

**ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Thursday, October 13, 2011  
6:05 p.m.

**Location**

**Flagstaff City Hall  
Council Chambers  
211 West Aspen Avenue  
Flagstaff, Arizona 8600**

**Attending**

Colleen C. Mathis, Chair  
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair  
Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner

Stuart Robinson, Public Information Officer  
Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director

Mary O'Grady, Legal Counsel

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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7 (Whereupon, the public session commences.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good evening. This meeting  
9 of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will now  
10 come to order.

11 Today is Thursday, October 13th, and the time is  
12 6:05 p.m.

13 Let's begin with the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Well, it's wonderful to be in  
16 Flagstaff this evening and it's so great to see such a  
17 wonderful turnout.

18 We know that this has been a difficult week for  
19 your city. And the Commission, again, extends its  
20 condolences on the loss of Chief Cooper. We are very sorry  
21 about that, and appreciate you all coming out tonight and  
22 participating in the process.

23 Let's go around the table and talk about who's  
24 here tonight.

25 Linda McNulty, commissioner, and

1 Vice-Chair Herrera are both present.

2           The other two commissioners, Scott Freeman and --  
3 who's vice chair, as well as Richard Stertz, are not  
4 attending tonight, but I'm sure they're watching this  
5 streaming online. Not all the commissioners go to all of  
6 the meetings. And so we're all kind of taking turns and  
7 divvying it up accordingly.

8           So I'm sure they're watching online tonight. And  
9 given the very fancy technology in the beautiful chambers  
10 that we're in, I'm sure it's very easy for them to follow  
11 along on the Internet as well as everyone else tuning in  
12 tonight.

13           Other folks around the room include our legal  
14 counsel, Mary O'Grady.

15           Our mapping consultant, Andrew Drechsler and  
16 Korinne Belock.

17           We have a court reporter, Marty Herder, who's  
18 taking an accurate transcript of tonight's events.

19           Kristina Gomez, who's our executive direct deputy  
20 director. She's in the back, along with Lisa Schmelling,  
21 Kristi Olson.

22           Stu Robinson, who's our public information  
23 officer.

24           And I think that is all the crowd -- all the staff  
25 that we have here tonight. So please feel free to talk to

1 any of those folks if you need anything or want to give them  
2 anything to give to us. They'll be happy to take that from  
3 you.

4           So, I have a very large stack of request to speak  
5 forms. It's very impressive that all of you are wanting to  
6 provide testimony tonight.

7           So you're probably -- most of you are familiar  
8 with this form, but it is in the back. If anybody didn't  
9 get one and would like to address us tonight, please fill it  
10 out.

11           And we'll be getting to the hearing -- the public  
12 comment portion of our hearing very shortly, but we do need  
13 a request to speak form from you if you'd like to go on the  
14 record tonight.

15           We have a translator this evening. It's part of  
16 complying with federal law. And I'm hoping that Dr. Vasquez  
17 is in the audience.

18           Oh, great.

19           Would you like to come up and say a few words of  
20 introduction in English and Spanish for the group?

21           MIQUEL VASQUEZ: Good evening, everybody. My name  
22 is Miguel Vasquez. I'll be translating this evening for  
23 anyone who needs Spanish interpretation.

24           (Whereupon, the interpreter makes a statement in  
25 Spanish.)

1 MIQUEL VASQUEZ: Okay. I don't see anyone.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Thank you very much.

3 If anyone does not want to address the Commission  
4 tonight but would like to just submit input to us anyway,  
5 you can do that on the blue forms. I didn't mention that.  
6 But there should be blue forms in the back at the table, and  
7 you can fill that out, and it will get entered into the  
8 record the same as it would as if you were giving the  
9 testimony tonight at the microphone.

10 With that, I don't think there's any more  
11 housekeeping items. So we'll go to the next item on the  
12 agenda, which is our mapping consultant will give an  
13 introductory presentation to the process.

14 Mr. Drechsler.

15 ANDREW DRECHSLER: Good evening. Good evening.

16 We're here today to discuss the draft maps that  
17 have been presented by the Arizona Independent Redistricting  
18 Commission. The draft maps are currently under a 30-day  
19 review, and that's one of the main reasons we're here today  
20 is we want to hear input on the maps, what your thoughts  
21 are, what you like, what you would change, and anything else  
22 that you want to comment on the maps.

23 Before we display the two draft maps, the  
24 congressional draft map and the legislative draft map, we  
25 wanted to just go over a quick overview of the process.

1           I have a presentation that you can see on the  
2 screens.

3           Arizona's redistricting process is governed by the  
4 state constitution as amended by voters in 2000 with the  
5 passage of Proposition 106. It stipulates that the Arizona  
6 Independent Redistricting Commission redraw Arizona's  
7 congressional and legislative districts to reflect the  
8 results of the most recent census.

9           Due to the 2010 census, Arizona gained a  
10 congressional seat. So we're going from eight congressional  
11 seats to nine.

12           What are the main guidelines of Proposition 106.

13           A, must comply with the U.S. Constitution and  
14 Voting Rights Act.

15           And, B, equal population.

16           Those two are federally mandated.

17           The other four are to the extent practicable. The  
18 districts must be compact and contiguous, respect  
19 communities of interest, use visible geographic features,  
20 city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided census  
21 tracts.

22           F, favor competitive districts where no  
23 significant detriment to other goals.

24           Just wanted to quick go over the Voting Rights  
25 Act.

1 Arizona's constitutional -- congressional and  
2 legislative districts must receive preclearance or approval  
3 from the Department of Justice or a federal court under  
4 Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before they can take  
5 effect.

6 To get preclearance, Arizona must demonstrate that  
7 the new districts do not discriminate against minority  
8 voters in purpose or effect, which means there can be no  
9 intentional or accidental discrimination.

10 Under Section 5, Arizona's redistricting plans  
11 cannot be retrogressive. The plans cannot weaken or reduce  
12 minority voters' rights.

13 The presence of discrimination can be determined  
14 by analyzing population data and election results.

15 So just wanted to go over the timeline of the  
16 Commission, and there's sort of six big steps, main steps  
17 involved.

18 First, the first step was setting up the  
19 Commission.

20 Back earlier this year the commissioners were  
21 appointed following a thorough screening process. Each of  
22 the five commissioners are serving in a voluntary role.

23 The commissioners are Vice-Chair Scott Freeman,  
24 Vice-Chair Jose Herrera who's with us tonight, Chair Colleen  
25 Mathis who's here tonight, Commissioner Linda McNulty who's

1 here tonight, and Richard Stertz.

2           Next was the first round of hearings.

3           Before drawing a single line, the Commission held  
4 23 public hearings around the state in July and August to  
5 get input from members of the public about issues relevant  
6 to redistricting, such as geography, communities of  
7 interest, minority voting rights, and competitiveness.

8           The third step was the mapping.

9           After the first round of hearings, we started with  
10 the grid map, which was approved on August 18.

11           And per Proposition 106, the grid map took two  
12 things into consideration: Equal population and  
13 compactness.

14           Since adopting the grid map -- the grid map, the  
15 Commission has met more than 25 times to consider  
16 adjustments to the grid to accommodate all of the state  
17 constitutional criteria.

18           During this time they received additional public  
19 comment and draft maps.

20           Approval of the draft maps -- on October 3rd, the  
21 Commission approved the draft congressional that  
22 incorporated the changes based on all the constitutional  
23 criteria, and just a few days ago, on October 10th, it  
24 approved the legislative maps.

25           Step four, second round of hearings.

1           Currently we're in the process of visiting  
2 25 towns and cities to share the draft maps and receive  
3 additional public input during the month of October.

4           After this step, they will be working on the final  
5 maps.

6           Upon completion of the public comment period, the  
7 Commission will adopt the final maps.

8           And then the final step in the redistricting  
9 process is preclearance.

10           Because Arizona is subject to Section 5 of the  
11 Voting Rights Act, the district maps must be approved by the  
12 federal Department of Justice or a federal court in  
13 Washington, D.C., before they can be used for Arizona  
14 elections.

15           Before we show you the congressional draft map, we  
16 just wanted to go through the process.

17           This is the last map that -- this was the map that  
18 was approved by the last Commission based off of the 2000  
19 census and most recently used in 2010.

20           This is the starting point.

21           Per Proposition 106, they asked us to start with a  
22 blank map, so we started with a blank map.

23           And as we discussed earlier, we did a grid map.

24           This was the congressional grid map that was  
25 approved on August 18th.

1           And now you have the congressional draft map shown  
2 here.

3           Some of the highlights of the draft map is it has  
4 two predominantly rural districts, three border districts,  
5 two districts in the city of Tucson, five districts that are  
6 entirely in Maricopa County, it avoids splitting Arizona's  
7 Indian reservations, and two districts where minority voters  
8 have the opportunity to elect their candidate of choice.

9           The legislative map follows a very similar  
10 process. And I just wanted to show -- this was the last --  
11 this was the map that was approved by the last Commission  
12 and most recently used in the 2010 elections.

13           And just like the congressional map, we started  
14 with a blank map.

15           And then we came up with the grid map in, in -- on  
16 August 18. And the grid map, again, took into consideration  
17 two things, and two things only. It took consideration  
18 equal population and compactness. So it did not consider  
19 the other four criteria.

20           And, finally, once the other four criteria and  
21 public comments were taken into consideration, this is where  
22 we came up with the draft map.

23           And this is the draft map that was approved just  
24 on Monday.

25           So some highlights of the draft map.

1           In the current map that we just saw a couple  
2 slides back, the old districts, the population ranges from  
3 155,000 to 378,000.

4           So obviously we've -- given the change in shift in  
5 population, we had to change the districts.

6           So the new map has roughly 207,000 to 215,000.

7           To comply with the Voting Rights Act, the draft  
8 map includes ten districts which minority voters should have  
9 the opportunity to elect the candidates of their choice.

10           The draft maps include three districts wholly  
11 within Pima County, and three additional southern Arizona  
12 districts, 17 districts within Maricopa County, and  
13 nine districts primarily rural.

14           One of the main reasons we're here today is to  
15 hear your input, as we stated before.

16           There's many different ways to give us.

17           You could fill out a request to speak form, the  
18 yellow sheet that you saw on the back table, and speak at  
19 the hearing and provide us your inputs.

20           Some of the examples of the inputs that we've been  
21 hearing, we love to hear, is any, any comments on the  
22 constitutional criteria, any comments on the congressional  
23 draft map and any comments on the draft legislative map.

24           You can also submit your input if you are watching  
25 online, or here in the audience and you don't want to come

1 up and speak today, you -- besides speaking, you can fill  
2 out one of the blue public input forms and hand them in to  
3 one of the staff members. Or you can visit us at our  
4 website where we have a section and a link where you can add  
5 your comments on there.

6 And the website is [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org), or you  
7 can give us a call at (602)542-5221, or toll free  
8 855-redistrict.

9 This is just a shot of our web page. I just  
10 wanted to point out a couple items.

11 At the -- this is the home page, and what you'll  
12 see on the left-hand side, you'll see a link for maps.

13 There's a link for our meetings where you'll see  
14 other meetings that are going to be taking place for round  
15 two, and you can go view past meetings.

16 So if you wanted to see any of the video, wanted  
17 to see the deliberation that the commissioners did during  
18 the 25 meetings to come up with the draft map, all of that  
19 is online, and you can watch that.

20 The public input that I just was talking about,  
21 there's the link there.

22 And then besides the map link on top, down at the  
23 bottom is, is the link -- are two links, one for the draft  
24 map and one for the congressional map.

25 If you click on either of those links, you'll come

1 to this screen, which is -- which has the two draft maps.

2           Obviously during throughout this process, other --  
3 if you go to the maps link, you can find all the  
4 what-if maps, the grid maps that were under consideration.  
5 So if you wanted to see sort of the process evolving, you  
6 can go back and look at those maps. But the two main maps  
7 that we're looking at are the draft maps, and these are the  
8 maps that we want public comment on.

9           One feature that a lot of people have been asking,  
10 they wanted to see their district in more detail.

11           You see the red circle around what is the KMZ or  
12 otherwise known as the Google maps. If you click on either  
13 of those, you will come to a page, a Google page, and it  
14 will show the map.

15           One of the really nice features about this map is  
16 that you're able to click on it, and you can scroll in and  
17 see your exact boundaries and see what the exact boundaries  
18 are for your district.

19           One other thing is for the other maps we have some  
20 maps in the back of the room, we have one on the board, and  
21 we have a couple blown-up maps of the Flagstaff area, so you  
22 can see the boundaries between the districts surrounding  
23 Flagstaff.

24           And finally we would really like to have you  
25 stay connected. You can visit our website at

1 www.azredistricting.org.

2           This gives you -- there's the opportunity to draw  
3 your own maps. We have an online mapping software program.  
4 So if you would like to do that and submit those maps, we  
5 would take those into consideration.

6           You can watch current meetings, or, as I mentioned  
7 before, you can go view past meetings. And you can get  
8 updates on future meetings.

9           You can follow us at Twitter as /AIRC or find us  
10 at Facebook.

11           Thank you very much for your time.

12           (Applause.)

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Drechsler.

14           So, our primary purpose is to be here to listen to  
15 you tonight. And to the extent you can give us detailed  
16 descriptions of your changes, what you propose needs to be  
17 changed, or if you think it's fine the way it is, we'd like  
18 to hear that as well.

19           So both sets of comments are welcome.

20           And we'd really like to drill down to the extent  
21 we can and hear from you exactly what detailed modification  
22 you think need to be made.

23           And also if you thought about what ripple effects  
24 those might have around the surrounding areas and how we  
25 might mitigate those, that's also helpful.

1           Because, as you know, any little change on these  
2 maps produces a domino effect, and we need to deal with all  
3 the changes that result.

4           So to the extent you can help us out, we'd like to  
5 have that.

6           So just a few reminders.

7           We'll start the public comment period now.

8           When you come up to the microphone, once your name  
9 is called, please say your name so that the court reporter  
10 can type it out, and be sure to spell your last name. So  
11 that we'll get an accurate accounting.

12           You can state where you live. You don't need to  
13 give us your personal address. In fact, we prefer if you  
14 don't. Just tell us your city, town, or county, where you  
15 reside.

16           We're going to limit comments tonight to  
17 three minutes each, just because we have so many folks that  
18 would like to speak and we'd like to give everybody an  
19 opportunity tonight.

20           I don't know if we have somebody timing that,  
21 because Mr. Forst, our chief technology officer, I don't  
22 think he is with us this evening, and he's normally our  
23 timer.

24           Do we have a timer?

25           Oh, great. Okay.

1           I'm assured we have a timer. So when you hear the  
2 timer go off, if you still have a few things to say, please  
3 feel free to say them, but if you could just try to wrap it  
4 soon after that would be most appreciated.

5           Okay. I think I've covered everything that we  
6 need to. We've got a few more.

7           Our first speaker tonight is Sara Presler, mayor  
8 for the city of Flagstaff.

9           MAYOR SARA PRESLER: Good evening, everyone. Glad  
10 you're here.

11           (Applause.)

12           MAYOR SARA PRESLER: Good evening. My name is  
13 Sara Presler, S-A-R-A, P-R-E-S-L-E-R, mayor, city of  
14 Flagstaff.

15           Madam Chair, members of the Commission, and those  
16 that are watching from home, welcome to Flagstaff. We're  
17 very glad that you're here. And welcome, of course, to your  
18 staff and legal counsel, public information folks, everybody  
19 that makes this independent Commission work.

20           The people of the state of Arizona through  
21 Proposition 106 established this independent Commission, and  
22 we respect the hard work and independence that you've  
23 offered from beginning of your work to now, and that I know  
24 you'll continue to offer as you move through this 30-day  
25 comment period.

1           On behalf of the city of Flagstaff, we know  
2 because we've spent quite a lot of time with you, and many  
3 members of our business community and both sides of the  
4 aisle, including just a few Independents, who are very  
5 important to is future of Arizona, what a difficult task  
6 you've had in this process.

7           Tonight we've got the chairman of the Hopi Tribe,  
8 Chairman Shingoitewa, members of the Navajo Nation Human  
9 Rights Commission, other tribal members and leadership, and  
10 importantly our neighbors, the Coconino County Board of  
11 Supervisors, our Chair Lena Fowler from Coconino County is  
12 here, and many members of that board.

13           You're going to hear tonight from council member  
14 Scott Overton on behalf of the city of Flagstaff.

15           I'll give you a break from my comments in our own  
16 community.

17           But I want to share with you that we're a small  
18 but mighty community, meaning that our interpreter tonight,  
19 Dr. Vasquez, is also a member of the Flagstaff Unified  
20 School District school board. So we know each other well,  
21 and we with live and work and play in a community hopefully  
22 that is reflected in the interests that you'll producing in  
23 your map.

24           So I just wanted to take the time to thank you for  
25 your work, welcome you to our mountain community, and wish

1 you well through this process.

2 I know you're headed up through Indian country  
3 next, and I know our neighbors to the north and the east are  
4 looking forward to seeing you.

5 On behalf of the entire city of Flagstaff and  
6 really our greater Flagstaff community, I couldn't be more  
7 proud of all of the diverse voices that you'll be hearing  
8 here tonight.

9 This really is democracy in action.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Leroy Shingoitewa, chairman of  
13 the Hopi Tribe.

14 (Applause.)

15 (Whereupon, Chairman Shingoitewa makes a statement  
16 in Hopi.)

17 CHAIRMAN LEROY SHINGOITEWA: My name is Leroy  
18 Shingoitewa, L-E-R-O-Y, S-H-I-N-G-O-I-T-E-W-A.

19 Welcome to the Commission. Thank you for coming  
20 to Hopi country, aboriginal lands that we once occupied.

21 The Hopi Tribe today has officially taken a formal  
22 action to support what you now present as the congressional  
23 map, as well as the legislative map.

24 First and foremost, you have combined all the  
25 lands that we now own within northern Arizona, which is east

1 of Flagstaff, up north on the Hopi reservation, all the way  
2 to Eager and Springerville. This has been something that we  
3 want to make sure was included in the design that you had  
4 put forth to us.

5           Because of this, we feel confident that now that  
6 we will have equal representation, both in congress as well  
7 as in the state legislative district.

8           I appreciate the fact that in the past two times  
9 that I did appear before the Commission that as we watched  
10 the progress that we did see you begin to take into account  
11 those areas that we were concerned with, as well as other  
12 native groups, that are now together in a cluster, that we  
13 now will have a voice in what is taking place, not only in  
14 the state but also in the congressional districts.

15           As we watch you go forth, we appreciate the fact  
16 that the hard work you've put into this. I know it wasn't  
17 easy.

