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11/22/2021 - 07:05	Richard Ferreira	Sedona	Please keep Sedona in one LD, along with the Verde Valley and with our companion city, Flagstaff.
11/22/2021 - 07:42	Doris Mills	Redistricting	Please keep Fountain Hills and Scottsdale together in one district. I am retired and have lived in Fountain Hills for 27 years. I have a close association with Scottsdale through family. Besides it is where I shop and where my doctor's are located because they are close by. I don't drive all the way to Desert Ridge or Anthem to shop or for any other services. To break up Scottsdale and pull most of it away from Fountain Hills is not in the interest of either community. Thank you for your consideration.
11/22/2021 - 08:39	mable franklin	2021 Re-Districting Arizona	Navajo Nation population is over 300,000 and deserves two representatives! I prefer map CDF 010, which does not delude our voices of first nation voices!
11/22/2021 - 09:40	Vivian Perry	Community of Interest	I strongly support the CDF010 map submitted by the Navajo Nation. They would not be represented by the current draft map that is before the IRC, and which does not result in a competitive district. The CDF010 map does result in a competitive district.
11/22/2021 - 09:44	Douglass Ebstyne	Redistricting - Scottsdale Community	<p>2021 Arizona Redistricting</p> <p>My name is Douglass Ebstyne, I live in northern Scottsdale. My wife and I moved here nearly 6 years ago because we thought Scottsdale was a great community to live in.</p> <p>From my perspective the key issue in re-districting is community of interest. All other criteria are anchored to community of interest. For example, adherence to city, town and county boundaries and undivided census tracts, districts being compact and contiguous as much as practical all tie into community of interest.</p> <p>Our Scottsdale home is north of Cave Creek Parkway in the proposed LD3. We live way north of 101, yet we shop in both Scottsdale Quarters and Fashion Square and everywhere in between. Our Church, which we love, is on Shea. We buy our cars and have them serviced in Scottsdale south of 101. We grocery shop at Sprouts, Trader Joes and Whole Foods. Costco is an integral part of our weekly routine. All our medical services are in Scottsdale. We eat in restaurants all over in Scottsdale.</p> <p>Please do not split up Scottsdale - or include it with Desert Ridge and the I-17 area, since those are not in our community of interest, going to either of them is a "road trip." That is nonsensical. Scottsdale's western boundary should define the western edge of our district. If you have to make a change, Camelback south should go to D8. And remove central Phoenix from CD1 - that is a non-starter. It is blatant jerrymandering!</p> <p>Between sitting for 3 1/2 hours at the redistricting meeting Tuesday evening (11/16) and another 2 1/2 hours Thursday evening (11/18) I've heard a few people say that they want to have competitive districts. They suggest that people will be "more engaged" in the political process if everything is balanced. I find that to be a thin, weak and incorrect rationalization.</p> <p>To suggest that a detached, governmental body should be empowered to create unwanted and unnatural boundaries to neutralize one mind thought for the benefit of another is nothing short of ridiculous and unacceptable. This is a God-I ke task.</p> <p>Why should any government entity be allowed to determine voting lines that fragment existing communities of interest? That is a process built upon prejudice! The government does not know better than a community that has developed over generations what its community of interest is. Nor is the government able to determine that one arbitrary voting configuration is "more fair" than what already exists within a natural community. To suggest otherwise is to say that we do not merit being treated as a free and independent people.</p> <p>Arizona has been a state for 109 years and today it is exactly the way "we the people" have made it. If that is unsatisfactory or repugnant to some, those individuals are free to either engage in the political process or opt for one of the other 49 states that more fully aligns with their expectations. Thank you.</p>

11/22/2021 - 09:55	Kathleen Sauer	Proposed maps	<p>The proposed draft maps have no competitive LD's in Northern AZ. This is unnecessary, as the other five criteria mandated by the AZ constitution could be met, and competitive districts created, by the adoption of LDF 50, 51 and CDF 10. Please note that, pursuant to the AZ Court of Appeals, the criteria of competitiveness is equal in weight to the other criteria mandated by prop 106.</p> <p>This is important, because a healthy democracy requires that all voices be heard. Non-competitive districts foster extremism and corruption and disregard the voices of independent, non-partisan voters. Anyone who is not member of the majority party in the safe district is left feeling like they have no voice, and, in fact, they do not, as representatives from such districts cater to their base voters, at the exclusion of the rest of the population of the district.</p> <p>Competitive districts create greater interest in the democratic process, better candidates to run for office and produce a government that is responsive to the interests and viewpoints of all constituents. We all prosper if all ideas are considered on their merits, and not through a partisan lens.</p> <p>Finally, the adoption of LDF 50, 51 and CDF 10 would create more representation for Yavapai, a large and growing county, than the proposed draft maps. The county lines for Yavapai were drawn in 1864. In 2021, Yavapai encompasses multiple communities of interest, not bound by the county lines. These communities are best represented by the implementation LDF 50, 51 and CDF 10.</p>
