioners, I am writing once again because this is such an URGENT MATTER to our area. Based on the current mapping you would be splitting the city of Sedona into two separate legislative districts. This is WRONG. It is true that our city is split over two counties, Yavapai and Coconino. That happened because the city was incorporated in the late '80s, but founded in 1902. It has a long history as a unified area. In fact, the entire Verde Valley should be part of one area. Cottonwood and Sedona in particular share housing, employment, shopping and medical care. We have a unified medical system that also includes transit. All of us travel between the cities for shopping, housing and work and we share similar needs. We should be one voting district. But PLEASE, to split the city of Sedona into two districts is LUDICROUS. Please reconsider and draw an appropriate map for our area. Thank you.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:20 | Brandon LaBorde         | Redistricting   | <p>Hello,<br/>Please keep Uptown Phoenix, an urban area, with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix, other urban areas, for similarly interested representation. Do not include Uptown with any suburban areas.</p> <p>Thank you,<br/>Brandon</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:29 | Mary Keerins            | LD17 proposed   | <p>As proposed LD17 does not meet several of the Prop 106 rules. It is not compact. It lumps different communities of interest together which is bad for all. The Foothills and Oro Valley do not belong with Marana, Vail, and small rural towns. The proposed district crosses county lines and barriers such as I-10. And importantly it is not competitive according to the IRCs own definition. The current LD in this area is competitive. Replacing it with a Non-Competitive district goes against all the tenants of the RC process.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:30 | LeslieAnn Williams      | Gerrymandering, redistricting, SALC                                   | <p>Please vote against this. This is not the intention of a democracy to keep one party in power. In fact, get rid of the electoral college. With current technology everyone qualified can vote directly for President, so s/he can be popularly elected.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:30 | Barbara Erickson        | Map 8 and LD17  | <p>As proposed LD17 does not meet several of the Prop 106 rules. It is not compact. It lumps different communities of interest together which is bad for all. The Foothills and Oro Valley do not belong with Marana, Vail, and small rural towns. The proposed district crosses county lines and barriers such as I-10. And importantly it is not competitive according to the IRCs own definition. The current LD in this area is competitive. Replacing it with a Non-Competitive district goes against all the tenants of the RC process.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:32 | Algurie Wilson          | Draft Map 8.0   | <p>The map does not reflect the best for citizens of my community. Marana &amp; Oro Valley should be in a Pima County district. Our district could also include Casa Adobes and the Cataline Foothills since we share communities of interest. It doesn't make sense to merge us with Pinal County, Mt Lemmon and Reddington since we have very little common interests and it would create a huge hardship to get things done for our community. I feel very strongly that draft map 8.0 should not be adopted.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:33 | William Hoover          | Tucson area   | <p>The current LD9 in this area is competitive. Replacing it with a Non-Competitive district LD17 goes against all the tenants of the RC process. Reject Commissioner Mehl's pressure and listen to Tucson area residents.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:42 | Ronni Robles            | 8.0 draft redistricting map   | <p>Picture Rocks and Flowing Wells should be in a Pima County district, not in a sprawling Pinal County district<br/>Pinal County communities should not be combined with Pima County communities.</p> <p>People in these widely scattered areas are most likely to have different issues that they would like addressed and need different people representing these interests.</p>   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 09:47 | Rosella Baroni     | District division                            | "Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please keep the Sedona area together  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:47 | Francesca Pardes   | Opposition to LD Test Map v.8                | In Nov. 2000, Prop. 106, a citizen's initiative, passed by a 12% margin amending the AZ Constitution to create the IRC. The IRC's task is to oversee the mapping of Fair and Competitive Districts in a "grid-like pattern".<br>State LDs shall ( to the extent practicable) : be "equal in population", be "geographically compact and contiguous", have " boundaries" that "respect communities of interest", and have "lines" that "use visible geographic features, city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts." The Current LD 10 map does just that; it complies with the AZ Constitution. The LD Test Map v 8 has LD 10 Replaced with LD 21. LD 21 is NOT "Geographically Compact and Contiguous" at all; it stretches from Central Tucson South to the Mexican Border, then West to Sasabe and East to Elgin. This ridiculously shaped district is appalling! It is the very definition of "gerrymandering"; This is the very reason why AZ citizens definitively passed Prop.106, so that AZ would NOT allow such redistricting to occur. "LD 21's boundaries do NOT Respect "Communities of Interest" in any way, shape, or form!. Central Tucson is nothing like the much smaller towns in the the large expanse of Southern Arizona. LD 21 does NOT" follow visible geographic features, city, town, or county boundaries". The LD 21 map is unacceptable, and needs to be redrawn! I suggest keeping LD 10 just as it is now; it meets all of the criteria set forth by the AZ Constitution, and it truly represents our neighborhoods and the community at large.<br>The LDs in Southern Arizona are vastly different from those in the Phoenix region which are " Geographically Compact and Contiguous. The LD maps that were submitted late Wednesday (10/20) by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC), a civic and advocacy group founded by Commissioner Mehl should not be considered. The SALC does not represent a "Community of Interest"; it represents a special interest group. The adoption of maps submitted by an organization (SALC) with personal ties to one of the Commissioners is troublesome and raises concerns about the independence, fairness and the integrity of the redistricting process. |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:47 | Jeff Anderson      | Proposed Tucson Redistricting                | I am extremely concerned about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts, submitted late Wednesday with no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. Where did this idea, including a classic gerrymandered district—a tortured shape stretching from the far north to the far south of the area—come from? Were the affected communities consulted in any serious way? The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is highly suspicious and creates legitimate doubt about the integrity of the process.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:49 | Jeffrey Cinnamond  | IRC succumbing to business interests         | The latest version of the LD map for the Southern Arizona area looks like the textbook definition of gerrymandering. Districts are neither compact nor contiguous,. I do not think that a business organization - SALC - is a true community of interest and even it is, why do business and partisan recommendations carry more weight than the residents of the area or other COIs such as the Navajo Nation or Latino Coalition? The process should be fair and accessible to all - preference should not be given to the pals of one commissioner who appears not to be interested in FAIR and COMPETITIVE districts.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:52 | Mary Clark         | Redistricting of Anthem legislative district | I have lived in Anthem for over 20 years and recently became politically active. I have become aware of how uncompetitive my legislative district was when combined with Yavapai county. Thank you for changing that combination. But I would hope that the result of change would be to align Anthem with Phoenix or close neighboring areas. Please don't align us with areas that are distant from us. The whole I - 17 corridor is filling in rapidly, so please keep us all together. Thank you for your work.<br>Mary Clark  |
| 10/25/2021 - 09:57 | Leah DeLong        | REDISTRICTING                                | Who are you talking to in the redistricting? I See all this data and hear all these conversations through various sources, but I have never been surveyed and I do not know anyone who has been surveyed.<br><br>I also found that there is profit for people as much as \$800 for auto dialing or some sort of canvassing activity???<br><br>Maricopa is a disaster and not well distracted.<br><br>I question your sourcing in surveys for redistricting.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:12 | Kimberly Martin    | IRC 15/15 vs. 6 criteria                     | Dear Commissioners:<br>I agree with the independent Chair, the 6 criteria should determine the districts. Ms. Lerner needs to review them, and keep her politics at home if she wishes to be a part of the INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:14 | Nancy Musgrave     | Draft map 8.0                                | Do not put Picture Rocks in with Pinal County! You have this in your latest map, 8.0, showing a new LD16. This makes no sense. We are far away from those towns in Pinal County and have nothing in common with them except that we're all in Arizona. We don't share churches, shopping areas, school systems or anything else and never will. There's no common community of interest. We in Picture Rocks need to be in a Pima County-only district. Pima and Pinal counties don't belong together. Putting Picture Rocks in with those towns in Pinal County also means this proposed new district, LD16, will not be competitive. This map 8.0 is unacceptable. That is unfair and does not comply with the mandate to have competitive districts.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:14 | Jean Meconi        | LD draft map 8 0                             | Throw out LD draft map 8.0 version. I live in Oro Valley, AZ and I am alarmed that you would even consider placing Oro Valley in an LD that ignores mountain ranges and county boundaries, mixes dense urban with distant rural areas and dismisses Oro Valley's greater community of interest, Casas Adobes and great Tucson. LD draft map version 8 0 is untenable. Throw it out!  |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:16 | Ann Rae Heitland   | Competitive Data Analysis for Test LD 8.0    | The statewide summary at the bottom on the spreadsheet for the Competitive Data Analysis for Test LD 8.0 seems to be out of wack. It says 5 Dem wins and 4 GOP wins, but there are 30 Legislative Districts.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:19 | Mike Weingarten    | Public Comments                              | I am really concerned about the lack of independence of the IRC's processes, when a special interest group's map is fast-tracked, first to be accepted as an official draft map, and then, when it becomes apparent that a legal line has been crossed, its key elements are instead incorporated into a different official draft map. Given that that special interest group is linked to one of the commissioners, this feels highly, highly inappropriate. And all of this after valid maps representing legitimate interests of the Hispanic and Native American communities were so easily discounted and rejected. That sort of action calls into question the commissioners' motivation, it undermines the public's confidence in what the commission is doing, and thus does our State a great disservice.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:20 | Rachelle Splechter | Districts                                    | I urge you to draw districts that represent the community's interests. Please do not redraw Uptown Phoenix into suburban district 1. Keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so that the interests and needs of these communities will be best represented.<br>Thank you.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 10:21 | Kimberly Ann August  | Legislative District Map Revisions | <p>I would like to express my dismay and shock over the way the district map revision meetings seem to be headed. It appears that some groups' map suggestions weigh more heavily and carry more weight than others which I find to be fundamentally unfair and biased.</p> <p>Please take action to include the input from the indigenous and Latino communities rather than just the business community -- something that certainly does not appear to be happening currently. Tucson should not be fragmented in the manner currently being proposed, nor should legislative districts be drawn to tortuously snake around the Tucson valley to pull in neighborhoods with the intent to form a voting block favorable to one party or another. Apply the Golden Rule and do unto others as you would have them do unto you. I am sick to death of the gerrymandering and scheming, and my votes, my dollars, and my actions will be so reflective of attempts to unbalance the scales. I am very displeased with the leadership of the Commission in its apparent favoritism of the proposals by Mr. Mehl. Where is your backbone and your ethics?</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:22 | Kristi Johnston      | Respecting communities of interest | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I am quite concerned that Shereen Lerner is NOT respecting communities of interest. She does not acknowledge the existence of extreme communities of interest remaining blue. It seems she is focusing on dividing the communities of interest that are not her political preference in order to help her political goals. Protect our communities of interest! Respect our constitution. Thank you.