

ARIZONA		Web Comments 9.17.21 - 9.22.21		
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09/17/2021 - 08:29	09/17/2021 - 08:29	Andrea Fenster	Avoiding prison gerrymandering during redistricting	Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. We at the Prison Policy Initiative have been working to quantify the harm to our democracy caused by the Census Bureau's practice of counting incarcerated people as residents of the prison location. This practice, known as prison gerrymandering, distorts democracy. To ensure equal representation, we suggest that the Commission take the prison populations in to account and use allowable deviations and try to minimize the impact of the Census Bureau's prison miscount. In fact, this year, the Census Bureau published data, the P5 table, for the express purpose of making it easier for jurisdictions to adjust for correctional populations. We have also compiled a list of each state facility in Arizona, the corresponding census block number, and the incarcerated population counted there by the Census Bureau. For more information, please see our full comments at <a href="https://www.prisonersofthecensus.org/testimony/AZ_testimony_september2021.pdf">https://www.prisonersofthecensus.org/testimony/AZ_testimony_september2021.pdf</a> .
09/17/2021 - 10:27	09/17/2021 - 10:27	Katerina Barton	REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW -- from "The Takeaway," WNYC/PRI	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>My name is Katerina Barton and I'm a producer for "The Takeaway," a national morning radio show broadcast with PRX and WNYC. Our program reaches more than 2.7 million listeners across 250 stations nationwide.</p> <p>On Tuesday's morning show, we're hoping to discuss redistricting around the country, and we wanted to potentially speak with a commissioner on an independent redistricting committee to talk about what it looks like to draw a fair map and all of the work that goes into it. Would any of your commissioners be interested in joining the show with our host Melissa Harris-Perry?</p> <p>This would ideally be a pre-recorded conversation at 7:30am ET on Tuesday (Sept. 21) lasting about 10 minutes. But we have some flexibility with time so we could potentially do sometime Monday afternoon between 12-2 pm ET.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have anyone that is interested and available, and if we can take it from there.</p> <p>Thanks! Katerina Barton Producer, "The Takeaway," WNYC/PRI [REDACTED]</p>
09/17/2021 - 18:08	09/17/2021 - 18:08	Nancy Meister	Grid Map tool	I found it rather easy to submit my community of interest. Now I find after watching the training video for the ESRI tool for adjustments to the Grid maps, I can't figure out how to even start the process. Would it be possible to use the old tool to submit changes to the Grid maps. Thank you for your consideration.

09/17/2021 - 20:05	09/17/2021 - 20:05	Hope Busto-Keyes	Include Instructions how to to request translation/interpretation support	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I noticed that the public release meeting notice in the AZ IRC Newsletter Vol IV, September 17, 2021 does not include instructions on how to request translation/interpretation support in order to participate in public hearings.</p> <p>Including instructions on how to request translation/interpretation support during hearings would open more access to Arizona's multi-lingual communities during the redistricting process.</p> <p>Please include instructions on how the multi-lingual public can request translation/interpretation support in future public meeting/hearing announcements.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
09/19/2021 - 08:27	09/19/2021 - 08:27	Lee Ann Rezac	Redistricting Maps	<p>In looking at the sample maps, the default map it appears it has taken the area containing 85045 Ahwatukee as part of the west valley, disconnecting it from the rest of Ahwatukee. The entire Ahwatukee area should be in one district as the area would have similar issues that need representation.</p>
09/19/2021 - 13:00	09/19/2021 - 13:00	Nancy Wexler	Public participation in mapping	<p>Dear Commission Members, I have concerns about how the public can participate in and communicate with the Commission during this next phase. the first round of public hearings did not include enough offerings conducive to inclusion of communities of color -Latino and Native populations, in particular. It also did not adequately adjust for COVID-safety concerns. I request more hearings scheduled in areas accessible to COC and that they be large, well-spaced and ventilated rooms or outdoors, where feasible. Please provide remote video options as well, for those unable to attend in person. further, the mapping tool is not easy to use. This should be managed so there is hands-on assistance and/or better tools for the public. Otherwise, only the professionally trained will be submitting maps you will consider, whereas the public needs a way to express their interests.</p>
09/19/2021 - 14:40	09/19/2021 - 14:40	Eloise Gore	Redistricting Grid Map: Simplify the Mapping Software for Citizens	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>I am a US citizen living full time in Tucson, AZ. I am participating in the all-important redistricting process. I filed comments regarding Communities of Interest, including a map of our proposed Community of Interest. I attended your Tucson public hearing remotely. I have been impressed with the process and performance of the IRC thus far. I have been looking forward to participating in the map drawing process and have attempted to learn how I can comment on the Grid Map.</p> <p>BUT - I am disappointed that the opportunity to suggest district maps requires us to propose districts for the entire state. Of course you have the responsibility to redistrict the entire state, and I imagine there are lobbyists who can manage to propose and draw districts state-wide, but I am just a regular person, a voter, a retiree, and I could not possibly provide helpful comments on districts beyond Tucson.</p> <p>I URGE THE COMMISSION TO REVISE AND SIMPLIFY THE CURRENT MAPPING SOFTWARE so that regular folks (regardless of party affiliation or political beliefs) can offer thoughtful proposals for the districts in our local areas.</p> <p>PLEASE OFFER SIMPLE ONLINE TRAINING for those of us who wish to participate. I would prefer neutral training, not politically motivated for a particular result.</p> <p>THANK YOU for your hard work. Please let us help.</p>