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11/22/2021 - 10:29	Christine Courtland	Draft maps	<p>IRC comment</p> <p>Work of the Commissioners on redistricting is a daunting task. I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion. I strongly suggest changes to the proposed Legislative District 21 be made before this draft map is adopted. Military bases have very serious issues, such as family poverty. Davis Monthan Air Force Base should be placed in LD 19 together with Fort Huachuca to target the needs of military families. To connect these two communities, the commission could take areas east of State Route 83 between Interstate 10 and Sierra Vista and pull it into LD 19. This would free up a large population, therefore, enabling the addition of all the communities along Interstate 19 into LD 21 – except, of course, the Tohono O’Odham Nation which should remain in LD 23.</p> <p>Interstate 19 is the gateway to the United States. It brings in billions of dollar in trade, produce and tourism to Arizona and must maintain its integrity within one legislative district. These communities are all intertwined and decisions made about the I-19 corridor should be made by people concerned about the well-being of life along I-19 between Nogales and Tucson. We cannot have legislators from the Sierra Vista area making decision for Tumacacori, Tubac, Amado and Green Valley, or for Patagonia along State Route 82. Arizona is a purple state and it is important that LD 21 be much more balanced than it appears in the present approved map. All of I-19 in LD 21, plus Patagonia, will create a purple legislative district. When I hear testimony which attempts to justify districts of like populations (retirement communities, Christians, white versus</p> <p>diverse populations), I am concerned that climate issues like water, watershed, global diversity hotspots and mountain ranges being eyed for mining are being broken up to weaken the fight to protect them. The focus of the commission must be to create diverse districts, not homogeneous districts of like people.</p>
11/22/2021 - 10:36	Nina Souders	Redistricting for Flagstaff	Please adopt the attentive mail put forth by the local legislators here in Flagstaff. Do not split the cut off Flagstaff between two districts as, obviously, that is in violation of what you are charged with performing.
11/22/2021 - 10:51	Jane Hennessy	REDISTRICTING	Please, DO NOT redistrict Fountain Hills.
11/22/2021 - 11:23	Peter Furman	Support LDF050	Please keep Sedona together with Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. We so much more community with Flagstaff than Prescott. Thanks, Pete Furman
11/22/2021 - 11:32	Marilyn Bernhardt	Fair maps for Northern AZ	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>You have volunteered for a tough job. In the hurly-burly of all the proposals and comments, I urgently ask that you remember this: your basic job is to create FAIR voting districts which represent as nearly as possible the critical concept of one person-one vote. In Northern Arizona, you have created three LDs (5, 6, and 7) in which a majority party has an advantage, respectively, of 27 points, 28 points and 40 points over the other. This is NOT fair, and violates the commission's own competitiveness guidelines.</p> <p>You can easily remedy this travesty by adopting the maps (0050 and 0051) proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and supported by numerous organizations and voters of the affected area as evidenced by their written and spoken testimony. Please, do your job and give us fair districts!</p>

11/22/2021 - 11:40	Barbara Hollway	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>Having lived in Scottsdale for the past 16 years and in the Valley for a total of 36 years, I feel strongly about keeping the Greater Scottsdale area together regarding legislative district boundaries. It just makes so much sense for many reasons – not splitting up 9 of the current legislative districts; uses most of the current Scottsdale city boundaries; allows parity among the parties which reduces extremism; and increases fairness in elections.</p> <p>I'm sure others are also concerned about these issues. Your consideration of my comments are appreciated. Thanks for your efforts on the Redistricting Commission.</p>
11/22/2021 - 11:53	Millicent Gray	AZ Redistricting	<p>My name is Millicent Gray and I live in Parks, 86018. I speak for all my Arizona neighbors' families. Time is getting short to enter comments concerning the Arizona Redistricting Commission. In my opinion, the offered draft maps do not comply with Prop. 106 nor the Arizona Constitution on the issue of competitiveness. This is a slap in the face for Arizona voters. If the district maps are not competitive, what's the point of redistricting at all? Please apply your expertise in making sure the Redistricting Maps comply with the wishes of the whole state's electorate.</p>
11/22/2021 - 12:01	Beatrice J Hanks	Redistricting	<p>The draft map has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican by adding all of Yavapai County. There is an alternative to draft map CD2. CDF010 has been proposed by the Navajo Nation and I want to support it. It is highly competitive with less than a 1% voter spread. Current draft map CD2 has a voter spread of 7.6% which violates the Commission standards of competitiveness at under 7%. The addition of all of Yavapai County to CD2 dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. We must honor the Voting Rights Act and protect communities of color. Native Americans deserve to elect representatives of their choosing. Please redraw CD2.</p>
11/22/2021 - 12:03	Beatrice J Hanks	Redistricting	<p>Please redraw CD2. All of Yavapai County is included in it, which negates the voice of the Navaho Nation. CDF10 has been proposed, and I urge you to adopt it.</p>
11/22/2021 - 12:04	Jessica Williamson	redistricting maps	<p>Keep Sedona together with the rest of the Verde Valley. Keep Sedona together as a City. Approve LDF050 and 051. These maps meet all the criteria of the IRC and retain communities of interest</p>
11/22/2021 - 12:07	Beatrice J Hanks	Redistricting	<p>None of our three Northern AZ LD's, 5,6,7 are competitive in the proposed draft maps. We have an opportunity to create one competitive district, LD7 submitted to the IRC as LDF050. LDF050 includes Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Sedona, parts of Gina and Pinal Counties.</p> <p>We would add population from Mohave County to LD5 thereby making up for the removal of the Verde Valley and Sedona.</p> <p>When the voters passed Prop 106 in 2000 and created the IRC, we canonized in our state constitution specific priorities to achieve fair, competitive and equitable maps. Maps must favor competitive districts to encourage high participation in elections, and guard against extremism.</p> <p>We must also respect the voice of Independent Voters and not diminish their voting rights by minimizing excessively partisan districts where the election outcome is decided in the primary. Independents already have an extra step in primary elections by having to request a ballot of a political party in order to cast a vote. Many Independents don't realize they can vote in primary elections and fail to participate.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do!</p>

11/22/2021 - 12:11	Ellen Lawson	DO NOT Split Scottsdale into Thirds	I moved to Scottsdale 22 years ago. I work and shop in Scottsdale and it makes NO sense to divide Scottsdale into thirds. The western boundary for the Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde district should be the city line of Scottsdale Road, not I-17. There is no logic in splitting Scottsdale into thirds. Let's keep Scottsdale the special gem that it is, with unified representation.
