

1 moved to Arizona. They had considered living in Sun City,
2 but at the time my dad, who was working for the Bureau of
3 Indian Affairs, looked at Sun City and felt that some of the
4 guests he might be having, the American Indians visiting
5 him, might not feel as comfortable there as they did in what
6 was then rural Glendale, which is just -- now it's a half --
7 half a block off of Arrowhead Ranch; and at the time my mom
8 commuted from there to Gila River Indian Reservation
9 where -- on Bell Road where it was a two-lane highway and
10 practically no stoplights. Couldn't do that today.

11 I moved to -- after my dad died, I moved to
12 Glendale and lived -- in 1985 -- came in 1985, to take care
13 of my mom, and she actually took good care of me during that
14 time, and she lived to the young age of 99, and I was just
15 so glad to be able to care for her.

16 During that time I worked for 17 years for Maricopa
17 County commuting every day to the Maricopa County building
18 in Downtown Phoenix, 3rd Avenue and Jefferson. The -- at
19 the same time I was volunteering -- so I related to Downtown
20 Phoenix in the east for -- for years. That -- for
21 employment and for -- for sports, inaugural season ticket
22 holder for the Diamondbacks for over six years; and also for
23 cultural events, I was a season ticket holder for Arizona --
24 or, excuse me, Phoenix -- Phoenix -- the theatre company of
25 Phoenix, that's not quite the right word, until they

1 disbanded in 2014.

2 For -- I volunteered in civic -- civic duty. I
3 have worked, volunteered with the -- the Greater Phoenix
4 Boys & Girls Club for 25 years; culturally I have worked
5 with the -- now I'm a docent for the Phoenix Arts -- excuse
6 me, for the Phoenix Heard Museum; and ultimately I have --
7 for recreation, for years a group of friends and I would
8 hike Piestewa Peak every -- one -- one night a week after
9 work. We continue to meet today; although we aren't hiking,
10 we do continue to meet with this friendship.

11 I share that with you to let you know over the
12 years my relationships, my orientation, has been to the
13 east, to Downtown Phoenix; and as you are -- as -- whenever
14 I go -- travel internationally, people say, "Where are you
15 from?", and I say "Phoenix, Arizona."

16 And I share that with you to let you know those
17 reasons are the reasons I tell people I am from Arizona --
18 from Phoenix; and at the same time that's why I ask as you
19 think about redistricting, think about con- -- orienting
20 LD-22 to the east.

21 Appreciate what you're doing. Thanks for being
22 here.

23 MS. CRANK: (Inaudible.)

24 MS. OCHOA: First, thank you, Madame Chair and to
25 the Commission.

1 My name is an Sandy Ochoa; I am with
2 (indiscernible) Ropa, and I am testifying as why the 2021
3 redistricting process needs to be fair and transparent.

4 How districts are drawn affects every political
5 issue from the economy to healthcare to public education.
6 If politicians are elected from districts that don't reflect
7 the population, you end up with situations where politicians
8 support policies that the vast majority of people oppose, or
9 they won't support policies the vast majority of people
10 support. When politicians or political interests manipulate
11 maps for personal or political gains, it prevents residents
12 like me from having our voices heard on all of the policies
13 that affect us.

14 I want to make sure that the Commission understands
15 that breaking up communities takes away the community's
16 ability to come together and advocate for important issues.
17 When maps are unfairly rigged, you end up seeing districts
18 that represent special interests and politicians instead of
19 representing the people.

20 Because of the line -- the timing of the census
21 data and when the Commission meets, unfortunately the public
22 has very limited time to view, understand, and comment on
23 prosper maps. The redistricting process, already an
24 inherently confusing and complicated process for many
25 community members. The need to ensure all members of our

1 communities understand and participate is vital.

2 In -- in order for our democracy to function, the
3 public needs to have a voice in the process. Therefore, I
4 am asking that this Commission commit to continue outreach
5 to our communities and ensuring you center our voices as you
6 decide our political representation for the next ten years.

7 Again, thank you for taking the time to listen to
8 me today.

9 MS. CRANK: The next three speakers: Sheila
10 Wickert, Gayle Parish, Ruth Lambert, and the last speaker is
11 Nancy Palmer.

12 Sheila.

13 MS. WICKERT: Hi. I'm Sheila Wickert; I live in
14 Glendale in LD-20 and I really appreciate being able to come
15 here and learn about redistricting.

16 I agree with the goals, the common interest of
17 keeping the communities the same, and I will be following
18 the lines that are being drawn.

19 I appreciate the representation that I have in my
20 LD-20 at this time.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. CRANK: Ruth Lambert.

23 MS. LAMBERT: Oh, I can say good afternoon, I
24 guess.

25 My name is Ruth Lambert and I did not intend to

1 speak today, but I would really like to reinforce but not
2 repeat what some of my neighbors have said from northern
3 Maricopa.

4 I am also from Anthem, I am also a precinct
5 committee person but I don't go to their meetings. But I am
6 here because the commonality that we share in northern
7 Maricopa, being represented by people from Yavapai County
8 just doesn't work. We're an area that has many, many, many
9 mixed jurisdictions. To add to that or to maintain the
10 jurisdiction of legislative district keeping northern
11 Maricopa with Yavapai is just untenable for residents there.