09/19/2021 - 20:35	09/19/2021 - 20:35	Margaret E McConnell	Grid Map Hearings	<p>I appreciate the fact that the IRC has added 5 public hearings at 14 sites over the next two weeks. I am confused that the IRC seeks public comments on its grid maps, which do not play a substantive role in the overall effort to draw new districts. I hope that this scheduling of hearings will ramp up vigorously and with better notice when the IRC publishes its draft maps.</p> <p>My concern with the hearing schedule is threefold. First, it appears that very few - perhaps only three - of the 14 sites are located in communities of color. Given the data from the Census showing a significant growth in Arizona's minority population, that seems to be an inadequate allocation of the opportunity to be heard.</p> <p>Additionally, the satellite locations at Window Rock and Kayenta are restricted to 25 persons. I understand that the Navajo Nation has a 25-person limit in place for gatherings as part of its covid plan. I am not sure that I understand why there is a limit for the township of Kayenta. Perhaps it has instituted a gathering due to its proximity to the Nation. But these limits, coupled with the limited number of hearings in minority-populated parts of the State, suggest, fairly or not, that the IRC is being cavalier about its obligation to hear minority voices.</p> <p>Finally, the IRC has scheduled these 5 hearings to last only one hour - from 4 to 5. For each of the 5 main hearing locations, there are 1 to 4 satellite locations. The 1 hour time limit along with the fact that folks from multiple sites will compete for that limited time makes the chances of hearing a broad spectrum of opinions unlikely, particularly from minority voices.</p>
09/19/2021 - 21:55	09/19/2021 - 21:55	Maria A Lynam	ESRI Mapping Tool	<p>I don't often get discouraged, but I went through the tutorials and started working on my map. I found it impossible to redraw a state map that met all the criteria required. Please figure out a way to allow the public to submit maps from an opensource software mapping program, such as redistrictr or davesredistricting.</p> <p>You are to be commended in listening to the public. Please tell Timmons to find a way to allow us to participate.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
09/19/2021 - 22:03	09/19/2021 - 22:03	Maria A Lynam	Changes to the grid maps	<p>Commissioners, we look forward to full public participation in the drawing of the grid maps, draft maps, up to and including the final approved map. Every line must be done in public with full transparency. It will be difficult for you to redraw maps considering the mastery needed to use the ESRI mapping tool. I trust you have discussed this with Timmons/NDC and will bring your communication plan to the public this week.</p>
09/20/2021 - 08:30	09/20/2021 - 08:30	Linda A A Chiles	Transparency	<p>The ESRI mapping system forces the user to draw the entire state, otherwise the map cannot be submitted. I'm able to draw a map for my district, but I don't have enough information to make district maps and recommendations in other parts of the state. We need a mapping system that allows us to draw just our own district NOT the entire state. Please establish one as soon as possible.</p>
09/20/2021 - 12:25	09/20/2021 - 12:25	Susan Engelhard	Online Public Mapping Tool	<p>I have concerns with the proposed online Public Mapping Tool because it is simply too complicated to use. I am from Scottsdale and while I feel comfortable drawing a map for my district in Maricopa County, I am not able to draw district maps and make recommendations in other parts of the State. The current Mapping Tool is too difficult to use and will make Public Comments difficult, if not impossible.</p> <p>Please modify the Online Mapping Tool so that users can provide single-district maps or even just partial maps. Thank you for your consideration.</p>

09/20/2021 - 12:54	09/20/2021 - 12:54	Andrea Varela	Lack of Hearings in Communities of Color	<p>There is a concern in the community that grid map hearings continue to be in locations that create barriers for the Latino communities in the state. These meetings are still not being held in Latino communities and there is no movement towards improvement in that area. By not holding hearings in communities of color we are diminishing voices and engagement. Hearings should reflect the diversity of the state and they have not thus far for various reasons. These reasons include lack of use of multilingual media outlets and vagueness regarding how to access interpretation and translation services. This all needs to change. If the IRC truly believes in accessibility, transparency and inclusion, they need to step back and make sure that these communities will be represented and heard moving forward. ALL hearings must be accessible to ALL communities.</p>
09/20/2021 - 17:31	09/20/2021 - 17:31	Stephanie Voss	RIDICULOUS Mapping Software	<p>Hi. I wanted to submit a comment about redistricting earlier this year and wasn't able to figure out the mapping software which seemed to be required. And I have designed websites and consider myself as computer savvy as anyone over 55.</p> <p>I live in Prescott and don't think you understand how little we have in common with the Verde Valley. (High Desert/green valley: Very different needs and interests.)</p> <p>PLEASE make public commenting easier.</p> <p>Best wishes on doing a fair job -- probably one that upsets people either way. And thanks for your consideration.</p>
09/20/2021 - 17:32	09/20/2021 - 17:32	Rita Day	ERSI mapping tool	<p>The IRC has continuously made promises to include and engage the public in all steps of the redistricting process and to be open and transparent in this process. To truly include the public in the mapping process, it is necessary to have mapping tools that are user-friendly. The ERSI online mapping tool is very complicate and is anything but user-friendly. Therefore it creates a road block for the general public, if this is the only mapping tool for the public to submit maps to the IRC. Please provide an alternate option for members of the public to submit maps for consideration by the commission.</p> <p>It would also be helpful if the ERSI tool could be modified so that it could create single district maps or partial maps, rather than the entire state. This would allow the public to draw maps for the areas they are most familiar with, without being required to draw maps for areas they have no knowledge of.</p> <p>In summary, to allow the public to more fully participate in the mapping and redistricting process, other mapping tools, besides ESRI (which is complicated), should be allowed for maps created by the public and submitted to the commission for consideration. Also, it would be helpful to allow the public to submit maps of their district rather than the entire state.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day</p>
09/20/2021 - 17:38	09/20/2021 - 17:38	Jane Doyle	Importance of public contributions to redistricting process	<p>Dear Commissioners, thank you for allowing us to play our role in the redistricting of Arizona. I wish I knew the ESRI public mapping software like you, but I don't. The vast majority of the public, including doctors and engineers, cannot grasp the operating of the software you are requiring us to use. As working people raising families, we just don't have the time to learn it. I think that you're not purposely trying exclude all of us from submitting maps; rather, you may be assuming expertise on our parts that isn't there. Please stop requiring us to use the ESRI software exclusively. Allow us to use any method to submit our maps to you, even paper. We know you need to be able to read the maps. If we want our opinions considered, we will make sure they're clear - whatever tool we use to submit them.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

