

1 served, and our community as a whole, if we did have more
2 competitive districts in our state.

3 And to Mr. Simpson's point of extremism in our
4 politics, yes, that probably does play a role, and I think
5 many of us here are politically involved which is why we are
6 here to express our interests of what is best, not
7 necessarily just for our area, but for the state at large.

8 LD-28 through North Central, Biltmore, Arcadia, the
9 town of Paradise Valley is a logical community of interest.
10 The most business owners, the most small business advocacy
11 happens to be in that area, and it does make sense that that
12 should stay intact.

13 It does divide across SR-51, as the lady from 24
14 mentioned; however, it has never been a problem in creating
15 good legislation to come out of effective leaders in that
16 area.

17 So I would say that although LD-28 is also one of
18 the biggest and fastest growing areas, one of the fastest
19 growing districts in terms of the amount of people who have
20 moved in, we're going to probably have to consolidate what
21 those boundaries are and shrink a bit to accommodate the, I
22 believe it's 235,000 voters. Right now LD-28 has 285,000
23 voters.

24 Yes, it is a very large district. And I would
25 appeal to you to look at the logical community of interest

1 in keeping them intact and also consider competitiveness,
2 not in just LD-28, but in all districts where possible; and
3 keeping the logical community of interest for school
4 districts, for business leaders, and also as it pertains to
5 our effective legislators being elected.

6 Thank you very much for your time, and I am pleased
7 to answer any questions, and I will provide a map in the
8 future. Thank you.

9 MS. CRANK: We have two more speakers: Justin West
10 and Eric Klein.

11 MR. WEST: Good morning. My name is Justin West;
12 I'm a resident of LD-24.

13 As a resident of District 24 and a neighbor to
14 District 28, I'm proposing that LD-28 encompass the area
15 from the 51 freeway east to the 101 freeway and from Bell
16 Road south to McDowell Road.

17 The current LD-28 is an odd shape. It's western
18 boundary ranges from 19 Avenue in one portion to the 17 in
19 another; its other boundaries are equally disparate. And
20 because LD-28's boundaries are odd, LD-24's boundaries are
21 also odd.

22 If LD-28 is reshaped to those boundaries, the 51
23 east to the 101 and Bell south to McDowell, LD-24 could also
24 be reshaped to make more sense.

25 The new LD-24 could go from the 51 west to the 17,

1 and from Bell Road south to McDowell Road as well.

2 The new LD-24's northern and southern boundaries
3 could be readjusted to account for equal populations in both
4 districts, but the most important reason for reshaping is
5 that the new LD-28 and new LD-24 would recognize the
6 different communities of interest west and east of the 51.

7 West and east of the 51 we have different Asian
8 family demographics, different economic drivers, different
9 concerns. We have different education needs and focus on
10 different levels of schooling.

11 Just for example, according to DES' 2020
12 Legislative District Demographic Summary Handbook, in LD-24
13 21.5 percent of us are ages 18 to 29 years old, whereas in
14 the LD-28 14 percent of district residents are in that age
15 group. Those different age demographics tell you that we
16 will have different interests in terms of universities and
17 community colleges as opposed to, say, elementary and middle
18 schools.

19 Our different demographics cohorts also means we
20 have different interests and issues in terms of everything
21 from nursing homes, medical facilities and recovery homes to
22 short-term rentals, small businesses and dispensaries.

23 Ultimately, we are two different communities of
24 interest, and our districts should reflect that reality.

25 Making LD-28 and 24 have uniform boundaries would

1 accomplish a number of goals and fulfill the metrics that
2 Arizona districts are required to meet. Among other things,
3 it make both district's shapes be reasonable and correct the
4 odd boundaries of the current districts.

5 As mentioned before in relation to northern and
6 southern boundaries, it could be done in such a way that
7 district populations are kept reasonably equal, which is
8 another metric required in the state constitution; and most
9 importantly new boundaries will respect the two communities
10 of interest west and east of the 51 freeway.

11 The State's last Redistricting Commission was in
12 2011 and its work was released in January 2012. In the
13 nearly ten years since that time, Central Phoenix has grown
14 and changed significantly. I ask that our new district
15 boundaries recognize their changes, and I thank you for your
16 time.

