

Submitted Time	Full Name	Subject	Message
12/21/2021 - 00:21	Suzanne Mead	Maps	The Commission appears to be creating maps that do not reflect the changes in the Arizona electorate. Arizona is no longer a Republican state. In 2020, voters chose two Democratic Senators and a Democratic President. In addition, a majority of our members of congress are Democrats. Nearly half of all state legislative seats are currently held by Democrats. By creating so many safe Republican districts favoring current legislators contradicts what voters wanted to prevent--i.e. gerrymandering. The level of partisan imbalance that is evident in the proposed LD 16.0 map, especially with regard to LD3, LD17 and others, is a clear indicator of partisan gerrymandering. Also concerning is the 6:3 split in CD Draft 12.1. To ignore the hundreds of comments and testimonials urging fair maps is to ignore the will of Arizona voters.
12/21/2021 - 00:43	Jane Rhodes	Draft Map LD16.0	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Draft Map LD16.0 is NOT acceptable. 2.It does not reflect a true community of interest for Cave Creek and Carefree and Northern Scottsdale. Our community of interest, as stated many times to you in writing and at public listening meetings, runs south along the Tatum Blvd and Cave Creek Road corridors and should include Desert Ridge and communities south of the 101. We've submitted maps and described this to you over and over. 3. The solution to a viable LD3 is not to move it north and west but instead, south, picking up parts of LD4 and LD8 which are over-populated. 4.The new vote spread is highly partisan, getting worse with each iteration, and way outside the 4-7% targeted level of fairness. This guarantees extremism, poor candidates and zero representation for a huge segment of voters. What happened to One Person, One Vote Madame Chair? 5.It would appear that the Commission has chosen to gerrymander yet another district on behalf of seated legislators, ignoring consistent calls for partisan balance and true communities of interest. 6.Arizona is no longer a Republican state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. The 2020 presidential election went blue. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats and Democrats hold nearly half of all state legislative seats. 7. Democrats are not lobbying for making maps that assure our control; we ARE demanding that both parties have a fair shot at competing for a majority of seats by earning voters' votes, not by having it sewed up in advance. 8.The IRC was created by voters to PREVENT partisan gerrymandering. 9.The level of partisan imbalance that is evident in the proposed LD 16.0 map, especially with regard to LD3, is a clear indicator of partisan gerrymandering in the extreme. 10. Was it just a ruse to hear 30 days of comments, over 300 of which called for partisan balance WITHIN districts - so that you could appear to be acting fairly when in fact, that was never your intention? 11. To relegate competitiveness to a low level consideration is not only preposterous and anti-democratic; it also a disingenuous cover for map-making that paid every possible attention to creating a partisan imbalance, guaranteeing that Republicans will control the state legislature for yet another 10 years, not through honest politicking that an Independent Commission would promote but through a Republican-designed and Republican-controlled far-from-independent commission. Where are the Democratic commissioners? Overwhelmed I suppose by the 3-2 Republican control of the Commission. What a shameful process this has been. Surely lawsuits will follow. 12. That this process is so blatantly NOT independent is on you Madame Chair. 13. To refuse to create a majority of competitive districts is to insult and ignore the will of Arizona voters.

12/21/2021 - 00:45	Kenneth Rand Brimhall	Draft Map LD16.0	<p>1.I totally object to Draft Map LD16.0.</p> <p>2.It still does not reflect a true community of interest for Cave Creek and Carefree and Northern Scottsdale. Our community of interest, as my wife and many neighbors here have stated many times to you, runs south along the Tatum Blvd and Cave Creek Road corridors and should include Desert Ridge and communities south of the 101.</p> <p>3.The vote spread is highly partisan, 26%!!! which is way outside the 4-7% targeted level of fairness.</p> <p>4.With LD3, the Commission gerrymandered yet another district on behalf of seated legislators, ignoring consistent calls for partisan balance and true communities of interest. How can you possibly in good faith justify this???</p> <p>5.Arizona is no longer a Republican state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. The 2020 presidential election went blue. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats and Democrats hold nearly half of all state legislative seats.</p> <p>6.The IRC was created by voters to PREVENT partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>7.The level of partisan imbalance in the proposed LD 16.0 map, especially with LD3, is a clear indicator of partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>8. To relegate competitiveness to a low level consideration (the Chair likes to repeat that competitiveness is the last item to consider (implying that it is the least important) is not only preposterous and anti-democratic; it also a disingenuous cover for map-making that has made every effort to create partisan imbalance, guaranteeing that Republicans will control the state legislature for yet another 10 years, not through honest politicking that a truly Independent Commission would promote but through a Republican-controlled far-from-independent commission. I think you're trying to see how many voters you can truly enrage!!!</p> <p>9.To ignore the importance of creating a majority of competitive districts is to arrogantly mock - and override - the will of Arizona voters.</p>
12/21/2021 - 05:49	Wesley Leasy	Competitive Redistricting	Competitive redistricting is very important to democracy one might say. There should always be a balanced approach in making decision concerning the people, ideas, growth and leadership of our great State.
12/21/2021 - 06:28	Mark H Ulmer	Re-districting	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1</p> <p>Thank you for listening and doing what's right, not politically expedient.</p>
12/21/2021 - 06:54	Robin Snyder	Redistricting	<p>Dear Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>We have given significant testimony and the residents of Desert Ridge/Deer Valley/Scottsdale/Fountain Hills are not being heard. Because our communities are not being heard, please allow me to reiterate:</p> <p>Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town Scottsdale in D8. That is an art and entertainment district and does not belong with the residential area to the north.</p> <p>Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a young, family area where Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area - it belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix. LD2 and LD4 should be consistent with LD27 by adding Deer Valley to LD2 and Desert Ridge to LD4.</p> <p>Our neighborhood and our communities of interest should be treated with respect - not ignored and passed over.</p>
12/21/2021 - 07:48	Heather Skillicorn	Imbalanced redistricting	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Myself and many other residents of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills have requested numerous times keeping like communities together and I am extremely disappointed that we are not being heard. Scottsdale south of Camelback and east of the canal should be in D8 with Old Town Scottsdale because that arts and entertainment district should not be combined with the residential area to its north. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills because they are completely dissimilar: Desert Ridge is a young family area while Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area and as such should be combined with Phoenix. It does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. My neighborhood, my communities of interest and the many people who live there who have testified to you about this should be treated with respect and not ignored. Please remove Desert Ridge and Deer Valley from my district as it does not belong. Please be fair and keep like communities together.</p> <p>Thanks Heather</p>

12/21/2021 - 07:53	Julie Pindzola	Doing the right thing for Arizona	<p>With the final hours upon us, I write again to urge the IRC to do the right thing and make this state balanced and competitive. Your LD16.0 does a terrible disservice to Flagstaff by splitting it to permit The White Mountain communities to not share the Tribal district LD6. Democrats are packed into this district while Republicans are packed into LD7, LD30, and LD5. By Wickenburg's LD30 new encroachment into Yavapai County, the IRC has broken its sacrosanct rule of keeping Yavapai whole. If you can do it for this purpose, why can't you do it to keep LD 7 competitive??</p> <p>There are extreme inconsistencies in the treatment of Northern Arizona where Competitiveness is discarded entirely for 4 extremely safe LD districts (3R and 1D). The Verde Valley community was one of the earliest settlements in our region. They actually investigated splitting from Yavapai County some years ago. Treating the Verde Valley subregion as less a Community of Interest than the much younger Oro Valley and Marana is hypocritical and manipulative. You create a new gerrymandered R LD17 by destroying what was a legitimate and valued Competitive LD6 (7) which included the Verde Valley with Flagstaff for the last 10 years. Talk about partisanship. FYI, the Princeton Gerrymandering Project gives Arizona a C grade in its LD competitiveness so far.</p> <p>Again, look at LD0070 for a Fair and Competitive statewide map. To ignore options that bring BALANCE to our state is to invite bad feelings for a generation – or don't you care? Too bad if having only a one seat majority at the state house was "no fun". It helped keep some of the most egregious bills from being passed this last session. That is why this exercise matters to ALL OF ARIZONA.</p>
12/21/2021 - 07:57	Dianne Coscarelli	CD6/CD2 Casa Grande	<p>If keeping communities of interest together is the paramount criteria, then it follows that Casa Grande belongs in CD2 with its neighboring similar communities of Florence and Coolidge and NOT in CD6. The obvious justification for having Casa Grande in CD6 is to create a more partisan CD6.</p>
12/21/2021 - 08:02	Dianne Coscarelli	CD6/CD7 Tucson	<p>The dividing line for CD7 and CD6 should be Campbell Avenue to Broadway to keep Downtown with the University area as requested by Mayor Romero. As any Tucsonan will vouch, the University area does not extend more than a block or two east of Campbell Avenue. To say otherwise is to take an inch and grab a mile to create a more partisan CD6 and dilute the voice of urban dwellers.</p>
12/21/2021 - 08:20	Michele Stephens	LD Draft Maps 15 and 16	<p>I have commented many times on various versions of the draft Legislative and Congressional maps including attending and commenting at several meetings, yet I do not see my comments reflected anywhere in the posted web comments from last week. My name nor my husbands name does not appear in any comment we have made of the commissions redacted public comments. So are you not hearing us? For proposed LD3, please move the boundary further east towards Scottsdale road and remove deer Valley and Desert Ridge from the district. Desert Ridge is young families and deer Valley is an industrial park. Where I live in Scottsdale, it is primarily retired and those with olderChildren and we have little in common with young families. Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 08:39	Hope Busto-Keyes	Draw Fairer Maps	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Arizona citizens deserve fair maps.</p> <p>The current map under consideration does not preserve the competitiveness that the constitution requires.</p> <p>Drawing "safe districts" amounts to gerrymandering making maps unfair. The result is that the individuals placed in office are not the ones that Arizona voters chose.</p> <p>Please look at each district and make it as competitive as possible and to the extent possible in relation to other goals as prescribed in the Arizona Constitution. Arizona citizens deserve fair maps.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

12/21/2021 - 08:57	Colm Moran	Comments on Legislative District Maps	<p>- A 17-13 legislative map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. That level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters.</p> <p>- In 2021, Arizona is a highly politically competitive state, and not the Republican-dominant state of 10 years ago. Our current elected representation - in the legislature, in our statewide elected offices, and our congressional delegation - reflect this.</p> <p>- Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering and give voters a choice by favoring competitive districts.</p> <p>- In 2021, Arizona's maps must reflect our highly competitive electorate. Maps that would provide all-but-guaranteed majorities to Republicans in the legislature and our congressional delegation are unacceptable. As the Commission nears the end of map drawing, we urge them to look forward, not backward. And to finalize a set of maps that reflects Arizona's evolution over the past 10 years.</p>
12/21/2021 - 09:02	MARLENE LEATHERWOOD	Redistricting Maps	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley Airport area from LD 3 and add it to LD 2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark area do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills!!</p> <p>CD 1 should stay AS IS! Please do not add urban Phoenix, but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p> <p>Thank you!!</p>
12/21/2021 - 09:13	Connie Williams	CD and LD final draft maps	<p>I have followed the IRC deliberations closely and although I respect the challenges of the task, I am writing to let you know the final maps deeply concern me in these ways:</p> <p>CD maps: We now have a 6:3 split in favor of Republicans? How is this possible in a state that voted D in 2020, has 2 D senators, and Ds hold nearly half of even the legislative seats. This should not stand if the commission is indeed independent.</p> <p>LD maps: I am only concerned about LD19 and LD21. There are 2 Santa Cruz County communities that expressed strong wish to join with LD19. I submitted a map after the COI hearings ("LD19 better", I think I called it) that showed how you could narrowly include them. You all have been willing to make some odd shapes to help keep COI's together, so this odd shape has precedence. On Friday, you made a decision to split Santa Cruz County on lines that were not well-considered. You all admitted you didn't know where Patagonia was, and you shouldn't be expected to have that level of background except for the fact that our small county swarmed your contact box with a great number of people wanting to keep our county whole in the legislative district maps, but especially to keep Patagonia and the Patagonia Mountains in LD21. This area is a major contributor to groundwater in the Santa Cruz River Basin and is a key habitat area for which ecotourism in our county depends. Cochise County does not manage their groundwater for sustainability or to sustain surface water, which is key to wildlife habitat health. Moving the LD 19 boundary north to just include Elgin and Sonoita would be reasonable and is necessary in the final LD map. Please, please make this small adjustment.</p>
12/21/2021 - 09:13	Diane Nevill	the Congressional 12.1 map	<p>Please, let's look at Arizona today. When you check voter registrations, it is not a Republican-dominated state. Look at the Congressional representatives, the senators representing Arizona in Washington. Arizona voters are shifting purple despite the gerrymandering attempt that is happening now.</p> <p>A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. This IRC committee needs to remember their mission.</p>
12/21/2021 - 09:32	Laraine Rodgers	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 gets worse with each iteration of map updates! It's less competitive, way less compact, and it's now far away from any coherent community of interest.
12/21/2021 - 09:34	Ann Strine	Arizona Redistricting	Please adhere to the constitutional criteria for redistricting and present fair, competitive, legitimate communities of interest. The Tucson Mayor to keep UA with downtown Tucson with a boundary at Campbell for the congressional district. Arizona was recognized for a fair process 10 years ago. You have an obligation to conduct a fair process this year.
12/21/2021 - 09:34	Lois Sugar	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 is less competitive, less compact, and further away from any coherent community of interest. It is a miscarriage of your duty to have it be so. Please address this today. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 09:34	Laraine Rodgers	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage! This guarantees extremist candidates, extremist governance and will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum.
12/21/2021 - 09:36	Laraine Rodgers	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south.

12/21/2021 - 09:37	Lois Sugar	LD3 Version 16.0	It is inconceivable that this version is acceptable because LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement. Please create a better more equitable district. Thank you
12/21/2021 - 09:38	Laraine Rodgers	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD2 Version 16.0 is not compact or continuous. Moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would solve this standard and get us closer to an urban-oriented community of interest.
12/21/2021 - 09:39	Laraine Rodgers	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	The proposed LD3 16.0 map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard. As it's currently drawn it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD.
12/21/2021 - 09:42	Lois Sugar	LD3 Version 16.0	What happened to the requirements that a district be compact or contiguous? LD3 Version 16.0 goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD. Please make equitable changes.
12/21/2021 - 09:42	Priya Sundareshan	Diluting the minority vote	Dear IRC, I remain concerned as the maps progress that you are not constantly thinking of your main constitutional obligation to uphold the Voting Rights Act. There continues to be evidence that the voting power of minorities is being diluted. In the CD maps, you are packing the significant minority populations in Tucson into an already minority-heavy district (CD7) in order to allow the other district (CD6) to be more favorable to white voters. This blatantly reduces the significance of the voting power of Tucson minorities! And your discussion of the LD maps have not even touched the many problems the community identified in the draft map version, with LD17 remaining a protected white umbrella above the city of Tucson while the districts below it (LD20, LD21, etc) pack Tucson minorities into fewer districts than they would be if you were to protect minority voting power. For some reason the IRC is proceeding as though there are to be no changes made to this arrangement, despite the significant constitutional problems raised and the hours of community testimony you received in opposition to this distribution. Please look to your constitutional obligations and consider that these maps are packing and cracking minorities in violation of your mandates. Make changes such that the districts are more evenly balanced - that should be paramount in order to ensure your maps withstand challenge.
12/21/2021 - 09:43	Colleen Wall	Redistricting Maps	I am letting you know that we want Desert Ridge and Deer Valley to stay together in the districts. This is where we live and frequent in our shopping, dining and for our other needs. These two areas need to remain together. Thank you, Colleen Wall
12/21/2021 - 09:47	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	I am a Scottsdale resident in zip code 85255. With each iteration of map updates, LD3 gets worse. It gets less competitive, it gets less compact, and it gets further away from any coherent community of interest. Fix this map now! Why are you ignoring the public comments and permitting Republicans to dictate these partisan maps! Shame!
12/21/2021 - 09:47	Lois Sugat	LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage which guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance. How does that meet your charge for independent redistricting?!
12/21/2021 - 09:48	Francis Brito Glad	Santa Cruz County	Please fix this. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 09:48	Francis Brito Glad	Santa Cruz County	I will thank you for keeping the County of Santa Cruz whole within the same legislative and congressional district. It would mean that you considered our COI, it would mean that you considered the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed, it would mean that you considered our history, industries, education, and it would mean that you heard the voice of the people. It would mean that the commission had the foresight to provide Santa Cruz with representation for ten years that is a true reflection of its people. I will thank you.
12/21/2021 - 09:50	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement. I'm a Scottsdale resident in zip code 85255 and this map is clearly out of the guidelines for redistricting! Shameful!
12/21/2021 - 09:51	Lois Sugar	LD3 Version 16.0	Because LD 16 Version 16.0 has a 26% Republican advantage, it will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum. Please address this inequity. Thank you
12/21/2021 - 09:53	Beth Mitchneck	Arizona of the Future	The IRC may believe that they are protecting the interests of the people of the State of Arizona, but from my perspective the IRC is protecting the interests of a segment of the population of Arizona that held power over a generation ago (that means 20 years). The current IRC has focused on gerrymandering rather than on its legal mission. Shame on you. I never voted for John McCain but I believe that he was a statesman who had the best interest of the people of Arizona in mind. He voted for health care for the people of this state when his party favoured diminishing the life chances of the majority of the population here - low-income white and people of color. Our elected officials are here to protect the people of the state of Arizona not to protect their own interests - especially when those interests are to the detriment of the population. Gerrymandering is illegal. Suppressing the vote of eligible voters is also illegal. The interest of the IRC is the interest of the people of Arizona - remember that. The legacy of the IRC should be empowering the people and setting up fair elections. If you do anything else, your legacy will be about further plunging the people of this state into poverty.
12/21/2021 - 09:53	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	Shame!!!! This map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD. What is your thinking creating something so discombobulated? Scottsdale resident her demanding you fix this LD!
12/21/2021 - 09:54	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	With each iteration of map updates, LD3 gets worse. It gets less competitive, it gets less compact, and it gets further away from any coherent community of interest.

