

ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Location

**Marana Municipal Complex
Auditorium
11555 West Civic Center Drive
Marana, Arizona 85653**

Attending

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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 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Good evening, everyone. And
9 welcome to the Friday, November 4th, Arizona Independent
10 Redistricting Commission meeting.

11 The time is 6:10.

12 My name is Rick Stertz, and I will be the acting
13 commissioner for this evening's hearing at which we'll be
14 taking testimony from all of the folks that would like to
15 give testimony tonight about the comments that they have on
16 the draft maps that have been given to us -- given to you
17 for review.

18 I'd like to give some quick introductions.

19 Our executive director is Kristina Gomez. She's
20 in the back of the room waving her hand.

21 Please if there's anything that you would need
22 from her, either if you have not filled out one of the
23 yellow sheets for speaking or one of the blue sheets for
24 giving testimony, please see Kristina Gomez, and she will be
25 able to provide that for you.

1 Our audio visual tonight, and we are live
2 streaming, so the other commissioners are watching us on
3 live stream this evening, that is being managed by Buck
4 Forst, who is our audio visual technician.

5 We also have Lisa Schmelling, who is our outreach
6 coordinator, and Kristi Olson, who are in the back of the
7 room that greeted you when you came in the door.

8 Each one of you should have received a packet that
9 looks like this that contains information about the draft
10 maps that are, that are being discussed and reviewed at this
11 time.

12 To my left, from Strategic Telemetry, I have
13 Andrew Drechsler.

14 To my right, with -- one of our legal counsel, Joe
15 Kanefield.

16 And down on the floor here is who I called the
17 iron man last night because he continuously took testimony
18 for three hours without a break up in Scottsdale yesterday
19 where we had a room of 250 people and he took testimony for
20 almost 90 people in a two-and-a-half-hour period, Marty
21 Herder.

22 So we want to first stand for the Pledge of
23 Allegiance.

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

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Before we get started, we

1 have our translator, Carlos Reyes.

2 Carlos, if you would like to come join us at the
3 podium.

4 CARLOS REYES: Good evening, Commissioner Stertz,
5 ladies and gentlemen, commissioners.

6 In accordance with the Voting Rights Act, an
7 interpreter will be available at the public hearings in
8 order to provide interpreting services that might be needed
9 for those citizens that need interpreting services. Please
10 contact the interpreter present at this meeting so that he
11 or she can assist you.

12 Now I will read the same script in Spanish for the
13 Spanish speaking citizens.

14 And it says.

15 (Whereupon, the interpreter made a statement in
16 Spanish.)

17 CARLOS REYES: Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much,
19 Mr. Reyes.

20 Just as a reminder, tomorrow we have another
21 hearing scheduled for 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning in
22 Green Valley at the Desert Hills Social Center located at
23 2980 South Camino Del Sol, and tomorrow afternoon up the
24 road in the city of Casa Grande, which will be at the city
25 council chambers, 510 East Florence Boulevard, and that's

1 going to start at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon.

2 Folks, I know that it's been a week where a lot of
3 emotions are moving around. It's been a difficult week and
4 a challenging week.

5 So what we'd like to do tonight, we're going to --
6 we've got about 30 people that have given time to speak.
7 We'll set the timer at three minutes. We'll be -- try to be
8 considerate of the others that are speaking tonight.

9 And the goal of tonight is to capture as much
10 information from each one of you as we possibly can to place
11 into the record. So if you don't feel comfortable about
12 placing -- or coming up to the microphone to speak, then
13 please make sure that you fill out your thoughts on the blue
14 cards, because the importance of the blue cards is equally
15 important as the public testimony that you'll be giving at
16 the microphone tonight.

17 Before we get started we have a presentation that
18 will be provided by Andrew Drechsler on the process that we
19 are currently going through.

20 Andrew.

21 ANDREW DRECHSLER: Thank you very much,
22 Commissioner Stertz.

23 We just wanted to -- before we show you the draft
24 maps tonight and hear what your thoughts are on the draft
25 maps, just wanted to go through a presentation that talks

1 about the process and how it started and where we are right
2 now.

3 So just wanted to get started with that.

4 Just a quick overview of the process in general.

5 Arizona's redistricting process is governed by the
6 state constitution as amended by voters in 2000 with the
7 passage of Proposition 106.

8 It stipulates that Arizona's Independent
9 Redistricting Commission shall redraw Arizona's
10 congressional and legislative districts to reflect the
11 results of the most recent census.

12 Due to the 2010 census, Arizona gained a
13 congressional seat. So you're going from eight
14 congressional seats to nine congressional seats.

15 The number of seats in the senate will remain at
16 30. And then the house of representatives, that will remain
17 60 as well.

18 What are the requirements of the state
19 constitution per Proposition 106?

20 These are really the guidelines that the
21 commissioners and the Commission is using to draw the maps.

22 New district boundaries must, A, comply with the
23 U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act; B, be equal
24 population.

25 Criteria A and B are federally mandated.

1 To the extent practicable the districts must be,
2 C, compact and contiguous; D, respect communities of
3 interest; E, use visible geographic features, city, town,
4 and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts; F, favor
5 competitive districts where no significant detriment to
6 other goals.

7 So the remaining four requirements here are ones
8 that were included into the Proposition 106 along with the
9 other two that were federally mandated.

10 Just wanted to do a quick overview of the
11 Voting Rights Act.

12 Arizona's congressional and legislative districts
13 must receive preclearance or approval from the Department of
14 Justice or a federal court under Section 5 of the
15 Voting Rights Act before they can take effect.

16 To get preclearance, Arizona must demonstrate the
17 new districts do not discriminate against minority voting --
18 voters in purpose or effect, which means there can be no
19 intentional or accidental discrimination.

20 Under Section 5, Arizona's redistricting plans
21 cannot be retrogressive. The plans cannot weaken or reduce
22 minority voting rights.

23 The presence of discrimination can be determined
24 by analyzing population and election results.

25 And we have a quick presentation from Bruce

1 Adelson, who was -- worked for the Department of Justice in
2 2000.

3 (Whereupon, a video presentation of Bruce Adelson
4 was shown.)

