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11/29/2021 - 07:41	Laura Norton	make C1 competitive	<p>When I reviewed the draft maps of Oct 28, 2021 I have looked to understand how these maps will affect me, my immediate community, as well as all people in Arizona.</p> <p>I'm writing to encourage you to take care of the people of color and indigenous people in our state.</p> <p>Please maintain the majority Hispanic populations inside boundaries of C3 and C7 to ensure that their voice is heard at the federal level.</p> <p>Please ensure that the native populations of Arizona reside in competitive districts when their populations do not hold a majority. In particular, I would like to see that C1 is competitive so that our indigenous people have an opportunity to be heard at the federal level.</p> <p>Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Laura Norton 85251</p>
11/29/2021 - 08:14	Daniel Spencer	legislative maps	The American Indians live a special, unique, and different culture than the rest of us. They receive financial benefits and exemption from some taxes that the rest of us pay. Please make their reservations separate districts.
11/29/2021 - 08:42	Ayanna Alexander	ATTN MEDIA TEAM_ON DEADLINE_Bloomberg Law Media Inquiry on Redistricting Process in Arizona	
11/29/2021 - 09:27	Jennifer Dawson	Venue for Dec. 4 public hearing	Concerning the hearing venue (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. Please move the December 4th public hearing to a larger venue so that everyone interested can attend. Thank you
11/29/2021 - 09:41	Jennifer Dawson	District 17 and LD test map 9.2	District 17 (of LD test map 9.2) violates several of the redistricting criteria as laid down in the AZ Constitution. It is not "fair and balanced": it was drawn to provide a "safe district" for Republicans, and publicly admitted that this was the reason for its creation. Democratic Commissioner Lerner proposed an alternative version of District 17 that was highly competitive, but it was rejected on the grounds that it failed to create a safe Republican district! It is not "compact and contiguous": it connects areas separated by a mountain range and a 45-minute drive. It does not recognize "communities of interest": .The residents of both Tanque Verde and Vail have little to do with the distant suburbs of Marana and Oro Valley, and have much closer ties to eastern and midtown Tucson. The IRC should go back to Commissioner Lerner's LD District map 9.0; it is much more competitive, and suitable for fair representation.

11/29/2021 - 09:46	Dorothy Schumacher	Comments on Independent Redistricting Maps	<p>I appreciate all of your work on redistricting maps; however, I have a few comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep our Neighborhoods Together Don't 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. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps. 2. Fair and Representative Maps Reduce Extremism - When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle. Our current district currently has two state representatives and one state senator who are extremely conservative. This is not an accurate representation of our area. 3. 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. LD23 is skewed extremely conservatively. This does not reflect all voters' desires and all constituents needs are not met. Thank you.
11/29/2021 - 09:50	Dennis Schumacher	Comments on IRC	<p>Here are some suggestions to improve on your already good work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep our Neighborhoods Together Don't 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. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps. Our precincts are neighbors, please keep them that way. 2. Fair and Representative Maps Reduce Extremism - When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle. Our current district currently has two state representatives and one state senator who are extremely conservative. This is not an accurate representation of our area and leads to laws that many do not approve of. 3. 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. LD23 is skewed extremely conservatively. This does not reflect all voters' desires and all constituents needs are not met.
11/29/2021 - 09:51	Vincent J Lee	Districts that are representative of the neighborhood.	<p>I do not believe the draft map for D3 is representative of my neighborhood. Splitting districts into a multitude of separate geographic neighborhoods is not conducive to effective representation of the constituents. Do not break up our neighborhoods!</p> <p>Districts should be fair in the representation of all voters. No district should be strictly representative off any one voting block. Democracy starts at the local level. The draft map for D3 does not provide for governance focused on the constituents' needs, but is instead focused not the needs of one party. Re-visit this map and make it representative of a competitive democracy!</p>
11/29/2021 - 09:55	Ellen R Harris	Re-districting	Districts should be kept whole!!!!

11/29/2021 - 10:09	Sue Thorne	Mehl's LD17 Map	Chairwoman Neuberg: I was giving you time to come to your senses and stand up to Commissioner Mehl's illegal attempt to gerrymander a Republican non-competitive district in our Democratic County. By going along with his LD17 map you are complicit in ignoring the basic tenets of the Voters' Rights Act: that districts should be competitive, contiguous and compact. Mehl's map is not contiguous nor is it compact. It is interrupted by the Catalina Mountains and separates many voters in Tanque Verde and Vail who have more in common with downtown Tucson and eastern Tucson than voters who live over an hour away in Marana and Oro Valley. Current maps in Southern AZ follow VRA law. In not standing up to Commissioner Mehl's insistence on gerrymandering my district you are undermining Supreme Court Justice Robert's pronouncement that pre-clearance in states like AZ with a history of discriminatory election practices don't break the law anymore. LD17 BREAKS THE LAW!!! Rein in an obvious right-wing extremist attempt to gerrymander Southern AZ.. You have the power to do what is right, what follows VRA law without the hammer of preclearance and without the Justice Department scrutiny. If you are truly an "Independent" then act like it and do the right thing with our district maps. We will think of you as a right-wing extremist masquerading as an Independent if you don't stop this gerrymandered district map. It's hard to trust a chairperson who has sided with a right wing extremist in a bald faced attempt to gerrymander. It makes us wonder what you have done to tip our competitive Congressional Districts to right-wing extremist benefit.
11/29/2021 - 10:10	Sue Thorne	Mehl's LD17 Map	Chairwoman Neuberg: I was giving you time to come to your senses and stand up to Commissioner Mehl's illegal attempt to gerrymander a Republican non-competitive district in our Democratic County. By going along with his LD17 map you are complicit in ignoring the basic tenets of the Voters' Rights Act: that districts should be competitive, contiguous and compact. Mehl's map is not contiguous nor is it compact. It is interrupted by the Catalina Mountains and separates many voters in Tanque Verde and Vail who have more in common with downtown Tucson and eastern Tucson than voters who live over an hour away in Marana and Oro Valley. Current maps in Southern AZ follow VRA law. In not standing up to Commissioner Mehl's insistence on gerrymandering my district you are undermining Supreme Court Justice Robert's pronouncement that pre-clearance in states like AZ with a history of discriminatory election practices don't break the law anymore. LD17 BREAKS THE LAW!!! Rein in an obvious right-wing extremist attempt to gerrymander Southern AZ.. You have the power to do what is right, what follows VRA law without the hammer of preclearance and without the Justice Department scrutiny. If you are truly an "Independent" then act like it and do the right thing with our district maps. We will think of you as a right-wing extremist masquerading as an Independent if you don't stop this gerrymandered district map. It's hard to trust a chairperson who has sided with a right wing extremist in a bald faced attempt to gerrymander. It makes us wonder what you have done to tip our competitive Congressional Districts to right-wing extremist benefit.
11/29/2021 - 10:17	Nola Perkins	Fair redistricting	The last map I saw didn't look very fair to me. I want Apache Junction to be kept intact, not split.
11/29/2021 - 10:24	Jane S Burtnett	Redistricting	Before finalizing the redistricting boundaries, please consider these changes: Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps to keep our neighborhoods together. This should include keeping historic neighborhoods together. We want to retain our common love of the history of Phoenix-metro. Additionally, cap the Scottsdale district at the Frank Lloyd Wright canal to allow for a competitive district. Thank you for the hard work you are doing.