17 I'm here for any questions you have.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. CRANK: Eric Klein.

20 MR. KLEIN: Good morning. I thank the committee
21 for its work.

22 My name is Eric Klein. I currently live in the
23 most interesting area of LD-24 that I could find, it's got
24 a -- it pops out and goes and cuts over to some particular
25 street, cuts up to -- we're talking on 7th Avenue, cuts up

1 to Glendale and cuts across to 15th. I'm right at that edge
2 of -- it's 7th and Glendale.

3 I wonder what the reasoning behind that was?

4 That's what one of the things that I've found, and
5 I found it incredibly in a lot of places. I lived in
6 California for years and I decided it was time to get out of
7 there because nothing was working.

8 I moved to Arizona back in 2011 and it was a fresh
9 breath -- you know, breath of air; I was so happy. It felt
10 like there were sane people in Arizona and, unfortunately,
11 over the last, whatever, you know, since I've been here,
12 it's steadily gone to let's create a situation where
13 districts, everything is -- is designed to -- for partisan
14 reasons.

15 And one of the reasons that I'm here is that I got
16 involved, I became a precinct committee member. In LD-24,
17 I've contacted a number of people, I'm try to -- trying to
18 help because I see the downfall of Arizona and it's
19 escalating in the -- in the last few years.

20 What I'm saying is: What makes where I live
21 different than a block away? Or actually, for that matter,
22 I think across the street?

23 The areas should be based on the mix of people,
24 businesses, everything else. They shouldn't be: Well, we
25 wanted to get this in here because that may be something

1 that's not going to affect the voting trends, the rest of
2 it. So we want to make this little weird thing and it's
3 going to cut out -- I'd love to see what the reasoning
4 behind this little -- little tiny area that juts out.

5 But, aside from that, it was sort of funny, I went
6 and talked to someone and they said, you know, they asked:
7 "Who is representing LD-24?" And they said: "Oh, it's
8 always Democrats; there's not even any Republicans that
9 run."

10 So I think we've got an issue here because I think
11 that it's not so much important to be competitive from the
12 standpoint of making them so big that you've got people that
13 obviously have completely separate needs and -- and outlooks
14 from, you know -- you get 50 -- you know, when you make it,
15 like, 50-some-odd percent which is always an estimate, these
16 are the people that would look this side and people that are
17 50 that look at this side, but you tweak it a little bit so
18 it's really a little bit more on one side, that doesn't
19 really help because those people that are looking at it from
20 the one side are ignoring the rest of us. And, you know,
21 there's -- there it's a pretty incredible size that LD-24
22 is.

23 And it seems like -- I don't -- I don't quite
24 understand why that would always be just no point for any
25 Republican to run. It should be -- there should be some

1 competition.

2 But inside the districts it's got to be where it's
3 fair and the areas have to be where they're divided up
4 properly.

5 So that's my -- my thought on it. And I think if
6 you guys could sort of look into stuff like the, the little
7 tiny outcroppings. You know, what -- what is the reason?
8 Like there's a whole bunch of people on one side that they
9 wanted to fit in there to help the rest of it or not?

10 So, at any point, that's where I wanted to add a
11 little bit to this thing, look at the details.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. Is that our
13 last --

14 MS. CRANK: Madam Chair, that is our last one.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- public comment?

16 You know, again, thank you so much for everybody
17 who attended, for your civic participation. Please know
18 that it really makes a big difference.

19 Thank you to our staff and Commissioners, thank you
20 for making the effort to join us. I look forward to seeing
21 you virtually on Tuesday morning and then in person on
22 subsequent meetings.

23 As you have seen today, on our website we have
24 easy-to-use tools for learning about and for sharing
25 information about your community of interest. Rather than

1 relying purely on our interpretation of your comments today,
2 we encourage you to go online, please submit a map to us.
3 This will ensure we correctly understand the definition of
4 your community.

5 Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also
6 share their thoughts too. Anyone can do so online any time;
7 there's no requirement to attend one of these meetings to be
8 heard.

9 Before we adjourn the meeting we encourage as many
10 of you as possible -- and please spread the word -- our next
11 public hearing will be July 27th, I believe 5:00 p.m., in
12 Yavapai County. The main location is Prescott College;
13 satellite locations Sedona and Congress. Please check our
14 website for all of the locations. We look forward to
15 meeting with you.

16 And, with that, we will adjourn the meeting.

17 Thank you, and we'll see you soon.

18 (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 11:44 a.m.)
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