



Web Comments 12.13.21

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
12/13/2021 - 00:13	Jeffrey Howell	REVIEW map "Southern AZ Progress" ASAP	I noticed that some of the mappers didn't exactly do what commissioners Mehl or Lerner requested in the last meeting on Thursday Dec 9 h regarding southern AZ. So I created a map. Please have the mappers look over the "Southern AZ Progress" submitted for the commissioners to review before the AZ IRC discuss the LD map on Monday, Dec 13th from 8am-2pm. I think they'll find it helpful.

12/13/2021 - 00:36

Ernest C. Strauch Jr.

Opposition to Verde Valley with Yavapai County

Dear Chairwoman Neuberg and IRC Commissioners,

As you consider the fate of the Verde Valley on Monday, Dec. 13 and subsequently, I wish that you would consider the following statement by Sedona City Councilman, Scott Jablow speaking on his own behalf to residents subscribing to the "NEXTDOOR" Application in the Greater Sedona area.

Several Commission members mistakenly believe that a "Community of Interest" exists between the Verde Valley and the Prescott Area. Nothing could be further from the truth! Whether it is the Yavapai Community College District, the Yavapai County Supervisors, those managing the Prescott Water, Active Management District, or the Yavapai Library District, the Verde Valley is ALWAYS outvoted and our needs greatly ignored. Nothing could be clearer than just this one sample review of the facts.

Placing the Verde Valley within the same Legislative District with Yavapai County assures that we will continue to have no voice against the desires of whatever the Prescott Area wishes – we truly do not count except to continue to send tax dollars to them.

"Are you aware of the disparity of services provided by Yavapai College to all of the residents within our side of the Mingus Mountains? There was a very impactful editorial in the 12/10/21 RRN that addressed many issues such as the Yavapai College Board taking on Paul Chevalier who does a great job of representing our homeowners and students by asking very tough questions about where our college tax money goes and the disparity of services between the Verde Valley and the Prescott side of the Mingus. Please compare for yourself: from the east side, a major small university. The 50-year story for the east side is a sad one:

1. The west has student two residence halls, the east has none.
2. The west has an auditorium unequalled anywhere on a community college campus in Arizona, the east has nothing remotely comparable.
3. The west has an indoor heated swimming pool, the east has none.
4. The west has as a part of the heated indoor swimming pool a special area for the elderly to exercise in, the east has nothing comparable.
5. The west has a huge seven-court professional tennis complex, the east not a single court.
6. The west has eight sports teams—two Soccer teams, two basketball teams, volleyball, softball, baseball, and computer game team-- the east has none.
7. The west has a baseball field, softball field, soccer training field on campus while leasing two others off-campus, the east has none.
8. The west has a major indoor basketball arena for its basketball and volleyball programs, the east has none.
9. The west has a large athletic department with many coaches and assistant coaches, the east has none.
10. The west has a performing arts program with dozens of courses and over 550 students enrolled in fall 2021. The east has two spring 2022 courses in singing taught by a single teacher at the Sedona Center.
11. The west offers dozens of music tutorials and courses, the east has none.
12. The west annually offers dozens of outstanding cultural events including orchestral concerts and Broadway plays for its elderly population. It offers less than a handful of cultural events on the east side.
13. The west has a 104,000 square foot Career and Technical Education Center, the east has just opened a CTE with only 10,000 square feet.
14. The east was granted 20 of some of the most valuable land in the Valley on which to develop its viticulture vineyard; after many years, it still has only developed 13 acres.
15. For 20 years the east side has needed at least one residence hall to help develop the Sedona Center, its Viticulture program, and to stabilize the Verde Campus. There are no affordable rooms for students to rent on the east side of the County if they wanted to study here.
16. Ten years ago east side residents spoke to the College's ten-year planning committee. That didn't go well. The planning committee decided to invest at least \$103.5 million in development but with 95 percent or more going to the west side of the County. It also planned to close the Sedona Center having killed off the nationally recognized Zaki-Gordon Film Institute. It reduced the number of administrators on the east side, the number of classrooms, and otherwise essentially gutted any serious active development on the east side of the County.
17. Now, the College is in the process of creating another ten-year development plan. However, his plan is being overseen by 14 of 16 executives and College leaders all of whom are from the Prescott area.
18. The new development plan is also being handled by the same consultants that recommended that \$95 million or more of 2012 \$103.5 million development plan be used on the west side of the County.
19. In 2017 the Yavapai-Apache Nation formally expressed its concern to the Governing Board about the lack of investment in the Verde Valley – it is hard to see if anything was done in response.
20. When the Community College recently decided to invest over \$7 million in renovating two residence halls on the west side of the County, tuition money from east and west side students was used to help repay the bonds. However, the facilities are dominated by athletes from outside the county.
21. According to Community College data, over the last ten years, the east side has sent over \$20 million of its tax dollars to the west side for development.
22. All of the Community College's vice presidents reside in the Prescott area as does the President of the Community College. On December 6th Yavapai College kicked off the 10-year master plan this is a process that every homeowner should get involved in, to be sure that YOUR VOICE IS HEARD! To receive more information about the plan please go to www.MasterPlan.Yc.Edu."

