

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
11/19/2021 - 05:40	Stevens Leesa	Redistricting	Please do not divide Sedona into two districts ... we belong together, as does Flagstaff. Thx, Leesa Stevens
11/19/2021 - 06:30	Prudence Roberts	Voting rights	Please choose to include all votes and voices. Do not allow one party to silence people who might vote for a different party. We are better than these games that are being played! This must be bipartisan or we are doomed to repeat our early colonies where Catholics could not live freely in Virginia. It wasn't right then and it isn't right now.
11/19/2021 - 09:37	Michael W Moon	Redistricting	As a resident of Showlow Arizona I support the Draft map LD7 with changes that will make the district more rural. Our history, economy, and way of life is completely different from urban, suburban, and metropolitan communities. When a region of small towns is combined with a large population center, our unique legislative priorities become second place or ignored all together. Our local needs are bigger than political powers and racial demographics. People from Eastern Arizona representing all backgrounds have been calling on you to keep rural Eastern Arizona together. Please, do not divide our region and place strips of rural Arizona with any urban or metro centers, including Flagstaff, Sedona, Apache Junction, Gold Canyon, Florence, Sierra Vista, or any outskirts of Phoenix and Tucson metro areas.
11/19/2021 - 10:00	honora levin	Redistricting	my husband and I have lived in Scottsdale for 29 years and our activities such as shopping, entertainment, and sharing good times with friends are within the confines of Scottsdale boundaries. We want to be represented by someone who is familiar with our beautiful city and so are opting for our boundary to be Scottsdale Road. Certainly not I 17. Our needs are unique to Scottsdale and Redistricting to keep our uniqueness local is paramount to our way of life. Please heed our plea.
11/19/2021 - 10:26	Michael W Moon	Redistricting	As a concerned Citizen, I support the draft map LD6 Indian district, and that Flagstaff belongs in the Indian district. Flagstaff's philosophical beliefs, the direction they want the town to go, the emphasis on Indian education and workforce development, healthcare facilities, federal agencies, all work well with the tribes, they have more in common. That is why I support Flagstaff being in the proposed map LD6 with the tribes.
11/19/2021 - 11:16	John Combo	LD 19 draft	test message
11/19/2021 - 11:21	Judith Maeda	redistricting maps	I have been trying to understand the current proposal re Congressional Draft Map. This draft map has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican. As it is proposed it dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. They deserve the right to elect their representatives. I support the Congressional Draft Map submitted by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission CD010. Please adopt this map. Thank you
11/19/2021 - 11:29	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern Arizona	Dear Commissioners, I'm very concerned with the maps you propose for Northern Arizona, particularly the maps for proposed LDs 5 and 7 (but also the grossly imbalanced LD 6). The imbalance of party registration defies Prop. 106 and is wildly in excess of your own competitiveness guidelines. We can expect significant testimony in Prescott Valley in support of the proposed maps, as Republicans hold a large majority there and they will demand the right to win all elections in LD 5 for the next 10 years which your proposals would give them. Please, adhere to your constitutional and legal duties, and restore fairness to the voters of Northern AZ by replacing your proposed maps with those set forth by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.

11/19/2021 - 11:37	Judith Maeda	redistricting maps	<p>The draft map treats communities of interest in Northern AZ unfairly. It removes any competitive legislative district in Northern AZ and that was unnecessary to achieve the other 5 constitutional criteria. Currently, testimony strongly weighs in favor of a community of interest stretching from the Verde Valley through Flagstaff based on economic and cultural ties.</p> <p>I support the maps submitted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors .LDF-050 District 7 LDF-051 District 6</p>
11/19/2021 - 11:43	Teena Parham	Redistricting	<p>I have lived in eastern Arizona for over 30 years. Raised 4 children here. And 5 plus one coming grandchildren growing up here. My husband was a logger for many years before that industry was destroyed. Now we have a backhoe business. I also lived in the valley for many years have a son and his family two more grandkids living there. It is a great difference in how we live. Rural Az is a very different way of life than urban or metropolitan areas. I personally fought long and hard to save the logging ranching mining farming and recreational industries that we once had thriving here. Now we are more of a service based economy. Our schools are more personal and friendly. We don't have many conveniences around but we don't mind. We have different values we common interest in our way of life. We need draft map LD 7 to keep us more rural. We have nothing in common with the native Indian district. Keep them together and keep rural and together. That's the only way we will have a voice. The ONLY WAY we will have representation. The map I refer to I don't know how to attach but ld6 is in purple and ld7 is in yellow.</p>
11/19/2021 - 11:50	Richard and Christine Olsenius	Keeping Quail Creek in LD21	<p>As residents of Quail Creek, a community incorporated in the Town of Sahuarita, we support keeping our community, along with Madera Canyon and LaPosada, in LD21. How can you separate a community that is incorporated in Sahuarita, a part of their long-range development plan and artificially connect us to communities in another region, including different counties, that we have no working relationship with? Nor do we share development goals or support the same schools, or have much else in common. Please keep Quail Creek, LaPosa and Madera Highlands in LD21 with our jurisdictional home of Sahuarita.</p>

11/19/2021 - 12:01	Bruce Bracker	Map 10.2 Santa Cruz County	<p>11/19/2021</p> <p>Chairwoman Schupak Neuberg and Members of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, Thank you for considering my comments as you consider both the Federal Congressional Districts and our State legislative districts. My name is Bruce Bracker; I was born and raised in Nogales Arizona where my family has been involved in local government, nonprofits and operating businesses since 1924. I am currently serve on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors representing District #3 which encompasses Tubac, East Rio Rico and all of eastern Santa Cruz County which includes Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin.</p> <p>When I addressed this commission at the meeting in Nogales, I emphasized that it was very important to keep Santa Cruz County whole. And this is the first point I would like to draw your attention to. As a rural county, it is very important that our need as a community be important to our Congressional Representative, if you divide us you weaken that voice.</p> <p>It is also very important to maintain Santa Cruz County in the current community of interest, north to Tucson, which includes the University of Arizona, and Pima Community College is very important to us. Pima Community College is our partner for our local community college and our partner for our local high school JETD programs. The University of Arizona has had a satellite campus in Santa Cruz County for many years and we benefit from their economic research of our community.</p> <p>In map 10.0 and 10.2, you have drawn Santa Cruz County into a district that includes the Southern portion of Cochise County. I must emphasize that we do not have the economic, familial, educational nexus to this group of people.</p> <p>I have refrained up to this point, to talk about the political affiliation motive, which you should not be considering, but I can see no other reason to be carving out southern Cochise County for a district that includes Santa Cruz yet taking away Southern Pima County that we share so many common interests just not political ones. I feel compelled to repeat myself, is an economic, educational and familial nexus to Pima County that simply does not exist with Cochise County.</p> <p>At some point, your commission is charged with maintaining Voting Rights Act districts in Arizona. I believe that Santa Cruz County and Nogales belongs in this type of district because of its profile population as I mentioned before.</p> <p>In closing, I also mentioned at your meeting in Nogales that it is very important to have two congressional districts that represent the communities on the US-Mexican border. This reasoning also applies to State legislative Districts. Though rural, our proximity to the US – Mexican Border means that we are dealing with issues that require the attention of the State Legislature and the Governor. By creating a long and narrow border district, you dilute the representation for the region. Thanking you in advance for your consideration of my comments</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bruce Bracker District 3 Supervisor Santa Cruz County</p>
11/19/2021 - 12:32	Sandra Dougherty	IRC Final Draft Map	<p>Dear IRC members,</p> <p>My name is Sandra Dougherty and I have been a homeowner in Scottsdale for more than 20 years. I am a concerned citizen and care deeply about the future of Scottsdale. The IRC has an important task as it tackles the issue of redistricting.</p> <p>As a committed Scottsdale citizen I strongly urge you to Keep Greater Scottsdale Together in accordance with map #LDF049. This greater Scottsdale district is consistent with the six constitutional criteria for drawing a district. Keep Greater Scottsdale Together is a fair, just, and workable redistricting plan.</p> <p>Thank you for your service on the IRC and for your work on this important issue.</p> <p>Sandra Dougherty</p>

11/19/2021 - 12:40	Andrew Gashwazra	Redistricting changes	Hello, can you point me in the direction where I can find info on the redistricting changes by comparison. What are the most significant changes.?
11/19/2021 - 12:50	kerry Nugent	Town Hall Meeting, 11/19/21	I am of the belief that the corridor that includes the Verde Valley, Flagstaff, Sedona and the south rim of the Grand Canyon need to be represented by one legislative district. The communities mentioned share many elements including healthcare, public safety, as well and commercial and economic interests. Please, we need to have all of the above represented by one and only one legislative district.
11/19/2021 - 12:50	Ann R Heitland	Northern Western Virtual Townhall	The only speaker who supported the Draft Maps for northern Arizona at today's hearing was the wife of one of the Republican Congressional candidates, who is now serving in the legislature. Paragraph 15 of Prop 106, now in the AZ Constitution, precludes the commission from considering the places of residence of incumbents or candidates. Yet, Ms. Blackman specifically advocated for keeping her husband's residence in Snowflake in a district. That testimony should be ignored.
11/19/2021 - 12:52	Allan Gerston	Town Hall Meeting, 11/19/21	The second largest of Arizona's tourism economy as reported to be about \$2 billion dollars. Prescott is not part of the area or corridor that is geographically part of the economic area that includes Flagstaff, Sedona, the Grand Canyon and the Verde Valley. I feel that Prescott should not be included with the same congressional district as the Grand Canyon corridor in that Prescott is separated from this economic district economically and physically by Mingus Mountain. Prescott should remain as part of the congressional district that also includes the areas of the Colorado River areas.

