

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
12/09/2021 - 06:42	Nelson Morgan	Resource for examination of public hearing testimony	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>In a public comment submitted to "Contact us" on Dec 6, I made reference to some work that volunteers have been doing to make public testimony more access ble, and to summarize what has been said at the draft map hearings, particularly on a few issues. While this work is not entirely complete, I think we can descr be what we have now and what we hope to have before your meeting on the 13th.</p> <p>What we are preparing consists of a few components from processing the audio from Nov. 6 through Dec 4 draft map public hearings, held in a google drive folder at</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dpj_R9WglQKn1QSAsLdTdURIQZMmHry0</p> <p>Naturally, we cannot cover every thread of concern. In the interest of time, we have focused on positions held on three key issues: Competitiveness (emphasizing or de-emphasizing its importance); Verde Valley and Sedona either grouped with Flagstaff or with Prescott (the latter often expressed as keeping Yavapai county whole); and approval or disapproval of the draft map's LD17.</p> <p>There are (or will be soon, we're still working on it) 3 types of files:</p> <p>1)A summary spreadsheet that shows the binary preferences of speakers at each hearing on each of the 3 issues. The raw numbers are not necessarily representative of the general voting population, nor are the arguments made necessarily the best for the IRC to adopt. However, they do fairly represent the views presented by speakers at the hearings. This is mostly completed, but there will be some updates in a few days.</p> <p>2)"Typical" quotes - these are comments from public speakers that we believe typify a significant number of opinions expressed on either side of each issue. Each quote has a speaker name and a time stamp for the position in the relevant video. For those cases where the IRC manual transcripts have been made public, we also include an index to the page number for the start of each speaker's testimony. We are still adding to this list, but we already have what we think are useful quotes.</p> <p>3)Individual spreadsheets for each hearing that provide, for every speaker, their name, the time in the video when their testimony starts, and their position on each of the 3 issues above. For those cases where the IRC manual transcripts have been made public, we intend to also include an index to the page number for the start of each speaker's testimony. This work is in progress, but we expect the files to be ready by December 11.</p> <p>For technical reasons, the first of the hearings (Nov 6) is not included in these summaries – there were significant audio problems, so our automatic speech recognition had serious problems, and as of this note there has not been an IRC transcript. At some point we hope to update all of the files to include this hearing.</p> <p>In the end, this effort was focused on providing a bit of help in the examination of mountains of comments from the public hearings. It is the IRC's responsibility, not ours, to really draw conclusions that might potentially help them in their decision-making process. That being said, the public is viewing it all.</p>

12/09/2021 - 07:02	Deborah A Thalasis	Support New Map CD0074	<p>You have recently received a newly proposed map CD0074.</p> <p>CD 0074 makes Congressional District 2 competitive. Central Yavapai and Wickenburg have been moved to Mojave County, creating a more compact D9.</p> <p>CD2 now keeps Apache and Navajo counties whole and satisfies many of the state's Native Tribes and also makes CD6 more compact.</p> <p>This draft map merits discussion.</p> <p>It has been sent individually to all the IRC Commissioners.</p> <p>I look forward to have this entered into the discussion when you review Northern Arizona.</p> <p>Thank you for all your efforts on our behalf to provide AZ with fair and competitive maps.</p>
12/09/2021 - 08:00	Daniel T Riordan	CD 0074	<p>My wife and are in favor of the mapping for CD 0074. Our district is and has been way too lopsided for way to long. This is not conjecture ... the data more than barest out. Country over Party or our democracy is lost. Thank you for your efforts and consideration.</p>
12/09/2021 - 09:10	Ann Rae Heitland	Public Comments Link is not working	<p>The Chair opened comments but the link is not working.</p>
12/09/2021 - 09:18	Maricela Chavez-Hernandez	crear mas distritos competitivos	<p>hola soy maricela hernandez y vivo en la 67 ave Van buren ycreo que ocupamos mas fondos para enla manera derecibir es creando distritos competitivosy tambiencreando un 5to distrito Gracias</p>
12/09/2021 - 09:33	Rita Day	Commissioner Mele's comments in 12/9 IRC meeting	<p>I find it very hypocritical that CommissionerMele wanted the comments submitted by Chino Valley NOT a considered because they were primarily a Democratic group. We all remember, when Mele introduced a map created by business group he has been associated with for over a decade. This group is primarily Republican, if not entirely Republican. This map got preferential treatment and went to the top of the list, based on his recommendation. It wasn't until backlash from the public comments that this was reconsidered, but in the end he still was able to pressure the other commissioners to approve his preferred map. I don't know the current status of this map he promoted, but it is very hypocritical for him to want to discount the comments and maps supported by Chino Valley.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day</p>

