

 Web Comments 11.18.21			
Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
11/18/2021 - 06:46	Vicki Bozarth	Redistricting Map	Sahuarita SHOULD NOT be included in District 7. This highly democrat leaning district DOES NOT represent the majority of Sahuarita residents. We should be included in CD6. Our interests are alinement with Sierra Vista, Vail and southeastern Arizona. You need to do what is in the best interest of the people, not the political machine in power.
11/18/2021 - 08:35	Phyllis Banucci	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	As a long time resident and a member of the board of directors at a non-profit in Scottsdale, I have experienced the impact a unified community can have. Splitting Scottsdale between 3 legislative districts will disarticulate the impact of our Mayor and Council. City Officials would be forced to interact with several house representatives and 3 senators. The Keep Greater Scottsdale Together draft map #LDF049 resolves a large part of this issue. Please consider this map so we can keep greater Scottsdale together.
11/18/2021 - 09:00	Jon Dubauskas	LD3	Hi - I am President of a health insurance carrier. My wife, children and I live in north Scottsdale, north of 101. My office is in central Scottsdale and we attended church in Central Scottsdale. Scottsdale should remain together as much as possible. We are a cohesive community. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airport do not belong in our district. Please divide LD3 with Desert Ridge so that there is a west boundary of Scottsdale City limits or Scottsdale Road. Also, our southern boundary should be Chaparral Rd, as south Scottsdale more closely resembles Tempe and should be in LD8.
11/18/2021 - 09:03	Marcia B. Ellis	redistricting	Please do NOT split up Sedona. We all belong with Flagstaff, the Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood. It doesn't make sense from a geographical standpoint... and shouldn't be toyed with to give one party an advantage. Giving one party an advantage should NEVER be part of an independent review. Thank you.
11/18/2021 - 09:08	Kelsey D Blakley	Safe Districts vs Competitiveness	Safe districts are inherently dysfunctional. To win a competitive district, both parties must put forth their best candidates. They must listen to the voters. They must devise innovative solutions to problems. They must debate ideas. Voters then become more engaged in the political process, their government, their communities, and their elections. They vote in greater numbers and expect more of their elected officials. All of that leads to more effective and responsive governance. But, this will only happen if districts are competitive. I ask you to make it so.
11/18/2021 - 09:16	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern AZ	Dear Commissioners, Thank you for coming to Cottonwood. I hope you were impressed that nearly 80% of those testifying want to see the Verde Valley and ALL of Sedona in a district separate from Prescott, which isn't even IN "Northern Arizona". And the majority of that nearly 80% favored maps LDF 0050 and 0051 over the current uncompetitive proposals. I feel sure that those few who favor current LD 5, 6 and 7 maps and spoke (without evidence) against the importance of competitiveness are members of the majority party in 5 and 7, because why would they NOT want guaranteed wins for the next 10 years. Sorry, but their partisanship is not one of the 6 factors you are bound to consider. Please, follow your mandates and Prop 106.
11/18/2021 - 09:20	Karyn Riedell	Mapping	I urge the Commission to honor the wishes of Arizona voters and "oversee the mapping of fair and competitive congressional and legislative districts." Arizona voters created the IRC to generate competitive districts. To that end, the Commission MUST maximize competitiveness in as many districts as possible.
11/18/2021 - 09:49	Linda AA Chiles	mapping	My name is Linda Chiles and I reside in (currently) LD30 and CD6. Thank you, Commission, for allowing public input. I fervently hope you will utilize...and not just listen to... the masses of public comments regarding this redistricting process you are conducting. My concern is with the apparent gerrymandering that you have shown with this draft of maps. Proposition 106 charges you to create "fair and balanced" districts. What you have created are maps that are 80% "safe" and in no way competitive. "Safe" districts mean the other party has NO chance of ever getting elected in that district. "Competitive" districts mean both parties have a chance to win and that electorate can believe their candidate at least has a fighting chance to win. By your own stated measure of range which was 0-7%, this result you have created is way over that mark. And your argument that this 80% is balanced between Republican and Democrat holds no water whatsoever. A "safe" district means a deterioration of the quality of candidates, a lack of government's responsiveness to the people, voter apathy, disenchantment with and low participation in elections. It results in the general population's perception and comment..."My vote doesn't count." A "competitive" district, on the other hand, creates quality candidates, voter participation and strengthens...not weakens...our way of governing. Stop the gerrymandering that you are currently doing. Adhere to the directives of Proposition 106 and create a final result of "fair and balanced" districts. Listen to what we are pleading you to do...please!