11/29/2021 - 10:43	Victoria Kauzlarich	D3 Needs to Be Fixed	<p>My name is Victoria Kauzlarich. I have lived in Scottsdale for ten years and have been a property owner here for 20.</p> <p>Since moving here, I have been deeply involved in my HOA - serving on 4 different committees. I am a Deputy Registrar, a graduate of the Botanical Garden's Desert Landscape School and, for 6 years, the author of a sustainability column in my HOA's monthly magazine. Volunteer activities, all.</p> <p>I've been following the IRC's progress toward redistricting for months. I have submitted several written comments and appeared before you publicly during hearings held in September and October. I also attended the public hearing at Salt River.</p> <p>I wish to comment on the D3 map. I'm conversant with the 6 criteria for drawing a district. Other than meeting the criteria of total population and compactness/contiguousness, I frankly don't see how the D3 map meets the remaining criteria.</p> <p>D3 has no discernible community of interest. The only apparent geographic features are the county boundaries shared with Yavapai, Gila & Pinal. This map looks like what was left over from redistricting decisions made elsewhere in the state.</p> <p>When looking at the criteria for competitiveness, there is none. D3 has a 2016-2020 composite of 60(R) - 39(D).</p> <p>The solution to this problem is NOT to keep LD23 intact as some have suggested. The solution is to look at this entire region with a new set of eyes.</p> <p>D3 has an east/west orientation - a footprint guaranteed to be deeply red. In this region, the key to developing a competitive map is to run it north/south. As the urban/suburban gives way to the rural, we find that Republicans dominate this landscape. As we get closer to greater population density, there are more Democrats. So, Republicans to the north. Democrats to the south.</p> <p>I draw your attention to 3 maps which demonstrate how to create competitive districts in at least part of D3: map #CDF011, #CDF012, (both of these are LD maps with CD numbers) and map #LDF049. Each of these maps meet all 6 district criteria and go a long way to creating more fair and competitive maps. I urge you to factor these three maps into your thinking when drawing final versions.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and attention. I'm grateful for your consideration.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
11/29/2021 - 10:49	Barbara Bowers	Competitive Voting Districts	<p>Commissioners, Communities of interest are important; but, Competitive Districts are more important... Districts should be drawn as close to 50 50 as possible....should not heavily favor one party over another Thank you Barbara Bowers LD 21</p>

11/29/2021 - 12:57	Barbara Carpenter	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>I am a 31 year resident of Scottsdale of LD23, having spent the last 29 years in the same house near 93rd St and Cactus. I have watched the evolution of the city over this time, as the population has increased and the tensions between the old and new have waxed and waned over the years. Happily, however, the sense of a unified city identity has still prevailed, as the city's residents pride themselves on maintaining Scottsdale as an attractive, diverse and safe place to put down roots. The is part of why keeping greater Scottsdale together in the redistricting process is so important.</p> <p>In reviewing the IRC's proposed legislative district map #3, I am concerned with the way it breaks up Scottsdale by dividing it into 3 districts, which will be much harder to manage as a unified entity, equally serving all of its residents. The proposed western boundary of Hayden Road would be an artificial division, when Scottsdale Road has long been symbolic of a western boundary and is considered the key north/south artery for the city. Creating a map that keeps greater Scottsdale together, such as the newly proposed map LDF049, would better serve the residents of Scottsdale.</p> <p>The IRC proposed map #3 also breaks up nine existing precincts in Scottsdale's current LD23. This means residents who have been politically active in those areas over the years through reaching out to their neighbors will now have to begin that awareness process anew. Encouraging strong neighborhoods with people who know each other and have shared interests enhances a city's strength. Precincts are one of the structures that enable the development of this unity and keep greater Scottsdale together.</p> <p>In comparing the IRC map #3 with the proposed improved map LDF049, I find the inclusion of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa tribal community in the new proposal to be a major improvement when considering shared communities of interest, contiguous geographic boundaries, and a commitment to both the Voting Rights Act and the creation of competitive districts. Both the city of Scottsdale and the Salt River tribal community are aligned in their development of land on each side of the #101 freeway all the way to McDowell Rd. The economic success of both entities is linked through much of this development. The inclusion of this community in the LDF049 map balances the representation between political parties more evenly than the current IRC map #3, which is skewed 60/40 towards the Republican party. A more even representation between voting blocs and communities of interest should result in better outcomes for all, given more voices will be heard.</p> <p>My hope is these comments will help you keep greater Scottsdale together as you continue your work on the final version of the new legislative districts. Thank you for the work you've done to date and please refer to the proposed map LDF049 in your final deliberations.</p> <p>Respectfully, Barbara Carpenter Scottsdale Resident and HOA Board Member</p>
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11/29/2021 - 13:03	Nigel F Taplin	Please Protect our Democracy	<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, mainly as head of schools in early childhood through 12th-grade education. 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 for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.</p> <p>As you know, Arizona's demographics are reasonably balanced between the Democrats and Republicans. I notice that you have worked hard to represent this with your final draft maps. Thank you. However, I know you have to resolve several issues including split precincts, and respond to multiple requests to undo the overall balance you have achieved with the final drafts.</p> <p>I urge you to continue with your resolve to sustain a redistricting outcome that represents fair and competitive maps to sustain democracy in our state. Regardless of party and where we live in Arizona, overall our voters must have an opportunity to elect a state legislature that represents our voter demographics. This is vital for us all.</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment to our democratic values and your resolve to protect our democracy.</p> <p>Nigel Taplin</p>
11/29/2021 - 13:34	Pelauria Abbott	Redistricting maps	<p>Cyber Ninjas haven't even been paid, but Republicans are busy trying to rig our elections using GERRYMANDERING.</p> <p>Could it be that they are killing off too many of their Fox Trash TV base due to their stupid anti-science position on COVID-19 masks and vaccines???</p> <p>We need to OUST ALL REPUBLICANS from office, one way or another, because your ideas are shit and you are the PARTY OF DEATH. By that I mean COVID deaths, as well as your intention to anoint your racist little hero, KKKiller KKKyle.</p>
11/29/2021 - 14:15	Pamela Duty	IRC Recommendednations	<p>As a concerned citizen, I want to express my dissatisfaction with the current recommendations of the IRC. There are three areas which I believe warrant further exploration in order to ensure better competitiveness in each of the legislative districts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Precincts should remain together: It appears there are hundreds of split precincts. One of those is in my current LD, 24, where the Barnes Precinct is split. I feel precincts should not be split in this fashion; 2. Minority Voices seem to be especially silenced by the current IRC recommendations to split historically minority precincts. I would encourage the committee to review the suggestions from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and see if this could be addressed more equitably; and 3. It appears the committee has especially impacted the indigenous nations by not capping the Scottsdale district at the Frank Lloyd Wright canal. It feels as though the primary focus of the IRC is to ensure as many districts as possible are primarily one party majority. While I do understand this is the tactic that each dominant party has elected every 10 years, it would be appreciative, if for once, Arizona led in making our districts competitive, as evenly split as possible, between the three major parties present in our state: Independents, Democrats, and the GOP. <p>I recognize my feedback most likely will fall on deaf ears, but if we are to bare witness to continued voter suppression in Arizona, then it is incumbent upon citizens to continue to participate in this process.</p> <p>Respectfully, Pam Duty</p>
11/29/2021 - 14:17	Vashti C. Supplee	Keep precincts whole and historic neighborhoods together	<p>I live on Roosevelt Street in the F.Q. Story historic neighborhood and I support the LD Test Map version 10.2 for my area in central Phoenix. I appreciate keeping the central Phoenix historic neighborhoods in the same Legislative District and having the south boundary for the proposed Legislative District 1 at Van Buren Street. I appreciate my precinct, ENCANTO, being 100% in LD 1, and I would encourage avoiding splitting precincts into multiple Legislative Districts. An example of a split precinct is BARNES. This is important to me as the precinct boundaries represent my neighborhood and neighbors.</p>

11/29/2021 - 14:20	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 Marijuana growing facilities in the state, as well as large wind Farms, and Helium development from Holbrook 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>
11/29/2021 - 14:25	Robin Low	Redistricting in Northern Arizona	<p>Please keep intact the community of interest comprised of the Verde Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff. This area is connected by tourism, health care, transportation, schools , and daily commerce. Please also preserve the voting power of Native Americans by supporting the map proposed by the Navajo Nation known as CDF010.</p>