5 ANDREW DRECHSLER: Next we wanted to go over the
6 timeline of the redistricting process.

7 First, it started earlier this year. Basically
8 what was done is a whole new agency, state agency was
9 created.

10 The commissioners were appointed following a
11 thorough screening process, and each of the commissioners
12 serve in a voluntary, unpaid role.

13 The second step was the first round of hearings.

14 Before drawing a single line, the Commission held
15 23 public hearings around the state in July and August to
16 get input from members of the public about issues relevant
17 to redistricting, such as geography, communities of
18 interest, minority voting rights, and competitiveness.

19 And then the mapping started.

20 Per Proposition 106 we started with a clean slate.
21 And then the next step was we divided the state into equal
22 population and compact-like grids -- compact-like districts,
23 which was the grid map that was approved on August 18.

24 Proposition 106 requires us to do that. We cannot
25 take into consideration any of the old lines or where any of

1 the incumbents live.

2 Since adopting the grid maps, the Commission has
3 met more than 25 times during the months of -- over the
4 months in August, September, and October, to take into
5 consideration and make adjustments to the grid to
6 accommodate all the state criteria.

7 Also during this time they received additional
8 public comment and draft maps.

9 And approval of the draft maps. On October 3rd
10 the congressional -- the Commission approved the draft
11 congressional map that incorporated all the changes based on
12 the constitutional criteria. And then on October 10th the
13 legislative draft map was also approved.

14 Step four was the second round of hearings, which
15 we are presently part of today.

16 We've started the second round on October 11th,
17 and we're finishing up tomorrow.

18 We've visited over 25 towns and cities around the
19 state to share the draft maps and to receive additional
20 public comment throughout the months of October and
21 November.

22 The next step is the final maps.

23 Upon completion of public comment period, the
24 Commission will adopt the final maps.

25 And then the final step in the redistricting

1 process is getting preclearance.

2 Because Arizona is subject to the Section 5 of the
3 Voting Rights Act, the district maps must be approved by the
4 federal Department of Justice or a federal court in
5 Washington, D.C., before they can be used for upcoming
6 Arizona elections.

7 Just wanted to give you, before we show you the
8 draft maps, just wanted to give you an overview of the
9 process that has taken place.

10 This map that you see in front of you is the
11 map -- the congressional map that was approved by the last
12 Commission and was most recently used in the 2010 elections.

13 Per Proposition 106, we started with a clean
14 slate, and then we created the grid map.

15 The grid map only takes into consideration
16 two criteria.

17 It takes into consideration compactness and equal
18 population.

19 So this is the grid map that was approved on
20 August 18th.

21 And here in front of you after the 25 meetings
22 where the commissioners met and the numerous public
23 comments, we came up with the congressional draft map that
24 you see in front of you.

25 Some features of this, it has two predominantly

1 rural districts, three border districts, three districts
2 in the greater Tucson region, five districts that are
3 entirely in Maricopa County, it avoids splitting Arizona's
4 Indian reservations, and has two districts where minority
5 voters have the opportunity to elect a candidate of their
6 choice.

7 The legislative map followed a very similar
8 process.

9 You can see here this is the map that was approved
10 by the last Commission. And, again, most recently used in
11 the 2010 elections.

12 And, again, we started with a clean slate and then
13 we went to the grid map.

14 The grid map has the -- so we took in two of the
15 six criteria, equal population and compactness.

16 And finally the draft map that you see here was
17 approved on October 10. And some features of the draft
18 map -- the map that you just saw per -- the old map that was
19 most recently used in the 2010 elections, because of the
20 population changes in Arizona, some of the districts had as
21 little as 155,000 people living in those districts and some
22 had up to 378,000.

23 Under the draft map that you see here, the
24 population is approximately 207,000 to 215,000.

25 To comply with the Voting Rights Act, the draft

1 map includes ten districts whereby minority voters should
2 have the opportunity to elect the candidates of their
3 choice. The draft map also includes three districts wholly
4 within Pima County and three additional southern Arizona
5 districts, 17 districts that are primarily within Maricopa
6 County, and nine districts that are rural.

7 We want to hear your input, and that's a big
8 reason why we're here today to show you the maps.

9 And there's a number of different ways that you
10 can give us your input.

11 You can fill out a request to speak form, if you
12 would like to speak tonight.

13 Examples of some of the input that you can give
14 us, you can talk about any of the constitutional criteria,
15 things that you might like about the congressional maps,
16 things that you might not like about the congressional maps,
17 and the same thing with the legislative maps.

18 And besides speaking here, you can also fill out
19 one of these blue forms that are in the back of the packet.
20 And you can either fill these out tonight and hand them in
21 to Kristi or Lisa or Kristina in the back, or we have the
22 address on the bottom, you can mail them in. Or the other
23 way you can submit public comment is going to our website at
24 www.azredistricting.org, and there's a public comment
25 section where you can make public comment.

1 You can call us at, toll free, (855)733-7478, if
2 you have any comments.

3 Next is just a shot of our home page, and just
4 wanted to highlight a couple of things to everybody who
5 would like to go there.

6 A couple arrows on here.

7 You can see in the upper left-hand corner you see
8 an arrow for maps.

9 What you find here is an online mapping software
10 that you can draw your own maps.

11 You can see the grid maps to, if you -- you can
12 see what any of the what-if maps on there that were
13 considered by the Commission as they came through the final
14 maps.

15 You can see the arrow for the meetings. While
16 tomorrow is the last day for round two, there will be
17 additional hearings to finalize the maps. And you can watch
18 all of those live. And you can go view any of the past
19 meetings as well.

20 So if you wanted to see the over 100 hours that
21 went into drafting the maps, the draft maps that you saw
22 tonight, all those meetings are online, and the transcripts
23 are online, and you can review those if you like.

24 There's an area where you can do public input. If
25 you click on that, it will ask you a couple questions and

1 you can fill that out and submit that.

2 And down on the bottom you'll see the two pictures
3 of the draft maps.

4 If you click on either of those, it will take you
5 to this page, which has a lot of information available for
6 you on the draft maps.

7 It has a compactness report, competitiveness
8 report, splits reports, which shows what counties and areas
9 were split.