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:27 | Gail Kamaras         | Map 8 Tucson area                  | <p>The latest map with its dragon-like district is the very definition of gerrymandering. Putting together Oro Valley and Maraña, separated by a mountain range and splitting Tucson into five districts is a clear violation of the AZ Constitution and the law.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:37 | Dorothy V Montgomery | Map LD 8.0 LD17                    | <p>While LD17 in now includes all of Oro Valley and Marana to the west which are both suburbs of the City of Tucson, the map still does not include all of its community of interest. Missing are the unincorporated areas to the south and between Marana and Oro Valley which contain churches, a hospital and other medical facilities, and shopping. The proposed boundaries should be</p> <p>North --- Pima County Line,<br/> West--Marana City Limits,<br/> South -- Rillito River<br/> East -- bThe west boundary of Coronado National Forest from the Pima County line to the southeast corner of Oro Valley and then the 1st Avenue alignment to the Rillito River.</p> <p>The rest of the proposed LD17 are rural and/or not contiguous by road and should be distributed to other districts.</p> <p>It is suggested that the population proposed to be removed from LD 18 be added to it toward the east and north. The Catalina Mountains should be in that district. While on paper it may have seemed logical to put those mountains to the east of Oro Valley in LD 17, the reality is different. The western side of the Catalinas are mainly sheer cliffs, and the only road access to the Village of Summerhaven and other activities (ski area, TV, radio, and communication antennas and observatories of the University of Arizona) at the top of the mountains starts near the southeast corner of this mountain range. Therefore, it should be added to an expanded LD 18.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:56 | Gisela Aaron         | NO Gerrymandering AZ to flip BLUE! | <p>Greetings, In case you forgot, the Arizona Redistricting Commions stated goals are six criteria, not flipping Arizona BLUE, Shereen Lerner! When you all make decisions, remember these:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Equal population</li> <li>2.Compactness and contiguousness</li> <li>3.Compliance w/Constitution&amp; Voting Rights Act</li> <li>4.Respect for communities of interest</li> <li>5.Incorporation of visible geographic features</li> <li>6.COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS</li> </ol> <p>where there is no significant detriment to other goals.</p> <p>None of them is to make it more EQUAL between Democrats and Republicans! She is using this forum to do that! She needs to get OFF this commission! Stick to the criterias! Thank you!</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 10:56 | Jacqueline Gilliem   | Draft Map 8.0 Version              | <p>* I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8 0 version.</p> <p>* Draft map LD 8 0 ignores natural boundaries by including two mountain ranges in LD17. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible.</p> <p>* Draft map LD 8 0 ignores county boundaries by including a large chunk of distant places in Pinal County with distant places in Pima County.</p> <p>*Draft map LD 8.0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Tucson is our hub.</p> <p>* Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse.</p> <p>* LD maps should be competitive and representative. This version is neither. Six Democratic districts are packed (&gt;99% win chance) while only one Republican district is comparably packed according to Planscore.</p> <p>* According to Planscore, a Democratic candidate would only have a 32% chance of winning a seat in LD 17 in draft map LD 8.0.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 01 | Christy McCoy        | LD redistricting                   | <p>I am increasingly concerned that the IRC is not conducting itself as an independent body. A truly independent commission would not just accept and implement a map provided by a special interest group, particularly when this map is being pushed by only party. Please demonstrate to us that you are truly independent.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 04 | Judy E Dolloff       | Redistricting                      | <p>Please keep Sedona intact in the LD and not break it up and divide it by county lines. We are one community, even though we span two counties. We need to be able to vote as a community in our interests. The community is much more closely aligned with the Verde Valley, not Prescott. We have many of the same issues in common such as transportation, business interests, tourism, short term rentals, health care, water issues. I have understood that one of the hallmarks of re-districting is to keep intact communities, intact. Please keep this in mind as you are working on drawing new maps. The people's interests should be the priority as you make decisions.</p>  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 11:10 | Carolyn Byrne          | Redistricting                              | <p>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1</p> <p>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3</p> <p>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 20 | Lisa M Renfree         | Redistricting of Scottsdale                | <p>I do not agree with the proposed plan.<br/>I live in Scottsdale and want to see it kept as it's own unique entity.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 22 | Keala Carpenter        | Redistricting Plans                        | <p>Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 25 | LA Soloff              | Eliminate SALC proposed map ver. 8         | <p>The adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by a Republican organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 33 | Alan Nichols           | LD8.0 Leave comment form                   | <p>Please note than when I pull up the comment form from the draft map 8.0 the map number is auto filled with "7 0." I hope that "Glitch" is not intentional. I hope that you will correct this today as we are making comments on LD8.0 map. Please research all comments made for LD7 0 map are forward all comments concerning 8 0 into the area of discussion into 8 0 comments. Thanks you. AAlan Nichols</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 37 | Ernest Carl Strauch Jr | Verde Valley Together with Flagstaff       | <p>Chairman Neuberg and Committee members,</p> <p>I am Ernie Strauch, 23-year resident of the Coconino County portion of Sedona. I have been President of Keep Sedona Beautiful, Inc. and Vice-Mayor of the City of Sedona. I am actively involved in the redistricting process, and was an applicant to serve on the RC as a Democrat.</p> <p>I am personally shocked that I have heard several Commission Members state that "the Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be either connected with Prescott or Flagstaff". This statement is significantly NCORRECT. I have attended both the Prescott listening session and the Flagstaff satellite listening session. In the former, the "split" was approximately 85% in favor of the connection to Flagstaff. At Flagstaff, of the 20+ people who spoke, only 1 was in favor of a connection to Prescott. Further, no one at either meeting believed that 35% of our residents should continue to vote in Coconino County, and 65% vote in Yavapai County. We are in the same school district, the same fire district, and obviously the same small 10,000-person city. Please do not continue to split us apart!</p> <p>Please DO NOT continue to characterize the Verde Valley as divided in our interest!</p> <p>A Final Report just released from the recent Verde Valley Town Hall (which I also attended), contained these particular statements:</p> <p>WHAT I WOULD TELL ARIZONA'S ELECTED LEADERS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>The Verde Valley needs to continue to work together including the redistricting process.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/>I will visit with Arizona state legislators (representatives and senators) and Congressman Tom O'Halleran regarding the importance of "Keeping the Verde Valley Together" as well as major themes from Verde Valley Community Town Hall.</p> <p>The 83 attendees at the Verde Valley Town Hall on October 8, 2021 representing a myriad of public and private entities were unanimous in their desire that the Verde Valley Remain Together and the Vastly greater numbers related the Verde Valley to Flagstaff. The list of attendees to confirm my statements is found here:</p> <p><a href="https://aztownhall.org/resources/Documents/113%20Creating%20Vibrant%20Communities/113%20Verde%20Valley%20Community%20Town%20Hall%20Participant%20List.pdf">https://aztownhall.org/resources/Documents/113%20Creating%20Vibrant%20Communities/113%20Verde%20Valley%20Community%20Town%20Hall%20Participant%20List.pdf</a></p> <p>I'm sorry, but if even an 80-20 split is considered "divided", I need to turn in my degree in Political Science from Beloit College, because I know nothing about the concept of democracy or democratic policy making!</p> <p>Thank you for your complex and difficult service - I will remain "tuned-in".</p> <p>Ernie Strauch<br/> </p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 11:40 | Nancy L Cottle         | Senate Split 15/15                         | <p>Good Morning: My understanding is that Commissioner Lerner has stated that her redistricting goal is a 15-15 legislative split along party lines. That is not how our system is intended to work and violates the Arizona constitution. None of the goals set forth in the constitution include drawing maps to favor a political party or enhance a party's voting strength. By being openly partisan in favor of her own political goals vs the constitution, she is undermining the process. I would encourage the Commission to disregard her direction. Thank you.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 55 | Jessy Mendez           | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting | <p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 59 | Joseph Katinas         | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting | <p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 11 59 | Valerie Williams       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting | <p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:00 | David Helgevold        | Map v8 0                                   | <p>Stop making the Commission's work a partisan exercise which it is not supposed to be and accept the guidance of your 2 Democratic members!</p>   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 12:00 | Denice Murphy                      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:00 | Lea Gracer                         | Do not split up Sedona                                | Sedona, where I live is split across two counties. Please keep it as one voting hole. Sedona as a whole deserves a vote as one. Do not split up Sedona.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:08 | Helen (Hannah) and Mike Abrahamson | Redistricting in Sedona                               | Hello. We are writing to ask you not to divide the city of Sedona in the new redistricting plan, and to keep us in the same district, as we are now, with Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. These areas share common interests in natural resources, health care, tourism, and business. It is in the best interest of all that we are kept in one district so that we may strengthen the area economically and environmentally and thus contribute to a strong and vibrant Arizona. Thank you.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:10 | Crystal Bazarnic                   | LD Test Map version 8 0 - Phoenix north I-17 corridor | Hello. I am writing on behalf of my community, which spans down the I-17 including New River, Anthem, Tramoto, Sonoran Foothills, Stetson Hills, Norterra, and Deer Valley. Our community is currently included in D28 with rural northwest Maricopa County out to Wickenburg. Not only do we have nothing in common with those areas, but it creates a 65R/35D split, removing any chance of competition in the district. Additionally, it makes representation and community-building almost impossible when our district is that large. A large district makes sense for rural areas, but there is no reason for Maricopa County districts to cover that much distance. We are all suburbs of Phoenix, and belong with our community of interest down the I-17. To increase competitiveness, the district can be pulled as far south as necessary to get within the 7 point recommended spread. It is very important when measuring competitiveness that we not only try to balance the number of R and D districts, but that we create every district as competitively as possible so that all citizens in that district can have their voices heard. I am asking you to please keep our north Phoenix community together, and to work on ensuring that we are in a competitive district. I appreciate the work you are doing. Thank you. |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:11 | Vivian Perry                       | Community of Interest                                 | I understand that a map put forward by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) has been forward, and championed by Commissioner Mehl, even though it violates consideration of important communities of interest - Latinos and the Navajo and other tribes in Southern Arizona. The SALC map violates compactness, physical geography considerations, and weakens the voting rights of Latinos and tribal groups that live there. A Navajo map was dismissed without adequate discussion. In Central and Northern Arizona 85% of the citizens speaking at open meetings are proponents of uniting the people from the Verde Valley/Sedona area with Flagstaff and the current LD6 area. They are significantly separated from the rest of Yavapai County by the Mingus Mountains, as evidenced by them having a separate County Administration building in Cottonwood, a separated sheriff's command center, and separate detention facilities.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:13 | Patricia Lysengen                  | Redistricting criteria                                | There should be zero tolerance to anything but adhering to the 6 criteria established for redistricting. Please do your job for the People of Arizona.