Please reconsider your tendency to lump us together with the Prescott Area, because our Value Systems, our Economic Structure (tourism), our Healthcare System, and yes, even our Water/River and Aquifer Systems DO NOT ALIGN WITH PRESCOTT/YAVAPAI COUNTY, and are better managed in all instances together with the Flagstaff Area.

Respectfully,

Ernie Strauch, former Vice-Mayor, City of Sedona
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12/13/2021 - 03:23	Crystal O'Haver	partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition"	<p>To Whom it may concern: Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.</p> <p>There is a map that has been introduced by a "Latino Coalition". I want to make it clear that the IRC should not be using the Latino Coalition maps because they represent Democratic partisan maps. I know this because every person on this team is a Democrat, including the ex-state Chairman of the Democratic party, DJ Quinlan. I want the IRC to listen to all the citizens who have called in and submitted maps, not just this "Latino Coalition".</p> <p>Again, please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.</p> <p>Thank you Crystal O'Haver</p> <p>PS... MESA should be a single community of interest and not split with rural areas...</p>
12/13/2021 - 04:42	Dennis Koons	redistricting	<p>please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.</p>
12/13/2021 - 06:15	Kathleen Cress	Redistricting map considerations	<p>I respectfully request that you do not take into consideration any mapping review requests submitted by purely bipartisan groups such as the Latino Coalition. Redistricting mapping considerations should be nonpartisan and neutral.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/13/2021 - 06:19	Rose Smilgys	Fair representation	<p>Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and do not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.</p> <p>Please be fair to all citizens of Arizona.</p>
12/13/2021 - 07:06	Julie Mitchell	Redistricting map	<p>To whom it may concern, Please take into consideration all possibilities for redistricting that will benefit all citizens. Please listen to citizens and act according to their wants/needs, not some agenda. Thank you.</p>
12/13/2021 - 07:28	Craig Stacey	Honor the spirit of the Prop 106 mandate!	<p>I am writing to urge the Commission to do all in its power to assure that Arizona congressional and legislative districts are constituted as both fair and competitive, throughout the state.</p> <p>Every ten years Arizona has the opportunity to set the stage for its citizens to be adequately and fairly represented in federal and state government. I have serious concerns about what has been happening with the commission, given its partisan leanings, secret meetings, etc. This does not bode well for the proper execution of the commission's mandate. If this turns out to be the case, it will be an epic failure not only of the system, but a rejection of the voice of Arizona citizens and Prop 106.</p> <p>In particular I'm concerned with the attempt to fuse my rural area, Mohave County, with parts of Maricopa County. This makes no sense whatsoever. We are a rural country, we have rural interests different from those of Maricopa. Our districts should not be tainted by the presence of Maricopa County in the mix. This definitely should not be allowed to happen. The districts should be split at Mingus Mountain, allowing Native Americans a voice in northern Arizona, and giving us Mohave County citizens a rural "say".</p> <p>We must guard against extremism in our representation, and encourage bi-partisan cooperation. This is what Arizonans demand, and what Proposition 106 promises. It will create a representation that is more diverse and of a higher quality. We won't have another chance for 10 years.</p> <p>Arizona should be proud of its Prop 106 mandate. We have the opportunity to serve as a model to states throughout the nation who are not as lucky, and whose citizenry have not spoken so loud and clear about their wishes for a more equitable and competitive system.</p> <p>Please do everything to ensure that this mandate is honored.</p>
12/13/2021 - 07:57	Mary Ziola	Listen To Comments from General Public on Map Redistricting Not Latino Coalition Map	<p>I want to make it clear that the IRC should not be using the Latino Coalition maps because they represent Democratic partisan maps. We know this because every person on this team is a Democrat, including the ex-state Chairman of the Democratic party, DJ Quinlan. We want the IRC to listen to all the citizens who have called in and submitted maps, not just this "Latino Coalition".</p> <p>Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map. Thank you.</p> <p>Mary Ziola Surprise, AZ 85374</p>