11/22/2021 - 12:12	Beatrice J Hanks	Redistricting	None of the northern Arizona Districts (5,6, or 7) are competitive. As an alternative, please adopt LDF050, which has all of Sedona with Flagstaff and the rest of the Verde Valley. We are a community of interest, supported by tourism and connected by shopping, medical services and cultural events. We have nothing in common with Prescott, a suburban community (NOT "rural" as they claim) with gated areas. I NEVER go to Prescott from Sedona.
11/22/2021 - 12:15	David Lawson	Against Splitting Scottsdale in Thirds	It makes no sense to split Scottsdale in thirds and change the district line from Scottsdale Road to the I-17. Scottsdale is a very unique and special place and the people of Scottsdale need unified representation. Do the right thing and leave Scottsdale intact, NOT divided into thirds. Thank you.
11/22/2021 - 12:38	Judy E Dolloff	Redistricting	I am writing today to urge you to consider the CD map you have proposed. There is an alternative that better represents the will of the people. CDF010 proposed by the Navaho Nation, Putting all of Yavapai County into CD2 dilutes the vote of Native Americans. You have taken a pretty competitive district and turned it into a district that will be dominated by Republicans for the next 10 years. Part of your mandate is to insure that districts be competitive. Your proposed CD2 definitely does not do that!
11/22/2021 - 12:56	Corinne Haynes	Redistricting	<p>Hello, My name is Corinne Haynes. I live in Maricopa County and am here today to give you information about my community of interest.</p> <p>I live off of El Mirage and Vistancia Blvd. just north of the 303 and Happy Valley Road in Peoria. My community of interest is made up of families and retirees. Because of the proximity of the 303, 101, and the I-17, families can work close to home but also have easy access to work in neighboring towns. My community offers many activities in which both families and retirees can interact and enhance our quality of life.</p> <p>In my community, we play together, work together, attend neighborhood churches, and our kids attend schools in like districts. Many Friday nights, families gather together at CCV (Christ's Church of the Valley) where their children compete in sports events. On these evenings we encounter all kinds of friends that we have grown up with, gone to school with, and share common values and goals. It's like living in a small town within a big city. We choose to live here because we share so much in common with those in our community and it is important that we have representation who understands and shares our values.</p> <p>During the last redistricting, our community was literally split right down the middle. If you lived on one side of the street you were in a different congressional district than the other side of the street. It was confusing and didn't make sense. The West Valley needs to be whole again. In the draft map, Congressional District 8 has been split but this can be corrected simply by moving some of the boundary lines to the left or west uniting Surprise, Sun City West, Sun City, Peoria, and Autumn Ridge into the same district. South Glendale and urban Glendale are totally different communities of interest and would be better served by being a part of central Phoenix (CD 3) where they share similar interests.</p> <p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give input and hopefully we can correct the mistakes made ten years ago and making it fair for all Arizonans.</p> <p>Corinne Haynes ██████████ Peoria, AZ 85383 ██████████</p>

11/22/2021 - 13:05	Kevin Janssen	Redistricting	<p>To: Independent Redistricting Commission From: Kevin Janssen Subject: Arizona Congressional and Legislative District Maps Date: November 22nd, 2021</p> <p>My first home was purchased in old town Scottsdale with my brother in 1984. I sold my interest in that house in 1986 to my brother, who still lives there, after I was transferred out of state for work. In 2010 I bought the house next door to my brother. We use that house for family and friends who visited Scottsdale. In 2015, we moved back to Scottsdale to retire. We bought our home in McCormick Ranch and have loved the area.</p> <p>Our lives revolve around activities in Old Town, McCormick Ranch and Kierland, Fountain Hills and Pinnacle Peak Thompson Peak and TPC areas. We golf at McCormick Ranch, Desert Canyon, Continental, Kierland, Silverado, Starfire, Talking Stick, etc. We eat out in our communities restaurants from the Isabel, Coopers Hawk, State 48 and Fates in the North to Craft 64 FnB, Montauk, Braut Haus in the South of Scottsdale.</p> <p>My Doctors are in Fountain Hills and Scottsdale, we shop in Scottsdale and we use the bike trails and enjoy the parks like Railroad park and the summer concerts there and in old town.</p> <p>Since I left Arizona and came back our state has grown significantly and recognizing the demographic shifts and emergence of new communities is important for having a truly representative democracy.