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:20 | Denice Murphy                      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:21 | Mark Stambaugh                     | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:22 | Elizabeth pearcy                   | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from South Tucson.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:23 | Simone Gagnon                      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:24 | Laura Pearl                        | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map        | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:25 | Jane Miller                        | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map        | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:26 | Lorie McClure                      | Voting Districts                                      | This is very important, please listen. There is no need to divide the Sedona, VOC, Verde Valley, Flagstaff communities in one district, we have the same concerns. There is NO reason to make new district lines. Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. Read on for details. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not separate us from the things that make us one community.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:26 | Peter Rios                         | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map        | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:30 | Jerad Wages Morris                 | Redistricting Maps Issues                             | I am asking you to reject the current draft maps for both state legislative and federal congressional districts. With only five of 30 legislative districts being truly competitive and over a dozen being an almost certain win for one party or the other, the map can hardly be considered fair. Congressional districts have a similar disparity in competitiveness. Finally, as a campaign worker the lack of consideration of mountain ranges and reasonable travel routes for some district provide a large burden for both myself and voters who want to meet their representatives.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:30 | Alyssa Lamontagne-Owens            | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting            | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:31 | Susan Morris                       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map        | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:32 | Alexandria Pech                    | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map        | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:33 | Robert Veranes                     | New districting maps                                  | Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. To prioritize keeping these communities in the same legislative district over keeping Tucson districts contiguous and compact violates both common sense and the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. The commission was created to bring a level of independence from party politics. While that is not popular now, it is how we ensure that all citizens are properly represented. It is not clear to me that the recent map, follows those guidelines. Please do your best to provide a level playing field. Let the voters decide!<br><br>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.<br><br>Thanks for listening.<br>Robert Veranes   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 12:36 | Karen Wilkison    | Competitive Districts   | Competitive districts are not only districts to balance the overall legislature but competitive within each district, much as our current districts are. This allows for more responsive legislators within the district and better representation for all voters. Please don't take the easy way out and listen to the loudest, most vocal Commission member but resolve to create competitive districts that represent all of the voters.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:37 | Amber Cordoba     | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:38 | Jocelyn Dustan    | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:38 | Lillian Martinez  | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from South Tucson.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:40 | Mary Whitney      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from South Tucson.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:40 | Matt Peters       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from South Tucson.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:40 | L NDA MIGHDOLL    | Redistricting maps  | I have lived in (Carefree, Cave Creek, etc.) for 10 years and have never been able to elect the candidates of my choice for the state legislature or U.S. Congress. My current legislative district, LD1, has been non-competitive at a 26.5% disparity. I thank the Commission for separating our district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand our community of interest and and to draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:41 | Doug Arnold       | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:42 | Francisca Montoya | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting  | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:46 | Gracia Anderson   | Redistricting should follow the constitutional criteria   | I respectfully request and expect you follow the constitutional criteria when determining redistricting.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:48 | Michael           | Legislation map   | I'm extremely upset at the partisan map proposed and the way it was slipped in. You claim to stand for the democratic process, but it's obvious that you don't, when you blatantly ignore concerns of minorities and citizens in those districts. I suspect this is a done deal, given the overwhelming partisan Republican legislature. One day you'll be called to accounts for you lack of patriotism to the democratic process.<br><br>Sincerely,<br>Mike Dai  |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:51 | Catharine C Volpe | Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts | At last week's meeting it was very apparent that those deciding on how to redistrict the Tucson area as well as the tribal nations admitted to not even being familiar with this area, DON'T "FIX" wasn't broken...<br>The immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.<br>I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. (Add your thoughts on how your part of Tucson is divided)<br>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.<br>The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.                      |
| 10/25/2021 - 12:57 | Michael Garland   | IRC Maps  | I strongly support keeping Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and the surrounding communities intact in one district. As a local business owner, we have businesses in the same small town of Sedona but split across different counties. This causes so many headaches, particularly from a sales tax perspective.<br>It only makes sense to have Sedona's community contained within one county, which would allow us to focus on issues important to us as a community without splitting our city in half. We have many shared issues with both Flagstaff and the Verde Valley and it makes so much more sense to share a county together. Thanks so much!<br>Michael Garland, Sedona, Arizona   |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:14 | John Masden       | Proposed Congressional District 9   | Chairman Neuberg and Commissioners Watchman, Mehl, Lerner and York:<br>I am a member of the Lake Havasu City business community and I respectfully submit these comments today in opposition of the proposed Congressional District 9. While our current congressional district isn't perfect, and includes portions of metropolitan Phoenix and Maricopa County, it primarily encompasses more rural geography. The proposed new district however, highly favors the populated areas of western Maricopa County.<br>The proposed District 9 does include most of Arizona's west coast, which is appropriate; however, it dovetails into the west valley communities including Sun City West, Surprise, Luke Air Force Base, Goodyear and Buckeye, where at least 70 percent of the proposed district's population reside. This is clearly not representative of the 57,000 residents of Lake Havasu City, nor the residents of greater Mohave, La Paz and Yuma Counties. In a district with these demographics, the chances of representation from and for rural communities would be unlikely.<br>Even the IRC's mapping consultant Doug Johnson wonders if it's appropriate, and was quoted saying: "Even though it looks like a rural district it's actually a West Valley seat." (Today's News-Herald, Oct. 22, 2021)<br>All Arizonans matter and all voices should have equal opportunities to be heard. We should not be punished with the potential of under-representation for choosing to live and work in "greater" Arizona. I urge you to reconsider the proposed alignment of Congressional District 9 in an effort that more fairly represents the rural voice of western Arizona. |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:17 | Karen Wilkison    | Compromising Fairness with Expediency   | The DC needs to stop caving to individual more vocal commission members, possibly because it is easier. We will live with the decisions you are making for 10 years. The lines drawn need to encompass diverse populations, if possible, so that representatives elected have had to listen to diverse viewpoints. This way, more underserved populations have a stronger voice.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 13:24 | Henry and Marilyn Atha | Fragmentation of Central Tucson in LD 8 0 map | I share Commissioner Lerner's concern regarding fragmentation of central Tucson in the hurriedly presented and incompletely analyzed LD 8.0 proposed map. We specifically object and reject inclusion of our area of Central Tucson, Reid Park area, in to a District 21 that extends all the way to Mexican border. This placement dilutes our urban Tucson interests by combining our representation with a vast rural area with substantially different geography, economics, problems and interests of rural communities. Do NOT do this to us in Central Tucson. Compare your fragmented South Arizona map to the tighter much more unified districts you propose in the Phoenix community.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:30 | Ivo Ortiz              | Redistricting                                 | Voters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:35 | Karen Wilkison         | Communities of Interest                       | Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" for purposes of the redistricting process. When these two communities are combined into the same legislative district it hinders the possibility of keeping Tucson districts contiguous, competitive and compact. This violates the guidelines of the AZ Constitution.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:45 | Karen Wilkison         | Communities of Interest                       | Proposals from the Navajo Nation, Southern AZ Latino communities and other underserved entities should be considered when making decisions. The Commission has a duty to include input from more than just the most vocal organizations or the organizations with personal ties to one of the commissioners. There should be no real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:47 | Misty Atkins           | maps  | Ld 17 on version 8.0 is neither compact nor competitive. This is obvious. As we have seen throughout this process, it is possible to make Legislative districts both competitive and compact. Greed is the only motivation behind this map. Please stand together to put citizens above private business interests.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 13:51 | Mike Weingarten        | Public Comments                               | I live in the Broadmoor subdivision of Tucson, just south of Broadway, between Tucson Blvd and Country Club Rd. I find it extremely concerning to see how our neighborhood is addressed in the Version 8 LD map. Our neighborhood's "community of interest" is aligned with the other residential neighborhoods on the east side of the City of Tucson. That is where we do our shopping, where we get our medical services, where most of our social contacts are, etc., etc. How did we warrant being on this narrow slice of neighborhoods in Tucson's midtown that have been extracted and joined in with all the rural areas south, all the way to Nogales and the Mexican border? It is almost a perverse joke that the shape of District 21 so resembles the "salamander" on which the term gerrymander was originally based.<br><br>Under this map, I don't believe that our state representatives and senator would be able give our neighborhood's needs the priority and attention that we deserve. And we would be severely handicapped in trying to effectively collaborate with similar neighborhoods around common issues when those neighborhoods are split between 4 different LDs. This design does not meet the needs of midtown residents, and needs to be redrawn.