11/29/2021 - 14:45	Louise A. Liggett	Rural Arizona Redistricting	<p>Honorable IRC Commissioners,</p> <p>It's disgusting and shameful! The collective citizens of Rural Eastern AZ understand the previous IRC has cheated us out of a Voice in our State Legislature. Basically we are facing "Taxation Without Representation". Because we do not have the numbers to flood your meetings and pour out our tears, asking for pity, we are ignored second-class citizens?</p> <p>You, the current Honorable IRC Commissioners must restore our Voice. The IRC would be dishonest and highly irresponsible to bury our Voices representing our needs within a largely Urban District.</p> <p>Regardless of the political fall-out, we charge you with restoring the Rural Voice to the AZ State Legislature. We propose a 5+Eastern Counties District; solely rural & undivided: Graham, Greenlee, Gila, Southern Navajo and Southern Apache, Eastern Pinal, Northern Cochise, and Southeast Yavapai.</p> <p>Rural AZ is not a dying way of life, but a living hope for Arizona's future. We are strong principled citizens of both Arizona & the United States. We are a valuable reminder of the struggles of the past: a teacher of the ways of life. We are a witness to the flaws of our forefathers and their amazing successes through ingenuity and perseverance. Our human energy is used for basic survival, valuing and working with neighbors, and respecting our energy & water resources. Today we see previous city-dwellers fleeing to the countryside to live a safer and more stable way of life. Our population is rising while cities are declining!</p> <p>Surely you understand that Urban residents dream about fleeing the stress & routines of city living to visit rural communities. They travel to our small towns & wilderness areas to use our roads, forests, lakes, mountains, the amenities we build & care-take so they can vacation, unwind, reconnect with nature & just have fun with friends and loved ones. Our rural atmosphere is healing and restoring to mind, body & spirit. We are Necessary! We must be protected!</p> <p>That is why you must restore our Voice to the AZ State Legislature by sanctifying a truly Rural District.</p> <p>We support the IRC draft map LD7 with changes that will keep us a Rural Voice. We also support the draft map LD6 Indian District combined with Flagstaff, which are communities of interest rather than with our rural areas.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
11/29/2021 - 14:58	Alice Stambaugh	DRAFT MAP D3 SHOULD BE FIXED!	<p>I'm writing to ask you to re-think the current final draft of Legislative Districts, that divide Scottsdale (currently LD23) into 3 districts, one of them (D3) running all the way from the North of Shea and the Pima/Maricopa Indian Reservation to I-17!</p> <p>In the draft map there are large portions of Phoenix included in D3 along with Scottsdale. I'm sure it's clear that legislative representation of such a mish-mash of interests -- Carefree, Cave Creek, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix, Fountain Hills and Ft. McDowell -- would be quite difficult. I ask that you please look at alternative map LDF049, which meets all objective required criteria, and keeps our community of interest -- greater Scottsdale -- intact. Thank you!</p>
11/29/2021 - 15:11	Alice Stambaugh	KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TOGETHER!	<p>I live in Scottsdale, currently LD23, and in the current LD23 the DRAFT IRC map splits 9 precincts! They are Pine Valley, Mustang, Mirada, Del Joya, San Simon, McCormick Ranch, Redwing, Pecos and Pueblo. This is not good because precinct lines are decided in part to keep neighborhoods intact, as the people in them have common interests. "Both sides of the street", so to speak, should be represented by the same legislator, who can then most effectively speak for their needs, and voters in these precincts can more effectively advocate as well.</p> <p>This problem is fixed by alternative map LDF049, which meets all objective required criteria, and keeps our precinct-level communities of interest in Scottsdale intact. Thank you!</p>

11/29/2021 - 15:59	Marcia Stumpf	IRC Redistricting Testimony	<p>I have lived in Phoenix since 1984 and live in a culturally diverse neighborhood within th present LD20 District. In redrawing the district boundaries I urge the Committee Members to comply with the Voting Rights Act, respect voting communities of interest, and, in your final decisions, favor potential competitiveness. If the new districts are mostly fair and competitive, they will better represent a variety of voters, encourage candidates to appeal to these constituents and help prevent extremism in voting.</p> <p>With Respect, Marcia Stumpf</p>
11/29/2021 - 15:59	Alice Stambaugh	Hayden Road Should Not Divide Scottsdale!	<p>I live in Scottsdale, currently LD23. The current draft submitted by the IRC divides Scottsdale into 3 districts (D3, D4 and D8), and uses Hayden Road as a western dividing line for parts of them which -- with all due respect -- is ridiculous!</p> <p>Hayden Road is a major north-south transportation route for Scottsdale, with large parts of Scottsdale on both sides of it. When Scottsdale is chopped and diced in this random way, citizen voices, economic and public policy interests in the greater Scottsdale community of interest also become "chopped and diced" -- leading to less of a voice in public policy.</p> <p>There is a way to fix this!</p> <p>Please consider alternative map LDF049, which meets all objective required criteria that the IRC must follow, and keeps Scottsdale intact, as well.</p>
11/29/2021 - 16:15	Terry Montalvo	Redistricting	How exactly are our congressional districts redrawn based on the 2020 Census?
11/29/2021 - 16:34	eve r simon	keep neighborhoods together	<p>So unfair to redistrict to give minorities (Republicans) huge electoral advantage.</p> <p>Hayden Rd should not be Western boundary of Scottsdale.</p>
11/29/2021 - 16:50	Judith Reisman	gerrymandering	<p>My neighbors and I are horrified that Oro Valley, a city in Pima County, would be sliced and diced in the proposed redistricting map for LD 17. I thought our United States was working to eliminate gerrymandering, not put it into further division of communities of interest. Please reconsider this serious proposed mistake and help us preserve our democracy.</p>
11/29/2021 - 16:56	Dieter Knecht	Replace CD2 with CDF 010	<p>In the 2020 congressional race, Tom O'Holleran, narrowly defeated his Republican opponent in the old CD1 that was highly competitive. The new CD2 created to replace old CD1 has added Yavapai County and created a voter spread of nearly 8%, greater than the Commission's goal of less than7%. Furthermore, Draft map CD2 also dilutes the power of Native Americans. This, in turn, goes against the goal of Prop 106.</p> <p>The Navajo Nation has proposed an alternative map, CDF 010 with less than a 1% voter spread and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>When you chose the Draft map CD2, you ignored your goal to produce "competitive districts where there was no significant detriment to the other goals" and to comply with the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>Please correct this imbalance and select CDF 010 to replace the new CD2.</p>

11/29/2021 - 17:04	Dieter Knecht	Replace CD2 with CDF 010	<p>In the 2020 congressional race, Tom O'Holleran, narrowly defeated his Republican opponent in the old highly competitive CD1. The new CD2 created to replace old CD1 has added Yavapai County and created a voter spread of nearly 8%, greater than the Commission's goal of less than 7%. Furthermore, Draft map CD2 also dilutes the power of Native Americans. This, in turn, goes against the goal to "comply with the US Voting Rights Act" of Prop 106.</p> <p>The Navajo Nation has proposed an alternative map, CDF 010 with less than a 1% voter spread and compliance with the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>When you chose the Draft map CD2, you ignored your goal to produce "competitive districts where there was no significant detriment to the other goals" and to comply with the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>Please correct this imbalance and select CDF 010 to replace the new CD2.</p>
11/29/2021 - 18:48	Doreen Zannis	Redistricting	<p>Thank you for your intentional work on the 10.2 draft maps. My only feedback is please, not to divide precincts between two legislative districts. Thank you. doreen</p>
11/29/2021 - 18:59	Vincent Pinto	IRC Redistricting Public Comments	<p>As a Wildlife Biologist, Naturalist, and co-owner of an Ecotourism business in Santa Cruz County, I firmly believe that for voting purposes Santa Cruz County should remain one district rather than divide it in two and assign it to other districts. The residents of Santa Cruz should have the right to determine via their vote what happens in terms of Conservation, Ecotourism, and the economy in general within their Reflecting the biological reality of the Patagonia Mountains, Santa Cruz River, San Rafael Grasslands, Canelo Hills, and other conservation units centered in the county. Please keep these like-minded Sky Islands Communities of Interest grouped together, as we share critical environmental and policy concerns and would greatly benefit from being maintained in a single, compact, contiguous, and competitive district.</p> <p>Eco-tourism and Birding constitute a vital economic and environmental link throughout this area - interests not shared by the towns in Cochise County. Therefore as a Santa Cruz County business owner for the past 15 years, I urge you not to separate and disperse our communities, as that will certainly negatively impact the financially and environmentally beneficial efforts that we have collectively established here over many years.</p> <p>The Santa Cruz Valley contains several stretches of natural river flow, important riparian and grassland habitats, unfragmented wildlife migration corridors, and diverse plant and animal communities - including numerous endangered species. Given global warming and an ongoing 20+ year drought, preserving and protecting our watershed is more crucial than ever. The headwaters of the Santa Cruz River are in San Rafael Valley and the Sonoita Creek Watershed is a major tributary to the Santa Cruz River. Both the Santa Cruz River and Sonoita Creek, remarkably, still hold perennial stretches of water - something that is now vanishingly rare in all of Arizona. Hence, they play a key role in drawing in Ecotourism revenue.</p> <p>Furthermore, significant parts of Santa Cruz County are identified as Global Biodiversity Hotspots - recognized by many scientists as top regions in the world most in need of protection to ensure the survival of a broad spectrum of flora and fauna. These areas include: The Santa Rita Mountains, the Patagonia Mountains, Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, the San Rafael Grasslands, and a number of other biodiversity hotspots. A large percentage of residents in Santa Cruz County value such areas not only for recreation, but also for their inherent conservation values.</p> <p>The critical issues facing the communities along the Santa Cruz River corridor are best served by working together to choose legislative and congressional representatives.</p>