11/19/2021 - 13:12	Steven H. Slaton	Future Legislative District 7	<p>My Name is Steven Slaton; I live in Show Low Az. Like to thank Chairman Neuberger, and Commissioners, My wife and I represent the White Mountain Conservatives. We represent thousands of folks who live throughout the White Mountains of Northern Arizona Mountain communities. As for the future of Legislative District 7, By including the Northern Communities with a Southern district of Pinal County as shown in your approved Draft Map Legislative District 7, is not communities of interests or competitiveness. With the size of these districts half of our population is bound to feel unrepresented. And they are already! Districts should accurately represent communities of interest who live and work together. Being loop in with the Pinal County which main community of interest is mining, were we have nothing in common with mining. A new Legislative District 7 should accurately represent communities of interest which is required by State and Federal law. We the people of Northern Az. request you reinstate your Az. Draft Map 1.0 Legislative District 7. HOWEVER the communities of Snowflake, Taylor, Holbrook, Joseph city, and Winslow, are not part of these communities of interested of the White Mountains. These communities are made up primarily of rock and high desert plateau, with a vast valley of ranchland, and agriculture, With 2 of the largest Marijuana growing facilities in the state, as well as large wind Farms, and Helium development from Ho brook Basin through the Navajo Reservation, these differences separates the two regions, and they should be included in Legislative District 6 not Legislative District 7. The culture and way of life is different than those communities of interest of the White Mountain Communities. The White Mountain Community which is outlined on the Az Draft Map 1.0 with their community of interest is commitment to bringing tourism to the region, along with common interest within other White Mountain communities, which share rivers and lakes, National Forest, winter sport activities, Hunting, Fishing with ongoing Economic Development of the White Mountain. The White Mountain communities for Legislative District 7 need to be with other White Mountain communities of the same Interests. These interests are non-partisan and are for the common good in our locales and region. These cities include Lakeside/Pinetop, Show low, Heber/Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Payson, Pine, Strawberry, Cornville, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Williams, Parks, Sedona, Suburban and Rural Flagstaff only as in Doney Park, and West Flagstaff. All of These Communities would meet communities of Interests as well population requirements for Legislative District 7 according to Federal and State Laws.</p> <p>Thank you for your time Sincerely Steven Slaton</p>
11/19/2021 - 13:22	Lisa Green	proposed redistricting maps North Eastern Arizona	<p>I am asking the committee to recognize that Rural AZ deserves a voice. As a citizen of rural North Eastern AZ, I do support the current proposed map for the new LD 7 but would like to see it more rural--by including Graham and Greenlee counties as opposed to Apache Junction. Rural concerns are different from Urban/Suburban. As I have seen in other comments, Rural Arizonans want a voice. Solely rural and undivided!</p>
11/19/2021 - 14:13	Mary S Meister	Redistricting Map	<p>The town of Sahuarita and Green Valley should be in the same map area for both congressional and state District maps . . . these two communities are divided by a street essentially and people go back and forth between the two towns for many things . . . La Pasada and Quail Creek area also similar retirement communities like Green Valley and parts of Sahuarita. Other areas like Madera Highlands and Sahuarita area are multi-generational living and working in the area or in Tucson. These communities should be grouped together due to their similarities . . . location and people and current working together within Pima County.</p>

11/19/2021 - 14:40	Cheryl Hultquist	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together – Please	<p>We have lived in Scottsdale for ten years and are property owners. We moved to Scottsdale when we retired. Our son and his wife moved to Scottsdale two years ago as well. We never think that North Scottsdale is not associated with the majority of those who live in Scottsdale. I've followed the redistricting process and I have a keen interest in keeping greater Scottsdale together.</p> <p>We urge you to adopt map #LDF049.</p> <p>Many thanks to each of the commissioners for your service and your willingness to pursue fair and competitive maps across Arizona.</p> <p>Cheryl and Allen Hultquist Scottsdale Residents</p>
11/19/2021 - 15:12	Eric Nolan	Redistricting proposal	<p>Hello commission, please turn down the proposed redistricting lines. Our communities of interest in and around Flagstaff would be greatly impacted by the redrawing of congressional and legislative lines. Regarding legislative lines, as it stands in Flagstaff now, we have a healthy balance between rural and urban populations. Having a 1 person 1 vote balance enables urban and rural communities to have fair representation in debate and legislation. The new LD7 line would divide the surrounding greater Flagstaff area and dilute the voices of thousands by consolidating too many like-minded people into districts that would inherently create and reinforce bias. This is especially true as it relates to Indigenous and Native American representation in LD7. Forest health, water management, health care, and flooding issues with Flagstaff and surrounding cities depend on consistent governance. By dividing the current lines, this will exacerbate the allocation of resources and voting balances (for example, Sedona and Kachina Village are communities of significant interest to Flagstaff due to sharing similar economies). Please do not pass the current proposed redistricting lines.</p>
11/19/2021 - 15:16	Millicent Gray	AZ Redistricting	<p>ARIZONA REDISTRICTING COMMENTS</p> <p>Hello. My name is Millicent Gray. I live at [REDACTED] and I am speaking for my family.</p> <p>I would like to make some observations about the redistricting happening in Arizona.</p> <p>AS WE WELL KNOW, in 2000, a citizens' initiative, Prop 106, led to the State Constitution's creation of a commission to develop "fair and competitive" maps</p> <p>The Congressional District 2 Draft map which includes the Navajo Nation is no longer competitive. This does not comply with the constitution. Competition means that candidates must pay attention to ALL their constituents.</p> <p>It is important that Native Americans have a competitive chance to elect a Congressional Representative of their choice. The addition of all of Yavapai County to CD 2 dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. Therefore, I solidly support the CDF010 –The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Proposal– submitted by the Navajo Nation.</p> <p>My ASK is to please redraw the district lines for CD 2, to make it "fair and competitive".</p> <p>OF COURSE, competitive Districts should be favored throughout Arizona.</p> <p>REGARDING Legislative Draft Maps for Northern AZ Districts, LD 5, 6 and 7: they should also be scrutinized for competitiveness.</p> <p>I support an Alternative to the present draft maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *LD 5: non-competitive, leans GOP; split Yavapai Co at Mingus Mtn and add population from Mojave *LD 6: Non-competitive, leans Democratic—Native American tribes without Flagstaff *LD 7: Competitive, includes Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Sedona, parts of Gila and Pinal Counties <p>In addition, evidence indicates there is a community of interest from Verde Valley through Flagstaff based on economic and cultural ties. We thank you for considering this.</p> <p>FURTHER, I strongly support the maps submitted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, and thank the Commissioners for their work.</p> <p>Thank you, Millicent Gray and family</p>

11/19/2021 - 15:44	mary helsaple	Redistricting Maps	I'm writing this to ask you to please follow the guidelines set up by the constitutional amendment that specifies keeping communities of interest together. The map places most of the Verde Valley and Sedona within Prescott and disassociates it from the other half of our residents and Flagstaff, it splits the Yavapai Apache Nation and shatters the existing representation - in opposition to nearly 85% of the citizen comments and testimony at Commission's public hearings. Please adopt the maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and supported by the City of Sedona. I am a member of the voting Sedona community for decades. West Sedona, Sedona, Village of Oak Creek and the Verde Valley is surrounded by National Forest and desert. Essentially an Island. The proposed plan splits our communities and that is not what redistricting is about. The community of Sedona cares about development, water, climate change, and self-rule and shares these issues with surrounding communities. Splitting our community into chunks limits governing our community to be the place we want to live in. Do not disenfranchise us.
11/19/2021 - 15:53	Eloisa Jerez	Speak on redistricting	Hello my husband & I would like to express our choices on redistricting. We live at in Santa Cruz Co.
11/19/2021 - 15:54	Jane Doyle	Independents votes should count - please consider this in Yavapai County	People register as Independent because their views don't neatly align with those of the Republican or Democratic parties. Noncompetitive maps diminish the voice and power of independent voters who don't want to be boxed into a political party. We need everyone to participate in our democracy. You have the power to draw maps that increase the power of independent voters. Stop disrespecting Independents: create competitive districts! Thank you.
11/19/2021 - 16:00	Jesus Jerez	Redistricting Zoom Call	I would like to speak Virtually on Redistricting. My wife & i live in Santa Cruz County.
11/19/2021 - 16:20	Karyn Riedell	Mapping Northern Arizona	The current congressional district for northern Arizona is extremely competitive. Our recent representatives have been moderate Democrats who worked very hard in campaigning and connecting with all constituents. The current draft map would alter this district to make it non-competitive and heavily Republican. Those who would be elected to office are likely to be extremists who would not listen to all constituents. Instead, they would ignore anyone who does not share their extremist beliefs.
11/19/2021 - 18:47	Joyce A Winston	Keep Scottsdale Together!!	please change the ma to seep Scottsdale together..makes no sense otherwise..
11/19/2021 - 19:04	Eve Ross	Final Maps	First, thank you for your service - you have conducted an amazing number of meetings and created numerous opportunities for public input. It has been an exemplary effort. Second, I urge you to adopt the map(s) submitted by Coconino County in lieu of your 'final' maps. Coconino County's maps recognize the historical and present day community of interest defined by Sedona, Flagstaff, and the Grand Canyon. This community is knit together by transportation routes (before I-17, the only access to Northern Az was via Sedona), a critical watershed, and an eco-tourism based hospitality industry. Coconino County's boundaries reflect this community of interest, and should be respected. Additionally, as a (now retired) executive at a global business based in Flagstaff, I have learned that the best candidates engage when they actually have a chance at success. The final maps make these northern districts non competitive. The County's maps, endorsed by the Navaho Nation, do the opposite. In order to strengthen our civic institutions we need good candidates to participate in the political process. Your own analysis shows the 'final' maps have a 0-9 history. This is not competitive! Please take the opportunity to strengthen civic discourse in Arizona by creating truly competitive districts that meet the other statutory requirements Please adopt Coconino County's submitted maps to preserve the unique community of interest which is Northern Arizona. Respectfully, Eve Ross, J.D.
11/19/2021 - 19:17	Rick Hamilton	redistricting in LD 5	The proposed map for my district, LD 5, will negate my vote. How can I possibly have a chance of having a say in my government if I my party is outnumbered by more than 25%. This is not what democracy is about. Please reconsider the maps you have drawn. I sincerely hope this is an oversight on your parts and not an intentional plan to silence my voice. I thank you for reconsidering the maps you have drawn. I thank you.