12/21/2021 - 09:55	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	This is reprehensible! LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage which guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance. LAWSUIT!!!!
12/21/2021 - 09:56	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement. This is an obvious violation of the IRC rules.
12/21/2021 - 09:57	Lois Sugar	LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 has no sense of community cohesion it ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south. This should be an issue to be addressed by your committee. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 09:57	Thomas W. Sonandres	Public Comment to the Commission: 16.0 LD3 Unfairness	<p>The LD16.0 map rendition of 15.0, from the viewpoint of this 9-year Cave Creek resident, is totally UNACCEPTABLE AND UNJUSTIFIABLE, adding New River to the west which has nothing substantial in common with Cave Creek. Was it drawn to rectify 15.0's LD3's substantial under-population without thought to its acute nonalignment with our community of interest?</p> <p>The Commission had, and, still has today the clear choice of voting (1) for our set of maps (below) or something close that meet competitiveness and the other five criteria OR (2) of voting for LD16.0 which doesn't meet competitiveness nor any other criteria save the inapplicable VRA and equal population.</p> <p>The clear wording of the competitiveness portion of the Constitution, which has not received sufficient Commission attention, is to favor competitive districts WHERE DOING SO WOULD CREATE NO SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENT TO THE OTHER GOALS.</p> <p>My contention is that the Commission's LD16.0 LD3's "other goals" -- mountain barriers not incorporated, non-compactness, non-contiguous, and non-community of interest -- what COI does Cave Creek have with, on our east, Lake Roosevelt, and now on our west, New River? -- do not support any contention "other goals" are detrimental to favoring competitiveness.</p> <p>If the Commission votes nonetheless for the likes of LD16.0's LD3, integrity asks that the reasoning of all five Commissioners is provided the public.</p> <p>--LD0061, the LD28 portion of which contains all the important areas for Anthem's COI and future growth, and is without 10.0 LD28's non-COI western wing to Wickenburg and the western Maricopa County border. Its 235,921 population meets equal population criterion.</p> <p>-- LDF054 contains Cave Creek's true COI southern corridor and meets the other five constitutional criteria as opposed to 10.0 LD3, 70% of which is in its eastern portion and essentially wilderness (solid brown) and which does not meet Cave Creek COI, nor compactness & contiguity, competitiveness, nor incorporation of its geographic features which are unwanted barriers to our COI.</p> <p>-- LDF049, called "Keep Greater Scottsdale Together," includes virtually all of Scottsdale and the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), a proposed powerful COI that highlights the economic interdependence of the city and the Indian Community. Its population of 239,194 meets the equal population criterion.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your consideration, your countless hours of difficult work, and your encouragement of public comment.</p>
12/21/2021 - 09:57	Claire Bickel	redistricting	LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement.
12/21/2021 - 09:58	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	Do you want to contend with a lawsuit??? That's exactly what will occur if this map isn't fixed, I promise you! The +26% Republican advantage will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum. Shameful!!
12/21/2021 - 09:58	Claire Bickel	redistricting	This map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD.
12/21/2021 - 09:58	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	This map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD. This is a gross manipulation of an otherwise fair process.
12/21/2021 - 09:59	Claire Bickel	redistricting	LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage which guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance.
12/21/2021 - 09:59	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0 NOW!!	The solution to a viable LD3 is to move it south. Both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated, offering LD3 an opportunity to come into compliance with the population standard. Fix this map now!!!
12/21/2021 - 10:00	Claire Bickel	redistricting	The +26% Republican advantage will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum.
12/21/2021 - 10:00	Claire Bickel	redistricting	The solution to a viable LD3 is to move it south. Both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated, offering LD3 an opportunity to come into compliance with the population standard.

12/21/2021 - 10:01	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage which guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance. We have to claw our way back out of this extremist world and into more fairness and honesty.
12/21/2021 - 10:01	Claire Bickel	redistricting	LD3 version 16.0 ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south.
12/21/2021 - 10:02	Lois Sugar	LD3 Version 16.0	In order to address obvious issues surrounding the compact and continuous standard in LD3 Version 16.0, moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would improve your proposed plan. It also moves closer to an urban-oriented community of interest. Thank you for your anticipated improvements.
12/21/2021 - 10:02	Diane Thomas	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	What are you thinking!!!!? LD3 version 16.0 ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south. Moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would solve the compact & continuous standard. It also gets us closer to an urban-oriented community of interest. Please fix our map now!!
12/21/2021 - 10:02	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	The +26% Republican advantage will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum. This is the opposite of what the IRC is supposed to be doing.
12/21/2021 - 10:04	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	The solution to a viable LD3 is to move it south. Both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated, offering LD3 an opportunity to come into compliance with the population standard.
12/21/2021 - 10:05	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south.
12/21/2021 - 10:05	Susan Brandes	Disagree with LD17 proposed map 10.0	1.Proposed LD17 map 10.0 does not meet the compact and contiguous requirement. 2.It does not meet the communities of interest requirement. 3.It does not meet the competitive requirement. 4.It gives a 10 point advantage to Republican candidates, therefore eliminating all others from holding office. 5.It is an obvious example of gerrymandering. I support map option 9.0 for LD17. This version meets all the requirements.
12/21/2021 - 10:07	Laurance Bernosky	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	Moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would solve the compact & continuous standard. It also gets us closer to an urban-oriented community of interest.
12/21/2021 - 10:09	Claire Bickel	redistricting	Moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would solve the compact & continuous standard. It also gets us closer to an urban-oriented community of interest.
12/21/2021 - 10:14	Bonnie Heidler	Congressional District Map 12.1	The latest Congressional map completely favors Republicans. I currently live in CD2. CD2 is a very competitive district. Martha McSally held the seat for two terms. During her last term, I met with her District Deputy Director specifically to ask for regular Town Halls. That is part of her job. She did one Town Hall the entire time she was a Representative. And, at that Town Hall, which was an hour away from where I live, she argued with an 8 year old about his question. Who does that? That is certainly not representative of me. McSally didn't answer questions and refused to have another Town Hall. I don't believe a Republican will be fair and make sure they are a representative of all people in their district. History proves that is true. McSally only met with her donors and met in secret with them. Hearing the IRC Chair say that she is happy that there is a "safe" district for Republicans is not one of the criteria in the in the Arizona Constitution Amendment. In fact, quite the opposite is true. Districts are supposed to be competitive and not violate the VRA. This map violates both criteria. CD2 was a VERY competitive district. Both Democrats and Republicans have won, as I indicated above. If this district remains non-competitive, there will be a lawsuit. No one wants a lawsuit, especially Chair Neuberger. That would be her legacy. Please make CD6 more competitive and less partisan.
12/21/2021 - 10:16	Mary-Jeanne Fincher	LD 16.0	The competitiveness of LDs 2 and 4 is being chipped away. The draft maps for these two LDs reflected legitimate communities of interest, as attested to by the Chair's frequent comments. Actions to include communities north of the 101 in LD 2 are an obvious partisan tactic to separate certain communities of interest and to increase partisan advantage.
12/21/2021 - 10:17	Brenda Wexler	REDISTRICTING	The AZ voters specifically voted for an Independent commission. Please make your map reflect that independence by honoring the constitution by eliminating partisanship. Partisanship is destroying America. Your legacy should be competitiveness.
12/21/2021 - 10:17	Kristi K Johnston	Comments re: proposed CD5, LD15, LD12	Happy Holidays! I am a citizen of LD16. I am a RN that works 12 hour shifts. I am attempting to stay abreast of the redistricting plans and hope that the committee places equal weight on "communities of interest". My feedback before the final vote is in regard to the subject above. I ask that in regard to CD5 - the IRC NOT combine Pinal County with metropolitan Mesa. These are two distinct separate communities. CD 5 should remain solely with Maricopa County. In regard to LD15 which is the most concerning. The LD15 proposal separates Gold Canyon from Apache Junction which have strong bonds. Especially now as AJ is growing as an outcropping of Gold Canyon. Currently your proposal stretches across 3 different counties. This clearly does NOT meet the communities of interest criteria. The LD12 proposal illustrates these same concerns. You are proposing combining downtown Gilbert with Ahwatukee. These are two separate and distinct communities. It would make sense to extend the proposed northern boundaries of proposed LD12 northward to contact the proposed LD9 and LD10 southern boundaries and then adjust the east west boundaries of proposed LD13 and LD14 boundaries to achieve the correct voter counts. Thank you for your consideration of our household feedback.

12/21/2021 - 10:21	Catherine Robinson Kulibert	Redistricting	I am oppressed to the split Santa Cruz County in the Legislative District, and eespecially to the division of the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed, which includes the Patagonia Mountains and the town of Patagonia. A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Arizona is no longer a Republican-dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. That level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters, and the IRC was created by voters to prevent is kind of partisan gerrymandering. The motive of this redistricting is clearly political, and it has to be stopped.
12/21/2021 - 10:23	Marla Neely	IRC To Adopt Congressional District Map 12.0 and	Thank you so much for listening to my community of interest. To reiterate, Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town Scottsdale in D8. That is an art and entertainment district and does not belong with the residential area to the north. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a young, family area where Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area - it belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix. LD2 and LD4 should be consistent with LD27 by adding Deer Valley to LD2 and Desert Ridge to LD4. I am asking to adopt Congressional District Map 12.0 and Legislative Map 16.0.
12/21/2021 - 10:35	Michael Neely	REDISTRICTING MAPS	Dear IRC members, We have given significant testimony and the residents of Desert Ridge/Deer Valley/Scottsdale/Fountain Hills are not being heard. Because our communities are not being heard, please allow me to reiterate: Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town Scottsdale in D8. That is an art and entertainment district and does not belong with the residential area to the north. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a young, family area where Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area - it belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix. LD2 and LD4 should be consistent with LD27 by adding Deer Valley to LD2 and Desert Ridge to LD4. Our neighborhood and our communities of interest should be treated with respect - not ignored and passed over. Thank you for acknowledging and ensuring our communities are fairly and justly represented. Michael Neely Desert Ridge resident
12/21/2021 - 10:37	Marshall D Militano	Redistricting	Please reconsider your very partisan decision to give the GOP an unfair advantage for the next 10 years.
12/21/2021 - 10:38	Mary Ann Keerins	Reject Gerrymandering	The purpose of having an "Independent" Redistricting Commission is to create fair and competitive districts. Chair Neuberger is consistently siding with Republican desires and rejecting both Democrat and Independent voters. I urge the Chair and the Commissioners to review the IRC regulations and do your jobs accordingly.
12/21/2021 - 10:38	Anthony Wisniewski	Irc	Arizona IRC needs to follow the law and make competitive district's.
12/21/2021 - 10:38	Michele Gisser	Redistricting	I would like to ask that you do not divide up Santa Cruz county especially effecting the watershed which includes Patagonia and the Patagonia mountains A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. The level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters.
12/21/2021 - 10:40	Jeff Porturica	Gerrymandering	Make it fair or resign your position!
12/21/2021 - 10:40	Dave Long	Unfair Redistricting Map	The most recent CD maps give Republicans an unfair advantage whose consequences will affect elections for the next decade. Please "rebalance" the proposed district lines to give Democrats a fighting chance.
12/21/2021 - 10:40	Margaret Gallagher	Changes needed to LD3 Version 16.0	LD 3 in Version 16.0 appears to meet few of the IRC criteria. It is not compact, does not reflect any community of interest (and actually splits up real communities) and appears drawn to give one party a disproportionate advantage. The real communities of interest would be better served if LD3 were expanded to the south, and the northern section of the current version incorporated into other rural LDs.
12/21/2021 - 10:43	Melissa A Tschida	INDEPENDENT	Please do not submit such a Republican-favoring map. It violates the very name and intent of the INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission. It breaks up Communities of Interest (especially in southeast Arizona) and gives a 2 to 1 advantage to a party that has become so radicalized that it no longer reflects its own stated values.

12/21/2021 - 10:44	Janel Alewyn	Maps	I hope you will reject the gerrymandered maps that give partisan advantage to the Republican party. This farce undermines the very purpose of an INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission.
12/21/2021 - 10:44	Suzann Mohr	redistricting plan	reject plan as currently configured
12/21/2021 - 10:46	Roxanne Gustitis	Redistricting Plan - NO!	It is the committee's obligation to ensure that AZ districts are fair in representing all the people of our great state. To give Republicans a 6-3 advantage is not in holding up to your role, obligations and job in redistricting. This outcome, if it holds, will only be seen as partisan. Shame on you! I ask you revisit the redistricting plan and draw lines that are fair and not partisan or people will lose faith in our government and our democracy. There is too much on the line for our democracy and every vote must count.
12/21/2021 - 10:46	Tomas Jonsson	Santa Cruz County Redistricting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Do not split Santa Cruz County in the Legislative District, and especially do not divide up the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed, which includes the Patagonia Mountains and the town of Patagonia. •A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. •Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. •The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. •That level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters.
12/21/2021 - 10:46	Nancy Neely	Redistricting map	Please reconsider the map for redistricting. The Arizona constitution mandates competitive districts and yet the Republicans have a distinct advantage in the proposed map. Please in the interests of free and fair elections, redraw the map to be impartial and competitive.
12/21/2021 - 10:47	Laura Soto	Stop gerrymandering and give arizonans the right to their vote	Stop gerrymandering and give arizonans the right to their voice and their vote. Draw the district's fairly!
12/21/2021 - 10:47	Carol Weinstein	IRC Redistricting Map	I am extremely disappointed in the maps that it appears the IRC will approve. I've been so proud of AZ's non-partisan, independent process and bragged about it to friends in other states. Now, it seems as though this whole process has been a farce, and that the IRC is bowing to Republicans who want to see gerrymandered districts to keep AZ red. What a shame.
12/21/2021 - 10:47	Claudia Miller	Unfairly Gerrymandered New Congressional Map	I urge the IRC to reject the current unfairly, imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map. Chair Erika Neuberger is not working in good faith and is enabling the current extreme Arizona Republican Party. The Arizona Congressional Map should prioritize ALL Arizonans, not just a few.
12/21/2021 - 10:48	Dana Rakinic	FIX LD3 Version 16.0	I am outraged! the 16.0 version of the new "LD3" is AWFUL! it does not comply with the need to be compact, contiguous, competitive--- and this version is NOT a community of interest! Ridiculous!!!! It ignores all transportation corridors and does NOT keep Greater Scottsdale together! Fix this now!
12/21/2021 - 10:48	William Crawford	Redistricting Map	I urge the Redistricting Commission to create a map this is fair and in the best interests of all citizens of Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 10:49	Claire Bickel	redistricting	please reject the Gerrymander
12/21/2021 - 10:50	Terrence Mylen Hanson	Redistricting	Please do all possible to make the new District Maps more competitive so that we will not be subject to whomever wins the Primary in a District is guaranteed to win the the General. All voters voices should be heard, not just those of one party.
12/21/2021 - 10:50	Martha Callahan	Redistricting Map	My husband and I, longtime Arizona voters, disagree with the Redistricting map as currently proposed. Our votes and those of the vast majority of the members of the Navajo nation will carry less weight mixed in with the conservative voting district as drawn. Please don't let this unfair Redistricting effectively disenfranchise so many of us.
12/21/2021 - 10:52	Dennis Winokur	STOP the proposed LD3 version 16.0!	NO< NO< NO to LD3 version 16.0! Are you kidding? It is ridiculous, and you've ignored public comments PLEADING to keep greater Scottsdale together. This proposed LD3 map spreads us out from Tortilla Flat to New River! This is not a community of interest. It does not meet the equal population standard. It makes our LD LESS, not MORE competitive. It doesn't make sense, and it doesn't comply with standards and requirements! PLEASE do your job and help us keep greater Scottsdale together! Dennis Winokur, resident and business owner
12/21/2021 - 10:53	Monica Gellman	Reject the redistricting map	Arizonans have trusted that the I in IRC stands for true independent thought, reflective of ALL Arizonans. This proposed map made by the Chairperson falls far short of independence. Our state is no longer a Republican dominated state. Our state legislature is almost evenly split. Our US Senators and many of our Congressional Representatives are Democrats. Many state offices are held by Democrats. Further, almost 1/3 of our state is registered as "no party". All Arizonans deserve to have their voices heard and their interests represented. Please reject this map and go back to the drawing board.
12/21/2021 - 10:54	Emilio Falco	GOP gerrymander	The IRC must not adopt the GOP extremist gerrymander! If this congressional map, or anything like it, is passed, the legacy of Chair Neuberger and the 2021 IRC will be a stinking stain on Arizona. It will demonstrate rank partisanship that enabled the rising extremism in the Arizona Republican Party, prioritizing it over the real people of Arizona. It will enable white nationalists (aka GOP) in their takeover of governance in complete disregard for the electoral wishes of the people, and it will encourage other similarly simple-minded states to follow the bad example of Arizona.