11/18/2021 - 10:15	Barbara Hollway	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	Since I moved to Scottsdale in 2005 after retiring, I have never been represented in the Arizona State legislature by representatives having similar values and supporting policies I find beneficial to Scottsdale residents. So it is critical that the new legislative district boundaries represent fairness to both political parties. I recommend Map #LDF049 to your commission as it keeps greater Scottsdale together and better meets the IRC criteria. Thank you for considering my comments on this important issue of legislative district boundaries.
11/18/2021 - 10:19	Dr. Sharon Crain	Legislative District Revisions	I am a Psychologist living in LD23 Scottsdale for 36 years. My legislator should represent my community of interest..Cave Creek on the N, Fountain Hills on the East, Camelback & Reservation on the South, Scottsdale city line on the West. This is where my clients reside, where I shop & go to Church. Current division of my community is extremely upsetting!
11/18/2021 - 10:36	Gina Zappia	Sky Ranch on Airport Mesa should be under Sedona jurisdiction	I don't know if this can be addressed via this commission, but Sky Ranch shouldn't be under Yavapai Jurisdiction, because they have had years of complaints about how they blast loud music usually from 6-10 pm, on weeknights too, from an outdoor tent on Airport Mesa. Years of complaints were confirmed by the sheriff's dept., police, zoning, permits, even the girl at front desk at Sky Ranch said, "You aren't alone, just call the police". The city of Sedona should have influence over how Sky Ranch ruins the serenity of our residential community here in West Sedona, and are disruptive to wildlife as well. They are the only business that is a problem this way, and there is no way seemingly to hold them accountable. The Yavapai planner Tim Olson read a permit to me over the phone that said they could only do their events if there were NO complaints about the music, and Deshannan Young told me that she couldn't find a permit, and I couldn't find one on their portal myself that was relevant. Thank you for your consideration.

11/18/2021 - 10:43	Shari Crain	Federal Congressional District Revisions	As a real estate professional doing business in Scottsdale for over 20 years...I am acutely aware of how important communities of interest are to home buyers & myself. Central Phoenix & parts of Scottsdale should not be included together as they are extremely different demographics..as buyers choices make clear. Likewise, below Camelback residents are much more aligned with younger Tempe/ASU folks...our Southern boundary should be Camelback...not Thomas.
11/18/2021 - 11:39	Jan Dubauskas	Redistricting LD3	Hi - I am an attorney and I live in north Scottsdale with my husband and children. Please do not split Scottsdale into 3 districts. Our city is very special, it's nationally known for how unique it is - we need to be kept together as much as possible. Most of us in Central and north Scottsdale stay north of Chaparral Rd, so if you have to divide it, I guess that would be a fair dividing line. South Scottsdale is most like Tempe - ASU grads typically move to South Scottsdale so put south Scottsdale with LD8. In no way should LD3 span as wide as it does - that isn't fair to anyone - the representatives or the citizens. Instead, split LD3 at the west Scottsdale city limit and continue south to Chaparral Rd. This way, Scottsdale is only split in 2 and our citizens and representatives stand a chance. Thank you.
11/18/2021 - 12:29	Edward Quinif	Legislative District Proposed Boundaries	I have been a Scottsdale businessman for over 50 years and have lived in LD23 Scottsdale/Fountain Hills the entire time. I am greatly disturbed that you would so drastically break up my family's community of interest. My legislative rep should represent my community bordered by current Scottsdale city line to the West, Cave Creek on the North, Fountain Hills on the East and Camelback and the reservation on the South. This is where our lives are, church, friends, business partners. Please don't move the boundaries as currently proposed.