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:05 | Laura Huenneke         | congressional district maps and the VRA       | As a resident of northern Arizona, I am greatly concerned about the nature of CD 2 in V 6.0 and several preceding maps. The northern and eastern portions of our state contain many of our tribal nations, including those with significant interests in federal relations, state and regional water rights, and other areas of economic and political relevance to Arizona. The state would benefit greatly from these tribes being able to elect a candidate of their choice, who would develop expertise in their issues and would serve both them and the state in a well-informed, attentive manner. Yet the proposed congressional district erases any hint of competitiveness or of the ability of these Native Americans to elect a candidate of their choice. I don't see how this proposed district can be interpreted in any way other than the abandonment of a VRA-relevant district. It also moves many, many communities from currently belonging to a VERY competitive district (Representative O'Halleran's) to a decidedly NON-competitive, GOP-dominated district. (I would guess this is from adding Prescott to the Flagstaff - Navajo Nation district.) I understand it may be difficult to find enough population, especially given what is perhaps undercounting on the Navajo Nation by the Census, but this proposed CD 2 would be a terrible - and, it would appear, non-VRA-compliant - solution. Do not forget your obligation to maintain districts in which communities of color are able to elect the candidates of their choice. And, though I am not Native American and have no official tie to the tribal nations, as a resident of this region I too object to being moved from a highly competitive to a grossly non-competitive district. |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:07 | Steven Solomon         | Pima County Redistricting                     | For representation for All of Pima County residents it is critical that there is at least one republican district such as NE Pima County   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:12 | William Rodman         | Redistricting                                 | I urge you to ensure there is a Republican district in the Northeastern part of Pima County in order to be sure both parties are represented in the decisions that affect them   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:13 | Jeremiah Harris        | Constitutional Requirements Only Please       | Hi,<br><br>Shereen Lerner, please stop inserting your own opinions about what optimal redistricting means and follow the law as written in the AZ Constitution. Recommendations for that prioritize competitiveness of the districts over the other criteria is against the written law and is clearly politically motivated. Stop pushing for a personal and political agenda and follow the law.<br><br>Thank you,<br><br>Jeremiah   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:14 | Elinor Brecher         | redistricting                                 | With so much on the line, it is deeply disturbing that the AIRC would call into question its integrity while allowing Commissioner Mehl to push through an agenda that completely contrasts with Prop 106's goal. The Southern Arizona portion of the current LD map, which the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) proposes, is neither compact nor contiguous. This was purposely done to insure that the districts are NOT COMPETITIVE. The map looks like maps of gerrymandered districts. Surely the commission can draw district lines in Southern Arizona that are both compact AND contiguous AND meet Prop. 106's other criteria. Many other submissions do just that. Please, go back, read the input from numerous Pima County residents and the important Latino Caucus. Please do not allow the business interests of a "connected" organization outweigh the interests of all of us in Southern Arizona. Fair districts are good for all of us. What are Republicans afraid of? Please uphold the spirit and the letter of the law of Prop 106. We are counting on you to work for ALL of us.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:16 | Bonnie Davidson        | Redistricting                                 | When you are changing the district boundaries, please create districts that represent communities of interest. Please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation that best represents their needs.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:38 | Richard B Price        | Legislative District                          | I support an additional Republican district in N E Tucson  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 14:39 | Leslie L Hunten | Include the Latino and Navajo maps!                   | Why is the IRC ignoring the maps submitted by the Navajo Nation and the Latino Coalition? Is it outright racism, or a Republican ploy to leave out some Democrat voters? Either way, this runs against the IRC charter. These maps need serious consideration and analysis, just like the others. Your actions are in the spotlight, and we're watching closely. Please fulfill your charter to create fair and competitive maps.<br>Sincerely,<br>Leslie Hunten<br>Tucson, AZ   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:44 | Craig Poynter   | Fairness  | Legislative districts should be fair representations of the voters in the State of Arizona. Adopting any map which has been proposed by any special interest group will undoubtedly result in unfair representation of many groups, especially minority groups that have historically received unfair treatment by the different branches of the government. Please do not approve any plan put forth by SALC or any other special interest group. Please make every effort to ensure that all people receive fair representation. Please choose a plan that is logical and without political bias.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:51 | Leslie L Hunten | Keep redistricting fair!                              | Dear IRC, districts are not supposed to be drawn according to who likes whom, or who shops where. It doesn't matter that Tucson Foothills residents don't want to be lumped with the other residents of our city. The charter of the IRC is to draw FAIR and COMPETITIVE districts, in which Republicans, Democrats and Independents all have an equal chance to be elected. Oro Valley, Marana, the Foothills and Vail are not "communities of interest" for the purposes of the redistricting process. The Tucson area should be kept contiguous and compact, according to your charter. Partisan politics cannot be allowed to dominate this process. Please follow your own rules.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 14:58 | MARGARET CHANEY | redistricting maps                                    | As a Tucson resident for over 20 years, I am surprised by the new map proposals. There is no reason to change what we have or to combined Marana's interest with those of downtown Tucson. The current maps split up communities of color which in turn leave us without a voice for our legislature - surely this is not the intent of the redistricting. Stop the madness, Tucson deserves the same respect that phoenix is being shown. We are a diverse and active community. Please don't take away our rights!   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:00 | Abby Hungwe     | AZ Redistricting Map - Proposed Legislative Districts | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts.<br><br>Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.<br><br>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.<br><br>Furthermore, the wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:05 | Tega Maidoh     | Comments for East Valley Legislative Districts        | D8:<br>I support a district that contains South Scottsdale, North Tempe, the Salt River Reservation and a few surrounding areas in urban Phoenix for this district. It has strong communities of interest with the ASU university area and the Salt River community's connections with the Scottsdale entertainment area. I support submitted map LDF037 for D8 because it is an accurate representation of these communities.<br>D9:<br>I support a district entirely within West Mesa. It provides that community a district that represents their values. It is also a strong community of interest with the Latino population and the growing Asian community in West Mesa. The district is also competitive. I support submitted map LDF036 for this district.<br>D10:<br>I support an East Mesa district that also has communities on the north side of Mesa. It provides representation to the East Mesa community and the Mormon community on the city's north side. The Superstition mountains also provide a natural boundary to such a district. I support submitted map LDF033 for this district.<br>D12:<br>I support a district consisting of South Tempe, West Chandler, and Ahwatukee, that has the Kyrene school district but is cut off from Gilbert, and instead includes the city of Sun Lakes and is drawn in a compact manner stretching east from the Gila River reservation into Chandler. I support the Tempe border of this district pushed north to parts of Baseline and Southern in order to include Friendship Village. This district has the Kyrene school district as a community of interest, and also has retirement communities in the city of Sun Lakes, Ahwatukee, and Friendship Village as a strong community of interest. Residents of this district are also a strong community of interest with the tech companies in the area like Intel which has locations in West Chandler and Ocotillo. The border at Southern is an appropriate border for Tempe because south of Southern avenue is more suburban. This configuration of the district also makes it more competitive. I support submitted map LDF032 for this district.<br>D13:<br>I support a Chandler based district that is centered around the city boundaries of Chandler and for population balancing takes in North West Gilbert. This preserves the eastern majority of the city as a strong community of interest for this district. It also keeps the majority of the Chandler school district in this legislative district. This district is highly competitive with about a 2 point spread between the 2 political parties. I support submitted map LDF034 for this district.<br>D14:<br>I support a district that is entirely within the city of Gilbert for this district. This district should follow the city lines for the boundaries of this district. This gives residents of the city a district that gives them a voice and which accounts for the explosive growth within the city. I support submitted map LDF035 for this district. |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:06 | Margo Newhouse  | Independent Redistricting Commission Maps             | •The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.<br><br>•The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:08 | Leslie L Hunten | No preferential treatment for Commissioner Mehl!      | I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.<br><br>I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed. The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is deeply troubling and creates real or perceived concerns about the integrity of the process.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:13 | Susan DePinto   | redistricting   | Please consider keeping Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central and South Phoenix for representation that best represents the needs of these similar communities. Thank you.  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 15:18 | Katherine O. Bork | AZ Independent Redistricting Commission maps | Dear IRC panel members,<br>I am writing to express my dismay at the way your committee is proceeding in regard to Sedona and its legislative districting. We should be one community, not two; we should be part of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff, not Prescott. Please redraw the maps to keep our community WHOLE. |
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| 10/25/2021 - 15:18 | Jennifer Sue Bond | Reactions to proposed redistricting map for Tucson area | <p>Comments on the A RC Adoption of SALC proposed State Legislative Districts for Tucson<br/> I was born and raised in Tucson Arizona and have returned to take care of my mother in the house I grew up in and have been living here again since 2004. I have the following concerns about the proposed redistricting maps.</p> <p>Last Wednesday afternoon, near the end of its fifth day of mapping deliberations, Commissioner Mehl proposed that the AIRC adopt a proposed map of state legislative districts in Tucson and southern Arizona submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council ("SALC"), a non-profit advocacy group that he founded. This map was actually published on the RC website as map number 6.3 despite the fact that it had no audit trail tying it to the original grid map. The AIRC's lawyers intervened, apparently asking the AIRC to take down map 6.3 from the official website but Commissioner Mehl simply made a motion to adopt the southern Arizona districts proposed by SALC. The AIRC decided to "look at" this proposal, abandoning the previous four and a half days of mapping decisions in favor a partisan map which violates all six of the required constitutional criteria.</p> <p>A.The first criterion which must be followed by the A RC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act ("VRA").</p> <p>Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the A RC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.</p> <p>B.The second constitutional criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is Equal Population</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl is especially fond of this specific constitutional criterion but the SALC maps fail to meet it. Ironically, Commissioner Mehl mused in passing on the record that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%.</p> <p>C.The third constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p> <p>D.The fourth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest.</p> <p>District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p> <p>The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p> <p>E.The fifth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criterion. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p> <p>F.The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p> <p>Thanks you for considering my major concerns.</p> <p>Jennifer Sue Bond [REDACTED] Tucson, AZ 85716</p> |
