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11/24/2021 - 09:07	Judy Dolloff	Redistricting	I am writing to urge you to reconsider the maps you have drawn for northern AZ. It appears as though your primary goal was to give one party a huge advantage in any upcoming election as well as to disenfranchise the Native American vote. You have reasonable alternatives to consider, so please do so. Keep Sedona whole, keep the Verde Valley and Flagstaff together.
11/24/2021 - 09:48	Marion (Mack) J Davis	Congressional Map	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. There is an alternative to draft map CD2. CDF010 has been proposed by the Navajo Nation and we want to support it. The draft map has taken a highly competitive district and made it solidly Republican by adding all of Yavapai County. 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%.
11/24/2021 - 09:51	Marion (Mack)	Legislative Map	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.  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. 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.
11/24/2021 - 10:01	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern Arizona	Dear Commissioners, Wishing you a Thanksgiving filled with gratitude. Speaking of which, the thing I would be most grateful for, now and for years to come, is living in a competitive voting district for state and federal elections. Since current proposed maps place me in LD 7, a district in which you have given a 28 point advantage to one political party over the other, Likewise, my proposed congressional district is noncompetitive, and the same is true of most districts proposed for my area. This unfairness can be easily cured by your adoption of the LD maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and the Congressional district map proposed by the Navaho Nation. Fairness is your ultimate objective, both legally and morally, so I urge you to listen to those of us who live in Northern AZ.
11/24/2021 - 10:51	Kathleen Dubbs	Tucson venue	I recently learned that the venue for your December 4 Tucson event is way too small for all the people who plan to attend. Could you possibly change it? An outdoor venue would be preferred, considering our Covid numbers. Thank you
11/24/2021 - 11:47	Anne Emerson	Redistricting Sedona, AZ	Dear IRC, Please, in the interest of what is best for the political health of our state, draw lines that are in alignment with Prop 106 that was passed by the citizens of Arizona. Keep our state competitive, independent and keep communities of interest together. In fact, keep Sedona intact and keep us with the communities of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff together. Use the LDF maps 0050 and 0051 for northern Arizona. Stay independent and do what is best for the citizens of Arizona, not special interest groups. Thank you. Anne Emerson

11/24/2021 - 12:19	Steven H. Slaton	Future 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, Ho brook, 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>
11/24/2021 - 12:23	fredi hamilton	LD5	<p>I fear my vote will no longer count if the proposed map for my district becomes official. By splitting Sedona/VOC and lumping it in with Prescott you will have negated my voice. Candidates with whom I share points of view will not even have a chance.          Gerrymandering destroys democracy.          I thank you for all the work you are doing and sincerely hope you will reconsider your district lines for Northern Arizona and comply with the requirements for competitive voting districts.</p>
11/24/2021 - 17:02	Priya Sundareshan	Need more event space for Tucson hearing	<p>I write to express concern that I and many are feeling about the upcoming Tucson hearing location on Dec. 4. The venue is apparently a very small one, and will likely not be able to accommodate all of the people interested in testifying. As you have seen from previous hearings, there is a lot of interest and concern in Pima County over the draft maps and the redistricting process in general. Knowing this to be the case, the IRC should select a location that is large enough to hold all interested persons. Please select another venue as soon as possible to account for the great deal of interest in Pima County.</p>
11/24/2021 - 18:40	Dr. Sharon Crain.	Redistricting Comments	<p>As an educator and McCormick Ranch resident in Scottsdale since 1985, I'm amazed at the suggestion to include McCormick Ranch with South Scottsdale, Tempe &amp; beyond. McCormick Ranch residents choose a relaxed, residential lifestyle...very different from the younger, more mobile lifestyle South of Camelback. Fair representation of these two distinct groups would be clearly difficult... both groups would suffer. This action would create unnatural boundaries for the purpose of competitiveness...which according to the Conference of State Legislators should not be considered if it comes at the expense of other attributes like communities of interest.</p>
11/24/2021 - 18:48	Paul Sugar	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I have lived in Scottsdale, Arizona for 30 years and have been active in businesses here for that entire time. I have found that my voting district is never competitive and it is time to address that issue by supporting suggested map LDF 049. Keeping greater Scottsdale together works for our business connections, educational pipelines, natural boundaries, and the need for fair, competitive, contiguous, and compact districts.          Please support this redistricting and keep greater Scottsdale together.          Thank you          Paul Sugar</p>

11/24/2021 - 18:57	Lois C Sugar	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I have been an educator in Scottsdale for the past 27 years and I know that our legislative district is in dire need of being more competitive, by keeping greater Scottsdale together in one district, as shown in suggested map LDF 049. My district has not ever been competitive and that is un-American!</p> <p>Please support all of your charges for appropriate redistricting: population, compactness and being contiguous, the Voting Rights Act, adhering to visible geography, community boundaries, undivided census tracts, and respect for communities of interest. Map LDF 049 meets all these charges.</p> <p>Keep Greater Scottsdale Together, thank you.</p>
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11/24/2021 - 19:01	Mary Grier	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together/Meaning of Community of Interest	<p>I live in the McCormick Ranch neighborhood in Scottsdale, zip code 85258. I advocate that you adopt a map that keeps Greater Scottsdale together in one legislative district, as proposed in Map # LDF049, previously submitted by my fellow Scottsdale resident Emily Wilson. Adopting this map would serve the constitutional mandate to respect communities of interest.</p> <p>I have been a resident of the community of Scottsdale for almost all of the past 28 years. My children attended Tavan Elementary, Ingleside Middle School, and Arcadia High School. I helped to coach Odyssey of the Mind, attended PTO meetings, and supported the SUSD and its bond elections. I currently serve on the City of Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority Board. I use the Scottsdale public library. I have held or participated in volunteer events at the library, in my home, and in various Scottsdale parks. All of these activities involved interaction with other people also connected to Scottsdale.</p> <p>Proposition 106, sections 14(A) through (F) establish six goals that guide adjustments to the creation of districts of equal size in a grid-like pattern, which is the basic direction of the proposition and the presumptive starting point. Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together would serve the goals stated in section 14(D) of Proposition 106, which provides that "District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable."</p> <p>You must decide what is meant by "community of interest" as used in Proposition 106. Community is broadly defined as a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common, and joint actions that bring people together for some common objective. Communities have a name. Communities balance group interests against the interests of individuals.