</p> <p>After attending the meeting last week I wanted to echo Tom Anderson who said it perfectly on the night of the 18th. Tom stated: “The criteria you have been asked to use are important ... but not of equal importance! Having similar populations and having physical continuity are obvious requirements ... Preserving existing districts where possible is also important because it minimizes disruption for current representation and citizen engagement. The most important objective is grouping communities of interest so that elected officials understand and represent their constituents ... this is the essence of our representative democracy. Per the National Conference of State Legislatures, the “competitiveness” of a district is only to be considered if it does not come at the expense of all other attributes. Trying to predetermine the outcome of a district's election by creating unnatural boundaries is “Gerrymandering”. Just look at a boundary map and you see where it is happening.” It would be wrong to break Scottsdale up into two different districts that would have different representation. This is a unique town and I moved back to Scottsdale, (not Tempe, Phoenix or Anthem) because of all that has become Scottsdale. The only goal of splitting representation in Scottsdale is to weaken our representation. Government is to work for its citizens, not for us to be at the mercy of any Political party's desired gerrymandering. Scottsdale is diverse with over 30% of registered voters self-identified as Independents or Party Not Declared. So no one party is dominant. It is hubris to suggest anyone knows how a district is going to vote. It should be the candidates and voters that determine elections ... not unnatural “gerrymandered” district boundaries. Thank You</p>
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11/22/2021 - 13:42	James Stein	Comments regarding Preliminary IRC Maps	<p>Proposition 106 was designed to create a mapping of FAIR AND COMPETITIVE congressional and Legislative districts. Competitive districts encourage civic engagement and moderate political extremism. This is something that appears to be lacking in this state.</p> <p>As a 40 year resident of Prescott and a small business owner for that period of time, I have watched this area become more and more polarized in its political stances as a result of extremists moving to this area primarily from California. My reading of the proposed maps of Northern Arizona indicates that none of these districts are considered to be competitive. I would propose CDP 010 and LDF 050 and LDF 051 would at least produce one competitive district. Also, it would keep the cities and towns of Flagstaff, Sedona and Wickenburg whole as a community of interest which I feel is much more important than keeping Yavapai County whole. There was a reason why these hearings are held on both sides of Mingus Mountain: Because it neatly divides the county as a geographical boundary.</p> <p>The quad cities are all much more connected to the western part of the State than they are to the Verde Valley both from an economic sense as well as from a cultural one. The Verde Valley is much more of a tourism-based economy - a drive through Jerome or Sedona on any weekend will prove this out.</p> <p>I urge you to adopt the CDF 010, LDF 051, and the LDF 051 districts to produce FAIR AND COMPETITIVE MAPS. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>James Stein Prescott AZ [REDACTED]</p>
11/22/2021 - 13:58	Peter Bernhardt	Redistricting Map	<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>
11/22/2021 - 14:11	Karyn Riedell	CD 2 Map	<p>The IRC's draft map for CD2 creates a heavily Republican district where a Democrat would have a nearly impossible time ever winning an election. Such a heavily Republican majority would also make it very likely that extremists would be elected to office. The voices of Native American communities would also be silenced.</p> <p>I strongly support the Navajo Nation's revision for CD2. It meets the constitutional criteria for competitiveness and communities of interest. This map would also give Native Americans a stronger voice in Congress.</p>
11/22/2021 - 14:18	Meri Thomason	Redistricting	<p>Hello, I understand you want to make districts that are competitive - Use maps LDF050 and LDF051 to keep us together and competitive. KEEP SEDONA AND FLAGSTAFF AND THE VERDE VALLEY TOGETHER! Thank you.</p>
11/22/2021 - 14:23	Kermit Alan Culbertson	Redistricting Map - Especially District 19	<p>I live in the Sahuarita area and would very much prefer to be in District 19. Maps 10.1 and 10.2 have a better choice for District 19, and either would be my preference. The communities in Cochise County and Santa Cruz County are much more in line with the Sahuarita/Green Valley communities that those of the area West of here, to include Yuma County. Please reconsider your selection, it would be greatly appreciated.</p>
11/22/2021 - 14:28	Elaine Culbertson	Redistricting Map - Especially District 19	<p>I want to keep Quail Creek and Green Valley in Legislative District 19.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Elaine Culbertson</p>
11/22/2021 - 14:59	Anne Emerson	Redistricting Sedona, AZ	<p>Dear Committee, Please do not separate Sedona as a town and please keep us with the Verde Valley and Flagstaff. These are our communities of interest. The map that is most beneficial for us is LDF 0050 and 0051. Also Congressional District CD02. We need to have our representatives reflect our interests and values. They are not reflected in the map that would separate us and align us with Prescott and the Quad Cities. We need to have our voices heard. Thank you, Anne Emerson</p>
11/22/2021 - 15:19	Keith Hyatt	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting: Drafting Maps	<p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>

11/22/2021 - 15:48	Teena Parham	Redistricting LD6 changing to LD7	There is a map but it isn't listed on you website but the one I have is blue where it keeps the native Indians together which makes perfect since Common interest and all that. For my district I live in Heber/Overgaard over 30 years. My husband was a logger he's lived here his whole life. We raised our kids here and we are a pure rural area. We do not have the same interest and needs as anything other than rural. So please keep the eastern Arizona rural communities together. We have a way of life and values different than other places. Our economic needs are different and we really need proper representation so that those needs can be a priority in stead of being ignored. Thanks for you consideration.