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| 10/25/2021 - 15:19 | Virginia M Marth  | Map version 8 0  | I am writing to object to the proposed redistricting map version 8 0 Picture Rocks and Flowing Wells should be in a Pima County district, not in a sprawling Pinal County district. Pinal County communities should not be combined with Pima County communities. The new proposed district - LD16 would be a noncompetitive district - there is a mandate to make districts competitive in elections so that they are not deliberately biased towards a particular party as LD16 clearly seems to be. Please attend this matter and revise the maps so they are unbiased.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:23 | Laura Huenneke    | current version of legislative district maps               | I'd like to comment on the demographic and competitiveness data for Legislative Map v 8.0. In short – I do not believe the proposed districts provide fair representation for Arizona – not within many of the proposed districts, and not for the state as a whole. Voting patterns (including in many of our current legislative districts, and in many of the maps you have considered up to this point) show just how “purple” and competitive our state has become, with many swing voters (as expected for a state with our number of Independents and the balance between Democratic and Republican). Yet your current map has only 5 of 30 districts showing any hint of being swing districts, and only 2 highly competitive/4 competitive by your own vote spread metric. Moreover – this collection of districts seems to have fewer Latino-serving VRA-relevant districts than our current districts. Yet the growing population – and growing proportion – of Hispanics in the state actually merits MORE, not fewer, Latino-serving districts. At the very least you are obligated not to reduce the ability of communities of color, such as Arizona Hispanics, to elect candidates of their choice. Some of the previous maps you have considered made better use of the districts proposed by the Coalition of Latino Voters. While I understand you had other localized problems to solve, it is not at all clear to those of us following the discussions why you have ended up with a map that is demonstrably worse than what is feasible – and even demonstrably worse than what we have currently.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:26 | Sharon Mills      | Redistricting  | Cave Creek has been my home for 18 years. In my lifetime, I have never missed voting in any election. In my district, LD1, it has seemed impossible to elect my chosen candidates due to the 26+% disparity in favor of Republicans. Test Map 8 does not meet the standard to establish competitive districts. I would like to have a situation where my vote has a chance to really matter. There have been steps in that direction, e.g. separating Yavapai County, but more needs to be done. I have seen a proposal to add the Salt River Pima Reservation and portions of north Tempe into LD3 which seem to balance the completeness. Please consider this suggestion.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:27 | Tega Maidoh       | Comments for Majority Hispanic Border Legislative District | For D23, I request that the commission remove the city of Fortuna Foothills and put it in the Colorado River Legislative District D30. D23 needs to be voting rights act compliant and the city of Fortuna Foothills being highly racially polarized makes it impossible to meet this requirement.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:30 | D ELIZABETH CLOUD | Fair Redistricting Maps                                    | Please ensure fair and honest redistricting maps. Thank you! Gerrymandering is a democracy-killer and should be outlawed.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:41 | Martin V Drozdoff | New RC map   | <p>I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council Districts.</p> <p>oThose districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them.</p> <p>oI echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.</p> <p>oThe Commission must draw districts that adhere to the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which was written to ensure that the voting power of historically marginalized communities of color are protected under law.</p> <p>oThe voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.</p> <p>oThe immediate embrace of a map submitted late in the process by a special interest group, and the Republican Commissioners' attempt to immediately force those district configurations into the official draft maps, was alarming and completely counter to the intent of independent redistricting.</p> <p>oVoters in Pima County strongly condemn Republicans' attempts to define Arizona voting districts according to the wishes of powerful single-interest entities. As citizens of our proudly multicultural, multiethnic county, we in Pima stand firmly with our Indigenous neighbors as they assert their Constitutional right to fair representation and unfettered access to the vote.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:47 | Emmie Cardella    | Scottsdale in draft maps                                   | Hello - I am a 43 year old Scottsdale native and current resident. I am very disappointed that the city of Scottsdale is being divided up into 3 different legislative districts in the recent versions of the draft maps. An argument can be made for splitting it between north and south, but diluting it into 3 districts is extremely unfair to our community. Please reconsider. Thank you.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:51 | Maryann Kenney    | Draft map LD5, 6, 7  | I have been further studying the draft legislative districts across the state, and it appears to me that only my district LD5 has been drawn almost exclusively at county boundaries. As near as I can see, all other districts cross county lines, or break within a county along city, neighborhood or natural boundaries. The choice to draw LD5 at the county line in the northern edge of the county has resulted in a split of Sedona from the surrounding towns, including the Village of Oak Creek and it separates Sedona from the greater Verde Valley. In addition, draft mapping in this area has separated both Sedona and the Verde Valley from Flagstaff, placing us in three separate districts (LD5,6,7). Many people in Flagstaff, Sedona and the Verde Valley have consistently testified that we wish to remain in one district. I urge you to apply mapping criteria fairly across the state.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 15:59 | Francisca Montoya | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting                 | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:05 | Jose J. Vaquera   | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting.                | I am the VP of Client Services at Friendly House and our organization is in full support of the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting. Thank you for taking on this very important job as a commission.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:09 | Sonia G.          | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting.                | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:13 | Eva Valencia      | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting.                | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:14 | Dania Alvarez     | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting.                | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:15 | Dania Alvarez     | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting.                | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:21 | Molly McKasson    | The proposed redistricting maps                            | I am writing to object to mid-town Tucson--and in particular my neighborhood, Sam Hughes-- being divided up into different districts when we are one community of interest. This weakens our representation and surely is not in the interest of the people who live here. Some one or some group is benefitting, but it is not the people. Do not approve a map that takes away our rights as members of a Democracy.  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 16:24 | Brian Eckley      | Do Not Allow Politics in Redistricting | First I want to say thank you for your hard work and dedication to the job of redistricting that you have before you. I would imagine this is a challenging task and today's climate perhaps makes that more difficult. I heard Mrs Shereen Lerner's comments on making the districts competitive more specifically making a 15/15 split. This is no where in the criteria for determining the district maps. This is politics pure and simple. Please adhere to the criteria as set forth in the AZ constitution. I appreciate the chair Mrs Neuberger pointing out the goal is not 15/15. I am a Republican and a conservative, but I want as fair a process and as free a process of politics as is possible. I will continue to monitor and be involved in this process as a concerned citizen. Thank you.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:29 | FREDERIC B BROWN  | "Competitive" districts                | The commission is empowered to draw "competitive" districts and I wish to submit comments on how to improve the present district maps as follows: Move precincts 23, 24, and 25 on the present LD Map 8.0 from District 23 to District 30 so as to allow those voters in the retirement communities of precincts 23, 24, and 25 to join their more common retirement communities in District 30 rather than the non-retirement majority in District 23 which has more in common with voters in minority communities. This enables both 23 and 30 to be more competitive in compliance with the Voting Rights Act guidance to the Commission.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:31 | Elizabeth Packard | Redistricting in Oro Valley            | With regard to the map created by SALC, it violates the constitutional criterion that maps should respect Communities of Interest. How is it that Tanque Verde is tied with Oro Valley? They are different cities, have different school systems, and residents of Oro Valley do not shop or seek entertainment in the Tanque Verde area. In addition, some midtown parts of Tucson are divided between District 21 and 19. What is gained with this?  |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:40 | Dorothy Taylor    | Map 8 0                                | Picture Rocks and Flowing Wells should be in a Pima County district, not in a sprawling Pinal County district<br>Pinal County communities should not be combined with Pima County communities. This is obviously a gerrymandered map.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:43 | Nancy Goodman     | Reject LD Map Version 8 0              | While I greatly respect the complex work you are all doing, it is imperative that the legislative maps you draw are in compliance with the Arizona Constitution. LD Map Version 8 0 does not meet the criteria established requiring a geographically compact area and communities of shared interest. It is also not at all competitive. I urge you to reject LD Map Version 8.0 because: 1.) t ignores natural boundaries and includes two mountain ranges making outreach within the district virtually impossible as it takes 2 hours to travel from one end of the LD to the other. 2.) It ignores Oro Valley's large communities of interest and commerce, both Casas Adobes and Tucson. and 3.) Oro Valley is a diverse urban-suburban town and does NOT belong in a primarily rural, homogeneous district. The reasons to reject LD Map Version 8.0 are glaringly obvious. These maps should be competitive and representative, which Version 8 0 is neither!  |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:45 | Robert G Allen    | Redistricting Map for LD 21            | The latest map for Arizona LD 21 is not reflective of communities of interest and was submitted by the last minute by the "Southern Arizona Leadership Council" at the last minute without any public input. Version 8 was developed at the insistence of one Republican member of the redistricting commission claiming that Oro Valley and Marana are an inseparable "community of interest. " Version 8 ignores keeping Tucson neighborhoods contiguous and compact while diluting their voting power... obviously to advantage Republican voters. Version 8 violates the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution. The "Leadership Council" apparently failed to consult with representatives of the Native American and Latino communities of interest who would not be adequately represented in Version 8. To dismiss the proposals of the Navajo Nation and Latino Coalition with little justification runs counter to the duty of the Redistricting Commission to consider the voting power of these ethnic communities. The wholesale adoption of a legislative map conceived in secret and submitted at the last minute by an organization with close ties to one of the GOP members of the Redistricting Commission is deeply troubling and casts doubts about the integrity of the process. |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:47 | Lisa Perto-Huss   | Redistricting                          | Pinal county should not be combined with Pima County communities. Pinal county all the way to the Flowing Wells district is to much area to cover and would make it difficult to organize.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 16:53 | Matt Nelson       | Map 8 0                                | The 8.0 map is terrible and especially for District 17. t ignores natural boundaries by including 2 mountain ranges. It is gerrymandering too. 6.2 map is very good and not gerrymandering.  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 16:55 | Scott Day Freeman     | Commission's 15-15 state Senate "goal," proportionality, and competitiveness | <p>The stated goal of a 15-15 state Senate through redistricting, as reiterated during your October 21 hearing, is very troubling. This goal overtly injects partisan politics into a redistricting process that was sold to voters as "talking the politics out of redistricting."</p> <p>Arizona's constitution establishes six mandatory redistricting goals. Not five, seven, or eleven -- six. Commissioners of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission are required to effectuate each of those six goals, not their own "high-minded" goals, and particularly not their own partisan objectives.</p> <p>The notion that Arizona is a 50-50 state when it comes to redistricting is utterly false and entirely irrelevant. Arizona could have made "proportional representation" an overall goal of its maps. It did not. Indeed, each of the six goals Arizona did adopt work to thwart and frustrate partisan proportionality. When districts need to be compact and contiguous, equally populated, follow county or municipal lines, follow geographic features or whole census tracks, respect communities of interest, etc., proportionality goes by the wayside.