11/29/2021 - 20:49	Gene Banucci	Keep districts competitive	I've lived in Scottsdale for 16 years in a non-competitive district. What has happened? We have representatives that have been censured and fined by their own governing body - and then they win the next election. Why? Because the district is so non-competitive elected representatives can do pretty much whatever they want - extremism and even illegal - and still be re-elected. When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle.
11/30/2021 - 06:36	David Perry Nelson	Redistricting	I think the best option is Version 10.2!
11/30/2021 - 07:53	Tracy Scheinkman	Competitive maps	I think the current map that the IRC is favoring goes against Constitutional law and is in any case too non-competitive. I favor the Equitable Legislative Map for Southern Arizona which creates 6 Latino districts, 1 Native American district, and 6 competitive districts, 2 which lean Republican, 2 which lean Democratic, and 2 which are evenly divided. KrGK8
11/30/2021 - 08:15	Marilyn Bernhardt	Redistricting Northern Arizona	Dear Commissioners, The original proposition that Arizonans voted for to create the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission gives its purpose as, "To oversee the mapping of FAIR AND COMPETITIVE congressional and legislative districts." The six principles which guide you are merely means to that end. Current proposed maps for Northern AZ do not even come close to achieving these two principles and should be set aside in favor of the CD map proposed by the Navaho Nation and the LD maps proposed by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors. While nothing is perfect, these maps come much closer to "fair and competitive" and are widely supported by organizations and voters in this part of the state. We only ask that you do the job for which you were created.
11/30/2021 - 08:16	pearl lia schurz	district maps	My name is Pearl and I live on the corner of Thomas and Extension in the Salt River area. I want to voice my support for map LD0061 which connects my area to Mesa which makes more sense to me. It also connects school districts better.
11/30/2021 - 08:18	Jay Simpson	Polarized Voting Data	All of the data supporting the polarized voting reports should be made available to the individual commissioners and to the public. Dr. Handley should be asked to attend a meeting and answer questions about her work.
11/30/2021 - 08:20	Dale Kruczynski	More Competitive Districts. Make Politicians Pay Attention!	Hello, My name is Dale Kruczynski. I am a veteran who has lived in Arizona since 1981. For years I have seen politicians continue to ignore working folks like me. Because of this I am asking for the commission to create more competitive districts so politicians have to fight for my vote. Thank you for your consideration.
11/30/2021 - 08:22	victoria gonzalez	comment on maPS	Hi name is Victoria, I live on the corner of Mcdowell and 48th St. I also work at the airport. I like how LD0061 is drawn because it connects myself and many of my coworkers with the airport in one district. This allows for us to advocate for polices that will support the working people of the airport.
11/30/2021 - 08:30	Terri Abady	Redistricting	1. Keep our Neighborhoods Together Don't 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. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps. 2. Fair and Representative Maps Reduce Extremism - When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle. Our current district currently has two state representatives and one state senator who are extremely conservative. This is not an accurate representation of our area. 3. Fair and Competitive Districts 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. LD23 is skewed extremely conservatively. This does not reflect all voters' desires and all constituents needs are not met.

11/30/2021 - 08:42	Thomas Velde	redistricting	I live in the Tucson mountains and have no desire to be part of a district that stretches to Buckeye. Those of us living in this area identify with metropolitan Tucson and would like our representation to reflect that.
11/30/2021 - 08:49	Cheryl Purvis	Move Dec 4 meeting to a local venue large enough!	Four Points Sheraton Hotel 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. Please change the venue to another local venue that's large enough to hold 600 people.
11/30/2021 - 09:14	Jordan Kirk	Redistricting	<p>Thank you for your hard work in redistricting maps. Here are some comments I hope you can incorporate:</p> <p>1. Keep our Neighborhoods Together Don't 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. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps.</p> <p>2. Fair and Representative Maps Reduce Extremism - When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle. Our current district currently has two state representatives and one state senator who are extremely conservative. This is not an accurate representation of our area.</p> <p>3. Fair and Competitive Districts 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. LD23 is skewed extremely conservatively. This does not reflect all voters' desires and all constituents needs are not met.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jordan Kirk</p>
11/30/2021 - 09:24	Jessica Williamson	redistricting	Please keep the city of Sedona together and with the rest of the Verde Valley. The maps submitted by the Coconino Board of Supervisors meet all of the IRC mandates -- none of the other maps do -- and honors communities of interest as well a creates a balanced district.
11/30/2021 - 09:32	Marianna Habern	Adopt LDF 050, 051, CDF 010	Adopt the maps that objectively fulfill the criteria of Prop 106 better than the IRC maps do. Maps LDF 050 and 051, submitted by the Coconino County Board of Supervisors, and Map CDF 010, submitted by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission, do a better job of drawing competitive, compact, and contiguous districts and fulfill the letter and the spirit of Prop 106 the way voters intended.
11/30/2021 - 09:51	Melanie Dawn Peck	Redistributing concerns	My name is Melanie Peck and I live near 22 st and deer valley. I concerns me that the apparent redistributing lines are possibly being put in place for political purposes and not necessarily what is best for the individuals living in these communities that they chose and live styles that work. The representatives that would have to cover constituent across multiple city lines will also have struggle in time and continuity of serving needs of all whom they represent. Please reconsider the true reasons for redistributing and make sure motives are not purely political in nature. Changing lines to gain a certain outcome is against our state and countries laws. Thank you

11/30/2021 - 10:10	Margaret Joy Weaver	Redistricting	<p>I am a 25 year resident of Sedona, Arizona. I thank you for your service and strongly request the following. I am writing in support of maps BOS LDF 0050 and LDF 0051 that the Elected City Councils of Sedona and Flagstaff and the Coconino County Board of Supervisors have submitted and support for drawing the Legislative Districts. Keeping Sedona together is critical for shared services including environment, government, school, fire and library. Also, keeping Sedona together along with Flagstaff and the Verde Valley honors our shared economies and facilities including infrastructure, healthcare, natural resources and culture as a community. We are collectively an economy that relies on tourism to a much greater extent than Prescott - and need to take action TOGETHER for sustainability as tourists flock through Sedona for its International reputation for beauty on the way to the Grand Canyon. Also we have experienced increased filling and flooding of our arroyos from the North snowmelt, and rain flow as our weather has changed. We need to recognize that reality so we can work together to create powerful solutions with appropriate funding. In addition, voters passed Prop 106 to create fair and competitive districts. Northern Arizona Districts as drawn by the IRC do not meet these standards. Competitive districts keep voters engaged and turnout high, and all voices are heard, including Independents. This is critical for the health of our democracy. I strongly urge you to honor the unique character of our community East of Mingus Mountain and support maps BOS LDF 0050 and LDF 0051.</p>
11/30/2021 - 10:18	Rick Hamilton	LD5	<p>If your proposed map for LD5 remains unchanged, my vote will no longer have any weight. I, and my town will be swallowed up by Prescott, with which we have very little in common. Our community of interest is clearly with Flagstaff, not with Prescott. Please reconsider the district lines you drawn and reinstate my voice. Thank you.</p>
11/30/2021 - 10:19	Dawn Armey	redistricting	<p>Great maps presented (10.2) please keep communities of interest together.</p>
11/30/2021 - 10:29	Jennifer Dawson	Venue for Dec. 4 public hearing	<p>Please change the current venue for the Dec. 4 hearing (the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at the airport) .</p> <p>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>Thank you.</p>
11/30/2021 - 10:51	Bruce Flocken	Written Testimony Feedback About the Draft Map	<p>My name is Bruce Flocken. I'm a retired Gilbert (LD12) resident for the past 25 years and an Arizona resident for 42 years. I was a Phoenix and Glendale resident for the first 17 years.</p> <p>The current draft maps appear to preserve a great deal of the uncompetitive-ness and extremism that I've experienced in all my 42 years in Arizona. The best map would promote a government that represents and serves the centrist majority in Arizona rather than an extreme fringe. Arizona today is roughly a third registered Independent, a third Democrat, and a third Republican. The maps should capture that makeup much better than the draft does.</p> <p>Another aspect of the draft maps is that it divides up my community, the city of Gilbert into about 5 Legislative districts (LD) vs. about 2 currently. That seems like an extreme breakup of the city of Gilbert. In the draft map, I would go to a primarily Mesa LD while most of my family's activities and concerns are centered around Gilbert.</p> <p>Any adjustments to create the final maps should improve fairness, competitiveness, and preserve the voices of communities of interest representing native and ethnic minority populations.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your hard work and service on this difficult task!</p> <p>Bruce Flocken Gilbert</p>