11/19/2021 - 19:47	Linda Davis	Redistricting	I've lived in Scottsdale for 42 years and all my activities from church to schools and work have located between Came back Road near Old Town to up north to dixileta and east to Fountain Hills. Scottsdale road is on the western side of the Scottsdale we know. We don't use the west side of Scottsdale road as a life style so no I don't want to change the current district arrangement! Thank you
11/19/2021 - 21:13	John Combo	LD 19 draft	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I am a resident of Tubac in Santa Cruz County. I live in the 2nd Legislative District. If the current draft maps are approved, I will live in LD 19.</p> <p>Active Management Areas There are reasons that the State of Arizona created the Santa Cruz Active Management Area ("SCAMA") out of the Tucson Active Management Area ("TAMA") in the mid-'90s to closely monitor and regulate underground water in the SCAMA. SCAMA covers an area from the border with Mexico through Tubac to the boundary with Pima County around Amado where it interfaces with the TAMA. State legislative support concerning water regulation is useful when needed. THERE ARE NO ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREAS IN COCHISE, GREENLEE, NOR GRAHAM COUNTIES!</p> <p>International Wastewater Treatment Plant The U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission ("USIBWC") operates the Nogales International Wastewater Treatment Plant ("NIWTP") in Rio Rico, AZ where it treats about 15M gallons/day of effluent from Nogales AZ (~20%) and Nogales Sonora Mexico (~80%). That treated effluent is released into the Santa Cruz River where it helps to replenish some of the aquifer and the Santa Cruz River then flows above ground to a little bit north of Tubac and then goes underground through the TAMA and the Pinal Active Management Area until it reaches the Phoenix Active Management Area and then meets up with the Gila River on the outskirts of Phoenix. State legislative support of the NIWTP, and the USIBWC as it deals with rogue effluent discharges from the Sonora side of the border, is critical to ensure continued clean water flow of the Santa Cruz River which helps ensure wildlife that brings tourists.</p> <p>National Heritage Area The US Congress had reasons to create the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area in 2019, and determine its boundaries, which follows, generally, the Santa Cruz River from the border with Mexico through Tubac and further north to about Marana. There will be coordination of various factors in the Area. This Area is about to submit its Management Plan to the US Secretary of the Interior. NO PORTION OF COCHISE, GREENLEE NOR GRAHAM COUNTIES ARE WITH THE BOUNDARY OF THE SANTA CRUZ VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA!</p> <p>I ask that you consider the above as you consider in which district it makes sense to include the Tubac, Tumacacori, Carmen and Amado areas.</p>
11/19/2021 - 22:29	Colleen Ryan	Redistricting	Dear Ms. Shereen, I am not sure what is so difficult about following 6 principals for redistricting, but these were written for a reason. A district should not stretch from Awatukee to Gilbert. Please try to follow the 6 principles given. Thank you.

11/20/2021 - 08:46	Suzan Austin	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I am a resident of Scottsdale since 1980 and a homeowner for 37 years. I am a retired school teacher and on the board of the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association. I am also a concerned citizen.</p> <p>After studying the final draft map D3, I am convinced it does not meet all 6 criteria in the Arizona Constitution. I believe keeping greater Scottsdale together as presented in #LDF049 is an alternative that does meet all the criteria. To encourage all qualified candidates to run, competitive districts need to be created, and D3 does not do this but #LDF049 does create almost complete parity.</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully request the IRC to consider adoption of #LDF049.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work and service to our state.</p>
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11/20/2021 - 09:00	Salli Maxwell	Redistricting statement	<p>Hello! I am a 24 year Prescott resident.</p> <p>I would like to encourage the committee to follow up on the guidelines for more competitive voting districts, and to consider letting "the other side of the mountain" fall to another zone. It is already divided from "this side of the <Mingus> mountain" in many ways as a result of the geographical boundary.</p> <p>Competition is a commendable goal which I encourage. With a district designed as a monoculture, the loudest in the echo chamber gets chosen to represent: radicalizing and consigning potentially participative voters to apathy. With properly competitive redistricting, the discourse comes alive, and democracy may thrive.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication to the craft!</p>

11/20/2021 - 09:04	Suzan Austin	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I am a resident of Scottsdale since 1980 and a homeowner for 37 years. I am a retired school teacher and on the board of the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association. I am also a concerned citizen.</p> <p>After studying the final draft map D3, I am convinced it does not meet all 6 criteria in the Arizona Constitution. I believe keeping greater Scottsdale together as presented in #LDF049 is an alternative that does meet all the criteria.</p> <p>I believe that the final draft map D3 does not meet the criteria of respect for communities of interest. But #LDF049 creates a district that includes the corridor of businesses at the 101 between 90th Street and McDowell Road that represent the best interests of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. These communities have been intertwined for decades and should remain so.</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully request the IRC to consider adoption of #LDF049. Please Keep Greater Scottsdale Together.</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work and service to our state.</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:12	Ardella Foster	KEEP SCOTTSDALE TOGETHER Map #LDF049	<p>Keep Scottsdale Together LDF049</p> <p>I have lived in Scottsdale for 26 years and am a property owner. We moved to Scottsdale for employment. I have lived in central and now north Scottsdale. I selected Scottsdale as I felt it would be one of the best choices of where to raise our family. I was not wrong. Over time, I relocated to north Scottsdale. I always think of north Scottsdale as being part of Scottsdale.</p> <p>I've been following the redistricting process and have a strong interest in keeping greater Scottsdale together. I believe map LDF049 is the best choice that meets the all criteria.</p> <p>I URGE YOU TO ADOPT MAP #LDF049</p> <p>Ardella Foster Scottsdale Rresident</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:16	Stephen W Lynes	Redistricting	<p>I am a business man who lives in Fountain Hills. Your proposal to split up Scottsdale and move central Phoenix into our district makes no sense. Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Rio Verde are western cities with common issues and community. The lines should be left as close to what they are today as possible to ensure common interests and community are preserved. It also makes no sense to add mid-town Phoenix to CD1. It appears lines have been drawn to 'balance' districts rather than to preserve and represent communities which have some together to build an environment of common interests. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:17	Barbara Hollway	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>Thank you for receiving my comments on redistricting in Arizona. Having lived in Scottsdale for over 16 years, I want to point out a few facts that will help draw the lines fairly.</p> <p>The draft maps depict Scottsdale in 3 different districts. This reduces our influence as voters in Scottsdale and requires City leaders to work with 6 house reps and 3 senators in the Arizona legislature. The Keep Greater Scottsdale Together Map #LDF049 will fix this.</p> <p>Thank you so much for considering my comments.</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:19	Andrew Rusk	Flagstaff/Coconino County	<p>Please do not adopt the revised map which splits the Flagstaff area into separate voting districts.</p> <p>Instead please adopt the map proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.</p>

11/20/2021 - 09:21	Suzan Austin	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I am a resident of Scottsdale since 1980 and a homeowner for 37 years. I am a retired school teacher and on the board of the Scottsdale Sister Cities Association. I am also a concerned citizen.</p> <p>After studying the final draft map D3, I am convinced it does not meet all 6 criteria in the Arizona Constitution. I believe keeping greater Scottsdale together as presented in #LDF049 is an alternative that does meet all the criteria.</p> <p>I have determined that #LDF049 creates a highly competitive district that would encourage all qualified candidates to run. It conforms to municipal and tribal boundaries that meet the criteria of "compactness and contiguousness," and it would be within a margin of error in relation to having "equal population" that would be rated as highly competitive.</p> <p>I believe we need fair and competitive districts in our state, and many of the maps the IRC has created accomplish this goal, but Dc does not.</p> <p>Therefore, I respectfully request the IRC to consider adoption of #LDF049. Please Keep Greater Scottsdale Together!</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work and service to our state.</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:22	Vicki Lynes	Redistricting	<p>My husband and I live in Fountain Hills, We shop, worship and socialize in Scottsdale. Our two communities, along with Rio Verde, are western cities. We have common issues and have created a community. Your proposed redistricting too dramatically changes our representation and adds communities which we have nothing in common. Your objective should be to make needed changes while preserving that which the people have created as a community. Please restore Scottsdale to our district and remove central Phoenix and other outlying areas which was share nothing in common. Your proposed add of midtown Phoenix created the same issues. Your job isn't to rebalance AZ, it's to adjust for population growth while preserving that which we have created as communities of common interests. Thank you for the consideration.</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:38	Diane Ortiz-Parsons	Redistricting	<p>I'm Diane. I am native to Chandler. I live N of Elliot Rd. East of the 101. My childhood home was in downtown Chandler East of 101. My Father- in -Law started our Church (East of the 101 just N of Ray Rd.) My favorite restaurants Florindinos, Serrano's, and Chase Diner are Eastz of 101. I shop East of the 101. On the West side of the 101 are signs that say Welcome to West Chandler! I am not West Chandler. My family has lived in the area East of 101 since 1930's. Please include us with our community!</p> <p>Diane Ortiz-Parsons</p>
11/20/2021 - 09:40	Diane Ortiz-Parsons	Redistricting	<p>I'm Diane. I am native to Chandler. I live N of Elliot Rd. East of the 101. My childhood home was in downtown Chandler East of 101. My Father- in -Law started our Church (East of the 101 just N of Ray Rd.) My favorite restaurants Florindinos, Serrano's, and Chase Diner are Eastz of 101. I shop East of the 101. On the West side of the 101 are signs that say Welcome to West Chandler! I am not West Chandler. My family has lived in the area East of 101 since 1930's. Please include us with our community!</p> <p>Diane Ortiz-Parsons</p>