12/13/2021 - 08:05	Dana Offerman	maps	I am writing to state my strong opposition to Map 10. This map has been deliberately drawn to create a safe Republican district, a move which violates the very mission and constitutional requirements that the IRC is supposed to follow. I do support Map 9, which follows constitutional requirements. The citizens of this state do not want gerrymandering. We want a robust democracy supported by competitive elections and the integrity of communities of interest.
12/13/2021 - 08:14	Laura Huenneke	Chairing the decision meetings	This comment is directed to Chair Neuberger. I have been quite interested to listen to the dynamics of the discussions among the commissioners, and I am struck by the frequency with which Commissioners Mehl and York interrupt and cut off and talk over Commissioner Lerner. Chair Neuberger, we have heard you call once for allowing Commissioner Lerner to complete her comment - but the behaviors continue. It is absolutely critical that each commissioner be allowed to fully explain their views and reasoning - for the public record and later consideration in possible litigation, if not for any hope of actually persuading a change of opinion among the individual commissioners. As Chair, it is your responsibility to ensure that rules of order are followed and that each commissioner is treated professionally and respectfully. Please protect each commissioner's right to explain their questions and their opinions fully. (An additional observation: I haven't formally tallied these, but it certainly seems that you ask the Democratic commissioners often to explain their reasoning in detail very often while you permit the Republican commissioners to state simply that they "like" or "don't like" a given map or boundary. This seems like differential treatment and it certainly means that you need to protect Lerner's and Watchman's time and opportunity for explanation.) I know that as an experienced professional you understand that running a meeting to ensure full participation by everyone - whether extrovert or introvert, whether bully or reserved Native American -- is a skill that needs to be exercised and managed carefully. Please use that experience in your role as the chair of these meetings, as well as Chair of the Commission and its votes.
12/13/2021 - 08:20	Leanna Corbett	Redistricting	Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and the thousands of comments received from the general public, and please do not listen to one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map. Thank you.
12/13/2021 - 08:25	Ann Heitland	Age as Characteristic of Communities of Interest	<p>Last week the Chair suggested age as, perhaps, a characteristic of communities of interest in Northern Arizona, noting that Flagstaff's average age was quite lower than Sedona or Prescott. I took the weekend to look into some statistics because, as we all know, averages can be deceiving.</p> <p>Thinking about the number one issue for our Legislature – K-12 education – it occurred to me we might compare population under 18 to determine what communities would be interested in. What I found is that Flagstaff's under 18 population as a percentage of overall population is very much like the cities of the Verde Valley, according to the 2020 Census.</p> <p>24% of Camp Verde's population is under 18.</p> <p>20.5 % of Prescott Valley's population is under 18.</p> <p>Flagstaff is next in order with 17.9% of its population under 18.</p> <p>16.3% of Cottonwood's population is under 18.