12/09/2021 - 09:45	Rita Day	CD0074 map- Fair &competitive	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Chairwoman Neuberg has recently remarked that testimony in public comments on competitiveness HAS BEEN HEARD. I truly hope that not only has it been heard, but it will be acted upon and not overlooked. Competitiveness is critically important, as without it, extremism results. I live in Prescott, current CD4. Our Congressional representative is so extreme that he appears at Proud Boy events as a speaker and has posted videos depicting an assault of a female Democratic Congresswoman and attempting to kill President Biden. He finds nothing wrong with this. Because our district is so uncompetitive, no matter how extreme & divisive the candidate is, if they are from the Republican Party, they will prevail, even over a more qualified, moderate Democrat. This is extremely dangerous for our country. So that's why I feel the factor of competitiveness is the most important factor.</p> <p>Recently the Commissionersp has quite a heated discussion regarding proposed CD2, after which they agreed to draw 2 different sets of revised maps. Of these revised maps I strongly support the maps which create 2 rural districts by separating Mingus Mountain from the rest of Yavapai County. The western district would add Mohave County and the Colorado River communities. While the eastern district would include the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff & tribal lands. I strongly prefer this set of two districts over the 2nd map which combines the entire Northern Arizona region running west to east. This vast area is so large that it should be 2 districts not just one. This vast area can not be given fair representation with only one district. Furthermore, the Prescott/Yavapai County area is one of the fastest growing areas based on the last census figures. There is no reason to believe this rate of growth won't continue. If this vast area is only allowed one representative, that is very unfair. Not to mention how much this area will grow in 10 years, when the next Redistricting happens. So, I highly recommend the 2 districts redrawn maps over the redrawn map which is just one large district including the entire Northern Arizona region.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day</p>
12/09/2021 - 09:49	Eric Day	IRC competitive maps	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>The Commissioners recently agreed to redraw 2 different sets of maps for proposed CD2. One map incorporates all of Northern Arizona into one district. This would be entirely unfair for this vast area to have only one congressional representation. Furthermore, the Prescott area was one if the fastest growing areas in Arizona based on the recent census figures. So this district has potential to grow in population by vast amounts. If it is unfair now to have only one representative for this vast area, think how unfair it will be in 9 to 10 years from now. So I strongly oppose this redrawn map for CD2, as it is unfair for this vast area to have merely one representative.</p> <p>I strongly propose that the commissioners approve the set of 2 maps for Northern Arizona. The revised maps create 2 rural districts by separating Mingus Mountain from the rest of Yavapai County, with the western district including Mohave County with the Colorado River communities. While the eastern district includes the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and tribal lands. This set of 2 redrawn maps is the map I strongly prefer. This vast area should be represented by 2 districts. It is too large and has the potential to grow in population by large amounts in the next ten years. So including this vast area of the entire Northern Arizona into one district is entirely unfair. This area deserves to have 2 congressional representatives.</p> <p>Respectfully, Eric Day</p>

12/09/2021 - 10:00	Diane McQueen	Filing of CD 0074 Map	I would like to add my support for CD 0074 Map with suggested changes to CD2 and CD9 that was submitted and approved for filing on December 6. This is an excellent map that the commission really needs to take it into consideration when discussing Northern Arizona. It accomplishes the goal of keeping the Verde Valley and Sedona together with Flagstaff, which is what the people in these areas want. It keeps Navajo and Apache counties whole and moves Central Yavapai and Wickenburg in with Mohave County, creating a more compact CD9. It makes the proposed CD2 more competitive which is the way it should be instead of all of Northern Arizona being completely unfair and uncompetitive. All of us in Northern Arizona deserve to have our voices heard at the ballot box and to at least think we have some type of chance at fair representation, which will never happen with the maps currently proposed by the IRC for Northern Arizona. CD 0074 balances out the population between all the districts and satisfies many of the state's native tribes. Please discuss and consider the CD 0074 map. Thank you.