11/30/2021 - 10:58	Margaret Connery	Competitive districts	<p>I beg you, do not split Sedona into two legislative districts. That only dilutes our vote - the vote of a community of interests, caring about issues unique to our town.</p> <p>I beg you, do not put my residence in the Village of Oak Creek into a legislative district with Prescott. With a 30% Republican majority in Prescott, Democrats, Independents, Green Party members, and every other non-Republican in the district can just stay home on election day for the next 10 years, as there will be no need for them to vote - their voice and their vote will be drowned out by Prescott.</p> <p>Do not disenfranchise me, please. Keep Sedona in one district, with Flagstaff, as we share interests, community life, recreation, and our economy with them. Keep us whole. Do not dilute our vote.</p>
11/30/2021 - 11:59	Robert Bloom	Response to redistricting	<p>I live on the westside of Tucson. I live in a wonderfully diverse community. People work for major employers, including University of Arizona, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Raytheon and many small businesses. We share the same transportation corridors, schools, parks and shopping centers. This is a very competitive district that reflects Arizona's population and should be replicated as much as possible to reflect the state's electorate. The many Independents are swing voters who support candidates who reflect moderation, something Arizona could use, particularly as we face difficult decisions about how to grow our state in the face of climate change - water issues and mountain fires - all require moderate voices that will keep our state habitable long into the future. Education funding and road conditions are other big concerns here, too. : I ask the IRC to live up to the expectations set by voters who established the IRC in 2000: create legislative districts that reflect the Arizona electorate. Given that 1/3 of voters are Independents, recognize that Arizona is a moderate state.</p> <p>Independent registration has grown by 52,941 voters since Nov. 2020, while Republican registration has dropped 8,916 and Democrats are down 3,784. Every year after the legislature adjourns, voters run petition drives to get initiatives on the ballot to overturn radical legislation that voters didn't want. Currently we have 3 petitions to overturn legislation on voting rights and 3 dealing with education funding. We have irresponsible laws that hinder public health policies during a deadly pandemic. We need legislative districts that will elect moderate leaders who reflect Arizona and provide a more efficient, competitive, diverse way of governing. Lastly, ensure communities of color have adequate representation.</p>
11/30/2021 - 12:06	Linda Juozapaitis	Redistricting	<p>Redistricting is suppose to be done because of changes in population in areas. NOT to change them to favor one party or another in voting. Let the people speak and not cheat by doing it to favor any particular party. I am sick of our political parties putting all their energy into cheating to get things instead of winning a vote with honest and integrity Put that energy into doing something good for the people but represent the people by being the kind of person you want your kids to be. I am a independent voter for this reason as I can go either way. Redistrict being fair and not cheating to get votes.</p>
11/30/2021 - 12:09	Cynthia Jo Paster	Redistricting	<p>IRC Committee,</p> <p>I urge the Committee to continue taking public comments on the redistricting process. As a long time (30 year) resident of Sedona, I think that changing our district from our current district would make no sense. My community is with my neighbors in Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. As a family, we feel we have no material affinity with Prescott. We rarely visit, much less think that the issues that concern our Sedona Community are in any way commensurate with those that affect Prescott.</p> <p>Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.</p> <p>Cynthia Paster</p>
11/30/2021 - 13:50	Victoria Rose Stahl	More Latino Neighborhood Representation	<p>Hi my name is Victoria Stahl. I have lived in Maryvale my whole life. I think we need 5 majority latino state districts in Maricopa county. We can do this by bringing in many of the latino neighborhoods that are more west which are currently connected to western rural districts. There has been a growing latino population that deserves to be properly represented.</p>

11/30/2021 - 13:51	Diane McQueen	IRC's prosed maps	Hello, I would like to again express my opinion that the LD and CD maps that the IRC has proposed for Northern and Southern Arizona are neither fair nor competitive. The voters in this state deserve fair and competitive maps so that we all can feel confident that our voices have a chance of being heard. Anything less is voter suppression. The IRC should approve the maps that have been submitted by both the Coconino County Board of Supervisors (for LD maps) and the Navajo Nation (for CD map). Thank you.
11/30/2021 - 13:53	Laurie Coe	the new maps	Commissioners, I am writing out of gratitude for your hard work and diligence in complying with all of the points of the voting rights act. I believe that fair and competitive maps are vital to Arizonans and our future. I live in Scottsdale. My only concern, is that some precincts are being split on the current maps and for many Precinct Committee people, relationships have been developed with neighbors for years now. I am also concerned about losing Fountain Hills. This community resembles Scottsdale in demographics and economy, and it would be unfortunate to lose them. Congratulations for making this process open and transparent. While considering the end product, I hope you will consider making these minor adjustments.
11/30/2021 - 13:56	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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Holbrook Basin through the Navajo Reservation these differences separates the two regions, and they should be included in Legislative District 6 not Legislative District 7.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>

11/30/2021 - 14:13	Beverly Hedden	Redistricting	<p>Living in Cottonwood and having many connections to Northern Arizona, I am asking that you respect the split in Yavapai County along the Mingus Mountains that communities want. Splitting Yavapai at Mingus Mountain respects the natural geography of the area, one of the criteria the IRC must consider. The IRC has split many other counties, like Pinal, Graham and Greenlee. It would also make D2 more politically competitive. As it is, we would have NO reason to vote, since we know the outcome. We NEED more competitive districts.</p>
11/30/2021 - 14:25	Victoria Kauzlarich	Split Precincts in Draft Maps	<p>I've been following the IRC's processes for many months and was frankly surprised to see how many split precincts there are across the state - over 500 of them by my count - about 1/3 of the total precincts in Arizona. Letting these stand would make representation difficult both for elected officials AND for those they represent.</p> <p>Following the 2011 redistricting process, there were only 2 split precincts left from redrawn districts. Clearly, there was an effort then to virtually eliminate split precincts in the final maps.</p> <p>I trust this IRC will do the same in 2021. If you plan to do so, could you announce this to the public in the form of a press release or some other formal declaration, sooner rather than later?</p> <p>The voting public has weighed in on this in large numbers and I cannot imagine that their wishes would be ignored. To "run out the clock" on this basic anomaly serves no purpose.</p> <p>Making a formal announcement that these will be corrected in the final mapping process would be a big relief, state-wide.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and effort toward creating fair and competitive maps. I appreciate that your job is a difficult one.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
11/30/2021 - 14:50	Sharon Groves	Redistribution	<p>It is my wish that the redistribution of the district and hope that it will represent the population in areas without redistribution to help political parties.</p>
11/30/2021 - 15:01	Susan Wilson	Fair & Competitive Maps	<p>I believe that districts should be created to allow for competitiveness between the two major political parties. It is not good for Democracy when districts are heavily Republican or heavily Democratic. I am more of a centrist and would appreciate having representatives who truly represent all of their constituents. I believe this is more likely if the representative isn't guaranteed re-election because of running in a skewed district.</p>
11/30/2021 - 15:02	Cassandra French	redistricting maps	<p>I live in Mesa near the corner of Alma School and Southern. I would like you to get rid of the pan handle that divides communities into too many districts. I would like you make sure to keep the latino and asian american communities together instead of dividing them.</p>
11/30/2021 - 15:07	Susan Wilson	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>The current draft map D3 is an odd grouping and as a Scottsdale resident I would prefer to see Scottsdale kept together as it is a community of interest. Also, this map is heavily weighted Republic and therefore needs to be adjusted to allow for more competitiveness in the district.</p>