09/20/2021 - 18:46	09/20/2021 - 18:46	Eric L. Day	2 separate communities of Interest	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Testimony at Community of Interest (COI) hearings supports the fact that residents of Verde Valley/ Sedona/Cottonwood area consider their COI to be included with Flagstaff. Furthermore, they consider to be a separate and distinct COI from Prescott/Quad Cities area. Testimony at these COI hearings from both of these 2 distinct, different COI supports that residents from both area consider their communities distinct and different from each other. They both agree these 2 Communities should NOT BE grouped together. The residents of Verde Valley, Cottonwood &amp; Sedona prefer to be included with Flagstaff.</p> <p>These 2 Communities of Interest are physically separated by Mingus Mountain. The Verde Valley, Cottonwood &amp; Sedona have a separate healthcare system from Prescott, Quad-Cities area. Each of these 2 COI have distinctly different economies, 2 different forms of tourism and 2 distinctly different agriculture economies. Each area has a separate and distinct City Center. There is a separate county administration Building in Cottonwood, where the County Supervisor's office is located for the Cottonwood, Verde Valley &amp; Sedona area. Prescott has a city building where city offices and city council headquarters are located in central downtown area of Prescott. Also, each COI has their own Newspaper and radio station.</p> <p>In conclusion, each of these 2 communities of Interest are distinctly different. They are physically separated by Mingus Mountain. Furthermore, testimony at the community of interest hearings supported the fact that the residents of these 2 areas consider their areas distinct and different from each other and they prefer to have their own separate COI and NOT be included together.</p> <p>Sincerely, Eric L. Day</p>
09/20/2021 - 19:31	09/20/2021 - 19:31	Cindy Wagner	Mapping	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please IRC commit to accept maps and community of interest submissions from all sources.</li> <li>2. I ask that the IRC make provision to accept paper maps AND value them equally to electronic submissions. As important as technology is, some of us are just not mappers. Others do not have access to broadband to use the tools of the IRC.</li> <li>3. The online public mapping tool, ESRI, is too complicated for use by the general public. Please provide an alternate option for members of the public to submit maps for consideration by the commission.</li> <li>4. Please modify the ESRI tool so that users can submit single-district maps or partial maps in a simple, straightforward manner. The ESRI mapping system forces the user to draw the entire state, otherwise the map cannot be submitted.</li> </ol>

09/20/2021 - 19:49	09/20/2021 - 19:49	Rita Day	2 separate communities of Interest	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>During the IRC Community of Interest meetings, citizens of the Quad Cities Area and citizens of Verde Valley/Sedona area, made it perfectly clear that both areas should be considered two distinct COI and should NOT be grouped together, as they are physically divided by the Mingus Mountains and furthermore, they are distinctly different. They have different forms of tourism, different economies, different healthcare systems, different agriculture, different newspapers and each has their own separate city center where governmental offices are located. So these 2 areas should be considered 2 separate and distinct communities of interest. However, the recently posted draft maps have done just the opposite and grouped these two areas together. It seems like the Mapping Firm wasn't listening to the testimony presented and the community of interest hearings!</p> <p>I attended the community of interest meeting, so I heard all those who made presentations. Those from Verde Valley or Sedona, requested that they be included with Flagstaff and NOT with Prescott. That is not how the draft maps were drawn. Were the members of the Mapping Team NOT listening to the citizens??</p> <p>Drawing maps as they did puts Verde Valley, Cottonwood &amp; Sedona in a different legislative district from Flagstaff, which they specifically requested this NOT be done. So please listen to the citizens and correct this problem, by creating 2 separate communities of interest with Verde Valley, Cottonwood &amp; Sedona included as a community of interest in the legislative districts that includes Flagstaff. If you fail to correct this, you are ignoring all the many comments provided at the community of interest hearings that specifically requested these 2 communities of interest be kept separate and distinct from each other. I don't recall ANY testimony that was requesting these 2 separate communities be considered one community. PLEASE LISTEN TO THE RESIDENTS OF THESE 2 COMMUNITIES AND TREAT THEM AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, as they have requested!</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Rita Day</p>
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09/21/2021 - 00:04	09/21/2021 - 00:04	Julie M Pindzola	GRID Maps and Beyond	<p>Hello IRC</p> <p>Thank you staff for letting me know about the YouTube link for the new training modules. Could you please put this link up in an obvious place for all to access, maybe on the Redistricting Hub site and as a stand alone in the Newsroom. I learned that which browser I'm using influences my ability to open your links. Any way to reduce frustration is helpful.</p> <p>I do want to strongly request that the district line drawing be done in public, meaning the line change and the rationale for making the change and the implications all need to be explained before executing the change. I believe that the people of AZ want and need Fair and Competitive districts, at least statewide. Renewing our faith in AZ institutions by keeping this Independent Redistricting Commission process on the steady keel of Balance and Fairness would be tremendously healing. AZ needs to be competitive and this process needs to stay fully in the public eye.</p> <p>Thank you so much</p>
09/21/2021 - 00:16	09/21/2021 - 00:16	Julie M Pindzola	mapping submittals and public participation, etc	<p>Dear Commission,</p> <p>I believe that most of the interested citizens who commented at the COI stage of mapping, will likely find the ESRI GRID mapping program too complex to use. To keep the public's participation at decent levels, they need to be able to submit their mapping requests in various forms. I hope you will accommodate that need even though that will take extra processing time by the consultants.</p> <p>PS Still watching for the public records request I made in July.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

09/21/2021 - 07:23	09/21/2021 - 07:23	Lynne Hudson	Competitiveness	<p>Comments from many voters on the listening tour indicate they believe their interests would be better served in a district of “likeminded persons.” But isn’t that another label for a non-competitive or safe district? And haven’t we seen often enough that it is elected officials from such districts that argue for partisan positions that place the wishes of the few ahead of the needs of the many and contribute to power struggles and gridlock?</p> <p>To avoid a dysfunctional system that produces winners and losers rather than progress, we should focus on problems and solutions, not political Parties and power. This needs to happen at every level of government, but it should start at the local level. The best way to ensure that voters are exposed to different ideas and solutions, as well as to the candidates who espouse them, is to have diverse districts where good ideas and good candidates can be heard and prevail. It is unfortunate that such districts have been labeled “competitive,” because when the best qualified candidates are elected, there are no losers.</p> <p>Independent redistricting commissions are a constructive tool for eliminating, or at least significantly reducing, the partisan gerrymandering that has produced the current dysfunction and replacing it with a legislative system that focuses on what benefits the entire community, not a smaller but more powerful minority. It is clear most voters understand and value the concept of communities of interest, but I am not as sure they understand and appreciate the concept of competitive, or better stated, more balanced, districts. This is a topic I would like to see our Arizona IRC members address more fully during public meetings.</p>
09/21/2021 - 11:07	09/21/2021 - 11:07	Kathy Kinsella	Map tool	<p>I am unable to use your map software. It is not user friendly.  May paper maps be submitted? Will paper maps be considered? Will comments without an accompanying map be considered?  Please consider using a more navigable map tool. This is supposed to be a public process, yet it is not designed to allow for that participation. People are excluded from the process.  Please give the public a more workable tool and please consider paper maps and comments without maps.</p>