18           Just like anything else in the political scene, it  
19 becomes a tough road to follow.

20           Yet, we believe from the Hopi Tribe that you have  
21 been fair in your assessment.

22           We really appreciate the fact that Nuvatukyaovi,  
23 San Francisco Peaks, has been put into our legislative  
24 district as well as the congressional.

25           As you know, this is very special to us. And now

1 with that encompassed in what we desire in our feelings  
2 about the district, we appreciate that.

3           So come Monday we want to welcome you up both onto  
4 the Navajo Hopi reservation. We look forward to seeing you,  
5 and I'm sure that some more of my fellow Hopis will also  
6 make some statements supporting what you have given us  
7 today. Kwakwhá.

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

9           (Applause.)

10           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
11 Supervisor Matt Ryan, vice chairman, board of supervisors  
12 for Coconino County.

13           (Applause.)

14           SUPERVISOR MATT RYAN: Thank you, Madam Chairman,  
15 and members of the Arizona Independent Redistricting  
16 Commission.

17           Spelling of my name is M-A-T-T, R-Y-A-N.

18           On behalf of the entire board of supervisors,  
19 thank you for coming to Flagstaff for your second round of  
20 public hearings, and thank you again for your hard work and  
21 diligence in drafting the congressional and legislative maps  
22 for our state.

23           You're doing an awesome job.

24           It's a challenging job, and we acknowledge that.

25           Joining me tonight are some of my fellow board

1 members, Chairman Lena Fowler and Supervisor Mandy Metzger.

2 Supervisors Taylor and Archuleta had family  
3 matters that they had to attend to, otherwise they would  
4 have been here.

5 First, we are grateful to the Commission for  
6 listening to our written and verbal testimony.

7 Our stated values in that regard are regional  
8 economic development, ecotourism, transportation, forestry,  
9 ranching, and agricultural, institutions of higher learning,  
10 rural versus non-rural areas of the county, and tribal  
11 nations.

12 Those values and interests with like-minded  
13 communities clearly reflect a northern Arizona congressional  
14 district.

15 Therefore we thank you for listening to our view  
16 that we do not share a community of interest with Mohave or  
17 Yavapai County, or at least less so than these other areas.

18 On a day-to-day basis, the issues we face in  
19 northern and northeastern Arizona align Coconino County with  
20 its longtime neighbors to the east.

21 We have a shared interest in the major public  
22 policy issues which impact our constituents, including  
23 water, forestry, ranching, agriculture, and regional  
24 economic development, to name a few.

25 We have not come to our viewpoints lightly. They

1 have been the result of much conversation and deliberation  
2 with our constituents and colleagues in the region and  
3 beyond Coconino County borders over the past several months.

4 We also thank you for not combining the proposed  
5 Congressional District 1 with metropolitan Maricopa County.

6 With all that is said, Coconino County supports  
7 the IRC's congressional map that places Coconino County in  
8 the new Congressional District 1.

9 On the issue of the legislative districts, we have  
10 the following comments.

11 We appreciate the thought that has been put into  
12 establishing the legislative map and the amount of personal  
13 and professional work that it contains.

14 You have been sensitive to the testimony that we  
15 have provided over these past few days, weeks, and months  
16 and the testimony of so many of our constituents to keep  
17 greater Flagstaff contained in one legislative district. We  
18 also thank you for listening to our tribal communities and  
19 addressing their important needs.

20 The board has consistently testified before the  
21 IRC for including the areas surrounding the city of  
22 Flagstaff in a legislative district.

23 The board supports the concept of the IRC map, but  
24 requests that this map support our goal of including greater  
25 Flagstaff in one legislative district.

1           In the current map adopted by the IRC, a portion  
2 of the Schultz flood area is in a separate district than the  
3 city of Flagstaff, and the entire Schultz flood area split  
4 into two separate legislative district.

5           Specifically Doney Park is contained in your LD 6  
6 and Timberline-Fernwood in LD 7.

7           As a point of reference, the Schultz flood area  
8 includes the Doney Park, Timberline, and Fernwood  
9 neighborhoods.

10          The area within the Schultz flood area that is  
11 excluded from LD 6 is comprised of approximately  
12 3,000 residents who live in the unincorporated area a  
13 few miles outside the city of Flagstaff. Most of these  
14 residents work, shop in, recreate in Flagstaff, and they're  
15 children attend the schools in Flagstaff.

16          The flood area is part of a joint regional  
17 planning area of the city and the county, and is within the  
18 Flagstaff metropolitan planning organization, which is  
19 consistent with our transportation and community of  
20 interest.

21          The neighborhoods within the flood area need to be  
22 included in the same legislative district as the city of  
23 Flagstaff because the residents identify with Flagstaff and  
24 the two communities are interdependent.

25          In order to assist you and your staff in

1 understanding our points and in accommodating our request,  
2 we have provided a map in your packet and information on the  
3 Schultz flood area. The information was distributed to you  
4 prior to the meeting.

5 The County Board of Supervisors believes that it  
6 is important to include the entire Schultz flood area in the  
7 same legislative district as the city of Flagstaff.

8 I'm losing my place. There we go. Got back in  
9 line.

10 In addition to this change, our board is  
11 requesting that you work with our county elections  
12 administrator to make minor corrections to ensure precinct  
13 lines work within the current county precinct lines. Our  
14 staff will work with your staff to accomplish these  
15 objectives.

16 Finally, we would like to thank the commissioners  
17 for the inclusion of competitive districts in both the  
18 congressional and legislative draft maps. Competitive  
19 districts give voters legitimate choices. While we  
20 understand that competitiveness cannot be the main criteria  
21 for forming districts, it is an important consideration to  
22 provide citizens of our state meaningful choices in their  
23 representatives at the state legislature and in the United  
24 States Congress.

25 In closing, we want you to know how much we

1 appreciate the dedication of the IRC members and of your  
2 staff.

3 We appreciate the opportunities to express our  
4 viewpoints, the many hours you have dedicated to hear the  
5 views of the people across Arizona, and for your serious  
6 consideration of all perspectives.

7 We have hope that you will equally -- seriously  
8 consider our concerns that the greater Flagstaff area,  
9 including the Schultz flood area, be including in the same  
10 legislative district as the city of Flagstaff.

11 We look forward to working with you in the days to  
12 come to address our issues. The board feels strongly that  
13 making this change will allow communities of interest to  
14 remain intact.

15 Thank you, and good luck for 25 nights of doing  
16 this.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR MATT RYAN: You're welcome.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Flagstaff  
21 city councilman Scott Overton.

22 (Applause.)

23 COUNCILMAN SCOTT OVERTON: Good evening. Thank  
24 you.

25 And I can assure you this is a hearty group.

1           And, Commissioner McNulty, you're sitting in my  
2 chair. And I keep a small pillow and some snacks right to  
3 the right.

4           But good evening, Chairwoman Mathis,  
5 Commissioner McNulty, Commissioner Herrera. Thank you. And  
6 it's great to have you in the community of Flagstaff this  
7 evening.

8           My name is Scott Overton, that is O-V-E-R-T-O-N.

9           I'd like to recognize just quickly we also have a  
10 number of our other counsel members with us this evening,  
11 our Vice Mayor Celia Barotz is with us this evening, as is  
12 council member Art Babbott, and of course our mayor did the  
13 welcome.

14           I'm a Flagstaff native and have served in the  
15 Flagstaff community since 2006 as a Flagstaff City Council  
16 member.

17           As a member of the Flagstaff City Council, it's an  
18 honor to provide testimony to this evening on behalf of the  
19 citizens and the city council.

20           Tonight I start by acknowledging the hard work of  
21 the commissioners, and thank you for your service to the  
22 state of Arizona.

23           Like you, being a representative for the citizens  
24 in Arizona, the Flagstaff City Council has worked diligently  
25 to become informed of the requirements and restrictions that

1 are placed upon the redistricting process.

2           And like you the commissioners, this city council  
3 has taken great effort to engage our citizens throughout our  
4 neighborhoods and communities in northern Arizona.

5           That's evident this evening.

6           This community engagement has taken place in the  
7 numerous city council meetings in these chambers.

8           It has included partnerships that have developed  
9 with our business community, local advocacy groups, our  
10 county officials, our neighboring communities, tribal  
11 nations, and just general interested citizens.

12           That combined, have helped us shape a message to  
13 you of a unified voice that is hopefully better to assist  
14 you at your task.

15           As leaders we took up the challenge of bringing  
16 these ideas and comments together to create a value  
17 statement, which you've heard in the past and I'll  
18 reread this evening, that reflect the elements that are  
19 most important to the citizens that we serve in this  
20 community.

21           Our city council and our city statement reads:  
22 The City of Flagstaff values a redistricting outcome that is  
23 first and foremost compliant with the Voting Rights Act of  
24 1965, does not regress in its representation of the native  
25 populations in northern Arizona, maximizes competitive

1 districts across the state and includes Flagstaff in such a  
2 district.

3 We place value in Flagstaff in a district whose  
4 communities share our same transportation, economic,  
5 governance, and natural resource interests, and we value  
6 placing a greater Flagstaff area in one single legislative  
7 district.

8 To speak on the specifics this evening, it is our  
9 clear desire that both the congressional and legislative  
10 maps achieve preclearance from the Department of Justice on  
11 the initial submission of the redistricting plan.

12 We believe this very important objective is  
13 currently met by LD 7 as shown on the legislative merge map  
14 dated October 9th of '11.

15 In addition, we ask that you the Commission --  
16 that's really pretty cool -- I think I have another minute  
17 though.

18 In addition we ask that the Commission maintain  
19 the current rural focused congressional map, dated October 2  
20 of 2011.

21 And in particular, CD 1, while very large and  
22 quite vast in geographical area, it is a competitive  
23 district that includes Flagstaff and many communities of  
24 interest.

25 Regarding the legislative map, we ask that any

1 adjustments that are made to this map will consider the  
2 incremental improvement to competitiveness first and  
3 foremost. Specifically to LD 6 which includes Flagstaff.

4 For communities of like interest, both  
5 congressional and legislative maps reflect the regional  
6 interests that are important to your city.

7 However, we would request that the Commission  
8 keep the Verde Valley together by possibly realigning  
9 Camp Verde from Legislative District 14 to Legislative  
10 District 6 with adjoining Flagstaff and the greater  
11 surrounding communities.

12 It's important to note that the business community  
13 is an integral partner with the city, and we believe that  
14 the current configuration of LD 6 does keep similar business  
15 interests together.

16 LD 6 as currently drawn will give Flagstaff a  
17 voice in state business issues that are critical to our  
18 economic vitality.

19 Regarding our value to keep the greater Flagstaff  
20 community whole, I appreciate Supervisor Ryan's comments on  
21 behalf the county.

22 We have many of the community members here tonight  
23 from the surrounding neighborhoods.

24 The legislative map has done much to keep the  
25 Flagstaff area whole and intact.

1           However as a city maybe we were not as clear as we  
2 would like to have been on the rural neighborhoods that are  
3 part of our great community.

4           In addition to those communities currently shown  
5 within the LD 6 map, we would respectfully request your  
6 consideration of the inclusion of the neighborhoods slightly  
7 north of Doney Park, which are locally referenced to as  
8 Timberline-Fernwood and the Schultz Pass burn and flood  
9 areas.

10           Our community recognizes the importance of the  
11 Schultz fire restorations area, and therefore includes it  
12 within these neighborhoods.

13           Again, we ask that these areas be considered as  
14 inclusions to LD 6.

15           Chairperson Mathis, excuse me,  
16 Commissioner McNulty, Commissioner Herrera, I commend the  
17 entire Commission for all of your work on behalf of the city  
18 of Flagstaff in completing the redistricting process to this  
19 point.

20           Thank you for the opportunity to speak, and we  
21 appreciate you being here with us this evening.

22           I personally take great pride in the tireless  
23 efforts of this community and the ownership of the values  
24 and vision that we have all agreed upon.

25           I believe it has been a sincere effort. I truly

1 do. And has resulted in providing a clear and consistent  
2 message to you as our Redistricting Commission. Thank you  
3 and enjoy your evening here.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Next speaker is Kevin Burke,  
7 city manager for the city of Flagstaff.

8 KEVIN BURKE: Thank you, Madam Chairman -- woman  
9 and commissioners.

10 Just a couple of housekeeping items that I might  
11 offer.

12 Since we run a lot of meetings in here and we  
13 typically run on the three-minute schedule that you  
14 proposed, we have a little light system that you may see  
15 down here and in front of you, and offer to your staff if  
16 they want to sit where Darryl is, you can run that.

17 The green light runs until you're down to one  
18 minute. The orange light comes on at 30 seconds, and then  
19 the red light indicates when your time has expired. So it  
20 helps the folks that are sitting here to see just what time  
21 they have.

22 The other housekeeping item that I would throw out  
23 is just the computer itself.

24 I don't know if folks are going to want to play  
25 with maps or call them up or if you've got that ability to

1 put on these screens, but we can certainly just go to your  
2 website and then put that Google map that was referenced  
3 earlier so that if there is discussion there.

4 So, again, my name is Kevin Burke, that's  
5 K-E-V-I-N, last name is B-U-R-K-E.

6 And I serve as the city manager for the city of  
7 Flagstaff.

8 The purpose of my presentation was to talk about  
9 how we can achieve what both Supervisor Ryan and  
10 Council Member Overton had described as making some  
11 adjustments to include the Schultz fire area.

12 I believe you have a packet in front of you that  
13 gives you kind of specifics here. And I'll start, I'll  
14 start with Timberline, you know, with the Schultz fire area.

15 We have three particular census blocks that  
16 constitute these areas.

17 And they are block 1616, block 668, and block 353.  
18 Together this population equals 2,637.

19 We would be moving that from LD 7 to LD 6.

20 So obviously you're looking for where's the push  
21 in the bubble.

22 The push in the bubble that we would recommend is  
23 south of Payson, and I think it's about four pages back.  
24 You'll see -- actually it's the second to last page there.

25 You'll see three census -- or two census tracts,

1 tract 1710 and tract 460.

2 Combined, those two tracts have a population of  
3 2,170. And we would suggest that would be the alternate.

4 I know I'm down to 30 seconds.

5 Let me -- the other area was the request on  
6 Camp Verde.

7 And that Camp Verde represents a population of,  
8 going back to that front page, sorry, 11,295, moving them  
9 into LD 6.

10 Our proposal is to move the census tracts out of  
11 the Show Low area.

12 Again, Council Member Overton explained that we  
13 think Camp Verde has a great community of interest with the  
14 rest of the Verde Valley.

15 Conversely -- or similarly, we believe Show Low  
16 has a great community of interest with Pinetop Lakeside, and  
17 currently they're divided.

18 Our proposal would move Show Low with the  
19 11,277 people out LD 7 -- or out of LD 6 into LD 7.

20 And so we think those might be the trade-offs to  
21 achieve the request we're making tonight.

22 With that, again, echo my thank-yous.

23 I will also communicate to the folks behind me,  
24 having attended several of your meetings and having watched  
25 very remarkable how well that you take citizen input and

1 really try to incorporate the changes. I know that we found  
2 the Commission to be very responsive and really appreciate  
3 that aspect.

4 I would convey that to the rest of the group, that  
5 you've been great listeners, so thank you for your time.

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Joe  
9 Galli, vice president of government affairs for the  
10 Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce.

11 JOE GALLI: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the  
12 Commission, and staff for the Independent Redistricting  
13 Commission. Again, Joe Galli, vice president of government  
14 affairs, Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce. That's spelled  
15 G-A-L-L-I.

16 On behalf of the board of directors of the  
17 Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce and our thousand plus members,  
18 we welcome you to town and we hope you stay overnight, spend  
19 some money, and enjoy our fine restaurants for dinner and  
20 breakfast, if you're able to get out of here early enough  
21 and catch one that's open.

22 I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the folks at the  
23 City, particularly our elected officials, mayor, and  
24 council folks that you've heard from, not just here tonight  
25 but at your other meetings too at different parts of the

1 state. And the staff that have worked tirelessly. And  
2 additionally at the county too as well, our elected  
3 officials who have been before you in Phoenix at many of  
4 your meetings. And then the many business leaders that  
5 attended other hearings.

6 Our president/CEO Julie Pastrick spoke to you back  
7 in August on some of the important issues that the board of  
8 directors has related to redistricting in this effort, and  
9 that was at the executive tower at the end of August.

10 And so we've been engaged in this process from the  
11 inception. And I think one of the goals of the board of  
12 directors of the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce was that we  
13 speak uniformly on a number of fronts, and I think we've  
14 been successful in doing that.

15 So thanks for listing to us prior to and to  
16 tonight as well.

17 Our two main goals have been communities of  
18 interest for both legislative and congressional districts  
19 and competitiveness, and we think you've done a fine job on  
20 both fronts.

21 I would like to address some issues about the  
22 congressional district though.

23 One of the issues that we had early on, one of the  
24 issues we've identified as far as the congressional district  
25 is concerned is we kind of like the way it was with CD 1,

1 and the reason for that was that we had benefitted from  
2 having a member of congress sent back to Washington for the  
3 entire decade from Flagstaff, representing both parties at  
4 different points during ten years.

5 I speak a little bit from experience. I worked on  
6 the political side of life in 1998 in the old  
7 Congressional District 6, which you'll recall had a number  
8 of communities from Maricopa County and then parts of seven  
9 other counties in rural Arizona, and then also in the early  
10 2000s in Congressional District 1.

11 You know that district is currently 60,000 square  
12 miles, one and a half times the state of Pennsylvania, and  
13 larger than the state of Illinois.

14 I think that you have a little -- you might have a  
15 little bit of a representation problem moving forward with  
16 the existing district going from the Arizona border all the  
17 way to southern Cochise County.

18 And I'll leave it at that.

19 But we are grateful that it is a rural eastern  
20 district, and that's what we had hoped for.

21 Finally on the legislative merge map, our goal had  
22 been to be with communities of interest. As I mentioned  
23 earlier, the White Mountains and the Verde Valley  
24 communities, we've identified those as acceptable  
25 communities.

1           We like the Legislative District 6.

2           Understanding there are a number of folks in this  
3 room tonight that are concerned about Schultz fire area, and  
4 some of the folks that spoke before me, from the official  
5 side of life from the city and county.

6           Just real quickly wrapping up.

7           We've not taken up the specific changes that the  
8 City just supposed to you, but I can imagine that the board  
9 of directors would look favorable upon them and would  
10 anticipate that we'll take them up in short order and circle  
11 back with everyone else.

12           So finally we would like to see a legislative  
13 district for Flagstaff that pairs our community with like  
14 communities in northern Arizona who share our forest health  
15 concerns, similar economic drivers, similar economies of  
16 scale related to the delivery of health care, and a clear  
17 acknowledgement of both parochial and regional  
18 transportation needs.