11/22/2021 - 16:04	Dan Krasemann	proposed redistricting map involving Sedona area	The proposed redistricting map for the Sedona area is ridiculous and obviously biased. Please see that Sedona and the Verde Valley remain intact as a community area that has like interests.
11/22/2021 - 16:13	Helen Abrahamson	Redistricting maps - Sedona	I am writing to ask the Redistricting Committee to use maps LDF050 and LDF051 which will keep Sedona together, and keep Sedona, Verde Valley, and Flagstaff in the same Legislative district when Northern Arizona maps are drawn. LDF051 will keep the Navajo Nation together, thus protecting Native American voting rights and, most importantly, create a competitive district. We must also respect the voice of Independent Voters and not diminish their voting rights by minimizing excessively partisan districts where the election outcome is decided in the primary. Independents already have an extra step in primary elections by having to request a ballot of a political party in order to cast a vote. Many Independents don't realize they can vote in primary elections and fail to participate. This is an important reason for approving LDF050. Thank you,
11/22/2021 - 16:13	Margaret comba	District mapping	It is not only important for our democracy to survive but also urgent for redirecting to be fair, equable and competitive. It appears maps now have been designed to favor republicans. This is not only not fair but unjust and goes against democratic principles According to the constitution all citizens have an equal right to vote. It is to be remembered as people integrity and supportive of our democracy and our country that, truth matters, justice matters, equality matters, integrity matters, fairness matters and respect for the rights of every person matters. Thank you. Margaret Cappi Comba
11/22/2021 - 16:16	Anna Swigart	Legislative district Map Bias	I wish to make a public statement based on the Princeton Gerrymandering project analysis of our Draft Legislative map being drawn by the Independent Districting Commission. According to the analysis metrics although gerrymandering is rated at a favorable rating of an "A" when you look at the breakdown of further metrics there is a problem of bias favoring republicans. Competitiveness favors republicans by .9%, also the median mean favors republicans by 1.9% and the Parisian bias metrics favor republicans by a large 3.3%. Can anything be done to reduce these biases to make the map more fair and competitive. Here is where I received that data analysis: https://gerrymander.princeton.edu/redistricting-report-card/?planId=recwc9wLzOGzNpLud
11/22/2021 - 16:37	Randal Brooks	Speaking	I would like to be one of the speakers at your meeting Dec regarding zoning.
11/22/2021 - 16:38	Julie Krasemann	no to redistricting	The Verde Valley must remain as one Community of Interest. Sedona should NOT be split apart from other towns and communities of the Verde Valley. This is totally inappropriate. The Verde Valley is a unique area that must remain intact as it has been. The Verde Valley should be one Community of Interest. I believe that any map that splits apart towns or Communities of Interest is inappropriate. Residents of Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek are committed to protect and sustain the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of the Sedona Area. We live in a beautiful and unique place and will fight this crazy redistricting idea.
11/22/2021 - 16:40	Mack Davis	Congressional Map	The draft map has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican by adding all of Yavapai County. There is an alternative to draft map CD2. CDF010 has been proposed by the Navajo Nation and we want to support it. It is highly competitive with less than a 1% voter spread. Current draft map CD2 has a voter spread of 7.6% which violates the Commission standards of competitiveness at under 7%. The addition of all of Yavapai County to CD2 dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. We must honor the Voting Rights Act and protect communities of color. Native Americans deserve to elect representatives of their choosing. Please redraw CD2.