11/18/2021 - 12:35	James Wade Bell	Redistricting	I am writing in support of maps BOS LDF 0050 and LDF 0051 that the Elected City Councils of Sedona and Flagstaff and the Coconino County Board of Supervisors have submitted and support for drawing the Legislative Districts. Keeping Sedona together is critical for shared services including government, school, fire and library. Also, keeping Sedona together along with Flagstaff and the Verde Valley honors our shared economies and facilities including infrastructure, healthcare, natural resources and culture as a community. We are collectively an economy that relies on tourism to a much greater extent than Prescott, and we need to recognize that reality. In addition, voters passed Prop 106 to create fair and competitive districts. Northern Arizona Districts as drawn by the IRC do not meet these standards. Competitive districts keep voters engaged and turnout high, and all voices are heard, including Independents. This is critical for the health of our democracy. I strongly urge you to honor the unique character of our community East of Mingus Mountain and support maps BOS LDF 0050 and LDF 0051.
11/18/2021 - 12:35	Ed G. Quinif	Congressional District Comments	My family has lived in Scottsdale for over 40 years and I am in disbelief that you would break up our community of interest to include central Phoenix and parts of Scottsdale together. Those two communities are completely different! The southern boundary of my congressional district should be Camelback, not Thomas Rd. As a businessman, my clients don't live South of Camelback as their community of interest is more aligned with ASU/Tempe. Please respect our communities of interest and align our representation appropriately.
11/18/2021 - 13:00	jeanne mcgill	Public comment on new districts in Maricopa	I am 76 and my life is pretty much in North Scottsdale. My church, doctors, restaurants, stores and services are all near me. I feel a comaraderie of values and priorities with the people here. I would like to be able to vote with those people. I never go to I-17 or Deer Valley. I-17 is only if I go north to Prescott. Thank you Jeanne McGill Scottsdale
11/18/2021 - 13:25	joan berry jaynes	KEEP GREATER SCOTTSDALE TOGETHER - MAP LDF049	KEEP GREATER SCOTTSDALE TOGETHER MAP LDF049 I am a long time resident of Scottsdale and the maps that are being proposed for Scottsdale divide the city and do not meet the all of the 6 of the constitutional criteria for drawing a district, which the above named map meets all of them. It also complies with the Voting Rights Act. We have a economic community of interest that includes tourism, local business interest on the 101 corridor south of 90th St.
11/18/2021 - 13:30	Diane Connors-Lange	Redistricting	Separating Sedona in any way is just plain wrong. For what reason or purpose? Do you job and do what is right for our communities, not what the political hacks want to see happen, but the people who live in the community.
11/18/2021 - 13:53	Carol F. Swagel	Redistributing Map	I live in Paradise Valley, all my daily activities are for the most part in PV or Scottsdale. PV has similar concerns as those living I'm Scottsdale North of Camelback and up through Cave Creek,Carefree, and Desert Mountain. These should be in the same legislative district.
11/18/2021 - 14:25	Jennifer Klansnic	Keep Flagstaff whole	I'm writing in support of Coconino County's proposed district map that keeps the city of Flagstaff intact for voting. I'm terribly concerned about the effort to split Flagstaff's voters and voice in the legislature. I urge you to listen to locals on this matter. Thank you.
11/18/2021 - 14:59	Sandra Galinski	Rezoning	"Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde are western/suburban cities/towns. North Phoenix and I-17 are urban. These areas are not the same. Our communities of interest are different and shouldn't be in the same district. Prior comments to the IRC indicated that people in the area of North Phoenix and I-17 agree with this."