09/21/2021 - 13:48	09/21/2021 - 13:48	Rebecca Haynes	Redistricting mapping	<p>Please establish a process by which the public can provide direct feedback- in real time - on the three official sets of maps drawn by the #IRC - grid maps, draft maps and final proposed maps; and, input during business meetings as well.</p> <p>The IRC\ Timmons Group is encouraging and expecting the public to submit maps - for districts and perhaps statewide models as well. Please commit to accepting maps and community of interest submissions from all sources.</p> <p>As important as technology is, some of us are just not mappers. Others do not have access to broadband to use the tools of the IRC - or open source tools. Paper needs to be welcomed and valued equally to electronic submissions.</p> <p>Most importantly, every movement of a line from grid to draft, from draft to final, and final to approved - MUST BE DONE IN PUBLIC. With 100% TRANSPARENCY AND FULL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>The online public mapping tool, ESRI, is too complicated for use by the general public. Please provide an alternate option for members of the public to submit maps for consideration by the commission.</p> <p>Please modify the ESRI tool so that users can submit single-district maps or partial maps. The ESRI mapping system forces the user to draw the entire state, otherwise the map cannot be submitted. I can draw a map for my district, but do not have enough information to make district maps and recommendations in other parts of the state.</p>
09/21/2021 - 15:36	09/21/2021 - 15:36	Nelson Morgan	strange thing in the grid map District Statistical Report	<p>If you look at this report for districts 15 and 16, the Number of Registered Voters as a % of the Total Population comes out to 116% and 98.6% respectively. The former is impossible and the latter extremely unlikely (our population should be so attentive!) Perhaps a bug?</p>
09/21/2021 - 16:02	09/21/2021 - 16:02	Jennie Larsen	Unable to connect to Webex for the public meeting	<p>We are unable to connect to the Webex. It states we are required to have Arizona State login to view the meeting.</p>
09/21/2021 - 16:39	09/21/2021 - 16:39	Zubin Kottoor	9/21 Grid Map Listening Tour	<p>The meeting requires an "azgov" login. Even after typing in the event number and password, the webex requires an additional "azgov" login. When searching for public meetings on WebEx, this listening tour meeting does not show up. Maybe the settings for the meeting have to be adjusted. Please explore and fix as soon as possible.</p>

09/21/2021 - 16:39	09/21/2021 - 16:39	Jeffrey Tucker	Webex	<p>Your Webex online meetings do not allow members of the public to join without a Cisco account on azgov:</p> <p>"Sign in to your Cisco Webex Meetings account on azgov" Is what we see when we attempt to sign in to these public meetings.</p> <p>Steps to recreate:  1) Click on link from Meeting announcement (<a href="https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=m0aec6a5c338600daf895a273c8f00e03">https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=m0aec6a5c338600daf895a273c8f00e03</a>)  2) Click Launch Event  3) Click Join the Event  4) Enter Name and enter email  5) Click Join as a guest  6) Enter Your Password: fuPMFeNy535 (Incorrect Password - Failed)  7) Click Forgot your password Fill out form and don't get a response because we don't have accounts with azgov.</p> <p>Please examine on a computer that does not automatically log you into webex and please provide better instructions if the above is the incorrect way to get into the meeting.</p>
09/21/2021 - 16:41	09/21/2021 - 16:41	Sharon R Edgar	Bad link for September 21, 2021 Public Meeting	The link in today's public hearing is not working. I was able to call in, but I can not hear the speakers.
09/21/2021 - 16:43	09/21/2021 - 16:43	Jeffrey Tucker	Public Meeting Volumes via Phone/Webex	<p>Entire portions of the official speakers as well as the input from the members of the public are either muffled or are completely inaudible. Please address as this is very difficult for those who require ADA assistance.</p> <p>It is unclear how you will record, and transcribe the suggestions the public is making if the meeting audio is inaudible.</p>
09/21/2021 - 17:18	09/21/2021 - 17:18	Ann Rae Heitland	Public Access	The Commission's work is supposed to be transparent. I was not able to sign in this morning with Webinex for the business meeting and I was not able to see the first Grid Map listening hearing this afternoon. When I tried to call into this afternoon's hearing (after trying to sign in through the published link for video), most of what was said was inaudible. This hearings must be redone for public viewing.
09/21/2021 - 17:27	09/21/2021 - 17:27	Linda J Piurek	Public comment	The public trust has been put in the IRC. The mapping tool is not user friendly. People will struggle with public comment and not obtain fair and competitive maps.
09/21/2021 - 20:19	09/21/2021 - 20:19	Michelle Barrett	IRC	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment.
09/21/2021 - 20:31	09/21/2021 - 20:31	Julie Golding	IRC mapping tool	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.