10 And then there's a number of different, there's a
11 number of different maps and different formats that you can
12 look at, that you can look at, and on top is the
13 congressional and on the bottom is the legislative.

14 One of the features that people have really liked
15 is the Google map. And that's circled in red. It's on the
16 top.

17 If you click on that, you come to the screen that
18 looks like this. And what it shows is the maps. And one of
19 really nice features about the Google map is you're able to
20 scroll in. People wanted to know where they live, where are
21 their boundaries, where are boundaries for the neighboring
22 districts. And this allows you to scroll in and zoom in so
23 you're able to see that.

24 Here's an example. I think this is a shot from
25 Maricopa County that sort of highlights the streets and the

1 boundaries and some of the geographic features there.

2 And finally we want you to stay connected.

3 As I mentioned there's a wealth of information on
4 our website that's available for everybody. You can draw
5 your own maps. You can get information on any of the past
6 meetings or current meetings coming up.

7 And you can also follow us on Twitter and
8 Facebook.

9 Just want to thank you for coming out tonight.

10 We really look forward to hearing your comments.

11 I will be around afterwards if anybody has any
12 questions. I will be more than happy to answer them, or any
13 of the staff. We want make sure that you understand the
14 process. And happy to be here to answer any of your
15 questions.

16 Thank you very much.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much, Andrew.

18 Before we get started, I just wanted to thank the
19 town of Marana for providing these beautiful facilities for
20 us to be able to hold this meeting in tonight.

21 And I want to thank all of you for coming out
22 tonight to share your thoughts and your ideas about what
23 are -- what is unquestionably a difficult task that we have.
24 And we're looking forward to capturing all the comments that
25 you have.

1 So leading into that, we'd like to go ahead and
2 begin with our first speaker, which is Mayor Ed of the town
3 of Marana.

4 MAYOR ED HONEA: Thank you, Commissioner Stertz,
5 and welcome to our humble abode.

6 Our council has been talking about these maps,
7 both the legislative and the congressional parts of the map.
8 And probably the one we have the biggest problem with is
9 District 1, which we are part of. And it's not that we have
10 a problem necessarily being with Pinal County or part of
11 Cochise County and part of southern Arizona, but that
12 district is about a third of the state and covers
13 three fourths of the Utah border, all the way to Mexico.

14 The current representative there is Paul Gosar.
15 He's 200 miles from my house.

16 The district, I don't think, meets the criteria of
17 compact or trying to keep it more compact.

18 Don't have a problem with the southern part of the
19 district, but the fact that I would have to drive for
20 four or five hours to talk to my congressman as an elected
21 official in Marana is a little disturbing to me.

22 Legislatively we would be in the new district 11,
23 which is mainly Marana and Maricopa, part of Casa Grande,
24 Eloy, and part of Coolidge.

25 We don't really have a problem with that. But,

1 the general legislative districts around Tucson, I think,
2 are atrocious.

3 I really think what has happened -- I understand
4 that you don't draw districts to keep people in a safe
5 district or to look at people, but we're having four and
6 five legislators thrown in the same district with the
7 redistricting.

8 And I don't know if that's good for the state of
9 Arizona.

10 I understand we want to be fair, but by doing some
11 of those things, I would hope that you would seriously look
12 at some of the southern Arizona legislative districts, and
13 maybe look at the congressional district and realize that
14 it's thousands and thousands of square miles.

15 And Page and Marana will be in the same district.
16 And that's a long ways away.

17 I mean, that's a four- or five-hour drive or
18 six-hour drive for me.

19 And we appreciate what you're doing. We know it's
20 a tough job. I'm not here to say anything bad about you.

21 But if compactness is one of the two primary
22 criteria, District 1 is not compact by any stretch of the
23 imagination.

24 And it would be very difficult for a congress
25 member to represent that district well because of how far

1 spread we are.

2 Thank you very much for coming to Marana, and
3 thank you for the opportunity.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Mayor Ed. Thank
5 you for the hospitality.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm going to do the best I
8 can to take these in order as they came in, at least that's
9 how the stack came. And what I'm going to do is I'm going
10 to read off the first three names so that you can start
11 getting your thoughts in your head about what you would like
12 to present.

13 So first up is Mr. Pete Bengtson.

14 After that is Betty Bengtson and Ben Love.

15 PETE BENGTSON: I knew there was a penalty for
16 coming early.

17 Commissioner Stertz, thank you for coming and
18 representing the Commission tonight.

19 Appreciate your time. I know it's a lot of effort
20 to get out here.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Bengtson, I forgot a
22 little housekeeping for everyone.

23 For our reporter, Marty Herder --

24 PETE BENGTSON: I forgot Marty.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- you need to spell your

1 first and your last name, please, for the reporter.

2 PETE BENGTON: It's Peter, P-E-T-E-R, Bengtson,
3 B-E-N-G-T-S-O-N.

4 I guess I got to put my glasses on.

5 As I've mentioned a number of times or at least
6 once before I'm not -- I just started.

7 I'm just -- I'm really an environmentalist. I'm
8 not really a Democrat, although I hang with those guys. The
9 reason I do that, being an environmentalist is what gets me
10 off, walking neighborhoods and making phone calls, and
11 that's what I'm really interested in.

12 Environmentalism is sort of popular, but it's not
13 a top issue.

14 If I had my way, I would come up here and talk to
15 you to try and ask you to redraw the districts so that
16 environmentalists could get elected.

17 You can't do that. I know it's not one of the six
18 goals.

19 All I can do is encourage you to draw the
20 districts so that we have more competitive districts.

21 I've been to something like 22 of these business
22 meetings. I've kept the agendas. Scared me when I counted
23 them up.

24 But I wanted to say that I've been really
25 impressed with the commissioners, how hard they work,

1 discussing where they can draw the line here or there, to
2 try and meet all of the six conflicting goals that you have
3 to deal with.

4 Plus I'm impressed with Strategic Telemetry. I
5 know they've gotten a lot of bad press, a lot of static, but
6 they -- their people have been very careful not to -- I hate
7 to say show any initiative, but that's what they're doing.
8 They're following the directions of the commissioners all
9 the way down the line. The lines are drawn right where the
10 commissioners wanted them.