</p> <p>Even the competitiveness criterion, when applied fairly to all voters and evenhandedly across the map, drives the map away from proportionality. A "more competitive district" (using the language from the Arizona Supreme Court's 2009 decision in <i>Minority Coalition vs. AIRC</i>) is a value each voter gets to have in his or her district, no matter where that voter lives in the state. The competitiveness criterion yields to the OTHER five redistricting goals per the constitution, but it does not yield to itself. Accordingly, the AIRC cannot refuse to make a district more competitive if to do so causes another "perfect" district to be slightly less competitive, but not less competitive than the district sought to be improved.</p> <p>Finally, application of the Voting Rights Act has a profound effect that works against partisan proportionality on the map as a whole. A political party that might benefit from VRA compliance, using up a disproportionate number of its voters in the process, does not also get an artificial boost toward overall proportionality elsewhere on the map.</p> <p>Arizona has a district system. The district system upholds values different than proportionality. Some of those values are set forth in Arizona's six constitutional redistricting goals. Arizona is like every other state since the founding of the United State: the district system prevails.</p> <p>People can disagree about what goal is more important, but Arizona's constitution is the law and decides what is "fair." Failure of a Commissioner to follow the law is unfair and undermines public confidence in Arizona's redistricting system.</p> <p>Please focus on a fair, evenhanded, application of all six mandatory redistricting goals with respect to each district. Please also work equally hard to make EACH DISTRICT "more competitive" and do not affirmatively give up on districts that are lopsided or even lean strongly in one direction. Everyone is entitled to the constitutional value of a "more competitive" district, and even incremental changes in a district's make-up can enhance the voice of the minority party, encourage candidates to run, encourage better candidates to run, and foster fundraising and party building.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Scott<br/>Scott Day Freeman</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:14 | Pamela Powers Hannley | Tucson's urban core should not be put in rural districts                     | <p>Central Tucson should not be carved up into multiple legislative districts, as proposed in the Version 8 maps of LDs 21, 18, 20 and 19. These maps have divided up Tucson's urban core and put these neighborhoods into largely rural districts. These urban and rural communities are not similar and have different needs. Furthermore, the LD21, LD20, LD19 and LD17 maps ignore the natural boundary of Interstate 10.</p> <p>Midtown Tucson is a cohesive, multicultural, economically diverse urban community of older homes. People in these neighborhoods, which make up Tucson's core, face the common problems of traffic enforcement, noise, crime, blight, gentrification, housing speculation, short-term rentals, slumlords, homelessness, refugee resettlement, public transportation, urban poverty, old infrastructure, urban flooding, substandard housing stock, and more.</p> <p>The Midtown neighborhoods of Catalina Vista, Blenman-Elm, Palo Verde, Grant and Alvernon, Dodge-Flower, Sam Hughes, Broadmoor, Miramonte and others have much in common with each other and with other older neighborhoods outside of the proposed Version 8 map of LD21. These dense urban neighborhoods have nothing in common with rural Pima and Santa Cruz Counties, which are also on this map. Version 8 of the LD21 map shows the gerrymandered head of a dragon reaching up into Midtown and grouping half of it with the border region and rural Arizona. Version 8 of LD21 is not compact, these communities are not similar, and it ignores the natural boundary of Interstate 10.</p> <p>The northern half of Midtown has been cut off from the neighborhoods listed above and are in the Version 8 map of LD18. Midtown's dense, diverse, poor-to-middle income neighborhoods have been lumped with mansions and resorts on the LD18(V8) map. Version 8 of LD18 is not compact, and these communities are not similar.</p> <p>In addition, sections of Tucson on the east side of Interstate 10 should be included in LD18(V8) not in LD20(V8) and certainly not in LD17(V8). Interstate 10 should be respected as a natural boundary. Version 8 of LD17 is not compact, these communities are not similar, and it ignores the natural boundary of Interstate 10 in multiple places.</p> <p>Version 8 of LD20 also puts another piece of Tucson's urban core in a district that is more rural. In addition, lumping the Flowing Wells area into this west side district ignores the natural dividing line of Interstate 10. Version 8 of LD20 is not compact, and these communities are not similar.</p> <p>Version 8 of LD 19 puts a chunk of Tucson's urban south side into a very large rural district. The south side of Tucson has little in common with Thatcher, Sierra Vista or Douglas, but LD19(V8) ignores the dissimilarity of these urban and rural communities. Version 8 of LD19 is not compact, these communities are not similar, and it ignores the natural boundary of Interstate 10.</p> <p>In its 2020 Maternal and Child Health Needs Report, the Arizona Department of Health Services reported that Central Tucson is an at-risk area for primary care. In fact, most of Tucson proper is at a risk level 3 or 4. The report also says that racial and ethnic disparities exist in access and outcomes to maternal and child health. This is yet another example of the unique issues facing Tucson's urban core. If these communities are split up and shoved into rural districts, their urban needs will be ignored.</p> |

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| 10/25/2021 - 17:16 | Jeannette C Porter  | Gerrymandering                                 | "With so much on the line, it is deeply disturbing that the A RC would call into question its integrity while allowing Commissioner Mehl to push through an agenda that in complete contrast to the goals of Prop 106. The Southern Arizona portion of the current LD map as put forth by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC) is neither compact nor contiguous. This was purposely done to ensure that the districts are NOT COMPETITIVE. The map looks like maps you see when districts are gerrymandered. Surely the commission can draw district lines in Southern Arizona that are both compact AND contiguous AND meet the other criteria of Prop 106. I believe that numerous other submissions do just that. I ask you to go back, read the input from numerous Pima County residents and the important Latino Caucus. Please do not allow the business interests of a "connected" organization outweigh the interests of all of us in Southern Arizona. Fair districts are good for all of us – what are Republicans afraid of? Please uphold the spirit and the letter of the law of Prop 106. We are counting on you."   |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:26 | Mullett Marie       | Voting districts                               | Fair maps!!!   |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:33 | Lynda Gordon        | redistricting                                  | The Independent Redistricting Commission should protect the voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:35 | Lynda Gordon        | redistricting                                  | The wholesale adoption of maps submitted at the last minute by an organization with personal ties to one of the commissioners (SALC) is very troubling and creates real concerns about the integrity of the process.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:37 | Nancy Bissell       | Opposition to IRC proposal                     | The voting power of Native American, Latino and other communities of color should be protected by the Independent Redistricting Commission. To dismiss the proposals from the Navajo Nation without serious consideration and analysis, and to completely reject the legislative districts submitted by the Latino Coalition with little justification, were decisions completely counter to this duty.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:41 | Ann Heitland        | Legislative Maps Lack of Competitiveness       | Competitiveness deserves equal weight with the other five redistricting factors found in Article IV of the Arizona Constitution. Competitiveness leads to good government since districts that can be won by either party produce representatives who are more responsive to their constituents. LD Test Map 8.0 fails the competitiveness test with its huge vote spreads for many districts.<br><br>When Arizona voters amended the Constitution to create an Independent Redistricting Commission, the only purpose stated at the top of Prop 106 was to create a Commission to "oversee the mapping of fair and competitive districts." Only later, buried in section 14, did the proposition lay out the six criteria to be used in creating "fair and competitive districts." The will of the voters and the clear and plain purpose of the constitutional amendment creating the RC was to create competitive districts. There are infinite ways to draw legislative districts with today's modern mapping tools so the mapping consultants should be able to do a much better job of fulfilling the constitutional obligation to "favor" competitive legislative districts as required by Paragraph 14)E of Article IV, Part 1, Section 2. This battle has been fought in the courts and the courts agree with this interpretation.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:45 | Ann Rae Heitland    | Compact and Contiguous Communities of Interest | When considering the constitutional criterion that districts be "geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable" (paragraph 14.C), transportation corridors are important and instructive. In Northern Arizona, I-17 and Highway 89A connect Flagstaff and the Verde Valley making for convenient and relatively fast connections between these communities. There are three highways connecting Flagstaff with the South Rim of the Grand Canyon (180, 89, 64). There are no similar easy connections in the east-west alignment between the Verde Valley/Sedona and Eager in Apache County and the rural communities in eastern Navajo county. Likewise, going over Mingus Mountain to connect Sedona and Prescott is arduous. These transportation connections reflect the economic and social connections running north-south and the LACK of such connections (or communities of interest) running east-west. Furthermore, they reflect boundaries created by natural features such as mountains and plateaus.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 17:53 | Luis Falcon         | AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map | I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual from West Valley.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:08 | Jennifer Dawson     | Redistricting maps                             | There are 6 specific criteria that must be followed in the process of redistricting maps in AZ:<br>The first criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act ("VRA").<br><br>Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. The opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map WEAKENED the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had EIGHT districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has SIX such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community (as we know from previous IRC meetings where their suggestions were ignored) so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant LITIGATION RISK for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.<br>It would be a serious mistake to continue to IGNORE THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE VRA in order to keep Commissioner Mehl happy.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:17 | Sally Ann Brashears | redistricting of Scottsdale                    | I have read and looked at the map and am very irritated that the redistricting committee would change my district to leave the Scottsdale area of which I have been a voting member since I moved into the Scottsdale area from Cave Creek 5 years ago. We live in the Old Town area/ South Scottsdale near Fashion Square Mall. The new map shows us leaving our district and being shoved into the Tempe district. If you have ever been to the area near Scottsdale Rd and Camelback you would know that we do NOT belong or even shop any further south than Indian School Rd. The folks at McKellips and further south are not the same as the Scottsdale residents where I live and shop. I shop and go to restaurants not only in my area but further north. Please do NOT separate the Scottsdale district into 3 separate districts. We are Scottsdale and as such should be kept as Scottsdale. I would also suggest that the committee members go to the Q T at McKellips and Scottsdale rd or anything in that vicinity and look at the people you will see walking or at the businesses then travel along Scottsdale rd and look at the type of businesses that are there. Then go further into Tempe and see the construction, the restaurants and the students and compare that to the businesses, the people and the hotels in the Old Town area. Quite different aren't they?<br>Again, Please reconsider your proposed map of districts. It is entirely NOT fair that we in the Scottsdale area and zip codes be divided up according to your plan. Leave us as we are.<br>Regards,<br>Sally |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:27 | Dee Maitland        | Citizen Submitted Maps                         | It was my understanding that the maps submitted by concerned citizens would be treated the way the Communities of Interest Report treated testimony: with an overlay ranking Highest, High, etc. Are the maps I submitted actually being considered?   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 18:31 | Bonnie Heidler   | Test Map 8.0                                      | Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs, which makes Map 8.0 a partisan map and weakens the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts and appears to have been drawn without any input from the Latino community. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts and is packed, which goes against the six redistricting criteria that a map must meet.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:40 | Hope Busto-Keyes | Objection to Official Adoption of Citizen Map     | Dear Commissioners,<br><br>I object to the adoption of a citizen created map that has not gone through the evaluations nor deliberations and documented "audits" that all other previous maps have gone through. This process is unfair and undermines the independence of the commission. A citizen map can be reviewed for its suggested line drawing, but cannot be officially adopted because it circumvents the vetting process.<br><br>Unvetted citizen maps should be prohibited from being officially adopted.<br><br>Thank you.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:42 | Hope Busto-Keyes | Keep Oro Valley/Marana Separate from Tanque Verde | Dear Commissioners,<br><br>Communities of interest in the Oro Valley/Marana area and those of the Tanque Verde area are more different than they are alike. Oro Valley/Marana are both northern suburbs of Tucson proper and not a very eastern populated area as is Tanque Verde. As a resident in Marana, Tanque Verde is 26-27 miles away from I-10 and Twin Peaks, so I do not shop in Tanque Verde and I imagine that citizens from Oro Valley do not travel to Tanque Verde to do their regular shopping nor visa versa. Churches in Oro Valley/Marana happily serve their local worshipers where the majority live, not in Tanque Verde. School districts and medical facilities are different, too.<br><br>Oro Valley/Marana should not be in the same LD as Tanque Verde.<br><br>Thank you.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:44 | Bonnie Heidler   | District 17 Community of Interest                 | I live in the proposed District 17. It fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. I would not drive over 45 minutes to go shopping or worship. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. The only time east Tucsonans, myself included, would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.<br><br>The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities. |