</p> <p>For purposes of Proposition 106 the definition of community must include a geographical component because Proposition 106 involves drawing boundaries. It also should include residents who share some purpose, interest or goal beyond the individual family level, frequently interact with one another, and support one another and their shared purpose. The fact that people individually conduct an activity in a particular location is not important. The question is what they do together with others to advocate or support a shared goal that relates to common interests that are tied to a particular location. The examples of communities of interest provided by this Commission, such as a group advocating preservation of a physical building in a specific location, is consistent with this view.</p> <p>Municipalities such as the City of Scottsdale are quintessential examples of communities. Their boundaries were established under Arizona law by people who wanted shared local governance. Residents share concerns about the quality of their public schools, municipal infrastructure, municipal services such as water and trash, police and fire, public amenities such as parks and libraries, their neighborhoods, zoning, community character and historic preservation, taxation and spending. They encompass similarly numbered census tracts, by which funds are allocated and data is tracked. They also share concerns about municipal governance and elections. All of these factors affect groups of people residing in the community, not just isolated individuals. Municipalities also seek advantages for their residents, such as state and federal grant funding, economic development activities, affordable housing and workforce development.</p> <p>In contrast, although membership in an international society of video gamers is arguably a community of interest, the interest is not affected by the physical location of the activity. It would thus not be a community of interest for purposes of Proposition 106.</p> <p>Furthermore, since the independent redistricting process was created to redress a history of highly partisan districting, partisan preference should not be considered a community of interest.</p> <p>Some members of the public have argued that boundaries should be drawn based on the fact that they, as individuals, chose to live in a particular type of home, and patronize establishments near their homes. Some argued that because they personally had never been to a particular location within a proposed district it could not be considered as part of their community. Others claimed they have "nothing in common" with persons living in more or less densely populated areas, who are younger, or who live in multifamily housing. In other words, they advocate segregating people into like-minded groups that avoid people who are not just like them. Adopting individual characteristics and preferences as the standard for identifying communities of interest would contribute to polarization and animosity between different groups and views within our society. Dividing people into groups based on their wealth, their age, the size or type of their homes, the make of their car, or where they went to college focuses on individual attributes and preferences, not shared goals or activities. It would be unwise and contrary to the intent of the voters who adopted Proposition 106 to use this as the standard by which you evaluate Goal D.</p> <p>The City of Scottsdale should be kept intact in any legislative or congressional redistricting, because it is a community of interest that meets all the appropriate tests. Splitting Scottsdale into multiple legislative districts is confusing to voters and makes advocacy for jurisdiction-wide priorities more difficult. Keeping Scottsdale together would also tend to induce residents to engage and deal civilly with a broader range of individuals, thus reducing the tendency toward conflict and polarization.</p> <p>While Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community is a community of interest distinct and separate from the City of Scottsdale, the two jurisdictions are physically adjacent and share many interests. In addition, combining those two jurisdictions into a single legislative district would allow the Commission to balance the populations and create a competitive district, both considerations under Proposition 106.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, service, and consideration of these comments.</p>
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11/24/2021 - 20:18	Linda Peet Dugan	Venue for December 4	It has come to my attention that the next meeting in Tucson will not have ample space for all attendees and that the IRC needs to make accommodations that will allow all interested parties to attend and have enough parking available as well.
11/24/2021 - 21:26	Jeanmarie Haney	Northern AZ Districts	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I have lived in Arizona all my life and moved to Cottonwood 15 years ago.</p> <p>The draft map does not promote competitiveness for northern Arizona and does not preserve communities of interest. D7 in the draft map is not compact.</p> <p>Please keep the Verde Valley whole in one legislative district that includes all of Sedona and also includes Flagstaff.</p> <p>I go to much more frequently to Flagstaff than to Prescott, to shop at Sprouts, for medical appointments, and to hike in the summer. Flagstaff Medical Center is part of Northern Arizona Healthcare. I have never been referred to a doctor in Prescott. The drive times are about the same and I find the drive to Flagstaff less taxing.</p> <p>I am a hydrologist and have worked for decades on sound water management for Arizona. The Verde River and Oak Creek flow through our communities and unite our communities. The snow and rain that fall in the Flagstaff to Williams area replenish our aquifers in the Verde Valley and keep our rivers flowing. Oak Creek provides more flow to the Verde River as does the upper Verde River at Paulden. The water in Oak Creek originates above the Mogollon Rim, in the Flagstaff and Williams area. Integrated and collaborative water management across the Verde Valley, including Sedona, and on up to Flagstaff is essential. This is a very important community of interest that has shown much collaboration through the years. We need representation that works for the interests of the Verde Valley, rather than putting all focus on Prescott and Prescott Valley.</p>
11/24/2021 - 21:27	Jeanmarie Haney	Northern AZ Districts	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I have lived in Arizona all my life and moved to Cottonwood 15 years ago.</p> <p>The draft map does not promote competitiveness for northern Arizona and does not preserve communities of interest. D7 in the draft map is not compact.</p> <p>Please keep the Verde Valley whole in one legislative district that includes all of Sedona and also includes Flagstaff.</p> <p>I go to much more frequently to Flagstaff than to Prescott, to shop at Sprouts, for medical appointments, and to hike in the summer. Flagstaff Medical Center is part of Northern Arizona Healthcare. I have never been referred to a doctor in Prescott. The drive times are about the same and I find the drive to Flagstaff less taxing.</p> <p>I am a hydrologist and have worked for decades on sound water management for Arizona. The Verde River and Oak Creek flow through our communities and unite our communities. The snow and rain that fall in the Flagstaff to Williams area replenish our aquifers in the Verde Valley and keep our rivers flowing. Oak Creek provides more flow to the Verde River as does the upper Verde River at Paulden. The water in Oak Creek originates above the Mogollon Rim, in the Flagstaff and Williams area. Integrated and collaborative water management across the Verde Valley, including Sedona, and on up to Flagstaff is essential. This is a very important community of interest that has shown much collaboration through the years. We need representation that works for the interests of the Verde Valley, rather than putting all focus on Prescott and Prescott Valley.</p>
11/24/2021 - 22:37	Charlie Silver	maps	Both Legislative and Congressional maps need to be competitive. Please ensure that they are.