11 Finally I want to say that I'm very disappointed
12 with the state legislature and Governor Brewer for removing
13 Colleen Mathis.

14 I think that's just terrible.

15 (Applause.)

16 PETE BENGTON: And I know the Commission
17 attorneys have appealed, and Colleen Mathis' attorney is
18 appealing, and I hope she's successful getting back on the
19 Commission.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Mr. Bengtson.

22 Next up is Betty Bengtson followed by Ben Love and
23 John Olbert.

24 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Mr. Chair, can we
25 have some more volume, please?

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Absolutely.

2 BETTY BENGTON: My name is Betty Bengtson,
3 B-E-N-G-T-S-O-N.

4 And I am not going to repeat a lot of the things
5 that Pete said because what -- his remarks certainly reflect
6 how I feel about the work of the Commission.

7 I also have attended many of the meetings, and
8 I've watched some of the streaming video of meetings that I
9 was unable for attend.

10 I too have been impressed by the work and
11 dedication of the Commissioners. And I think I have a real
12 appreciation for the difficulty of your task.

13 I've seen you moving census districts from here to
14 there, and then it makes -- it impacts both districts. You
15 have to move another line.

16 I'm not surprised that you have people who are
17 unhappy with some of the districts. I think that's just the
18 nature of the work.

19 The other point I want to make is the outrage I
20 feel over the action of the governor and the state senate.
21 This is a clear power grab. They are going against the will
22 of the people as expressed when Proposition 106 was
23 approved.

24 The objective of that proposition is to create
25 fair and competitive districts.

1 And I don't see how -- why the governor is so
2 unhappy with the districts that are resulting. If you look
3 at the data, clearly the Republicans still have -- will be
4 able to elect who they wish in the majority of the
5 districts, both congressional districts and the legislative
6 districts.

7 I hope that, that Chairwoman Mathis is successful
8 in her effort to be reinstated, and I hope the governor and
9 the state senate come to their senses.

10 Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Ben Love,
13 followed by John Olbert and Sharon Olbert.

14 By the way, how is your volume?

15 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Better? Thank you.

17 BEN LOVE: That's Ben, B-E-N, as in Benjamin,
18 L-O-V-E, Love.

19 And I just have a quick comment.

20 And most -- the two speakers before me have mostly
21 stolen my thunder. I think it's absolutely shameful the way
22 our Governor Brewer and the Republican legislators have
23 attempted to hijack our Democratic process.

24 I don't know what happens next. God help us all
25 is all I can say. But, but especially thank you, the

1 surviving members of our Commission, for carrying on this
2 important work. Thanks for your service.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is John Olbert,
6 Sharon Olbert, followed by Barney Brenner.

7 JOHN OLBERT: Yes, my name is John, J-O-H-N,
8 O-L-B-E-R-T.

9 I wish to commend the Commission for working very
10 diligently.

11 I've studied the data, and I see what you've done
12 as far as the population, the racial mix. And I think
13 you've worked very hard to follow the law of the federal law
14 and the state law as approved by the people of Arizona in
15 Proposition 102 -- or 106. Sorry.

16 So thank you for your work, and please continue to
17 do as you have been doing.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Sharon
22 Olbert, followed by Barney Brenner and Vince Leach.

23 SHARON OLBERT: Hi, Sharon Olbert. I spell my
24 name the same way that other guy does, O-L-B-E-R-T.

25 I just want to say that this is my first time here

1 at one of these meetings. And I'm a registered Independent,
2 so I wanted to come and see what all this ruckus is about.

3 And I am just absolutely in awe of these
4 commissioners, all the time you have spent, and I understand
5 it's for no pay.

6 So, I thank you. I applaud you.

7 I also have been trying to understand what all the
8 complaints are about.

9 I heard on NPR today that Arizona -- it is
10 national public radio, about Arizona's polarized government,
11 with the governor removing the chairman of this committee.
12 And according to the commentators, it was totally a
13 political, a political move.

14 So I hope that that will be resolved in the best
15 interest of the Arizona voters.

16 As for the following, the mandates of the voting
17 rights, it seems to me looking at the information, as I say
18 I'm new to this, but I see for your equality of population,
19 you did an incredible job, incredible job of having almost
20 equal population in the legislative districts. There's just
21 not that much variation.

22 And as far as competitiveness, it looks to me like
23 if you look at the column on the far right, you have 16 more
24 Republicans -- heavily Republican districts and only 12 that
25 are more heavily Democrat.

1 If anything I think that it should be a little
2 bit -- maybe that's not exactly equal, but I imagine that's
3 probably going to be impossible to find, so I think so far
4 what you've done is absolutely amazing.

5 Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Mr. Barney
9 Brenner, followed by Vince Leach and Edward Treick.

10 BARNEY BRENNER: I'm Barney Brenner, B-A-R-N-E-Y,
11 B-R-E-N-N-E-R.

12 And I am concerned with regard to following the
13 law in drawing these maps.

14 It's clear that either political party would be
15 happy to have an advantage from the way these maps turn out.

16 But that's not the intent of the drawing of the
17 map, and that's not the guidelines that were set up for
18 drawing the map.

19 There are two overarching guidelines, Voting
20 Rights Act and equal population.

21 But then the other four criterion, the communities
22 of interest and compactness take precedent clearly over
23 what's mentioned at the end, which is competitiveness, which
24 is stipulated only that it doesn't conflict with the other
25 requirements.

1 And when you have communities of interest that are
2 broken up not just in half or thirds, proven communities of
3 interest in the state that are broken into quarters, clearly
4 there's a conflict with what the law requires.

5 Now, we can have -- I can come up here and
6 100 other people can come up here and give you a stipulation
7 that we want the maps to be drawn this way according to this
8 requirement.

9 But the overarching criteria are following the
10 laws.

11 And the way the communities of interest have been
12 broken up is clearly in conflict with the mandate that this
13 Commission has been given.

14 And just -- as well as compactness.

15 At one of the other meetings I heard one of our
16 incumbent state representatives, Olivia Cajero Bedford,
17 mentioned how thrilled she was at how compact her district
18 was.