12/21/2021 - 10:54	Catharine C Volpe	no gerrymandering	Districts must all be connected, this new redistricting is unconstitutional..
12/21/2021 - 10:55	Donna Pedota	IRC is not creating fair maps in Arizona	I have been following and know that you are gerrymandering the maps in Arizona. You are not contiguous and have purposefully carved out areas leading to unbalanced and unfair lead points for republicans. This is not fair to the people of Arizona and is creating an antagonistic advantage over independents and democrats. I
12/21/2021 - 10:57	Bonnie Heidler	Legislative District Map 16.0	I live in the new LD17. This district was specifically drawn to insure that a Republican always wins. LD10, the current district, has been competitive and both Republicans and Democrats have won. Once again, the IRC Chair has stated that it is good to have a Republican only district. That goes against the Arizona Constitution Amendment criteria for the IRC to follow. It is not fair and competitive nor does it follow the VRA. And, it will take me over an hour to get to the north end of this district. Please look at earlier maps like the one that Commissioner Lerner suggested that re-drew this LD17 to be much more competitive.
12/21/2021 - 10:57	Jeffrey Tucker	Equity in Voting	Thank you Commissioner Lerner for kindly and consistently supporting maps that are fair to the Arizona electorate. The Commission was formed to counteract gerrymandering and to ensure every Arizonan had a voice. You are consistently trying to get the scales in balance and your work is much appreciated.
12/21/2021 - 10:59	Krista McKinney	Fair districts please!	A partisan gerrymandered map should not be implemented. The independent redistricting is supposed to be independent. Districts should be fair. Please use fair maps as the final map.
12/21/2021 - 10:59	Barbara Carpenter	6-3 is Not Competitive	Dear Commissioners - The most recent proposal for the Arizona Congressional districts show a 6-3 split favoring Republicans. That is not competitive in any way and needs to be changed. An earlier version was 5-4 favoring Republicans which is a more fair representation of the voter registration breakdown in Arizona. I urge you to revisit this decision to more accurately reflect the population of our state. Thank you, Barbara Carpenter
12/21/2021 - 11:01	Robert Wuestenfeld	CD 1	Keep CD 1 AS IS.
12/21/2021 - 11:01	Louise Vista Michael	IRC Maps for Santa Cruz County	Thank you for your work. I would like to make the following points regarding the current maps you are considering. Number one do not divide up the watershed that includes the Patagonia mountains and areas all through what you're going to divide and half it just makes no sense. Number two your maps are clearly prejudicial for Republicans and Arizona is no longer a Republican dominated state. Number three, dividing the legislative districts within Santa Cruz County it's just nonsensical unless you're just doing it to give preference to Republicans which is not the purpose of the independent redistricting commission or the original law that the Arizona voters passed. Thank you for considering these issues, Louise Vista Michael, Sonoita Arizona
12/21/2021 - 11:01	Laura F Jones	Redistributing Maps	It is imperative that the redistricting commission use their authority and constitutional responsibility to draw fair maps. Making sure that the districts of Arizona actually reflect the electoral make up of the state. Which currently has 1/3 democratic 1/3 independent 1/3 Republican. As the current map stand the Republican representation will overwhelm any others. This is not the mandate of the constitution of the state of the Arizona nor your mission. Please go back to the drawing board and create fair legislative districts.
12/21/2021 - 11:02	Susanne Leckband	Redistricting	Please do not approve the proposed highly unbalanced map of Arizona districts. I do not believe it fairly represents all the voters in our beloved state.

12/21/2021 - 11:03	Kathleen	Input on redistricting in Santa Cruz County	<p>I am a resident of Patagonia in Santa Cruz County for 31 years. I have worked in public school education for 27 years. I currently hold a position with Arizona School Boards Association as Santa Cruz County Director for our public school boards and have served on the Patagonia school board as past president for 5 years.</p> <p>I oppose the new redistricting plan. Do not split Santa Cruz County in the Legislative District, and especially do not divide up the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed, which includes the Patagonia Mountains and the town of Patagonia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. It certainly does not reflect the countless teachers, National and State park employees and small business owners in our current district. <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. <input type="checkbox"/> The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. <input type="checkbox"/> That level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters.
12/21/2021 - 11:04	Joan Jaynes	Redistricting	The proposed map does not come anywhere near the guidelines!!!! YZEm
12/21/2021 - 11:04	Lisa Wolfe	Chair is partisan	With an electorate evenly divided between Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, how can the supposedly independent chairperson condone a Congressional map that results in 6 Republican safe Congressional seats and only 3 for Democrats (during the last few years, Dems elected 5 Congressional Reps) You are wrong to say the results of your redistricting are beyond your purview. You and Mehl are premeditating the outcome of elections for the next decade. This is a despicable abdication of your responsibility.
12/21/2021 - 11:05	S	Reject Congressional Map	Reject the GOP gerrymandered Congressional Map.
12/21/2021 - 11:05	Tom Bean	Gerrymandering	Let's be fair to all.
12/21/2021 - 11:06	Mary Tolena	Redistricting - Santa Cruz County	<p>The Independent Redistricting Commission was established by voters to PREVENT dis-representative gerrymandering.</p> <p>DO NOT split Santa Cruz County between 2 Legislative Districts. Santa Cruz County was created in 1899 expressly to recognize and protect its local, shared interests. We work together to protect our culture, history, natural resources, and the Santa Cruz Valley watershed. Keep all of Santa Cruz county in one district, including Patagonia and the eastern part of the county.</p> <p>You have a moral and political duty to create a redistricting map that reflects the will and makeup of Arizona's electorate. A 6:3 map in favor of Republicans DOES NOT do that.</p> <p>Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats.</p> <p>Please, DO YOUR JOB. Create an equitable, representative redistricting map that reflects the actual will of Arizona citizens.</p> <p>-- Mary Tolena</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:06	jeanne mcgill	redistricting	Thank you for all the work you are doing. Fountain Hills and North Scottsdale have nothing in common with Central Phoenix. It seems unlikely that we have much in common with Desert Ridge or the Deer Valley Airpark. Thank you for these considerations. Jeannie McGill
12/21/2021 - 11:07	Richard G Newhauser	Redistricting map	Please give more consideration to creating a fair and balanced redistricting map to ensure competitive elections throughout Arizona. Giving one party a 6-3 advantage will not achieve that goal. I urge you to rethink any decision that might give a large advantage to only one political party and thereby ensure elections that are not really competitive.
12/21/2021 - 11:07	Dorothy Reed Inman	Redistricting	Please reject the gerrymandered redistricting maps that favor extremist government over fair representation of native people and marginalized populations.
12/21/2021 - 11:08	Charlotte Raynor	LD3 16.0 version	<p>Please amend the map for legislative district 3, version 16.0, to something more representative of the people who live in the current LD23. I live in North Scottsdale and consider my community to be Scottsdale, north Phoenix, and Cave Creek. I've never even been to Tortilla Flat or New River - two extreme ends of the 16.0 version of LD3. As LD23 has been drawn, it was an uncompetitive district that allowed Republican legislators to stay in Fountain Hills and ignore everyone in Scottsdale. We never heard from our elected representatives. Version 16.0 creates an even more extreme district with a GOP advantage of 26 points, and has a lower population than the law requires for equal representation. The geography of 16.0 makes no sense and it deprives the residents within that district no sense of contiguous community.</p> <p>Please center the district where the population is and include more of the settled community around which Scottsdale has grown up, including residents from the overpopulated-as-drawn districts 4 and 8.</p> <p>Thank you for your work.</p>

12/21/2021 - 11:09	Susan Conley	Reject proposed redistricting map	The proposed map is anything but nonpartisan. Reject this proposal.
12/21/2021 - 11:10	Nancy Musgrave	Not fair! Not competitive!	My family and I cannot believe how the latest (and final??) maps are so gerrymandered. We were hoping for the best - that the IRC would do the right thing, the fair thing, and not push for one political party's interest over the constitutional interest of the people of Arizona. Please reconsider and make the districts competitive - the CDs and the LDs. So disappointing and so sad that this gerrymandering is what we've come to. We want all districts competitive and not blatantly favoring one party over the other. In this case, it's the Republican party that's being heavily favored. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 11:11	Matt Farber	Stop the Gerrymandering	It is essential that the IRC stop the Gerrymandering. This will be your legacy!
12/21/2021 - 11:13	Barbara Carpenter	LD3 Version 16.0	Dear Commissioners - I don't understand how you can make a map like this version 16.0 and think it makes sense. I live in Scottsdale - my community of interest certainly does not include Tortilla Flat nor New River and Anthem. I have never been to any of those towns! How can you expect a vibrant political legislative organization from any party to span such a broad expanse? It would take 45 - 60 minutes for people to attend a legislative district meeting! Who is going to do that? I urge you to reconsider this map - it is too big crossing too many miles of geography and disperate communities. Thank you, Barbara Carpenter
12/21/2021 - 11:14	Harold L Teel	redistricting	Honor the spirit of an independent redistricting commission.
12/21/2021 - 11:15	Janell Alewyn	Maps	I hope you will reject the gerrymandered maps that give partisan advantage to the Republican party. This farce undermines the very purpose of an INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission.
12/21/2021 - 11:15	Ann Strine	Redistricting Map	A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. The IRC was created by voters to prevent partisan gerrymandering. That level of partisan imbalance in the seat count is a clear, strong indicator of partisan gerrymandering. To ignore that is to ignore the will of Arizona voters. Please devise a fair, non-partisan map.
12/21/2021 - 11:16	Ellen Ferreira	Gerrymandering	Please keep competitive Congressional and legislative districts! It is critical that Sedona be kept whole, including the Village of Oak Creek, which despite being in Yavapai County, has a Sedona mailing address. Sedonans far prefer being part of a district with Flagstaff, rather than Prescott, a city with which we have few common interests. Such a pairing would be skewed far right and negate the votes of Sedonans. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 11:17	Amy Renz	Gerrymandered congressional draft map	I really appreciate the efforts of the commission but it is incredibly disheartening to arrive at a draft congressional map that is not fair or competitive from the IRC. We rely on this independent commission to meet all of the criteria set forth to draw these maps that represent our state that has shown to be quite even (with key elections for President and US senate going to democrat candidates) when voting for parties in recent elections and not the clear over-representation of one party which is what this current draft map represents.
12/21/2021 - 11:17	Charles Eric Luker	Redistricting	•Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills •CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.
12/21/2021 - 11:18	Barbara Carpenter	LD3 Version 16.0	Dear Commissioners - This latest version 16.0 for LD3 is the worst one so far. It has +26% Republican advantage in voter registration. How can that be deemed fair and competitive? What that will do is lead to even more extreme candidates vying for the electorates votes and leaving many voters disenfranchised. That is the exact opposite of what a district should be doing for its population. I urge you to go back to the drawing board and revise this version of LD3 to make it more competitive. Thank you, Barbara Carpenter
12/21/2021 - 11:20	Marilyn Zeitlin	Redistricting is GERRYMANDERING	Do not break up LD23!

12/21/2021 - 11:20	Irene Arango	Re: Gerrymandering	A fair and competitive district appeals to a more diverse group of voters, it discourages extremism. The distribution within the districts as drawn right now, are completely unfair and unequal. We can and should do better than this. The commission should assure that all CD and LD districts meet all six Arizona Constitutional criteria. Keeping it plain and simple much more work must be done before these districts are acceptable! Please move forward in a fair and open-minded manner, Thank you, Irene Arango
12/21/2021 - 11:22	John Gleason	Draft Maps are BAD - Commission does not seem independent	Commission does not seem independent when you (The Commission) put forward draft maps that favor Republican over Democrats by a 6 to three margin. Fairness means EQUAL.
12/21/2021 - 11:22	Helen Hughes	Redistricting	I urge and implore you to maintain equality in redistricting so that both parties can have an equal voice.
12/21/2021 - 11:23	Claire Cordon	IRC Redistricting	I urge the IRC to reject the gerrymandered redistricting maps. The IRC has allowed Republican partisan politics to poison the process and the the process did not follow the intent of the voters of Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 11:23	Barbara Carpenter	LD3 Version 16.0	Dear Commissioners - The latest version 16,0 for LD3 appears to be unmanageable. How can one expect clear communication among the voters when they range from Anthem and New River to Tortillat Flat? Where is the community of interest in this wide swath of the metropolitan area? The solution to this issue would be the move LD3 further south and put large swaths of the rural areas it now includes into other LDs. This would make a more compact and contiguous district, which meets one of the constitutional standards. It would also move the district closer to an urban-oriented community of interest. Thank you, Barbara Carpenter
12/21/2021 - 11:25	Rita Day	Competitive maps, public comments	I am concerned that the IRC Commissioners are NOT listening to the public comments. Or they aren't taking these comments seriously. The reason I feel these public comments aren't being seriously considered is the following: 1. 60% of live public testimony support keeping Sedona, Verde Valley and Flagstaff together. Yet, the preferred maps of the Chairwoman and the 2 Republican Commissioners separates Flagstaff from Sedona and Verde Valley. 2. 86% of live public testimony support competitive districts, yet there are very few competitive districts in the preferred maps. Many more competitive districts could easily be created. Yet this doesn't seem to be a priority of the IRC. This is very disappointing that the IRC ignores public comments that are in the majority. 3. 75% of live public testimony opposes the #TucsonGerrymander, yet the current approved map for LD17 is a partisan gerrymander! How can the IRC be so blatant in their refusal to consider public testimony and accept blatant gerrymandering of LD17?? I am so disappointed in how this IRC is ignoring critical public comments and the importance of competitiveness. Please start paying attention to the desires of the public. Respectfully, Rita Day
12/21/2021 - 11:26	Andrew Gonzales	IRC-Blessed Gerrymandering	I've been following the redistricting progress, and map after map, it has boggled my mind how fair and balanced maps with more moderately drawn districts are abandoned in favor of one's that overwhelmingly favor Republicans — some of these new districts explicitly drawn to create new safe districts for Republicans (LD17 in particular, which goes against the very rules that the committee adopted to ensure balanced districts). When Arizonans voted to create the IRC, it was done in an attempt to remove politics from our once-in-a-decade redistricting process so that both parties have a fair shot and so that Arizonans continue to have a fair say in their representation. Unless serious steps are taken to ensure a balanced process by the supposedly independent Chair of the IRC, Republicans will have unfairly secured a an unbalanced map in their favor for the next 10 years despite a clear minority of voters supporting them — the very antithesis on the democratic process — and very little faith will be left in the IRC and Arizona's democracy. Given how vocal opponents have been with regards to the blatant partisanship of this commission's members and how their voices have continued to be ignored, I'm not sure you'll even read this, but I'd love to hear any sort of rational for forcing a Republican district into Tucson and for fracturing Flagstaff to raise Republicans' standing there.
12/21/2021 - 11:26	Lee Anne Halliday	IRC Redistricting map	I am imploring the INDEPENDENT redistricting commission to act in an INDEPENDENT way to get this redistricting done. Anything that resembles gerrymandering looks bad on all of you! Regards, Lee Anne Halliday

12/21/2021 - 11:26	SALLY A HARVEY	Maps	I find it very interesting that the "independent" on this commission unilaterally decided that competitiveness was not important. It is important to the voters of this state! Please reject these partisan maps!
12/21/2021 - 11:27	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	<p>With each iteration of map updates, LD3 gets worse. It gets less competitive, it gets less compact, and it gets further away from any coherent community of interest. As near as I can tell, D3 v. 16.0 does not meet any of the constitutionally-mandated criteria.</p> <p>If I had to choose the worst thing about this map is that it carries with it a +26% Republican advantage - guaranteeing extremist candidates, extremist legislators and disenfranchising thousands of voters in the process.</p> <p>The IRC cannot let this map stand as is.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:28	Barbara Carpenter	LD3 Version 16.0	<p>Dear Commissioners -</p> <p>This version 16.0 for LD3 ignores transportation corridors in the metro area. They run north/south for the most part. How does one organize political activity across an area stretching from New River to Tortilla Flat when there are few roads to use to find a central meeting place? This map suppresses political voices across all parties, which is certainly not the goal of legislative district formation.</p> <p>I urge you to revisit this map version 16,0 and come up with a better proposal.</p> <p>Thank you, Barbara Carpenter</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:29	Tomi Taylor	Say no to jerrymandering our voting maps	Say no to jerrymandered voting map in AZ
12/21/2021 - 11:30	Dan Farley	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 11:31	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	<p>LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement. Both D4 and D8 have excess population that could be given over to D3.</p> <p>Forget going east/west with this map. Take it south to pick up more population, reduce the +26% Republican advantage and promote a greater community of interest for urban areas in northeast Maricopa County.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:32	Barbara Carpenter	LD3 Version 16.0	<p>Dear Commissioners -</p> <p>This LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the population standard guideline of the constitution. It is about 13% under the requirement, which certainly presents a problem. The solution is to move LD3 south, as both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated.</p> <p>I urge you to revisit this map for LD3 and revise your proposal to make a more equitable, fair district.</p> <p>Thank you, Barbara Carpenter</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:34	Andre LaFond	Current redistributing map draft	<p>It is very clear with current voter registrations, voting results, and population distribution that a 6-3 congressional map favoring Republicans is far out of the reality of Arizona today. The IRC was created to protect Arizona from the partisan gerrymandering that we see in the rest of the country. Please reject the current draft and demand a true representation of our state. Regardless of party it is important that ALL Arizonans have a real voice. Not one predetermined by one party or another.</p> <p>Respectfully, Andre LaFond</p>