</p> <p>Flagstaff's average age is lower than all, as has been noted in the record, because it is a university town where 20% of the population is between 18-24, much higher for that cohort than any city without a college or university. Many of those students, of course, vote elsewhere, are not permanent residents, and have no long-term interest in the community.</p> <p>Some interesting numbers turned up for Snowflake, where 39.4% of the population is under 18. Compare that to the Navajo Nation Arizona population where 33% of the population is under 18 according to the 2015 Census Community Survey data. (I couldn't find a breakdown in the 2020 Census data.) This seems to indicate that Snowflake should be with the Navajo Nation in a legislative district!</p> <p>When I spoke with a friend who has been paying a bit more attention to LD 17 than I, she pointed out that Marana's median age is 39; Oro Valley is 54; and Saddlebrooke is 70.9. So, if age defines communities of interest, that district really needs work.</p>
12/13/2021 - 08:31	Maria Bacak	IRC	As a responsible Hispanic voter I am asking you to please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map. All districts should be fair and not just have one party has the main one. Thank you for your time
12/13/2021 - 09:03	Laura Huenneke	age as the basis for communities of interest in northern Arizona	As a resident of northern Arizona, I have naturally been interested in the repeated discussions of whether Yavapai County should be held whole in congressional and legislative districts, versus being split into different districts at the natural geographic boundary of Mingus Mountain. Chair Neuberger has emphasized her reliance on communities of interest (COI) as the basis for grouping areas into a district - and specifically commented that the young age of the Flagstaff population compared to the older population in Yavapai County justifies treating Flagstaff as being in a different COI than any and all portions of Yavapai. I do not find this a strong or convincing argument for several reasons. First - the young age of people in Flagstaff is almost entirely due to the college-age people registered at Northern Arizona University. Many of these people are not registered to vote here in Flagstaff but instead in their "home" communities; indeed, you probably know that there have been several attempts to pass state laws that would absolutely prevent college students from registering to vote in their campus communities. All this means that you should not use the presence of this particular group of young people to define the character of the Flagstaff population with respect to its electoral districts. Outside of the university student population, Coconino County is not in fact so different in age from Yavapai County. Second - there are other "young" cities or towns or regions in the northern and eastern Arizona area - we have not heard you using those locations and their mean or median population age as the basis for your district-drawing. Nor have you presented detailed information showing that the eastern part of Yavapai County is in fact demographically like the western part. This makes it seem that the age argument is merely a facade for keeping Yavapai whole - which in turn is allowing you to draw lines contrary to other ways of defining communities of interest and to other constitutional criteria. Third, it is unclear why age should be the single defining characteristic separating (or linking) communities of interest. You have heard from many of us repeatedly about economic, social, cultural, and environmental similarities between eastern Yavapai County and Flagstaff (and the differences between that region and western Yavapai/Prescott) - please explain why you think age is more important than other interests in defining the representation we would seek in our elected officials.