19           And with all of that, I thank you again for being  
20 here with us. You're doing great work, and we'll continue  
21 to weigh in as the process moves forward. Good luck.

22           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23           (Applause.)

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Steven  
25 Darden, commissioner for Navajo Nation Human Rights

1 Commission.

2 STEVE DARDEN: Last name is spelled D-A-R-D-E-N.

3 Madam Chair, commissioners, city council, mayor,  
4 board of supervisors, my relations, yá'át'ééh.

5 I too wish to express as a former judge,  
6 magistrate here, city councilman, my condolences to the late  
7 police chief.

8 I went running this morning, and he was definitely  
9 in my heart as was his family.

10 And so I want to appreciate you for that too.

11 I have been here 35 years. Flagstaff. And in the  
12 county. I have properties both in the county and in the  
13 city.

14 I currently serve on the Navajo Nation Human  
15 Rights Commission. I'm also a Diné traditional  
16 practitioner.

17 We wish to appreciate the Commission. Our  
18 commission and our Navajo Nation leadership has also  
19 presented to you many times.

20 As a citizen of Arizona we want to say thank you  
21 on behalf of our people, the Diné Nation, for listening to  
22 our people and listening to all the presentations of all  
23 sorts and sundries of things, including maps.

24 The Navajo Nation through the Human Rights  
25 Commission has made many presentations to you. You have

1 approved a draft legislative map that satisfies the  
2 requirements of the Voting Rights Act, which is very  
3 important to us.

4           You also approved a congressional map that  
5 increases the Native American voting age, what's called the  
6 voting age population in CD 1 from 16 percent to 20 percent,  
7 and we appreciate that.

8           We ask that you approve the map as they are drawn  
9 out in the drafts that you have presented most recently.

10           We also want to just state as the honorable chair  
11 of the great Hopi Tribe that we are grateful that the  
12 San Francisco Peaks, the Abalone Shell Mountain upon who's  
13 lap we sit this evening, is included in Congressional  
14 District 1 and Legislative District 7.

15           Navajo Nation has several ranches off the  
16 Navajo Nation.

17           We have the Big Boquillas, we have the Espil, and  
18 we have the Winslow tract.

19           In particular I wish to express on behalf of the  
20 nation the area known as the Espil Ranch. Espil has certain  
21 features that are paramount to my people, the Navajo people.  
22 Firstly, it encompasses and encloses the San Francisco Peaks  
23 sacred to my people.

24           There are private lands on it that is owned by the  
25 Navajo Nation. One of the private lands owned by the Navajo

1 Nation in this area is indeed in the Schultz Pass area, the  
2 Schultz area.

3 And there has been negotiation about that.

4 Navajo Nation plans to develop the Espil Ranch by  
5 developing the aquifers, the water system, and fencing for  
6 grazing.

7 We ask that you keep Espil and other ranches owned  
8 by Navajo in the Legislative District 7.

9 In conclusion, we support the draft congressional  
10 and legislative districts as presented.

11 With that I say thank you much.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is  
15 Representative Tom Chabin, from Legislative District 2.

16 (Applause.)

17 REPRESENTATIVE TOM CHABIN: That's very nice.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And, representative, before  
19 you begin, I've just been asked to ask all speakers to speak  
20 louder.

21 REPRESENTATIVE TOM CHABIN: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 REPRESENTATIVE TOM CHABIN: I'll be happy to.

24 I'm Representative Tom Chabin. My last name is  
25 spelled C-H-A-B, as in boy, I-N.

1           Madam Chair and members of the Commission, I am  
2 very, very proud to represent my district. It includes the  
3 Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, Hualapai and Havasupai  
4 Tribes, and the city of Flagstaff, Coconino County.

5           Coconino County, city of Flagstaff, and the tribal  
6 entities have all prepared very well to present you with  
7 testimony that is meaningful and thoughtful, it is  
8 respectful, and to the constitutional issues that you must  
9 address.

10           As I told you before, Proposition 106 asks that  
11 non-political people, people who have never held public  
12 office, be appointed to this Commission to do the most  
13 political thing in politics.

14           And all of what we want is sweet and nice and we  
15 can talk about it, but the moment you draw a map,  
16 controversy arises.

17           We appreciate, all of us, and I personally, for  
18 what you've done, and I compliment you on what you've  
19 achieved.

20           I ask a couple of things.

21           One, hear us tonight about the Timberline area.

22           And the exchange, if you will, for the Camp Verde  
23 vicinity and that community.

24           And let me suggest that District 14, which is the  
25 Yavapai area, if there should be an exchange, that maybe the

1 Payson area for Camp Verde might work, and stay within the  
2 population exchange that's being offered here.

3           What that may also do and what I ask you to  
4 concentrate on is the issue of competitiveness with this  
5 district.

6           As I shared with you before, this is the only  
7 legislative district that can be competitive in northern  
8 Arizona.

9           This is it.

10           And I compliment you on where you've gotten, but I  
11 ask you to go further and do your best.

12           In many respects I ask you to be kind of like John  
13 Wayne in a bar room, if you will.

14           John Wayne as an observer watching a fight  
15 develop, and he's not really a part of it, but he sees a  
16 bunch of people kind of ganging up on the little guy.

17           And as long as it's one on one, he'll take on the  
18 gang to make sure that it's a fair fight.

19           All I ask for, if I'm going to pursue an office  
20 for legislature in this legislative district, that I present  
21 my ideas, my opponent presents their ideas, and that we have  
22 a fair jury of voters to decide which set of ideas they want  
23 represented in the legislature.

24           And to the extent that you can make this district  
25 as competitive as you can, I think will not only serve our

1 area, but the state of Arizona as well.

2 Thank you for your work. And thank you for  
3 hearing me.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6 Our next speaker is Joy Iris Staveley, president  
7 of Canyoneers, Inc., representing small business, from  
8 Coconino County.

9 JOY STAVELEY: Good evening. I'm very, very sorry  
10 that Commissioners Stertz and Freeman are not here tonight.  
11 I hope that they are watching online.

12 My name is Joy Staveley, S-T-A-V-E-L-E-Y,  
13 president of Canyoneers, Incorporated, here in Flagstaff.  
14 We operate in Grand Canyon National Park. We also have an  
15 RV park and campground by Jacob Lake near the North Rim of  
16 the Grand Canyon.

17 In addition to being a businesswoman in Flagstaff  
18 for the past 33 years, I'm also past chairwoman of the  
19 Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, a current advisory board  
20 member of the Small Business Development Center and of the  
21 Arizona Friends of Small Business, the Northern Arizona vice  
22 president for National Federation of Independent businesses,  
23 current treasurer and trustee of the Grand Canyon River  
24 Outfitters Association, and a current member of Flagstaff  
25 Forty.

1           I was very disappointed in reading in yesterday's  
2 Arizona Daily Sun that editor Randy Wilson said the final  
3 draft congressional district map gave this region nearly  
4 everything it could have hoped for.

5           I realize this is just one opinion, but it  
6 does not comport with my beliefs or those of many small  
7 business people and friends and neighbors I have been  
8 talking with.

9           We feel that the non-reservation portion of  
10 Coconino County belongs in the newly drawn rural -- western  
11 rural district of CD 4.

12           Northern Arizona communities such as Flagstaff,  
13 Prescott, and the Verde Valley share economic development  
14 interests, transportation, education, forest restoration,  
15 water management, medical and health interests, and of  
16 course tourism interests. Very important to us.

17           We currently work together on common legislative  
18 issues such as the Greater Arizona Mayors Association,  
19 Northern Arizona Council of Governments, and the Flagstaff  
20 Metropolitan Planning Organization.

21           Additionally, Grand Canyon National Park is  
22 located within the counties of Mohave and Coconino and will  
23 be well served by being in the same congressional district.

24           Arizona's 13 rural counties have a total  
25 population of 1,594,637 residents according to our 2010

1 census.

2           That's enough to make at least two rural  
3 congressional districts, with an ideal district having  
4 710,224 residents.

5           The Commission we hope would draw at least  
6 two districts completely outside metro Phoenix and metro  
7 Tucson, one in eastern Arizona and one in western Arizona.

8           If Coconino County must be included in a district  
9 with a heavily populated area, we feel that it should be  
10 kept completely out of Maricopa County and Pima County. The  
11 more populated northern Arizona areas within Yavapai County  
12 and Mohave County, for example, would we think be much more  
13 preferable.

14           No rural county should be joined with any part of  
15 metro Phoenix or metro Tucson, except when necessary to  
16 comply with the Voting Rights Act.

17           The new CD 1 places Coconino County with suburban  
18 communities of Marana, Oro Valley, and Saddlebrooke just  
19 north of Tucson.

20           The draft map does not comply with the Arizona  
21 Constitution in a number of ways.

22           The districts are much less compact than those  
23 represented in previous maps.

24           The districts do not represent the rural  
25 communities of interest.

1 All of the nine districts shown on the draft map  
2 have a connection to the metro Phoenix or metro Tucson area.

3 This is a significant detriment to many of the  
4 constitutional criteria for the sake of competitiveness.

5 So we ask that you please do not split  
6 five counties, Pinal, Cochise, Gila, Pima, and Yavapai,  
7 for the sole purpose of keeping our one county, Coconino,  
8 whole.

9 The Arizona Constitution states that to the extent  
10 practical district lines shall use visible geographic  
11 features, city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided  
12 census tracts.

13 But we're asking please do not put the Pima County  
14 communities of Marana and Oro Valley in with the eastern  
15 rural district CD 1 that includes Coconino County. The  
16 rural counties should be able to elect a candidate from  
17 rural Arizona, not from suburban Tucson.

18 We ask that you please not split Yavapai County  
19 arbitrarily to include parts of the Verde Valley with the  
20 eastern rural district CD 1.

21 The Verde Valley is the link between Yavapai  
22 County and Coconino County. Many of the problems with the  
23 draft map could be resolved by adding the non-reservation  
24 portion of Coconino County into the new CD 4 and removing an  
25 equal population from Pinal County in CD 4 and adding it to

1 CD 1, addressing many of the concerns of our friends and  
2 neighbors in Pinal County.

3 If two rural districts and three border districts  
4 are truly desired by the Commission, this can be  
5 accomplished without putting the eastern counties in with  
6 Pima County and without putting the western counties in with  
7 the urban areas of Maricopa County and Pinal County.

8 Arizona has more than enough people in the rural  
9 parts of our state to deserve a minimum of two completely  
10 rural districts.

11 So I ask if the Commission would please consider  
12 those requests that I have made on behalf of a lot of our  
13 business community and friends up here in regards to those  
14 two districts.

15 Thank you so much for your attention.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Next speaker is L.G. Mace,  
18 representing self, from Prescott.

19 L.G. MACE: My name is L.G. Mace. The last name  
20 is spelled M-A-C-E.

21 A number of times here tonight people have said  
22 that you're here to hear us.

23 In looking at these maps and going on past  
24 meetings and what has been said at those meetings, I don't  
25 think you're listening.

1           You need to listen to what we're saying and the  
2 reasoning behind it.

3           I represent myself, but I'm also speaking for a  
4 number of people in Yavapai County and particularly those in  
5 the Verde Valley area.

6           We do not believe Coconino has a right to run down  
7 and grab off part of Yavapai just to make something even.

8           I'm looking more for a boundary on Yavapai County.  
9 We want Yavapai to be completely within a congressional  
10 district and completely within its own legislative district.  
11 We have a population to do that.

12           I agree with the previous speaker that one of the  
13 ideal CD 4 would be the non-reservation portion of Coconino,  
14 all of Mohave, all of Yavapai, all of La Paz, and then  
15 whatever portions of Gila County are needed to make any  
16 population change.

17           We do believe that the best area would be a  
18 square.

19           What you have here on these maps is a very  
20 gerrymandered CD 1, a very gerrymandered CD 4.

21           And on the legislative maps, you've really thrown  
22 out any idea that we have any kind of contiguous areas  
23 within a county.

24           So I would emphasize follow the county borders,  
25 keep them within congressional districts, keep them within

1 legislative districts wherever practical, and, whatever you  
2 do, do not weight -- weaken Yavapai County by throwing us in  
3 with the northern portion of Maricopa.

4 They will dominate us, they will elect our  
5 legislators, and we won't have any voice.

6 So please do not combine us with Maricopa.

7 Thank you.

8 (Applause.)

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10 Our next speaker is Ken Dzugan, representing self,  
11 from Oak Creek.

12 KEN DZUGAN: Yes. My name is Ken Dzugan, and that  
13 last name is spelled D-Z-U-G-A-N.

14 Madam Chairwoman and members of the IRC, first I  
15 want to thank you for what has got to be one of the most  
16 thankless jobs in the world that you are doing. And I think  
17 you're doing a great job.

18 I do have one concern, and it -- and the main  
19 thing that I want to address is Congressional District 1.

20 And my concern is I live in the Village of  
21 Oak Creek, which is just a few miles south of the southern  
22 border of the city of Sedona.

23 But we are a community of interest. And I want to  
24 tell you why I believe we are a community of interest.

25 The Sedona Oak Creek Unified School District

1 includes both Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek, and we  
2 have schools in both.

3           The Sedona fire district includes the Village of  
4 Oak Creek, and it has a fire station there.

5           The Sedona Public Library has a branch in the  
6 Village of Oak Creek, and they make presentations and give  
7 programs both in Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek.

8           All of the service clubs for the area, the Rotary,  
9 the Lions, and the Elks, have membership throughout Sedona  
10 and the Village of Oak Creek.

11           The Sedona Chamber of Commerce also includes the  
12 area of the Village of Oak Creek, and they hold programs  
13 there as well as up in the Sedona area.

14           Cultural organizations such as Chamber Music  
15 Sedona, the Sedona International Film Festival, and Sedona  
16 Jazz On The Rocks, have many members from both Sedona and  
17 the Village of Oak Creek.

18           On October 7th and 8th, Sedona Jazz On The Rocks  
19 held their annual jazz festival at the Sedona Golf Resort,  
20 which just happens to be located in the Village of Oak  
21 Creek.

22           The Red Rock News, the local paper that covers  
23 both Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek provides home  
24 delivery to their subscribers in both Sedona and the Village  
25 of Oak Creek.

1            Sedona Monthly, a magazine, which is mailed free  
2 to residents of both Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek.

3            The U.S. Postal Service requires that residents of  
4 the Village of Oak Creek use Sedona in their mailing  
5 address.

6            So those are the reasons that I think we are a  
7 community of interest with Sedona. And I hope that you will  
8 be able to find a way to join at least the Village of  
9 Oak Creek into Congressional District 1, because I think  
10 that's where we belong.

11            As far as the Legislative District 6, I agree with  
12 what several other speakers have said. I think that  
13 Camp Verde ought to be included as well within Legislative  
14 District 6 as part of the -- as part of the overall  
15 Verde Valley area.

16            So, thank you all.

17            CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

18            (Applause.)

19            CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Karen  
20 Bradford, representing self, from Flagstaff.

21            KAREN BRADFORD: Thank you, Madam Chair.

22            My name the Karen Bradford, B-R-A-D-F-O-R-D.  
23 Karen with a K.

24            Well, this is my first time doing this. I am  
25 certainly not as prepared as many of the other people.

1           I am not a politician. I am simply here to state  
2 my opinion, and I thank you for letting ordinary citizens  
3 walk in here and address you like this.

4           And I agree with everybody else. You are doing a  
5 very thankless job, and I am glad I'm not having to do it.

6           My main purpose was to be here to support Joy  
7 Staveley with her comments about the communities of  
8 interest. I do believe that we have more in common with the  
9 Mohave and eastern and western counties than we do with some  
10 of the southern counties like Cochise.

11           Therefore I feel that it would be much better for  
12 us to be included with those counties that are in the new  
13 District 4, proposed District 4. I suppose it's not really  
14 there yet.

15           And I would like to -- and I also believe that  
16 there is an advantage in that it is more compact and more  
17 contiguous. I do think that -- I also appreciate the fact  
18 that it is more of a rural district than what we have going  
19 right now with the chunks of Maricopa and Pima now that gets  
20 stuck in with us sometimes.

21           So I know that's not a whole bunch of really  
22 informative stuff. I didn't do all the figures for the  
23 numbers, but I do believe that there have been some number  
24 studies that would be -- I think you could do it. It's not  
25 like it's really difficult to do.

1           There's some little pieces you can drop off the  
2 bottom.

3           Thank you very much for your time.

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5           (Applause.)

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is David  
7 Arendt, representing self, from Coconino.

8           DAVID ARENDT: Good evening. Welcome to  
9 Flagstaff. It's a great town, and you'll notice while in  
10 your stay here that it's really kind of hard to tell the  
11 difference between the city of Flagstaff and the outlining  
12 rural communities and subdivisions.

13           My name is Dave Arendt. It's A-R-E-N-D-T.

14           I'm a registered nurse at Flagstaff Medical  
15 Center, and I am a retired law enforcement from Southern  
16 California.

17           And I'm requesting that the Commission reconsider  
18 the proposed legislative district map and keep greater  
19 Flagstaff within its like communities.

20           Really would like Flagstaff to remain within LD 6  
21 and not split up some of the rural communities into a new  
22 legislative district, LD 7.

23           Proposed map redistricts several of the rural  
24 communities, like Timberline and Fernwood, into LD 7. And  
25 these subdivisions represent communities of interest within

1 the greater Flagstaff and should remain within LD 6.

2 This would comply more with the Voter Rights Act  
3 of compactness, and the proposed map does not follow the  
4 interest of maintaining a Flagstaff or a greater Flagstaff  
5 with a compact and common sense of interest.

6 So I thank you for your time. Enjoy your stay up  
7 here, that's why my wife and I moved out of Southern  
8 California, and thanks for your time.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Diana  
12 Arendt, representing self, from Coconino County.

13 DIANA ARENDT: Good evening, commissioners. And  
14 thank you for your service.

15 My name is Diana Arendt, A-R-E-N-D, as in  
16 district, T.

17 And I'm a resident of Flagstaff.

18 I'm also a registered nurse and community  
19 activist, and I'm involved in a variety of volunteer  
20 positions in our county.

21 I would like to address the proposed congressional  
22 map and why I do not believe that the IRC has adequately  
23 addressed communities of interest.

24 In 2001, IRC created an all rural congressional  
25 district.

1           Now this principle has changed.

2           The proposed map stretches from the northern  
3 border of Arizona to the Mexican border and includes much of  
4 Pinal County, Pima County north of Tucson, and Maricopa  
5 County south of Phoenix.

6           Where there was once one pure rural district in  
7 the 2001 map, there are now two urban/rural districts.

8           The new CD 1 will be dominated by the three urban  
9 counties, and the new CD 4 by Maricopa and Pinal Counties.