12/21/2021 - 11:37	Linda	Redistricting	<p>I am a resident of North Scottsdale. I shop, work, and go to church in Scottsdale.</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport over from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airport do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>And CD1 should remain Cave Creek and Carefree. Please do not even consider adding urban Phoenix to CD1.</p> <p>Thank you for upholding the integrity of each community.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:38	Linda	Redistricting	<p>I am a resident of North Scottsdale. I shop, work, and go to church in Scottsdale.</p> <p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport over from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airport do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.</p> <p>And CD1 should remain Cave Creek and Carefree. Please do not even consider adding urban Phoenix to CD1.</p> <p>Thank you for upholding the integrity of each community.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:38	William Ellett	Draft IRC Maps	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the draft maps recently approved by the IRC. Our State Constitution specifies that as many districts as possible need to be competitive. That mandate should be a primary priority for how legislative district boundaries are determined. I urge you to revisit this issue and make revisions to the maps so that more districts are competitive. A much fairer representation of the people of Arizona would be in map 9 which the Democrats put forward. That map satisfies the IRC process specified in our State Constitution much better than the one now proposed by the IRC.</p> <p>Best regards, William Ellett Tucson</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:38	James Edward Cerasia	Reject the GOP gerrymander	<p>As the Arizona GOP has become a proving ground for far-right extremist politicians, Independent Redistricting Commission Chair Erika Neuberg has delivered them the gift of the most imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map that Arizona has seen in a generation.</p> <p>Democratic Commissioners Shereen Lerner and Derrick Watchman have negotiated in good faith, taking Neuberg at her word that as Chair, she would give voice to Democrats, Independents, and Republicans. However, the past weeks have revealed that she was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in our constitution, choosing instead to undermine the voting power of Arizonans and drawing a 6-3 congressional map in favor of an increasingly radicalized Republican Party.</p> <p>Despite changing her registration from Republican to Independent in 2016, it is now all too clear that Chair Neuberg is a partisan in sheep's clothing. After two decades of the IRC successfully fulfilling its mission to take power to draw districts away from politicians, Chair Neuberg has abandoned her role as nonpartisan arbiter and negated the voting strength of Independents and Democrats throughout the state. She has been an active participant in the Republican Commissioners' efforts to achieve a warped congressional map so gerrymandered. A Republican legislature might have as well drawn it.</p> <p>Suppose this congressional map, or a map resembling it, is passed. In that case, the legacy of Chair Neuberg and the 2021 IRC will be one of rank partisanship that enabled the rising extremism in the Arizona Republican Party, prioritizing it above the needs of Arizonans.</p> <p>Reject the GOP gerrymander.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:41	Roberta S Callahan	Breaking the law of Prop 106	<p>Prop 106 clearly spells out the conditions and requirements for the AZ INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission. The DOJ currently has a lawsuit against Texas for their poorly designed Legislative Districts. I wonder if they will bring a lawsuit against AZIRC. I will certainly support any legal action brought against the AZIRC and those on the commission who support and encourage this lawlessness.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:41	Patricia Jeanne Leonard	Republican gerrymandering is outrage	<p>The redistricting done in Arizona 10 years ago was praised for being impartial, but this year's commission has been biased toward the Republicans and their gerrymandered maps are an outrage to our cherished principle of fair elections.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:44	Sheryl Eaton	Maps	<p>Congressional maps that produce a 6-3 Republican margin are, by definition, not fair and competitive. Just looking at the 2020 presidential election results (proven clean and fair), we can see that AZ is evenly divided between pro-R and pro-D. A 5-4 margin in congressional districts is more like reality, especially if, say, six of those districts are competitive. Sadly, lawsuits may be the only way to correct the corruption of the IRC's maps.</p>

12/21/2021 - 11:44	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	<p>This sprawling mish mash of a district contains no coherent community of interest. I live here and I cannot see a single thing that this collection of rural and urban locations have in common except that all of us are in the northeast corner of Maricopa County.</p> <p>How would any legislator represent the breadth of what this map includes? The short answer is that no one would - which is exactly the problem we've had in LD23 for the last 10 years. D3 Version 16.0 is like LD23 on steroids - far redder, far more rural while setting the stage to ignore the needs of north Scottsdale and north Phoenix.</p> <p>This can be fixed. Please do so.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:47	Michael Schafer	Redistricting Scottsdale	<p>Most important that you approve LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:48	Betts putnam-hidalgo	Stop the gerrymandering please	<p>I have watched the IRC meetings and made many comments. As a resident of center city tucson— that is, the downtown area, not what David Mehl considers center city—i have been horrified at how the county is being drawn and quartered and wildly non-compliant maps have been adopted. Either there is no true independent on the committee or incompetence rules as the adopted maps go out of their way to forefront politicians needs over voters needs. The whole process really highlights the importance of competitive districts, as that goal is demolished. My hat is off to commissioner Lerner for being vocal and acting in good faith (although i dont agree with all of her statements) but i beleive we should show the door to Mehl and the Chair for being purely partisan in their decisions.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:50	Olga Sofia Strickland	Gerrymandering	<p>Please reject the obvious Republican gerrymandering of districts.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:50	Roger Owers	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	<p>Dear IRC,</p> <p>Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:51	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	<p>This map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD.</p> <p>D3 Version 16.0 looks like what happens when you address the rest of the state first and leave this portion to be addressed last. Is Version 16.0 really the consequence of map changes made elsewhere? It sure looks like it.</p> <p>There are many ways to fix this from a redraw to create a more north/south map, to picking up population from D4 and D8, to rethinking this entire area. Look at it with a new set of eyes, if you can. The 200,000+ people who live here deserve at least that much.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:51	Barbara Hall	Redistricting Priorities	<p>As an independent voter, I would suggest you give high priority to the competitiveness of districts. Prioritizing "common interests" often translates as "partisan interests." Politicians then have no incentive to wrestle with competing interests via bipartisanship, to represent the minority group in their districts, or to avoid extreme positions. Politics is presumably the art of arriving at a level of consensus among diverse groups; this is the main job of a politician. Increased competitiveness of districts may result in election of people with that ability.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:52	Frank Cople	IRC Congressional Districts Gerrymandered	<p>Sirs:</p> <p>It is really sad that the latest Congressional maps voted in by the IRC have given the Republican candidates a 6-3 advantage. It is unfortunate that the Independent Commissioner has sided with the Republicans in this travesty.</p> <p>If approved it will mean more radical actions by the Arizona Republican Party and could lead to a complete dismantling of our present democratic form of Government.</p> <p>Our only hope will be that the Federal Courts may be called upon to bring sanity into the Redistricting process.</p> <p>Sincerely Frank Cople Sun City West</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:52	James Chadwick	In Support of LD Map v. 16.0 and CD Map v. 12.1	<p>Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.</p>
12/21/2021 - 11:52	Linda Guarino	IRC Gerrymander	<p>This map giving republicans an advantage is not acceptable. We want fair and competitive maps. This will encourage moderates and prevent extremists like some of our current legislators.</p>

12/21/2021 - 11:53	Christie Quimby	PLEASE APPROVE LD MAP VERSION 16.0 & CD MAP VERSION 12.1	LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1 are the best representation of our communities of interest. Thank you for your efforts; I look forward to seeing these maps specifically approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 11:53	Jeff Dial	Like map LD 16	Thank you for your great work, I like the work put into this and have lived in Chandler, Tempe, Ahwatuke and now living in North Scottsdale. I think this map does a good job of balancing communities of interest which I now see fairly well represented in the Phoenix northeast valley. Plus a good representation down in the Chandler, Tempe, and Ahwatukee Area. Thank you for all your hard work.
12/21/2021 - 11:55	Joyce J Strassburg	Redistricting	I have not really been involved in politics, but I am tired of not being represented. The games that people are playing to make our maps unfair is very disturbing. Thank you for listening to the community. We have lived here in Scottsdale since 1996. My husband is still working, and his work is in Scottsdale. Tying us in with the other special interest groups and retail in Phoenix and Desert Ridge area does not tie in with the larger residential properties in North Scottsdale. Please vote for the LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1 which seem to give us representation. Joyce and Roger Strassburg
12/21/2021 - 11:56	Elaine Bomkamp	redistricting	Please support fairness in redistricting. Right now the Republicans have a 6 -3 advantage with redistricting maps in Arizona. Please do the right thing and give the Democrats a competitive advantage.
12/21/2021 - 11:57	Lois Fruhwirth	Support for LD Map 16.0 and CD Map 12.1	Thank you for doing a great job for the people of Arizona! You have listened to the people's testimony on communities of interest and drawn maps that properly represent our state! We'll done Commissioner Neuberg, thank you for your critical leadership.
12/21/2021 - 11:57	Lois Fruhwirth	Support for LD Map 16.0 and CD Map 12.1	Thank you for doing a great job for the people of Arizona! You have listened to the people's testimony on communities of interest and drawn maps that properly represent our state! We'll done Commissioner Neuberg, thank you for your critical leadership.
12/21/2021 - 11:58	Karen Brower	Supporting LD and CD maps	I support the LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1. I hope those are the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 11:58	Delores J Faules	Redistricting	The commission must act in a fair and impartial manner. Maps must not be drawn to favor one party.
12/21/2021 - 11:58	Ellen M. Shenkarow	redistricting	A 6:3 congressional map, in favor of Republicans, is not a map that reflects Arizona in 2021. Arizona is no longer a Republican dominant state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. Arizona went blue in the 2020 presidential election. A majority of our members of congress are Democrats, and Democrats hold nearly half of all of the state legislative seats. The map should NOT go ahead as is now planned as it is VERY unfair!
12/21/2021 - 12:00	Kathleen Pettycrew	redistricting	Reject the gerrymandering map. COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS are what most Arizonans want.
12/21/2021 - 12:00	Lisa Lott	Gerrymandering	PLEASE stop the gerrymandering! Work for ALL the people in Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 12:01	Dane Buchanan	Approve the maps! They look great!	
12/21/2021 - 12:02	joann west	pls reject the GOP Gerrymandering in Yavapai County..	Please please please.....
12/21/2021 - 12:02	Dane Buchanan	Approve the maps! They look great!	Hello! Thank you for redistricting Arizona :) I believe that these new maps will aide in giving communities what they want and need. Good job! Don't listen to the nay sayers! Some people will never be satisfied... we all know who I'm talking about
12/21/2021 - 12:04	Jennifer Dawson	Redistricting maps	In the past, AZ has been considered the "gold standard" for redistricting. No longer. This commission has just approved the most imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map that Arizona has seen in a generation - it might as well have been drawn by a Republican legislature. Chairman Neuberg has now shown that she was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in our constitution, choosing instead to undermine the voting power of Arizonans, and to support a 6-3 congressional map in favor of an increasingly-radicalized Republican Party. This is after two decades of the IRC successfully fulfilling its mission to take the power to draw districts AWAY from politicians. If this congressional map, or a map resembling it, is passed, the legacy of the 2021 IRC will be one of rank partisanship that enabled the rising extremism in the Arizona Republican Party to be prioritized .above the needs of Arizonans. Shame to those who approved this, thereby abandoning the rights of their fellow-citizens..
12/21/2021 - 12:05	Judith Allen	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	As a PC in LD 24, I want to thank you for all of the time and effort you put in to this endeavor, especially for listening to the members of the community. I sincerely believe that the best choice that will respond to the people of is Arizona is for the approval of the above mentioned maps. Thank you for your consideration.

12/21/2021 - 12:05	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	<p>The IRC has repeatedly said that "transportation corridors must be respected." LD3 version 16.0 fails on this expectation as well as all of the criteria laid out in the AZ Constitution.</p> <p>All commerce in this part of Maricopa County flows along these major transportation corridors and all of them run north/south. It appears you may have considered this when including Anthem in this map but Anthem has nothing in common with North Phoenix or North Scottsdale or the vast rural area to the east.</p> <p>Please fix this map. Please listen to the voters who live here. We are more than 200,000 people who should not be a consequence or an afterthought in the redistricting process.</p> <p>Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident</p>
12/21/2021 - 12:07	Leo a vanderberg	Maps	I approve of draft maps CD map 12.1 and LD map 16.0
12/21/2021 - 12:08	Bob Levin	Redistricting	In a state that voted for Biden and has two Democratic senators, how can redistricting forward a 6-3 Republican/Democratic allocation? How is this fair and unbiased?
12/21/2021 - 12:09	judith paul-ferguson	Redistricting Arizona	<p>So, this came to my inbox today and I DO NOT SUPPORT this redrawing of the congressional map in favor of Republicans. That is not fair and cheating. Please be mindful that most Phoenicians believe in Democratic values.</p> <p>"Democratic Commissioners Shereen Lerner and Derrick Watchman have negotiated in good faith, taking Neuberg at her word that as Chair she would give voice to Democrats, Independents and Republicans. However, the past weeks have revealed that she was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in our constitution, choosing instead to undermine the voting power of Arizonans and drawing a 6-3 congressional map in favor of an increasingly-radicalized Republican Party."</p>
12/21/2021 - 12:11	Joan B. McDermott	IRC	I've watched to IRC meetings from the beginning. At first, the process seemed to be unfolding as Proposition 106 prescribed. But in the past few weeks it has become painfully clear that Chair Neuman, a supposed Independent, has not actually left her REAL party. Slowly, but surely, the districts across Arizona have been 'tweaked' to create a clear advantage to the minority Republican population, with her approval. This will guarantee that Independents and Democrats will have the power of their voices minimized over the next 10 years. Right-wing radicals who way too often say whatever will keep them in power - they say things that they know are untrue and admit that in private (my personal experience), casting aside basic integrity and honesty. The IRC is simply solidifying the control of Arizona's minority rulers, who are so obviously disdainful of the 'little people' who elect them .
12/21/2021 - 12:16	Patricia Contreras	Competitive Congressional districts	The latest map shows a 6 to 3 advantage for Republican candidates. This is not in keeping with the state constitution and laws governing the IRC. Arizona is not a Republican majority state. Voters are evenly split between the parties. Our district structure must reflect the constituencies of the State. To do otherwise is to disenfranchise many voters. Please work towards a fair map that reflects our voters.
12/21/2021 - 12:16	Geneva Haber	Reject GOP gerrymander	I have just read that the Chair of the IRC is not upholding the mission of the IRC to provide fair voting districts. This completely undermines the belief that all voices must be given equal weight. I am extremely upset by this and request that this be remedied immediately.
12/21/2021 - 12:17	Thea L Chalow	GOP gerrymandering	Chair Neuberg has abandoned her role as nonpartisan arbiter and negated the voting strength of Independents and Democrats throughout Arizona. She's acting as if she's a Republican Commissioner who supports a warped congressional map. Give Independents and Democrats the opportunity to compete fairly.
12/21/2021 - 12:18	Judy Krausser	Redistricting	Please do Not approve L17 as it stands now
12/21/2021 - 12:19	Onofre Gutierrez III	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow
12/21/2021 - 12:19	Jon E Horton	Redistricting	As the 2020 election demonstrated, the state of Arizona is now split fairly evenly between Republicans and Democrats. The state's representation in Congress should reflect that balance. The gerrymandering you currently propose is outrageous and, if passed, will prove that you are not worthy of the responsibility you have been given. Please reconsider your obviously partisan proposal!
12/21/2021 - 12:21	christine rhodes	IRC's unfairness	I knew the IRC Chair was a wolf in sheep's clothing when I saw her list of donations to Republicans in the past.
12/21/2021 - 12:21	Mary Ganster	Fully support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thanks for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.

12/21/2021 - 12:22	Shelly Gordon-Gray	Lopsided redistricting map	The new legislative and congressional maps will have a negative impact on Democratic and Independent voters for the next 10 years. If GOP voters were actually concerned about fair healthcare, fair, well funded public education and mitigating the effects of climate change, and fair voting laws then I wouldn't be as concerned about the unfairly drawn maps but with the district maps now drawn to favor Republican candidates, we can only look forward to a worsening climate, more money cyphoned away from public to private education and more school privatization, more development, continuing decline of water with no conservation, no efforts to reduce air pollution, anti-choice laws to further constrain women, etc. This is a dark time for Arizona. Please do right thing in the next 48 hours and draw fair maps!
12/21/2021 - 12:24	Henry Ganster	LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	I fully support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 12:24	John David Arnold PhD	Not splitting Santa Cruz Legislative District	I am John David Arnold LULAC of Arizona State Director and President of LULAC Council # 1088 that covers Santa Cruz .I am also a resident of Santa Cruz County. We are strongly against splitting Santa Cruz County Legislative District ,and especially not divide up the Santa Cruz Valley Watershed and the Town of Patagonia that dates back to 1898. A6:3 congressional map does not reflect Arizona in 202 and appears to be partisan and gerrymandering. I am an independent voter with no party affiliation. Dr.John David Arnold
12/21/2021 - 12:25	Corin frost	Redistricting	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 12:25	Jennifer Strumingher	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow. Proud to be a new resident of the great state of Arizona!
12/21/2021 - 12:26	Ellen Williamson	Republican 6-3 gerrymandered advantage must be stopped	The Arizona IRC was set up to be a non-partisan body to set up the new districts according to population, and not party. It's essential in this time of partisan politics that districts be set up fairly for both parties to have the chance to win each district according to the will of the majority of the voters. It has come to my attention that this is not the case with the new maps. It is essential for the IRC to reject the gerrymandered maps giving the Republicans a 6 - 3 partisan advantage, go back to the drawing board and make these maps fair.
12/21/2021 - 12:28	Helen Hudgens Ferrell	Reject redistricting map	Dear Commissioners, Now is not the time to create greater partisanship. The proposed maps do not meet the constitutional requirements of competitive districts and perpetuate one-sided efforts to control our state. Please reject them.
12/21/2021 - 12:29	Karen Cabrera	Redistricting maps	I am adamantly against the current redistricting map which gives Republicans preferential treatment by 6 to 3 . This goes totally against our establishing fair boundaries in Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 12:30	Linda Kahn	IRC map	REJECT the IRC gerrymander!
12/21/2021 - 12:31	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public priocess	Please make this redistricting an honest endeavor, not giving advantages to any one group. Please be fair, to date you are not.
12/21/2021 - 12:33	Victoria Kauzlarich	Fix D3 Version 16.0	D3 Version 16.0 creates a district where only TWO precincts have ever voted Democratic; both of these are tiny. D3 is in Maricopa County where a Democrat won the 2020 Presidential Election by 4.5%. The current version does not fairly represent this population of voters. D3 Version 16.0 would be the second most conservative Legislative District in the State, exceeded only by the area around Kingman. Please fix this map. We deserve better from the IRC. Victoria Kauzlarich Scottsdale Resident
12/21/2021 - 12:34	Laura Benson	Redistricting in AZ	I live in Saddlebrooke AZ and have watched the 2021 redistricting process all year. It is an extremely worrisome procedure as it does not appear to be fair to the citizens. There must be a better way to do this, whether by some geographic lines and/or counties, but it certainly doesn't appear to be independent.
12/21/2021 - 12:34	Martha S O'Connor	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	LD3 version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement. Please get to work on this for fairness. Keep Greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:35	Shivana Debisaran	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will bThank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.