12/09/2021 - 10:21	Don Howard	Community of Interest	Dear Commissioners, I continue to have a significant concern about how LD 7 is being proposed. The inclusion of the White Mountains and Prescott into LD 7 not only undermines the representation of the native people, it splits the Flagstaff Community again. The current LD 6 has been dominated by the White Mountains of Arizona. There is no one to represent the interests of Flagstaff, one of the most significant areas of the state. Wendy Rogers has a trailer in Flagstaff but lives in Tempe and has almost all of her support come from the White Mountain region. We need to make the Greater Flagstaff area whole and not make it a part of 3 different LD districts. What is currently represented by your mapping does not seem fair and truly needs to be changed. The Greater Flagstaff area needs to be whole. Thank you for your service, Don Howard
12/09/2021 - 11:14	Norma Bliven	Maps	CD 0074 makes Congressional District 2 competitive. Central Yavapai and Wickenburg have been moved to Mojave County, creating a more compact D9. CD2 now keeps Apache and Navajo counties whole and satisfies many of the state's Native Tribes and also makes CD6 more compact. This draft map merits discussion.
12/09/2021 - 11:26	Larry Meads	CD 0074	It's about time that northern Arizona districts are more fair to native Americans. We fully support CD 0074.
12/09/2021 - 11:39	Rick Hamilton	Democracy at stake	The question at this point is whether we will be a Democracy or not. Putin wins by rigging the ballot box. We could choose to go down that path and destroy our Democracy or we can choose to make voting fair and allow the voters to select the leaders they want. Please, draw competitive districts and place your faith in the voters. We are all watching to see what you decide.
12/09/2021 - 12:10	Nancy Meister	CD 3 Phoenix Chair's position	How is Mrs. Pasteur's ideas are more important than the hundreds of comments from John Q Public? Is the Chair swagged by one person's person?
12/09/2021 - 13:29	Vivian Perry	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	I have recently become aware of the Draft Map CD0074 that was submitted to the IRC Commission recently. This map creates a more compact CD9, and results in a more compact CD2 and CD6 in the Eastern part of the state. Please enter CD0074 into your discussions at the next IRC meeting. It would give us fairer and more compact Congressional districts. Sincerely, Vivian Perry [REDACTED] Mayer, AZ 86333 [REDACTED]

12/09/2021 - 13:48	Thomas W. Sonandres	Public Comment to the IRC on Classifying Public Comments	<p>REGARDING THE CHAIR'S RECENT QUESTIONING OF A PLAN TO PUBLISH AN EXTENSIVE CLASSIFICATION STUDY OF ALL THE ORAL COMMENTS PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION [E.G., THE ABILITY OF PLAN READERS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LEGITIMATE COMMENTS AND THOSE MADE BY PEOPLE WHO WERE PAID, BUSED IN, COACHED, TRAINED; (TO DISTINGUISH) COMMENTATORS WHO DO NOT ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT] I have two asks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the Commission provide the public with an alternative plan, assembled by its staff, to classify, quantify, and qualify submitted public oral and written comments, in some coherent fashion, taking into consideration the Chair's points, in order to provide a measurement of the public's concerns and other input for the consideration and education of the Commissioners and public during final del berations? 2. OR, if there will be no attempt to do so, would the Commission explain why? <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/09/2021 - 14:02	Thomas W. Sonandres	Public Comment to IRC For Its Recommendations to 2031 IRC	<p>REGARDING YOUR LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 2031 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, I have three asks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have your initial 2031 LD and CD maps consist 100% of competitive legislative and congressional districts. If statutory requirements mandate the initial map beginning at a downtown Phoenix three-thoroughfare intersection, proceeding clockwise (counterclockwise?) as this Commission did, then publish at the same time a SECOND initial map with as mathematically competitive sets of LDs and CDs as the 2031 mapping tool allows. The point is NOT that such initial sets of competitive maps would become final -- compliance with the current VRA alone would prevent that. The point is that from the outset the innumerable requesters for substantially more competitiveness would have initial competitive maps to work with as opposed to the insurmountable task for most to draw them from scratch. 