19 Well, it would be very nice if that favor was
20 passed along to as many other congressmen and legislators as
21 possible.

22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

24 Next Vince Leach, Edward Treick, followed by Sam
25 Almy.

1 VINCE LEACH: Good evening, Commissioner Stertz,
2 counselor. Good to see you again.

3 Some notes on the actions by our governor and the
4 state legislator session. I think some of those that just
5 got involved in this game showing up need to go back to the
6 early days and look at the application of the Independent
7 that was sitting on this committee and the failure to report
8 the involvement of her husband in political activity as a
9 treasurer of a candidate running for political office.

10 Right during the height of that campaign is when
11 she filled out that application. Claiming that she just
12 simply forgot just doesn't cut it.

13 She may well blame the committee that vetted her,
14 but the fact is she didn't fill it out.

15 I would ask if the Republican representatives on
16 the Commission do -- did get the attorney that they wished
17 for, a Republican attorney. And what the vote was for the
18 legal counsel for the Republican attorney. It was three to
19 two.

20 It was two Democrats and one Independent, yes, and
21 two Democrats no.

22 That's a problem.

23 Closed meetings, shredded papers, we've all seen
24 it. We've all heard it. We've lived through it early on.
25 It's a fact.

1 Herrera. We sat in a meeting where we heard
2 Commissioner Herrera actually say in a public meeting that
3 Arizona created its own her Hurricane Katrina called
4 SB 1070.

5 That's the type of commissioner you have
6 representing the independent redistricting committee.

7 Failure to speak with the AG. Okay. Failure to
8 speak, and failure to fill out the requests submitted by the
9 joint legislative session.

10 You know, I sat in a presentation in Phoenix for
11 hours on end and watched ST put together -- Strategic
12 Telemetry put on a presentation on the perfect legislative
13 and congressional district in circular.

14 Remember how that got into millions of numbers?

15 I would really ask the commissioners of how in the
16 world did you come up with CD 1 or CD 4 in that type of
17 situation. Or when you go over to the legislative side, the
18 same thing.

19 The only thing that very much concerns me, and
20 Mr. Adelson spoke to it, and he's very good at what he does,
21 you can balance the Ds and the Rs.

22 All right.

23 Strategic Telemetry is very, very good. And they
24 have a track record of flushing out and identifying
25 Independents and where those Independents swing to.

1 And so you can look -- this Commission can look at
2 all the formulas that you want to -- be done in a second --
3 it's not formulas. Okay. It's actually what comes down
4 here.

5 You're going -- what you're going to do is you're
6 going to increase minority vote, next time around you're
7 going to try to decrease it, and they're going to get you on
8 retrogression.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Mr. Leach.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Edward Treick and
13 Sam Almy and Janet Kline.

14 (Brief pause.)

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And, Mr. Treick, before you
16 begin, the court reporter has asked that it's very difficult
17 for him to be able to get his -- be able to get all of his
18 notes down, so if we can do the best we can to hold down the
19 applause, it would be really helpful for Marty to be able to
20 get this.

21 It's real important for the court record and the
22 overall record of this Commission to be able to record. And
23 he's our guy doing that.

24 So if we can do that, I'd appreciate it. Thank
25 you.

1 EDWARD TREICK: My name is Edward Treick,
2 T-R-E-I-C-K.

3 I live in Saddlebrooke.

4 My comments are twofold and short. CD 1 is the
5 craziest district that I've ever seen on a map. With that
6 kind of mileage, the only people that can even run for
7 office would have to be extremely wealthy in order to be
8 able to travel to cover the whole district.

9 It spreads from one border to another border, from
10 north to south. It just makes no sense.

11 And overall, both the congressional district and
12 the legislative district maps, you know, 13 and 2 in the
13 legislative districts are crazy.

14 I'm not in those areas, but I certainly would
15 complain if I were.

16 My thought on these maps is that we've seen in the
17 past examples that everybody looks at to show what happens
18 when redistricting is done in a gerrymandered way.

19 Someday people are going to look at these maps and
20 show what happens when redistricting is done just for the
21 sake of political correctness instead of for the people.

22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

24 Next up we have Sam Almy --

25 (Applause.)

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- Janet Kline, and then Dan
2 McHenry.

3 SAM ALMY: Hi, my name is Sam Almy, A-L-M-Y.

4 And I'm here because I'm very disappointed as to
5 what happened this week with the Commission. The removal of
6 the chair was strictly a political move.

7 And this Commission was formed to not be
8 influenced by any sort of political action.

9 My high school teacher taught me that in democracy
10 majority always rules but there is always that respect for
11 the minority.

12 In Arizona we still have a democracy.

13 The minority party in this state, the Democratic
14 Party, has no -- is getting no respect from the legislative
15 map.

16 They can completely sweep all their districts and
17 the two swing districts, competitive districts, and they
18 will not gain a majority in the house.

19 That is disappointing.

20 I feel that Arizona should really lead the nation
21 in something other than appearances on the Daily Show and
22 major news media.

23 This Commission should really be out of the news
24 cycle, out of the national scene.

25 There's concern about lumping incumbent members

1 of the legislature into districts. This shouldn't be a
2 problem. Incumbencies work hard for their districts.
3 They should prove to their constituents that they earned it.

4 And so I would like to make some suggestions to
5 makes districts more competitive. I have three districts I
6 read in Maricopa County, and I take some of these borders
7 largely from my friend Tom McConnell who hopefully will be
8 up here speaking.

9 I would suggest that you combine LD 17 and 12,
10 sort of smush those together, move the eastern border to
11 Higley Road, the western border to Price, the northern
12 border would be Galveston Street, and the southern border is
13 the Maricopa County line.

14 In Scottsdale you can also create a competitive
15 district if you take 15, 23, and 28. The southern border
16 would be East Lincoln Drive. That would travel west to
17 State Route 51, that would go north to Thunderbird, and then
18 north along 49th Street, Dynamite Boulevard.