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| 10/25/2021 - 18:45 | Stephen Caster  | Legislative District Mapping | <p>Good Evening -</p> <p>I have concerns about the AIRC Adoption of SALC proposed State Legislative Districts for Tucson. Specifically:</p> <p>The fifth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p> <p>The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this objections to this important issue - in making sure we have fair legislative districts.</p> <p>Stephen Caster<br/>Oro Valley</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:46 | Jennifer Dawson | Redistricting maps           | <p>There are several critical criteria to be followed in the creation of fair and balanced redistricting maps - one is that districts must be compact and contiguous. The IRC seems determined to ignore this.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p> <p>It looks like the proposed district wants to swallow the city whole.</p> <p>This is special-interest gerrymandering - and it is absolutely unacceptable.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:53 | Doris Hinton    | Redistricting                | <p>In the redistricting, please keep Uptown Phoenix with Midtown, Central, and South Phoenix so these similar communities of interest can have representation.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 18:56 | Jennifer Dawson | Redistricting maps           | <p>Let's talk about the 2nd of the necessary criteria that the IRC must follow to create fair and balanced redistricting maps.</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl is especially fond of this specific constitutional criterion, but his SALC maps FAIL to meet it. Ironically, Commissioner Mehl mused in passing on the record that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%.</p> <p>So you'll just crunch the numbers until you get what you want, Commissioner?</p> <p>Sorry - that's not how the process is supposed to work. Probably illegal, certainly immoral, and possibly leaving you open to lawsuits</p> <p>The RC definitely needs to clean up its act, and do right by ALL Arizonans.W</p>  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 18:58 | Sandy Caster       | Draft map comment                   | <p>The fifth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:05 | Jennifer Dawson    | Redistricting maps                  | <p>One of the essential criteria for creating fair redistricting maps is to respect communities of interest and the diversity of AZ's population. This the proposed District 17 absolutely fails to do, wrapping itself around Tucson from the NW to the East.</p> <p>There is NOTHING that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p> <p>District 17 is a "special interest" boondoggle, benefitting no-one except Commissioner Mehl and his organization that produced the SALC maps. The RC needs to do much, MUCH better in respecting the wishes of the voters being lumped together in this artificial and unjustified "community".</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:15 | David W Genge      | Do not split Scottsdale as proposed | <p>I live in N Scottsdale, shop in the Grayhawk/Mayo area and attend church right up the street. All the communities within the proposal are very distinct and we should be represented by people near our distinct area</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:22 | Jennifer Dawson    | Redistricting maps                  | <p>Talk about ignoring what's right in front of you!!!</p> <p>The fifth constitutional criterion in creating redistricting maps is that the proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>District 17 is a SPECTACULAR FAILURE on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map then proceeds to exclude a substantial portion of Marana and a substantial portion of Oro Valley - for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. THIS IS GERRYMANDERING! To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. ALSO - there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana, so the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson. This is geographical nonsense created by "special interests". The IRC needs to make it fair or throw it out - NOW.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:44 | Jennifer Dawson    | Redistricting maps                  | <p>The AZ Constitution requires that districts be fair and competitive, politically balanced. The SALC maps are unacceptable in this regard.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split SLIGHTLY in favor of Democrats to a partisan split STRONGLY in favor of Republicans. This change has also dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to 10 (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6 0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And all of this was done with the excuse of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing (those two areas have each been split).</p> <p>This is not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley; It is about abandoning four days of attempted fair and balanced mapping in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. This is gerrymandering - and it flies in the face of the purpose of the AIRC, which is to put a stop to such practices.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side:<br/> First, organize partisans to present "community of interest" testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points, since there is no real community of interest, but only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning.<br/> Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners to use that bogus testimony to contend that a real "community of interest" DOES exist, even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range.<br/> Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process, with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit - pushing to approve something that has no basis in fact but provides massive political leverage - could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.<br/> This has to stop.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:44 | Joan Thomas        | Map input                           | <p>I don't like the way the Tucson area is fragmented under the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's preferred legislative districts. For example, the district that I would be in, District 21, stretches from mid-town all the way down to the Mexico border. I live in midtown and can't understand why my community is linked with Cochise County and the border communities as our needs and representation would be very different. It is a huge and diverse area for proper representation.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:45 | Ellen M. Shenkarow | redistricting                       | <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 19:46 | Mark Benjamin Raven | Redistricting  | Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the A RC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:46 | Caroline Anderson   | Not following the rules laid down in the AZ Constitution   | <p>"VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDAR ES, AND UNDIV ED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:48 | Kathleen Dubbs      | map 8 0  | The proposed district 17 in the 8 0 map is wrong in so many ways: it is not compact, does n of ot respect city boundaries and does not represent communities of interest. When a district fails to comply with three of the required criteria, it is time to go back to the drawing board.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 19:55 | Germaine Shames     | Redistricting Map Version 8.)  | I am writing to object to the proposed redistricting map version 8 0 Picture Rocks and Flowing Wells should be in a Pima County district, not in a sprawling Pinal County district. Pinal County communities should not be combined with Pima County communities. The new proposed district - LD16 would be a noncompetitive district - there is a mandate to make districts competitive in elections so that they are not deliberately biased towards a particular party as LD16 clearly seems to be. Please attend to this matter and revise the maps so they are unbiased.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:01 | Caroline Anderson   | What credentials does the SALC have that makes them a reputable source for working under the constraints of the AZ Constitution. | <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:06 | Caroline Anderson   | When did rich white people become a group large enough to become a COI?  | <p>District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p> <p>The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p>   |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:08 | Caroline Anderson   | Not following the US Constitution or VRA   | Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the A RC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts mmP7F   |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:12 | Caroline Anderson   | Districts must compact and contiguous.   | Using SALC maps makes one think an octopus minus its 9 brains made these maps. The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip PLTQ  |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:17 | Caroline Anderson   | How to fiddle numbers to make your case.   | Do land developers fiddle with cost and safety when panning their communities or do they want to be fair and just in giving the home buyer the best and safest property in the developer's power to create? Commissioner Mehl is especially fond of this specific constitutional criterion but the SALC maps fail to meet it. Ironically, Commissioner Mehl mused in passing on the record that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%.FEYA5  |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:41 | Keith Bagwell       | Southern Arizona Leadership Council map  | I urge you to reject the legislative map Commissioner David Mehl submitted on behalf of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. This council for decades has clearly identified as a body of wealthy Republican white Southern Arizonans, many of them living in the Santa Catalina Mountains foothills. The organization is blatantly and openly partisan and its map reflects that strong bias. The RS is charged with crating a legislative map that has districts equally sized, compact and contiguous, competitive, and that reflect communities of interest. This map fails on every count, as it is a classic case of the gerrymandering that the RC was created to put behind us.   |

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| 10/25/2021 - 20:49 | Rita Day | Draft Maps         | <p>The Independent Redistricting Committee is deliberating the next 10 years of political representation of Arizona. Decisions they make will affect our entire state for 10 years. So, these decisions shouldn't be based on the particular Commissioner's preferences, but on the people of Arizona. However, this last week's meeting has shown that Republican commissioners are prioritizing the input of a land developer association (Southern Arizona Leadership Council-SALC) over the voices of citizens of the Navajo Nation and Latinos in Southern Arizona. Republican Commissioner David Mehl is a founder and influential member of SALC. He introduced a draft map prepared by SALC and has repeatedly promoted that map over all others. He even attempted to get it published on the RC website as the official draft map without discussion or debate. If it wasn't for public outcry against this preferential treatment, he would've succeeded in getting this map published without debate.</p> <p>The SALC MAP VIOLATES SEVERAL OF THE IRC's CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consideration of real Communities of Interest (COI),</li> <li>- compactness,</li> <li>-geography and</li> <li>-weakening of the Voting Rights Act.</li> </ul> <p>The SALC map was catapulted to the top of the heap while maps submitted by Communities of Interest representing Navajo and Latinos were dismissed without debate or discussion. This is preferential treatment given to a special interest group of ONE of the Commissioner's. This is not fair and impartial treatment. This can not be tolerated. The Commissioners shouldn't be prioritizing groups that they are personally affiliated with and giving these groups special treatment.</p> <p>Decisions should be made consistently, with consistent treatment given to the various maps submitted by all groups. Rural communities should be treated equally to Urban communities Also, paper maps should be given equal consideration to maps created on the IRC mapping tool.</p> <p>Also, some commissioners are making "so-called" factual statements that are NOT supported by any facts. Statements like: "The Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be included with either Prescott or Flagstaff." This statement is NOT ACCURATE. At the Prescott and Sedona COI hearing in July, 85% favored having the Verde Valley/Sedona area being included with Flagstaff, which is currently LD 6. Also of those in Flagstaff who commented during these COI hearings only one out of over 20 preferred to NOT have Verde Valley/ Sedona included with Flagstaff. So the statement of Commissioners that Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be included with either Prescott or Flagstaff is misleading or just plain FALSE. 20 For included with Flagstaff vs. 1 Against being included with Flagstaff. This is divided, But DEFINITELY NO WHERE NEAR EVENLY DIVIDED.</p> <p>Respectfully,<br/>Rita Day</p>                            |