2. Hire a writer, totally unfamiliar with the 2031 mapping tool of choice, to WRITE and POST early on, using simple user-friendly language, the tool's instructions that s/he first MASTERS. And do so in a well-organized manner, with a comprehensive index, that quickly and clearly educates the public on the myriad of SPECIFIC points involved, and how to QUICKLY find each. For example, how to QUICKLY find school districts, overlaps of current and proposed districts, access to public comments and public-submitted maps, access to registered voter data (and if not available on the tool, to add that data), have an entire section on the ins and outs of drawing and submitting maps that is itself well indexed, how to use the search gizmo in each page, where to find the six constitutional criteria. Prepare as did the 2021 Commission, but far sooner, a comprehensive instructional video by the Commission's mapper, but, realize, that this video of the expert's complete explanation was not a usable reference for most of the public. Hire the writer to continue on during the entire life of the 2031 Commission, manning an online email link (phone link?) to answer questions, posting frequently asked questions, and, updating and correcting his/her on-line instructions on a continuing basis. THIS to encourage public comment and map submissions thwarted and delayed during the 2021 Commission by mapping tool complexities for the majority of the public. 3. At the outset, post the text of the six constitutional criteria and the applicable technical definitions (e.g., various compactness measurements), but, most importantly post in plain English how the 2031 Commission chooses to define and measure and address each criterion separately as well as how it will collectively weigh that criteria in its process of approving maps. Commissioners, of course, cannot commit to approving final maps at the outside. But the 2031 Commission's initial discussion and public agreement on a basic set of criteria would go far to frame its subsequent deliberations and the public's comments. For example, defining "the equal population criteria" should be a slam-dunk for a five-commissioner consensus. "Community of interest" would be more challenging but examples and acknowledging that it is the actual communities that define their interests, would help. Here and with all criteria, quantifying and qualifying comments received on an ongoing basis would immensely help the public KNOW that their comments are heard, acknowledged, are being addressed, and, when applicable, to know when their COI is at odds with competing COIs. This recommendation would go far to inform the public HOW the commission will go about its business as well as lessen the mystery of how the Commission will function.
12/09/2021 - 14:12	Sharon Chapman	Redistricting	<p>Please keep like districts together. Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, Verde Valley and Prescott have more in common with each other than they do with Flagstaff. Please vote to keep these districts together.</p>

12/09/2021 - 14:15	Michelle R Hess	Timeline requested	<p>Can you provide the timeline for the process, including any final important dates for the process? Could you also provide the proposed maps that would cover the the City of Buckeye?</p> <p>Thank you, Michelle Hess</p>
12/09/2021 - 15:06	Nancy Meister	Yuma Gold vs Latino Collition	Most of Quechan population lives in California.
12/09/2021 - 16:01	Cindy Wagner	Fair Maps/Districting	I am writing to let you know I fully support the CD0074 map. It makes CD2 competitive. Please follow the Prop 106 mandate and keep districts competitive and with communities of interest. Thank you.
12/09/2021 - 17:30	Ted Hiserodt	Sunnyslope	<p>To the Esteemed Commissioners of the IRC - it is my understanding there has been some vigorous discussion around the Sunnyslope neighborhood for the new LD maps and whether or not it should be considered "urban" or "northern suburban". I would like to present an alternate viewpoint. To date, you've heard much testimony from people on all sides of the Mountain Preserves lobbying for their community of interest. People from Paradise Valley, Arcadia, Shadow Mountain, and yes, Sunnyslope have asked for a common legislative district. Thus far, the inclusion of Sunnyslope into LD2 has been the only gesture made by this commission to lump any sort of mountain neighborhoods together. Outside of that, the mountains have been trifurcated into 3 separate districts.</p> <p>Keeping Sunnyslope in LD2 accomplishes two things -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) It gives a modest nod to the North Mountain and Lookout Mountain parks / neighborhoods. This is the only recognition given thus far to the mountain preserves. 2) LD2 presently includes Sunnyslope High School with the vast majority of the Glendale Union School District. LD1 has zero GUSD schools within its boundaries. <p>So rather than forcing a narrative of Sunnyslope as "urban" vs "northern suburban", please view it for the true community it is. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/09/2021 - 19:34	Jennifer Dawson	redistricting maps	<p>LD 10 is my "community of interest", as I live in prct. 93. I have worked hard over the past few years to develop and maintain relationships with all the other nearby LD 10 precincts.</p> <p>The new map has neatly detached my precinct and put it into LD 9, immediately to the north. NO OTHER NEARBY LD 10 PRECINCT has been changed. It's as if a bite has been taken out of LD 10 for no discernable good reason.</p> <p>Please restore precinct 93 to LD 10, where it belongs. Give me back my "community".</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/09/2021 - 20:03	Jennifer Dawson	Redistricting maps	<p>My precinct (93 in central Tucson) was previously in LD 10., which, according to the new map, will now be District 21. You can see that at the top of proposed D-21, a "bite" has been taken out and added to the area north of it - the new proposed D-18.</p> <p>That "bite" is my precinct 93 -- and LD 10 / D-21 is my "community of interest". I have spent several years building and maintaining relationships in the 4 precincts nearest 93 in LD 10 (now D-21)..</p> <p>Please put my precinct back where it belongs - in that "bite" taken out of D-21.</p> <p>Thank you.;</p>

12/09/2021 - 20:49	Elysa Daniels	Draft Map LD 10	<p>Hello, My name is Elysa Daniels and I have lived and voted in Carefree and Cave Creek for 35 years. Thank you for listening to my concerns today. My comments are on the legislative draft map #10. Arizona is a politically competitive state and Maricopa County is purple, so our maps should reflect this.</p> <p>And the IRC's desire, and mandate, is to create fair and balanced districts, respecting our COI. The current LD Draft map 10 has too many Safe districts which are a form of voter suppression. With 18 safe districts in Maricopa County and 24 safe districts statewide, millions of voters from both parties are disenfranchised in that they will have little chance of running or electing of their candidates choice for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Also, I would like to see less divisiveness in our communities. The political Extremism that we all witness is exacerbated by unbalanced districts that allow politicians to cater only to one side of the political spectrum. Balanced districts favor moderate candidates who must compete for voters from both parties. We want politicians that can focus on critical issues such as water sustainability, education, jobs, and health care.</p> <p>The proposed map for LD3 does not reflect our communities of interest and are highly uncompetitive. The Commission set a goal of 4-7% vote spread for new districts. LD3 has a 20.42% spread which exceeds this goal. This cancels the voice of hundreds of thousands of voters.</p> <p>This problem has a remedy. My community of interest runs south toward Phoenix, not west of I-17 or east of the McDowell Mountains. We propose extending the two sides of current LD1 Maricopa south toward Phoenix, not west of I17 or East of the McDowell Mountains. My healthcare, retail, and entertainment services are along the Cave Creek and Tatum Road corridors in urban Phoenix.</p> <p>I would like to see The IRC aid in lowering the highly partisan temperature and improve the political discourse in this state. By creating more politically balanced districts this can be your legacy. Thank you Elysa Daniels</p>
12/09/2021 - 21:02	Edward Fedoruk	Draft Map LD 10	<p>Hello, My comments are on the legislative draft map #10. The LD draft map 10 does not fulfill compactness, competitiveness or communities of interest (the 3 C's) especially for the former LD1 and violates natural geographic boundaries (The McDowell Mtns).</p> <p>This problem has a remedy. My community of interest runs south toward Phoenix, not west of I-17 or east of the McDowell Mountains to Lake Roosevelt which is a 2 hour drive. We propose extending the two sides of current LD1 Maricopa south toward Phoenix, along Tatum Cave Creek Road corridor. This creates an LD THAT FULFILLS the 3C and geography. Specifically, I would like to see the proposed LD3 reflect the 4-7% vote spread instead of the 20% imbalance as currently drawn.</p> <p>Also, I would like to see that all 18-20 proposed districts touching or included in Maricopa County be redrawn to reflect our communities of interest and to ensure more districts have partisan vote spreads closer to the Commission approved 4-7%. The political Extremism we all witness is exacerbated by unbalanced districts that allow politicians to cater only to one side of the political spectrum. Balanced districts favor moderate candidates who must compete for voters from both parties. We want politicians that can focus on critical issues such as water sustainability, education, jobs and health care.</p> <p>I would like to see The IRC aid in lowering the highly partisan temperature and improve the political discourse in this state. By creating more politically balanced districts this can be your legacy. Thank you so much for considering my comments.</p>