19 The eastern border of that district would be
20 Pima Road, and that would go down south back to
21 Lincoln Drive.

22 They are -- can also be a competitive district in
23 Tempe, which combines parts of LD 26 and 24.

24 The eastern border is Mesa Drive, southern border
25 is Broadway, and then that's sort of the southern part,

1 which would continue west to Mill Avenue, and the northern
2 rectangle of that would -- the Winslow Avenue is the west,
3 follow along Winslow Avenue, to 143, then north on
4 42nd Street, and the northern border would be Lincoln Drive.

5 I know that --

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You need to wrap up.

7 SAM ALMY: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

9 Next up we have Janet Kline, followed by Dan
10 McHenry and Tom McConnell.

11 JANET KLINE: My name is Janet Kline, K-L-I-N-E,
12 K-L-I-N-E.

13 I live in Continental Ranch, and I wanted to come
14 tonight to make three brief points.

15 Number one, I want to thank you all for all the
16 hard work you're doing. I'm sure it's a very difficult
17 time.

18 And I really appreciate it.

19 And certainly so does the audience here.

20 Number two, I am totally outraged at the political
21 grab of our Governor Jan Brewer, to prove it's not a
22 political grab, but she could not even specify what the
23 reasons were of why she removed her in a brief radio
24 interview so very recently.

25 She could just stutter. Well, she just needs to

1 do what she's supposed to do.

2 Typical.

3 Third, I just implore you to please keep as many
4 districts as possible competitive and do not let that power
5 grab.

6 Win. This is a democratic society. Let the
7 candidates win on their own merits. Do not let them cheat
8 their way through.

9 That's all. Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we've got Dan
12 McHenry, followed by Tom McConnell and Paul Barby, I
13 believe.

14 DAN McHENRY: Good evening, commissioners. My
15 name is Dan McHenry, D-A-N --

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Put the mic up a little bit.

17 DAN McHENRY: D-A-N, M-C, capital H-E-N-R-Y.

18 First of all, I'm disappointed that, that we
19 couldn't find in Arizona a mapping company and we had to go
20 back east to Strategic Telemetry. It seems to me that we
21 should be able to use Arizona people to do Arizona work.

22 I'd like to reinforce what Mayor Ed said about
23 Congressional District 1 going from Mexico to Utah, which is
24 very extreme.

25 It's very not -- it's not compact and it's not

1 contiguous.

2 And also doesn't follow lines of communities of
3 interest.

4 I think that I'm glad that the governor is
5 listening to people and she's acting.

6 I went through the redistricting --

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Please, folks.

8 DAN McHENRY: I went through the redistricting in
9 Pinal County, and I've seen the way we were pushed around in
10 southern Pinal County and almost ignored, and they remapped
11 and didn't talk to us about the remapping, so we didn't have
12 an opportunity then. So sometimes it's a good thing that
13 the governor did act, I believe.

14 Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

16 Next up we've got Tom McConnell, followed by Paul
17 Barby and Lynne St. Angelo.

18 TOM MCCONNELL: Tom McConnell, T-O-M, M-C, capital
19 C-O-N-N-E-L-L.

20 Commission, thank you again for your work.

21 I really can't say I'm delighted with the
22 congressional map, but I can live with it. There are larger
23 districts in Alaska. There are states who have one
24 representative to cover the entire state, so it's not
25 unprecedented.

1 It is large.

2 We'll just see if it works.

3 I'm less happy with the LD maps. I don't quite
4 approve of the way counties have been carved out to create
5 the districts beyond the needs of the Voting Rights Act.

6 It should be possible to keep counties whole to a
7 much greater extent and still to achieve more competitive
8 districts.

9 I've done maps that do that. And I promised
10 Mr. Drechsler I would sent him an example of one so you
11 don't have to do all the street by street transcribing.

12 And I am sure there would be more.

13 I would encourage you to open the process so that
14 more public maps can be submitted.

15 The current public input form is very limited in
16 its ability. And the current online mapping, frankly I
17 wouldn't pay the bill.

18 It really is not very effective, not very
19 complete.

20 Other than that, I just want to say, despite not
21 quite approving the current draft maps, I very much approve
22 this process.

23 I think the idea of an Independent Commission is
24 important and should be preserved, and I really hope that
25 the courts will step in and take action. Otherwise why have

1 a constitution.

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Paul Barby,
5 followed by Lynne St. Angelo, and Virgil Rank.

6 PAUL BARBY: Good evening. Paul, P-A-U-L, B, like
7 boy, A-R-B-Y.

8 Thank you.

9 Thank you, commissioner. I appreciate you being
10 here and the other commissioners who are standing by, I
11 understand.

12 It's a privilege to be able to speak to you.

13 I've been following the process in the drafting of
14 the maps.

15 I attended the hearing at the Doubletree here in
16 Tucson -- not here in Tucson, but in Tucson a couple months
17 ago.

18 I listened to the carefully studied revisions that
19 they were suggesting and all the suggestions that were
20 coming in.

21 I thought the Commission did an admirable job of
22 putting this together.

23 I want to talk about the small D, democratic
24 process.

25 The mandate to the commissioners was done to a

1 democratic process a vote of the people. And there were
2 certain criteria to be followed.

3 From my perspective, the Commission has done an
4 excellent job of drawing those boundaries and meeting the
5 criteria, in the big picture. Looking at the small picture,
6 of course there's some areas that I would like to see some
7 lines adjusted or maybe moving around the big picture.

8 But back to the democratic process.

9 The process for this Commission is one that the
10 people should participate in, not a legislator or a
11 legislature or a governor that's controlled by a majority.

12 They made that decision without public hearings to
13 remove Colleen Mathis as the chair.

14 That should not have happened in that kind of
15 forum.

16 There should have been situations that was
17 presented, cause that was presented to do that, so the
18 democratic process can work.

19 My opinion about objecting to what the Commission
20 has done is the Commission has given its product. Then
21 let's look at the product. And let's revise or make is
22 suggestions about the product and not take on people and
23 remove them in a political game, which is what it appears to
24 be.

25 I'm quite disappointed in the notoriety that we've

1 gained from this experience, and I think we need to correct
2 it and get on with the business of coming up with fair,
3 competitive, compact districts that will serve the voters
4 well in Arizona.