10          Rural Arizona will lose its voice.

11          I am aware that the mayor, the Flagstaff Forty,  
12 and some Coconino County supervisors have testified in favor  
13 of Flagstaff being in the eastern district, but that is not  
14 the voice of the majority of the population, with all due  
15 respect.

16          Coconino, Yavapai, Mohave, La Paz, and northern  
17 Yuma Counties have strong communities of interest.

18          Along with many others, I believe that respecting  
19 communities of interest and supporting two real rural  
20 districts in Arizona would ensure appropriate representation  
21 in congress.

22          Therefore I respectfully ask that you as  
23 commissioners serve the interest of the people of Arizona  
24 and not the interest of the politicians.

25          Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 Our next speaker is Roger Boone, representing  
4 self, from Flagstaff.

5 ROGER BOONE: Madam Chair, commissioners, and  
6 staff, my name is Roger Boone, spelled R-O-G-E-R, B-O-O-N-E.  
7 Just like Daniel.

8 I'm a Flagstaff resident for some 20 years, a  
9 small business owner, and an operator.

10 First of all, I'd like to say, you guys are much  
11 more attractive in person than in the countless hours of  
12 blurry video I've watched off the website.

13 Good thing about it is the audio has been good, so  
14 I've at least been able to hear the testimony.

15 Thank you for all your hard work in your attempt  
16 to comply with the criteria you're mandated to follow.

17 I do have to say though that the process of  
18 Prop 106 is somewhat like throwing the baby out with the  
19 bathwater by requiring you to start with a clean slate.

20 Why reinvent the wheel. Why not improve it.

21 I'm here tonight to talk -- or voice my opinion on  
22 CD 1 and LD 6.

23 I'll try to keep it short.

24 Some of my items have already -- about four.

25 Regarding LD 6, the burn area's already been

1 addressed, but there's also two little areas that are south  
2 of town to Winona Road and go eastward from 89-A to Winona.  
3 These areas are known as Mountain View Ranchos and Cosnino  
4 Equestrian.

5 I think they've been left out by error. People  
6 probably didn't understand that that was part of Flagstaff.

7 Regarding CD 1. I feel that Flagstaff has more in  
8 common, in interest with the river district CD 4 than CD 1.

9 I would suggest Flagstaff and all the  
10 non-reservation areas surrounding Flagstaff be brought into  
11 CD 4, which would increase competitiveness in CD 4. There  
12 is no competitiveness in CD 4.

13 If we have two rural areas, even if you have to  
14 split the competitive numbers, it would be better than what  
15 we have now.

16 Also, it would allow you to pull up some of the  
17 area around metro Phoenix, and possibly even some of the  
18 Payson area, which they have complained about. They don't  
19 want to be with Flagstaff.

20 Whether we want to admit it or not, Flagstaff is  
21 in trouble, the state's in trouble, and our great country is  
22 in trouble.

23 I would find it of great benefit for small  
24 businesses like mine to be included in CD 4, which has  
25 similar size communities and has similar types of

1 businesses.

2 I would also like to add a point. I have heard  
3 and read so much comments about the lobbying that's coming  
4 out of Flagstaff. Identities like the Flag Forty, Flagstaff  
5 City Council, Coconino County Board of Supervisors, and of  
6 course our honorable mayor of Flagstaff Sara Presler.

7 Which Sara holds a position of Vice Chair on the  
8 Greater Arizona Mayors Coalition, which is comprised of  
9 cities like Bullhead City, Camp Verde, Chino Valley,  
10 Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Humbolt, Kingman, Lake Havasu City,  
11 Prescott, Prescott Valley, Sedona, Williams.

12 Are all of those areas, all those towns located in  
13 the river district?

14 Unfortunately I have to work for a living.

15 And I'm not afforded the luxury of being able to  
16 lobby.

17 I do find it an issue to have groups like Flag  
18 Forty, City Council, NAU, and county try and move their  
19 agenda forward and tell you what is best for me.

20 Madam Chair, as a fellow Independent, I value  
21 maintaining my Independent values, and I respectfully  
22 request you maintain your core values with this process.

23 Listen carefully to both sides of the aisle and  
24 apply your core values as you see fit.

25 Once again, thank you for all your hard work.

1 It's a job I'd never apply for.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Robert  
6 Thorpe, representing self, from Flagstaff.

7 ROBERT THORPE: Good evening, commissioners.  
8 Thank you for coming to Flagstaff.

9 According to Proposition 106, a district should be  
10 compact and contiguous.

11 There's nothing compact or contiguous about the  
12 latest proposed CD 1. A district that appears to stretch  
13 over 400 miles, from Utah to the Mexican border, is not  
14 compact. And northern Tucson, a five-hour drive, is not  
15 contiguous with the city of Flagstaff.

16 Respecting communities of interest, Flagstaff does  
17 not have any -- anything in interest with communities that  
18 are hundreds and hundreds of miles away.

19 According to the Voting Rights Act, the plan that  
20 you put together cannot weaken or reduce minority voting  
21 rights.

22 CD 1 Republicans have been in the minority for  
23 over ten years.

24 The proposed CD 1 will ensure that CD 1 remains a  
25 stronghold for the Democratic party and will further the

1 minority status of Republican voters within CD 1.

2 My recommendation is that the non-reservation  
3 portions of Coconino County should be merged with CD 4 to  
4 make it compact and contiguous with other communities of  
5 interest.

6 Thank you very much for your time and  
7 consideration.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Marilyn  
11 Ruggles, representing self, from Flagstaff.

12 MARILYN RUGGLES: My name is Marilyn Ruggles,  
13 R-U-G-G-L-E-S.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight.

15 I am representing self, but I have a funny feeling  
16 there are a lot of the Schultz fire/flood area residents,  
17 friends, neighbors here. So if they'll all stand up.

18 More than I thought.

19 I had no idea there were that many.

20 Since you began working on the LD map, I have  
21 streamed as much as possible of the IRC meetings. Having  
22 done so, I have gained much respect for your perseverance  
23 and your efforts.

24 It's been a painful process, and I'm afraid it  
25 will continue to be so for a little while longer.

1           Tonight I will speak just to the LD map, since I  
2 feel that your decisions about where those lines are drawn  
3 will have a greater effect on me personally than the CD map  
4 lines.

5           Specifically I wish to suggest some minor changes  
6 in the lines around the Schultz fire/flood area which will  
7 have a major impact on my life in the next several years.

8           As the lines to delineate LD 6 and 7 are presently  
9 drawn, they split the Schultz fire/flood area.

10          You know that.

11          Part of the area lies within District 6 and part  
12 within District 7.

13          City and county governments and residents of the  
14 greater Flagstaff area all feel that the Schultz fire/flood  
15 area is a community of interest for Flagstaff.

16          The city's landfill, the city's severely damaged  
17 water pipeline, and the burn area above the neighborhoods  
18 affected by the floods, the berms erected to protect  
19 Doney Park from further flooding, the cinder lake that  
20 absorbs some of runoff from the floods coming off the  
21 mountain, et cetera, all need to be in the same district as  
22 Flagstaff.

23          I could leave out some of this because some people  
24 have already said it.

25          Having streamed your meetings, I fully realize

1 what a challenge it is to move a line, because it affects  
2 another line and another line and another. And many  
3 requirements have to be considered, including the VRA,  
4 equalization of population, contiguousness, et cetera.

5 To the uninitiated, minor changes in the map seem  
6 minor, but for you they are big challenges.

7 I also realize that nobody is happy with the maps,  
8 and that you were receiving many requests for changes and  
9 the second public hearing process has just begun.

10 Knowing that, I still respectfully request that  
11 you redraw the line affecting the Schultz fire/flood area to  
12 include the entire area in the same LD as Flagstaff.

13 After the 30-day public comment period is over on  
14 November 10th, I know it can't be done now, I think that was  
15 the initial intent, but there was some confusion about which  
16 neighborhoods were included in the area.

17 Thank you for your service and for your  
18 consideration.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Grant  
22 Cooper, representing self, from Flagstaff.

23 GRANT COOPER: Madam Chair, commissioners, my name  
24 is Grant Cooper, C-O-O-P-E-R.

25 And my wife and I, we live in the Timberline area

1 a few miles north of the city of Flagstaff limits. And the  
2 proposed LD map shows our area outside the LD 6 and within a  
3 district containing the Navajo Hopi reservations and other  
4 very far outlying communities.

5 We should be in the same district as the city of  
6 Flagstaff. Our community of interest is with Flagstaff.  
7 That is LD 6.

8 As this is our town where we shop, work, where our  
9 kids, our grandkids go to school, where we have common  
10 interests, issues, and concerns.

11 In addition we live in the area severely impacted  
12 by yearly flooding caused by the Schultz fire.

13 The county of Coconino and the city of Flagstaff  
14 have mounted a coordinated effort to mitigate the damage  
15 that has and continues to occur. We need to be included in  
16 the same district as Flagstaff in order for these efforts to  
17 be successful.

18 We have very little common interest, issues, or  
19 concerns with the reservations in outlying communities. We  
20 would be without effective representation if left in this  
21 district.

22 We urge you to include our area in the same  
23 district as Flagstaff.

24 And thank you, and good luck on your endeavors.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Eve Ross,  
3 representing W.L. Gore & Associates, Flagstaff.

4 EVE ROSS: Thank you. My name is Eve Ross,  
5 R-O-S-S.

6 Gore is a major employer in the city of Flagstaff.

7 I have addressed you before, in Tempe a couple  
8 weeks ago, to discuss Gore's interest in our representation  
9 and the location of the district lines.

10 Gore is a part of Flag Forty. We are supportive  
11 of the information and points of view put forward by  
12 Flag Forty.

13 We support the current CD 1 map.

14 We value particularly the competitiveness of this  
15 district as it's currently drawn.

16 We think a competitive district allows more people  
17 to have a chance of winning. More people with a chance of  
18 winning brings more people to the table, makes for better  
19 conversations about the issues that face this area, our  
20 state, and our nation.

21 On the legislative district side, I want to echo  
22 what you have heard from other people tonight. It's  
23 important that the Schultz burn area be kept together.

24 Gore associates come from the greater Flagstaff  
25 community there. And their representation, their

1 orientation, and the like, is oriented towards the city of  
2 Flagstaff. A great number of people who work at Gore live  
3 out there. And aligning their interest with those of the  
4 city of Flagstaff to us makes sense.

5 So thank you for very much for all your work as  
6 we've -- you all deserve to be sanctified for participating  
7 for this long in this process.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I just want to do a court  
11 reporter check. It's 7:30. Thumbs up. Okay. Let us know  
12 when you need a break.

13 Our next speaker is Donald Weaver, representing  
14 self, from Flagstaff.

15 DONALD WEAVER: My name is Donald Weaver,  
16 W-E-A-V-E-R.

17 And I just want to make a few general comments.

18 My main concern about the congressional map is  
19 that I think, although you have tried to keep two rural  
20 districts, I think what you have actually done is eliminated  
21 two rural districts, because both CD 1 and CD 4 now extend  
22 down into population centers in the center of the state and  
23 in the southern part of the state. So that although you  
24 call those rural districts, they really are not rural  
25 districts, because the population centers in the Phoenix,

1 Maricopa County, area and the population centers down in  
2 Tucson area will actually dominate those counties.

3           So I just would like to say that I think you need  
4 to reconsider those two factors.

5           And I would also like to point out that although  
6 this meeting is part of the second round, I believe, the way  
7 you've put it up on your outline, if you will recall in the  
8 first round, you had a meeting scheduled here in Flagstaff  
9 but the meeting was cancelled because none of the  
10 commissioners were in attendance.

11           So I would just like to point out that --

12           (Applause.)

13           DONALD WEAVER: -- although this is the second  
14 round for Flagstaff population, it is really still the first  
15 round.

16           Thank you very much for your attention, and I  
17 appreciate being able to talk to you.

18           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19           (Applause.)

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Tom  
21 Broderick, from Flagstaff.

22           TOM BRODERICK: Good evening, commissioners.

23 B-R-O-D-E-R-I-C-K.

24           Thank you for your work and service.

25           It's been mentioned by everybody up here, I think,

1 because anybody who's looked at this understands that this  
2 is not an easy job or a -- one that gets a lot of thanks  
3 usually.

4 I'm here to support the existing congressional map  
5 that you have, particularly to have our community and our  
6 county included in the eastern district.

7 I've driven through some of these places that are  
8 referred to by other speakers as urban areas. And, in fact,  
9 they're pretty sparsely populated areas on the outskirts.

10 So, I wanted to support the congressional map that  
11 you have, with the community as -- our community as it is in  
12 CD 1, and that you have successfully gotten two rural  
13 counties.

14 And my only other comment is that on the  
15 legislative district -- by the way, I hadn't thought about  
16 this Schultz burn district, but I have shoveled a bunch of  
17 mud up there during the recovery from the initial floods,  
18 and that certainly is a Flagstaff community. If you look at  
19 the people where they were coming from that were helping  
20 shovel out there, it is all the people from the Flagstaff  
21 and of course surrounding areas.

22 So I want to support those folks in being  
23 included, but also to have -- work harder on getting our  
24 Congressional District 6 to be even more competitive and  
25 some of the other districts to be more competitive.

1           I think that the consensus, and I'm not an expert  
2 on all the numbers, but the consensus of people that I've  
3 talked to who have studied this a little more believe that  
4 more could be done to have competitive districts,  
5 particularly this one.

6           And I am going to save some time and get back to  
7 my seat so you can call the next person.

8           Thank you very much for your service.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10          (Applause.)

11          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Angela  
12 LeFevre, representing self, from Sedona.

13          ANGELA LEFEVRE: Yes, good evening. My name  
14 Angela LeFevre.

15          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sorry about that.

16          ANGELA LEFEVRE: LeFevre is French so it's hard.  
17 It's capital L-E, capital F-E-V-R-E.

18          And I'm from Sedona. And, again, thank you all  
19 for being here this evening.

20          And I've been following you from Sedona, so this  
21 is the first time I've actually been in front of you guys.  
22 And thank you for the opportunity to speak.

23          We in Sedona for the most part are absolutely  
24 thrilled that we are now in a competitive district. And we  
25 really, really, really appreciate that because Sedona is

1 full of wonderful people who've got great minds, greater  
2 intellect, and like a voice, and too often they've been  
3 denied that voice. So we appreciate that, and we appreciate  
4 the fact that you've given us this with CD 1 and for putting  
5 us towards the east.

6 We feel that is a community. We're very much a  
7 part of the eastern area, because of our forest, our lands,  
8 our natural -- natural resources, of course our water  
9 issues.

10 So we appreciate that we now can turn towards  
11 Flagstaff area rather than turning west to Prescott, which  
12 really has not got the same interest as ours.

13 And to illustrate this very quickly, we had some  
14 pretty bad experiences very recently with the county  
15 supervisors.

16 I don't know if you heard about this, but Yavapai  
17 County decided to draw their own map at the last minute  
18 after going to the public and actually ignoring everything  
19 that we had given them and drawing their own map.

20 We still -- Verde Valley only has one supervisor.

21 And -- although there's four on the other side of  
22 the mountain. So the people in the Verde Valley are not  
23 very happy about the western part of the county right now.  
24 We would on the whole prefer to go east.

25 So we thank you for that.

1           Just one small point. I had a colleague here  
2 talking about VOC, and what he said was very, very, very  
3 important.

4           I'd also like to point out that there are other  
5 areas surrounding Sedona.

6           You've moved the city of Sedona into CD 1. What  
7 you need to do is look at the precincts, and you have many  
8 precincts who are actually being divided into two by having  
9 what you have done.

10           So we have all kinds of anomalies here, and I'd be  
11 glad to put them in detail for you, but the fact is that you  
12 divided precincts, you've divided communities, and if could  
13 you look at that again it would be wonderful if you could  
14 put our whole -- the whole of greater Sedona into CD 1.

15           And as far as LD 6 is concerned, we are happy to  
16 go east.

17           It is what the city of Sedona council advised, and  
18 we're happy to have the Verde Valley as part of that looking  
19 on the eastern.

20           We really appreciate your work on that. Thank you  
21 so much.

22           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23           (Applause.)

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is David  
25 McKell, professor emeritus at Northern Arizona University,

1 representing self, from Flagstaff.

2           DAVID MCKELL: Good evening. My name is David  
3 McKell. McKell, M-C-K-E-L-L.

4           And I have been a citizen, a resident of  
5 Flagstaff, Coconino County, for over 37 years.

6           And I want to take this opportunity to say job  
7 well done.

8           I know that it's really difficult to begin to  
9 tweak the maps, because you could pull the string out of the  
10 whole sweater and be doing the whole thing over again. And  
11 I appreciate that.

12           And I really appreciate that you've put Flagstaff  
13 in the new Congressional District 1.

14           Because I do want to kind of point out in terms of  
15 the Flagstaff is the community of interest. It's a  
16 community of interest actually for the Navajo Nation, the  
17 Hopi Nation, both in terms of commerce and in terms of  
18 education.

19           And I am speaking as a professor that's been with  
20 the university for 37 years.

21           We have, at the university, one of the largest  
22 population of native students, the vast majority coming off  
23 the Navajo and Hopi reservation.

24           And Flagstaff and the university serves that,  
25 Flagstaff as a border community, and NAU as a university.

1 It's really, I would say, a reservation university. It  
2 really does serve that population.

3 And I want to thank you for putting Flagstaff with  
4 the reservation.

5 I do want to echo the concern in terms of the  
6 Schultz flood area and the Timberline. That is definitely  
7 within the Flagstaff community of interest. And if you  
8 could tweak that map without pulling the string in the  
9 sweater, I would appreciate it, and many here I think would  
10 too.

11 And thank you again for your attention.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Phil Off,  
15 representing self, from -- you'll have to tell us which  
16 county.

17 Chairman Mathis and members of the Commission,  
18 thank you for your time. Good evening.

19 PHIL OFF: My name is Phil Off, spelled O-F-F,  
20 probably the shortest and easiest one so far tonight.

21 I'm a resident of Pine Mountain Estates  
22 neighborhood.

23 First I want to thank you for taking on the  
24 challenging and daunting task of creating balanced and  
25 competitive legislative districts in the state. I can only

1 imagine the breath and depth of the input that you've  
2 received so far.

3           Ranging north from the Flagstaff city limits,  
4 along Route 89, and on the west side of Doney Park, is a  
5 series of small neighborhoods. These neighborhoods range in  
6 size from only about 30 to around 100 homes each, with names  
7 of North Peak, Hutchison Acres, Timberline, Pine Mountain  
8 Estates where I live, Fernwood, and Wupatki Trails. And  
9 there are a few homes in between that don't have any  
10 distinct neighborhood identification.