12/21/2021 - 12:35	FREDERIQUE P DELHAYE	gerrymandered map	The more these maps are tweaked the more they favor republicans. this year has shown how crazy it gets when republicans have full power: They vote for extremists like Gosar, Finchem Biggs or review votes by incompetent companies like Ninja when the votes were perfectly legitimate. We are a purple state not a ruby red, draw the maps accordingly and follow the law!
12/21/2021 - 12:35	Martha S O'Connor	Keep Greater Scottsdale Together	This map is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD. Please fix this map and keep greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:37	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public process	LD3 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage which guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance. How can you call this fair? Keep Greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:37	Joyce winston	Gerrymandering	Stop giving Republicans the advantage And create logical districts. !!!!!
12/21/2021 - 12:38	Emily Wilson	Fix LD3	Maricopa County voted for a Democrat for President by 4.5%. It is unfathomable that 237,000 of us end up in a Legislative District that has a Republican vote advantage of 26% and is not connected by any direct road from North Scottsdale to East Scottsdale.
12/21/2021 - 12:38	Susan Roth	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	LD3 version 16.0 has a +26% Republican advantage. This version is not compact or contiguous by anyone's standard. You have to go through another LD to go from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek. The whole Scottsdale should be in the same LD near Phoenix which is an urban area not split and mixed with rural areas that is so far from Scottsdale.
12/21/2021 - 12:38	Maria Lynam	Final maps	How disappointing that these maps are not fair and competitive. The Chair is obviously siding with the Republican commissioners. She is supposed to be Independent, but her actions are biased.
12/21/2021 - 12:39	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public process	Using your proposed redistricting map, the +26% Republican advantage will disenfranchise voters across the political spectrum. Please try to be fair and not so partisan. Keep greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:40	Thomas Brian Coultas	Re Districting	Do not make any changes in Yavapai/Coconino counties or anywhere else in the state. Get focused on food insecurity, job, housing, etc. enough of your politicking at our cost!
12/21/2021 - 12:40	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public process	Your proposed map is awful, and partisanThe solution to a viable LD3 is to move it south. Both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated, offering LD3 an opportunity to come into compliance with the population standard. Keep greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:41	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public process	LD3 version 16.0 ignores all major transportation corridors - all of which run north/south. Please fix your draft map and keep greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:42	Martha S O'Connor	Redistricting is a public process	Moving LD3 south and putting large swaths of rural areas into other LDs would solve the compact & continuous standard. It also gets us closer to an urban-oriented community of interest. Keep Greater Scottsdale together.
12/21/2021 - 12:43	Fleeta Collins	LD Map 16.0 & CD Map 12.1	Thank you for all your hard work trying to reach a fair decision on redistricting. I support the final Maps LD Map 16.0 & CD Map 12.1. Thanks again, Fleeta Collins LD 22 Vistancia Precinct
12/21/2021 - 12:45	Denice Napoletano	Gerrymandered districts	Please revisit and reject the GOP gerrymandering issue. The Arizona GOP has become a proving ground for far right extremist politicians. Delivering most unbalanced gerrymandered congressional map that Arizona has seen in a whole generation. Thank you, Denice Napoletano
12/21/2021 - 12:46	Corinne Haynes	I support LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.b7r6f
12/21/2021 - 12:48	John Tracey	IRC - Bounce Her	Remove Erika,
12/21/2021 - 12:53	Nancy Scott-Rogers	Redistricting	REJECT THE GOP GERRYMANDER.

12/21/2021 - 12:54	Frank Rich	Congressional maps	<p>I am completely disgusted with a congressional restricting map that takes Arizona, quickly becoming a diverse state, both demographically and politically, and turning it into a gerrymandered mess that favors Republicans by far more than what should be represented.</p> <p>It is unconscionable.</p> <p>Do what is right and fair for ALL Arizonans!</p>
12/21/2021 - 12:55	Andrew Kish	I support LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You've done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 12:55	Judith Brengi	Final redistricting	The maps as proposed are not fair maps, strongly favor the Republican Party, and should be rejected by the Commission.
12/21/2021 - 12:57	Roman Ulman	Partisan Redistricting Plan	The plan adopted by the IRC is alarmingly Partisan and against the rules adopted by the voters of Arizona. If it remains this way, this plan must be explained to a court.
12/21/2021 - 12:57	Judith Browder	new map	All we ask is that Arizona operates with a truly Independent IRC. We have what should be a shining light to the majority of American states and we are throwing it away. Stand proud. Be independent from petty partisan politics. Show that we really are McCain's Arizona, not Goldwater's. Enter the new era.
12/21/2021 - 12:58	Angela Gail LeFevre	The recent redistricting map	I feel it is my duty as resident of this wonderful state to strongly record my objections to your recent map. You call yourself "independent", but you are far from it. The maps you have recently drawn show that you are using gerrymandering techniques to ensure that the Republican Party gains an advantage. That is wrong. I know you have disregarded evidence and proposals sent in by many and just decided to go your own biased way. That is a blatant disregard of your mission. I hope it is not too late for you to reconsider and view and make some changes which will manifest a fairer and more balanced map. Thank you for your consideration.
12/21/2021 - 12:59	Scott Sawottke	Gerrymandered districts	In a state where roughly one third of the registered voters are republican you are proposing districts that favor republicans in 6 of the 9 districts. This is not only unlawful but reeks of partisanship. This plan should be rejected completely and a more balanced set of districts should be drawn.
12/21/2021 - 13:01	William joseph canalez	IRC Maps/boundaries	The work produced by IRC as of 12/21/2021 reflects a partisan redistricting in favor of the Republican Party. The leadership of the Arizona Republican Party in Arizona, as of this date, has demonstrated a selfish, cowardly & at times traitorous attitude against the values written in the Constitution of the United States of America. Do you actually want more of their claptrap? " Sinverguenzas!!!!"
12/21/2021 - 13:01	Lucetta Marie Mann	Redistricting	I have, up to now, been pretty impressed by the way elections are run in Arizona during the five years I've lived here. But this proposed map is unfair and should be rejected. Let's continue to honor our constitution and draw maps that are as non-partisan as possible.
12/21/2021 - 13:03	Rivko Knox	The IRC is NOT Fulfilling its Constitutional Duty!!	<p>In a state that is almost evenly split between Republicans, Independents and Democrats (about 1/3rd each), it appears obvious that AZ's voters want choices!!! When voters live in non competitive districts, so many of them see no purpose in voting in the general election, which means that the very small percentage of voters who turn out for primaries (about 20-30% at most) have power beyond their numbers. More importantly, primary voters are not reflective of all the registered voters in a district (whether congressional or legislative). This leads to candidates with more extreme views (on both sides) being elected, which further discourages so many from having faith in the political process, thus weakening our democracy.</p> <p>In addition, and perhaps of greater significance, the law that created the IRC specifically included competitiveness as a criteria, which unlike 'community of interest,' is an objective term & the IRC itself adopted a clear & objective definition of such. Therefore, I am very distressed to read that so close to the December 22, 2021 deadline the IRC adopted for final maps, the number of truly competitive districts remains so low. I am also very distressed that in an evenly divided state, the current maps provide such an advantage to Republicans.</p> <p>Please IRC Commissioners, even if you have to extend your deadline, go back to the maps and focus on competitiveness; and for the non competitive districts, strive to have an equal number that lean Democratic as Republican.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to AZ.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:06	Barbara and Richard Welch	Independent Redistricting Commission	Chair Neuberger has abandoned her role as nonpartisan arbiter and negated the voting strength of Independents and Democrats throughout the state. She has been an active participant in the Republican Commissioners' efforts to achieve a warped congressional map. Reject the GOP gerrymandered congressional map.
12/21/2021 - 13:12	Nancy Astemborski	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.

12/21/2021 - 13:14	Jay Roth	IRC decision	<p>I am writing to express my deep disappointment in the decisions of the independent member of the IRC to make a recommendation of congressional district breakdown in Arizona that will result in 6 Republican seats and 3 democratic Democratic seats. This violates her responsibility to balance the districts to ensure maximum voter interest and turnout knowing their votes will count; and to ensure that minority communities are appropriately represented, and that the districts should be as contiguous as possible. The independent overseer of this process</p> <p>Has grossly failed to do her job...and endorsed a congressional map that will also give unreasonable recognition and opportunity to a party that has endorsed insurrection against the government they purport to believe in.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:14	Gwen Carey	feedback on maps	<p>Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:14	Phil Nicolay	Pro Republican gerrymandered maps	<p>As chairperson, Have you no ethics ... you must live with yourself knowing that you have dealt with the issue of redistricting In an unethical manner! Stop it and represent the people of Arizona In an evenhanded manner!!</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:17	Barbara Hutchinson	Redistricting Concerns	<p>Please demonstrate to Arizona Citizens and the rest of the country that we have the model for fair and non-politicized redistricting processes. Competitive districts will ensure and encourage useful dialog and compromises that support the best policies for Arizonans. A Congressional Map with a 6-3 Republican advantage does not fulfill this promise. Please regroup and find a better approach. Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:18	Vicki Smith O'Hara	Redistricting of voting	<p>Arizona IRC was set up to be a non-partisan body to set up the new districts according to population, and not party. It's essential in this time of partisan politics that districts be set up fairly for both parties to have the chance to win each district according to the will of the majority of the voters. It has come to my attention that this is not the case with the new maps. It is essential for the IRC to reject the gerrymandered maps giving the Republicans a 6 - 3 partisan advantage, go back to the drawing board and make these maps fair. "</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:20	Cynthia A Dean	Redistricting	<p>We have given significant testimony and the residents of Desert Ridge/Deer Valley/Scottsdale/Fountain Hills are not being heard. Because our communities are not being heard, please allow me to reiterate:</p> <p>Scottsdale, south of Camelback and east of the canal belongs with Old Town Scottsdale in D8. That is an art and entertainment district and does not belong with the residential area to the north. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark does not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a young, family area where Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are retirement areas. Deer Valley is an industrial area - it belongs with its neighbors in Phoenix. LD2 and LD4 should be consistent with LD27 by adding Deer Valley to LD2 and Desert Ridge to LD4.</p> <p>Our neighborhood and our communities of interest should be treated with respect - not ignored and passed over.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:21	Maria Guadalupe Hidalgo	REJECT GOP GERRYMANDERED CONGRESSIONAL MAP	<p>The Arizona GOP has become a proving ground for far-right extremist politicians, IRC Chair Erika Neuberg has delivered the GOP the gift of the most imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map that Arizona has seen in a generation. Many Arizonans took Chairperson Neuberg at her word that as Chair she would give voice to Democrats, Independents and Republicans. However, the past weeks have revealed that she was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in our constitution, choosing instead to undermine the voting power of Arizonans and drawing a 6-3 congressional map in favor of an increasingly-radicalized Republican Party.</p> <p>Despite having changed her registration from Republican to Independent in 2016, it is now all too clear that Chair Neuberg is a partisan in sheep's clothing. After two decades of the IRC successfully fulfilling its mission to take the power to draw districts away from politicians, Chair Neuberg has abandoned her role as nonpartisan arbiter and negated the voting strength of Independents and Democrats throughout the state. She has been an active participant in the Republican Commissioners' efforts to achieve a warped congressional map so gerrymandered, it might as well have been drawn by a Republican legislature.</p> <p>If this congressional map, or a map resembling it, is passed, the legacy of Chair Neuberg and the 2021 IRC will be one of rank partisanship that enabled the rising extremism in the Arizona Republican Party, prioritizing it above the needs of Arizonans. STOP THIS MADDNESS CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:25	Kathleen Fischer	Scottsdale redistricting	<p>As a Scottsdale resident, I am concerned that redistricting will hurt our communities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Scottsdale east of Camelback belongs with D8 and does not belong with the residential area to the north. 2) Desert Ridge and Deer Valley do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills as their populations have other interests. <p>Please reconsider and remove Desert Ridge and Deer Valley from the Scottsdale district.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathleen Fischer [REDACTED] Scottsdale, AZ 85262</p>

12/21/2021 - 13:26	Emily Wu	AGAINST GERRYMANDERING	As a representative of the Independent Redistricting Commission, your JOB is to maintain "independence" from political partisanship and represent the interests of every single citizen in Arizona. Our founders fought and died for democracy and freedom you are putting at risk which I, and most people I know, consider utter treason against our country, state and citizens. I urge you to make the oath of office, YOUR WORD, your priority. Failing that, I will support any and all efforts to not only lawfully remove treasonous representatives from public office but also to hold YOU ACCOUNTABLE to the fullest extent of Arizona and United States law. In the interest of peace, equality and justice for all, I hope you have the conscience to do what is RIGHT. If you don't, maybe you should ask yourself why you don't sleep well at night because I know at some level what you are trying to do must haunt you because it is pure evil.
12/21/2021 - 13:26	Robert Proctor	Redistricting	It will be irresponsible to split the Santa Cruz County, the Sonoita Creek Watershed and the Patagonia Mountains & Patagonia. It is essential Santa Cruz county, the Sonoita Creek watershed and the town of Patagonia are responsibly represented by persons of the area.
12/21/2021 - 13:27	Gary Townsend	Reject the GOP favored map	Reject the proposed map that clearly and unconstitutionally heavily favors the GOP.
12/21/2021 - 13:31	Christopher J brown	Congression Map V11.1 & 12.1	Hello, The changes to the maps from Version 11.1 to 12.1 are not made in adherence to nor the spirit of the IRC's 6 constitutional mandates. Every decision has resulted in a less fair map and for no clear purpose. We also will transition from a current situation in which we have 5/4, 4/5 splits in CD representation to what seems like a for certain 6/3 split. That does not reflect the population of this state and is neither fair nor in compliance with the IRC mandate. Thank you for your time and attention to this request to revert to the 11.1 map.
12/21/2021 - 13:34	Diana Olsen	Redistricting Map	I'm shocked that the Chair of the IRC cannot even comply with actions echoed in the name of her commission - INDEPENDENT. She holds a position of trust that all voters in our state are counting on. How can anyone so blatantly disregard that?
12/21/2021 - 13:35	Kerry Nugent	Gerrymandering Arizona. Unacceptable!	With the Fraudit in a Arizona and now the gerrymandering by the racist and far right wing of of the GOP it is clear to whole country that Arizona is a laughing stock. I have written, taken part in the meetings as many of my fellow Arizonans have expressed our concerns on where our democracy is headed and with now we know. The GOP are out for one thing and to discriminate and take control in an authoritarian control.
12/21/2021 - 13:40	Lynne Leonard	Draft Congressional Map with Republican 6-3 Advantage	I ask you to reject the latest congressional map that gives Republicans a 6-3 advantage. Arizona voters elected two Democratic Senators and a Democratic President at the national level in the most recent elections. Arizona is no longer a heavily leaning Republican state. If the Commission votes to give Republicans a 6-3 advantage in Arizona it will be an outrageous gerrymandered farce.
12/21/2021 - 13:41	Jane Webb	Voting	We need fairness in our redistricting.
12/21/2021 - 13:41	KATHLEEN MAURO	Republican gerrymandering of AZ - District 17	The Republicans have a 6 - 3 advantage on this and the Republicans are making a sham with their obviously partisan decision. The resulting map clearly demonstrates the most imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map that Arizona has seen. Independent Redistricting Commission Chair Erika Neuberg has demonstrated that she was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in our constitution. Instead, she chose to undermine the voting power of Arizonans in favor of an increasingly-radicalized Republican Party. Who is she trying to fool? She is still a flaming Republican!
12/21/2021 - 13:42	Jane Webb	Voting	We need fairness in our redistricting.
12/21/2021 - 13:45	John Neville	Obvious Illegal Gerrymandered Voting District Map	The current map of Arizona Voting Districts is so obviously gerrymandered to disenfranchise Independents and Democrats that there will certainly be lawsuits. It must be rejected. The lopsided nature of the districts violates Arizona law and the Voting Rights Act. There were warning signs from the beginning of the process when the map consulting firm selected by a 3 to 2 vote was a right wing company with a record of drawing illegal maps. Then the maps selected for approval, again by 3 to 2 votes all leaned heavily towards Republican districts. The thousands of citizens who gave their thoughtful input on the maps were ignored, because the chair of the IRC was a fraud. She is and always has been a right-wing operative masquerading as an independent. These things will surely come out in court and in the media. Once again, right wing radicals are making Arizona a laughing stock.