11/30/2021 - 15:07	Marilyn L. Binion	The current IRC redistricting proposal	<p>I grew up in Arizona in the 1950s and 60s and graduated from the U of A. My husband's first banking job was in Flagstaff where our sons were born, and he worked for the Arizona Bank and was assigned to be the officer who interfaced with the Navajo and Hopi customers. We came to respect their cultures and traditions from those years of working with them and visiting the reservations. Because of my husband's career which included working as Vice President for Crocker, Wells Fargo and Bank of America, we relocated to California where I went to law school and became a member of the bar there. In the 1990s we returned to Tucson and lived at Sabino Canyon in Tucson. We were transferred by B of A to Washington, but after his passing, I have returned to live in the White Mountains where I am close to my son and his family in Phoenix. He is an aeronautical engineer who has worked as an officer/director for a number of top corporations. I have been connected to Arizona all my life, whether living here or having many family members residing here.</p> <p>I also have a perspective from my background as a lawyer who is concerned that the IRC is not following the mandates of the original law that established the IRC. Namely, that the districts formed are to be competitive, which does not appear to be the case with CD1 and CD2, on two clear standards:</p> <p>1) By the Commission's own standards it defines a competitive vote spread to be no greater than 7% between the parties. The current districts would clearly be well outside that standard. Actually, a truly competitive spread would be no more than 2-3%, so the Commission's 7% is already borderline non-competitive, so when the actual vote spread in these districts well exceeds that, how can the Commission retain the current proposed district boundaries?</p> <p>2) The Commission has selected nine recent state-wide races as a basis for comparison to fulfill this competitive requirement of the law. Of those nine races, one party won all of them. How can that be seen at any level as competitive? The essence of fairness would dictate that the boundaries which are chosen would have at least a 4 to 5 win ratio. This blatant and clear imbalance violates the IRC statute. Furthermore, I do not want to live in a district which has a non-competitive race that results in the election of a representative which by his own actions and words brings shame on our region and our state. Arizona needs true representation in our national Congress which represents all the people, not select groups--the very essence of this law.</p> <p>Also, the statute requires respect for communities of interest, which specifically applies to the Native American peoples. At least thirteen tribes are within these districts and in a democracy, it is only appropriate for their voices and needs to be heard. Because of these two serious concerns that the Commission is bound by statute to abide by, I strongly propose that CD2 retains the Apache Reservation, as is; that Prescott and the Prescott Valley be removed since that would unfairly and unequivocally prevent competitive races; and that in Yavapai County the districts be divided at Mingas Mountain. I support the IRC adopting the proposals of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Proposal for the district boundaries.</p> <p>As for the state legislative districts, the concerns expressed above about competitive elections and respecting the communities of interest, I also disagree with the District 6 and 7 proposed boundaries. Furthermore, Flagstaff, Sedona and Cottonwood have common economic and geographic interests and should not be placed in separate districts. Therefore, I strongly support the map proposed by the Coconino County Board. Their map would comply with the state statutes, whereas the current IRC proposals do not.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of the legal issues and facts which I have presented. Marilyn L. Binion, Esq.</p>
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11/30/2021 - 15:12	Crissy Jung	Keep our Precincts Together	<p>Hello my name is Crissy Jung and I believe we should not split the precincts as drafted. Arizona's draft maps include over 500 split precincts across the state and there is one significant split in my LD24 BARNES Precinct. This precinct should be kept whole in the final maps because our LD has cultivated a community with significant involvement from our residents (high numbers of precinct committee people), proper representation from various communities (specifically those who are People of Color aka "POC"), and provided a platform for everyone an opportunity to rise ideas and issues regardless of looks, income, and gender.</p> <p>Current draft maps show borders surrounding our historic neighborhoods. Please make sure the new maps retain historic neighborhoods together so the local neighborhood associations and communities can maintain efficiency and their community engagement.</p> <p>Please prevent the split of Indigenous, Latino, Black, AAPI and additional POC neighborhoods. When minority majority neighborhoods are split, voices are lost. I support Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Martin Harvier's recommendations to the IRC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Commission should keep the SRPMIC in a single legislative and congressional district. President Harvier stated, "As a unique Community of interest, a tribal community is located in only one census tract. I believe this should not be a problem for the commission to consider." 2. Place the Community in an urban legislative and congressional district and not in any large rural district. 3. Locate the SRPMIC and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in the same congressional district, because they share a common border and support being located in the same district. 4. Because the Community also shares a common border with the City of Scottsdale and has similar transportation, public safety and solid-waste issues, to name a few, locate the Community in the same congressional district with Scottsdale. 5. Locate the Community in the same district as Tempe and Mesa, again because of mutual beneficial activities that we have with each of these cities. Keep Scottsdale Strong <p>Lastly, please cap the district at the Frank Lloyd Wright canal. This allows for a competitive district between parties and currently our indigenous nation neighbors are asking to maintain with Scottsdale and Mesa.</p> <p>Please consider these items in your revisions to the draft map districts. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Your Contistuent, Crissy Jung</p>
11/30/2021 - 15:19	Matthew Capalby	Rural redistrict	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>Please reconsider the the configuration of the northwestern congressional district. In contrast to so many requests, the current configuration puts underrepresented rural communities in with the urban West Valley area of the Phoenix Metropolitan region. Which then leaves little to no chance of a rural resident getting elected to Congress, in that district. Thus, urban interests will dictate to rural communities as to how they will be represented. This is unfair and inappropriate. Subsequently, I respectfully request that you reconfigure that district to take in more of rural Yavapai County, rather than urban Maricopa County.</p>

11/30/2021 - 15:20	Brandon D Puente	Maps	I live over on Indian school and 16th st. I feel there needs to be a central Phoenix congressional districts that connects central and east Phoenix to the north mountain preserve area to crest another Phoenix district. I feel we have more in common with the areas like along the 17 near Glendale and Sunnyside and the north mountain preserve than we do with fountain hills.
11/30/2021 - 15:31	Dana Rakinic	Re redistricting: Keep Greater Scottsdale Together!	I am a Scottsdale resident, currently in LD23, and I am very concerned that the current draft maps split Scottsdale, a cohesive community, into several legislative districts. I would be lumped into an area north of where I live, which is a totally different political, geographic and economic community. Keep Scottsdale together! I prefer map #LDF049, submitted by Scottsdale resident and neighbor Emily Wilson, which keeps Scottsdale as a unit, together with the Indian community, which shares our environmental, political and economic concerns. This map would also foster competitiveness and contiguousness in our legislative district. Thank you for your consideration. Dana Rakinic
11/30/2021 - 15:35	Dennis Winokur	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together in redistricting maps!!!	I am a longtime Scottsdale resident, and active in my neighborhood and community. As I understand the current draft maps, Scottsdale is being split up unrealistically. This does not make sense. Keeping Scottsdale together, as much as possible, will keep Scottsdale a community of interest geographically and economically, and will preserve us as a diverse community with a competitive political population. This has served us well, and should continue. Please implement proposed map #LDF04l, submitted by Scottsdale resident Emily Wilson, which accomplishes these goals. Thanks, Dennis Winokur
11/30/2021 - 15:40	Josiah Stuart	Redistricting	I live on the 67th ave and camelback. Im advocating for 5 majority latino state districts in maricopa. There are lot of latino neighborhoods a little west of me that are connected to western rural districts. I think these neighborhoods should be brought back into the more urban districts similar to where i reside.
11/30/2021 - 15:40	Jesse J Chanley Jr	Draft CD and LD maps	<p>One of the problems with our politics is that too few people actively participate. One reason for people's apathy is elections in which the winner is determined largely by how districts are drawn. We need more competitive districts, so that the election will determine who wins, rather than the outcome being largely pre-determined by unbalanced party registration.</p> <p>I live in Show Low. The draft maps place me in CD 2 and LD 7. Neither of these districts is competitive, as shown by which party is likely to win elections.</p> <p>To make federal elections more competitive, I favor the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission Proposal for northeast Arizona (CDF010).</p> <p>I also favor the legislative districts proposed by the Coconino Board of Supervisors for LD 6 (LDF 051) and LD 7 (LDF050).</p>
11/30/2021 - 16:04	Mary Kilburn	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>Keeping greater Scottsdale together is consistent with all 6 constitutional criteria for drawing a district.</p> <p>Please consider doing so.</p> <p>Mary Kilburn</p>