11/18/2021 - 16:38	Laura Schafer	Arizona Redistricting	Please keep Scottsdale whole! Scottsdale is one town, complete and independent! I am a resident in North Scottsdale. Our home is in Scottsdale, we shop, seek medical care, attend church, and dine in Scottsdale. Most of our friends, live in Scottsdale. Our extended family lives in Scottsdale. We attend cultural events in Scottsdale. We occasionally travel to Cave Creek or Fountain Hills for dining and events, but the majority of our time and money is spent right here in Scottsdale. I have very little in common with people in North Phoenix, DC Ranch, and certainly nothing related to the Deerfield Airpark area. I have never even been to this area! Scottsdale is a unified district and should be kept whole. There is a natural boundary at Scottsdale Road. This should be utilized. According to the framers of our constitution, our legislature should be identical to the people the they represent. There is no possibility that anyone could represent the interests of Scottsdale, North Phoenix, and the Deerpark Airfield. This is too broad of a district and covers a multitude of diverse interests and needs.
11/18/2021 - 18:26	Fredi Hamilton	LD 5 and 7	It is not possible to have fair elections without having fair legislative districts. The gerrymandering of LD 5 and LD 7 that you have proposed is destructive to the democratic principles that the commission is required follow. Please reconsider the lines you have drawn...ensure that those lines do not favor one political party over another.... and guarantee fair elections for us all. Thank you.

11/18/2021 - 18:28	Paula Linker	Redistricting - Scottsdale as 1	<p>My name is Paula Linker, my husband & I moved to AZ from the big bustling city where each block was basically its own little town. We selected to resettle in the scenic sonoran town of Scottsdale for its quality of life and its life style.</p> <p>Firstly, thanks to Fairmaps & the IRC for volunteering your time to redistrict our state. Unfortunately, the thanks stops right there. I can think of many words to describe these, many short 4-letter words. Others show complete disregard for the 3 most important ones that respect citizens and their role in the process: community, compactness, contiguous, geographical boundaries, e.g. our beautiful mountain ranges and washes.</p> <p>These maps are balkanizing, divisive, engineered, manipulative, phony, you get the drift.</p> <p>SCOTTSDALE/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde/Carefree/Cave Creek-Should be 1 legislative district starting at Beeline Highway on the East, moving West to Scottsdale Rd. Go from Chaparral in the South, north past Rio Verde, Carefree, Cave Creek.</p> <p>This is the area we eat, drink and play / prayer within these boundaries.</p>
11/18/2021 - 19:36	yvonne cahill	districting Current LD 23 to LD 4 LD 3 etc	<p>I am asking that the redistricting commission keep Scottsdale from Osborn North using the NATURAL BOUNDARY of the CITY OF SCOTTSDALE. WE are a western town, we do not belong with Phoenix!!! City of Scottsdale has enough people to have our own LD, please do not put us with other communities that do not have a community of interest. Please keep Scottsdale as ONE if we are too large then take the bottom South Scottsdale and combine that with Tempe. I DO NOT go to Fountain HILLS or RIO VERDE OR PHOENIX! I live work and go to church in Scottsdale. Scottsdale has a city council, we have sports like the Waste Management Open and the Spring Training, we share common interests in our city. I play golf in Scottsdale everywhere from McCormick Ranch to Desert Mountain. Please do not split up our city into three sections and put us with people whom we have nothing in common and have to travel great distances to meet and work campaigns. Keep us with Cave Creek or Carefree but not Desert Ridge. Please adhere to the AZ Constitution, Article 4, Part 2 Section 1, (14), A, B, C, D and E!</p>
11/18/2021 - 21:32	Jean Marie Toner	draft redistricting maps	<p>I am 70 years old and have never missed a federal election since I became eligible to vote. I have only missed two local/state elections, both because I was in the process of moving. While I am a registered Democrat, I have voted for both Republicans and Democrats based on who was the better candidate. I believe in democracy, whether my chosen candidates win or lose. I am disturbed by the elimination of competitiveness in northern Arizona created by the draft LD and CD maps. This undermines democracy. Democracy is about shared power and fairness and hearing all voices through voting. Competitive districts are critical to a functioning democracy and are a requirement for redistricting in Arizona. Please use the maps CDF 010, LDF 050, and LDF 051. Those three maps create highly competitive districts and competitiveness preserves our democracy. Thank you.</p>