12/21/2021 - 13:51	Julie Pindzola	Public records request delay	<p>IRC Legal Team I want to follow up again about the time it is taking to receive the Public Records Request I made in July. The initial delay was to allow for the software migration between the IRC and the contracted law firms. With all due respect, it is past due</p> <p>With this mapping project winding down, there is the essence of time attached to this and other (and possibly future) PRA requests.</p> <p>THANK YOU. I look forward to receiving that requested info soon.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:52	Nicole Gurley	LD3	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.
12/21/2021 - 13:52	Francine T Saccio	Gerrymandered Legislative Maps	This is criminal, against the State Constitution. Totally unfair and non competitive and does not represent the wishes do Arizona voters.
12/21/2021 - 13:55	Pamela Swift	Maps	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 13:55	erik filsinger	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	I have followed the different arguments about redistricting and feel that a good outcome has been achieved. Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 13:57	Darl Terry Faasett	I support the LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 13:58	Franklyn Bergen	gerrymander and other illegalities	<p>The introduction to Proposition 106 states clergy that the measure is proposed to end the practice of gerrymandering. But LD17 was drawn in a fashion that leads to the inescapable conclusion that it is intended as a gerrymander. We known when west one. The Chairwoman's efforts to defend it begin with an impermissible rationale that it creates a district from which Republicans can elect legislators to represent their interests. Embarrassed by the reaction to that argument she proposes a community of interest based on water, transportation and infrastructure.</p> <p>The proposition, and therefore the Constitution of the State of Arizona, states quite clearly: "THE PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF INCUMBENTS OR CANDIDATES SHALL NOT BE IDENTIFIED OR CONSIDERED." And yet the Republican Commissioners quite boldly ask that an area including the residence of Senator Siine Kerr be moved from a Democrat-leaning LD to one considered safe for Republicans. Need I state that Senator Kerr is a Republican?</p> <p>Please act in accord with your constitutional mandate rather than any explicit or tacit instructions given you by your appointing powers, the anti-competition Seaker of the House and the President of the Senate.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 13:59	Connie P. Wittig	Redistricting	When will the redistricting process be completed?
12/21/2021 - 13:59	Barbara Weidemann	I support LD map version 16.0 and CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 13:59	Gail Golec	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	<p>I appreciate all your efforts and hope that you will continue to listen to the Community as they are very much focused on keeping the communities of interest together and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.</p> <p>In Liberty,</p> <p>Gail Golec</p>
12/21/2021 - 14:01	Connie P. Wittig	Restricting	When will the redistricting project be completed?
12/21/2021 - 14:06	Connie P. Wittig	Timeline for completion of the redistricting?	<p>What is the timeline for completion of the redistricting?</p>

12/21/2021 - 14:06	frank hecker	Maps I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1
12/21/2021 - 14:12	Millicent Gray	AZ Redistricting	From Millicent Gray and Family To the members of the IRC We certainly can understand and appreciate the complexity of the AIRC's task. Most likely, the commissioners are comparing this task to walking a tightrope. And the end result is paramount: to keep our Democracy thriving in this state, and, to think globally; also, in this country and across the world. We are talking: Equal representation, Strong communities; Safe elections; Fair districts, as in, fair to the most number of Arizonans. Please see to it. Respectfully, Millicent Gray
12/21/2021 - 14:15	Rachel Rulmyr	Reject map 10.0	As a retired educator in Oro Valley you must reject the GOP Gerrymandered district map 10.0 which places Oro Valley in LD 17. These districts are extremely gerrymandered to favor the GOP base to exclude the Democratic and Independent voices.
12/21/2021 - 14:15	Patricia Kenyon	redistricting	With respect, I add my voice to those of most of Arizona's citizens. Please reject out-of-hand the flagrantly gerrymandered redistricting map. Arizona's citizens adopted the IRC concept 20 years ago because the majority of Arizona's voters believed that all its citizens should have a voice in its government. Taking action to reverse that law by subterfuge as you seem intent on doing may well seem a good idea to you because it carries short-term benefits for those seeking election as members of the GOP. In the longer term, excluding groups of eligible citizens from having an effective voice in the State will have a very harmful effect on the State, its government and its citizens.
12/21/2021 - 14:19	Margaret G Barnes	Redistricting CD 1	Please leave CD1 as it is. Do not add urban Phoenix but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1. Keep similar areas in the same CD.
12/21/2021 - 14:21	Susan Ehmann	Redistricting Maps	I would like to thank you for listening to and considering the concerns of Arizona citizens. I would like to ask that the final maps be CD 12.1 and LD 16 as I feel these are the fairest maps drawn to date representing the communities of our great state. Thank you again for all your work & Merry Christmas!
12/21/2021 - 14:22	Arthur Waid Reynolds	Stop the gerrymandering!	Despite having changed her registration from Republican to Independent in 2016, it is now all too clear that Chair Neuberg is a Republican in disguise. After two decades of the IRC successfully fulfilling its mission to take the power to draw districts away from politicians, Chair Neuberg has abandoned her role as nonpartisan arbiter and negated the voting strength of Independents and Democrats throughout the state. She has been an active participant in the Republican Commissioners' efforts to achieve a warped congressional map so gerrymandered, it might as well have been drawn by a Republican legislature. PLEASE, STOP THE GERRYMANDERING! Sincerely, Waid Reynolds Green Valley AZ
12/21/2021 - 14:22	Virginia West	IRC Final Decision	Dear IRC, Please, please don't allow a 6/3 republican/democrat split in our wonderful state. We have 2 democratic senators, a close split in the state legislature and voted for the democratic candidate for president in 2020. Please allow us to have a competitive state that allows all residents a voice and representation in Washington. This is what we voted for and want you to uphold. Thank you for your time, energy and integrity. Virginia West
12/21/2021 - 14:22	Margaret G Barnes	Redistricting LD 3	Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD 3 and add it to LD 2.. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills.
12/21/2021 - 14:28	Dora Harrison	Redistricting	To the IRC. Reject maps under consideration for redistricting. Be truly independent as intended.
12/21/2021 - 14:30	Jill Hanson	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	This revised LD3 is a bold and horrible attempt to push a conservative agenda and not allow persons of less economic and/or lower social status to vote. Once again, the rich and greedy are pushing rules about voting boundaries to make the greedy get richer and the poorer people pay a price. Shameful. Stop this and don't let this continue!
12/21/2021 - 14:31	Natalia V Dounskaia	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 14:32	Susan Saville	I SUPPORT LD Map Version 16.0 and CD Map 12.1	thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.

12/21/2021 - 14:35	Sharon S. Doyle	Refute the partisan drawn redistricting map.	Redistricting Commission Chair Erika Neuberg should be more than ashamed for the farce of claiming to be an independent voter. Her previous Republican party affiliation certainly reared its ugly head when approving such a gerrymandered congressional map clearly favoring her "former preferred" political party regardless of the increased registrations in both democratic and independent parties. She fully ignored the requirement for building competitive and fair maps. She makes a sham of the will of the majority of Arizonian's who VOTED to put their faith in an Independent Commission believing members would be truthful, accountable and demonstrate integrity in their appointed roles on the commission. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME on her. May she always and continuously be reminded of her dereliction of duty to the State of Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 14:36	Toni Sharp-Taylor	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 14:38	nancy wexler	Do not accept gerrymandered maps!	Dear Chair and Commissioners, As a long time resident of Arizona and voter of the proposition that created the AIRC, I expect a the redistricting process will deliver fair maps- not ones gerrymanders to cement power for the already powerful. As you consider the final maps, understand this is also what the vast majority expects and has demanded. It is possible to have maps that are competitive and regard actual, not manufactured, communities of interest. Do not ignore the tribal voices and those of the people of color and communities that doesn't have as loud a voice as the wealthy special interests. It is obvious I'm this process those interests have taken center stage and have steered this process. Do what is expected, right, and preserves Arizona's independent spirit to help us elect people who represent our communities- not the interests of the most influential.
12/21/2021 - 14:42	Karyn Riedell	Fair and Competitive Maps	<p>Arizona voters approved Prop 106 in 2000 because they wanted fair and competitive districts to be drawn by members of the Arizona INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission. The goal was to get away from gerrymandering.</p> <p>Competitiveness is 1 of 6 criteria that the IRC must consider. However, instead of focusing on competitiveness, the IRC is creating maps that actually protect Republican lawmakers. One such case is state Senator Sine Kerr, R-Buckeye. Commissioners York and Mel have proposed a change that moves Kerr's house from a district with a 15-point Democratic edge to one with a 25-point Republican edge.</p> <p>This proposed shift is blatantly unfair and partisan. Changes such as this one are NOT what Arizonans voted for in 2000.</p>
12/21/2021 - 14:44	Jane Rhodes	Draft Map LD16 and Dickerings Today	<p>COMMENTS REGARDING LD3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LD3 in LD Draft 16.0 is a prime example of gerrymandering in the extreme. There is no honest justification for yet another gerrymandered Republican district resulting in a highly uncompetitive 26% vote spread. And LD3 is certainly NOT compact either. You have to drive through FOUR other LDs to get from Apache Junction to Cave Creek / Carefree. Yet again we ask that you respect our collective COI which is North-South along the Tatum, Cave Creek. and Scottsdale Rd. corridors, not West from Anthem and New River to Apache Junction in the Far East. Remove New River and Anthem from LD3. Once again we ask that you extend LD3 south to include Desert Ridge and communities south of the 101 as far as Bell Road or further. The solution to a viable LD3 is NOT to extend it north and west but instead, south, picking up parts of LD4 and LD8 which are over-populated. <p>GENERAL REMARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Today the Commission and the Chair continue to ignore the extreme partisan imbalance in both the CD and LD maps. After 30 days of comments, over 300 of which called for partisan balance WITHIN districts, you continue to ignore all comments but those of Republicans as you draw these ridiculously partisan maps. You are inviting 10 more years of extremist ideology supported by the loudly vocal few thereby pushing democracy out of Arizona. What a legacy. Democrats are not lobbying for making maps that assure our control; we ARE demanding that both parties have a fair shot at competing for a majority of seats by honestly earning voters' votes, not by having it wired in advance. Arizona is no longer a Republican state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. The 2020 presidential election went blue. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats and Democrats hold nearly half of all state legislative seats. The INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission must reflect the realities of Arizona, whether 3 of you like it or not. The IRC was created by voters to PREVENT partisan gerrymandering, NOT enact it in spades. To relegate competitiveness to a low level consideration is not only preposterous and anti-democratic; it also a disingenuous cover for doing the opposite: that is, paying supreme attention to the ELIMINATION of competitiveness, guaranteeing that Republicans will control the state legislature for yet another 10 years, not through honest politicking that an Independent Commission would promote but through Republican-designed and Republican-controlled map-making from a far-from-independent commission. By so doing, the 3-2 Republican control of the Commission has made this process a total sham. Perhaps even worse, allowing a 6-3 congressional map favoring a radicalized Republican party demonstrates the radicalization of the Commission itself and is completely unacceptable to the majority of voters. By doing so, you truly ignore and insult the will of Arizona voters.

12/21/2021 - 14:46	John Giles	Support of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Request	Commissioners - As Mayor of Mesa, I would like to express my support for the request you received on December 15, 2021 from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC). SRPMIC would like to include the Saddleback Mountain area of their community in the proposed District 8. I would like to lend my voice of support and hope that you will take SRPMIC's recommendation into consideration. Thank you for your service.
12/21/2021 - 14:47	Mary Brookbank Reed	Draft map, LD 2, northern boundary	The change that would move the LD 2 boundary way north past Loop 101 seems to violate the goals of community of interest and competitiveness. The reduction in competitiveness is, I think, obvious. But "community of interest"? When I recently googled driving directions for the Honor Health "mini-hospital" on 32nd Avenue and Deer Valley Road, Google gave me the street address twice, once with Phoenix, Az on the second line, once with New River on the second line. I know New River is part of Phoenix, but I've known people who live up that way who always say they live in New River, not in Phoenix. A number of years ago I canvassed up there during a mayoral election and was told by one resident that she lived in New River, not in Phoenix. Do these residents feel "community" with people like me who live south of the 101 and know we're residents or Phoenix? Hmmm. Redraw those lines.
12/21/2021 - 14:49	Sherrilynn James	redistricting	REJECT THE GOP GERRYMANDERED MAPS!!! Stand up for American values of fair play.
12/21/2021 - 14:52	CHRISTINE DAYTON	IRC Chair person	For the record, the chair person of the 2021 IRC turned out to be a Republican rather than an Independent. If she approves LD17 we will once again be in a district that is overwhelmingly Republican. She threw out the competitive criteria. Very disappointed in the Chairperson.
12/21/2021 - 14:55	Karena Endrizzi	Reject Gerrymandering	In order to support fair voting and citizens constitutional rights I implore the IRC to reject the GOP gerrymander. Please don't fall into the partisan trap that is taking over our airwaves and putting citizens against their own neighbors. Leave the fair districting as is. Thank you! Sincerely, Karena Endrizzi
12/21/2021 - 14:57	Patricia Cervantez	IRC Draft Congressional Map is UnFair	I am requesting that the current draft giving REPUBLICANS a 6-3 partisan advantage NOT BE APPROVED! I want a FAIR and COMPETITIVE MAP for Arizona not one that caters to the far-right extremist politicians! I want our votes to count! The proposed draft is an imbalanced, gerrymandered congressional map that is being delivered to the Republicans by your so called Independent Redistricting Commission Chair Erika Neuberger (former Republican)!! Why must Republicans cheat to gain power?? Bad enough we have to deal daily with far right extremists, now Neuberger is giving them AZ on a silver platter! This draft should NOT BE APPROVED in the interest of FAIR MAPS FOR ALL ARIZONANS!
12/21/2021 - 14:58	John Ericson	CDs	Please provide balanced districts
12/21/2021 - 14:59	Julianne Hurst	AZ redistricting	The way the proposed districts are drawn doesn't make sense. For example my district, LD18, has been drawn in a crazy blob that sprawls all over town with absolutely no attention paid to geographical barriers or street boundaries. It lollygags eastward and southeastward to Escalante, with a strange spur that juts out to the east as though it needs to scoop up a gaggle of houses instead of following Pantano Parkway, which is too far east anyway. Then to the North it sprawls up following no rhyme or reason. What happened to paying attention to geographical barriers? Or streets? Then look at LD17--it's bifurcated by the Catalina mountain range! How can that district be following natural boundaries? Why is LD21 pushed so far into central Tucson? This map doesn't make sense from the perspective of policy, development pressures, geography, infrastructure, or anything else. These districts are NOT COMPETITIVE and appear to have been fabricated into "communities of interest." This is your legacy, you need to consistently apply the six constitutional criteria with which you've been tasked.

12/21/2021 - 15:00	Kenneth Rand Brimhall	Draft Map LD16 and the Meeting Today	<p>COMMENTS REGARDING LD3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> LD3 in LD Draft 16.0 is NOT acceptable with a highly uncompetitive 26% vote spread. We ask that you respect our collective COI which is North-South along the Tatum, Cave Creek. and Scottsdale Rd. corridors, not West from Anthem and New River to Apache Junction in the Far East. Remove New River and Anthem from LD3; instead extend LD3 south to include Desert Ridge and communities south of the 101 and Bell Road as well. This picks up parts of LD4 and LD8 which are over-populated. <p>GENERAL REMARKS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Today the Commission and the Chair continue to ignore the extreme partisan imbalance in both the CD and LD maps. After 30 days of comments, over 300 of which called for partisan balance WITHIN districts, you continue to ignore all comments but those of Republicans as you draw these ridiculously partisan maps. You are inviting 10 more years of extremist ideology supported by the loudly vocal few thereby pushing democracy out of Arizona. This is unconscionable. Unlike the Republicans, Democrats are not lobbying for making maps that assure our control but we ARE demanding that both parties have a fair shot at competing for a majority of seats by honestly earning voters' votes, not by having it wired in advance. Arizona is no longer a Republican state. Our U.S. Senators are both Democrats. The 2020 presidential election went blue. A majority of our members of Congress are Democrats and Democrats hold nearly half of all state legislative seats. The INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission must reflect the realities of Arizona. The IRC was created by voters to PREVENT partisan gerrymandering, NOT enact it in spades. My wife, Jane Rhodes is right: to relegate competitiveness to a low level consideration is not only preposterous and anti-democratic; it also a disingenuous cover for doing the opposite: which is to make competitiveness the highest priority – that is, the priority being to wipe it out, guaranteeing that Republicans will control the state legislature for yet another 10 years, not through honest politicking that an Independent Commission would promote but through Republican-designed and Republican-controlled map-making from a far-from-independent commission. By so doing, the 3-2 Republican control of the Commission has made this process a total sham. Perhaps even worse, allowing a 6-3 congressional map favoring a radicalized Republican party demonstrates the radicalization of the Commission itself. A legitimate poll would find this completely unacceptable to the majority of voters. This is NOT your charter.
12/21/2021 - 15:00	Jack Ferrell	Congressional Map	<p>In order to restore fairness and fulfill the mandate to provide balanced representation, the Commission should adopt a map acceptable to all five commissioners. This is the duty required to earn the title of Independent. Please earn this title by adopting a competitive map which actually reflects the reality of our state, which as recent elections have clearly demonstrated, is a closely balanced, highly competitive electorate. Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:04	Mary Grier	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	<p>Dear Members of the Commission,</p> <p>I am a resident of proposed LD 3; I have lived in McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale since 2005.</p> <p>Version 16 of LD 3 does not meet the relevant constitutional standards. It is not compact and is at least 13% below the population requirement--both attributes are clear evidence of gerrymandering to create a Republican supermajority.</p> <p>Version 16 goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving across the proposed district from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD.</p> <p>The resulting district has a +26% Republican registration advantage. This is the apparent object of the contorted, unconstitutional boundaries. The independent redistricting process was created to prevent this type of gerrymandering.</p> <p>There is an obvious solution to the infirmities of this map: move the district south to pick up parts of over-populated LD4 and LD 8 and remove large swaths of rural areas from the north of the district. I urge you to take this step to the extent required to bring LD 3 into constitutional compliance.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Mary Grier Resident and Voter, City of Scottsdale</p>