11/25/2021 - 07:43	Robert J Kelly	Scottsdale Redistricting Plan	<p>As an Arizona native and Scottsdale resident, I understand the critical importance of redistricting. Our hope is that we can create a district that keeps greater Scottsdale together, and Map #LDF049 does exactly that.</p> <p>The district proposed by Map #LDF049 meets all six criteria established by the IRC for drawing a district. It is within the margin of error for population. It is compact and contiguous. It is in compliance with the US Constitution and Voting Rights Act. It encompasses urban, suburban and rural areas. It would be a politically balanced district. And most importantly, it recognises the shared interests of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community.</p> <p>My office is located in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community. Scottsdale Community College, several schools, baseball fields and a thriving business community are located there as well - our two communities are interdependent and have a strong common interest. We support Map LDF049 because it keeps these two communities of shared interests together. Our communities deserve a legislator that understands the interdependence of these communities, and represents them both.</p> <p>The current draft maps split Scottsdale into three LDs. It splits many of our precincts and divides our community. We hope the IRC will consider our request to keep greater Scottsdale together. Please refer to Map #LDF049 for an excellent way to achieve all the goals set by the IRC.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention. Robert Kelly</p>
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11/25/2021 - 10:30	Mary Grier	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together - A True Community of Interest	<p>I live in the McCormick Ranch neighborhood in Scottsdale, zip code 85258. I advocate that you adopt a map that keeps Greater Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) together in one legislative district, as proposed in Map # LDF049, previously submitted by my fellow Scottsdale resident Emily Wilson. Adopting a map that Keeps Greater Scottsdale Together would serve the constitutional mandate to respect communities of interest.</p> <p>My family moved to Scottsdale from Illinois back in 1958, and I attended kindergarten here. There were still hitching posts downtown, many acres of orange groves, dirt roads with western names such as Cattletrack, and the land occupied by Scottsdale Fashion Square was used to grow table grapes. We loved the western character and small town feel of the town. Although we moved to Tucson and then Phoenix, I returned to Scottsdale in 1994 and except for one year have lived in the city for the past 28 years. My children attended Tavan Elementary, Ingleside Middle School, and Arcadia High School. I helped to coach Odyssey of the Mind, attended PTO meetings, and supported the SUSD. I currently serve on the City of Scottsdale Industrial Development Authority Board. I am an active community volunteer with Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona (included a season mentoring in Scottsdale), and Arizona Town Hall (including events in Scottsdale). I am a member of Soroptimist International of Phoenix (which founded Girls Ranch), and am on the board of Musician Enrichment Foundation both of which have held multiple events in Scottsdale.</p> <p>During my professional life as an attorney I worked in the Arizona Attorney General's Office representing the Arizona State Land Department, and in the office of the City Attorney for the City of Phoenix, supporting the housing, real estate and economic development departments. As an Arizona Town Hall volunteer I facilitated discussions in Scottsdale pertaining to economic development and Old Town. I mention these facts to establish my ties to the community and my familiarity with economic development issues.</p> <p>Proposition 106 identifies six goals that guide adjustments to the creation of districts of equal size in a grid-like pattern, which is the basic direction of the proposition and the presumptive starting point. These goals are set forth in sections 14(A) through (F). Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together would serve all of these the goals, but particularly those stated in sections 14(D) and (E) of Proposition 106. Goal D provides that "District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable." Goal E provides that "To the extent practicable, district lines shall use visible geographic features, city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts." Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together would use city boundaries and include a geographic area with distinctive features, including the McDowell Mountains and preserve. It would also respect the joint economic and other community interests of Scottsdale and SRPMIC.</p> <p>Scottsdale and SRPMIC are jurisdictions of the type specifically referenced in section 14(E) of Proposition 106. Their combined populations would create a district within the population size range established by the Commission. Each is also a community of interest within the meaning of proposition 106, section 14(D).</p> <p>Adopting the Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together map would allow Scottsdale and SRPMIC to more effectively advance and advocate for their shared community interests and concerns, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Economic development interests such as the Loop 101 commercial-industrial corridor, and the burgeoning regional industries such as medical research and treatment, and tourism.</li> <li>•The success and collateral impacts of casinos (there are two large casinos adjacent to the Loop 101 North).</li> <li>•Respect for the individual character of diverse and distinct neighborhoods</li> <li>•Scottsdale Community College, which is situated on SRPMIC lands but which serves Scottsdale residents</li> <li>•Transportation concerns, which impact both communities due to their proximity and sharing of a significant stretch of the Loop 101</li> <li>•Water use issues, including management of CAP and surface waters</li> <li>•Waste management issues</li> <li>•Maintaining the environmental health of lands and preserves</li> <li>•Cultures that value environmental stewardship, open space preservation, and citizen involvement</li> </ul> <p>Economic development is fiercely competitive and is tied to specific geographic locations. A project will be built in a specific location within a specific jurisdiction that will exercise greater control and reap greater benefits from it than other jurisdictions. Some communities want to attract sales-tax paying businesses to fund their operations. Others want to attract major employers to provide well-paid job opportunities for their residents. Municipalities are generally the entities that control issues such as zoning, infrastructure development, sales tax rebates and other incentives. Scottsdale and SRPMIC have significant mutual economic development interests, including the Loop 101 corridor.</p> <p>Municipalities not only compete for development projects and opportunities, they also compete for state and federal funding, status, favorable laws and regulation, and policies that advance their particular agendas.</p> <p>Scottsdale and SRPMIC should be kept intact in any legislative or congressional redistricting, because they are separate taxing jurisdictions. The people of Scottsdale voted to tax themselves to create the McDowell Mountain Preserve. They conduct elections within their jurisdictional boundaries—splitting up those jurisdictions into multiple legislative districts is confusing to voters and makes advocacy for jurisdiction-wide priorities more difficult. It would also induce residents to engage and deal civilly with a</p>
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11/25/2021 - 10:50	Mary Kay Flynn	Redistricting	I live in the East valley in Fountain Hills & do not want our district redirected all the over to i-17. The representatives of north Scottsdale & including Anthem do not have the same concerns about our area in Fountain Hills. The area is too large & includes a much bigger area rehptwith younger families who do not represent Fountain Hills or Scottsdale. We need to keep the district the same as it currently is.
11/25/2021 - 10:51	Mary Lynne Shroyer	redistricting	I just learned that it's being considered to put 1/2 of Sun City in CD-9. Sun City has already been in a noncompetitive district and to put us in CD-9 will only make it worse. I strongly oppose this. Remember, that it's important and your job to make the districts competitive. Thank you. Mary Lynne Shroyer, Sun City
11/25/2021 - 11:26	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern AZ	Happy Thanksgiving Day, Commissioners, Please make us all grateful by replacing the non-competitive proposed maps of Northern AZ with the LD maps submitted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors and the CD map with that of the Navaho Nation. After all, FAIRNESS is the overriding objective and the 6 required factors are just the means of getting there.
11/25/2021 - 20:26	Linda Piurek	IRC Maps	Please redraw CD@.
11/25/2021 - 21:34	Terry Araman	Redistr buting Commission	Please make every effort to insure fair and reasonable maps for both state and federal legislative districts.
11/26/2021 - 10:28	Douglass Ebstyne	Redistricting - Scottsdale Community	2021 Arizona Redistricting  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.  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.  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.  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, Came back south should go to D8. And remove central Phoenix from CD1 – that is a non-starter. It is blatant jerrymandering!  Between sitting for 3 ½ hours at the redistricting meeting Tuesday evening (11/16) and another 2 ½ 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.  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-like task.  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.  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.
11/26/2021 - 10:38	William M. Crotts	Re-districting Fountain Hills	Please do NOT redistrict Fountain Hills.