12/13/2021 - 09:30	Judith Jtrudeau	Maps	Please consider all map options and not just the one from the Latino Coalition. All ci zens ideas need to be considered.
12/13/2021 - 09:48	Stephanie Kelly	Suggestions for maps	Hello. Please avoid partisan groups like the Latino Coalition when taking public comments. Any kind of influence will be exposed so please stick to your independent status and take suggestions from all voices. Coalitions speak for their own special interests and leave out interested that do not support their own. You have a hard and important job to do.. thank you for being professional and for all your time and dedication.
12/13/2021 - 09:56	Cindy Wagner	Fair Maps/Districts; no gerrymandering	"Fair and Competitive Maps." Per Prop 106 "Poli ical party registra ion, vo ing history data and residences of incumbents and o her candidates may not be used to create district maps." Relying on commentary by elected officials is illegal and does not follow the law. Elected officials should not be controlling the narrative or how maps are drawn. Conversations with elected officials should be made public. Some commissioners are also misstating what has been said by constituents and officials. Listen to the public. Every ime a new line is drawn, it must be accompanied with a clear and concise rationale. Keep an open mind. No gerrymandering. Fair and competitive districts, not safe districts. thank you.
12/13/2021 - 12:43	Shawna McCreery Garvin	Redistricting map	Please listen to a breadth of voices and be cautious of any one group (Latino Coalition or others) which have only one party represented on their team. We need these lines to be drawn according to constitutional criteria! Thank you!!
12/13/2021 - 12:43	Barbara Dohanyos	Maps	Please follow the criteria outlined and not following one special group. The Latino coalition is one group.
12/13/2021 - 12:53	Nancy Graves-Green	REDISTRICTING	please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from he general public and not listen to he one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.
12/13/2021 - 12:56	Carlie Androus	REDISTRICTING	What is a "La ino coali ion", is that the illegals that have broken all our laws to be here, if so, they have NO RIGHTS UNTIL they become legal citizens. Please listen to the majority of the AMERICAN Citizens from Arizona that have expressed their desires,
12/13/2021 - 12:56	Joyce Haver	Redistricting Map	Please do not use the Latino Coalition Map. They represent Democratic partisan maps.
12/13/2021 - 12:57	Carole Ribley	Redistributing AZ	I believe it would be unconstitutional to consider the Latino Coalition's redistributing map. This coalition is comprised of all democrats, and doesn't reflect the interests of all Arizonians. Please throw out this map and perform your duties according to state law. Thank you.
12/13/2021 - 13:03	Janet Fernstrom	Districting map for LD23	The current map under consideration does not represent my community. It travels way north/west of my community where I live, work, and shop. The western boundary should Not be West of Scottsdale rd to accurately represent my community. Thank you Janet Fernstrom [REDACTED] Scottsdale Az 85258
12/13/2021 - 13:03	Stephanie Gold	redistricting	Please listen and follow he constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map. Thank you.
12/13/2021 - 13:04	Lawrence Fernstrom	Districting map for LD23	The current map under consideration does not represent my community. It travels north/west of my community where I live and shop. The western boundary should Not be West of Scottsdale Rd to accurately represent my community. Thank you Larry Fernstrom
12/13/2021 - 13:05	Susan L Hamilton	Redistricting Map	I would have hoped that the Independent Redistricting Committee would have tried to remain independent and avoid par isanship. It appears that Map 10 skews towards Republicans and does not give minorities proper representation. Map 9 is a fairer map, giving weight to the requirements of the Arizona Constitution. Please reconsider your decision about Map 10, and adopt Map 9 to avoid gerrymandering and partisan politics. Thank you, Susan L. Hamilton
12/13/2021 - 13:08	Donna Weiss	Redistricting	Please follow the Constitution when drawing our maps. All citizens should have a voice, not just a few groups. Please keep Apache Junction and Gold Canyon together as a community of interest. The White Mountains should also stay in LD7, not with the Navajo Nation. Sedona, Flagstaff, and he Navajo Nation should be together in LD6. Thank you for your consideration.
12/13/2021 - 13:18	Rafael Ihly	IRC map drawing	Please ignore the improper requests from Latino coalition and listen to the people who want their communities of interest represented according to the law. There is no need and it's improper to make districts competitive in a partisan fashion. Thank you.