11/30/2021 - 16:10	Peter Bernhardt	Redistricting Map	<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>
11/30/2021 - 16:20	Anne Emerson	Redistricting Sedona, AZ	<p>Dear IRC.</p> <p>Please do the right thing and listen to the voice of the people of this state rather than the special interest groups and political parties. I live in Sedona AZ and I have for 36 years. In 1988 I was one of the majority that voted to incorporate Sedona so that we could have some say over our city. The most current maps created by the IRC once again splits Sedona in two and aligns us with Prescott rather than Flagstaff. Sedona is part of the community of Northern Arizona, which includes Sedona, the Verde Valley and the Navaho, Hopi and Apache Nations. We are a community of interest. We need to stay together. We are not aligned with Prescott or Payson, which are more aligned with Central Arizona. The maps proposed that would most suit the needs of this population are LDF 0050 and 51. To do anything different is to disregard the needs of our population. Fix it please.</p> <p>Thank you. Anne Emerson Sedona, AZ</p>
11/30/2021 - 16:37	Angie Sanchez	Listen to ALL constituents.	<p>Hello. My name is Angie Sanchez, I first came to Arizona in 2001 and now live in Peoria. Over the years as I have seen politicians continue to ignore the interests of working families like my own. We are the bedrock of this state and our elected officials should have to listen to us to stay in office. Because of this I am asking the IRC to create more competitive districts so politicians have to listen to ALL people in order to win our votes.</p>
11/30/2021 - 17:16	Jay Allen Rice	legislative Districting	<p>There is no portion of Pima County located in Maricopa County! Keep your Maricopa County paws out of Pima County!</p> <p>GOP trash have your heads up Trumps ass and we want no part of your B/S. To Hell with your redistricting garbage!</p>
11/30/2021 - 17:18	Pamela L Kielbowicz	Fair and representative maps	<p>In the interest of fairness and a focus on public policy instead of the self-interest of legislators, I am requesting that districts remain a fair and equal representation of both parties. This will attract moderate thinking, reflect the needs of both sides, and reduce extremism, which has sadly divided our state and country. We all want the best this country has to offer, opposing viewpoints are beneficial to the democratic process but not when radical, extreme views are allowed to foment because of very uneven representation.</p>
11/30/2021 - 17:19	antoinette jones	maps	<p>Hi I live on 51st ave. and Baseline in South Phoenix. I am concerned that there are lot of communities of color in west phoenix, particularly latino neighborhoods that are not going to get adequate representation because they are connected to more rural areas with different interests.</p>
11/30/2021 - 17:23	Elizabeth Andersen-Rice	redistricting	<p>The good people of Pima County don't want anything to do with Maricopa County GOP or your asinine redistricting ideas!</p> <p>You may not include any portion of Pima County in Maricopa districting period.</p> <p>GOP idiots with your fraudit, and stooped redistricting can pack your ideas in the trash with your insane elected officials!</p>
11/30/2021 - 17:46	Mary Helsaple	Redistricting	<p>Please keep the community of Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood and the Verde Valley together. We feel that the Verde Valley should be one Community of Interest. We believe that any map that splits apart towns or Communities of Interest is inappropriate. This is a non-partisan position we believe reflects the voices in these communities. Our mission "to protect and sustain the unique scenic beauty and natural environment of Northern Arizona." Do not cut us up to fit or satisfy this out-of-control gerrymandering by political interests.</p>

11/30/2021 - 18:18	Roberta Stabel	Redistricting for our Legislative District	<p>I would like to voice my strong objections to the approved draft map for the new legislative districts. It was very disturbing to see that tiny Santa Cruz County has been divided and that the area from northern Rio Rico through Tubac to Amado has all been included in a district which is linked to eastern Arizona. There is NO community of interest there. Santa Cruz County should be all together as we are really a whole community from Patagonia with some upper reaches to the Santa Cruz River by way to Sonoita Creek, to Nogales and north along the Santa Cruz River including Rio Rico, Tumacacori, Carmen, Tubac and Amado. and then on down the valley to the north. Our interests have always been along the north/south valleys. Our whole valley is a National Heritage Area and we share many of the same concerns. Please reconsider this really bad idea.</p>
11/30/2021 - 18:36	Jane C Jackson	D3 and D8 make no sense! Keep communities, keep contiguous, keep competitive	<p>Dear commissioners: I'm not political; my job keeps me much too busy for politics. But I vote! I studied the vs. 10 Legislative Draft Map (adopted Oct. 28, 2021). The proposed D3 and D8 make no sense! Putting Fountain Hills in the same district as Carefree is absurd; you must drive a LONG time to get between those two towns. Carefree and Cave Creek should be in the same district as Anthem, because the highway goes there.</p> <p>The adjoining district D8 includes a narrow stretch in North Scottsdale, along Loop 101; that makes NO sense, because it is so FAR away from Tempe! No community -- and along with that, making Hayden Road the western boundary is crazy, for it's an artificial boundary, splitting communities.</p> <p>What DOES make sense is keeping most of Scottsdale as one district; choose boundaries to align with Scottsdale city boundaries, as much as possible. Keep community, keep contiguous, keep competitive.</p>
11/30/2021 - 18:56	Barbara Orcutt	Representation for Snowflake	<p>The fellow from Snowflake who testified that he doesn't get representation must not have met his Republican representatives from LD6 -- they have all been Republicans for the last 10 years. What a disingenuous talking point to plea for the very bad Legislative Draft Map.</p>