11/26/2021 - 11:20	Steven H. Slaton	Future district 7	<p>My Name is Steven Slaton; I live in Show Low Az.          I ke 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, Ho brook, 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>
11/26/2021 - 11:26	Dianne Sorenson	Redistricting	<p>It is extremely concerning to see a supposed independent redistricting commission disenfranchising Democratic voters in Pima County. LD 17 was designed by the Pima County Republican minority party. This does not appear to be the work of an "independent" commission. I hope that you will reconsider.          Dianne Sorenson</p>
11/26/2021 - 13:07	Deborah Teitelbaum	Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>Please Keep Greater Scottsdale Together          I have lived in Scottsdale for five years and have been a property owner here for 11. Since becoming a full-time resident, I have been active in my community and am currently president of my HOA board. I have been following the redistricting process closely and have a strong interest in keeping greater Scottsdale together, as do my neighbors.          Since the IRC began its map-making, communities of interest have been a key consideration for each commissioner. I live within the footprint of the final draft map, D3. From my standpoint, D3 lacks a recognizable community of interest. It combines clearly rural and clearly urban areas that have little in common. This map is neither fair nor competitive.          Please see map #LDF049 which fixes the flaws in D3. This map meets all six criteria laid out in the Arizona Constitution. Its particular strength is the economic communities of interest shared by the city of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).          These economic communities of interest are evident in the 101 transportation corridor beginning at about 90th Street and extending roughly to McDowell Road. The city and SRPMIC also share many mutual interests - in protecting desert lands, valuing diverse neighborhoods and valuing a culture of citizen involvement, to name a few.          I respectfully request the IRC to consider the shared communities of interest between Scottsdale and SRPMIC and keep greater Scottsdale together. I urge you to adopt map #LDF049.          I also want to thank all of the IRC commissioners for your service. Yours is not an easy job, and I appreciate your willingness to pursue fair and competitive maps across Arizona.          I urge you to consider the above recommendation.          Regards and thanks,          Deb Teitelbaum</p>

11/26/2021 - 13:26	Deborah Teitelbaum	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I have lived in Scottsdale for five years and have been a property owner here for 11. Since becoming a full-time resident, I have been active in my community and am currently president of my HOA board. I have been following the redistricting process closely and have a strong interest in keeping greater Scottsdale together, as do my neighbors.</p> <p>Since the IRC began its map-making, communities of interest have been a key consideration for each commissioner. I live within the footprint of the final draft map, D3. From my standpoint, D3 lacks a recognizable community of interest. It combines clearly rural and clearly urban areas that have little in common. This map is neither fair nor competitive.</p> <p>Please see map #LDF049 which fixes the flaws in D3. This map meets all six criteria laid out in the Arizona Constitution. Its particular strength is the economic communities of interest shared by the city of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC).</p> <p>These economic communities of interest are evident in the 101 transportation corridor beginning at about 90th Street and extending roughly to McDowell Road. The city and SRPMIC also share many mutual interests - in protecting desert lands, valuing diverse neighborhoods and valuing a culture of citizen involvement, to name a few.</p> <p>I respectfully request the IRC to consider the shared communities of interest between Scottsdale and SRPMIC and keep greater Scottsdale together. I urge you to adopt map #LDF049.</p> <p>I also want to thank all of the IRC commissioners for your service. Yours is not an easy job, and I appreciate your willingness to pursue fair and competitive maps across Arizona.</p> <p>I urge you to consider the above recommendation.</p> <p>Regards and thanks,          Deb Teitelbaum            Scottsdale, AZ 85258</p>
11/26/2021 - 13:34	Robin Low	Redistricting in Northern Arizona	<p>Thank you for the very important work you are doing. Please keep the Verde Valley, Sedona, and Flagstaff together in one district. This region is a compelling community of interest sharing a tourist economy, schools, transportation, health care and shopping. Please also create at least one competitive legislative district in Northern Arizona, LD 7, as demonstrated in the map submitted to the IRC as LDF050.</p>
11/26/2021 - 14:02	Lawrence Waggoner	4 December IRC Meeting in Tucson	<p>Dear AIRC Commissioners,</p> <p>I am looking forward to the December 4 public meeting in Tucson. After locating the Four Points Sheraton on Google Map, I find the meeting place chosen is much too small. I called the hotel and learned there are only 125 parking spaces for cars and the meeting room capacity is only two hundred people.</p> <p>I do not believe the facility is sufficient for the people interested going to speak about the maps for southern Arizona. You MUST reschedule it for a larger facility. Our voices must be heard, and support showed by those not speaking.</p> <p>Thank you!          Lawrence Waggoner          Tucson, Arizona</p>
11/26/2021 - 14:54	Victoria Granade	redistricting map of AZ	<p>I would like to register my preference for the use of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors redistricting map. Please do not use the 'final draft', but adjust for more dispersal and independence. Thank you.</p>
11/26/2021 - 15:45	Stephen Warburton	Northern Arizona LD7 proposed boundaries	<p>I have lived in Flagstaff for 18 years and have voted in every election. I am concerned about the apparent (obvious?) gerrymandering that appears in the proposed LD7 map. The proposed lines created a textbook example of a non-competitive area. I've been a tenured professor of Biology at NAU and a small business owner. My careers require both analytical/mathematical skills as well as understanding the community I live in. I've looked at the proposed district lines being proposed for this area and feel they are not logical or rational, if the goal is as stated by law to create fair and competitive districts. Flagstaff is education and tourism driven. The tourism nature of our town ties us closely and, I think, obviously with Sedona and Oak Creek as well as other communities like Kachina, Belmont, and Camp Verde. Tourism and outdoors adventure driven, wild lands, even to our love and defense of Dark Skies. I implore you to review and re-evaluate the LD7 map to create a map that is both legally and morally appropriate. Thank you.</p>

11/26/2021 - 15:54	Barbara Hollway	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>As a resident of Scottsdale for the past 16 years, I am very concerned about the redistricting proposals in my legislative district. It is important to me that my vote has a fair chance of electing representatives who share my views about policies that affect me and my family. That is why I am requesting you consider Map #LDF049 that keeps Greater Scottsdale together. This also provides a more fair representation of both major political parties.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments and I appreciate your important work on the Redistricting Commission.</p>
11/26/2021 - 17:01	Peter Bernhardt	Redistricting Map	<p>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.</p> <p>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 you constitutional and legal duties, and restore fairness the the voters of Northern AZ by replacing your proposed maps with those set forth by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>--</p>
11/27/2021 - 07:16	Barbara Galligher	Dec 4 Tucson IRC meeting	<p>Find a larger meeting space for the Dec. 4 IRC Meeting in Tucson. The announced space is too small to accommodate the number of anticipated participants and lacks enough parking space for cars.</p> <p>Arizona has been known for its Redistricting process.</p> <p>Without making a change Arizona could be in national headlines.</p>