5 Thank you very much for this presentation.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Mr. Barby.

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Lynne
9 St. Angelo, followed by Virgil Rank and Marianne DeFilippis.

10 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: Thank you, commissioners.
11 Lynne, L-Y-N-N-E, St. Angelo --

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm sorry.

13 REBECCA LOPORTO: Do you have my name? Rebecca
14 Loporto? Because I was here before Lynne and put in a
15 paper.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: You're four more down the
17 list.

18 REBECCA LOPORTO: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

20 I'm sorry, go ahead.

21 LYNNE ST. ANGELO: St. Angelo, S-T, A-N-G-E-L-O.

22 And tonight I'm here not representing myself, but
23 speaking for Richard Ellis, who lives in Oro Valley as I do.
24 He lives at 2256 East Saucalito Trail. And told me he's
25 elderly and is unable to attend the meetings and would like

1 me to express his views on this matter of redistricting.

2 The communities of interest criteria must be given
3 priority in redistricting. That has not been the case in
4 deciding what the congressional district that Oro Valley is
5 in would be placed.

6 This new congressional district is neither compact
7 and it isn't competitive. It also does not respect the
8 communities of interest as Oro Valley, Marana, and
9 Saddlebrooke are metro Tucson towns.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Ms. St. Angelo.

12 Next up we have Virgil Rank, followed by Marianne
13 DeFilippis -- I apologize, I'm butchering that name -- and
14 Scott Wilson.

15 VIRGIL RANK: My name is Virgil Rank, V-I-R-G-I-L,
16 R-A-N-K. From Oro Valley, Pima County.

17 My concern -- well, some of it's been already
18 covered. The mayor did most of it. But the compactness and
19 communities of interest.

20 I feel that Congressional District 1 shown on the
21 draft map is a perfect example of the gerrymandered
22 district.

23 It's not competitive, and it's not compact.

24 It doesn't keep the communities of interest
25 together or keep from splitting counties.

1 For example, Saddlebrooke, Oro Valley, and Marana
2 could be joined into the District 2. That would probably
3 make District 1 and 2 more competitive.

4 These communities are not close to the northern
5 border, have nothing in common with them, could not be very
6 well served by one representative.

7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

9 Next up we have Marianne DeFilippis.

10 I'm sorry.

11 MARIANNE MILCZAREK DEFILIPPIS: You did it even
12 worse.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm going backwards, aren't
14 I?

15 MARIANNE MILCZAREK DEFILIPPIS: Hello,
16 Commissioner Stertz. I'm Marianne, that's M-A-R-I-A-N-N-E,
17 Milczarek, M-I-L-C, as in cat, Z, as in zebra, A-R-E-K,
18 DeFilippis, D-E-F, as in Frank, I-L-I-P, as in Peter,
19 another P, I-S.

20 And I would like to refer back to the early
21 comments from the very first speakers, the Bengtsons, and
22 thanks for your community, and mostly I would like to spend
23 time on my own self-interest as a resident of Oro Valley.
24 And also I think I did attend the meeting, one of the very
25 earlier round one meetings, held at Kino complex where there

1 were many more people and many, many more representatives of
2 Saddlebrooke. And I think you must have heard from them
3 repeatedly about how Oro Valley is their community of
4 interest.

5 That may be so, but it doesn't work the other way.

6 I'm just very distressed and dismayed that
7 Oro Valley has been plucked out of Pima County, out of our
8 surrounding communities of interest, added to Saddlebrooke
9 and Pinal County.

10 Oro Valley is a suburb of Tucson.

11 I live in Oro Valley. I have children that go to
12 the schools in Oro Valley. I work in south Tucson. I work
13 full time. I couldn't make all these meetings.

14 I shop in Marana unincorporated county. I pay
15 sales taxes, property taxes, everything in Pima County. And
16 I just feel that by putting us out -- taking Oro Valley out
17 of Pima County, it's like taxation without representation.

18 I'm not part of the voting block in Pima County
19 anymore. That was my number one thing, now the boundary
20 going back and that would be the Pima County line. And
21 Legislative District 8 was shown up on our maps as one of
22 the rural counties. Well, I don't think anyone in Oro
23 Valley considers themselves rural, and Pinal County indeed
24 is.

25 And then you put us into CD 1, and I think you've

1 heard -- I would restate those statements regarding the huge
2 size of CD 1. And, again, forestry, Flagstaff, the Indian
3 nations, that Oro Valley has no similarities. We're very
4 small, with similar interests with those other communities.

5 And the legislative -- my last comment was on the
6 competitiveness, where LD 8 ends up, I see, again as
7 16 percent Republican advantage, and that is not
8 competitive.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Scott
13 Wilson, followed by Lynn Wildblood and Rebecca Loporto.

14 SCOTT WILSON: Hello, my name is Scott Wilson,
15 W-I-L-S-O-N.

16 At the last meeting at U of A campus, I spent a
17 lot of time looking at the data that you folks handed out
18 for the Commission's meeting.

19 And I'm looking at the requirements of the state
20 as opposed to the federal mandates.

21 The state mandates put competitiveness last.
22 Last.

23 I'm going to limit my comments here to southern
24 Arizona and congressional districts.

25 The duty to the extent possible you're supposed to

1 pay attention to geographic features, like city and town
2 boundaries and undivided census tracts.

3 Well, undivided census tract down here in southern
4 Arizona is not terribly, terribly bad in terms of the other
5 elements. But your paying attention to boundaries and
6 cities and communities of interest doesn't pass the
7 reasonable man test, as the law professes what a reasonable
8 man test is, but it doesn't pass it.

9 Dividing the city of Tucson into two congressional
10 districts does not pay attention to city and town
11 boundaries.

12 When I moved here in '81, my wife and I purchased
13 property in unincorporated Pima County on purpose. We
14 didn't want to live in the city of Tucson.

15 When we formed the Northwest Fire District, one of
16 the reasons we formed the Northwest Fire District, some
17 people back here that long remember that a lot of people
18 thought it was going to inhibit the city of Tucson from
19 splitting us up and taking us in piecemeal.

