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| 07/17/2021 - 12:35 | 07/17/2021 - 12:35 | Thomas McConnell | Direct Data Download | <p>There are several hundred Geographic Information Systems (GIS) analysts in Arizona who would like to work with the datasets you will be using. These include the original counts using Census geography, the version of these data by voting precinct used for the draft maps, the district boundary files for CDs and LDs in each of their iterations, and even the initial grid maps (for those interested in educational exposition of your entire process).</p> <p>I suggest you provide a link to download these datasets as zipped Shapefiles. This is an industry standard format that can be used in virtually all commercial and free open-source GIS systems. I have examined your public information request form and see no problem in asking users to complete this form, but a direct link to the data would expedite the download process and relieve your staff from further involvement.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if the public could upload similar files for any proposed Communities of Interest, or to illustrate any potential issues they perceive. This would simplify the process of reviewing these items for your mapping consultants when they will be under considerable time constraints.</p> |
| 07/17/2021 - 15:04 | 07/17/2021 - 15:04 | Maria A Lynam | July 19 IRC Meeting Agenda Item VII and VIII | <p>I am uncertain of the correct agenda item to comment on the upcoming public hearings, aka Listening Tour. I live in Yavapai County and our hearing is scheduled for Tues. July 27. The format of the meetings has not been released, nor discussed. It would be greatly appreciated if you finalize the format at the July 19 meeting.</p> <p>I am concerned that Yavapai College does not offer "social distancing" seating at their main campus venue. Our county has experienced a large no. of COVID cases and I hope that you ensure our safety. I trust you will address this.</p> <p>We are looking forward to this hearing and know that you will do whatever possible to make it accessible to all our citizens.</p> |
| 07/17/2021 - 18:09 | 07/17/2021 - 18:09 | Harry Thompson | Redistricting - Census - Illegal Aliens | <p>Hello,</p> <p>Does anyone on the commission represent citizens who oppose illegal immigration, whose votes are cancelled by other citizens, who vote for corrupt politicians, who enjoy long-term incumbency, by supporting illegal immigration?</p> <p>Does anyone on the commission oppose the wrongful counting of illegal immigrants in the census for purposes of apportionment, that gerrymanders district boundaries, that inflates population counts, & sends more politicians to congress than needed to represent legal residents?</p> <p>Does anyone on the commission represent taxpayers, who`re gouged by the feds, who send hundreds of billions of tax dollars to sanctuary states, & cities, to reward illegal aliens, & their political mentors?</p> <p>Does anyone on the commission propose stopping the wrongful practice of issuing drivers licenses to illegal aliens, that includes an option for them to register to vote? And even if they don`t vote, they`re better represented in Washington, than are legal residents, thanks to the anti-America, corrupt politicians.</p> <p>So let the `revolution` begin again...</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>H Thompson Sanctuary City 85719</p> |

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| 07/18/2021 - 10:15 | 07/18/2021 - 10:15 | Cindy Wagner | Public Meetings | <p>Dear Commissioners: I will be attending the public meeting in Yavapai County. I have the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide more detailed information on the format of the hearings to be held in Yavapai county, including the processes for public testimony, the online submission process, and COVID/ safety protocols that will be implemented. Public hearings must take measures to protect public health, including social distancing and the use of masks. This information is crucial so members of our community can participate. 2. All IRC public meetings must prohibit the carrying of firearms and other weapons. 3. Accessibility includes language accessibility. Closed captioning, translation services and interpretation services should be offered. <p>Thank you.</p> |
| 07/19/2021 - 10:01 | 07/19/2021 - 10:01 | Maryann Kenney | Commenting newsletter and listening tour | <p>Hello, I am extremely concerned about the accessibility and safety of the IRC processes. I have signed up for the newsletter at least twice, and to the best of my knowledge have yet to receive any emails, even though there is a public meeting next week for my area (note, this is NOT in my spam folder). Today I entered "how to make a public comment" in your search box - and there were no results giving information on how to comment. Finally, I would like to attend my session in Sedona but I am very concerned about public health. Full vaccination rates in Yavapai county are below 40%, positivity rates are 8 or 12% depending on calculation period and the county is in substantial transmission. Can at least be two rooms in Sedona - one for those who wish to wear masks and one for those who don't? That way I can attend based on my own values of public safety.</p> |