09/21/2021 - 21:07	09/21/2021 - 21:07	William Bowlus-Root	My testimony before the IRC at the Public Hearing in Yuma 9/21/21	<p>Here is the testimony I gave to the IRC regarding the Grid Map at the Public Hearing in Yuma on 9/21/21:</p> <p>My name is William Bowlus-Root. I'm a retired software developer in Yuma, 85365, CD4 and LD13. Chair Neuberg and Commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to share my views with the Commission tonight regarding the Grid Map that was generated as the starting point for drawing the Draft Maps and eventually the Final Maps for Congressional and Legislative District boundaries. According to the Arizona Constitution, the process to arrive at these maps is expected to be transparent, carried out in public so we can feel confident it's as free of political bias and tampering as possible.</p> <p>I have several concerns about this process already that I feel are important to raise and give voice to. First, it's not clear that the mapping consultants actually carried out the wishes of the Commissioners when they produced the original Grid Map. The instructions agreed on by the Commissioners stated that the starting point would be the "Township Median" of the state, and rotate clockwise, gathering voters in neighboring census blocks until the target number for a district was reached. However, the commission omitted the other important instruction, namely which direction from census block containing the township median should be the next one. Should it be the one directly above it? Or to the right? Or perhaps below it? The question is really which block is clockwise from the one in the center? That choice would have affected the boundaries of the resulting Grid Map in subtle ways. But because the Commission failed to specify it, that choice was left to the mapping consultants, who had to act on an assumption in order to generate the map on time. We also don't know how neighboring blocks were combined to grow each district, but they appear to have been added radiating from the starting point. The published diagram on the website doesn't tell us much. In any case, the choices they made have never been shared with the public, leading us to question the process they used to create the Grid Map.</p> <p>My second concern has to do with the mapping software that's been offered to help adjust the boundaries of the Grid Map when proposing new districts. It's just plain too difficult to use. I'm an experienced software developer and I've tinkered with it for hours without finishing a single map. Even with the training that's been offered, if I struggle with it how do you expect the public at large to use it? I doubt that 1% of them would have any success trying to figure out how to change boundaries or deal with the consequent ripple effects, much less how to get their proposed map to the point it's worth submitting, assuming they can figure out how to accomplish that. The Commission must be willing to accept maps submitted by other means and make sure they are input into the system so we can see them and so that they are not perceived to be disregarded or considered of lesser importance than those submitted through the current tool that are proposed by extremely savvy individuals or by powerful organizations that can afford to hire mapping professionals to promote their own agendas. It's the only way to get public input.</p> <p>Finally, during the public training on the software, much was made about how individuals could share their maps with others so they could collaborate. But, that functionality is not enabled for the average user. According to Esri Tech Support, that must be configured by someone in the role of Administrator. Although I submitted that information through your Contact Us form, but there's been no response yet. Given that Timmons has stated they will NOT provide technical support for their product to the public – the people who are footing the bill for their services – I suspect it will continue to be ignored. In the meantime, there are people who would like to collaborate on maps as a Group. Please ask Timmons to ensure this capability is enabled as soon as possible so we don't waste more time waiting.</p> <p>Thank you for your time this evening.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
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09/21/2021 - 23:03	09/21/2021 - 23:03	Peggy Yeargain	Maps	From what I have seen, the IRC mapping tool is not easy to understand. This should be a public process that is easily access ble to an average person. There is no good reason to make the process murky. Voters will feel confused and unable to comment intelligently. If you really want lots of public input that results in fair maps and competitive districts, you must create a user friendly mapping tool.
09/21/2021 - 23:46	09/21/2021 - 23:46	Tamara Voss	IRC Mapping	The current IRC mapping tool is difficult to use. It needs to be revised to allow for easier public participation and comment.
09/22/2021 - 00:37	09/22/2021 - 00:37	Eliz leydon	IRC mapping tool needs work	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 00:50	09/22/2021 - 00:50	John Lutes	Other map tool	Input on Grid maps should be accepted from other mapping tools which are being used by other organizations including hand made maps for Communities of interest without requiring that they balance the entire state.
09/22/2021 - 05:04	09/22/2021 - 05:04	Karen Moscato	Fair Mapping	I moved here in 2017 from Indiana and was shocked at the limited computer skills in AZ. Also the lack of broadband and decent internet is appalling. In order to make mapping fair; you need to offer a user friendly system so all can comment and you are transparent.
09/22/2021 - 05:28	09/22/2021 - 05:28	David Brill	Fair and Good Process	Today we have unprecedented software available to provide powerful and user friendly tools. If the Commission wants to preclude voter input, it will use poor tools. Hmmm. Let's invest in a good process and let people participate openly.
09/22/2021 - 05:42	09/22/2021 - 05:42	Margaret Connery	IRC a public process?	Redistricting is supposed to be a non-partisan, public, accessible process. The tool you have designed to elicit public comment actually proh bits public interface, as the tool is so non-user-friendly. Let's at least get the perception of an independent, non-partisan, public process. Improve your tool so that you actually do get public input.
09/22/2021 - 05:46	09/22/2021 - 05:46	Felicia French	IRC mapping	Is imperative and just that we have transparent and user-friendly Mapping of our legislative districts.
09/22/2021 - 05:47	09/22/2021 - 05:47	Felicia French	IRC mapping	Is imperative and just that we have transparent and user-friendly Mapping of our legislative districts.
09/22/2021 - 06:12	09/22/2021 - 06:12	Leesa Stevens	Mapping tool	Please change your mapping tool to make it more user friendly. Thx
09/22/2021 - 06:19	09/22/2021 - 06:19	Abby Brill	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 06:24	09/22/2021 - 06:24	Nancy Scharff	Independent Redistricting Commission	The IRC is supposed to be impartial, nonpartisan and accessible to all citizens. The mapping tool being foisted on the public is not user friendly. This will serve to limit the voters' access to our right to fair representation.
09/22/2021 - 06:36	09/22/2021 - 06:36	Deborah Thalasis	Redistricting Process & Maps	Please consider that you are potentially disenfranchising many older Arizona voters from the redistricting process with your choice of complex mapping software. Even for those who are technologically capable, the software is complex and not user friendly and you are limiting what is supposed to be a public process. I urge you to consider more simplified mapping software and to consider hand-drawn maps, giving them equal weight to maps produced by any technology. Arizona is one of the first states to use an independent redistricting process and this commission needs to uphold our proud tradition and values around a viable and inclusive public process.
09/22/2021 - 06:37	09/22/2021 - 06:37	Julie Rayda	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. Arizona is still lagging behind other states in transparency in government - let's stop this!