11           Together historically most of these have been  
12 called Black Bill Park. I have no idea who Black Bill is or  
13 was, but more recently our group of 2500 residents has been  
14 given a new name, the Schultz fire burn and flood area.

15           A map of our area has been prepared using -- I'm  
16 the only person so far that brought you a map, you asked us  
17 for a map, I brought you a map -- using your IRC mapping  
18 tool for your review.

19           The last 18 months have been pretty hard on us.  
20 First the recession -- we all suffer from that -- then a  
21 devastating forest fire, and now ongoing floods have ravaged  
22 our small neighborhoods. Roads and homes have been damaged,  
23 property values are reduced to less than 40 percent of their  
24 previous values -- if they can be sold at all -- retirement  
25 plans of whole lives have been scrapped, shattered, and

1 rearranged.

2           It is only with the loving care and assistance of  
3 our greater Flagstaff community that we've coped with this  
4 crisis.

5           Greater Flagstaff residents you've heard tonight  
6 that filled and placed sandbags, shoveled mud, provided food  
7 and housing, and operated the heavy equipment needed after  
8 each one of these floods.

9           We have no infrastructure of our own.

10           We work in Flagstaff. I'm one of the Gore  
11 associates.

12           We shop in Flagstaff. Our children go to school  
13 and play football and soccer in Flagstaff. We worship in  
14 Flagstaff. Our medical care is in Flagstaff.

15           Even the water we drink comes from wells and pumps  
16 in District 6.

17           We are wholly dependent upon, and inextricably  
18 linked with, the greater community of Flagstaff.

19           I ask you and I respectfully implore you to  
20 include our neighborhoods in District 6 along with the rest  
21 of our Flagstaff family.

22           Thank you.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24           (Applause.)

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Glenn

1 Hoge, from Flagstaff.

2 GLENN HOGE: Thank you.

3 My name is Glenn, G-L-E-N-N, Hoge, H-O-G-E.

4 I'm actually a resident of Kachina Village, just a  
5 community just south of Flagstaff.

6 I want to thank you folks for the service and  
7 your -- and for your service on the Independent  
8 Redistricting Committee.

9 I voted for the proposition that established the  
10 committee, and I think that you've done me proud.

11 I appreciate your sacrifice.

12 I support your CD 1 map.

13 I think it shows a great deal of thought. I think  
14 you've listened carefully to the Flagstaff community, to the  
15 city council, to the board of supervisors, to the  
16 Native American tribes, and to the business interests that  
17 have given testimony previously.

18 To refute one of our earlier speakers, I don't see  
19 the city council, board of supervisors, and the  
20 Native American tribes as lobbyists. I see them as elected  
21 representatives.

22 I think that you have -- with your CD 1 map, I  
23 think you have created a community of interest. I think it  
24 is competitive. I think you have adhered to the Voting  
25 Rights Act.

1           And Coconino County is left whole, and it's placed  
2 in the eastern part of the state where it belongs.

3           I support -- for the most part I support the map  
4 LD 6.

5           However, I would ask the committee to relook and  
6 make sure that it is competitive.

7           I think that some small adjustments need to be  
8 made.

9           For instance, I think that Show Low is not as much  
10 of a community of interest as is Winslow.

11           Also, I believe, as some of the previous speakers,  
12 that Timberline should be included with LD 6.

13           Thank you.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15           (Applause.)

16           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Louise  
17 Hublitz.

18           If you could let us know where you're from, that  
19 would be great.

20           LOUISE HUBLITZ: Good evening, Madam Chair, and  
21 members of the IRC. My name is Louise Hublitz,  
22 H-U-B-L-I-T-Z, and I am a resident of Flagstaff.

23           I have to use the word volunteer as in my thank  
24 you to you guys for doing the job you do.

25           It is an amazing volunteer effort on your part,

1 and I really do appreciate the kind of time you take from  
2 your personal lives and your family to be here.

3 And I appreciate this opportunity to speak with  
4 you.

5 It's not an easy task to sort through all the  
6 considerations that are presented to you. I think you've  
7 heard a variety of points of view here tonight. Some of  
8 them quite different from others.

9 But I think that you have listened and been  
10 independent in the choices that you've made with your map.  
11 I think you've done the right thing.

12 I know that sometimes it's not easy to do the  
13 right thing.

14 I believe that as a resident of Flagstaff I'm  
15 happy with the choices that you made with the Congressional  
16 District 1.

17 I think I will continue to have a voice in my  
18 community and the choices that affect the quality of life  
19 here in Flagstaff. That's why I'm here, for the quality of  
20 life.

21 I believe that the voice of the majority of the  
22 people in this community, in this city, and in this county  
23 have been heard by you. And I know that by the way you have  
24 designed the congressional map.

25 As for the legislative district, LD 6, I would ask

1 that you listen to the considerations that are very  
2 heartfelt from the people that live in the Schultz fire  
3 area, Timberline-Fernwood. I think that's an area that  
4 really needs to be taken into special consideration.

5 And I would ask that you listen to the voice of  
6 our representatives that are voted into office here in our  
7 town, specifically Matt Ryan, Scott Overton, Kevin Burke,  
8 and Tom Chabin, listen to some of the suggestions they've  
9 made about tweaking that map a bit, the LD map six, and, and  
10 do the right thing.

11 And I know that's not always easy, and I know that  
12 this is a thankless task, but I so much appreciate you  
13 giving us the opportunity to speak to you.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Martin  
18 Valentine, representing self, from Coconino.

19 MARTIN VALENTINE: My name is Marty Valentine.  
20 That's V, as in Victor, A-L-E-N-T-I-N-E.

21 I'm a longtime resident of Flagstaff.

22 I am more than a little concerned over the  
23 redistricting as I've seen it so far. Specifically in the  
24 congressional district.

25 With all the political and economic strife today,

1 I feel that we need to look for commonalities more than  
2 differences.

3 Specifically metropolitan tribal interests should  
4 not dominate rural communities such as Flagstaff.

5 Having spent my youth in Phoenix, later in Tucson,  
6 I assure you that this is not what my family wanted when we  
7 moved to Flagstaff 20 years ago.

8 Urban concerns have little in common with  
9 western -- with western and northern regions, and should  
10 therefore not be included in our congressional district.

11 What I'm really interested in is specifically  
12 moving the Marana and Oro Valley southern district of the  
13 congressional division, and possibly bringing other elements  
14 possibly north of -- in the Mohave area, let's say, into the  
15 district.

16 I appreciate your efforts. It's not an easy job.  
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Barbara  
21 Valentine, representing self, from Coconino.

22 BARBARA VALENTINE: Good evening. I don't know  
23 about this wife following husband thing, but I will try it.

24 My name is Barbara Valentine, V-A-L-E-N-T-I-N-E.

25 With no disrespect to the mayor of Flagstaff, the

1 Coconino County supervisors, the Flag Forty, and the city  
2 council, they do not reflect my views and the views of many  
3 others in the community regarding redistricting.

4 I moved to Flagstaff 20 years ago because of its  
5 rural leanings. It is my opinion that Flagstaff should be  
6 in the western district, not in the proposed eastern  
7 district.

8 According to the 2010 census, there is enough  
9 population to make two rural districts.

10 I feel that we in Flag have much more in common  
11 with Yavapai, Mohave, La Paz, northern Yuma County, and  
12 other western Arizona communities rather than the Navajo and  
13 Apache Counties as proposed in the eastern district.

14 Myself and many others believe that respecting  
15 communities of interest and supporting two genuine rural  
16 districts would ensure proper representation in congress for  
17 business and for individuals.

18 Please do not base your decision on voting blocks,  
19 but rules that govern the Commission and common sense.

20 Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Michael  
24 Martin, representing self, from Coconino.

25 MICHAEL MARTIN: I'm not going to spell Mike.

1 Martin is M-A-R-T-I-N.

2 On August 2nd I gave this map to your  
3 administrative assistant when you weren't at the meeting.

4 I recognize that what you're doing is a noble  
5 effort.

6 I'll read my prepared remarks.

7 Is Ray Bladine here?

8 Is that you, Ray Bladine?

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: He is not here.

10 MICHAEL MARTIN: He's not here. All right. Fine.

11 I mean, it's a fact.

12 The ten-year actual enumeration specified in our  
13 constitution is a philosophically correct and essential  
14 component of the historical anomaly represented by the form  
15 of government we all enjoy.

16 I got to say we enjoy it.

17 This is good.

18 However, the revised district plans following  
19 these -- from these enumerations historically have instead  
20 proven to be burdens to be endured.

21 Over the course of 20 plus previous redistricting  
22 programs, the practitioners somehow managed to increase the  
23 quality of their attempts.

24 This is historically over the United States  
25 history.

1           The bar measuring their attempts has now risen to  
2 the level of a tripping hazard. This has provided  
3 Arizona's first Redistricting Commission with a perverse  
4 measure of cover. However flawed their district plan based  
5 on the 2000 census may have been, it is nothing if not  
6 traditional.

7           The 2010 census affords the current Redistricting  
8 Commission -- and all of us -- you all -- an opportunity to  
9 be mutually supportive.

10           Together we might aspire to raise the bar  
11 untraditionally higher.

12           Such is the good faith intention of this alternate  
13 plan.

14           Which you all have had since the 2nd of August.

15           The following nine federal congressional districts  
16 and 30 state legislative districts were conceived shortly  
17 after the public Flagstaff city council meeting of 7 July.  
18 The redistricting issue was the topic of discussion of the  
19 initial two hours of that meeting.

20           The underlying goal of this alternate plan is  
21 functional clarity. The plan is functional by providing the  
22 critical political equity of one person, one vote. The plan  
23 achieves clarity by being understandable, if not to  
24 everyone, to as many such persons as possible.

25           That's not the case with what you're giving us.

1           There's, there's a woman that had an accent,  
2 French, from Sedona, or English?

3           English, excuse me.

4           Has it ever been a legitimate goal of  
5 redistricting to intentionally distract, disorient, and  
6 repulse the voting public? In the context of Arizona's  
7 governance receivership status, the question is not as  
8 incredible as it might seem.

9           This discussion invites the current Redistricting  
10 Commission to seriously attempt to answer a single essential  
11 question: Can 39 districts somehow fairly provide critical  
12 equity in a clear form that is widely understood?

13           This alternative suggests yes.

14           Subordinate to the belatedly adopted standard of  
15 one man, one vote, the 39 districts are based on a single  
16 principle. The existing government designated jurisdictions  
17 with elected legislative bodies are to be utilized whole, as  
18 their populations, per the '10 census, are less than the  
19 respective target populations.

20           It's just that simple.

21           The designated jurisdictions are the community of  
22 interest that this alternative will recognize, respect, and  
23 maintain.

24           Which none of your plans state.

25           You do not state what is the community of interest

1 per each.

2           You can't, and you should, and you have not.

3           In most locations, the jurisdictions will be state  
4 designated counties, municipalities, and school districts.  
5 In the few remaining jurisdictions -- locations, the  
6 jurisdictions will be federally designated Native American  
7 reservations.

8           I've not been as systematic of those as I'd like  
9 to, and I apologize to the Native Americans for that.

10           The target populations are given. It's math.

11           As presented in the following tabulations, actual  
12 specific populations of the alternate districts reflect  
13 their several circumstances will vary. In each case the  
14 difference will be presented as a percentage.

15           You've all done that.

16           It will remain for the dedicated staff to  
17 determine the political party distributions of the voters in  
18 this alternate's district. Such distributions are based on  
19 the self-declaration by individuals during the voter  
20 registration process.

21           As the numbers -- let's see, okay.

22           As the numbers of registered voters, by party or  
23 declared Independents, are obtained, they should continue to  
24 be listed per district, all districts, all alternate plans.

25           You're doing that.

1           That's not bad.

2           In a similar vein, a more rational analysis of  
3 alternate plans may become the norm, when all of the  
4 several -- presumably several communities of interest in all  
5 of the alternate plans are listed per each. Further, the  
6 degree to which these communities are maintained whole or  
7 fractured can also be listed and become part of the norm.

8           You just heard the story about Sedona having its  
9 voting precincts being divided by your work.

10           That may be a finetuning that you can edit, so to  
11 speak.

12           Recognizing Arizona's political receivership  
13 status requires that the obvious be stated.

14           The federal and state -- state designated  
15 jurisdictions are explicitly and objectively defined  
16 communities of interest.

17           Again, the redistricting process will not be less  
18 equitable if all the alternate plans are also obliged to be  
19 systematically explicit.

20           This is no more consistent because my plan does  
21 it.

22           The alternate plan is after all a draft.  
23 Consequently the use of intra-county divisions and  
24 reservations is intended to represent benchmark goals within  
25 the overall census figures. The alternate attempts to

1 impartially presume that all women then are created equal.  
2 Respectively all Arizonans are invited to speak for  
3 themselves in good faith.

4 I'd just like to highlight a couple of very nice  
5 obvious things.

6 Talking about CDs. People attack a lot of  
7 problems with our proposed congressional district running  
8 down the east side of the state.

9 If you take the five northern counties, you'll end  
10 up with a population of 724,607.

11 That's Mohave, Yavapai whole, Coconino, Navajo,  
12 and Apache.

13 That's two percent over the limit.

14 I think on a congressional district, that might be  
15 too much of an error that the feds will accommodate.

16 If we delete the -- and this reflects positively  
17 on the Apaches. If we delete the Apache reservation areas  
18 in southern parts of Navajo and Apache County, that may help  
19 that.

20 By the way, this gives you three rural districts.  
21 You seem to be struggling so hard to have that problem.

22 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, we need to  
23 respect the three-minute timeline and --

24 MICHAEL MARTIN: Is it over?

25 VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah.

1           I think we need to bring back the buzzer. It will  
2 be helpful.

3           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sir, if you could ensure  
4 though that we get that map. Kristina Gomez, our deputy  
5 executive director, will take that from you, and any  
6 prepared statements that you've got written out that you  
7 want to give us.

8           MICHAEL MARTIN: Where is she?

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: She is standing -- she just  
10 waved.

11           Thank you.

12           (Applause.)

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Take a break?

14           Okay. We'll take a quick recess.

15           Five minutes.

16           It's right now 8:02 p.m.

17           Thank you.

18           (Brief recess taken.)

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Recess is now over. The time  
20 is 8:17 p.m.

21           We've got a lot of folks who want to get home  
22 tonight because they have long drives, so we're trying to be  
23 respectful of that, and we'll get started.

24           I did -- before we take more public comment, I  
25 wanted to note that someone thankfully to us pointed out

1 some discrepancies in some data that went out tonight. And  
2 we're doing some checking on that. It's on these charts  
3 that say Commission approved congressional draft map voting  
4 age population breakdown.

5 So we're -- our mapping consultant is looking into  
6 those numbers and making sure that they are accurate, and  
7 we'll ensure that the right numbers are on our website as  
8 soon as possible.

9 So with that, our first speaker is Dea Bragalla  
10 did he yeah backs call law from Yavapai County.

11 DEA BRASGALLA: My name is Dea, D-E-A, last name  
12 B-R-A-S-G-A-L-L-A.

13 And my concern is about the outlying districts  
14 surrounding Sedona.

15 They are put into a different legislative  
16 district, I believe.

17 And they are only like -- I mean, they're maybe  
18 two or three miles outside of Sedona. I don't understand  
19 why they were not included.

20 One is the Shadows community.

21 And the other one is the Lower Loop Road, and has  
22 the state park, the Arizona state -- one of our state parks  
23 there.

24 Anyway, I really feel also that the Village of  
25 Oak Creek needs to be included with Sedona on all of the

1 maps, because they share the same fire and school districts  
2 as well as the ZIP code.

3           And the Village of Oak Creek is, like, maybe  
4 five miles from the city limits of Sedona.

5           Anyway, I also wanted to say that I have lived for  
6 14 years on the Hopi reservation, and I am very proud to see  
7 that the Hopi and Navajo reservations are included in CD 1,  
8 and I'm glad that Sedona is included in CD 1, and I thank  
9 you very, very much for all your hard work.

10           And I certainly wouldn't want to be sitting where  
11 you are.

12           Thank you.

13           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

14           (Applause.)

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Marian  
16 McCollister, from -- representing self, from Coconino  
17 County.

18           MARIAN MCCOLLISTER: Thank you very much for  
19 coming up here and for all of your hard work. We really  
20 appreciate it.

21           I just want to say, first of all, I really do like  
22 all of the maps that you've done, especially the CD 1 map.

23           It fits what I would like to see.

24           I live in the Schultz fire burn area, and last  
25 year I was evicted -- evacuated.

1           Should have been.

2           Evaluated by the fire and now I suffer flood  
3 damage.

4           And as Mr. Off said, Flagstaff will never be the  
5 same. It will not recover in our lifetime.

6           I went to all the community wide events that were  
7 held, especially by the board of supervisors, all of the  
8 different agencies around the area.

9           I live in LD 2, and both of my representatives and  
10 my state senator are from Prescott. And I have never seen  
11 them up here.

12           I can't even remember their names. I have to keep  
13 looking them up.

14           As far as I know they've never even visited  
15 Flagstaff.

16           So I just want to go on record by saying I really  
17 do hope that you keep us with communities of interest in the  
18 east rural district. Thank you very much.

19           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. And spell your  
20 name for the record. Thank you.

21           MARIAN MCCOLLISTER: McCollister,  
22 M-C-C-O-L-L-I-S-T-E-R.

23           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

24           Our next speaker is Bryan Bates, representing  
25 self.

1           Our next speaker is Lula Stago, representing --

2           LULA STAGO: Stago.

3           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: -- Stago, thank you, from  
4 Navajo County.

5           LULA STAGO: First of all, I want to thank the  
6 Commission for your hard work.

7           I am a product of NAU. It was mentioned. I did  
8 my bachelor work here, master's, and doctoral work in  
9 Flagstaff. And NAU has been pretty good with me.

10           So thank you.

11           Anyway, I am Lula Stago. I'm a tribal member of  
12 the Navajo Tribe, a community member of Tees Toh, 50 miles  
13 north of Winslow. I also reside and have a home in Winslow,  
14 since 1982.

15           I vote in the city election of Winslow, state,  
16 federal, and also the Navajo tribal election.

17           I want to briefly mention where I'm coming from  
18 and why I am really thankful for what you -- with the two  
19 maps that you have designed.

20           We have a cultural background and a traditional  
21 history that goes years back.

22           And we have a culture which is ethnically unique.  
23 We have a cultural preference, and have a customarily -- and  
24 are customarily different. And because of this we are often  
25 misunderstood.