12/13/2021 - 13:29	Don J Markowski	FINAL MAPS	<p>The IRC needs to discount the demands of the Hispanic Coalition which is only a blatant attempt to ensure Democrat-Hispanic politicians get elected or re-elected. This is nothing more than obvious discrimination vs. non-Hispanics and does not fairly represent the views of ALL NON-DEMOCRAT HISPANICS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arizona is no longer bound to comply with the Civil Rights Law that mandated "pre-clearances" which the Supreme Court held as highly discriminatory. 2. There is absolutely NO RECENT EVIDENCE that Arizona's district lines discriminate vs. Hispanics. 3. Arizona Hispanics are now a very diverse voting block, not tethered to any one political party. 4. Drawing district lines to only benefit one ethnic group is an affront to all Hispanics and assumes that Hispanics are unable to vote for anyone other a democrat with a Hispanic surname. 5. Due to the large amount of intermarriages, it is highly dubious that even a close enumeration of the Hispanic population can ever be fairly realized. 6. The Hispanic Coalition is nothing but a highly partisan arm of the democrat party and completely ignores the wishes of those Arizona Hispanics who consider themselves republican, conservative or independent. 7. Just think about for a minute. Would you draw a district in Arizona to guarantee a European or an Asian surnamed person be guaranteed to win a state legislative or congressional seat? Of course not! Please do not kowtow to the Hispanic Coalition.
12/13/2021 - 13:40	Diana Hopper	REDISTRICTING FOR AZ	Please listen and FOLLOW the Constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and NOT listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map!
12/13/2021 - 13:50	Steven H. Slaton	Future district 7	<p>My Name is Steven Slaton; I live in Show Low Az. Like to thank Chairman Neuberger, and Commissioners, My wife and I represent the White Mountain Conservatives. We represent thousands of folks who live throughout the White Mountains of Northern Arizona Mountain communities. As for the future of Legislative District 7, By including the Northern Communities with a Southern district of Pinal County as shown in your approved Draft Map Legislative District 7, is not communities of interests or competitiveness. With the size of these districts half of our population is bound to feel unrepresented. And they are already! Districts should accurately represent communities of interest who live and work together. Being loop in with the Pinal County which main community of interest is mining, were we have nothing in common with mining. A new Legislative District 7 should accurately represent communities of interest which is required by State and Federal law. We the people of Northern Az. request you reinstate your Az. Draft Map 1.0 Legislative District 7. HOWEVER the communities of Snowflake, Taylor, 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 separate the two regions, and they should be included in Legislative District 6 not Legislative District 7. The culture and way of life is different than those communities of interest of the White Mountain Communities. The White Mountain Community which is outlined on the Az Draft Map 1.0 with their community of interest is commitment to bringing tourism to the region, along with common interest within other White Mountain communities, which share rivers and lakes, National Forest, winter sport activities, Hunting, Fishing with ongoing Economic Development of the White Mountain. The White Mountain communities for Legislative District 7 need to be with other White Mountain communities of the same Interests. These interests are non-partisan and are for the common good in our locales and region. These cities include Lakeside/Pinetop, Show low, Heber/Overgaard, Forest Lakes, Payson, Pine, Strawberry, Cornville, Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Williams, Parks, Sedona, Suburban and Rural Flagstaff only as in Doney Park, and West Flagstaff. All of These Communities would meet communities of Interests as well population requirements for Legislative District 7 according to Federal and State Laws.</p> <p>Thank you for your time Sincerely Steven Slaton</p>
12/13/2021 - 13:55	Gloria Elio	IRC	Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not just to the one-partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.
12/13/2021 - 13:56	Misty Atkins	maps	I would like to ask the commission to relook at LD17 on map version 10 and all iterations beyond. It still reaches around two mountain ranges and was built with the sole purpose of giving Republicans an extremely unfair advantage in Oro Valley area. It is not too late for the Independent Commissioner to do the right thing.