11/27/2021 - 07:20	Barbara Galligher	Dec 4 Tucson IRC meeting	<p>Find a larger meeting space for the Dec. 4 IRC Meeting in Tucson. The announced space is too small to accommodate the number of anticipated participants and lacks enough parking space for cars.</p> <p>Arizona has been known for its Redistricting process.</p> <p>Without making a change Arizona could be in national headlines.</p>
11/27/2021 - 08:02	Chance Michael Eads	Concerns Regarding IRC Redistricting Draft Maps	<p>I am writing this today so that I may express a few concerns that I have over the approved congressional and legislative draft maps. In regards to the congressional map I am primarily concerned with two things, competitiveness and communities of interest getting representation thus ensuring that their voices are heard. The current approved congressional draft map is not competitive enough in my view. Competitiveness is important, it encourages politicians to be more involved in the communities they want to represent. The reason this so is important is that you want your politicians to engage with voters. We need political engagement because this should be a country were people know and are confident in those that represent them. Congressional Districts in Maricopa county I believe should be more competitive, I have submitted a map that I believe is a good overview of what a more competitive Maricopa county would look like, the plan name is CD0070. In regards to the approved legislative draft maps I have some issues with the contiguity of the districts. Legislative District 18 is not contiguous enough and I believe that it would be better to keep all of Santa Cruz county in a single Legislative District instead of splitting between two. I also want to say that I support the proposed Legislative District draft maps submitted by the Arizona Latino Coalition because it will allow Latino communities to elect candidates of their choosing, thus protecting this community of interest and allowing for fair representation. I would like to thank the Independent Redistricting Commission for listening to input and for the very challenging work they do.</p>
11/27/2021 - 10:46	Jennifer Dawson	Dec. 4 IRC public hearing	<p>At the hearing venue for the Dec. 4 IRC mtg, the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at the airport, the meeting room only holds 200 people, and the hotel only has 125 parking spaces. Given the turnout at past IRC hearings in Tucson, and the controversy over proposed LD17, there could easily be a total of 300-600 people showing up for the hearing. Tucsonans deserve a chance to be heard, and that requires a adequate venue for the anticipated turnout.</p> <p>Please move the December 4th public hearing to a larger venue, so that everyone interested can attend.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

11/27/2021 - 13:21	Joseph Sipp	Current Draft Maps Concerns	<p>Thank you for the work you are doing.</p> <p>I would like to state my concern today regarding the constitutional bound objectives of the commission and how they are being incorrectly applied in the draft map for Southern AZ specific to the LD17 creation at the bidding of a partisan map submittal illegally disguised as a public submittal. The creation of this politically safe district for the party submitting the map unfairly impacted other districts (LD21, LD10, CD2)</p> <p>The objectives of the drafts maps are as follows (in no particular order):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and the United States voting rights act;</li> <li>B. Congressional districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable, and state legislative districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable;</li> <li>C. Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable;</li> <li>D. District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable;</li> <li>E. To the extent practicable, district lines shall use vis ble geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts;</li> <li>F. To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so would create no significant detriment to the other goals.</li> </ul> <p>These criteria absolutely all matter.</p> <p>Competitiveness as ruled by the AZ Supreme Court in 2008 is absolutely critical to the survival of AZ democratic practices and choice of leaders. The court rules that the competitiveness goal cannot be considered less mandatory than the other goals, ignored, or relegated to a secondary role, yet in shifting LD17 from a competitive to a non-competitive district in service of partisan outcomes, the commission is doing exactly this- drawing this district into a safe district for one party - the party that submitted the map.</p> <p>As a result of this non-competitive, party-leaning Southern AZ mapping of LD17 you have impacted LD21 into a gerrymandered district that separates core Tucson neighborhoods from the rest of Tucson. It also shifts much of this area from a previously competitive district (LD10, CD2) into a safe Dem district and makes LD17 a safe Rep district.</p> <p>We need competitive districts that are drawn responsibly in accordance with the constitution - not across party lines. The best way to represent right-leaning voters in left-leaning areas, or left-leaning voters in right-leaning areas, is to give them a competitive district where their voices might actually be heard.</p> <p>Creating 3 safe Democratic legislative districts and 1 safe Republican district in Pima County isn't balance - it's a disservice to voters. Rs, Ds, and independents all lose. We're asking you to quit sidelining competition in Pima County and everywhere in the state.</p>
11/27/2021 - 13:30	Michael and Helen Abrahamson	Redistricting in Sedona	<p>We are writing in regarding the proposed redistricting maps (CD2 and LD7). We are very concerned that these proposed maps would divide the city of Sedona and create districts that are not at all competitive. We ask that you reconsider this and instead adopt CDF010, which would not only keep Sedona together, and create a competitive Congressional District, but also honor and protect the voting rights of the Navajo Nation, and LDF050, which I likewise would maintain a competitive district, and ensure that the voice of Independents in our community is not diluted. Thank you for the work you are doing and for considering these important points.</p>

11/27/2021 - 13:38	Daniel Hunt	IRC Draft Map Irregularities	<p>Thank you for the work you are doing. I know this is close to the end of the service you are performing but please let it weigh heavy on the team you have formed- these maps matter for 10yrs and are to do a service to ALL AZ not just the political parties. Independents should have a chance to be heard as well as those in the middle - not just the 2 extremes.</p> <p>Inline with my concern on moderates and Independent voters and ALL of AZ for years to come, I would like to state my concern today regarding the constitutional bound objectives of the commission. I believe the current team, while attempting to 'even the districts' between parties has incorrectly applied the objectives to the draft map for Southern AZ specific to the LD17 creation at the bidding of a partisan map submittal illegally disguised as a public submittal. The creation of this politically safe district for the party submitting the map unfairly impacted other districts (LD21, LD10, CD2)</p> <p>The objectives of the drafts maps are as follows (in no particular order):  A. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and the United States voting rights act;  B. Congressional districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable, and state legislative districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable;  C. Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable;  D. District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable;  E. To the extent practicable, district lines shall use vis ble geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts;  F. To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so would create no significant detriment to the other goals.</p> <p>These criteria absolutely all matter.</p> <p>Competitiveness as ruled by the AZ Supreme Court in 2008 is absolutely critical to the survival of AZ democratic practices and choice of leaders.