09/22/2021 - 06:50	09/22/2021 - 06:50	Andrea Bernkrant	IRC Public Comment Tool	The redistributing process allows for public input, but the mapping tool is confusing and difficult to use. People who want to submit their opinions are likely to become frustrated and give up, which will drastically reduce critical information the IRC should have when making their important decisions. Please change to a more user-friendly format. Thank you.
09/22/2021 - 06:58	09/22/2021 - 06:58	Vickie Parks	Second round of public comment	Could you please give an adequate lead time of announcing your statewide meetings this time!
09/22/2021 - 07:05	09/22/2021 - 07:05	Wendy Jacobsen	Mapping Software	The mapping software for the question of redistricting is not user friendly and greatly discourages public participation which is key to a democratic system of governing.
09/22/2021 - 07:23	09/22/2021 - 07:23	Mary Kaye O'Neill	redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be open to public review and comment. The 'tool' being used is not user-friendly; I suggest also having a paper version available to download so that folks can actually see what's being proposed. For one the district we now have is totally inappropriate and nearly impossible for ordinary people to campaign effectively.
09/22/2021 - 07:30	09/22/2021 - 07:30	Rita Day	Mapping tool	I am extremely concerned that this redistricting process is not fair because the complicated mapping tool will limit many from the ability to comment and provide maps. Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. Please allow more user friendly mapping software and allow all maps, even paper maps for those with access to internet.
09/22/2021 - 07:35	09/22/2021 - 07:35	Lorileachman	Redistricting	Pls make the redistricting process more transparent, less political, and more user friendly for the public.
09/22/2021 - 07:45	09/22/2021 - 07:45	Lee A Atonna	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps
09/22/2021 - 07:47	09/22/2021 - 07:47	Wendy Eckberg	AZ IRC mapping tool	The Arizona IRC mapping tool is not user friendly and needs to be revised or replaced so the public can comment properly. Redistricting needs to be fair and balanced, and transparent. Without public comment this can't happen. Fix the problem.
09/22/2021 - 07:58	09/22/2021 - 07:58	Marlene Barrington	Mapping Tool	I tried and it was almost like the tool was schizophrenic as it hopped all over the place and was impossible to control
09/22/2021 - 08:01	09/22/2021 - 08:01	Mary Lou Molinaro	redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. This needs to be a fair and transparent process.
09/22/2021 - 08:16	09/22/2021 - 08:16	Ralonne Morss	IRC Issues	Aren't we supposed to have the ability to voice our concerns re: the redistricting process? Well, we can't if the Arizona IRC mapping tool isn't user-friendly. Makes me think this is another Republican attempt at gerrymandering the redistricting process. Apparently, the state government doesn't care about being reelected in the next elections because this will cause me and my family to vote against them due to the obvious attempt at cheating.
09/22/2021 - 08:24	09/22/2021 - 08:24	Michael Buchanan	IRC TRANSPARENCY	We all need access and full transparency in the redistricting effort
09/22/2021 - 08:31	09/22/2021 - 08:31	Linda A A Chiles	Transparency	Please adjust the existing mapping tool. It is NOT user-friendly at all. If you don't supply an easier to use/understand mapping tool, it severely limits public comment and will definitely jeopardize FAIR & COMPETITIVE maps.

09/22/2021 - 09:00	09/22/2021 - 09:00	Linda Lutes	Redistricting.	The redistricting process in Arizona is supposed to be fair, open and transparent BY LAW. The redistricting map is NOT user friendly and is confusing. This is our one chance to get it right based on the current census. You MUST include all of us in this most important of tasks. Sincerely, Linda Lutes Prescott, Az. 86301
09/22/2021 - 09:06	09/22/2021 - 09:06	William J. Wade	Making it easier for the public to provide input	Having attempted to use the redistricting mapping tool that you the IRC selected, I am finding it very awkward to use. And I expect that most other members of the public will have the same experience that I did, when they attempt to use it. Please, if you truly want public input to help you produce fair and competitive districts, find and adopt another, more user-friendly, mapping tool. Moreover, not all of the public that wishes to comment on the mapping will be computer-savvy or have access to computers. Please consider accepting comments from these folks that do not include maps, or that include maps on paper. Thank you.
09/22/2021 - 09:07	09/22/2021 - 09:07	Mary Morris	REdistricting Maps and Information	In order for our state to be fairly represented in Congress, it is vital that the redistricting process be transparent and user-friendly. We citizens cannot participate if the commission insists on using a difficult-to-access and understand mapping process.
09/22/2021 - 09:17	09/22/2021 - 09:17	Lenore Hubbard	Redistricting	Redistricting needs to be a public action done by a non partisan committee. Gerrymandering to give republicans an advantage is not going to happen under our watch. You are motivating the dems and independents and progressive to be more active in going after and defeating people in the republican party who cheat by taking action that unfairly favors them in elections. Seems that the only way republicans seem to think you can win. Pathetic.
09/22/2021 - 09:17	09/22/2021 - 09:17	Dr. Damon R. Clarke	Response for Redistricting	I have an attachment to respond to the redistricting process. If you have an email that I could submit to.
09/22/2021 - 09:21	09/22/2021 - 09:21	Francis Molinaro	IRC Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 09:36	09/22/2021 - 09:36	Joan M. Griffin	Redistricting	It is my understanding that redistricting is a public process that affects all citizens and in this case Arizonans. However, the IRC mapping tool is not user friendly and limits transparency, citizen comments and jeopardizing fair and competitive maps. Please make sure that all of us are treated and considered fairly.
09/22/2021 - 09:38	09/22/2021 - 09:38	Mary Dee Nolan	Problems with redistricting mapping tool	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 09:54	09/22/2021 - 09:54	Kimberly Whitley	Mapping Tool Places an Additional Digital Burden on Comment Submitters	I was glad to see a new round of public hearings following the last round. I was one of many that was unable to attend due to location and then limited venue size. I am concerned that reliance on web-based feedback will limit access to the redistricting process for many Arizonans, especially those who are older, live in rural communities where internet is unreliable, or speak languages not represented on the website. The mapping tool seems especially burdensome. It's difficult to use and puts an additional burden on those who wish to comment. Please allow paper maps and mapless comments as you collect public input.