12 It's within your power to do your best to put our
13 puzzle piece with areas that would truly show our
14 commonality.

15 I think there are purple pigs flying around the
16 building right now because I truly applaud everything that
17 my neighbors have said here today.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. CRANK: Palmer.

20 DR. PALMER: Hello. I'm Dr. Nancy Palmer; I live
21 and work in CD-8 with my senior parents in the growing
22 section of northwest Maricopa County in the city of
23 Surprise; and I live in 85387.

24 We're kind of a developing area in the sense that
25 out beyond the 303 loop and out the 60 is a huge growth area

1 right now. They've built about 1,500 of the homes that are
2 going to be about a 5,000 area group. So this -- what you
3 guys are going to be able to do for the next ten years is
4 going to determine -- it's going to incorporate all of these
5 new people, the families, the new schools that are being
6 built out there. The fact that it's being split between
7 Dysart and Attiburg (phonetic).

8 There's a lot going on. I know the people of
9 Surprise voted down a school extension on the money, which
10 meant that we're not going to be able to build right away
11 some of the schools that they actually have land set aside
12 in these communities to actually build the schools. So
13 that's going to be a financial and community of interest
14 issue as those of us who work out there, live out there, all
15 the kids in our neighborhood, the parks being built, the
16 fact that we have very little, I'll say, retail for lack of
17 a better word; but we don't have a lot of support services
18 out that way; grocery stores, places to shop. They are
19 building things like churches.

20 And we all kind of go back to the east. We stretch
21 all the way from New River, which I totally agree we think
22 we should give up the northwest end of -- of our CD-8
23 section because I think it fits better with those who are to
24 the east of us than to the north; and we go all the way
25 south to Litchfield Park below the 10. That's a huge

1 corridor and it's going to be expanding well out to the west
2 toward Waddell and Wickenburg as this all gets built out.
3 The construction out there is just immensely overwhelming.

4 We include everything from agriculture, ranching,
5 small and large businesses, civic centers and schools,
6 construction and development, churches, park and recreation
7 in the north and west; healthcare is one of the largest
8 employers, as are schools, colleges, community colleges,
9 government entities, among them Luke Air Force Base. We
10 have Luke Elementary School in Dysart that we have a lot of
11 the kids who live around there from people who work at the
12 Base.

13 My family and friends, we go back to the east as
14 far as Bell Road and the 83rd corridor for shopping, dining,
15 recreation, spring training events around the Arrowhead mall
16 and Paradise shopping area, mostly because we don't really
17 have anything developed to that extent out in the Surprise
18 area. There's some little spots out to the west and south
19 of there that are being developed, but they have a long way
20 to go to become those kinds of places.

21 When the redistricting last occurred, I think we
22 were spread way too -- as everybody is kind of talking about
23 this whole being spread-out thing, you know, LD-22 is -- is
24 a huge strip that goes all the way out to Surprise. The
25 people out in Surprise don't really have much in common with

1 the established communities that go from, say, the 303 or
2 101 out to the I-17, which parts of that are LD-22, and
3 south here into Glendale as I'm hearing. You know, there's
4 not a lot of commonality there and we're spread quite a ways
5 out.

6 So we really would like to have the ability to be
7 more generous and cohesive within our district. We support
8 each other; we have, you know, food banks and we do drives
9 for -- for the people that need things. We like to take
10 care of those in need within our churches, schools, and
11 distinctive housing developments, but we've really been
12 stretched beyond our effectiveness with the design of the
13 last district maps. So we're looking forward to helping you
14 all come up with some better things to do.

15 Thank you.

16 (Inaudible.)

17 DR. PALMER: It is.

18 I have a lot of kids in my school that I -- that's
19 maybe ten miles from my house that I happen to work in an
20 elementary school in Dysart and I have kids and families
21 that are from the Base. So maybe not the entire Base but
22 certainly those who live within our communities rent houses
23 in our neighborhoods and we teach their kids.

24 (Technical disruption.)

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you very much.

1 First of all, the Commissioners, we all want to
2 thank you all for being here and providing us with great
3 input and insight into your communities.

4 It's important for us to hear directly from you as
5 we move forward.

6 I just want to make a quick comment on our mapping
7 tools to make sure, somebody commented that there was a lot
8 on DavesRedistricting but we also have an opportunity at our
9 own website for you, and we ask you to go to our website if
10 you have not already and start looking at that and
11 potentially drawing your own communities of interest.

12 We've been seeing on our screen, our website, it
13 has easy-to-use tools for learning and a way for you to
14 share directly your information about your community of
15 interest. So rather than relying purely on our
16 interpretations of your comments today, we encourage you to
17 go online and submit a map to us, that will ensure we
18 correctly understand the definition of your community.

19 Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also
20 share their thoughts. They did not have to attend this
21 meeting to provide us with input. We want to encourage
22 people even if they're not attending to give us that
23 information.

24 Anyone can do that online at any time, there's no
25 requirements for attending this committee to be heard.

1 And, with that, I again want to thank you very much
2 for participating and we will adjourn our meeting.

3 (Applause.)

4 (Whereupon the proceeding concludes at 12:06 p.m.)

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