1           And, in fact, we have -- our people have suffered,  
2 Native American people have suffered historic injustice from  
3 forced colonization and a disposition of land and resources.  
4 And it has been very, very difficult.

5           And this is why I am looking at the two maps. I  
6 want to thank you for what you have done, the way that  
7 you've designed the maps, because it shows that you have  
8 considered our -- the situation that we're in, and that you  
9 designed the maps in accordance to our needs and our  
10 interests.

11           It will give us an opportunity to determine our  
12 political status. It will also help us to pursue our own  
13 economic, social, educational, political, and cultural  
14 development.

15           I want to thank you again for the work that you  
16 have done, and I also want to bring up just a little  
17 activity that we're doing in Winslow.

18           Since I've been there for many years, that we have  
19 a group that started about a year ago.

20           And you see we have Navajo lands within the city,  
21 and also surrounding the northern part of the city. That  
22 belongs to the Navajo Tribe. And we've been looking at  
23 these lands to develop them so that we can become  
24 economically sufficient and so that we can work to rebuild  
25 what we have lost in the past.

1           And so looking at the two maps really illustrates  
2 that you're giving us that opportunity, and we thank you for  
3 that.

4           And, again, thank you so much.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6           (Applause.)

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Dorothy  
8 O'Brien, representing Big Park Council, from Yavapai County.

9           DOROTHY O'BRIEN: Good evening, and thank you for  
10 this opportunity.

11           My name Dorothy O'Brien, capital O, apostrophe,  
12 capital B-R-I-E-N.

13           And it's my great pleasure and privilege to  
14 represent -- be here for Big Park Regional Original  
15 Coordinating Council.

16           We are the regional council over the  
17 unincorporated part of Sedona. So we're here -- you've  
18 heard lots of conversation tonight about the greater Sedona  
19 area. And I am here to speak to you -- one of the reasons I  
20 wanted the map up is to just show you, and this doesn't  
21 represent it properly, but the point is, there is a jut, for  
22 lack of a better word, I don't know how to describe it, but  
23 what you've done is you've left out all the unincorporated  
24 parts of Sedona.

25           We very much as a greater Sedona community want to

1 be linked with CD 1.

2 We are well pleased with your work on this map.

3 We have a historic link with the communities of  
4 Flagstaff. Historically we've been linked with them.

5 When you think about our economic development, our  
6 economic drivers, they go in this direction. We have almost  
7 three -- more than three million visitors a year.

8 They come in through the gateway, into the greater  
9 Sedona area, and then they either come up here through Flag  
10 to go to the Grand Canyon. Or culturally we're very linked  
11 to the Nations, to the Native American, to the tribes, the  
12 Navajo, the Hopi lands. Many, many, many, many people come  
13 through our community, the greater Sedona area, to move  
14 towards the Flagstaff area for the rest of their visits or  
15 business or vacations, whatever.

16 So it's critically important to us that we be,  
17 number one, combined as the greater Sedona area.

18 You heard we have ZIP codes in common.

19 I live in Sedona. That's my ZIP code. Even  
20 though I'm in the unincorporated part.

21 We have schools. We have libraries. We have fire  
22 districts.

23 So, you know, yes, we are in Yavapai County, but  
24 our, our lives are centered around Sedona, and more common  
25 interest would be for us east and north.

1           So we understand that there are issues in Pinal  
2 County, and some of these other population centers that  
3 perhaps could be adjusted. And we would ask you to do that.

4           What I'm going to do is just take a few minutes  
5 and go through my comments, because I'm standing here for  
6 approximately 7,000 people. And if you bring in the rest of  
7 the unincorporated areas like Red Rock Road and Dry Creek  
8 areas, all around the city of Sedona, you come up to about  
9 8,000 people.

10           So not that I'm representing all of them, but the  
11 Big Park planning district is almost 7,000 people.

12           So, what I'd like you to know from them is that we  
13 consider the Flagstaff area part of our economic driver.  
14 Our economic development is intrinsically linked to the way  
15 people travel through to see the Red Rocks and then to do  
16 things like visit the cultural sites on the nation and Hopi  
17 lands as well as the Grand Canyon.

18           So that's huge for us.

19           We're surrounded by Coconino Forest, by Coconino  
20 National Forest.

21           We're part of -- we're hoping that at some point  
22 we'll be a national scenic area, and that will be a huge  
23 economic driver for the whole region, the whole region north  
24 and east.

25           I will say, lastly, on the congressional district

1 and then I want to take a brief moment on the legislative  
2 district.

3 We need, excuse me, we need more equal  
4 representation. We have not been well served.

5 We have many good people in elected office, no  
6 doubt. And I don't want to criticize anyone that way, but  
7 our voice gets lost.

8 There is some political machinery in places, and  
9 we are a community that our voice gets lost.

10 We are a huge economic driver to the whole of  
11 Yavapai County. Greater Sedona area, yes, we are. But we  
12 don't reap the benefit of that.

13 Our voice is not heard or listened to.

14 So that's, that's a big consideration for us when  
15 we look at who can we bring to the legislature to be elected  
16 and represent us and hear us and understand our issues.

17 The natural resources are huge for us. Water,  
18 timber, the environment.

19 So -- and we're very closely linked with what  
20 Flagstaff is trying to accomplish. So that's one thing.

21 Legislatively you will hear more from our  
22 community.

23 So forgive me for not having serious detail, other  
24 than to say when we as a community look at the next  
25 ten years, which you're doing, God help you, you're doing

1 it, and we appreciate that. But when we look at the next  
2 ten years, we've got to improve on the past ten years.

3 Because the way the maps are drawn now, we don't  
4 have a voice.

5 When you push us towards the west, we get  
6 swallowed up and we're completely ineffective.

7 So, we would like to see what the legislative  
8 districts -- if the greater Sedona area can be cohesively  
9 kept together, super. That is our primary goal.

10 Secondary goal would be the rest of the  
11 Verde Valley.

12 At least parts that are maybe contiguous or close  
13 to Sedona, if not the whole.

14 But we would prefer the whole Verde Valley be a  
15 part of some of the legislative districts that would not  
16 necessarily put us under the thumb, and I am going to say  
17 the word, of Prescott.

18 But that's the truth.

19 I mean, we don't have the political machinery to  
20 work in that environment. We don't. So subsequently our  
21 voices are not heard.

22 So for equal representation, we would prefer, as a  
23 community, to be moved a little bit further east.

24 Thank you so much, and thank you for this  
25 opportunity.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

2 DOROTHY O'BRIEN: We'll have more for you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is Stu keeping time for us?  
5 Okay.

6 STUART ROBINSON: We're using the --

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, the system. Great.

8 Okay. I can't see it, because of a name tag, so I wasn't  
9 sure.

10 Okay.

11 Our next speaker is Greg Dalder, president Black  
12 Bill Park Neighborhood Association, Coconino County.

13 GREG DALDER: Good evening.

14 As you said, my name is Greg Dalder. Last name is  
15 D-A-L-D-E-R. And I'm the president of Black Bill Park  
16 Neighborhood Association.

17 My comments are -- have to do with the legislative  
18 districts.

19 And I live in Timberline.

20 On June 20th, 2010, the Schultz fire started. And  
21 in the course of just several short days 15,000 acres were  
22 burned. Many of us were evacuated from our home during that  
23 time briefly.

24 About 30 days later, the first of many devastating  
25 floods came to our community.

1           In that first flood, a young girl lost her life.

2           On that day we became a community of interest.

3           And it was borne from that shared experience and  
4 our common needs as a community that the Black Bill Park  
5 Neighborhood Association was formed, our grassroots effort,  
6 with the goal of protecting and preserving and restoring our  
7 community.

8           Sadly, about a month ago, we had this time a young  
9 boy that died in our community. Run over by heavy equipment  
10 that was attempting to build a berm to protect a home from  
11 flooding.

12           There's been a lot of damage to homes and  
13 property. Nothing compared to the loss of life.

14           It's been a tough year and a half for me and many  
15 of my friends that are here in the room tonight.

16           You can only imagine how we felt when we saw that  
17 Timberline and Fernwood and other communities that have been  
18 affected by the continuing floods were not included in  
19 Legislative District 6 along with other flood affected  
20 communities and the city of Flagstaff.

21           It was sort of like enough already.

22           We're tough, resilient people. But it was  
23 another, another blow.

24           Now, the most generous explanation for that, to  
25 not be included, to have our community of interest divided,

1 was that there was an oversight. Maybe an error.

2 But your presence tonight and your deep listening  
3 says to me that you're here because you are committed, in  
4 fact have a responsibility, to correct an oversight like  
5 this one. Indeed, I think, an error in the way the  
6 boundaries of Legislative District 6 were drawn.

7 And so I'm here to ask you to redraw those  
8 boundaries so that the flood affected communities are  
9 included in Legislative District 6, along with some of the  
10 other flood affected communities and also along with the  
11 city of Flagstaff.

12 And then lastly I would like to just say for the  
13 record, I'd like to express my gratitude to Supervisor Ryan  
14 for his support of our community, Council Person Overton,  
15 Mr. Burke, city manager, and many, many, many of you that  
16 are still here and those that have already left that have  
17 been here and have given their time to say that they support  
18 this change and are advocating for our community of  
19 interest.

20 So thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Sallie  
24 Kladnik, representing self, from Flagstaff.

25 SALLIE KLADNIK: Thank you, and good evening,

1 commissioners.

2           It's Sallie with an I-E, and Kladnik is  
3 K-L-A-D-N-I-K.

4           And I've lived in Flagstaff for eight and a half  
5 years. It's a wonderful community. And it is a greater  
6 community.

7           So I too support including the Schultz fire area,  
8 Timberline and Fernwood, in our greater Flagstaff community.

9           I think if it wasn't an oversight, it was an  
10 error, and really should be looked at.

11           My understanding from the August 3rd meeting and  
12 the various meetings that have occurred here in Flagstaff at  
13 the city council is that communities of interest are one of  
14 the criteria for drawing these lines. And I know you have a  
15 lot of criteria, and you've had a huge amount of input from  
16 all over the state.

17           And I do applaud all the work you've done.

18           I, in general, I feel very fairly represented by  
19 these new districts, by the congressional district. I feel  
20 it is very fair and that you've tried to listen to input,  
21 and have done extremely well. So I'm very pleased.

22           I feel as if I might be in a democracy again,  
23 which is a nice feeling.

24           And with the legislative districts I think there  
25 are a few areas that could be looked at and tweaked, and

1 probably in the congressional district too, when I hear  
2 about the Verde Valley, about Camp Verde, and the Village of  
3 Oak Creek and some of the surrounding greater Sedona areas.

4           However, I don't know how much that means of  
5 pulling the thread in the sweater, as somebody said earlier,  
6 David McKell.

7           And I also was a little surprised to see that  
8 Bellemont was split. Bellemont is split. The residential  
9 part has been excluded, even though parks and the commercial  
10 park was included in LD 6. So that seems to me somebody  
11 should look at Bellemont and why the residents who all work  
12 in Flag and are a part of Flag were excluded from LD 6.

13           So I know there's going to be lots of input for  
14 the rest of the month.

15           I appreciate your time, your patience, and your  
16 commitment to this very awesome task.

17           Thank you.

18           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19           (Applause.)

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Alison  
21 Zelms, assistant city manager for the city of Sedona.

22           ALISON ZELMS: Chairwoman Mathis and  
23 commissioners, thank you for spend are your evening with us  
24 tonight.

25           My name is Alison Zelms. Last name is Z, like

1 zebra, E-L-M-S.

2 I am here on behalf of the Sedona City Council.

3 They send their apologies that they couldn't be  
4 here tonight, but they're providing the Sedona Spirit Awards  
5 this evening.

6 I'm here to thank you for your work on the maps  
7 that you have proposed and generally support the legislative  
8 map. Sedona appreciates being located in District 6 with  
9 our regional partners, the Village of Oak Creek and  
10 surrounding Sedona areas, as well as the Verde Valley,  
11 although we would echo the request to include Camp Verde  
12 within Legislative District 6 to keep the Verde Valley  
13 whole.

14 However, we do have great concerns about being  
15 placed -- displaced from our regional partners within  
16 Congressional District 1 in the proposed map.

17 As was stated by several people this evening, we  
18 are a community at large, although we are in our corporate  
19 city limits much smaller than the greater Sedona area. If  
20 you were to be able to change the map to include the voting  
21 precincts for both the fire district and the school  
22 district, you would basically be incorporating the areas  
23 that were discussed this evening.

24 We do share schools and fire districts and all of  
25 those things.

1           And we really share a community identity that most  
2 of our visitors don't realize the difference between the  
3 corporate city limits of the city of Sedona and our regional  
4 partners in the Village of Oak Creek.

5           So there's two to four million people who won't  
6 know that, that, you know, they're in a different  
7 represented area because they don't see it as a different  
8 area.

9           We share a chamber of commerce, as was mentioned.  
10 And we really share commerce with each other, as was  
11 represented by the Sedona Hilton, which is not in the city  
12 of Sedona, but is representative of our local area.

13           In addition, we really would like to see the  
14 greater Verde Valley included within the same congressional  
15 district, although that will be pulling the string sweater  
16 as was discussed earlier.

17           We do feel like this is a very important change to  
18 make, having these maps be our future for the next ten  
19 years. And we would like to respectfully request that you  
20 observe our two primary goals, the first being to be  
21 included with the Village of Oak Creek and the surrounding  
22 Sedona areas, and the second being included with the Verde  
23 Valley in a congressional district.

24           Thank you for your time, and you'll be hearing  
25 from the rest of the city council at future meetings.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is J.R.  
5 Murray, chairman, Flagstaff Forty.

6 J.R. MURRAY: Thank you.

7 Again, it's J.R. Murray, M-U-R-R-A-Y.

8 And I am the chairman of Flagstaff Forty. And  
9 I'll just mention that Flagstaff Forty is a nonpartisan  
10 organization comprised of CEOs and executives of the largest  
11 employers and organizations here in Flagstaff, greater  
12 Flagstaff area.

13 And we -- certainly our membership represents a  
14 very wide range of viewpoints.

15 Chairman Mathis and fellow commissioners, welcome  
16 to Flagstaff.

17 I'm the 40th one to welcome you, but I mean it  
18 sincerely. And thank you for holding this public meeting  
19 here during the 30-day public comment period.

20 I also would like to thank you for your dedicated  
21 service to the state of Arizona by volunteering for this  
22 Commission.

23 You will hear many opinions on the final maps that  
24 you have adopted, and for many reasons. Speaking on behalf  
25 of Flagstaff Forty, we are satisfied that you took our

1 testimony and our values to bear on both the congressional  
2 and legislative maps.

3           Flagstaff Forty has been engaged with this  
4 Commission from the very first round of meetings.

5           We have attended or monitored over 15 meetings,  
6 and we have supplied written comments and letters for the  
7 record by many of our members who were unable to travel  
8 five or more hours round trip for three minutes of speaking.

9           I trust that those comments have been included in  
10 the record and that you and your staff have digested and  
11 validated our input.

12           I'd like to reiterate our original and our current  
13 objectives and values so you remember them as you  
14 contemplate making changes to the maps.

15           We desire competitive districts, we wish that  
16 Flagstaff be placed with nearby communities of interest, and  
17 we also intend for you to keep greater Flagstaff whole.

18           Flagstaff Forty does not support making any major  
19 overall to the rural districts you have adopted.

20           If you do find the need to tweak either the  
21 congressional or legislative adopted maps, and we  
22 acknowledged right from the beginning that they are not  
23 perfect, then we would note that competitiveness in the  
24 existing maps, which for CD 1 is 9 percent in favor of Dems,  
25 Democrats, and Legislative District 6, I believe, is

1 7 percent in favor of Republicans.

2 And any tweaks could only improve that  
3 competitiveness.

4 As you hear from citizens and organizations around  
5 the state, I encourage you to focus on minor tweaking, and  
6 not make major changes that will require us to follow you  
7 around the state from meeting to meeting.

8 Some areas may certainly have legitimate concerns.

9 However, I'd like to repeat that even though the  
10 maps we have reviewed and you have adopted are not perfect,  
11 we certainly believe that our voices have been heard, and we  
12 can move forward for the next ten years with the adopted  
13 maps.

14 As you know, Flagstaff has a very unique economic  
15 development platform based on high tech and leading edge  
16 technologies.

17 Flagstaff is the center of government for northern  
18 Arizona -- I'll finish -- and of course home to NAU.

19 Many transportation issues in common with our  
20 communities of interest.

21 Our main objective at the beginning was to become  
22 familiar with the process, find common ground within our  
23 community, communities of interest, and engage in the  
24 process.

25 I'm very pleased, and we are very pleased, that

1 Flagstaff has turned out both in the first round and here  
2 tonight.

3           And I think our community and the folks that  
4 travel from the south and north and east and west that are  
5 here with us should be commended.

6           We live in a very challenging time.

7           Real leadership is required to develop good  
8 strategies in a collaborative environment to rescue the  
9 economy.

10           That process begins with district mapping.

11           We certainly would be willing to help in any way.

12           We will be keenly interested in any moves you make  
13 as a result of the public comments, but for now, today,  
14 Flagstaff is content that the maps are generally reflective  
15 of our objectives.

16           Thank you again, and I would like to acknowledge  
17 the many community partnerships that we have worked with and  
18 the many people here that are engaged in this process.

19           That's where it all starts, with that one vote,  
20 one person. And we just look forward to the districting  
21 process, people, good people to run for office, good people  
22 with smart ideas making tough decisions to help our state.

23           Thank you.

24           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

25           (Applause.)

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Sophia  
2 Katz, representing self, from Flagstaff.

3           SOPHIA KATZ: Hi. My name Sophia, S-O-P-H-I-A,  
4 Katz, K-A-T-Z.

5           And I would like to talk about map and mostly  
6 first I would like to think that these maps arrived. It's  
7 more easy to talk.

8           And I would like to talk about this congress  
9 legislature map, because Arizona is unique state. We have  
10 Indian population, Navajo and Hopi Nations. And this is  
11 unique culture. They have their own tradition, their  
12 history, and their way of life.

13           And to clip them artificially to area of very  
14 different people will never present their needs.

15           So this congress map doesn't reflect that we have  
16 such unique population in Arizona.

17           And it may be not easy question to decide.

18           I don't think we have to look at on population  
19 density in this area because it's very unique situation.

20           More like representative of minority.

21           So, this is about this map.

22           About this map, I am glad that in legislative  
23 ability to present themselves in legislature, but a little  
24 bit nervous borders on the north of Flagstaff.

25           I think Timberline, it's like several suburb

1 Flagstaff. And to exclude, it's artificially. And it would  
2 be more smooth border in this area.

3 This is what I want to say.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Alvin  
8 Thompson, representing Winslow Diné, from Winslow.