09/22/2021 - 09:58	09/22/2021 - 09:58	Jean Meconi	mapping tool	I am very concerned about the mapping tool available to the public. It is not user friendly and has hampered input from some of my senior friends. Your current mapping tool needs to be upgraded. If it isn't, you are limiting important public input.
09/22/2021 - 10:12	09/22/2021 - 10:12	Judi Davis	Website tool	How can I express my opinion on redistricting when it's impossible to use the tool on your website?
09/22/2021 - 10:29	09/22/2021 - 10:29	Mark W. Knecht	grid map creation algorithm	<p>Having worked for the last week with the official grid map I think it's a good start but I'd like to point out a few problems:</p> <p>1) TTBOMK there has been no independent verification that the algorithm used to create the grid map actually implements the requirements of the Arizona constitution. If I'm incorrect about that please point me toward the appropriate info. If it hasn't been verified by someone other than the group that wrote it then it puts the starting point for all map generation in question.</p> <p>2) The official grid map has been algorithmically generated down to the level of individual voters. This means individual voters in many boundary blocks could be in either block and there's no way for anyone in the public to know this. I would recommend that the official map be regeneration to conform to block groups which are generally on the order of 1000 people and are more easily understood by the public.</p> <p>3) Maricopa County has approximately 4.5 million people. That population should be able to accomodate 5 congressional districts but only has 4. This has led to additional districts running outside the county and having a strong effect on the shape of the districts that have nothing to do with Maricopa. I would strongly like to see the initial 5 districts contained completely within Maricopa County which in my work results in better shaped and more competitive districts outside of Maricopa county.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>With best regards, Mark Knecht</p>
09/22/2021 - 10:35	09/22/2021 - 10:35	RoJean Madsen	CONFUSING Redistricting Mapping Tool	Please do not proceed with the current redistricting mapping tool BECAUSE IT IS TOO confusing. It is not OK to limit citizen feedback implicitly by using this method - get a more user-friendly tool or app.i
09/22/2021 - 10:47	09/22/2021 - 10:47	Gail A. Digate	Currently used mapping tool	I understand that redistricting is designed as a public process. Currently the Arizona Independent Commission (IRC) mapping tool clearly is not user-friendly. This is unacceptable as it serves to limit public comment as well as jeopardize fair and competitive maps. Please address this situation immediately.
09/22/2021 - 10:56	09/22/2021 - 10:56	Kathleen Sauer	redistricting mapping tool	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process, which means that the public is given the tools to understand and comment on the process. Instead, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This most definitely means that this cannot be a public process, if, by definition, the tools given do not allow the public to easily participate. Continuing to use this tool will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 10:59	09/22/2021 - 10:59	Edith-Rae Ingersoll	redistricting	your redistricting mapping tool is NOT user friendly. Can you improve it so the process is easier and as a result more fair?
09/22/2021 - 11:14	09/22/2021 - 11:14	jo kontzer	redistricting	Your initial maps for Sedona, Flagstaff and the Verde Valley are completely unacceptable. We have responded to all your requests for input and you have completely ignored what we asked for. We want to be one district, separate from Prescott. One district from Mingus Mountain to Flagstaff. Please listen to our desires which have been well thought out as opposed to your map which is random at best.
09/22/2021 - 11:16	09/22/2021 - 11:16	Craig Stacey	Software usability	Please ensure that the software is accessible and user friendly. Current versions will make it difficult for many people to use it. We need to ensure MAXIMUM participation to ensure fairness. Thank you.E

09/22/2021 - 11:19	09/22/2021 - 11:19	Winifred Hoots	IRC	This software is not user-friendly. Please correct it.
09/22/2021 - 11:19	09/22/2021 - 11:19	Winifred Hoots	IRC	This software is not user-friendly. Please correct it.
09/22/2021 - 11:29	09/22/2021 - 11:29	Mary Helsaple	IRC	Sedona SHOULD NOT BE DILUTED BY PRESCOTT! WE are with FLAGSTAFF. Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. I have been on this site personally and it is horrible. I could not confirm that I even succeeded in completing it.
09/22/2021 - 11:45	09/22/2021 - 11:45	Cynthia Herron	Redistricting Maps	Please make the computer software program that ensures voters can see and comment on your work more user friendly. The public needs to be able to understand and comment on what you are doing and how you are doing it. Transparency is essential and the ability to comment is crucial to the progress. Thank you.
09/22/2021 - 11:50	09/22/2021 - 11:50	J Nicholas Pretera	IRC Mapping Tool	Many individuals are not tech-savvy and will be unable to use the mapping tool provided by the IRC, and thereby create a roadblock to their ability to provide input. Please consider allowing for submission of written narratives and paper "maps" to collect comments from the public.
09/22/2021 - 12:27	09/22/2021 - 12:27	Jeanne	Mapping Tool	Please make the mapping tool more user-friendly so that more can use it. Thank you.
09/22/2021 - 12:35	09/22/2021 - 12:35	Cynthia Bordelon	Redistricting IRC Mapping Tool	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 12:45	09/22/2021 - 12:45	Joan C Gould	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair and competitive maps. Please keep this important process available and FAIR
09/22/2021 - 13:13	09/22/2021 - 13:13	Connie M. Williams	Mapping Tool	The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly and the requirements for a new map are daunting. I am alarmed that we not only have to redraw the maps for our districts, but we have to work out details of how that will impact all other districts as well. This takes the process out of the hands of the public and puts it back into the hands of 'experts'. I'm requesting two things: 1) allow public comments that describe a map without requiring they also draw one, and 2) Let us draw and submit our district. Once all the maps are received, we can negotiate contested boundary interfaces.
09/22/2021 - 13:43	09/22/2021 - 13:43	Elizabeth Packard	Redistricting-tools	I have found the current mapping tool to be unwieldy and difficult for me to use. I care deeply about Redistricting and participated in the first phase. The IRC owes it to the citizens of AZ to have an opportunity to have fair and competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 14:07	09/22/2021 - 14:07	Mary K. Erickson	IRC mapping tool greatly needs improvement a.s. a.p.	Redistricting is a process that should welcome and utilize input from members of the public, but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not easy to navigate. This severely limits public comment and endangers justice and fairness in our elections in AZ. Please quickly rework the mapping tool so it is user friendly and make it available very soon.
09/22/2021 - 14:22	09/22/2021 - 14:22	fredi olster	redistricting	Redistricting is one of the most important things we will do in Arizona....I want to participate but the current mapping tool is very hard to use and I fear too many of us will not be able to have our say in this critical undertaking. I sincerely hope changes will be made to make this more user friendly. Thank you, Fred Olster Sedona, AZ
09/22/2021 - 14:27	09/22/2021 - 14:27	Kathryn H Fishman	Redistricting tools	I want to go on record saying that the tools used by the IRC for mapping is difficult to use and will not facilitate public comment or produce fair and competitive maps. The outcome is too important for the process to be unfair and not user friendly.