</p> <p>The court rules that the competitiveness goal cannot be considered less mandatory than the other goals, ignored, or relegated to a secondary role, yet in shifting LD17 from a competitive to a non-competitive district in service of partisan outcomes, the commission is doing exactly this- drawing this district into a safe district for one party and creating 'party safe' district across southern AZ to accommodate this radical LD17 shaping. The commission had now made LD21 a gerrymandered district that separates core Tucson neighborhoods from the rest of Tucson. It also shifts much of this area from a previously competitive district (LD10, CD2) into a safe Dem district and makes LD17 a safe Rep district.</p> <p>We need competitive districts that are drawn responsibly in accordance with the constitution - not across party lines. The best way to represent Independents, Non-Affiliated voters as well as right-leaning voters in left-leaning areas, or left-leaning voters in right-leaning areas, is to give them a competitive district where their voices might actually be heard. The era of extremism has got to stop. If it is not and AZ residents are not heard, our democracy will fail. No district should be safe. Politicians should have to reach out to ALL their voters so that we end up with better results and governorship in Washington and at the state level.</p> <p>Creating 3 safe Democratic legislative districts and 1 safe Republican district in Pima County isn't balance - it's a disservice to voters. Rs, Ds, and independents all lose. We're asking you to quit sidelining competition in Pima County and everywhere in the state.</p> <p>Help ALL Arizona voices be heard. Move from the current draft map 9.2 to Legislative district draft map 9.0 and work with this map to make competitive districts for all of AZ.</p> <p>Please remember, 10yrs of silencing voters can impact the extremism we could see at the state capital and beyond.</p>
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11/27/2021 - 13:46	Christine Sipp	IRC Draft Map Concerns	<p>Dear Commission</p> <p>After reviewing all of the testimony and comments i have to say i completely agree with those advocating for southern AZ to be competitive. I fear the violence and complete humility that the extremism has bestowed upon some of the representatives from AZ. We need competitive districts to make all voices heard. Not ones who feel it is ok to threaten this lives of their co-workers or harass their own constituents. I am at a loss as to why draft map 9.2 was chosen other than that maybe there is a bias politically in the commission to choose to make this district so gerrymandered and then create other gerrymandered districts to appease the 'masses' insidiously.</p> <p>Please, I beg of you, let my voice be heard in my district. Do not align me with either extreme and make the politicians accountable for me and my family. I do not want to be drowned out with extreme representation on either political side and i would like to be resented in my actual city not all the way to Nogales. We have no commonality and i have never visited this area in over 10yrs.</p> <p>I believe legislative draft map 9.0 does that best job for southern AZ and abiding to the constitutional direction provided and upheld by our courts.</p>
11/27/2021 - 13:51	Marilee Miller	Fair maps	Need fair maps, no gerrymandering
11/27/2021 - 15:54	Molly Munger	CD 1 redistricting	<p>We (Eugene &amp; Molly Munger) are requesting a more extensive review of the draft maps for redistricting in X5A9Coconino County. It unfortunately appears to us that there is not equal representation. Has an independent citizens committee been involved in the discussions and development of the proposal?</p> <p>There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction about the draft map proposal and all voices should be heard.</p> <p>Thank you. Eugene &amp; Molly Munger, [REDACTED] Flagstaff, AZ 86004</p>
11/27/2021 - 15:54	Michael Edwin Ebright	Redistricting of Sonoita, Santa Cruz County	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I live at [REDACTED] in Sonoita, AZ 85637 and I'm in favor of any redistricting which places the Sonoita/Elgin area in the southeast corner Congressional and Legislative districts of Arizona along with most of Cochise Co.</p> <p>Thank you, Mike Ebright [REDACTED]</p>
11/27/2021 - 17:06	Laura Norton	In support of LD4 draft map	<p>Over the years when re-districting has come up in conversation with family and friends, especially from other states, I loved to share that Arizona has maps drawn by a bipartisan commission. I am proud of this approach and thank you all for being thoughtful participants of the re-districting process.</p> <p>As the weeks have passed and I have had a chance to consider and reconsider the 2021 LD4 draft map where I live, I have become more comfortable with these boundaries.</p> <p>I am a regular hiker of Camelback Mountain. I consider the families and businesses near the mountain to commonly identify Camelback Mountain as their 'backyard' which means I always have a starting point for conversation. LD4 final draft map (Oct 28, 2021) also includes the neighborhoods around Mummy Mountain and eastern edges of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve.</p> <p>LD4 district draft map contains many connections to desert preserve lands and fits the definition of a community of common interests. I am very comfortable with the LD4 draft map.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to Arizona. Laura Norton [REDACTED] Scottsdale, AZ 85251</p>
11/27/2021 - 18:04	Steven Jackson	LD Borders	Scottsdale should remain intact as 1 LD if possible for a greater Scottsdale district. The maps currently split Scottsdale into two seemingly non-competitive districts.
11/27/2021 - 18:19	Deborah R Kret	Fair and Competitive Districts	Is this committee truly independent? It seems that the recommendations are skewed and favor one party over another. In order to have truly fair and clean elections, the process of redistricting needs to be fair. Dividing communities in order to favor one party defeats the purpose of this process which is supposed to be independent.

11/27/2021 - 18:40	Martha S O'Connor	Fair and Competitive Districts	<p>1. Keep our neighborhoods together. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps indicate you are trying to favor one party and that is not what redistricting should be a about. Our legislative district 23 works well as it is, leave it alone, don't disenfranchise people in this current district. Or do you not like it because it works well? Hayden Road Should Not Divide Scottsdale</p> <p>2. Keep both parties focused on public policy. They are not, they are focused on partisanship and disenfranchising voters they don't agree with. That is not democracy and will not promote freedom.</p> <p>3. Draft Map D3 Needs to be Fixed: Pulling together Carefree, Cave Creek, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills and Ft. McDowell is a mash-up of a map. If left to stand, it would make representation extremely difficult. It is also 60/40 in favor of Republicans.</p> <p>4. Keep both parties focused on public policy: When maps are as much as 70/30 in favor of either party, good governance is lost. The parties should be focused on constituents' needs, not the self-interest of legislators. In your own words, describe how you've seen this happen over the years in LD23.</p>
11/27/2021 - 19:10	Jane	Keep Scottsdale Together	The map needs to be drawn so that Scottsdale remains as a whole neighborhood. The electorate is stronger and healthier when the districts aren't drawn to eliminate diversity. The draft needs to be redone.
11/27/2021 - 19:13	Dr. Micki M. Kloss	the district changes are totally RED it could not be any more red..	Let North Scottsdale, which is the richest district, become more blue and get rid of those who wish to change voting rights and elect men with criminal records like David Schweikert who never comes out of his office and has cheated on voting rights for years, also does not even look at any bill for women's rights, even rights of abused women, healthcare, etc. You once took another female misogynist out of this district and stuck her in one where she could win while Dist 23 could have eliminated Nancy Barto, etc. for good. Cave Creek flying their Trump signs and flags, etc. Give North Scottsdale a better district for educated people who make good choices.