9 ALVIN THOMPSON: Good evening.

10 My name is Alvin Thompson. I'm from Winslow. And  
11 my last name is Thompson, T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N.

12 Some folks that live out there anxious or maybe  
13 thought (inaudible).

14 I am from Winslow, and I've pretty much -- you can  
15 say I'm a product of the Winslow education system, because  
16 I've grew up not far from there, perhaps about 50 miles  
17 north of Flagstaff.

18 And I went to school up there on the rez for up to  
19 about third grade, and then from there went straight to  
20 Winslow school system. And I finished there through high  
21 school.

22 Then ever since I've left Winslow from when I  
23 didn't totally leave, but I did leave for a time and then  
24 came back to it, and so I'm pretty much there now. And I've  
25 observed its growth and -- or lack of growth is kind of my

1 concern in Winslow area, since I've left, graduated -- since  
2 I graduated from Winslow back in '74, and now I've been  
3 observing it, and there hasn't been that much growth  
4 economically that I've seen, you know.

5           But we've had a few stores. Maybe Wal-Mart is our  
6 biggest store that has been added that's of any big  
7 significance I see.

8           But other than that, with that in mind, I've had a  
9 little bit renewed interest in what's been holding back  
10 Winslow as far as its growth and the like.

11           So I am pretty much thankful that Winslow has been  
12 included in the way that it's been drawn with the  
13 legislative district map and then with the congressional  
14 also being where they are.

15           You know, Winslow comes up pretty much a special  
16 city, where it's, it's influenced a lot by the neighboring  
17 tribes that come into Winslow, and then shop there, go to  
18 school there, their kids go to school there, their grandkids  
19 go to school there.

20           And, you know, there's a pretty long history  
21 of people coming to Winslow and, you know, availing  
22 themselves of the education and economic interest that they  
23 have there.

24           So it's pretty nice to know that, that we were  
25 included in a place where there -- the influence it gets

1 from the reservations is being recognized and so Winslow is  
2 in with that so that it could be developed according to the  
3 way, you know, people want to see it developed.

4           So I'm pretty thankful about that. So I just want  
5 to say that.

6           Thanks for all your hard work you guys do, and we  
7 hope we can be a good economic center sooner or later back  
8 in Winslow.

9           And so thanks a lot again.

10           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

11           (Applause.)

12           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Joan  
13 McClelland, representing self.

14           And if you can tell us where you're from, that  
15 would be great.

16           JOAN MCCLELLAND: I'm a little stiff from sitting.

17           My name is Joan McClelland, M-C-C-L-E-L-L-A-N-D.  
18 First C is little C. Then a capital C.

19           And I live in Sedona, but I live in the part of  
20 Sedona that has a name, the Village of Oak Creek. And some  
21 of us also call it the park, but we're all Sedona. I work  
22 as a volunteer at the visitors center for the Coconino  
23 Forest, which is the gateway to Sedona. It's just before  
24 you see the sign Village of Oak Creek. There really isn't  
25 any Village of Oak Creek.

1           We have an unincorporated -- we're an  
2 unincorporated community, and we have a body that speaks for  
3 us to the legislature or to the county called the Big Park  
4 Council. I think Dorothy O'Brien said she's representing  
5 them.

6           And our -- my only thought is, please do not  
7 separate the Village of Oak Creek from the city of Sedona.

8           We are all the same thing.

9           We are the gateway to the Red Rock Country.

10          When people come into the visitor center, we could  
11 have 1,000 people a day come through there. And we're all  
12 Sedona.

13          I mean, I left with your lady in the back for each  
14 of you five commissioners a little thing to remind you.  
15 It's a picture of Cathedral Rock, which is probably the most  
16 photographed picture in the United States.

17          That's in the Big Park. That's why we are Sedona.  
18 We are -- you know, the Bell Rock, I'm sure you're all  
19 familiar with Bell Rock. I think you've all been to Sedona.  
20 Bell Rock is in Big Park area. It's in our planning area.  
21 So we are Sedona.

22          Please keep us with the city of Sedona.

23          I'm personally very pleased to be in  
24 legislative -- Congressional District 1 with Flagstaff,  
25 because we are -- when you come up the I-17 corridor, you're

1 going through the Verde Valley, by Camp Verde and Rimrock,  
2 and all that. We're all together. We're all -- it's very  
3 important.

4           The -- it's an economic driver. A lot of people  
5 have said this, but it's very, very true. We have to hang  
6 together because we are together.

7           Please don't separate us.

8           Thank you very much.

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

10           (Applause.)

11           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Dr. David  
12 Johns, representing Diné Hataáálíí Association.

13           DAVID JOHNS: Yá'át'ééh.

14           (Whereupon, Dr. Johns makes a statement in  
15 Navajo.)

16           DAVID JOHNS: My name is Dr. David Johns. Johns  
17 is spelled J-O-H-N-S.

18           And I am self-employed artist.

19           I received my formal education from Northern  
20 Arizona University. I have a bachelor of fine arts degree  
21 in painting and print making. And I was awarded honorary  
22 doctorate degree in humane letters in 1996.

23           And I was born in Winslow, Arizona, and raised in  
24 Seba Bídáágai, Arizona, on the Navajo Nation.

25           And I'm here on behalf of the medicine people of

1 the Navajo Nation.

2 I'm a vice president of Diné Hataáálíí Association,  
3 Incorporated.

4 And I am an herbalist.

5 I am a citizen of Navajo Nation and Arizona.

6 I'm a voter of Arizona in Navajo County.

7 And I came here to talk a little about the  
8 San Francisco Peak as a sacred site.

9 One of the critical issue to the Navajo people is  
10 protecting sacred sites and around the Navajo Nation.

11 We as a Navajo people, as well as other indigenous  
12 nation or caretaker of this land, we speak on behalf of what  
13 we hold sacred.

14 Our land, our animals, water, air, the insects,  
15 the four legged, and the winged.

16 San Francisco Peaks is one of the sacred  
17 mountains.

18 Sis naajiní sits to the east. It sits just east  
19 of Alamosa, Colorado.

20 To the south sits Tsoodzil, and it's located at  
21 Grants, New Mexico.

22 To the west is Dzil Dook'o óóslííd, north of  
23 Flagstaff.

24 The Dibé Nitsaa sits north and sits west of the  
25 Durango, Colorado.

1           And then there's two doorways, Dzil ná'oodilhii  
2 and Ch'óól'í'í.

3           The San Francisco Peak, Dzil Dook'o óóslííd, is  
4 our mother.

5           Our way of life is linked, tied and imbedded to  
6 Dzil Dook'o óóslííd.

7           Our ceremonies, songs, language, and spirituality  
8 are embedded in our creations, our emergent stories that is  
9 our path for life and our way of being.

10           Who better to advocate for the protection of  
11 sacred sites. An indigenous person can better represent and  
12 advocate for indigenous concerns such as protecting the  
13 sacred site.

14           Protection of sacred sites is not a ten-year  
15 issue, like redistricting.

16           We as indigenous nations have been here since time  
17 began, and we do not intend to move anywhere because we are  
18 home.

19           We are home within the four sacred mountains.

20           Man-made laws come and go, whereas the natural  
21 laws are stationary.

22           Protecting sacred sites crosses multi-generations,  
23 crossing millenniums.

24           We must abide and continue to respect the natural  
25 laws as directed and practiced by our grandfathers and

1 grandmothers before us.

2 In conclusion, I support the congressional and  
3 legislative draft map. It's important to have the  
4 San Francisco Peaks within LD 7 as proposed.

5 Especially the legislative map, you as the  
6 Redistricting Commission are protecting the voting rights of  
7 the Navajo voters in LD 7.

8 I want to thank you for your work.

9 Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our the next speaker is  
12 Michael Dugan, representing self and Flagstaff Tea Party.

13 (No oral response.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Adam Fox, representing self,  
15 from Flagstaff.

16 (No oral response.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I think this says Brent  
18 Thorley, from Fountain Hills.

19 BRENT THORLEY: Good evening, commissioners. My  
20 name Brent Thorley. Last name T-H-O-R-L-E-Y.

21 And I'm from Fountain Hills, Arizona.

22 Happy to be in this beautiful area of northern  
23 Arizona this week and decided to attend this meeting.

24 Fountain Hills, as some people may have seen, we  
25 are now being proposed as part of Congressional District 4.

1           And, that kind of brings up a large concern for  
2 those in Fountain Hills.

3           We feel like we're part of the community of  
4 Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa, that area.

5           We'd like to be re-included in that for the  
6 election process.

7           As I been talking to some of the people here  
8 tonight too, one of the concerns I have also with  
9 Congressional District 1 is down in Pinal County.

10           I'm looking at that stretch between Phoenix and  
11 Tucson as probably going to have the absolute greatest  
12 growth in the whole state in the next ten years.

13           That area of growth is probably going to dwarf the  
14 votes of northern Arizona in this Congressional District 1.

15           So that's just, just one of the side thoughts I  
16 had.

17           But, in general, it's -- and, again, it's just  
18 a -- my major concern is keeping Fountain Hills as part of  
19 Scottsdale, Tempe, Mesa area, as far as a congressional  
20 district. And I'd like to kind of see the -- I don't know,  
21 Congressional Districts 1, 4, and 3 kind of almost unwound  
22 around.

23           Because right now they're almost wound around  
24 Phoenix in a way.

25           I know it's a lot of work, but it just seems like

1 the distances are very great right now for those three  
2 districts.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Gayle  
7 Eckert, representing self, from Flagstaff.

8 (No oral response.)

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How about Maude Gosar,  
10 representing families in Coconino.

11 MAYOR SARA PRESLER: Madam Chair, that's  
12 Congressman Gosar's wife, and her child sent her a message,  
13 and she had to leave.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh.

15 MAYOR SARA PRESLER: But she just wanted to thank  
16 you for being here today on behalf of the congressman. He  
17 couldn't be here. But just to greet you and welcome you to  
18 Flagstaff. She had to go.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Rich Hull, representing self,  
21 from Coconino.

22 (No oral response.)

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How about Julia Currivan,  
24 representing self, from Coconino.

25 JULIA CURRIVAN: And I'm still here.

1           Good evening. Thank you, Madam Chairman and  
2 members of the Commission.

3           My name is Julia, J-U-L-I-A, Currivan,  
4 C-U-R-R-I-V-A-N.

5           I am a resident of Timberline.

6           I work in Flagstaff.

7           My social and material support comes from  
8 Flagstaff.

9           I concur and -- concur with and support everything  
10 my neighbors have said in terms of us not being excluded  
11 from our community, which is Flagstaff, and prefer very --  
12 request very strongly that we be included in  
13 Legislative District 6.

14           Thank you very much.

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16           (Applause.)

17           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Sally  
18 Tyrrell, from Flagstaff.

19           SALLY TYRRELL: Good evening. My name is Sally  
20 Tyrrell, T-Y-R-R-E-L-L.

21           I've been in Flagstaff since the early '70s, and I  
22 thought I was coming to the warm desert.

23           Thank you for all your hard work and for listening  
24 to us here.

25           Your congressional map reflects our wishes,

1 particularly that Coconino County be kept whole and placed  
2 in a greater eastern Arizona district.

3           Regarding your legislative map, we want our  
4 district to be competitive.

5           And think your map is basically right in this  
6 regard, but believe that you can make minor boundary  
7 adjustments to make things more competitive.

8           I don't have specific suggestions, but in the  
9 light of what you're accomplished so far, I'm sure you can  
10 do that too.

11           Again, thank you so much for your time and your  
12 effort and your service to Arizona and to our community, and  
13 congratulations on your good work.

14           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

15           (Applause.)

16           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Doug  
17 Ballard, representing self, from Coconino.

18           DOUG BALLARD: Hi. Thank you. It's Doug Ballard,  
19 B -- it's okay.

20           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Sorry.

21           DOUG BALLARD: That's okay. You've gone through  
22 an awful lot of names this evening.

23           B-A-L-L-A-R-D.

24           First and foremost and to echo the vast majority  
25 of people here today, thank you so much.

1           What maybe not everyone is aware of is that you  
2 commissioners in particular, thank you, staff, certainly  
3 also, but you commissioners are citizen volunteers, giving  
4 up your own time for the betterment of the state in what  
5 sometimes has been a thankless task.

6           And, Chairman Mathis, I want to thank you in  
7 particular and the other -- all of the other commissioners  
8 for everything you've done.

9           Just to keep my comments kind of brief.

10          Very, very pleased with the work that you've done  
11 on CD 1, Congressional District 1. Keeping us great -- most  
12 greater Flagstaff whole and in an eastern congressional  
13 district that's competitive.

14          I think the vast majority of people that testified  
15 at the last hearing testified along those lines. A lot of  
16 written comments that came forward came forward along those  
17 lines and we really thank you very much for listening to us.  
18 That was great.

19          I do want to echo some comments though about  
20 greater Sedona and the Village of Oak Creek.

21          If there's any way to tweak that map a little bit  
22 to include those two together, they are really pretty much  
23 joined at the hip and it would be great if you could find a  
24 way to include the Village of Oak Creek with, with -- within  
25 CD 1 as well.

1           On the LD front, I think you've also done a  
2 commendable job, not making perhaps everybody happy. We'd  
3 like to see it maybe -- I'd like to see it a little bit more  
4 competitive.

5           The one area I would suggest you look at and try  
6 to tweak a little bit is to try to include the Verde Valley  
7 as a whole in that legislative district.

8           And also I would echo the comments that have been  
9 made previously about the Schultz fire area. Certainly  
10 dividing that area up creates some difficulty, and it's a  
11 strong community out there. They, they identify very  
12 strongly with Flagstaff, and I would urge you to continue --  
13 or to look at including that area as well.

14           And thank you very much for your service.

15           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16           (Applause.)

17           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Sandra  
18 Cosentino from Yavapai County.

19           SANDRA COSENTINO: My name is Sandra Cosentino,  
20 C-O-S-E-N-T-I-N-O.

21           And, again, I also thank you for the hard work.

22           Overall I'm really happy with what you've done  
23 here.

24           I live in Sedona, a 21-year business operator down  
25 there.

1           And I can assure you that we are directly related  
2 to Flagstaff and the Colorado Plateau. We love being in  
3 CD 1. And like the other Sedona people, we really want to  
4 see Sedona Shadows, Lower Red Rock Loop, VOC, Village of  
5 Oak Creek, be part of -- go with us into CD 1.

6           And I wonder if there's any way to tweak it to  
7 have more of the Verde Valley and less of Pinal County in  
8 CD 1. It's important to keep it rural and to keep that good  
9 representation, that fair representation.

10           So we thank you for the good work on that.

11           And even from the ecosystem standpoint, we're  
12 right underneath the edge of the Colorado Plateau. It wraps  
13 around the north and eastern sides of the Verde Valley.

14           Our watershed, our economics, our tourism,  
15 everything relates to Flagstaff, the Grand Canyon, and the  
16 native cultures. And we're really happy to have -- to be  
17 part of a district with the Navajo and Hopi people. They're  
18 part of our life, our culture in Sedona and the business in  
19 Sedona as well.

20           And Legislative 6 is a really good community of  
21 interest.

22           You basically got Mogollon Rim and just above and  
23 below it in a cohesive group.

24           If you can at all possible bring in Camp Verde so  
25 we have the whole Verde Valley together along with

1 Flagstaff, we would -- that would be just amazing.

2 And I can tell you we absolutely don't want to  
3 follow Yavapai County lines. We do not want to be tied to  
4 Prescott.

5 All of our representatives now in the Arizona  
6 legislature come from Prescott. And as Angela said earlier,  
7 they took four of the five county supervisor seats, a total  
8 undemocratic process.

9 We have no voice.

10 So we really do not want to be part of the western  
11 areas. We support the way you've done this with the eastern  
12 communities, that ecologically and economically that we're  
13 all tied together.

14 Thank you so much for the good work here.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is John  
18 Mitchell, Sedona Tea Party president.

19 JOHN MITCHELL: Hi. My name is John Mitchell,  
20 M-I-T-C-H-E-L-L.

21 First of all, when I look at your schedule, I want  
22 to thank you for your hard work, because I know of where I  
23 speak because I've been in your position to one degree or  
24 another in the past, and it's daunting at best.

25 And I look at your schedule, and I -- you all are

1 showing great grace and perseverance in doing what you're  
2 doing.

3 I mean, I'm grateful that you are keeping with a  
4 schedule such as this and hearing us out.

5 I just have a couple of comments actually that I  
6 think are pertinent.

7 I thought about actually yielding my time, but  
8 there was a couple of questions that weren't addressed, and  
9 one of them is this.

10 When I look at the map, I'm a little bit perplexed  
11 actually and I'm wondering how is it that the new proposed  
12 congressional map is considered to be compact or practicable  
13 when it encompasses nearly one half of the state, making  
14 it -- in my opinion it makes it almost impossible to travel  
15 and to encompass for the representative.

16 CD 1 it appears will be dominated by people who  
17 aren't rural at all.

18 And the second point or question I wanted to make,  
19 it's my understanding that Tom Horne has filed a suit  
20 against this map in regards to possible violations of open  
21 meetings law, and in combination with the decision on this  
22 mapping district with the support of the sitting governor.

23 Now, I find myself wondering why would that be if  
24 this decision was fair and in compliance with  
25 Proposition 106 and the Voting Rights Act.

1           Again, I yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

2           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3           (Applause.)

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Clifford  
5 Alexander III, representing self.

6           (No oral response.)

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

8           How about Jay Parkinson, representing self, from  
9 Yavapai.

10          JAY PARKISON: Good evening. My name is Jay  
11 Parkison, P-A-R-K-I-S-O-N.

12          And I am here representing myself, to express my  
13 displeasure at the proposed map.

14          My choice would be that Yavapai County remain  
15 intact, that Verde Valley not be carved out.

16          We have an extensive history as a county. The  
17 Verde Valley has been a part of this since 1891, I believe.  
18 So this is not an overnight relationship.

19          You know, we have a historical, cultural  
20 relationship as a county, as well as water issues out at the  
21 Big Chino Wash area.

22          The folks that are worried about splitting up  
23 Sedona and Big Park, well, that's an easy fix. Leave them  
24 in the Verde Valley and a part of Yavapai County.

25          We're large enough and meet the threshold for

1 legislative and congressional districts, and we'd ask you to  
2 consider that history and keep us intact.

3 That's all I have.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

5 Our next speaker is Brandon Kavanagh, from  
6 Flagstaff Forty.

7 BRANDON KAVANAGH: Hello. My name is Brandon  
8 Kavanagh, B-R-A-N-D-O-N, K-A-V-A-N-A-G-H.

9 I am here on behalf of Flagstaff Forty, and this  
10 is the second time I've had the chance to appear in front of  
11 you, Madam Chair and commissioners.