11/20/2021 - 10:03	Linda Lutes	Redistricting in Arizona	<p>My name is Linda Lutes and I live in Prescott, Az. I am unable to attend the hearing today in Prescott Valley but I would like to make a Personal comment. The tenants of the Redistricting Committee are Fairness and competition. The current proposed map provides neither. Keeping Counties whole is not a Constitutional requirement. Many, many counties such as Santa Cruz, Graham and Navajo are split. This must be true as well for Yavapai County. Keeping Yavapai County whole makes no sense to me. Why? In the current proposed map the spirit and letter of the law are both defamed. CDF 010 doesn't meet the definition of a competitive district. The proposed draft map removes half of Yavapai County representation and meets neither the spirit or letter of the law. All counties benefit from multiple districts. In the current proposal, Independent voters lose impact since they must make the extra step of registering with a party before they can vote. Their voices become diluted. In competitive districts, anyone can win and the best candidates emerge from any party. Legislators need to listen and respond to all voices. I worked in Wickenburg for 10 years and it possesses both the spirit and demographic of Prescott. It needs to be included in the map with the Prescott area. I rely on the Commission to "get it right" and represent fairly the wishes of all it's Citizens. Thank You.</p>
11/20/2021 - 10:17	Patricia R Hale	LD17	<p>I have lived in Casas Adobes for 36 years. I have lived through three legislative boundary changes at my home. This district has been competitive with both Rs and Ds representing the district. Under map 10.0 for LD 17, the district will no longer be competitive. The latest iteration of this district (10.0) was drawn to make a safe ruby red district. LD17 in 10.0 is neither geographically compact, a community of interest, nor competitive. It runs from Saddlebrooke, a retirement community in Pinal County from the north west side of Tucson across the Catalina and Rincon Mts to the far southeast side of metro Tucson. It encompasses parts of six school districts.</p> <p>LD 17 in draft map 9.0 respects county lines and uses the Rillito River as a southern boundary. It respects city boundaries by not splitting municipalities. It will keep the district competitive and compact. I implore you to use Map 9.0 for LD17.</p> <p>Respectfully, Patricia Hale</p>
11/20/2021 - 11:06	Dennis Erba	Splitting Scottsdale in 3 districts	<p>We live in North Scottsdale and it makes no sense for Scottsdale to be divided into 1/3rd sections. Are do all of our shopping, business and church activities in Scottsdale. The district should remain as one. Areas east of Scottsdale is a very different demographic with young families with very different needs. We need to keep Scottsdale together as we all enjoy the benefits of tourism, development and community. We moved to this area for its beauty and community. It is important for Scottsdale as a whole to have representation who lives in our community.</p> <p>“</p>
11/20/2021 - 11:07	Kathleen Erba	Splitting Scottsdale in 3 districts	<p>We live in North Scottsdale and it makes no sense for Scottsdale to be divided into 1/3rd sections. Are do all of our shopping, business and church activities in Scottsdale. The district should remain as one. Areas east of Scottsdale is a very different demographic with young families with very different needs. We need to keep Scottsdale together as we all enjoy the benefits of tourism, development and community. We moved to this area for its beauty and community. It is important for Scottsdale as a whole to have representation who lives in our community.</p> <p>“</p>

11/20/2021 - 11:56	maria ginter	redistricting of Verde Valley	<p data-bbox="900 144 1041 172">Good Morning</p> <p data-bbox="900 196 1942 701">My name is Maria Ginter and I'm a resident of Yavapai County, Az. I have lived here for over ten years. I often visit and shop in cities throughout Yavapai county and local communities including Sedona, Red Rock, Clarkdale, Jerome, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde. In all the time I have been here I have never driven as far as Flagstaff for reason. I consider This proposal to transfer the Verde Valley out of Yavapai County to be completely inappropriate. They have been considered part of the local community and need to stay in Yavapai County. Given the increasing development going on in Yavapai County, of particular concern is the water supply. It is my understanding that cities of Yavapai county, including Sedona, Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Rimrock, Camp Verde and Chino Valley are all part of the Verde Valley watershed. However Coconino county, including Flagstaff, is part of the Little Colorado watershed. In that regard I feel that moving Verde Valley communities on the district boundary map out of Yavapai county would be unfair and deny the residents of these communities the proper representation regarding any matter relating to the future of their water supply. There have been many people supporting the redistricting and moving of the Verde Valley under the Coconino County jurisdiction and I believe their interests are purely politically motivated which should not, and must not, influence the development of the Legislative District maps. I ask that you follow the Arizona Constitution in its entirety and keep the current Yavapai county communities and LD5 together. Maria Ginter Prescott Valley, AZ 86314</p>
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11/20/2021 - 12:10	Victoria Kauzlarich	Observations on the Salt River Public Hearing	<p>My name is Victoria Kauzlarich. I have lived in Scottsdale for ten years and have been a property owner here for 20.</p> <p>Since becoming a full-time resident, I have served on four of my HOA's committees, I am a Deputy Registrar, a graduate of the Botanical Garden's Desert Landscape School and, for 6 years, the author of a sustainability column in my HOA's monthly magazine. Volunteer activities, all.</p> <p>I've been following the IRC's progress toward redistricting for months. I have submitted several written comments and appeared before you publicly during the last round of public hearings.</p> <p>I attended the Salt River hearing last Thursday and I would like to make a couple of observations on two lines of reasoning that came through loud and clear during public comments.</p> <p>The first, and one the IRC has heard routinely, is the litany of people who begin their comments with "I shop at x, I eat at y and my doctor is at z, therefore that's my community of interest." This is nonsense and yet it has been repeatedly expressed, right after each speaker's opening biographical remarks.</p> <p>These are not reasoned arguments and, as often as these have been repeated, literally dozens of times across the 3 meetings I've attended, it is clear that these are talking points the speakers have been instructed to use. This observation led me to wonder, has the IRC asked any of these speakers what these comments mean and why they think that 'where I shop is my community of interest'?</p> <p>The second set of comments I heard is far more troubling and last night was the first I've heard them. They go something like this, "competitive maps = gerrymandering". One of the later speakers was outraged over this, particularly as it relates to the draft CD1 map.</p> <p>I fear that argument will take hold much as other equally-outraged contemporary messaging has. I know that these hearings are not intended to be debates and I'm not sure how or if the IRC should address this second observation, but it looks like the basis for a future legal argument in the making.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and your service to our state.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
11/20/2021 - 12:21	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistrictig in Northern Arizona	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Your work encompasses many difficult issues, but fortunately one of them - the gross lack of competitiveness in the LDs and CD proposed for Northern Arizona - has a solution that is not at all difficult. By adopting maps 0050 and 0051 proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors you can easily restore reasonable competitiveness to our area. This will bring fairness to the process and cure what amounts to the disenfranchisement of thousand of voters under the current proposed maps.</p>
11/20/2021 - 12:37	Jeannine Reno	Over 65 population in Flagstaff equals 6,303 citizens	<p>There has been testimony that the Flagstaff has an average age of 25 years old, so therefore has nothing in common with the over 65 populations the Verde Valley. Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde average a population of 3170 people over 65+. Source US Census. Flagstaff has 6,303 residents over 65+. The population of 65+ in Flagstaff has failed to be reflected in testimony, please consider that the retired population is indeed a community of interest in the existing LD6 districts. I support the maps 50/51 proposed by the Coconino County Supervisors.</p>

11/20/2021 - 12:55	Terryl A. Warnock	Redistricting Map	I am 64 years old and have never missed a federal, state, or local election since I became eligible to vote. I am an independent voter and have voted for both Republicans and Democrats based on who I thought 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.
11/20/2021 - 13:00	roy b arnsmeyer	District 23 changes	I have lived in Fountain Hills AZ for 15 year and disagree with the proposed changes to our district.
11/20/2021 - 13:02	Ellen Ferreira	IRC Comment from Sedona	I testified at the IRC meeting on Tuesday, November 16th in Cottonwood and stayed the entire time to hear the last speaker. The biggest takeaway from that meeting is the NOT ONE SINGLE PERSON was in favor of splitting Sedona and the Verde Valley. This is significant, since there aren't many issues upon which everyone agrees - Republican, Democrat, Independent. Please keep Sedona whole and with the Verde Valley. Continuing to group those areas with Flagstaff as the the current LD6 does, results in a competitive district that fulfills all 5 criteria in the State Constitution. Thank you!
11/20/2021 - 13:11	jeanine C arnsmeyer	Proposed changes to District 23	I have lived in Fountain Hills AZ. for years and oppose the proposed changes to our district.
11/20/2021 - 15:51	Marcia	Redistricting	I am a resident of Scottsdale and highly involved in community sports and social activities in Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. I attend church in Scottsdale. I do all my shopping in Scottsdale and use Fountain Hills and Scottsdale for doctors. I have no identification with the urban community. Please do not mix us with communities that have nothing in common. The current district of Rio Verde, Fountain Hills, and all of Scottsdale reflect our common interests. Please keep it the same and avoid dividing us up.
11/20/2021 - 15:52	Leonard Sands	Fountain Hills Redistricting	As a Fountain Hills resident I am very opposed to the proposed redistricting. My wife and I shop in Fountain Hills and neighboring communities. Lumping is together with communities out of our area does not give us appropriate representation. Please reconsider what you're proposing. Thank you.
11/20/2021 - 15:57	Norma L Bliven	Map Hearing Nov. 20, 2021, Prescott Valley	The maps need to be LDF50, LDF51 and CDF10. For heaven's sake, the IRC is supposed to be "Independent" - creating fair and competitive maps. If the maps are approved as currently drawn, Yavapai will be represented by embarrassing Republicans for the next ten years. The Mingus Mountain Range provides a natural and obvious separation of communities of interest in Yavapai County.