11/30/2021 - 18:58	Onita Davis	Draft Map 10.0 and LD17	<p data-bbox="808 147 1260 168">SUPPORT FOR DRAFT MAP10.0 AND LD17</p> <p data-bbox="808 199 1953 272">We are Edward and Onita Davis and we live at 12319 N. Cloud Ridge Dr. in Oro Valley. We are unable to attend the scheduled Tucson meeting to be held on December 4 but wanted to express our support of Draft Map 10.0 and LD17!</p> <p data-bbox="808 303 1927 402">This is where we live and where we worship, work, shop, dine at our favorite restaurants, enjoy the great outdoors and local entertainment. It is where our neighbors' children and grandchildren attend excellent public and private schools. Our neighborhood, our area, and our town form communities of interest and when practical they should remain whole.</p> <p data-bbox="808 433 1472 454">LD 17 defines a very strong Community of Interest for us by linking:</p> <ul data-bbox="808 456 1020 708" style="list-style-type: none"> Red Rock Marana Oro Valley Catalina Eagle Crest Ranch SaddleBrooke SaddleBrooke Ranch Tanque Verde Valley Houghton Corridor Vail <p data-bbox="808 738 1953 862">We share and greatly value very similar lifestyles with these communities. That is because we are able to positively co-exist due to commonality of interests. It is so easy to become so focused on competitiveness as one of the constitutional criteria that the other criteria laid out by the Constitution are overlooked! Lumping people who live in completely different areas together in the same district for the sake of competitiveness is wrong. Furthermore, how do you dictate competitiveness when the number of Independents continues to grow?</p> <p data-bbox="808 893 1919 989">The shift in population can easily be addressed to create equal populations while still allowing communities of interest to exist. In most instances compact and contiguous communities currently exist therefore communities of interest becomes paramount! People choose where they live for specific reasons and those reasons should be respected.</p> <p data-bbox="808 1019 1919 1092">The plan should respect local boundaries because to do so means more than immediate physical boundaries but may cross city or county lines. It includes many aspects of our lives including educational institutions, economic centers, and social/cultural centers.</p> <p data-bbox="808 1123 1948 1219">Communities of interest allows residents with similar goals and objectives to work together because we each have a vested interest in the success of the other. In fact, the definition of COI includes religion, political ties, history, tradition, geography, demography, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, trade, or other common interest that would benefit from common representation! Many of these factors were overlooked 10 years ago!</p> <p data-bbox="808 1250 1906 1323">The new LD 17 once again creates a competitive district for the residents of Tanque Verde Valley, the Houghton Corridor and Vail while preserving an existing strong community of interest that currently include Saddlebrooke, Saddlebrooke Ranch, Eagle Crest, Catalina, Oro Valley, Marana, and adjacent unincorporated areas.</p>
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11/30/2021 - 18:59	Edward Davis	SUPPORT FOR DRAFT MAP10.0 AND LD17	<p>SUPPORT FOR DRAFT MAP10.0 AND LD17</p> <p>We are Edward and Onita Davis and we live at 12319 N. Cloud Ridge Dr. in Oro Valley. We are unable to attend the scheduled Tucson meeting to be held on December 4 but wanted to express our support of Draft Map 10.0 and LD17!</p> <p>This is where we live and where we worship, work, shop, dine at our favorite restaurants, enjoy the great outdoors and local entertainment. It is where our neighbors' children and grandchildren attend excellent public and private schools. Our neighborhood, our area, and our town form communities of interest and when practical they should remain whole.</p> <p>LD 17 defines a very strong Community of Interest for us by linking: Red Rock Marana Oro Valley Catalina Eagle Crest Ranch SaddleBrooke SaddleBrooke Ranch Tanque Verde Valley Houghton Corridor Vail</p> <p>We share and greatly value very similar lifestyles with these communities. That is because we are able to positively co-exist due to commonality of interests. It is so easy to become so focused on competitiveness as one of the constitutional criteria that the other criteria laid out by the Constitution are overlooked! Lumping people who live in completely different areas together in the same district for the sake of competitiveness is wrong. Furthermore, how do you dictate competitiveness when the number of Independents continues to grow?</p> <p>The shift in population can easily be addressed to create equal populations while still allowing communities of interest to exist. In most instances compact and contiguous communities currently exist therefore communities of interest becomes paramount! People choose where they live for specific reasons and those reasons should be respected.</p> <p>The plan should respect local boundaries because to do so means more than immediate physical boundaries but may cross city or county lines. It includes many aspects of our lives including educational institutions, economic centers, and social/cultural centers.</p> <p>Communities of interest allows residents with similar goals and objectives to work together because we each have a vested interest in the success of the other. In fact, the definition of COI includes religion, political ties, history, tradition, geography, demography, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic status, trade, or other common interest that would benefit from common representation! Many of these factors were overlooked 10 years ago!</p> <p>The new LD 17 once again creates a competitive district for the residents of Tanque Verde Valley, the Houghton Corridor and Vail while preserving an existing strong community of interest that currently include Saddlebrooke, Saddlebrooke Ranch, Eagle Crest, Catalina, Oro Valley, Marana, and adjacent unincorporated areas.</p>
11/30/2021 - 20:21	Cherie Calbom	Redistricting	<p>We live in Scottsdale. We urge you to keep all of Scottsdale together. Please don't split it up. North Scottsdale should not be with Anthem. These are very different communities. The majority of residents of Scottsdale are not for the map as it stands. Scottsdale residents want to stay together.</p>

11/30/2021 - 20:26	Kathryn K. Federoff	IRC	<p>My name is Kay Federoff. I live in LD 3, 85701. I am a retired school teacher and I taught and lived in the Marana School District for 25 years. In the Draft Legislative Map design, District 17 disregards goals of redistricting set out in the Arizona Constitution. It is not compact and contiguous. It's obviously made of selected Republican leaning suburbs of the opposite ends of Tucson. The residents of both Tanque Verde and Vail have little to do with the distant suburbs of Marana and Oro Valley. The proposed District 17 creates a safe Republican district in violation of the constitutional requirement that competitive districts should be favored. Also very concerning, the Chair of the IRC, Erika Neuberg, said when explaining her preference for the draft map 9.2, that she was impressed by a joint letter from Marana Mayor Ed Hones and State Senator Leach expressing a preference for Republican Commissioner David Mehl's 9.2 map. Prop 106 clearly instructs the commission not to consider the preferences of any given Legislator. It's clear that the Chair of the IRC does not understand Proposition 106 which established the IRC. I would ask that she revisit and review Proposition 106. This fact was also evident when she initially proposed to meet with the State Legislators. No less than the League of Women Voters wrote a letter condemning her initial plan to meet with them. This proposal was also voted down by the partisan members of the commission.</p>
11/30/2021 - 20:50	Martin Kirk	Redistricting	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for your dedicated work on behalf of voters to create fair and representative districts. Here are some specific requests regarding your redistricting work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keep our Neighborhoods Together Don't 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. Precincts should be kept whole in the final maps. 2. Fair and Representative Maps Reduce Extremism - When districts are fair and competitive, extremism is reduced. Candidates who are forced to appeal to wide swaths of voters will run from the middle and govern from the middle. Our current district currently has two state representatives and one state senator who are extremely conservative. This is not an accurate representation of our area. 3. Fair and Competitive Districts 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. LD23 is skewed extremely conservatively. This does not reflect all voters' desires and all constituents needs are not met. <p>Regards,</p> <p>Martin Kirk</p>
11/30/2021 - 20:54	Fred Olster	LD5	<p>The value of my vote is at risk if the proposed redistricting maps are approved. I would be in a district that is too heavily weighted to one side. Independents and Democrats will be silenced. If this is your objective...you will have succeeded. If you are trying to follow your mandate, then I implore you to redraw the lines for Sedona/VOC to insure that it will be a competitive district.</p> <p>Thankyou.</p>

11/30/2021 - 21:18	Lois Sogat	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	<p>It cannot be over emphasized the all of our districts need to be competitive and currently proposed districts do not all meet that requirement.</p> <p>Please reassess and look to the submitted map LDF 049. It 1. Respects the 101 as a transportation corridor between Scottsdale and Salt River.</p> <p>2. It includes virtually all of SUSD.</p> <p>3. Scottsdale and Salt River share a compelling economic community of interest that begs for legislators who thoroughly understand this relationship and who will represent it in the Legislature.</p> <p>4. The educational interests run through these two communities, going back and forth across the lifespans of local residents. Students go through Scottsdale public schools and then often move on to Scottsdale Community College (SCC), on Indian land. Adults go to SCC for continuing education.</p> <p>Thank you for Keeping Greater Scottsdale Together.</p>
11/30/2021 - 21:43	Debra L Scott	Redistricting	No to this issue!
11/30/2021 - 22:27	Mike peck	Redistricting	<p>When people move to a certain area they meet people and make friends. Redistricting just to gain a certain outcome destroys the character and beauty of the area and it's neighbors. Our constitution says we must respect our communities of interest. I ask you would keep this in mind as you draw these maps and do it with "one vote" in mind. Please please keep politics out of it. Thank you so much for your hard work. We like it in the north valley and would not appreciate being lumped in with Scottsdale and Phoenix in ways that would compromise our unique traits. Thank you for making the lines as clean as possible and making this a clean election. Sincerely. Mike Peck</p>
11/30/2021 - 22:38	Isabel Cerecedes	Maps - Voting	<p>My community of interest is the Prescott Valley area and the local quad cities. Everything we need is here. Libraries, medical care, courts, jails, probation facilities etc. Anything outside of this area is just passing through. I am an Independent and feel my interests in having maps that are fair is not currently reflected. The Prescott area is already too much of an overly extremist Republican safe district. We have seen what that has caused with the insurrection and the elected leaders that feel entitled and "safe" to take violent rogue actions against our country. That needs to stop. Please draw competitive maps and give independents a voice. Thank you.</p>