| 10/25/2021 - 20:50 | Eric Day | Redistricting Maps | <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>The Independent Redistricting Committee is deliberating the next 10 years of political representation of Arizona. Decisions they make will affect our entire state for 10 years. So, these decisions shouldn't be based on the particular Commissioner's preferences, but on the people of Arizona. However, this last week's meeting has shown that Republican commissioners are prioritizing the input of a land developer association (Southern Arizona Leadership Council-SALC) over the voices of citizens of the Navajo Nation and Latinos in Southern Arizona. Republican Commissioner David Mehl is a founder and influential member of SALC. He introduced a draft map prepared by SALC and has repeatedly promoted that map over all others. He even attempted to get it published on the RC website as the official draft map without discussion or debate. If it wasn't for public outcry against this preferential treatment, he would've succeeded in getting this map published without debate.</p> <p>The SALC MAP VIOLATES SEVERAL OF THE IRC's CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- consideration of real Communities of Interest (COI),</li> <li>- compactness,</li> <li>-geography and</li> <li>-weakening of the Voting Rights Act.</li> </ul> <p>The SALC map was catapulted to the top of the heap while maps submitted by Communities of Interest representing Navajo and Latinos were dismissed without debate or discussion. This is preferential treatment given to a special interest group of ONE of the Commissioner's. This is not fair and impartial treatment. This can not be tolerated. The Commissioners shouldn't be prioritizing groups that they are personally affiliated with and giving these groups special treatment.</p> <p>Decisions should be made consistently, with consistent treatment given to the various maps submitted by all groups. Rural communities should be treated equally to Urban communities Also, paper maps should be given equal consideration to maps created on the IRC mapping tool.</p> <p>Also, some commissioners are making "so-called" factual statements that are NOT supported by any facts. Statements like: "The Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be included with either Prescott or Flagstaff." This statement is NOT ACCURATE. At the Prescott and Sedona COI hearing in July, 85% favored having the Verde Valley/Sedona area being included with Flagstaff, which is currently LD 6. Also of those in Flagstaff who commented during these COI hearings only one out of over 20 preferred to NOT have Verde Valley/ Sedona included with Flagstaff. So the statement of Commissioners that Verde Valley is divided in its desire to be included with either Prescott or Flagstaff is misleading or just plain FALSE. 20 For included with Flagstaff vs. 1 Against being included with Flagstaff. This is divided, But DEFINITELY NO WHERE NEAR EVENLY DIVIDED.</p> <p>Sincerely,<br/>Eric L. Day</p> |

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| 10/25/2021 - 21:11 | Cindy Cummens    | Legislative District Test Map Version 8.0: D3                | I have lived in Cave Creek for 35 years and as an Independent competitiveness is high on my list. My current legislative district, LD1, is projected to have a 26.5% disparity favoring Republicans. This does not meet the intent of Prop 106 and continues the non-competitiveness of our area. The current redistricting map does separate us from Yavapai County which I applaud you for as the commonality when included with them was negotiable. I would however urge you to understand our community of interest and to draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8. Thank you for your consideration.   |
| 10/25/2021 - 21:33 | Rachel Rulmyr    | IRC Map  | I am a retired educator who has lived in Oro Valley for 20 years.<br>I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8.0 version.<br>Draft map LD 8.0 ignores natural boundaries by including two mountain ranges in LD17. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible.<br>Draft map LD 8.0 ignores county boundaries by including a large chunk of distant places in Pinal County with distant places in Pima County.<br>Draft map LD 8.0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Tucson is our hub.<br>Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse.<br>LD maps should be competitive and representative. This version is neither. Six Democratic districts are packed (>99% win chance) while only one Republican district is comparably packed according to Planscore.<br>According to Planscore, a Democratic candidate would only have a 32% chance of winning a seat in LD 17 in draft map LD 8.0. |
| 10/25/2021 - 21:34 | Cory Franek      | Redistricting Rio Verde                                      | Let's not district Rio Verde, it's a very bad idea. I live in Rio Verde, I shop in Scottsdale, I work in Scottsdale, I dine in Scottsdale, I go to church in Scottsdale, I ride bikes in Scottsdale and my kids go to school in Scottsdale. Please don't redistrict with this random area. It only hurts us.  |
| 10/25/2021 - 21:52 | Katie Maass      | VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing | I want competitive districts that represent my community.<br>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republican districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.<br><br>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head       |
| 10/25/2021 - 22:24 | Barbara Chatzkel | Redistricting Map for LD1                                    | Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission -<br>There is no reason to create a district that spans from I-17 to Wickenburg when there are more common-sense options available. I ask that you respect the boundaries of precincts and the DVUSD school district since they form natural communities of interest.<br><br>To keep elections more politically competitive, D28 should go down I-17 to or beyond the northern Loop 101.<br>The area of Carefree Hwy & I-17 should be kept in a district with Anthem to the north and the Norterra area to the south as it is a cohesive community of interest with similar priorities and growth.<br>D28 is uncompetitive due to going west-east instead of south. Please make D28 a more competitive district.<br><br>I thank the commission for separating Maricopa from Yavapai County. This provides an effective grouping of natural communities.<br><br>I appreciate the work the commission is doing and the sharing of the data with the constituents.<br><br>Barbara Chatzkel<br>LD 1, New River Precinct         |

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| 10/25/2021 - 22:35 | Thomas W. Sonandres | Comments on CD 6.0 and LD 8.0 Maps | <p>I ask the Commission to address a BIG-PICTURE point absent from the current overwhelm focus on details, and to do so before submitting maps for 30-day public review. This to eliminate current egregious aspects in 8.0 from that review and reduce legal challenges after final maps are released. Specifically, please review ALL districts in all maps regarding their conformity with all six criteria and inform which criteria in each individual LD and CD districts are NOT met, and, if the Commission is not going to change the non-conformity, please explain clearly and fully why not.</p> <p>The following are a few non-compliance examples, and are not by any means complete.</p> <p>EXAMPLES OF CURRENT BIG-TIME NON-COMPLIANCE WITH INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA.</p> <p>RESPECT FOR POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES</p> <p>-- Kudos for acknowledging in LD 8 0 the mountains on/near the Maricopa and Yavapai boundary as a significant factor in separating Yavapai from Maricopa in the current LD1.</p> <p>-- But have you acknowledged the east-west mountain range dividing the southern half of LD17 from its northern half?</p> <p>COMPACTNESS AND CONTIGUITY</p> <p>-- How does CD2 6.0 rate on compactness and contiguity?</p> <p>COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS</p> <p>-- How does CD2 6.0 rate on COI?</p> <p>VOTING RIGHTS ACT</p> <p>-- Why has the Commission, as of last week, dismissed protests of the Hispanic and Native American Community in contrast to the immediate processing of a last-minute submission by the GOP commissioners attempting to immediately configuring those GOP SALC-submitted maps into official draft maps?</p> <p>COMPETITIVENESS</p> <p>-- The Commission has five CD's with a competitive spread of 7.4% spread. How does the Commission justify packing a super-safe 48.4% Dem vote spread into CD3 6.0, which is 21.2% greater than the second highest spread, CD9's super-safe 27.2% GOP spread? CD3 has the effect, if not a deliberate attempt to dilute Dems in other CDs and diminishing competitiveness.</p> <p>-- The same phenomena occurs in LD 8.0 with all three LDs with a 50+% Dem spread, in effect if not deliberately packing Dems there, diluting their presence elsewhere which dilutes competitiveness. How justified?</p> <p>-- The general issue is NOT guaranteeing Cave Creek and Carefree, my area, its first Dem state senator since 1982 if not earlier, nor guaranteeing Tucson area Republicans (SALC) a continued GOP representative. NOT the Commission's job. It is making each area FAR MORE competitive to the extent possible to give hope to all minority-party voters in current lopsided single-party safe districts that their candidates have a competitive chance of winning.</p> <p>-- In 2020 general elections, 3 of 30 or 10% of the LD's state senate races were won by 5% or less. This Commission can do better than that. LD 8.0 has 4 LDs of 30 or 13% in the 5% or less spread. The LD 8.0 map has 6 of 30 LDs or 20% in the 7% or less range. The LD 8 0, under the 5% spread or 7% spread has 13 Dem LDs and the GOP with FOUR MORE or 17 GOP LDs. The Commission under the independent, nonpartisan chair can do better than that.</p> <p>EQUAL POPULATION. OK on CD and LD Districts. Yay!</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 22:58 | Marcus Tork         | Maps                               | <p>Good evening,<br/>I'm writing to remind the IRC that the focus in redistricting is driven by the six Constitutional criteria, and political concerns are to be left out as they are not any one of the six Constitutional criteria. Thank you for adhering to those criteria and not introducing any not called for by our Constitution.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 23:18 | Stephanie OLeary    | Redistricting maps                 | <p>I want you to abandon the SALC revisions that wee not commonly agreed upon in a group process. There are problems that do not meet the required criteria. !)The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>  |

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| 10/25/2021 - 23:23 | Brad Duell         | IRC Draft Map         | <p>To Whom t May Concern:</p> <p>Please consider the following regarding the RC Draft Map:</p> <p>CD Test Map Version 6.0: D1</p> <p>This map version meets a level of competitiveness that is fair and balanced. I commend the Commission on creating this fair and competitive map.</p> <p>LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3</p> <p>Currently this map @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is completely uncompetitive. This is compared to the targeted 46.5 to 53 competitive range that the Commission approved.</p> <p>I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 (64.19 D to 35 81 R) into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts.</p> <p>I thank the Commission for separating the district from Yavapai County, but urge you to understand the community of interest and draw maps that create a better balance between D3 and D8.</p> <p>Statewide Competitiveness</p> <p>In LD Test Map 8.0, there are 11 legislative districts that favor Democrats, 14 that favor Republicans and five that fall within a competitive range. This does not fulfill the intent of fair and competitive districts as established in Prop 106. This limits the possibility of a fair and balanced legislature.</p> <p>Thank you very much for your time in this matter.</p> |
| 10/25/2021 - 23:32 | Judith Kroot       | Redistricting         | <p>I am becoming very pessimistic from being optimistic about the work of the commission for redistricting. I am particularly distressed to hear of the proposed changes in Phoenix which, I believe, will deprive the accurate representation of the population in that area.</p>  |
| 10/25/2021 - 23:44 | Brian Schaumloffel | Make D12 more compact | <p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a resident of Ahwatukee. I wanted to state that D12 is not very compact in the current version of the legislative maps. The district extends from Ahwatukee to Gilbert. We share very little with the people of Gilbert. Gilbert has a growing Mormon community as well as a different municipal government, school districts, etc. D12 would much better reflect communities of interest if it was extended up into Tempe and into West Chandler along Dobson Road.</p> <p>Thanks for hearing my concerns.</p> <p>Best,<br/>Brian Schaumloffel</p>   |