11/20/2021 - 16:14	Eric Day	Draft Maps	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>First, I want to discuss the proposed CD 9, which takes in the counties of La Paz, Mohave, Yuma & Maricopa and EXCLUDES most ALL of rural Yavapai County. It is comprised of 70 % of residents from Maricopa. Thus, it is no longer a rural district and eliminates any chance of western Yavapai County, including Prescott, from having any meaningful representation.</p> <p>The 4-1 Republican dominated Yavapai County Board of Supervisors have been lobbying you, the IRC, to deny competitive LD & CD districts. Keeping Yavapai County whole, as in the proposed CD9, does NOT create a competitive district, nor is it a truly rural district, as the current CD4 is.</p> <p>Next, I want to discuss the proposed maps for Northern AZ, which creates districts that are SO UNCOMPETITIVE, it will be difficult to find candidates AND to energize voters. Furthermore, proposed CD2 does not meet the VRA requirements; Nor does it meet the standards set forth in Prop 106, which created the IRC. Competition within districts encourages moderation. While In SAFE, Non-competitive districts, representatives have No motivation to be accountable to large portions of their constituents.</p> <p>My recommendation is to move Yavapai County back into CD9 and REMOVE the portion of Maricopa County. Regarding CD2, the overwhelming testimony at IRC hearings of residents of Verde Valley & Sedona reveal their desire to be included with Flagstaff. Doing so, would make CD2 more competitive! So I suggest this change also be made.</p> <p>I want to thank those commissioners who do this difficult job in a nonpartisan way! Thank you very much.</p> <p>Sincerely, Eric Day</p>
11/20/2021 - 16:15	phil sahad	Redistricting	<p>I am a resident of Scottsdale, have my business in Scottsdale, go to church, have my social groups, doctors, shopping, and all other interests in Scottsdale. I do not identify with urban communities or have commonality with that type of setting. By gerrymandering our district those changes do not in any way represent my choices of the community I have resided in and called home for over twenty years. I am against redistricting mixing uncommon types of living settings, urban, suburban and rural instead of the representation of those residence who share common choices based on where they have chosen to live.</p>
11/20/2021 - 16:20	Richard william muto	Redistricting	<p>I'm retired and have lived in Fountain Hills for 8 years. My community of interest is fountain hills, north Scottsdale and rio verde. I have nothing in common with phoenix and anthem. Please do not include Fountain Hills with those distant and different areas. Thanks.</p>

11/20/2021 - 16:32	Gladys Simon	Scottsdale Redistricting	<p>egislative districts. As much as is practicable, greater Scottsdale should be kept together. Keeping greater Scottsdale together is wholly consistent with all six of the constitutional criteria for drawing a district. At roughly 240,000 people, it is within the margin of error for equal population. Keeping greater Scottsdale together achieves compactness and contiguousness. It incorporates visible geographic features. The geographic footprint of Scottsdale remains virtually in tact as does the Salt River Pima-Maricopa community. It includes all of the unique features of both: urban, suburban and rural. Further, it creates competitiveness that the previous draft iterations do not. It comes very close to creating parity between the two major political parties with the advantage slightly favoring Republicans. Keeping greater Scottsdale together offers the opportunity for legislative candidates to run and govern from the middle, thereby serving the majority of voters in the proposed greater Scottsdale district. We already know that this level of party parity works. Two examples in the city of Scottsdale are the City Council and the Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board. Both are composed of centrist candidates from both parties and both govern as citizen-centric. This greater Scottsdale district also complies with the Voting Rights Act in ways that the current LD23 does not. The proposed greater Scottsdale district has a compelling economic community of interest that includes tourism, local business interests on the 101 corridor south of 90th Street, along with Scottsdale Community College - all of which are on tribal lands. Putting these two communities together also preserves their mutual interest in sustainable land use, respect for the individual character of diverse and distinct neighborhoods, a culture of citizen involvement, environmental stewardship & open space preservation, along with a citizen-centric focus on planning, community building & decision-making. Both communities - Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community value their unique sense of place. The IRC should value that as well by keeping greater Scottsdale together. You are invited to refer to map #LDF04</p> <p>Yours truly,</p> <p>Gladys Simon</p>
11/20/2021 - 16:32	Karyn Riedell	Northern Arizona Districts	<p>In November 2000, Arizona voters passed Proposition 106 in order to remove power to draw congressional and state legislative districts from the state legislature. Voters approved Prop. 106 by a vote of 56.1% to 43.9% The Commission's mandate is to draw districts according to six criteria. One of these is that districts should be electorally competitive whenever possible.</p> <p>Currently, none of the Commission's draft districts for northern Arizona are competitive. District 6 leans Democrat by 42 points, District 7 leans Republican by 29 points, and District 5 leans Republican by more than 20 points.</p> <p>The current draft map does not honor the Arizona voters who overwhelmingly voted for a bipartisan Commission that would create competitive districts so that ALL Arizonans would have a voice.</p>
11/20/2021 - 16:50	Barbara J. Orcutt	Yavapai County Supervisors Position	<p>After listening to the hearing in Prescott Valley today, I still do not understand why elected officials for a county would advocate for reducing their representation in Congress and in the legislature as 4 of the 5 Yavapai County Board of Supervisors have. Supervisor Donna Michaels supports a competitive district which could only result by keeping two districts in the county as has been the case for the last 10 years. But the other 4 seem willing to sacrifice the interests of their county to serve it up to the statewide Republican plan to prevent competitive districts. They should be ashamed of themselves.</p>

11/20/2021 - 16:53	Robert Gallo	Redistricting for Fountain Hills area	<p>Three years ago my wife and I moved from the D.C. area to AZ. We spent the first year visiting towns like Wadell, Peoria, Goodyear and Tempe. When we visited Fountain Hills we knew it was the right place for us and have been living here for two years. We have established extensive roots in this community and favor the town council ordinances and organizational structure. We also enjoy the local restaurants and shopping here as well as the Scottsdale and Rio Verde areas. We are very concerned that our community will be negatively impacted if we merge with another district that has values that are in opposition to our current community. We do not want taxes, voter propositions and zoning issues that may arise as a result of merging with another district that is economically or demographically opposed to our current community. Please ensure your decisions do not impact the Fountain Hills/Scottsdale/Rio Verde areas.</p>
11/20/2021 - 16:55	Toni Denis	Proposed LD5,6,7 maps & CD	<p>Hi, I'm Toni Denis, a Prescott resident. I'm here to talk about the lack of competition in the drafts maps of LD5, 6 and 7. LD5 is the size of three Eastern states and it's been inflated to be even larger than the original district. I'll give you three reasons why they should be redrawn.</p> <p>Number one: The lopsided advantage Republicans have in LD5, 6 and 7 can be mitigated. We know this from other proposed maps. Why stick with something that is clearly uncompetitive?</p> <p>Number Two: Cutting cities and suburbs apart makes no sense, as in maps 6 and 7. This reminds me of the extreme gerrymandering in Austin, which is cut into 5 uncompetitive districts. It doesn't represent the common interests of the people and dilutes their voices.</p> <p>Number Three: Yavapai County is the fastest-growing county in the state. It needs more representation, not less. The new CD2 map takes away a U.S. Rep and the new LD maps take away three legislators.</p> <p>In competitive districts, all voices are heard and Independents are more likely to be engaged. Extremists are less likely to be elected in primaries and legislators are more likely to listen to all constituents. Some tell you the county should be kept whole, but it's not a valid argument, since it's not a constitutional requirement. 12 of 15 counties are split.</p> <p>In summary, these maps give Republicans an unfair advantage, they separate areas of interest from each other, and they don't recognize the influx of new people into our area. It silences the voices of Democrats and Independents.</p> <p>These maps are the opposite of a level playing field. Please consider revising them.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>
11/20/2021 - 17:59	Mary Ann Gallo	Fountain Hills map redistricting	<p>I am a resident of Fountain Hills, Arizona and chose to live here for the convenience of accessing all my needs right here in my own community and the close surrounding Scottsdale area. All of my healthcare needs are here in the Fountain Hills and Scottsdale areas. My church, my social groups, the places I do all of my grocery shopping are in these two areas. I am a retired resident and have anchored myself in this community because I am in alignment with what this community offers. Everything about it is what I am invested in. From the close proximity to the sheriff's office to the close proximity of my doctors, to the safe beautifully zoned neighborhoods of Fountain Hills. Please, I am asking that the powers that be do not make changes to the districting maps that will negatively impact my community or my daily routine of accessing and affording the places I regularly attend for my daily and overall well being. I and many others have invested our lives work into this place we call home.</p>
11/20/2021 - 18:33	Brian Tetrault	Opacity of this Website and the Redistricting Process	<p>Your website is about useless. Trying to make any sense of your maps and what basis was used to set them is practically impossible with your piecemeal presentation.</p>