11/22/2021 - 16:43	Mack Davis	Legislative Map	<p>None of our three Northern AZ LD's, 5,6,7 are competitive in the proposed draft maps. We have an opportunity to create one competitive district, LD7 submitted to the IRC as LDF050. LDF050 includes Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Sedona, parts of Gina and Pinal Counties.</p> <p>We would add population from Mohave County to LD5 thereby making up for the removal of the Verde Valley and Sedona.</p> <p>When the voters passed Prop 106 in 2000 and created the IRC, we canonized in our state constitution specific priorities to achieve fair, competitive and equitable maps. Maps must favor competitive districts to encourage high participation in elections, and guard against extremism.</p> <p>We must also respect the voice of Independent Voters and not diminish their voting rights by minimizing excessively partisan districts where the election outcome is decided in the primary. Independents already have an extra step in primary elections by having to request a ballot of a political party in order to cast a vote. Many Independents don't realize they can vote in primary elections and fail to participate.</p>
11/22/2021 - 17:39	Jeanmarie Haney	Proposed District CD2	<p>Dear IRC Commission:</p> <p>The draft map CD2 has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican by adding all of Yavapai County. I object to this. Current draft map CD2 has a voter spread of 7.6% which violates the Commission standards of competitiveness at under 7%.</p> <p>I support CDF010, which has been proposed by the Navajo Nation. It is highly competitive with less than a 1% voter spread. Adding all of Yavapai County to CD2 dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. This isn't right. We must honor the Voting Rights Act and protect communities of color.</p> <p>Please redraw CD2.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
11/22/2021 - 18:57	Vickie L. Moak	Redistricting - LD23	<p>Please keep Scottsdale as Scottsdale! LD23 includes Fountain Hills and Rio Verde and North Scottsdale where I shop, enjoy restaurants, attend church, socialize and enjoy the many amenities Scottsdale has to offer. We do not belong with Desert Ridge and Phoenix that borders I17. Our Scottsdale west border should stay Scottsdale Road. We do not want to see South Scottsdale included as it is more of an entertainment district and not part of our community. Thank you.</p>
11/22/2021 - 20:03	Rick Hamilton	LD 5	<p>Your proposed lines for LD5 will effectively negate my voice. That is not democracy. Please reconsider those lines and adopt the LDF 050 and 051 maps so that I and my neighbors may have fair representation in our government. Thank you.</p>

11/23/2021 - 07:00	Leah Donell	Competitive Districts	<p>My name is Leah Donell, and I am an independent voter and resident of the Verde Valley, a place that feels like home to me. But the last couple of years have fueled extremist activities that threaten the peace of the community that I call home. I think the legislative and congressional district maps are a crucial tool in reducing hostility locally and throughout the state.</p> <p>The purpose of the IRC is to help Arizona achieve a healthy democracy where all feel served, and where the voters are empowered. And when done properly these maps help our neighbors find common ground. The beauty of having opposing viewpoints is that when governed well the outcome allows communities to thrive, and for everyone to feel that their voice has been represented. Without competitive maps the prudent checks and balances of our system are overwhelmed by extremist viewpoints that are a toxic threat to our democracy.</p> <p>The draft maps proposed by the IRC fail to make competitive legislative and congressional districts for the people of the Verde Valley, but I believe the LDF 050 and 051 legislative maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and the CDF 010 congressional map proposed by the Navajo Nation remedy these failures and provide the Verde Valley with competitive districts that allow independent voters to impact and moderate our democracy. I ask that the Commission adopt these maps as they provide the competitive political environment that will help unite Arizonans by encouraging compromise and diplomacy.</p> <p>I'd like to thank the Commission for all their hard work as I can imagine the task of drawing these maps is difficult. I'd also like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to present my point of view.</p>
11/23/2021 - 07:32	Robert Miller	redistricting	<p>We voted for our representatives in our district because we know and trust them. Redistricting is unethical and unfair. You need to do something new and do what is right. Leave the districts as they are.</p>
11/23/2021 - 09:23	Arlene Rheinfelder	Draft Map CD2	<p>After the redistricting hearing in Prescott Valley, I was troubled by the Hopi Nation not wanting to be in a CD with Prescott. So much effort was made to create a VRA district that included as many of the Tribal Nations as possible, yet they want to exclude the Yavapai – Prescott Nation, whose lands are adjacent to Prescott. Why? The Yavapai – Prescott Nation is a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona as is the Hopi Nation. It makes no sense to try to keep all the Arizona Tribal Nations together, and yet exclude the Yavapai – Prescott Nation. For this reason, I think the draft map of CD2 is correct to keep the Tribal Nations together in one CD.</p>
11/23/2021 - 10:17	Millicent Gray	AZ Redistricting	<p>This is Millicent Gray, Parks, 86018 To the members of the INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE Greetings In the end, it is actually very simple if you think about it. The basic fundamental issue at hand here is: Are we upholding, furthering and protecting our Democracy here in Arizona and the United States, or aren't we? I fear the concept of our right of "ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE" appears to be somewhat in question lately. I trust the Commission to make sure our districts are competitive and fair. Thank you, Millicent Gray</p>
11/23/2021 - 10:28	Paul Corathers	Future District 7	<p>One of the main standards that you are supposed to use is communities of interest. As such your proposal for district 7 contradicts this standard. The communities in Pinal county that you have included in district 7 have interests opposed to those of rural northern areas. These have much in common with those to the west- such as Mesa and Chandler. I understand that many communities in rural Az have passed resolutions to be included in district 7. I ask that you put all rural areas Graham, Greenlee, Gila, and Yavapai in District 7 and not urban areas such as Apache Junction.</p>
11/23/2021 - 10:28	Robin Low	Redistricting in Northern Arizona	<p>Please make LD 7 Competitive: The people and democracy gain when districts are competitive. I urge you to make LD 7 competitive as reflected in map LDF050.</p> <p>Please preserve the voting power of Native Americans in CD 2: Please adopt the map CDF010 as proposed by the Navajo Nation.</p>
11/23/2021 - 10:55	sharon I. miller	redistricting	<p>Yuma county should be with La Paz and Mojave counties as agriculture is important to protect to do what is best for Arizona's future.j</p>

11/23/2021 - 12:31	Deirdre MacDonald	Redistricting	Please revise the draft maps to equally evenly divide Yuma and Yuma County into separate congressional and legislative districts for equal representation. Thank you
11/23/2021 - 13:17	LEE R TILMAN	New Legislative districts should be competitive!	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>I've lived in Arizona since 1998. Your proposed map for new legislative district lines makes three non-competitive districts, defeating purpose of democratic elections with genuine debates. Communities of interest require more fairness.</p> <p>My wife and I reside and vote in Flagstaff so I wish to comment specifically on changes to districts 6 & 7. We ask you to substitute the lines you have proposed with draft maps submitted to you from the Coconino County Board of Supervisors: LDF050 and LDF051 for new legislative districts 7 and 6.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tilman Household ██████████ Flagstaff, AZ 86001-1237 ██████████</p>
11/23/2021 - 13:30	LEE R TILMAN	Congressional Redistricting	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>I write from my home (since 1998) in Flagstaff to comment on your proposed new congressional district lines for specifically current CD1 which will be CD2. It would have an unacceptable result of racism if the largest concentration of Native Americans in the U.S. is grouped with a much larger population of Republicans who have different needs and interests. Your proposed lines should be redrawn so that the voices of people living on Reservations are not drowned out for the next ten years.</p> <p>My wife and I have been Arizona voters for over 20 years. In order to comply best with the Arizona State Constitution, please substitute your draft map with the CDF010 map submitted to you from the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission.</p> <p>Thank You, Lee Tilman ██████████</p>
11/23/2021 - 13:35	Jairus Gallegos	Redistricting	Your proposed redistricting too dramatically changes the former Az-06 Congressional district, The new map changes 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.