09/22/2021 - 14:41	09/22/2021 - 14:41	Devon Sloan	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. Please let us have a say in how we are going to vote for the next 10 years!
09/22/2021 - 14:50	09/22/2021 - 14:50	Cyndie Koopsen	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 14:55	09/22/2021 - 14:55	Toni R KANE	Redistricting	I need to have a tool that works in order to make redistricting a public process. I am not involved in redistricting, it is not a public process.
09/22/2021 - 14:58	09/22/2021 - 14:58	Norma L Bliven	Mapping Tool	The mapping tool the AIRC has chosen is not user-friendly. Redistricting is supposed to be a public process. The chosen mapping tool will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 15:19	09/22/2021 - 15:19	sally connelly	redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. This process is so politically motivated and we are a diverse, yet agreeable community that works together. NO redistricting.
09/22/2021 - 15:21	09/22/2021 - 15:21	Edith Taylor-Richards	Online Mapping Tool	The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. Redistricting is supposed to be a public process, but this will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. Please consider revising the program.
09/22/2021 - 15:27	09/22/2021 - 15:27	Mary Belford	redistricting	Redistricting should be a public process. The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 15:34	09/22/2021 - 15:34	Sue E. Thorne	Fair Redistricting Maps Creation and IRC's user unfriendly mapping tool.	The mapping tool of our current "Independent" Redistricting Commission needs to be simple, straightforward and easy to use by the majority of Arizonans who distrust the way the IRC chairwoman has conducted business so far with hiring inexperienced executive director, mappers and law firm connected as donor to right-wing causes. I am one of those distrustful Arizonans having been locked out of the Tuesday meetings twice, due to Chairman Neuberger's abrupt adjourning of the meetings shortly after the start to closed door meetings before we could make comments about her questionable hiring practices. The mapping tool the IRC has chosen, undoubtedly with help of chairwoman and Republican commissioners, is user unfriendly.. We want an expert mapper's, easy to use, mapping tool that all Arizonans can use similar to the one used after court battles won victory for fair mapping after the 2010 debacle. We want the ability to submit paper maps from different districts with internet connectivity issues. I live in a very competitive congressional district in Southern Arizona .that is full of Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Do not play around with mapping my district red. Gerrymandering is despicable, especially here in AZ where dark-money elected extremist legislators and a rogue governor have endangered our health and the very process of Democracy with idiotic voter suppression bills and renewed education defunding that ignore our voter mandates! Our future health as a state hinges on throwing out bad actors, supporting free and fair elections, (not conspiracy theory big lie misinformation.) Employ an experienced, independent mapper and mapping tool!
09/22/2021 - 15:34	09/22/2021 - 15:34	Carol Hyberger	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 16:20	09/22/2021 - 16:20	Diane Troianello	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process and it should be user friendly but it is not. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 17:07	09/22/2021 - 17:07	Michael Ferguson	Interactive maps.	Please help the public understand and participate in the process by improving the IRC mapping tool, which is currently confusing and hard to use. Thank you!

09/22/2021 - 17:14	09/22/2021 - 17:14	Deanna Melendez	Redistricting map	Redistributing is supposed to be a public process, but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair and competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 18:01	09/22/2021 - 18:01	Rosemary Agneessens	Redistricting	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 18:14	09/22/2021 - 18:14	Donald Gerber	Redistricting map software usability	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 18:51	09/22/2021 - 18:51	Meg Flanders	Redistricting	<p>It is important that we maintain fair voting practices. Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair &amp; competitive maps.</p> <p>I know that redistricting is done to give advantage to one party over another and this absolutely has to stop. No one is looking out for the American people and fair and universal voting.</p>
09/22/2021 - 19:07	09/22/2021 - 19:07	Julie Bender	Redistricting	Make redistricting a public process that is user-friendly. Don't severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps.
09/22/2021 - 19:39	09/22/2021 - 19:39	Marilyn Bernhardt	Public use of mapping tool	<p>The public cannot give input on the maps with this unusable tool the IRC has provided.</p> <p>The IRC mapping software is so complex that it is not usable by the public, including me! As it stands, public input, which is required by law, is simply not feasible, and as a result, the Commission process is not fair and transparent. Please, the Commission must find a way to simplify input into its mapping comment process so it is usable by regular people, including a way to submit single district maps, and paper maps for those who prefer this method, with the paper maps being given the same consideration as maps submitted through the software system.</p>
09/22/2021 - 19:49	09/22/2021 - 19:49	Molly Beverly	Redistricting Maps	How can you expect to have full public participation of your mapping tool is obtuse and difficult to use? We demand a system that is functional and easily understood for full public input.
09/22/2021 - 19:51	09/22/2021 - 19:51	Katherine O. Bork	AZ Independent Redistricting Commission maps	Redistricting is supposed to be a public process, but the IRC mapping tool is not user friendly. This will severely limit public comment.
09/22/2021 - 20:47	09/22/2021 - 20:47	Alan Binnie	Comments and input should not be limited by mapping tools	The process of redistricting was designed to be open to the public, but the mapping tool you have offered as the only interface to the initial part of this process is not usable by the average citizen. I request that you open the process to those who offer written descriptions or hard copy maps to comply with the intent of the law.
09/22/2021 - 22:10	09/22/2021 - 22:10	Whitney Williams	Easier Access is the Only Equitable Option Here	If you do not implement a fair and just mapping tool, you are restricting access to the PEOPLE's voice. Without honoring that, what do we have? Five people's opinions? Redistricting is supposed to be a public process but the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) mapping tool is not user-friendly. This will severely limit public comment and jeopardize fair & competitive maps. Preach it.