11/20/2021 - 18:47	Fred Hamllton	northern Arizona redistricting	Democracies need nurturing to survive. Citizen involvement is critical to that survival. Please do not draw districts that will discourage voters from participating in the democratic process. Fairness.... competitiveness....the future of our democracy is in your hands. Thank you.
11/20/2021 - 18:53	Fred Hamllton	northern Arizona redistricting	Democracies require nurturing to survive. Citizen involvement is critical to that survival. Please, do not draw districts that will discourage voters from participating in the democratic process. Fairness.... competitiveness....the future of our democracy is in your hands. Thank you.
11/20/2021 - 19:04	Sallie M Kladnik	IRC Map Contractor	I am strongly in favor of the Coconino County Maps submitted on Oct 27 to the IRC for Legislative maps for LD 6 and 7A. They are much fairer and more competitive than the draft maps. I am also in favor of keeping the Congressional Districts as they are for CD 1 . It is fairer and more competitive that the proposed draft changes.
11/20/2021 - 20:34	Julie Pindzola	Prescott Valley Testimony 11-20-21	<p>*****Good Morning ALL*****</p> <p>I'm Julie Pindzola retired Prescott Planning Manager. I graduated from NAU in Geography/Geology back when Sedona was larger than Prescott Valley. My city and regional planning experience taught me to think in terms of short range and long range planning and of the rippling impacts of decisions made today. I am speaking to you again and with growing alarm. It becomes difficult to not get pointed because the IRC is not heeding our insistent calls for Fairness and Competitiveness. We here in Northern Arizona know only too well what overly safe districts can bring on. One feels at the mercy of predetermined elections, over and over again.</p> <p>Please reflect on this and find the wisdom of Solomon to pull our state out of the national spotlight of accelerating divisiveness. Arizona could be the gold standard for how to do this right if we can get more competitive districts and far fewer safe districts.</p> <p>In our part of the state a great many of us want a Competitive LD7 and that means including the Verde Valley with Flagstaff. This does not hurt the so called sovereignty of Yavapai County and it does not change how people are taxed or recreate, shop or receive public services. People are being manipulated by such statements – as many other counties and cities are being split. The irony is that many commenters do not seem to realize that there have been separate LD and CD districts for Prescott and the Verde Valley for the past 10 years.</p> <p>The historic Verde Valley enclave and its own legitimate COI could maintain its unique voice, particularly with regard to its Lower Verde River Water Users status, which is a real thing and is separate from the Prescott AMA, by design. The DROUGHT makes this even more critical. Reinstating the 2011-2021 lines means Yavapai County can keep the double representation just like it has now. PLEASE move the line back to Mingus Mountain and let Central Yavapai County align with its natural COI Mohave County. This applies for both LD and CD districts. (Note, LD5 proponents are happy to take from Coconino and Maricopa counties to get the population they need.)</p> <p>So again, please take seriously the smart Coconino County LDF 50 and 51 maps as guides. Also the Navajo Nation's Congressional CDF-10. You heard the Hopi Community ask for these maps too. These changes split fewer counties overall, create enhanced COIs, compactness, fairness and COMPETITIVENESS by reducing the extreme packing in LD6. These maps need correcting. THANK YOU!</p>

11/20/2021 - 20:39	Dora Harrison	ReDistricting	<p>My name is Dora Harrison, a 24 year resident of Coconino County. I worked for the County for several years and know them to follow redistricting carefully. Their maps and drawings are to be commended and certainly deserve much consideration. They carefully meet the criteria set forth for redistricting. It seems that some of the deviations are unnecessary.</p> <p>I am sure you are tired and ready for this to be over. That is understandable. However, In the 24 years I have lived in Coconino County, I have not been fairly represented. I would love to have districts that represent people such as I. I would love to have a representative that I could take a piece of legislation to for discussion and possible filing. For the past 20 years that has not been possible (in the state legislative arena. Thank you for your work and consideration.</p>
11/20/2021 - 20:54	Marianna Lynn Habern	Draft Maps	<p>Those of us in the Verde Valley feel a much greater affinity to Flagstaff than Prescott. Prescott has its own needs and issues and those are different from the Verde Valley's. Coming to the other side of Mingus Mountain differs from going up 89A to Flagstaff, which is where we go to find medical care and specialty services. Flagstaff is our city. We would much rather be included with Flagstaff in a Legislative District like LDF 050, rather than have Prescott speak for us.</p> <p>Additionally, I recommend that the IRC adopt the map CDF 010, proposed by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission. We should listen to and respect Native Americans' desire for their district. This map offers a district where the congressional race would be competitive – meaning more participation in elections, a larger variety of candidates, and every single vote mattering. CDF 010 allows Native American voices – and all of our voices – to be heard.</p> <p>The current IRC CD 2 map is outside the IRC's definition of competitive. The district proposed by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission is competitive, with less than a 1% advantage to either party, and it is more compact and contiguous than the IRC's CD 2 map. This fulfills all the requirements of Prop 106, which was passed by Arizona voters.</p> <p>It is possible to create a district that fulfills the letter AND the spirit of Prop 106 –</p> <p>Adopt map CDF 010 and show voters that the IRC will fulfill the requirements of Prop 106.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>

11/20/2021 - 21:08	Lina F. Hatch	IRC feedback	<p>*Hello, my name is Lina Hatch. I live in Maricopa County and I would like to share information about my community of interest.</p> <p>My family has lived in Gilbert for 45 years. Our zip code is 85233. I am a homemaker and my husband has been a realtor for 40 years, specializing in the Gilbert area.</p> <p>We have a Gilbert address, our children and grandchildren attend Gilbert schools, we attend a Gilbert church, we shop mostly in Gilbert, our healthcare providers and clinics are in Gilbert, we vote for Gilbert town council, we vote for Gilbert school board, we bank in Gilbert.</p> <p>Since the 2010 census, our small area west of Cooper and south of Baseline was carved out of LD22. This little sliver was combined into the Chandler Legislative District 17. Since then we have felt like we do not belong and do not have much influence. This has not given our small area adequate representation or cohesion. We do not associate with Chandler schools, churches, town council, school board, shopping, medical needs, bank, etc. We have been divided from our community of interest for these past 10 years.</p> <p>The latest proposed legislative district map is much worse! Gilbert is dissected into 5 pieces. This does NOT represent our community of interest! Cities should be kept as whole as possible. We want our legislative district to include ALL of Gilbert to keep our city whole!</p> <p>Our congressional district should also be whole with Gilbert in a single CD! The proposed CD map divides Gilbert into both CD 4 and CD 5. Keep Gilbert and Mesa together in CD5 within Maricopa County. That will represent our community of interest.</p> <p>We hand-picked Gilbert as our place of residence 45 years ago because it had the hometown cohesion we desired. Even though Gilbert today has grown and changed, it still has the same hometown cohesion we desire. We want our legislative district and our congressional district to reflect our community of interest here in Gilbert, and keep our city whole.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Lina Hatch</p>
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11/20/2021 - 21:20	Nancy Scharff	Prescott Valley redistricting hearing-11/20/21	<p>I think that the comments by Jes Ebel and the reaction of the audience are evidence of the danger of "safe districts" and the need for fairness in the redistricting process.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to adopt the LDF 050 map, the LDF 051 map, and the CDF 010 map to give the native American populations fair representation., and to provide for competitiveness in as many districts as possible. All voters should know that their votes matter, and our elected officials should be accountable to all their constituents, not just the members of their base.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and your diligence in serving on this commission.</p>
11/20/2021 - 21:26	Lina F. Hatch	East Valley hearing meeting	<p>There still is not a hearing scheduled for the southeast valley region of Maricopa County. Specifically for Mesa, Gilbert and Chandler. It is quite odd that hearings have been set everywhere except this area to discuss the most recent draft maps LD10.0 and CD 7.1.</p> <p>Numerous requests by residents of this area have been sent to the IRC, including Mayor Peterson of Gilbert.</p> <p>The unfortunate and highly unusual plan to divide Gilbert into 5 districts requires resident input before the final maps are drawn.</p> <p>Please let me know the steps that are being taken to secure a location for an in-person hearing and when that hearing will be set.</p>
11/20/2021 - 23:42	Larry Scoufos	Redistricting	<p>I am a resident in the 8th Congressional District and 1st Legislative District. I have been a non-partisan voter during all of my 53 years of voting and have never registered with any political party. As an "independent" voter, I have come to believe that my vote has little to no significance in these districts.</p> <p>When one political party has an overwhelming advantage over all others in a district, the system becomes more autocratic and less democratic. The voice of the minority voter is all but silenced. At times, I have had difficulty in getting my representatives to even respond to my inquiries, let alone engage in dialogue. It leaves those, like me, wondering whether to cast a vote at all.</p> <p>It has been said that the touchstone of a republican form of government is political equality. I understand that in the redistricting process, there will be some districts configured that favor one political party over another. That is likely unavoidable. But what can be avoided is the configuration of districts that gives a decisive advantage to one political party. If there is a lack of competitiveness within a voting district, it leaves many voters, like me, apathetic. When that occurs, our democracy is in jeopardy.</p> <p>I simply ask that when you consider the redistricting of the 8th Congressional and 1st Legislative districts, that you allow for competition in political races that are truly that - competitive. To do otherwise, promotes extremism, discourages citizen participation and creates political inequality, thereby placing our republic at risk.</p>
11/21/2021 - 02:23	Rosemary Bolza	redistricting in Southern Arizona	<p>I am speaking in favor of map LD 0055. For Southern Arizona this map creates compact districts that take into account the geography of the region.</p>