12/21/2021 - 15:07	Mark Lawson	Redistricting in Pima County	I live in the Northeast of Raul Grijalva legislative district and am included in his district the goes all the way to Yuma. My area is just south of Pinal county & consists of lower to middle income citizens of white & Hispanic backgrounds, I myself am 1/6 Hispanic & Native American and I feel that this district is dominated by Native American & lower income Hispanics that have been coerced into voting Democrat for decades & leaving my vote erased by uneven political influences. Our district should by mixed with ereas closer to Pinal county.
12/21/2021 - 15:11	Renee Kirkpatrick	GOP redistricting map	Take a stand against the GOP gerrymandering map being considered for redistricting. I expect this Independent Commission to do whats right for ALL Arizonans, not just one party. Has our state not be the ridicule for too long? Ev Mecham, Fife Symington, and now the radicalized party and their shenanigans
12/21/2021 - 15:12	Kathleen Brooks	Gerrymandering	Do not approve new gerrymandering map
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12/21/2021 - 15:12	Gregg Paulson	Redistricting - wrong to lump Scottsdale with Arrowhead.	We live in Scottsdale which has area specific issues, demographics, life, business and recreational Issues that need to be addressed by our own neighborhoods. Arrowhead has its own and should be addressed locally as well. Any voting, grassroots activities and decisions by design of representative govt, means just that, local representation. Arrowhead and Scottsdale are disparate areas with disparate issues. I know nothing of Arrowhead and ought not to decide for them. My guess is the Arrowhead residents would agree. My guess is they would also agree of knowing little of Scottsdale and not the right to decide for us. Thank you. Very best regards, Gregg and Katy Paulson [REDACTED] Scottsdale,AZ 85260
12/21/2021 - 15:13	Gregg Paulson	Redistricting - wrong to lump Scottsdale with Arrowhead.	We live in Scottsdale which has area specific issues, demographics, life, business and recreational Issues that need to be addressed by our own neighborhoods. Arrowhead has its own and should be addressed locally as well. Any voting, grassroots activities and decisions by design of representative govt, means just that, local representation. Arrowhead and Scottsdale are disparate areas with disparate issues. I know nothing of Arrowhead and ought not to decide for them. My guess is the Arrowhead residents would agree. My guess is they would also agree of knowing little of Scottsdale and not the right to decide for us. Thank you. Very best regards, Gregg and Katy Paulson [REDACTED] Scottsdale,AZ 85260
12/21/2021 - 15:13	Nigel F Taplin	LD3 16.0 Democracy at Stake	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 a Steward for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy. With each iteration of map updates, LD3 gets worse with LD3 16.0. It gets less competitive, it gets less compact, and it gets further away from any coherent community of interest. This failure compromises the integrity of the IRC process which was established to prevent this kind of unfair practice. I am an Arizonian with a right to use my vote to make a difference. LD3 16.0 fails to do this. It is not even close. I will be disenfranchised. My rights as a citizen in a democracy are completely compromised. Please give us a district that meets at least some of the criteria. Please! Please reconsider LD3 16.0. Please!! Thank you for your commitment to our democratic values and your resolve to protect our democracy. Nigel Taplin

12/21/2021 - 15:15	Nigel F Taplin	LD3 16.0 Compact & Contiguous	<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 a Steward for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.</p> <p>LD 3 16.0 fails to meet many criteria including its failure to be compact or contiguous by anyone's standards; it goes from Tortilla Flat in the southeast to New River in the northwest. Driving from Fountain Hills to Cave Creek requires driving THROUGH another LD. Also, this version 16.0 does not meet the 'equal population' standard. It is approximately 13% under the total population requirement.</p> <p>For those of us who live in the proposed LD3, please rectify this by moving LD3 south. Both LD4 and LD8 are over-populated, offering LD3 an opportunity to come into compliance with the population standard.</p> <p>I urge you to reevaluate this. Regardless of the 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>Please reconsider LD3 16.0. Please!!</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment to our democratic values and your resolve to protect our democracy.</p> <p>Nigel Taplin</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:17	Nigel F Taplin	LD3 16.0 Fair and Competitive District	<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 a Steward for the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy.</p> <p>As you know, Arizona's demographics are reasonably balanced between the Democrats and Republicans. I noticed that you worked hard to represent this with your final draft maps in late November, but since then, LD 3 16.0 has changed into a dramatically Republican district with a 26% advantage. This is stunning! This guarantees extremist candidates and extremist governance! This fails to protect our Democracy.</p> <p>I urge you to reevaluate this and provide a redistricting outcome that represents fair and competitive maps to sustain democracy in our state. Regardless of the 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>Please reconsider LD3 16.0 and give us a fair and competitive district. Please!!</p> <p>Thank you for your commitment to our democratic values and your resolve to protect our democracy.</p> <p>Nigel Taplin</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:18	Elizabeth Enright	Gerrymandering	<p>If this congressional map, or a map resembling it, is passed, the legacy of Chair Neuberger a Republican under the guise of an Independent (who has proven she is anything but) and the 2021 IRC will be one of rank partisanship that enabled the rising extremism in the Arizona Republican Party, prioritizing it above the needs of Arizonans.</p> <p>Shame on this sham body.</p>

12/21/2021 - 15:22	Mary Grier	Fix LD3 Version 16.0 to Make LD3 Competitive	<p>To the Members of the Commission,</p> <p>I am a resident of McCormick Ranch in Central Scottsdale. As a moderate Arizonan I am particularly dismayed by the Commission's issuance of a map for my legislative district that is grossly gerrymandered and noncompetitive, in contravention of the relevant constitutional standards. As proposed LD 3 has a + 26% Republican advantage.</p> <p>It is well established that noncompetitive, safe districts reduce voter turnout, attract more extreme partisans of the majority party in the district who then behave more unreasonably. Noncompetitive districts discourage qualified candidates of the minority party from running. They offer no incentives for the winning candidate to address the concerns of their constituents or to cooperate with members of the opposing party. They are the antithesis of democratic process.</p> <p>That is why voters amended the constitution to require that the redistricting process make districts competitive unless to do so would harm or undermine one of the other goals stated in the constitution. In the case of the proposed Version 16.0 of LD 3 the steps that would be required to make LD 3 more competitive would strengthen, rather than undermine, the other goals stated in the constitution. Moving the boundaries south to pick up parts of the overpopulated LD 4 and LD 8 and remove parts of the underpopulated rural areas in the north would preserve communities of interest (the more urban parts of Scottsdale along the Loop 101 corridor) and would make the district more compact and closer to the population target, and more regular in shape. For these reasons it is constitutionally required that the Commission make LD 3 more competitive.</p> <p>Thank you for considering these comments.</p> <p>Mary Grier Resident and Voter, City of Scottsdale</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:33	Catherine A Hozian	STOP GERRYMANDERING!!!	<p>My current legislative and congressional districts lean Democratic, but with the new redistricting lines will turn both my districts red...and I'm NOT happy about that.</p> <p>STOP GERRYMANDERING the districts to overwhelmingly favor republicans!!! It is WRONG and YOU know it!!!</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:36	Marcia Stumpf	IRC Redistricting Testimony	<p>I am so disappointed with the current unbalanced redistricting decisions. The GOP should be ashamed of the flagrant disregard of our democratic principles. I hope you rue the day.</p> <p>Marcia StumpfAXQBa</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:47	Larry Thomas	reject the gerrymander	<p>Arizona voters created a way to make elections more fair. Arizona Proposition 106, also known as the Constitutional Amendment Relating to Creation of a Redistricting Commission, was on the November 7, 2000, ballot in Arizona as an initiated constitutional amendment. It was approved by 56 percent of voters.</p> <p>Proposition 106 amended the Arizona Constitution to create an independent redistricting commission to re-draw the state's legislative and congressional district lines after every census. The measure was actively opposed by political conservatives.</p> <p>Later the constitutionality of Prop. 106 was challenged in the courts; that effort failed. In 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled the measure constitutional writing,</p> <p>"The people of Arizona turned to the initiative to curb the practice of gerrymandering and, thereby, to ensure that Members of Congress would have "an habitual recollection of their dependence on the people." The Federalist No. 57, at 350 (J. Madison). In so acting, Arizona voters sought to restore "the core principle of republican government," namely, "that the voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around." Berman, Managing Gerrymandering, 83 Texas L. Rev. 781 (2005). The Elections Clause does not hinder that endeavor."</p> <p>Clearly, the opponents of Prop. 106 and the IRC it created, decided to defeat the will of the voters with another effort. This time they packed the 2021 commission by adding a pro-Republican "Independent", Ms. Neuberg. This third conservative in the five member commission was never interested in upholding the criteria for fair and competitive maps clearly outlined in Arizona's constitution, choosing instead to undermine the voting power of Arizonans and drawing a 6-3 draft congressional map in favor of an extremist anti-democracy party. Another black mark for Arizona!</p>
12/21/2021 - 15:48	Steven R. Andrews	Fix LD3 Version 16.0	Please remove the inequities in the redistricting proposal to reflect the actual numbers from the census.

12/21/2021 - 15:50	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>
12/21/2021 - 15:55	Judy Whitehouse	Draft congressional map	Your draft map for congressional districts giving Republicans a 6-3 registration advantage will further the vitriol and bitterness that is destroying hopes of working together for the good of all in Arizona. Just because you have the power to do what you've done does not make it the wisest or correct choice. Please reconsider the map and give all Arizonans the chance to see their vote count.
12/21/2021 - 16:02	Shelly Sheperson	Stop the republican gerrymandering	Hi, We need fair elections that best represent their areas. Gerrymandering helps political parties a stay in power abd underrepresent the communities they are set up to serve.
12/21/2021 - 16:03	William James	Fix LD 3 Version 16	Dear Comissioners, I live in the proposed LD 3 Version 16. It covers a very large non contiguous area made up of communities with no obvious ties. It certainly does not feel like my community. It does not comply with the equal population standard. Pushing the LD further south might help do that. TaRaHThis plan for he LD must be based on some need other than following the constitutionally defined criteria for LDs. I urge you to fix it.
12/21/2021 - 16:07	Ted Abraham	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Message: Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 16:08	Bridget L Abraham	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Message: Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow
12/21/2021 - 16:09	William James	Fix LD3 Version 16	Dear Commissioners, I live in the proposed LD 3 Version 16. It is now even more unwieldy and unrepresentative of my community than it was when I wrote to you in the past. It is also quite uncompetitive. Please work toward a contiguous, competitive LD that meets the constitutional standards forLDs. This version certainly does not.

12/21/2021 - 16:09	Barbara Jennings	Congressional map 12.1	Please approve Congressional map 12.1. This is the best representation of our communities. Thank you for your hard work and consideration
12/21/2021 - 16:11	Rosalie schindel	Gerrymandering	Please reject Election gerrymandered map. The independent redistributing commission Is supposed to be nonpartisan. Thank you, Rosalie and Andrew Schindel Tucson
12/21/2021 - 16:17	Bruce Bracker	Santa Cruz County	<p>Chairwoman Schupak Neuberg and Members of the Arizona Redistricting Commission, My name is Bruce Bracker, I was born and raised in Nogales Arizona where my family has been involved in local government, supported local charities and owned and operated small businesses for close to 100 years. I am currently serve on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors representing District #3 which encompasses Tubac, East Rio Rico and all of eastern Santa Cruz County which includes Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin. When I addressed this commission at the meeting in Nogales in early August, I emphasized that it was very important to keep Santa Cruz County whole, something that I reaffirmed in my previous letters submitted in October and November of this year. At your meeting on December 17th you once again adopted a position where you are dividing Santa Cruz County into two Legislative Districts and gerrymandering the entire southeastern border of the state into one district, map 10.0 and 10.2. This does not align with your "community of interest" mandate. It is critical that all of Santa Cruz County be kept as one legislative district. From our perspective, as a community of interest, we deem it essential that we remain as a part of the same district that includes University of Arizona and Pima Community College. Pima Community College is our partner for our community college district and our partner for our high school JETD programs. The University of Arizona has had a satellite campus in Santa Cruz County for many years and we benefit from their economic research of our community. Dividing our county and, by redrawing the district lines to include the eastern portions of the county in a district that includes Cochise County, you are actually combining two portions of Arizona that have very little in common. There is little in the way of familiar, educational, or economic ties between these two areas thus I am puzzled and cannot find a rationale for this action. In fact, the realignment in this instance is counter to the best interests of the eastern portions of my County. It will weaken our political significance; it will further entrench the economic disadvantages and alienate our residents from each other by forcing them to find new economic and political alliances to be recognized and considered. In closing, I also mentioned at your meeting in Nogales that it is very important to have two congressional districts that represent the communities on the US-Mexico border. This reasoning also applies to State legislative Districts. Though rural, our proximity to Board of Supervisors Santa Cruz County BRUCE BRACKER District 3 the US – Mexico Border means that we are dealing with issues that require the attention of the State Legislature and the Governor. By creating a disjointed border district, you dilute the representation for the region. I urge your reconsideration of this proposal and stress the importance of keeping all of Santa Cruz County within one legislative district. Our economic, social, and political future depends on it. I thank you for the attention you give to this urgent petition. Sincerely, Bruce Bracker District 3 Supervisor Santa Cruz County Santa Cruz County Complex [REDACTED] • Nogales, Arizona 85621</p>
12/21/2021 - 16:19	William James	Fix LD 3 Version 3	<p>Dear. Commissioners,</p> <p>I live in LD 3. Version 16 is worse in terms of contiguousness, population and competitiveness than previous versions. The extreme lack of competitiveness is discouraging, demoralizing and disenfranchising. It is because of severe lack of competitiveness that we have such extreme and irresponsible politicians who are repeatedly elected to our legislature. Please prevent that from happening again in LD 3.</p>
12/21/2021 - 16:21	Ted Abraham	REDISTRICTING	<p>Please remove the Deer Valley airport area from LD3 and add it to LD2. Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills</p> <p>CD1 should stay as is. Please do not add urban PHX but keep Cave Creek and Carefree in CD 1.</p>

12/21/2021 - 16:24	Audrey Elaine Cain	Gerrymandering	I DO NOT approve of the current proposed redistricting map. Under the current proposal I will be a Mesa district and precinct not the Tempe LD 18 Dover Precinct I currently reside in. This does not seem equitable to me and is unacceptable. Please reconsider your decision.
12/21/2021 - 16:28	J Smith	Redistricting	REJECT THE GOP GERRYMANDER. Chair Neuberger is a partisan hack.
12/21/2021 - 16:30	Doug Stewart	Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde Community Must be Heard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There was significant testimony to the Commission and the residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde are not being heard, in favor of other communities. Because our community is not being heard, please allow me to reiterate. •As a resident of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, I am very familiar with Scottsdale and I know that the area south of about Camelback and east of the canal is and arts & entertainment area which is more in the character of adjacent Tempe and the new LD8. It does not fit with the largely residential area to the north. •Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a younger family area while Scottsdale and Fountain Hills have an older population. Residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde do not typically have a connection with the Desert Ridge/ Deer Valley area and vice versa. These two areas should not be in the same LD. •The Redistricting process is to respect and preserve "communities of interest." It should not ignore that principle, as has been expressed in numerous testimony to the Commission. Please reconsider and remove Desert Ridge and Deer Valley from LD3 and make the logical and proper changes to Scottsdale in LD8. <p>Doug Stewart Precinct Committeeman DC Ranch Precinct</p>
12/21/2021 - 16:30	William James	Fix LD 3 erosion 16	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I live in proposed LD 3 Version 16. It does not meet the equal population standard, being 13% too low. That might be improved by moving LD 3 south to include parts of LDs 4 and 8, which are overpopulated. That might also create a more contiguous and certainly more competitive LD. Please fix LD 3 Version 16 so we can have an LD that meets the constitutional standards of contiguity, equal population and competitiveness.</p>
12/21/2021 - 16:32	Doug Stewart	Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde Community Must be Heard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •There was significant testimony to the Commission and the residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde are not being heard, in favor of other communities. Because our community is not being heard, please allow me to reiterate. •As a resident of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, I am very familiar with Scottsdale and I know that the area south of about Camelback and east of the canal is and arts & entertainment area which is more in the character of adjacent Tempe and the new LD8. It does not fit with the largely residential area to the north. •Desert Ridge and Deer Valley airpark do not belong with Scottsdale or Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge is a younger family area while Scottsdale and Fountain Hills have an older population. Residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde do not typically have a connection with the Desert Ridge/ Deer Valley area and vice versa. These two areas should not be in the same LD. •The Redistricting process is to respect and preserve "communities of interest." It should not ignore that principle, as has been expressed in numerous testimony to the Commission. Please reconsider and remove Desert Ridge and Deer Valley from LD3 and make the logical and proper changes to Scottsdale in LD8. <p>Doug Stewart Precinct Committeeman DC Ranch Precinct</p>
12/21/2021 - 16:33	Bradford D Drown	Redistricting Maps	I live in Rio Verde, and if this entire process is to respect and preserve "communities of interest" then that's what should happen. But it appears that residents of Scottsdale/Fountain Hills and Rio Verde are not being heard. I don't understand why Desert Ridge and the Deer Valley airport areas would be lumped in with Scottsdale/Rio and Fountain Hills. Desert Ridge consists of much younger families unlike the older population of Scottsdale/Rio Verde and Fountain Hills. At the very least, the Deer Valley airport area should be removed from LD3.