11/28/2021 - 04:31	Nancy McCoy	Santa Cruz County redistricting	<p>My name is Nancy McCoy. I have lived in Santa Cruz County for 18 years. I am a former president of the Patagonia Area Business Association, and am currently the president of the Patagonia Elementary School District board and a member of the steering committee for the Patagonia Regional Community Fund.</p> <p>I discovered Patagonia on a mountain biking trip and fell in love with the beautiful environment and friendly town. A year later, I bought a local bed and breakfast and became a part of the community.</p> <p>As the owner of a bed and breakfast, I came to understand even better the uniqueness of the area as guests shared with me the reasons for their visits: visiting the wineries, mountain and road biking, birding, hiking, traveling across the border, and shopping at unique local stores. These activities span Santa Cruz County and are interwoven with each other as they support the livelihoods of so many of its residents.</p> <p>I implore you to not divide this county into different legislative districts. We need one representative who sees and understands the whole picture of Santa Cruz County and how all the parts are working together for the benefit of the entire county and its economy. We have a strong ranching tradition. We are part of the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area and have been designated a Global Diversity Hotspot. As a border community, we have a relationship with Mexico whose tourists and shoppers are important to the area as well as a considerable Hispanic population and culture.</p> <p>Dividing our county into different legislative districts breaks up the cultural heritage of our area, our unique and important natural resources, and the economic relationships of our communities. Santa Cruz County is unique in its diversity and common interests. We need representation that keeps our county together.</p>
11/28/2021 - 08:01	Francine T Saccio	Pima County	I want to voice my disapproval of the gerrymandering that is proposed in 9.2 for the Oro Valley, Pima County Redistricting map.
11/28/2021 - 08:05	Francine T Saccio	Gerrymandering proposed 9.2 map for Oro Valley in Pima County, AZ.	The proposed 9.0 map is more balanced and competitive.
11/28/2021 - 08:19	Claire Bickel	Keep our Neighborhoods Together	1. Split Precincts - Arizona's draft maps include over 500 split precincts across the state. There are 9 in the current LD23: Pine Valley, Mustang, Mirada, Del Joya, San Simon, McCormick Ranch, Redwing, Pecos and Pueblo. Tell the IRC that precincts should be kept whole in the final maps and why this is important to you.

11/28/2021 - 09:25	Nigel F Taplin	Draft map D3 needs to be fixed.	<p>My name is Nigel Taplin. A resident of Scottsdale for 13 years. Father of 3 sons who were educated in K-12 schools and universities in AZ. During my professional years, I was committed to the education of our younger students. Apart from helping to educate our children, my commitments to my community include serving on my HOA Board, a Deputy Registrar for Maricopa County, and being a Steward in training for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.</p> <p>In my legislative district, LD 23, during the last election cycle in 2020, I was astonished to discover that one party's registered voters vastly outnumbered the other - by nearly double - placing talented and committed legislative candidates in an unelectable position thus creating an unfair and uncompetitive election cycle.</p> <p>I live in the footprint of the final draft map, D3, and note that one party continues to significantly outnumber the other by over 20% by pulling together Carefree, Cavecreek, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills and Ft. McDowell continuing this cycle where one party has an unfair and uncompetitive advantage. If this stands, once again talented and committed legislative candidates are in an unelectable position.</p> <p>Please correct his situation to give voters in D3 an opportunity to share their voice through elected officials that represent their values.</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment and dedication to carrying out this essential work to ensure that our democracy works for us all! Nigel Taplin</p>
11/28/2021 - 09:45	Jennifer Dawson	Venue for Dec. 4 public hearing	<p>The hearing venue for the Dec. 4 public hearing (at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at the airport) is far too small. The meeting room only holds 200 people, and the hotel only has 125 parking spaces.</p> <p>Given the turnout at past IRC hearings in Tucson, and the controversy over proposed LD17, there could easily be a total of 300-600 people showing up for the hearing. Tucsonans deserve a chance to be heard, and that requires a adequate venue for the anticipated turnout.</p> <p>Please change the venue to a larger, more access ble space.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/28/2021 - 09:49	Cindy Wagner	Draft maps	<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>
11/28/2021 - 09:56	Jennifer Dawson	District 17 and LD test map 9.2	<p>District 17, as proposed on LD test map 9.2, is absolutely unacceptable, violating redistricting criteria as put forth in the AZ Constitution.</p> <p>It is not "compact and contiguous", and ignores geographical boundaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; it combines two completely unrelated areas on either side of Tucson, separated by a mountain range and an extremely long drive;</li> <li>It is not "fair and balanced":</li> <li>&gt; it has been publicly stated and admitted that District 17 was drawn to create a "safe" Republican district. This is not remotely fair, denying equal opportunity to other political parties.</li> </ul> <p>Please discard LD test map 9.2, and return to LD map 9.0, which provides a much more acceptable solution.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/28/2021 - 10:10	joyce A Winston	Hayden Road Divided??	<p>This is ridiculous Hayden Road should not be divided...This is a NEIGHBORHOOD! Please change the map to represent neighborhoods.</p>
11/28/2021 - 10:26	Denise San Angelo	IRC Tucson 12/4 public hearing	<p>I am asking the IRC to move the December 4th public hearing to a larger venue so that everyone interested can attend.</p> <p>Thank you for your work on the IRC.</p> <p>Denise San Angelo</p>



11/28/2021 - 10:51	Mary Stone	Fair and Representative Maps	When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to a wide variety of voters will run and govern from the middle.
11/28/2021 - 11:11	Phyllis Banucci	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	I've been aa resident of Scottsdale for nearly 20 years and have been very active in the community. We have enjoyed the proximity of the Pima Indian community and the shopping and recreational businesses interwoven between the two communities. Combining these two communities into the same legislative district preserves our mutual economic and tourism interests. Combining these two communities also provides a level of diversity and complies with the Voting Rights Act, something the current LD23 lacks. Draft map #LDF049 keeps greater Scottsdale and the Pima Community together.
11/28/2021 - 11:20	Connor Huenneke	Comment on current draft electoral maps	As an independent voter in Arizona, I value our state's good national reputation for producing politicians who are not completely beholden to corporate interests and who are willing to cross strict party lines to do things that are popular and truly beneficial for their constituents. Your mission is to create a fair and competitive electoral map, which is essential for ensuring that this kind of candidate has a chance to get started at the local level. A district where one party can steamroll the other election after election regardless of policy or performance is a district where real people's needs are not being met, and will produce candidates who have no interest in changing that. Additionally, as a Flagstaff voter, I believe residents here share concerns and interests about issues I ke real estate prices, public lands, and tourism with nearby communities I ke Sedona, Munds Park, and Kachina. The lines your commission draws should genuinely attempt to represent those sorts of common interests in all areas of the state. Independent voters are about a third of Arizona's electorate, and maps I ke the ones that you are currently considering actively lower morale for us. Uphold your mandate! Consider other maps, and let the volunteer nature of your positions lead you towards selfless action.
11/28/2021 - 11:26	T Hibben	redistricting maps	I think it's important to draw redistricting maps based on census data and being as fair as possible, with no leaning towards either party.
