ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Erika Schupak Neuberg, Chair
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Douglas York, Commissioner

Location: Virtual via GoogleMeets

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Date: Tuesday, August 17, 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 Aug. 10, 2021.
   A. General Session
   B. Executive Session

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/xmPnyBrpjaqdq8bV9 (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 (August 17, 2021) meeting.

V. Update, discussion, and potential concerning report from the mapping Consultants, Timmons/NDC.
   A. Meetings update.
   B. Discussion on when to increase number of regular meetings per mapping team’s schedule.
   C. Software Training for Commissioners, staff, and general public.
   D. How to obtain data between Grid and Draft maps discussion.
   E. Understanding of public comment and map submission during various map determination phases.
   F. Introduction of polarization expert addition to Timmons/NDC team.

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 Consultant’s Update (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)).

VI. Executive Director’s Report and discussion thereof.

A. Update on budget and financial presentation.
B. Discussion of potential outreach efforts to local elected leaders.
C. Outreach and Communication Plan.
D. Update on potential future speakers to discuss agricultural, water, forest management, economic centers, transportation, and other potential categories relevant to communities of interest.

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VII. Update, discussion, and potential action regarding the release of Census Data, integration of competitive measures, creation of Grid Map, and impact on established schedule.

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VIII. Update, discussion and potential action regarding retention of Voting Rights Act consultants.

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IX. Discussion of future agenda item requests.

X. Announcements.

XI. Next Meeting Date.

XII. Closing of the Public Comments.

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XIII. Adjournment.