12 I feel I have a special relationship with you as I  
13 think I'm probably the only one on the official record being  
14 wished to get some sleep, as I showed up for the last  
15 hearing within ten days of my son being born.

16 And he is now five weeks old, and so I'm here to  
17 speak with you and then run home and severely apologize to  
18 my wife for still being here.

19 But with that in mind, I would definitely like to  
20 thank you and support your hard work.

21 Definitely I think you have suffered more than the  
22 sleep deprivation that I've suffered. But the work that you  
23 have produced is something that Flagstaff Forty is proud to  
24 support.

25 It's something that you have listened to our

1 concerns, to our core issues, to our questions about  
2 communities of interest, to our questions about the I-17,  
3 I-40 business corridors.

4 We appreciate that in your mapping of  
5 Congressional District No. 1.

6 We also appreciate the fact that we are a  
7 nonpartisan group. And that we certainly present to you, as  
8 we were thanked for doing, our clear bias. We have an  
9 agenda, and we are here to present it to you, and we  
10 appreciate that the maps that you have produced meet with  
11 what our goals have been.

12 And I applaud everybody else that has stood up  
13 tonight because everybody who has stood up tonight should be  
14 applauded for voicing their opinion, whether it's in  
15 agreement with what I'm here to say or whether it's  
16 completely contrary to what I have to say.

17 Because everybody needs to stand up here and have  
18 their voice be heard, and I certainly support that.

19 What that does lead to is actually the comment, if  
20 you remember from before, I am a registered Independent.  
21 And that is why I appreciate the competitiveness of the  
22 districts that are being formed.

23 I like the way that the maps are drawn, both the  
24 congressional and both the legislative district maps that  
25 you have done.

1           I certainly appreciate that. And any tweaks that  
2 can be made that make that more competitive, I certainly  
3 appreciate as a registered Independent.

4           Now, I would also say that we are the Flagstaff  
5 Forty.

6           We are business owners and executives, as J.R.  
7 explained to you.

8           We represent the business interests in greater  
9 Flagstaff.

10           And that is certainly why we also support the  
11 comments tonight of the Schultz Pass fire neighborhoods,  
12 because they are our greater Flagstaff members. They are  
13 our employees. They are our friends. They are our business  
14 associates. They are a part of greater Flagstaff.

15           I mean, there really is no other way to say that,  
16 and so we certainly support that. And that's why we say  
17 that we support the general overall view of the map, but  
18 that we certainly support the small tweaks that are needed  
19 to make the differences that fit with the comments that  
20 you've heard here tonight.

21           And so for all of that, we definitely appreciate  
22 your work, we appreciate your perseverance, and we hope that  
23 we can reach a map that everybody is equally unhappy with,  
24 to be perfectly honest, because you will never make everyone  
25 happy.

1           So we appreciate your work and we appreciate  
2 seeing the maps that you have produced after all the  
3 comments that you have heard, as J.R. said, as we have  
4 followed you around the state harassing you.

5           So thank you very much, and I appreciate it.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7           (Applause.)

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Ron Lee,  
9 representing self, from Navajo.

10          RON LEE: Yá'át'ééh. Good evening, Madam Chair,  
11 members of the committee.

12          For the record, my name is Ron Lee. And that last  
13 name is difficult to spell, L-E-E.

14          On behalf of my relatives -- and who are they?  
15 Well, as I've shared with you before, I have four main clans  
16 that expands and it expands exponentially, which makes me a  
17 significant relative to my people, the Diné people living on  
18 the Navajo Nation.

19          So on behalf of my thousands of relatives, I would  
20 like to go on record to make a few points with respect to  
21 communities of interest and competitiveness within the  
22 congressional district draft map.

23          Tonight I would like to remind you that as a young  
24 boy I started school here in the Flagstaff in the 1960s  
25 while my father, uncles, and grandfathers lived and worked

1 at what used to be called the Navajo Army Depot, in  
2 Bellemont.

3 I also remember as a young boy the exodus of my  
4 Navajo people coming off the reservation to attend the  
5 Flagstaff Indian pow wow during the 4th of July.

6 Today many of our people still live in and around  
7 the Flagstaff community while either contributing to the  
8 labor force here or while attending one of the K-12  
9 education system and others attending NAU or Coconino  
10 Community College.

11 I for one received my masters in public  
12 administration from NAU, go Lumberjacks.

13 So having said that, many studies have shown over  
14 the years that for every one dollar wage earned on the  
15 Navajo reservation, 71 cents of that dollar is spent off the  
16 reservation. And I would suspect that much of that dollar  
17 is spent here in Flagstaff and other border towns.

18 Today if I want to see my relatives all I have to  
19 do is go to Wal-Mart.

20 And if I don't see my relatives there, I'll see  
21 the rest of them at the other Wal-Mart.

22 While you may hear from the business communities  
23 in support or not in support of the current congressional  
24 draft map, it is our strong belief that we have greatly  
25 contributed to the Flagstaff economy since probably it's

1 incorporation, and will continue to do so in the future,  
2 into the distant future.

3           And it is a given that Flagstaff needs the Navajo  
4 commerce. And it is this economic interdependency that  
5 Flagstaff and its surrounding communities, such as Sedona,  
6 and the Navajo Nation is a community of interest.

7           As for competitiveness, I would like to -- I would  
8 have -- I have been hearing that there are some out there  
9 that are arguing that voter registration is a better  
10 indicator of competitiveness than voter performance.

11           History and data has shown us that voter turnout  
12 on the Navajo reservations -- reservation falls somewhere  
13 between 15 and 20 percent below the statewide average.

14           For example, in the 2008 presidential election,  
15 Arizona statewide turnout was 72 percent, while turnout on  
16 the Navajo Nation was 54 percent.

17           The turnout during the midterm election is even  
18 much lower on the Navajo Nation.

19           And it's that lower voter turnout is something  
20 that we have in common among tribal communities for various  
21 reasons.

22           One, isolation, remoteness, and lack of  
23 telecommunications, and so forth.

24           Therefore, I ask that you take into consideration  
25 voter turnout in tribal communities when determining

1 competitiveness.

2           And on behalf of all my relations, we support the  
3 current congressional draft map.

4           And we ask that you keep up the good work.  
5 Ahéhee'. Good evening.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7           (Applause.)

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker, and just to  
9 note, this is the last of the yellow forms. There's so many  
10 people here that we had to make copies, and we'll be moving  
11 to the white forms.

12           But, Lauren Bernally, representing Navajo Nation  
13 Human Rights Commission.

14           (Applause.)

15           LAUREN BERNALLY: Madam Chair, commissioners, I  
16 want to also extend my appreciation to you. You obviously  
17 have a thankless job. But as far as I'm concerned, you  
18 know, you're real troopers. You've hung in there.  
19 Thank you.

20           As you know we've commented on a number of  
21 occasions with respect to the development of maps.

22           And at this point the Navajo Nation and the Navajo  
23 Nation Human Rights who has the authority to speak on behalf  
24 of the Navajo Nation has endorsed or supported CD 1 as the  
25 way it is.

1           We do want to keep Gila River and we do want that  
2 to remain in CD 1.

3           I would like to also comment on the proposal  
4 presented by the Flagstaff city manager to move certain  
5 tracts of LD 7 into LD 6.

6           Specifically the land referred to as the Schultz  
7 fire and Timberline, as well as the trade off of population  
8 between LD 7 and LD 6 in the areas of Show Low and  
9 Camp Verde.

10           LD 6 is a minority -- or majority-minority  
11 district with a voting age population of 62 percent.

12           That meets the Voter Rights Act.

13           You have heard Mr. Darden speak of the importance  
14 of the Espil Ranch area.

15           Paramount to the Navajo Nation is electing  
16 candidates of our choice.

17           In working on LD 7, we met with the City of  
18 Flagstaff.

19           We did compromise our position by leaving  
20 Doney Park in LD 6.

21           We are concerned that changes proposed may reduce  
22 the voter age population.

23           Like the chairman of the Hopi Tribe, the Navajo  
24 people have a community of interest with the border town of  
25 Winslow and the fee lands that surround Winslow.

1           We thank you for including LD -- including these  
2 areas in LD 7.

3           We hope you will maintain both LD 1 and LD 7 as  
4 the way they're presented.

5           Thank you.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

7           (Applause.)

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I've got five more  
9 request to speak forms, all white.

10          The next one, the next speaker is Lina Waller --  
11 or Wallen.

12          And you'll have to -- representing self -- you'll  
13 have to tell us from what city or town.

14          LINA WALLEN: Sure. Good evening. My name is  
15 Lina Wallen, L-I-N-A, W-A-L-L-E-N.

16          First of all, I want to thank you, commissioners,  
17 that you are here today. So I really appreciate that,  
18 because I know that in the first hearing in Flagstaff I give  
19 it the command and sat and frankly you leave us. So thank  
20 you.

21          So, I really happy with the CD map, that for us,  
22 and also I know with several tweak it might be that several  
23 people saying it about Sedona, Village of Oak Creek, and  
24 Verde Valley, that included and such.

25          And also in LD 6, if other people also saying if

1 we could have it decide some kind of trade between Winslow  
2 and Show Low.

3 But I'm here tonight really talking about  
4 Timberline.

5 I don't have any relative or such in Arizona.

6 I volunteer a lot in community.

7 And among others, is that fire and flood, the  
8 volunteering is, we not divided about whether that's city of  
9 Flagstaff or whether that's county. We are one community.  
10 And I really have to emphasis about that.

11 Please just don't divide us. Please include them  
12 in our LD 6.

13 And also the other thing that I am fortunate,  
14 actually live in Flagstaff, that we presented with elected  
15 officials that talk what I want to express, and they talk a  
16 lot better than I could express that. So please listen to  
17 the elected officials that from Flagstaff.

18 And I really have to commend all your work. You  
19 work hard, and the result is shown.

20 Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Do you mind just stating  
22 where you're from, what city or county?

23 LINA WALLEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: No problem.

25 LINA WALLEN: I live in Flagstaff here for

1 nine years.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Margaret  
5 Kirch, from -- representing self, from Coconino County.

6 (No oral response.)

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: How about Loris Taylor,  
8 representing self.

9 You can tell us what city or town you're from.

10 LORIS TAYLOR: Good evening. My name is Loris  
11 Taylor, T-A-Y-L-O-R.

12 I was raised on the Hopi reservation, but I also  
13 call Doney Park home. I have lived in Flagstaff for more  
14 than 30 years, and I have raised my children here.

15 While one could argue that Native American  
16 homelands are communities of interest to the entire state, I  
17 will instead focus on the following.

18 My home was the poster child of the Schultz fire.  
19 Located on Moonbeam Drive in Sunset Crater Estates and  
20 featured on the front page of the Arizona Republic.

21 The experience from this fire has established a  
22 stronger affinity of my neighborhood with Fernwood and  
23 Timberline.

24 We suffered together, and we are recovering  
25 together.

1           As a result, I support inclusion of these  
2 neighborhoods in Legislative District 6, and I support  
3 Dook'o'ooslííd or the peaks including tribal fee lands to be  
4 placed in District 7.

5           I also want to mention that there's a large native  
6 population in Doney Park who maintain strong ties to  
7 reservation homelands.

8           As for the congressional district, I believe that  
9 the neighboring tribes, including Hopi and Navajo, are very  
10 strong communities of interest with the city of Flagstaff.  
11 Not only do tribal communities share an educational  
12 interest, we share a strong cultural and historic  
13 relationship with Flagstaff.

14           This entire region is dotted with Hopi ancestral  
15 villages.

16           NAU, a land grant institution, and my alma mater,  
17 is home to the largest population of native students in the  
18 state.

19           Many tribal members like myself migrated to  
20 Flagstaff for educational and employment opportunities and  
21 make Flagstaff our home. However, we continue to maintain  
22 our connection and our deep roots to our tribal homelands.

23           On an economic basis, the Hopi Tribe owns property  
24 within the city limits of Flagstaff.

25           Navajo and Hopi people consider Flagstaff as their

1 shopping destination, bringing a source of revenue to the  
2 city and region that helps to sustain the local economy.

3 I support Flagstaff in Congressional District 1.

4 I believe that maintaining balance in both the  
5 legislative and congressional districts is important to our  
6 representational muster.

7 Thank you for including tribal interest in the  
8 electoral and political interest of the state.

9 And thank you also to the city of Flagstaff for  
10 hosting this hearing.

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Arthur  
14 Piccinati, representing self, from Parks.

15 (No oral response.)

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And my last request to speak  
17 form is Matthew Capalby, representing self, from Coconino.

18 MATTHEW CAPALBY: Excuse me. Good evening,  
19 Madam Chair, commissioners. It's a pleasure to see you.

20 I'm actually going to wear a different hat this  
21 evening.

22 I was for five years the northern Arizona director  
23 for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. And  
24 I'm going to speak regarding geographic features of this  
25 particular area, and related interests.

1           Excuse me.

2           I'd like to speak to the issues regarding the  
3 Verde Valley and why it needs to remain whole.

4           The Verde River is one of the most sensitive  
5 watersheds and critical watersheds for the water supply in  
6 Arizona.

7           And having it split or actually going to the west  
8 is problematic.

9           For those five years I dealt almost daily with  
10 issues, resource management protections, et cetera,  
11 pertaining to the Verde River and the Verde River watershed  
12 with Oak Creek, Beaver Creek, et cetera.

13           And having that watershed, the whole Verde Valley  
14 either split or in a noncompetitive district is a disservice  
15 to, to its interests. It needs a number of different  
16 protections as well as resources regarding storm water,  
17 waste water, watershed protection, watershed development,  
18 et cetera.

19           And so that, we believe, or I believe, that it is  
20 imperative that the entire Verde Valley, that the  
21 communities of Sedona, the Village of Oak Creek, Clarkdale,  
22 Cornville, Jerome, Cottonwood, and Camp Verde, need to be in  
23 one legislative district and also congressional district.

24           Having them in a competitive district means they  
25 will get a lot of attention from both sides when it does

1 come to resource management and protections for the  
2 Verde River.

3 I think that's imperative.

4 I think it would be a disservice to the Verde  
5 River and its related communities in the Verde Valley if it  
6 went to legislative and congressional districts to the west  
7 that are not competitive, for that very reason.

8 And also being a resident here in Flagstaff, I  
9 just want to speak to the map maker. I know it's an issue  
10 trying to find the appropriate border line regarding the  
11 Doney Park, Timberline area. I think the best thing to do  
12 rather than look at Highway 89, look at the forest service  
13 boundary that surrounds the peaks.

14 I think that's a, that's a topographical feature  
15 that may be helpful in delineating the areas between the  
16 peaks and the flood and fire impacted areas.

17 So as always, I thank you for your time, and I do  
18 hope that you do consider these matters.

19 Excuse me.

20 And also I think if you haven't -- having the  
21 Verde Valley in with Flagstaff definitely makes for a very,  
22 very competitive legislative as well as congressional  
23 district.

24 So, thank you as always, and welcome to Flag.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mayor Presler would like to  
3 just say a few words, I think.

4 MAYOR SARA PRESLER: Thank you to all of you, and  
5 thank you to the Arizona Independent Redistricting  
6 Commission, and thank you -- I know Commissioner Freeman is  
7 watching from his home and office, and I know Commissioner  
8 Stertz wanted to be here. So thank you to your colleagues  
9 as well for tuning in.

10 And thank you for your staff and all of the good  
11 work that you've done listening and working with our  
12 community.

13 So I just wanted to extend our thanks to you and  
14 most importantly to all the people from our region who have  
15 come out tonight, so thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

17 DARYL MELVIN: Commissioners, I had received this  
18 gift here from the executive director, Ray Bladine. And we  
19 asked that we present this to Mayor Presler.

20 I think this was. . .

21 MAYOR SARA PRESLER: It's a huge picture of  
22 Commissioner Herrera's head.

23 I'm going to hang it in my office.

24 Thank you.

25 That's awesome. Thank you. Thanks.

1           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Wow. Well, what an amazing  
2 turnout.

3           I'm so impressed with the Flagstaff community for  
4 all of you participating in the process. It's really  
5 wonderful to have so many of you out here tonight and those  
6 who came earlier.

7           We really, really appreciate it and listen to  
8 everything you said.

9           I'm sure that a couple of my fellow commissioners  
10 here, at least present tonight, would like to say a few  
11 words, so I'll give them the chance.

12           Maybe I'll start with Vice-Chair Herrera since I  
13 think he's a Lumberjack.

14           VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: You know, I, I really wish,  
15 wish I would have been here in person last time. It just  
16 didn't work out that way.

17           But I'm glad that I'm here today and Flag -- this  
18 is, this is where I went to school, both my undergrad and my  
19 master's and where I met my wife. So Flagstaff is very dear  
20 to me.

21           So I want to make sure that you are represented  
22 well. Even though I don't live in Flagstaff anymore, you  
23 are being represented on the Commission, not only myself,  
24 but also the other commissioners as well.

25           So, I think Brandon Cavanagh said it best that we

1 thank the people that are here whether they are disapproving  
2 of the maps or whether they approve the maps. It doesn't  
3 matter to me. Just the fact that they are here, spending  
4 your time with us, and giving us your opinions.

5 But, again, these are draft maps, so if you care  
6 about these maps, whether you want us to make changes or  
7 keep them the same, you need to continue pressing us and  
8 attend as many meetings as possible.

9 Again, we have 23 more hearings, and then we have  
10 to make some changes. So this is the, this is the third  
11 hearing, out of the 25, so we have a ways to go.

12 I continue to, to, to recommend highly that you  
13 continue to attend these meetings or send us e-mail messages  
14 of the changes you want us to make. So thank you again.  
15 And go Lumberjacks.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: One of the best things  
19 about this whole process is that people that you meet along  
20 the way, and I've met some wonderful people in Flagstaff,  
21 made some new friends here, and I really appreciate that.

22 I want to thank you all for the time and  
23 thoughtfulness and energy that you've put into this process.

24 It benefits not just northern Arizona, but the  
25 whole state.

1           To have members of the community like the members  
2 of your community have put so much energy into the  
3 redistricting process, it helps us do the job better, and it  
4 really does set an example for the rest of this state.

5           And lastly I'd just like to thank you for your  
6 hospitality this evening.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

8           (Applause.)

9           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I echo that as well. Thank  
10 you very much to everyone, and for these amazing chambers  
11 that you're letting us host this meeting in. It's been  
12 really nice, and we greatly appreciate it.

13           So with -- the only thing left on the agenda being  
14 adjournment, I declare this meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

15           Thanks again for coming.

16           (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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