11/28/2021 - 11:55	Marianne Eraldi	LD10 comments	I have been a resident of the Tanque Verde Valley for 27 years. My family and I enjoy being part of the city of Tucson and partake of the many cultural activities provided in the university and downtown areas. We have little in common with the Marana and Oro Valley areas and consider them to be far away distance-wise as well. It would be very upsetting to us to be gerrymandered into these far away districts. We consider it rare but welcome that our elected representatives in LD10 reflect our values. It is one of the few times that the people we voted for actually won. We are against changing our LD10 district.
11/28/2021 - 12:26	Amy Gaiennie	IRC Public Meeting in Tucson December 4, 2021	Dear IRC Administrators, Please move the December 4th public hearing to a larger venue accessible to all Tucsonans. The Four Points by Sheraton Tucson airport conference room is just too small with available parking spaces even smaller. This is a once in a decade process. The community of Tucson is the second largest city in Arizona. We deserve to be heard!  Thank you! Amy Gaiennie Tucson AZ 85710
11/28/2021 - 12:29	Gary Belt	Redistricting	I am writing to urge that Hayden Road not be changed to become the boundary of our district.
11/28/2021 - 12:33	Lisa Drew	Fountain Hills district	Please DO NOT CHANGE the current districting of Fountain Hills.
11/28/2021 - 13:44	Patricia O'Neil	Final Maps 10.2	Greetings, I would like to thank the IRC for presenting the final draft map 10.2. My only recommendation is to keep precincts together in one district. Other than that I do feel that on the whole these maps are fair and balanced. Not everyone will get exactly what they wanted but I do see more competitive districts in the state than in the past. Thank you, Patti O
11/28/2021 - 14:28	Camille Tumolo	Keep Scottsdale Whole and Thriving	It is important to keep the city of Scottsdale whole. Over many years, Scottsdale developed its own identity as a thriving destination for art, foodies, recreational activities and a special place for snow birds and tourists. Do not carve it up and take away what Scottsdale means to so many people.
11/28/2021 - 14:38	Jean S Miyake, MD	Representative maps that don't enable extremist views - either side	I want candidates who are neither far right or far left - this can be done if all districts are competitive. Middle ground makes sense and engenders people coming together. The way it is now we can't even listen to each other for the good points, even if what is said is true.
11/28/2021 - 14:44	Jean Miyake	Competitive Districts	You fo ks need to do a better job in setting district lines. We all know of really good candidates i.e. better than incumbents These good candidates have lost in lop-sided elections in LD23 because of the lop-sided party registration. It's a real shame to lose that potential for public service.
11/28/2021 - 14:56	Daniel Tumolo	Keep Scottdale together	As you consider a redistricting plan for Scottdale, please remember to maintain competitiveness in this section of Arizona. For a democracy to remain strong our legislative districts should remain competitive. I do not want to live in a district that always seats a member of the same political party at every election cycle. Please keep Scottdale together! Thank you.

11/28/2021 - 15:05	Beverly Parker	Don't divide Santa Cruz County!	My family lived in Madera Canyon (known to them more familiarly as White House Canyon) in the late 30s and early 40s. They ran the lodge and then worked on Mt. Wrightson (known to them more familiarly as Mt. Baldy) for the Forest Service. The Forest Service Hdqts were in Patagonia and they had many friends there, they went to dances in the Sonoita/Elgin area via the Box Canyon Rd; they shopped in Nogales, had a doctor in Nogales, Sonora where my grandmother had breast cancer surgery. The whole of Santa Cruz County was home to them and even after they moved to Tucson and I was born, they kept up their ties to Patagonia, Madera Canyon, Nogales and Sonoita. Cochise County was another universe. And this division remains. I came to live in Sonoita 25 years ago and view myself as part of an historical community with deep roots and an ecological community determined by elevation and watershed. The Santa Cruz River has its beginning in the San Rafael Valley, the Patagonia and Sonoita area drains north via Sonoita Creek. We have been fighting a copper mine in our area since I came to live here. We fought to protect the Empire and for the creation of the Ciengas National Conservation Area. One can feel the profound divide between Santa Cruz Co and Cochise Co on Highway 82 driving east. The ecology changes dramatically just about where one crosses the county line and starts the decent toward the San Pedro. We need to be represented as an entity because we are an entity. I know that a large organized group appeared before you arguing the opposite but the key word there is organized, not majority. Thank you for the opportunity to comment
11/28/2021 - 15:07	fredi hamilton	LD5	Thanksgiving reminds me how grateful I am to live in a Democracy. I only pray that it will not be lost to Gerrymandering and voter suppression. I beg you to preserve the full voting rights of every constituent by making sure that our votes count. I know this is a difficult task, but I trust you are all up to it and will conscientiously adhere to the guidelines for redistricting - most critically keeping our districts competitive so that every voice can be heard. The fate of our Democracy is in your hands.
11/28/2021 - 16:02	Steven Ivester	Redistricting fairness	No gerrymandering.
11/28/2021 - 16:43	Alan Everett	D1	As a former Mayor, I appreciate the importance of communities of interest. Grouping voters into districts where they shop, attend schools, recreate, and attend churches is likely the most important criteria for redistricting. Please review and reconsider the boundaries of the proposed D1. The draft map has the D1 southern boundary extending south of I-10 and 202 and over to north Tempe and Town Lake. The Arcadia and Biltmore areas of D1 would be better included in communities of interest if they extended east into the Paradise Valley and north Camelback areas. Thank you.
11/28/2021 - 17:52	Marilyn Bernhardt	Northern Arizona resistricting	Dear Commissioners, The proposed redistricting maps make a mockery of the key factors of competitiveness and community of interest in the legislative and congressional districts of Northern Arizona (proposed 5, 6 and 7). We urge the Commission to revise its proposed maps in accordance with the CD proposal of the Navaho Nation and the  The proposed redistricting maps make a mockery of the key factors of competitiveness and community of interest in the legislative and congressional districts of Northern Arizona (5, 6 and 7). We urge the Commission to revise its proposed maps in accordance with the CD proposal of the Navaho Nation and the LD proposals of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, which are supported by the City of Sedona as well as the majority of citizens of these areas who have given testimony commented at IRC public hearings. proposals of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, which are supported by the City of Sedona as well as the majority of citizens who have given comments and testimony before the IRC. We don't seek advantage, but we do insist on fairness.
11/28/2021 - 20:07	Beth Bremer	Precinct	I am a Precinct Committeeperson for the Bullmoose Precinct (currently in LD18). In the current draft map, this precinct appears to have been split into two different congressional districts, even while still being in the same legislative district. Please maintain whole precincts rather than splitting them across districts. I don't think there is a reason to split Bullmoose the way it appears on the draft map. It would make it extraordinarily difficult for me to advocate to and support outreach efforts by the party to members of the precinct if it is split between districts, substantially decreasing the political representation that the members of the precinct deserve. Neighbors within a precinct should be within the same legislative and congressional district, and ideally the legislative district should also not be split between congressional districts.