11/21/2021 - 03:58	John Lutes	Public Comment	<p style="text-align: right;">11/20/2021</p> <p>IRC Commission,</p> <p>My name is John Lutes. I am a downtown Prescott business owner whose been on Whiskey Row for 40 plus years, a place whose flair for western heritage is matched regionally only by Wickenburg. Whether we want to acknowledge it or not Yavapai County is growing at an unprecedented rate. We have the highest rate of growth in Northern Arizona. Currently Yavapai County is represented by two congressional districts and two legislative districts. Dual representation benefits Yavapai County.</p> <p>The draft maps presented by the IRC cut both our congressional and legislative representation in half. As the most populated county in Northern Arizona and the fastest growing, our interests are better protected if we have more representation not less.</p> <p>By having two representatives in Congress our access to federal support is doubled. By having six representatives in the state legislature, we have more voices advocating for our rural interests in Phoenix. It's important for Yavapai County to maintain its high level of representation as we look towards the challenges of the future.</p> <p>Our western heritage of democracy is best served by creating competitive districts. The only two highly competitive legislative districts in the current draft map proposals are in Scottsdale. Northern Arizona also deserves a competitive LD.</p> <p>And it's possible to do.</p> <p>The LDF 050 map would be the most competitive LD proposed and it better meets the criteria of being compact and contiguous than the currently proposed IRC draft map.</p> <p>Plus it keeps Sedona and Flagstaff whole, which both of those cities want.</p> <p>The Verde Valley wants to continue being in a competitive district.</p> <p>LDF 050 brings more representation to Yavapai County and satisfies the needs of Verde Valley citizens and independent voters who want to be in a competitive district.</p> <p>I urge the commission to relook at their map proposals and find a way to create a competitive district in Northern Arizona that gives Yavapai County more representation not less.</p> <p>John Lutes ██████████ Prescott, Az. 86303 ██████████</p>
11/21/2021 - 06:27	Sandra "Sandy" Cordova	IRC Hearing in Prescott Valley	<p>Thank you IRC for patiently listening to us at the hearing. Chair Neuberg, your professionalism and respect were appreciated. The current draft map for LD1-Yavapai fails to show fairness and competitiveness. However the commission decides to map districts, I encourage you to do so with fairness and knowledge that we are a state of diverse, unique communities. Prescott Valley, Prescott, Chino Valley, Humboldt-Dewey (Quad City) is probably the fastest growing AZ district. We have earned more congressional and legislative representation. As the population increases, there is a strong demand for more resources, especially sustainable water. People who live and work in the Quad City area know the needs and what will benefit them.</p>

11/21/2021 - 06:47	Meri Thomason	Redistricting	<p>Hey - I believe it is right to keep the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and the Native Americans all in one district. I think you know it's the right thing to do. Resist the desire to "WIN" politically and rise to the challenge of being a true leader for the good of the citizenry. It is the FAIR AND RIGHT THING TO DO!</p> <p>ADOPT CDF 010</p> <p>When you are judged, you will stand proud.</p> <p>Thanks!</p>
11/21/2021 - 06:58	Hope Busto-Keyes	When Will VRA Analysis of Draft Maps be Posted	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>When will the VRA analysis of the draft maps be posted on the IRC LinkTree for public review and comment? The end of the 30-day public comment period is fast approaching.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/21/2021 - 07:03	Marcia Lickei	Voting Maps Redistricting	<p>The current redistricting plan is not a fair or equitable plan!</p> <p>I am against the plan as it now is!</p> <p>We need better representation when redrawing these maps!!</p> <p>Marcia Lickei</p>
11/21/2021 - 09:30	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern AZ	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I viewed the testimony in Prescott Valley and was especially impressed by Karen Strauch's comparison of the proposed LD 5 and 7 maps to starting a football game with one team being given 28 points on the board even before kickoff. This is SO obviously partisan and unfair. I hope you won't do it to the voters of Northern Arizona but will substitute the maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors which are much more equitable and are widely supported.</p>
11/21/2021 - 09:31	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern AZ	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I viewed the testimony in Prescott Valley and was especially impressed by Karen Strauch's comparison of the proposed LD 5 and 7 maps to starting a football game with one team being given 28 points on the board even before kickoff. This is SO obviously partisan and unfair. I hope you won't do it to the voters of Northern Arizona but will substitute the maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors which are much more equitable and are widely supported.</p>
11/21/2021 - 09:37	Randy Hayes	IRC Hearing in Prescott Valley	<p>Seasons Greetings! Wherever I go in the political scheme of things I feel secure in realizing that deep down inside trying to draw and contemplate how these redistricting maps are made is a cumbersome task. A lack of the fair minded and open concept of competition among many individuals is a concern. How do we allow fairness to all involved? Thank you for allowing me to talk before you. I know you will reach a decision that is fair and equitable to all in the state of Arizona.</p>
11/21/2021 - 09:52	Robert and Kristen Rothrock	N. AZ proposed districts	<p>A well functioning democracy requires elections that are fair and engage the public. The districts proposed for N. Arizona won't engage the electorate because they aren't competitive. The differential far exceeds your guidelines. Some also aren't compact. This makes it difficult for constituents to meet with their representative face to face.</p> <p>Politics is like hardball. Rules are made to make baseball fair. We implore the Commission to keep our elections fair by following the three Cs. Thank you.</p>

11/21/2021 - 09:54	Deborah A Thalasis	Comments on Proposed Maps for Northern AZ	<p>I am writing concerning the proposed voter maps for Northern Arizona. I am a resident of Prescott. First I urge you to adopt CDF 010 as recommended by the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission. This would provide a much more competitive district than what the Commission is currently proposing. CDF 010 would have a 1% voter spread, while the proposed CDF 2 has more than a 7% voter spread, which is outside of the range of competitiveness. Further, this proposed district does not meet the Voting Rights Act requirements.</p> <p>Second, I urge you to move Yavapai County back into CD9 and remove the portion of Maricopa County. Further, I would like to see the Verde Valley and the Sedona area moved into CD2. Rural Arizona deserves two rural districts. CD9 as it is now proposed effectively removes one of them with the huge dominance of west valley communities in Maricopa County. And the proposed CD9 is not competitive. Additionally putting all of Yavapai County in one district does not address our population growth, our geography, our water management or any other measure.</p> <p>I realize you are being lobbied heavily by Republican interests in Northern Arizona, but you are charged with making non-partisan decisions that lead to competitive state-wide maps. Arizona has been a leader in this regard and it would be a travesty if this was the commission that drew maps with a partisan bias.</p>
11/21/2021 - 10:01	Mariann Leahy	Re-districting	Please adopt CD-FABRIEKEN 010.
11/21/2021 - 10:49	Sherry Walker	CDF 010wi	<p>Don't dilute the integrity of Az election results by gerrymandering. The vote of indigenous Az citizens (i.e., American Indians) must be respected. Adopt CDF 010. CDF 010 is a highly competitive map unlike the proposed Congressional District 2. Arizonans deserve electoral maps that are competitive. Anything less than that is manipulation of election results.</p>
11/21/2021 - 11:31	William J Hamilton, PhD	Fair and Competitive Electoral Districts	<p>Members of the IRC are well aware of the requirement of the Commission Rules, the US and AZ Constitutions for establishing "competitive districts" as nearly as possible. This Commissioners, in their currently drawn maps, have failed their legal and constitutional requirements. You have eliminated a competitive district and created another which will never be competitive.</p> <p>Since 2005 I have lived in such a district. The then US Congressman grossly misused his position and his removal from office required conviction for fraud. The current occupant has NEVER held a public Town Hall and blows-off other contacts with non-sequitur, un-responsive replies. His unhinged, racist behavior has embarrassed all Arizonans and caused official Censure by Congress. He has NEVER represented his constituency nor made any attempts to do so: This is clearly the result of his immunity from the consequences of losing an election for his actions. NON-COMPETITIVE electoral districts are harmful to Arizona and all Arizonans.</p> <p>My non-competitive AZ Legislative District Senator led the charge to spend millions on a sham election audit...more cost and embarrassment to Arizona citizens.</p> <p>NON-COMPETITIVE electoral districts are harmful to Arizona and all Arizonans. Thank you for your honest consideration.</p>
11/21/2021 - 11:59	Peter Bernhardt	Redistricting Map	<p>Your work encompasses many difficult issues, but fortunately one of them - the gross lack of competitiveness in the LDs and CD proposed for Northern Arizona - has a solution that is not at all difficult. By adopting maps 0050 and 0051 proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors you can easily restore reasonable competitiveness to our area. This will bring fairness to the process and cure what amounts to the disenfranchisement of thousand of voters under the current proposed maps.</p>

11/21/2021 - 13:28	Susan Roth	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together</p> <p>My name is Susan Roth. I have owned land in 85255 since 2001 and moved permanently to Scottsdale 6 years ago. I frequently volunteer with Brandeis University Arizona and National Council of Jewish Women to serve our local population.</p> <p>Scottsdale is a city that respects its citizens and has a city council and Scottsdale Unified School District Governing Board who work together for the greater good of its citizens. Both groups have centrist members of both political parties. It is a system that works well and should be reinforced rather than undermined.</p> <p>The new IRC map divides Scottsdale into 3 legislative districts. It would make it difficult for our mayor and city council to deal with 6 house representatives and 3 senators. It diminishes our citizens' power and influence. LD 23 would become LD 3 and does not meet the IRC six constitutional criteria for drawing a District. It makes the new plan contrary to the goal of the IRC to assure a fair and competitive breakdown between the two parties that will create maximum openness, dialogue and citizen participation.</p> <p>I recommend we follow the Keep Greater Scottsdale Together Map #LDF049 which I am attaching. This map creates near parity between the two political parties with R having a slight majority. By including the Salt River Pima Indian Community with the city of Scottsdale we preserve both groups interest in sustainable land use and business interests along the 101 Corridor south of 90th St. to McDowell which is on reservation land. It would address one of the major goals of the IRC and that is to incorporate and give equal voice to minorities in this situation the indigenous people.</p> <p>Please consider using MAP #LDF049 Keep Greater Scottsdale Together. This map would come very close to have an even split between our political parties.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your hard work to be fair to our residents.</p>
11/21/2021 - 13:40	David Ling	Redistricting	<p>Central Phoenix cannot be considered as a community of interest with Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, & Rio Verde. Central Phoenix is urban and the others are suburban, so combining these areas is not appropriate nor logical. Keep Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, & Rio Verde together as a district.</p>
11/21/2021 - 14:37	Karen Glennon	Draft Maps	<p>Can you tell me how I can view the draft map?</p>