11/23/2021 - 14:29	Diane Nevill	Dec. 4 IRC meeting in Tucson	<p>Dear IRC Commissioners,</p> <p>I am looking forward to the public meeting in Tucson on December 4. However, the meeting room chosen at the Four Points Sheraton at the Tucson International Airport is much too small. Only 200 people are allowed in that room. The hotel has parking for 125 cars.</p> <p>The above facility is not sufficient for the interested people who will be converging on this site to speak about the LD and CD maps for southern Arizona. PLEASE reschedule it for a larger facility so that our voices can be heard. The Tucson Convention Center had much more space for a meeting of this type. I know that hearing from the public is very important.</p> <p>Thank you! Diane Nevill Tucson, Arizona</p>

11/23/2021 - 15:23	mary helsaple	Redistricting Map	<p>KEEP OUR CITIES TOGETHER None of our three Northern AZ LD's, 5,6,7 are competitive in the proposed draft maps. We have an opportunity to create one competitive district, LD7 submitted to the IRC as LDF050. LDF050 includes Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Sedona, parts of Gina and Pinal Counties.</p> <p>When the voters passed Prop 106 in 2000 and created the IRC, we canonized in our state constitution specific priorities to achieve fair, competitive and equitable maps. Maps must favor competitive districts to encourage high participation in elections, and guard against extremism. Voting SHOULD BE FAIR!</p>
11/23/2021 - 15:26	Catherine Ransom	Yavapai County redistricting	<p>Is the commission aware that the Verde Valley has at times floated the idea of separating from Prescott-controlled Yavapai County and creating Verde County? That's how much we in the Verde Valley have felt unrepresented by Prescott at times. The two sides of the mountain are vastly different in character, interests, values and needs. The fact that Prescott's County Supervisor wants the Verde Valley lumped in with Prescott in the IRC maps demonstrates, once again, that Prescott leaders don't "get" us in the Verde.</p> <p>My name is Catherine Ransom. As a resident of Cottonwood for over 19 years, I want to add my support for the LDF maps 50 and 51 and the CDF map 10. These maps truly represent my family's community of interest because I work in West Sedona and my daughter goes to school in the Village of Oak Creek. The committee's proposed Prescott alliance with the Verde Valley makes no sense to me.</p> <p>The line proposed to carve out Verde County from Yavapai County along Mingus Mountain echoes the Congressional District line proposed by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission. It's a strong geographical demarcation which makes sense from a community of interest perspective.</p> <p>As a county growing at a rate of close to 2 percent annually, it helps us to have two congressional and two legislative districts. This increases the Verde Valley's chances of having Representatives who really know us and our needs.</p> <p>There are people of all political affiliations throughout the Verde Valley who want their vote to matter. LDF maps 50 and 51 and CDF map 10 make their votes count. Our rural area deserves a competitive district.</p>
11/23/2021 - 15:35	fredi hamilton	LD 5	<p>From everything I understand, my vote will no longer count in LD 5. You have gerrymandered our maps to negate my voice.</p> <p>I am a senior citizen and I have always voted in elections because I believed it mattered. I would hate to think I have lived this long to have my vote no longer count.</p> <p>I sincerely hope you will reconsider the maps you have drawn and that you will give me my voice again.</p>
11/23/2021 - 16:02	Douglass Ebstyne	Redistricting - Scottsdale Community	<p>The maps provided up to this point are an insult to the people of Arizona and to Scottsdale community. There is no justification to break up the powerful community of interest that is defined by Scottsdale. Scottsdale has nothing in common with the I17 and Desert Ridge communities. There is a vast area of undeveloped land that separates DR from Scottsdale. The western edge of the proposed LD 3 should be the western Scottsdale boundary. Additionally, it would be blatant gerrymandering to include Central Phoenix in CD 1. Central Phoenix does not in any shape of form belong in Scottsdale. This isn't rocket science. Your responsibilities are well defined, do your job and stop the political gamesmanship. I'm sick of government failing to serve its constituents. I'm disgusted with the biased and ill conceived initiatives generated from this alleged by partisan redistricting committee. None of you are God and it's time you stopped playing God.</p>

11/23/2021 - 16:08	Steven H. Slaton	Future district 7	<p>My Name is Steven Slaton; I live in Show Low Az. Like to thank Chairman Neuberg, 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 Mar juana growing facilities in the state, as well as large wind Farms, and Helium development from Holbrook Basin through the Navajo Reservation these differences separate 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>
11/23/2021 - 16:37	Barbara Dickerson	Redistricting CD6	<p>The following boundaries will keep current communities of interest together.</p> <p>Legislative District: East from Beeline Hwy / Fountain Hills; West to Scottsdale Road; South from Rio Verde through Carefree & Scottsdale to Camelback Road.</p> <p>Congressional District: Rio Verde south to Camelback Road; East from Beeline Hwy, West to Highway 51 including Cave Creek.</p>