12/13/2021 - 14:20	Carole Wilson	Redistricting	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I writing to encourage you to review all comments, not just the ones from a single Latino Coalition! Redistricting should concentrate on ALL Arizonans and not one particular group!</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Carole Wilson LD 18 Precinct Committeeman</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:22	Cecily duPont	Redistricting Maps	<p>Please listen to the thousands of comments received from the general public and follow the constitutional criteria in creating the districting maps. Please do not give undue consideration to recommendations by partisan groups (such as the Latino Coalition).</p> <p>Thank you</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:24	Jan Riemar	Redistricting Maps	<p>It is of vital importance that these maps are bipartisan. There is no room for a "one group map" The Latino group is made up of all Democrats. Please follow the Constitution and do not give way to partisan groups, Republican or Democrat.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:28	Steve J Albin	Review of the all-democratic Latino districting maps	<p>Make all redistricting maps coincide with the State of AZ Constitution and the US Constitution...no excuses. If this cannot or refused to be done, then these maps should be trashed. All redistricting maps should be reviewed for election integrity. Not just for the democrats but for all "legal" US citizens.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:31	Sharon petrie	Maps	<p>Any group that is affiliated with a party or is one-sided should not be considered, such as the Latino Coalition.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:38	John Petrie	Yavapai County redistrict	<p>It is the opinion and desire of most residents in Yavapai County that the entire Verde Valley; Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Rimrock, Cornville, and other parts of Yavapai County, needs to be intact as one district.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:38	Leiann Abderson	Respect All Voices!	<p>Rather than singling out certain groups for special treatment, I favor uniting for a more perfect union and respecting all communities of interest. Please practice the Golden Rule! Thank you.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:45	Carol Rogala, D. O., FACEP, FASAM	"Latino coalition"	<p>There should be no geographic area named after any one specific culture, political group or other description that would in effect keep others out. This should not even be legal. Please do not accept this.</p>
12/13/2021 - 14:48	Janice Suderman	Comment on Mapping Consultant NDC	<p>Arizona independent Redistricting Commission, I'm asking for fair and competitive districts. The citizens of Arizona deserve a commission that represents every citizen. WE WANT FAIR AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS and nothing less. This is your Job. Please think of us not political parties. It is the citizens rights to have FAIR AND COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS. Janice Suderman</p>
12/13/2021 - 15:30	Cathy Rutherford	Keeping Yavapai County Whole	<p>Giving Indigenous Tribes strong representation in the Arizona State Legislature and in the U.S. House of Representative must be an important consideration when creating the new districts. The IRC's artificial decision to keep Yavapai County whole frustrates the goal of effective tribal representation. On the other hand, by dividing Yavapai County along the significant geographic division created by Mingus mountain, two districts can be created where the Indigenous Tribes will have the opportunity for increased representation.</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl has been able to force his agenda, which is motivated by his own personal and political goals in Pima County, with his current version of LD17. Furthermore, the argument that division of Yavapai County into different legislative districts complicates county administration ignores the fact that the IRC does not change and does not affect county government. Lastly, why is the "keeping the county whole rationale" applied to Yavapai County and not to all of the other counties in the state. Especially, when Yavapai County is the fourth largest county in the state by population.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:14	Andrea Dickey	Latino Coalition	<p>Please listen to, and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public. It is NOT RIGHT to listen to the one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:23	sharon I. miller	redistricting	<p>Yuma needs to be in with La Paz and Mojave counties due to our agriculture, farming businesses.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:23	sharon I. miller	redistricting	<p>Yuma needs to be in with La Paz and Mojave counties due to our agriculture, farming businesses.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:33	Karyn Riedell	Native American Legislative District	<p>Please give careful consideration to the submissions from tribal communities. The Native American legislative district in the draft map lessens the opportunity for Native Americans to elect Native American candidates. This district is "packed" and has an extreme Democratic vote spread of over 42%. Because Flagstaff is included in this district, Democrats are almost guaranteed to win. However, given past voting patterns, the candidates might very well be non-Native candidates from Flagstaff rather than candidates that Native Americans might prefer.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:34	Diane McQueen	Final Maps	<p>I am again writing to express my opinion that the maps combining CD4 and CD1 into a new district are gerrymandered to give the Republican Party a deliberate stronghold in Northern Arizona and Chair Neuberger and Commissioner Mehl are complicit of gerrymandering. Chair Neuberger, who is supposed to stay independent, has already said she's ready to vote. She has made up her mind to the point of interrupting other commissioners by saying "don't try to convince me". She is done listening to the public and it's easy to see that from the start she never really intended to listen to the public. The fact that she has been talking with elected officials is illegal per Prop. 106 and our State Constitution. She has spent more time listening to elected officials (both state and local) than listening to the public. In the December 6 meeting the Chair said that Yavapai Co. Supervisor Donna Michaels agreed that YC be kept "whole" because of the watershed. This is not true. Supervisor Michaels was the only supervisor to vote against a resolution by the YCBoS to keep the county intact. Keeping a county whole is not part of the Prop. 106 and the State Constitution. Doing this ignores and basically throws out the window the six criteria that are in the State Constitution. There is no justification for keeping Yavapai County whole except to make Northern Arizona safe Republican district.</p>
12/13/2021 - 16:45	Misti Collom	Redistricting in Yavapai County, AZ	<p>As a resident of Yavapai County, I find the redistricting by current Republican lawmakers to be unethical and discriminatory. The attempt to disenfranchise voters is despicable and goes against everything the constitution stands for.</p>