11/21/2021 - 14:43	Jessica Lorraine Ebel	Please consider Maps CDF 10, LDF 50, and LDF 51 to eliminate "safe" districts.	<p>Good morning. My name is Jessica Ebel. I am a teacher with Prescott Unified, and my husband just retired from 20 years of service with the U.S. Navy. We've put down roots in Prescott, where we'll raise our two young children.</p> <p>I am here to voice my concern that the current draft maps do not honor the will of the voters- specifically the constitutional requirement from PROP 106 for fair and competitive districts. We can do better.</p> <p>Yavapai county itself is too large to be a community of interest and does not need to be kept whole, especially when it's at the expense of slicing and dicing actual communities such as Flagstaff, Sedona, and Wickenburg. This makes no sense. As an alternative, Maps LDF50 and LDF 51 keep the Verde Valley whole, and are significantly more compact and competitive.</p> <p>If Yavapai were kept whole we'd only get 1 congressional district and 3 legislators. This map cuts our representation in half, and that's not fair. Yavapai County is growing and we need more representation, not less. Map CDF 10 recognizes Mingus Mountain as a natural boundary with distinct areas of service and representation on either side. It's highly competitive, honors the voting rights act, and respects Native voices.</p> <p>As an independent voter, I want my vote to count. When districts are too safe, candidates cater to their base and extreme positions. The primaries will determine the outcome of the general election. We want more competitive districts in Northern Arizona, with better candidates who focus on the issues that matter in our communities, and must listen to all constituents.</p> <p>I am deeply concerned about the growing influence of extremism, violence, and corruption.</p> <p>Look around our state. We already have elected officials who: Do not respect the boundaries between church and state Accept corporate donations from outside interests while obstructing the will of the people Openly threaten other members of Congress with online violence Publicly support vigilante justice Refuse to accept the results of a free and fair election and Helped to plan a violent insurrection at our nation's capital</p> <p>Violent extremism is becoming more prevalent and when it is accepted in our politics, it spreads to our communities. In Prescott, we have people making threats to members of our school board about masks. We have people coming to the square with weapons to intimidate peaceful protestors. We cannot create districts where violent or extreme candidates will be "safe" and therefore unaccountable. Over time, "safe" maps will make our state and our democracy less safe.</p> <p>I agree with all of the Hopi and Navajo speakers regarding CDF 10, and I am also asking you to consider Maps LDF 50 and LDF 51as alternatives.</p> <p>THANK YOU for taking the time to listen and for the important work you are doing here today.</p>
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11/21/2021 - 15:03	Elaine Downing	The New Maps for AZ	<p>I am deeply concerned that our individual districts are not competitive enough. Citizens in EACH individual district should have a chance at being elected in their districts: Legislative or Congressional! We want representatives that are highly qualified, that listen to ALL their citizens, who know how to negotiate. Candidates who have opposition. Candidates who put forth an effort to resolve the problems in their district - not just the ones from their own party. Having an equal share of "safe districts" is not what Prop 206 had in mind.</p> <p>Having said that, having citizens from Maricopa County in with citizens in Mohave, Yuma and La Paz does not comply with the AZ Constitution. Maricopa County is not in our community of interests. They are more in line with city or urban interface residents. 70% of our population would therefore be from Maricopa County, drowning out the voice of the people who live in rural Arizona along the western part of the State. I would much rather have our additional numbers come from Yavapai County. They are rural residents as well and understand many of the same issues we have in Mohave County.</p>
11/21/2021 - 15:31	Debra J. Elder	Redistricting of LD 23	<p>Hello Commission Members, I am writing to ask you to please keep Fountain Hills in the same district with Scottsdale, our closest neighboring city. My family does business in Fountain Hills as well as Scottsdale, but we never drive to Cave Creek, Carefree, Desert Ridge or North Phoenix, which is very far distance away.</p> <p>It is important that we be included in this redistricting with like-minded neighbors. Those that live along I-17 and North Phoenix are a completely different demographic from Fountain Hills residents. Those residents are filled with young families with different needs than the retired and more elderly demographic of Fountain Hills. Please consider the border being Scottsdale Road vs. I-17.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and vote to keep our borders within Scottsdale.</p> <p>Debra J. Elder A Concerned Resident</p>
11/21/2021 - 16:25	Marcia S	Redistricting	<p>Please keep Scottsdale with a southern boundary line of Chaparral as one. Also, Scottsdale is not like Desert Ridge or Deer Valley and they should not be included in our community of interest. I never spend time in these two areas for any reason because they do not have businesses or social activities I am interested in participating with. South of Chaparral is a distinct community in itself, nothing like Fountain Hills or Scottsdale north of Chaparral.</p>

11/21/2021 - 17:03	Ruth Slade Kearns	IRC draft maps	<p>I live at Friendship Village, a continuing care retirement community, and most of my excursions outside of FV are to points of interest in Tempe. I shop for groceries and pharmaceuticals, use Tempe Public Library, have church membership, volunteer with I-HELP to feed the homeless, volunteer in the ASU Entomology Lab, and frequent many stores, all in Tempe. My physicians and dentist are also in Tempe. For me, it is important to have my legislative districts coincide with the boundaries of Tempe. I want my representatives and senator to be mindful of Tempe's needs. Although I live at the boundary with Mesa, I have much less interaction with Mesa and wish that I could be in the Tempe school district instead of Mesa's so that I could vote for friends who have run for school board positions. Since Friendship village is a Community of Interest, I would like to see it in the same district with other retiree communities, such as those in Ahwatukee. Keeping Tempe and Ahwatukee together would be desirable for me. At Friendship Village we have many retired teachers from Tempe schools and also from ASU. All of these folks have a strong interest in education.</p> <p>I appreciate that the IRC has been working to keep districts compact and competitive. When I attended commission meetings ten years ago, I was impressed by how many speakers asked for competitive districts. I could feel the level of frustration from those who felt their votes never counted.</p> <p>My recommendation for an "ideal" map, would be to keep Tempe together and to keep the retiree communities of Friendship Village and Ahwatukee in the same district.</p> <p>I thank all the Commission members for their hard work and effort to produce fair maps that address community needs and desires. You are to be commended for your dedication!</p>
11/21/2021 - 18:06	Danny Baker	Best Configuration of CD9	<p>First I would like to thank the IRC commission for their dedication to this very complicated and important project.</p> <p>My concern is that we here in the Western border area of the new Arizona CD9 would lose fair representation with our Representatives concentrating on the 70% of our district population that would reside in western Maricopa County. These residents are in an urban interface region and would not share our rural and small community issues and concerns. This goes against the stated requirements for fair and competitive districts particularly the goal to "respect communities if interest to the extent practicable". It seems it would be much better for CD9 to have the more rural area of western Yavapai County making up our additional population. Thank you, Danny Baker.</p>
11/21/2021 - 18:28	Gail A. Digate	Legislative District Maps 5 and 7	<p>I live in the City of Sedona (Coconino County). After attending IRC public meetings November 16 (Cottonwood) and November 20 (Prescott Valley), I am writing to request that the final legislative district map (1) keep the City of Sedona whole; (2) keep the Verde Valley together with the city and suburbs of Flagstaff, and (3) review the final map to ensure fairness and competitiveness. Specifically, splitting the City of Sedona is unacceptable. In addition, aligning the Verde Valley with Prescott and Prescott Valley fails to recognize the productive working relationships and cultural foundations that have been created and sustained among the cities and towns of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. Finally, pay closer attention to the variance of approximately thirty (30) percentage points in both LD5 and LD7. With such variance, voters in primaries determine the outcome of elections. Candidates in the party with the distinct advantage may express extreme views as they increasingly depend on their base for support. These candidates likely talk exclusively to their voters and may not even hear the voice of others. When repeatedly ignored, voters become cynical and ultimately disenfranchised. Such results erode full participation and confidence in democracy and lead to rule by one party, hardly the final outcome desired by the IRC and clearly not the intent of Proposition 106.</p>
11/21/2021 - 20:41	Mickey Tucker	Redistricting	<p>I am VERY concerned with the fact that the majority of new districts are drawn with unfair advantages for voters. We expect to be represented and cannot be assured of a chance of that with such high disparities in R VS D in so many areas. It needs to be 4-7% to be balanced. The way it is being presented will cause voters to give up. That's not Democracy. Do Better.</p>

11/21/2021 - 21:12	sabrina nickerson	redistricting	The current proposed redistricting maps do not comply with IRC mandates. Putting LD 11 in with Pinal county is not congruent nor geographically compact. It imposes unreasonable distances for individuals to be able to have even any commonalities, or to be able to organize any events that share common ground or allow for logistics that are reasonable. It blatantly violates IRC mandates!
11/21/2021 - 21:13	sabrina nickerson	redistricting	The current proposed redistricting maps do not comply with IRC mandates. Putting LD 11 in with Pinal county is not congruent nor geographically compact. It imposes unreasonable distances for individuals to be able to have even any commonalities, or to be able to organize any events that share common ground or allow for logistics that are reasonable. It blatantly violates IRC mandates!
11/21/2021 - 22:12	Teena Parham	Redistricting	Hello. I have lived in Heber/Overgaard for 30 plus years, raised four children with my husband who was born and raised here. He was a logger that was taken from us. We fought hard to stop that. We worked with many people of eastern Arizona because we have tons on similar issues. Our economics and school needs are very different than urban suburban and metropolitan areas. Our entire way of life is different. We have smaller communities we know our neighbors and people in communities all around us. We live in the middle of the largest Ponderosa Pine forest in the world. We need proper representation. We need to have our unique issues a priority and not ignored. I have a copy of a map the puts us with eastern Az communities that have common interest and values. If we are put with Native American areas we have different problems and issues and also with larger communities like anywhere in the valley area. We need to be solely rural and undivided. 5 eastern counties or portion of them like southern Navajo and Apache county should put together. We are just as important as more densely populated areas. Thank you.
11/21/2021 - 22:18	Teena Parham	Redistricting	Thank you for your work on this. Please keep southern Navajo and Apache county together. Keep the Native Indians together. We need to not have any heavily populated areas lined in with us. That would make it so we have no voice or proper representation. Communities with similar interest is the most fair and productive path. Solely rural because our issues and needs or benefits are very different from urban areas. Thank you again