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| 07/19/2021 - 12:31 | 07/19/2021 - 12:31 | Holli Ploog | Listening Tour | Please provide details for the upcoming Listening Tour that is scheduled in our county next Tuesday. Do the speakers need to sign up in advance? How much time will they have to speak? Are you expecting each speaker will be presenting a map? Will they be required to complete the survey (not yet available) before being allowed to speak? Are you intending to accommodate disabled citizens? Is the goal to make it easy for people to share their comments on communities of interest? Introducing a survey only a few days in advance of the first meetings may inhibit folks from going to and speaking at the meeting. How will people be made aware of this new wrinkle? We are trying to send out notices to our community and feel there is insufficient information to provide. With hearings beginning on Friday of this week, it is disheartening that details are not yet available. I hope you can address these issues tomorrow. Thank you in advance. |
| 07/19/2021 - 12:36 | 07/19/2021 - 12:36 | Maria A Lynam | Comment on July 19 meeting | Thank you for the agenda that was presented at the 7/19 meeting. It consists of Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Stock Presentation (which is not ready to view) and speakers. The information available on the speaker protocol has not been clarified. Do they sign up when they arrive? How many minutes do they have to speak? I expect a speaker does not have to submit a survey form, because not everyone has the technology available to do so. However, if a speaker has submitted a survey form, can it be comments only? If a map is attached, will it be displayed? Yavapai County's public hearing is on Tuesday, July 27 and we would appreciate a definitive agenda and also an outline that speakers can follow. |
| 07/19/2021 - 14:04 | 07/19/2021 - 14:04 | Lynne Hudson | Selecting Competitiveness Measures | Selecting measures of competitiveness is challenging, as Doug Johnson pointed out. Which ones are best and how many are needed? I think Commissioner Lerner's suggestion to use the results of elections conducted between 2010 and 2020 to analyze how effective each of the six competitiveness measures used by the 2010 IRC were is a great place to start. With the benefit of such an analysis, the 2020 IRC might even be able to reduce the number of measures needed and save some time. Her suggestion reminded me of the Census Bureau reanalyzing 2010 census data to compare data swapping and differential privacy. As we heard today, that analysis, which supported the Census Bureau's decision to change privacy protection methods, is holding up in court, at least thus far. |
| 07/19/2021 - 14:53 | 07/19/2021 - 14:53 | Jerry Cabrera | Independent Redistricting Commission meeting | City of Somerton is requesting that the IRC have a public hearing in Somerton, AZ. Our zip code 85350 also includes part of South Yuma County with a total population of over 22,000. South Yuma County has a populace of over 55,000. Please consider Somerton as a location for your next public hearing. |
| 07/19/2021 - 17:56 | 07/19/2021 - 17:56 | Jean Meconi | listening tour form | Your website refers to a form that can be used in tandem with the upcoming listening tour. I am unable to find this form on your website. |
| 07/19/2021 - 21:44 | 07/19/2021 - 21:44 | Sterling Fluharty | data recentness and scale | I appreciated the presentations on July 19th from the mapping consultants. I was impressed with the socioeconomic data report and hope to see it soon on the commission's web site. The competitiveness presentation provided a nice overview of options available to the commission. But it occurred to me there were some tensions between those presentations. One tension is data recentness. The mapping of the socioeconomic data presents the latest data from the American Community Survey (ACS). The competitiveness report will likely examine Arizona election data over the last decade. Perhaps one way to align these two datasets would be to place more weight on the most recent elections and less weight on the older elections. Another tension is data scale. The smallest geography reported by the ACS is at the block group level. It appears your mapping consultants have parsed those block groups into individual blocks for the socioeconomic mapping that was demonstrated today. The election results they are getting from the Secretary of State are likely at the precinct level, which is an "off-spine" geography. One method for aligning these two datasets would be to decompose the precinct votes into votes at the block level. This raises a few questions. At what geographic level would you like your mapping consultants to draw your redistricting maps? If it is at the block level, would that give you more control over the composition and competitiveness of the districts? If the maps are drawn at the precinct level, would that help you to preserve communities of interest and minimize precinct splits? |
| 07/20/2021 - 09:58 | 07/20/2021 - 09:58 | Maria Lynam | Survey Form for the public hearings. | I do not see the Survey Form on the website. Where is it located? Thank you. |
| 07/20/2021 - 15:17 | 07/20/2021 - 15:17 | Janis Martinus | Listening Sessions | I am very disappointed that San Luis has not been named as a satellite community. I feel that this will disenfranchise the people of our community. |

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| 07/21/2021 - 10:20 | 07/21/2021 - 10:20 | Susan Morris | redistricting | <p>The key word here is INDEPENDENT. Computer algorithms have made it possible for either party to corrupt the process by gerrymandering and other shenanigans. DON'T DO THIS!</p> <p>Thank you, Susan</p> |
| 07/21/2021 - 22:29 | 07/21/2021 - 22:29 | Julie Pindzola | mapping and Community of Interest | <p>Hello, As we get closer to our Community of Interest descriptions and the maps that evolve from that, I want to ask if you plan to do the Commission's mapping in public? How the maps morph from GRID maps to DRAFT maps will be a major focus that we all want to watch and be a part of. Will you be running many "What if" maps to test district boundaries and their balanced outcomes? Will we see your deliberation of those varied scenarios?</p> <p>Letting the public see your project timeline soon so we can understand things better would also be very helpful. Thanks. I'm going to go learn you new COI survey and mapping program now.</p> |