12/13/2021 - 16:48	Serafina Cusumano	Redistricting of Sun lakes	I want Sun Lakes to Remain with Chandler with regard to redistricting. I shop and dine in Chandler know the area and it seems logical to be with the contacting area. Why would anyone consider otherwise!! Please please don't make any changes.
12/13/2021 - 17:09	Marc Jacobson	Redistricting	America's democracy only can exist if every citizen can influence the direction of the nation through their vote. By gerrymandering the districts to benefit one party is voter suppression, pure and simple. Partisan redrawing of districts is the antithesis of the Democratic process
12/13/2021 - 17:13	Dianna Gates	Redistricting map	Hello, I respectfully request that IRC would listen to all input concerning the redistricting maps, and not just the Latino Coalition. All people should be given a voice in this very important matter. Thank you in advance. Dianna Gates
12/13/2021 - 18:38	Michael J. Marro	Redistricting	IRC should not be using the Latino Coalition maps because they represent partisan maps. We want the IRC to listen to all the citizens who have called in and submitted maps, not just this "Latino Coalition". Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not listen to the one partisan "Latino Coalition" map.
12/13/2021 - 18:41	Stephanie Riggio	Redistricting is unDemocratic	Clearly, Republicans in Yavapai County and AZ as a whole are still in shock over the fact that more people in the area chose change and science and inclusive in the last voting cycle so, like those in Phoenix who stomped their feet and pushed the big lie, those folks are dreaming up other un Democratic ways to hold back progressives and Native people, since you can't just tell them not to vote. Gerrymandering to create pockets of particular voters in the hopes of getting an election outcome one group desires is about as un American as you can get. Face it: the climate is changing ever since one party embraced a destructive, divisive, and dangerous individual and ran against all logic to support his plans. Cheating to win is not Democratic.
12/13/2021 - 18:43	Gerald R. Travers	Redistricting maps	Please listen to All redistricting ideas and concerns. Not just the Latino Coalition Thank you! GR Travers
12/13/2021 - 19:50	Susan Banjavcic	Yavapai County redistricting	Please do your job and prevent unfair redistricting! Thank you
12/13/2021 - 19:58	Kathleen Harley-Mays	Redistricting	Please reconsider how you are planning to keep Yavapai county all one big whole. By forcing our diverse cities and towns into one district, you literally dilute our voices. As far as the Tribal areas are concerned, are you really so afraid of the Native American vote? Please don't take away their and our voices.
12/13/2021 - 21:00	Debbie Wells	Gerrymandering	STOP THIS NOW!!! Redistricting in Northern Arizona, making it so Republican's win is a crime.
12/13/2021 - 21:14	Cheri Ditto	New maps	Do not approve your proposed northern maps! Trying to screw the Native Americans? Shame on you! No ethics?!? I am ashamed of what my party has become! Republicans ate the party of cheats! Didn't you learn anything from the "fraudit"?!?
12/13/2021 - 21:40	Frank Jarvie	Redistributing in Yavapai County	I understand that this commission is working hard to make sure that Native Americans and Democrats will have almost no voice in future elections. This is criminal, and it troubles me that the country I remember simply no longer exists. The America I know was never perfect, but it wasn't a country where evil was in control, where bigotry and racism was winning the day, and it certainly wasn't a country where a criminal like Donald Trump seemed to be the Pied Piper for the most corrupt politicians ever to exist. Shame on you all. I don't know if any of the members of this Commission believe in Karma, but I can assure you, Karma is a universal law that exists whether you believe in it or not. Another way of describing Karma is "What comes around goes around" or "What you sow, that also shall you reap". I hope that for the members of this commission who are doing their best to turn our state, and our country into a state and country run by the worst of the worst that you will feel Karma's effect in the worst possible way, because you are indeed the worst of the worst, and you ought to be ashamed.
12/13/2021 - 22:45	Cheryl L Little	redistricting maps	I want to make it clear that the IRC should not be using the Latino Coalition maps because they represent Democratic partisan maps. We know this because every person on this team is a Democrat, including the ex-state Chairman of the Democratic party, DJ Quinlan. We want the IRC to listen to all the citizens who have called in and submitted maps, not just this "Latino Coalition". Please listen and follow the constitutional criteria and thousands of comments received from the general public and not to one partisan Democratic "Latino Coalition" map. Thank you Cheryl Little