11/23/2021 - 16:40	Cindy Wagner	Draft maps for CD2	<p>The draft map has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican by adding all of Yavapai County.</p> <p>There is an alternative to draft map CD2. CDF010 has been proposed by the Navajo Nation and we want to support it.</p> <p>It is highly competitive with less than a 1% voter spread. Current draft map CD2 has a voter spread of 7.6% which violates the Commission standards of competitiveness at under 7%.</p> <p>The addition of all of Yavapai County to CD2 dilutes the voting power of Native Americans. We must honor the Voting Rights Act and protect communities of color. Native Americans deserve to elect representatives of their choosing.</p> <p>Please redraw CD2.</p>
11/23/2021 - 17:50	John Neville	Redistricting Problems	<p>I attended the 4+ hour listening session in Cottonwood, and I came away from that with a very clear impression. Almost no one in Northern Arizona or in The Valley approves of the current maps. Out of the 80 or so comments you should have heard in Cottonwood, less than 10% thought the maps were good. Most thought that the maps for LD 5, 6 and 7 and the new CD-2 were gerrymandered and violated the Voting Rights Act and the charter of the IRC. Now, I thought that, but I didn't realize that the opinion was almost universal. Just about every person commenting recommended using LDF-50 and 51 and CDF-010 instead. Because those maps fit the requirements set forth in Arizona law. The current approved maps do not. So, it's likely that if the current map is approved, there will be a number of completely justified law suits. We sincerely hope to listen to all the comments and pay attention to the recommendations of the citizens you took an oath to serve. Correct the maps to make them legally meet the needs of the people of Arizona and not a small, but loud group.</p>
11/23/2021 - 17:57	Mary Ann Keerins	Legislative District 17 (as now drawn)	<p>I moved to Arizona in 1985. I spent 23 years as a successful Employee Benefits Insurance Consultant working with large employers in Southern Arizona including: Tucson Electric Power, Tucson Medical, Center, El Rio Community Health, Tucson Airport Authority, and more. I am now retired and I live in the Catalina Foothills near Sabino Canyon. I'm object to the Draft Map 10, LD17 district. This district does not meet the IRC criteria in several ways. As drawn, the LD17 map is not compact and contiguous. You would have to leave LD17 and cross other LDs to drive from one part of the district to the other.</p> <p>This map does not represent communities of interest being kept together. The foothills area has little in common with Vail or the far northern section of the District.</p> <p>And it is clearly not competitive according to the mapping specialist reports.</p> <p>All three of these are specific requirements for the IRC.</p> <p>At the last meeting in October it was specifically stated that this map was drawn to create another Republican District in Pima County. This is unconstitutional. This goes against the IRC regulations and should not be permitted.</p> <p>I urge the entire commission to return to LD Test Map Version 9.0 as proposed by Commissioner Lerner.</p> <p>Return LD17 to a compact district, recognizing communities of interest and making it a competitive district.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
11/23/2021 - 18:49	Jane McGlothlin	Scottsdale Re-Districting	<p>It's important that Scottsdale remain together as one district. Splitting our community into three parts, two of which are gerrymandered to benefit a single political party, is not good for Scottsdale. Please re-consider and listen to the citizens who don't want this to happen.</p>
11/23/2021 - 19:07	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting	<p>The draft maps don't respect many of our Communities of Interest. CD2, for example, includes 15 Native American Tribes and then dilutes their votes by also including Prescott and all of Yavapai County, which makes CD2 a strong Republican district. Paul Gosar will not fairly represent the Navajo Nation or any other Native American Tribe.</p> <p>According to the Arizona constitution, districts should be competitive when there is no significant detriment to the other five goals. In the legislative draft map, only 6 out of 30 districts are competitive.</p> <p>The definition of "compactness" is to not bypass nearby residents to include more distant residents. LD17 snakes around the east side of Tucson bypassing Democratic areas to pick up Republican towns on both sides of the Catalina Mountains.</p>

11/23/2021 - 19:23	Katherine Martin	New LD3 District	I currently live in LD23 south of shea Blvd at about 112th street. I do not appreciate being put in a new LD3 district that includes far more rural territory, including Fort McDowell and much further north than currently. I clearly reside in suburban Scottsdale and as an independent leaning democratic voter do not believe that my interests are in line with those living in much more conservative and rural territory. I am requesting that the currently proposed maps be altered to keep suburban Scottsdale together rather than couple us with more rural communities.
11/23/2021 - 20:18	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting - Northern Arizona	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.