ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Location: Virtual via GoogleMeets

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Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Time: 8:00 a.m.

The Commission reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for the following purposes: discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), consultation with attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4), or any other purpose as authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03. The executive session is not open to the public and all legal action will take place in a meeting that is open to the public.

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All matters on the agenda may be discussed, considered and are subject to action by the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to table any item on the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call.
A. Call for Quorum
B. Call for Notice

II. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2021.
   A. General Session
   B. Executive Sessions

III. Opportunity for Public Comments.

Public comment will open for a minimum of 30 minutes and remain open until the adjournment of the meeting. Comments will only be accepted electronically in writing on the following form: https://forms.gle/gZwSo3DwsUk4Uop56 (comments will be limited to 3000 characters).

Please note: Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

IV. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to today’s (May 11, 2021) meeting.

V. Executive Director’s Report and discussion thereof.
   A. Office update
   B. Budget update, including potential future legal cost appropriations
   C. FTE positions
   D. Update on Mandatory ADOA Training for Commissioners
   E. Discussion on ADOA resources /updates:
      1. IT
      2. Human Resources
      3. Procurement
      4. Finance
      5. Facilities

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice with respect to acquiring the resources referenced in the Executive Director’s Report (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)).

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Community Outreach Coordinator and other potential hires, and duties of all IRC staff positions.

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice with respect to staffing issues (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)), as well as for the purpose of discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)).

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Counsel Briefing.
   A. Training – Conflicts of Interest and Ethics
   B. Use of Subcommittees and Compliance with Open Meeting Law
C. Demographer Presentation Opportunities and Utilization of Non-Census Government Data
D. Public Records Compliance – Initial Guidance

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice to further implement and/or advance these legal issues (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)).

VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:
      A. Update regarding Notice of Award and Posting of Procurement File

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IX. Discussion and Possible Action on legal RFP.
      A. Closeout

X. Discussion and Possible Action on Census Data and delay and ways to mitigate its disruption.
      A. Update concerning identification of consultant to analyze impact on Arizona
      B. Potential invitation to Census Bureau to provide presentation

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice with respect to census data and delays (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)).

XI. Discussion of future agenda item requests.

XII. Discussion and Possible Action on the scheduling of future meetings.

XIII. Announcements.
      A. Next Meeting Date

XIV. Closing of the Public Comments.

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XV. Adjournment.