12/21/2021 - 16:36	Marianne Buckner	Redistricting	Redistricting committee, Want to state that as a PC, I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1 Thank you, and have a Merry Christmas! Ann
12/21/2021 - 16:38	William T Smith Sr	Map LD 16 version	This map does not look nearly as Gerrymandered as earlier ones Therefore I support
12/21/2021 - 16:38	Eve Shapiro	final maps	The most recent drafts establish a majority of Republican dominated districts. This goes against the importance of competitive districts as outlined in the law that established the IRC. Pleas stop the Republican gerrymander!
12/21/2021 - 16:40	William T Smith Sr	CD Map 12	This doesn't look nearly as gerrymandered as previous versions therefore I support it
12/21/2021 - 16:46	Peggie Jo Vincent	reject partisan formed districts	Please reject GOP gerrymandered districts. If all people in Arizona are to have a voice in our state government, we need to have representation that brings everyone to the table, not just one view controlled by a few entities. The gerrymandered districts show that the commission did not work in good faith and adherence to the prescribed procedures.
12/21/2021 - 16:57	Corinne Shaw	IRC maps not competitive	Proposition 106 as passed by the voters mandated that districts be competitive. The maps you have drawn favor one political party in violation of proposition.
12/21/2021 - 16:58	Brenda Wexler	REDISTRICTING	No gerrymandering please. Let's make the map as fair as possible.
12/21/2021 - 17:03	Patricia Edelen Smith	Redistricting	Just to show the under-handedness of the Republicans in District 6 (specifically those in Payson AZ) the following was included in an email sent to their members: "We need to insist that the map does not reflect the majority Republican voters in the state, but the way it is now, we will loose a Republican LD and gain a democrat LD and they will be in the majority in the house and senate. DO NOT INCLUDE THE UNDERLINED SENTENCE IN YOUR LETTER, IT IS JUST SO YOU KNOW HOW CRITICAL THIS IS. We must demand that they do not let the Dems focus on competitive districts to the detriment of the other VRA requirements." I bring this to the Committee's attention in order to request that you recognize the Republican attempts at gerrymandering in order to suppress minority voters. Thank You.
12/21/2021 - 17:04	Patricia Edelen Smith	Redistricting	Just to show the under-handedness of the Republicans in District 6 (specifically those in Payson AZ) the following was included in an email sent to their members: "We need to insist that the map does not reflect the majority Republican voters in the state, but the way it is now, we will loose a Republican LD and gain a democrat LD and they will be in the majority in the house and senate. DO NOT INCLUDE THE UNDERLINED SENTENCE IN YOUR LETTER, IT IS JUST SO YOU KNOW HOW CRITICAL THIS IS. We must demand that they do not let the Dems focus on competitive districts to the detriment of the other VRA requirements." I bring this to the Committee's attention in order to request that you recognize the Republican attempts at gerrymandering in order to suppress minority voters. Thank You.
12/21/2021 - 17:04	Judith Gogolin	redistricting	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 17:05	Alison H Jones	CD6 CD7	DAVID MEHL says EI Encanto is a University neighborhood. IT IS NOT. Listen to Commissioner Lerner. Mehl is packing.
12/21/2021 - 17:06	Michael B Stegman DPM	Redistricting	This new map has a definite huge advantage for Republicans over the Democrats. Which is paramo a rigged election in Republicans favor. This is extremely unfair. You need to reject this mapping.
12/21/2021 - 17:09	Martin Plocke	Proposed LD 16	The plans by the IRC for the new legislative district 16 boggle the mind. Stretching from SW Tucson to Goodyear, it would include Sacaton, Casa Grande, Picacho Peak, Avra Valley and Tucson Estates. It would take part of Maricopa, Pinal, and Pima Counties. Why would anyone put all those places in the same district? How would anyone campaign let alone represent such a district? It is approximately 100 miles end-to-end, and maybe half that in width. I leave near Tucson Estates. It is rural, has bad roads and lots of retirement communities. Goodyear is urban, dense population of varied ages, and lots of malls. We don't even have a grocery store. If we relate to a large urban area it would be Tucson. The obvious point of such butchery is to take part of Democratic Pima county and connect it to more Republican Phoenix. The question really is: Do the proponents of this foolishness think nobody would notice or fight back?
12/21/2021 - 17:17	Mark Niblack	Congressional district lines	A 6-3 plurality in a state that is 50/50 is clearly unfair and gerrymandered. The IRC has failed to be "independent" and I will support a change in the IRC.

12/21/2021 - 17:23	Brian Vandervoet	Santa Cruz County	<p>The consideration by the IRC to separate into two legislative districts Santa Cruz County, is erroneous and imperils any opinion that the IRC is non-partial, and ambivalent to political considerations of the redistricting process.</p> <p>The Santa Cruz River Valley has little or no connection with the counties of Graham and Cochise. The infrastructure of the 20th and 21st Century have connected Nogales and Santa Cruz County to it's neighbor to the north. Interstate 19 and the Santa Cruz River and the Southern Pacific Railroad conjoin into permanent Communities of Interest, Santa Cruz County and Pima County. In fact, until the late 19th Century, Santa Cruz County was part of Pima County. The Hispanic Culture of Santa Cruz County has absolutely nothing in common with the ranching culture of Anglo Graham and Cochise Counties.</p> <p>For the IRC to seriously consider the political separation of Santa Cruz County into two legislative districts only enhances the image of the IRC as a tool of political pressure. Gerrymandering provides one political party undo advantage over another political party. Mr. Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts would be proud of the efforts of the Arizona IRC.</p>
12/21/2021 - 17:25	David Williams	District 17 Draft Map	<p>Just trying one last time to get you folks to understand the profound injury to democracy of your clear partisanship related to your proposed LD17. This needs to be remedied to meet the requirements for community of interest, contiguity, and competitiveness.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 17:26	Saundra Arellano	Fair maps	<p>Hello. I live in Peoria and have lived in the valley for 40+ years. I am active in the community volunteering with a couple non profits. I value my community and the great state of AZ and I want fair maps that accurately reflect the communities here.</p> <p>Please draw fair maps that are a true reflection of the communities so that Arizonans are fairly represented.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/21/2021 - 17:27	Sara Busey	Redistricting	Do not redistrict Green Valley out of Sahaurita and I-19. These are our neighborhood, not eastern, rural Arizona.
12/21/2021 - 17:31	Aaron Gough	Please reject the Congressional Maps: 12.1	I have been tracking the maps presented by the IRC and for the most part been happy with the efforts to create competition. However the latest 12.1 maps giving republicans a 6-3 advantage is wildly unfair and needs to be rejected. In a purple state, neither party should be given more than a 5-4 advantage at best, and ideally 3 seats would be swing seats. These 12.1 maps absolutely must be rejected.
12/21/2021 - 17:34	margaret chaney	Redistricting map	Please reject this version of redistricting. It is clearly biased and does not take into consideration constituents or their interest.
12/21/2021 - 17:38	Claire Paradiso	Gerrymandered redistricting	I beseeched you to follow your intent as a redistricting committee and to reject the districts that have been proposed that give an unfair advantage to Republicans. It's clear that LD 17 that wraps around half of Tucson was created to give Republicans a majority district, to disrupt Tucson areas and reduce the influence of Democratic voters. Republicans or any other party should win fairly, not because districts have been gerrymandered to the benefit of that party, and other non-Republican voters should have an opportunity to prevail and have their interests represented. Districts must be competitive, compact, contiguous, and in accordance to the Voting Rights Act. We are a democracy in which every vote is equal: gerrymandered districts do not represent democratic principles.
12/21/2021 - 17:45	SHIRLEY G MUNEY	Redistricting plans	I've testified 3 times live at Commission hearings, submitted written copies of my testimony, and even submitted a comment on line. Each time I've pleaded for more competitive districts. In addition, I've urged the Commission to reject to plan 10.0 which includes a totally gerrymandered Legislative District 17 in Pima County. This proposed district does not accord with the requirement by law to have districts compact & contiguous, and it certainly doesn't respect a "community of interest" since the wide areas it includes have nothing in common other than avoiding the City of Tucson. This was obviously constructed to favor a partisan purpose, namely to construct a mostly Republican district in a mixed area. This is illegal, since the law requires districts to be drawn regardless of political leanings. There's still time to include other plans, since many have been submitted.
12/21/2021 - 17:49	Colten Bacs	Redistricting	<p>Hello IRC,</p> <p>I wanted to let you know that I believe the latest maps released (CD 12.1 and LD 16.0) are an excellent representation of the communities in Arizona and correctly represent areas of interest in a way that is fair and inclusive. Thank you for your work.</p> <p>Sincerely, Colten</p>
12/21/2021 - 17:52	Jill Davis	Your mapping	<p>The mapping is totally unfair</p> <p>I have been a Republican my whole life and I am totally ashamed of your redistricting...awful...unfair and a poor example of democracy</p>

12/21/2021 - 18:02	Marcus Tork	I support LD map version 9.2:D4 & CD map version 12.1	I support LD map version 9.2:D4 - particularly in that the inclusion of neighborhoods in the Southern part of D4, down to Thomas Road, incorporates communities of common interest better. Also support CD map version 12.1. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 18:08	Chandler McElroy	IRC redistricting inbalance	Please redou the map to rebalance the patrician lines to a more balanced republican democratic matchup instead of the 6-4 alignment.
12/21/2021 - 18:20	Vicki Smith	Redistricting	Thank you for listening to the public to keep communities of interest together. I support LD map 16.0 and CD map 12.1. If these maps are approved, I believe I will finally have representation for the first time since I moved here in 2005. I hope and pray that you will approve these maps. Thank you.
12/21/2021 - 18:44	Ana Sanchez	CD12 map	I wanted to thank you for your hard work. It's been an exhausting long road for all of us and, I'm sure you are looking forward to all of this being behind us. CD version 12 map and LD version 16 map look compact and I support approving them as final tomorrow. Thank you for listening to the communities of AZ. Wishing you a Merry Christmas
12/21/2021 - 18:46	Fredi Hamilton	Democracy	My Dear Commisioner Neuberg, I am a senior citizen who thought I had seen the last of the partisan gerrymandering you are on the brink of instituting in Arizona. I hope, for the sake of your offspring, that the egregious cheating you are about to institute in our state will not kill the Democracy that your children and grandchildren will live under. Autocracies are not fun.
12/21/2021 - 18:51	Annabella Wilkinson	CD 12.1 Map	I fully support the draft of this map as it is the most competitive map I've seen to-date. Thank you for the work you're doing.
12/21/2021 - 18:54	Kathleen P Crockett	Map CD 7	I am a minority in Santa Cruz County as a caucasian. Why do you listen to the majority hispanic community? I want to be in CD 6.
12/21/2021 - 19:26	Arif	gerrymandered congressional map	Please add the map in your letter with red lines where you find the map as gerrymandered. That will help us understand what you want to convey to the Public. Thanks.
12/21/2021 - 19:34	John Wickenden	draft Congressional map	The draft Congressional map, giving Republicans a 6-3 partisan advantage, is obscene. I've spent most of my life as a Republican; but I can't stomach this. Commission Chair Erika Neuberg is destroying the essence of our "independent" commission. Fix this hateful partisan error!
12/21/2021 - 19:48	Ashley Kish	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 19:51	Darla Schneider	I support KD Nap 16.0. & CD Map 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and properly drawing maos that represent our state. You have done a terrific job with LD map 16.0 & CD map 12.1. I am hopeful that those will in fact be the final maos tomorrow.
12/21/2021 - 19:56	Sally Phelps	Redistribution	Redistributing is too important to accept the IRC's currently gerrymandered map. Can we sue?
12/21/2021 - 19:56	Kirby Ross Wright II	Reject the GOP gerrymandering	Reject
12/21/2021 - 20:08	Thia Hassett	I support LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1	Dear Commissioners, Thank you for listening to the communities and drawing appropriate maps. You have done a great job with these maps, and we are hopeful that they will be the final versions. Thank you, Thia Hassett
12/21/2021 - 20:34	April Talley	Redistricting maps	I am asking the IRC committee to re do the maps so it is more competitive and does not favor one party over the other.
12/21/2021 - 21:04	Kevin Beamon	Please support LD map 16.0 and CD map 12.1	Thank you so much for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map version 16.0 & CD map version 12.1. I'm hopeful those will be the final maps approved tomorrow. Thank you for your service. KB
12/21/2021 - 21:10	JEFFREY PIERSON	Redistricting balance	In light of the population of Arizona being evenly split, I would expect the districts to reflect that. Since there are 9 districts, it should logically be a 5-4 split. My analysis shows a Republican 6-3 split. As a registered Republican, I find this disheartening. Democracy should come before party.

12/21/2021 - 21:31	Stephen Robinson	Redistricting	As a fairly new Arizonan, I was eager to see how an "independent" redistricting commission would draw legislative and Congressional maps. It is thus sad to witness the avowed "independent" chairperson totally yield to the partisan demands of the Republican members of the commission in handing representation in Arizona not to the people but to the extreme elements of the Republican party. I read that commissioner David Mehle quipped at a recent meeting that if his demands were not met he would have a hard time explaining himself to his Republican neighbors. Mr. Mehle needs to be reminded that his job is not to appease his neighbors, but rather it is to follow the dictates of the voter-approved amendment that define fairly succinctly what his job is, and pleasing his neighbors is not on the list. This is an insult to all Arizonans.
12/21/2021 - 21:45	Margaret Nichols	IRC 6-3 imbalanced map	With the proposal to give Republicans a 6 - 3 advantage in Arizona, the IRC is abandoning the intention of an independent redistricting process. There are possible maps that allow contiguous, competitive districts that protect real communities of interest. Being a Democrat or Republican is NOT a community of interest as contemplated in the referendum that created the commission. Please step back and do another look at this. If districts are competitive, voters have motivation to be informed and involved and voting.
12/21/2021 - 21:46	George N Krebs	Citizen Redistricting Comments	<p>Testimony to AZ IRC - December 2021</p> <p>George Krebs ████████████████████ Tempe, AZ 85282</p> <p>I am a retiree resident of Friendship Village Tempe. Retirees compose a significant part of the AZ population and are an important component of the AZ community. Their voice should be recognized in the final IRC maps for the East Valley.</p> <p>It is important for retirees to have a meaningful voice in AZ politics and decision-making. I therefore strongly recommend that the IRC seriously consider the suggestions of the citizens' group shown on map LD0061. On this map, the retirement communities of Friendship Village Tempe, Sun Lakes and Ahwatukee are in the same district, it's proposed LD12. This would give retirees a meaningful voice in at least this one district.</p> <p>As analysis by the citizens' group shows this recommended map would also increase competitiveness of districts in this area of the East Valley.</p> <p>Approval of the recommended LD0061 map also results in -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - nearly equal East Valley (EV) community populations; - less breakup of city boundaries into fewer split sections; - formation of a cohesive Latino community in LDs 9 and 13. <p>I sincerely hope that the IRC will strongly consider the important recommendation of proposed map LD0061 in its final analyses and deliberations! It is important that each citizen have a meaningful voice, assured by competitive and representative districts!</p> <p>George Krebs ████████████████████ Tempe, AZ 85282-7816</p>

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12/21/2021 - 22:38	Edmund D Schaefer	Redistricting	I support the change in the redistricting of Santa Cruz County. As a 20 year plus resident of Elgin I feel that my community's interests would be more efficiently reflected in the two citizen redistricting plans; CD0052 and LD0029. Sincerely, Ed Schaefer
12/21/2021 - 22:39	Valerie Williamson	I support LD map version 16.0 And cd map version 12.1	Thank you for listening to the communities of interest and drawing maps that properly represent our state. You have done a very good job with LD map 16.0 and CD map 12.1. I am hopeful that those will be the final Maps approved tomorrow.

12/21/2021 - 23:04	Alexander Smith	Prop 106 Violation	<p>To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission ATTN: Chairwoman Neuberg, Vice-Chair Watchman, Commissioner Mehl, Commissioner Lener, and Commissioner York, Brett Johnson, Snell and Wilmer Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>My name is Alex Smith, a resident and voter of Maricopa County. I am writing to the Commission to express my concern that the Independent Redistricting Commission is not in compliance with the residency requirements. Commissioner Watchman was appointed as a representative from Apache County, however, according to the Maricopa County Assessor's records, Commissioner Watchman owns a home in Maricopa County. While this is not determinative that the Commission is acting in contradiction of the law, it is concerning that the IRC appears to not be honoring the intent and is not honoring the language of Prop 106. This is important to voters like me because Prop 106 (enacted by the voters) established what is supposed to be a transparent, fair, and representative independent redistricting commission.</p> <p>I understand that Commissioner Watchman might "reside" in Apache County, but it is possible that he actually resides in Maricopa County. Arizonans deserve transparency in our democracy, and the map drawing process is no exception, which is why the Commission should address this residency question immediately.</p> <p>The diligent work of the Commission so far gives me hope that the Commission and the commission's attorneys Chairwoman will do the right thing by giving this issue the serious consideration it deserves. Ultimately, the Commission should investigate this and provide an answer to the public prior to voting on any maps.</p> <p>Sincerely, Alex Smith</p>
12/21/2021 - 23:12	Corinne Farmer	new maps	<p>Who is going to go house to house in Sun City and explain this to the 'Old People' who have lived here and knew where to go to vote?</p> <p>Why where the LDs changed?</p>
12/21/2021 - 23:17	Norman A Jacobs	Redistricting Map	<p>Please do not change the district 1 Map. It makes sense the way it is rather than adding a part of Phoenix and removing Cave Creek and Carefree. As a resident of the Carefree and Cave Creek area, my wife and I shop and get services in that area and identify with it. That is not true of any portion of Phoenix. It seems sensible to us that our district has a sense homogenous identity rather than be a hodge-podge. Thank you for your consideration. Norman A. Jacobs</p>
12/21/2021 - 23:37	Theresa M James	Start over	<p>Not a very good start on the redistricting map. Please take your duty seriously and draw a fair / balanced map. We need to stop the extremists and gerrymandering is a key enabler. You can do better. The citizens of Arizona deserve a non-partisan map.</p>