20 The city of Tucson at that point in time had just
21 built the convention center. And they were on an annexation
22 rampage to try to get the tax base to pay for the convention
23 center and other expenditures that they had made.

24 And that was -- we wanted not to be part of the
25 city.

1 We did not want government beyond core government
2 business.

3 That included things like convention centers, arts
4 districts, other stuff that the city was starting to venture
5 in and was already well on its way in.

6 In short, Pima County has two very distinct
7 communities of interest. These are overlapping other
8 communities of interest, and I'm not saying they're
9 exclusive, but they have two distinctions. Those that
10 wanted to live in the big city, quasi-big city, the city of
11 Tucson, with all its extra features, all of its extra taxes,
12 and all its extra restrictions. And those of us who didn't.

13 When I moved here, the town of Marana, in 1977,
14 was a few years old, was a little dot on the map, way up
15 there.

16 Okay. It was way up there.

17 Well, why did Marana come down to abut Tucson?

18 Quite honestly because most people in the
19 unincorporated county at the time thought Marana a town was
20 a lot better than Tucson and all encompassing heavy taxing
21 city.

22 If you take Pinal County, Pima County, and
23 Santa Cruz County, you have roughly two congressional
24 districts' worth of population.

25 If you take out metro Tucson, and by metro Tucson

1 I mean the city of Tucson, Flowing Wells, South Tucson,
2 Tucson Estates, Drexel Heights, Casas Adobes, and the
3 Foothills, you end up with essentially that is compact
4 community of interest. They are the city of Tucson and the
5 areas that chose not to incorporate which can still be
6 annexed into the city of Tucson.

7 I really think that those are communities of
8 interest, and I thank the governor for removing a political
9 hack from the chairmanship of this committee.

10 (Applause.)

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: After Mr. Wilson, we've got
12 Lynn Wildblood, followed by Rebecca Loporto and Dianne
13 Wilson.

14 And, by the way, if anyone has any things that
15 they would like to place on the record, any documents, that
16 they didn't get a chance to read their entire statement,
17 please leave it with one of the folks in the back of the
18 room, and that will be included in the public record for
19 tonight's -- because I know that some people have written
20 much longer speeches to give that they won't be able to.

21 LYNN WILDBLOOD: My name is Lynn, L-Y-N-N,
22 Wildblood, W-I-L-D-B-L-O-O-D.

23 I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you,
24 and I wouldn't have a job for anything.

25 My point of contention is, and it's already been

1 said, is District 1.

2 I have no idea what Marana and Oro Valley have in
3 common as a community of interest with Flagstaff or Page.

4 That's, that's a huge, huge district.

5 I think a lot of the controversy that we've seen
6 over the last couple of months, and I've been involved with
7 this over some of the meetings here, is that it all kind of
8 started with Strategic Telemetry.

9 I'm not saying that you've done a bad job. I'm
10 just saying your background as a corporation has tainted
11 some people.

12 That coupled with the fact there's an old saying
13 in the Navy any time there's more than two to three people
14 in a quiet discussion it can be considered a mutiny.

15 There's a mutiny any going on back here.

16 These are the people that are really concerned
17 about what's going on.

18 You have to listen to them.

19 They might be Independents. They might be
20 Democrats. They might be Republicans.

21 The question about the chairman being removed, I
22 don't have any problem with that. She wasn't really an
23 Independent.

24 Maybe she was registered, but, you know, this is
25 all going to work out, so I don't think people have to get

1 really worried about it. It's all going to work out.

2 If the governor was wrong, it will be proven. If
3 she was right, it will be proven.

4 So my concern is still coming back to the
5 communities of interest in this first congressional
6 district. It's just too big. Geographically, it doesn't
7 make sense.

8 Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, Mr. Wildblood.

10 Next up Rebecca Loporto, followed by Dianne Wilson
11 and Molly Moore.

12 REBECCA LOPORTO: Okay. My name is Rebecca
13 Loporto, R-E-B-E-C-C-A, L-O-P-O-R-T-O.

14 And I'm from Pima County LD 26, and I'm here
15 tonight because I would like to see our district stay
16 together.

17 I brought a map with me of the state of Arizona,
18 which I thought might be able to go up on there so everybody
19 could see it and see what the geographical features are of
20 the state, and then you would understand why District 1 is
21 so out of bounds.

22 Okay. I don't know if you can see this.

23 This map was put out by the NAU, and it's on the
24 Internet.

25 And, in Arizona we have the Colorado Plateau, the

1 Mohave Desert, the Central Highlands, the Sonoran Desert,
2 and the Sky Islands area. The Sky Islands areas in Cochise
3 County and the Sky Islands is a newer name for the
4 grasslands over there.

5 In order to have all the other considerations of
6 redistricting fall into place, these geographic features,
7 these biogeographic regions have to be considered first.

8 The county lines have been drawn to reflect these
9 features.

10 And there are enough voters in and around each of
11 these regions to have districts with equal populations drawn
12 from them.

13 The Department of Justice should be fine with a
14 dedicated rural Hispanic district placed around where it is
15 now in the southwest part of the state and in a specific
16 region the Sonoran Desert.

17 The compactness and contiguousness requirements of
18 redistricting will be fulfilled by following these features.

19 Communities of interest can be found within these
20 regions. And when starting with geographic features,
21 competitiveness for the most part should fall into place as
22 well.

23 I have attended four redistricting meetings before
24 tonight, and in these meetings I have heard mostly about
25 competitiveness.

1 This should be the last thing to be considered
2 according to the commissioners' own regulations. This is
3 because there are rules to be followed and in order -- and
4 an order in which to proceed.

5 The huge district, District No. 1, on the
6 Commission's approved congressional map is an unnecessarily
7 large district going into every biogeographic region of the
8 state and into 12 out of 15 counties.

9 It is so huge because the geographic features were
10 not considered first.

11 At least so it appears.

12 The first district is where we have the first
13 problem with the map.

14 Due to not following the rules, then the problems
15 go on from there. Dedicated Republican districts, not
16 considering rural areas as important as urban areas, this is
17 the kind of thing I've heard in the meetings.

18 Special districts around the universities. Having
19 a person vote -- having a person's vote be ineffective or
20 less effective due to putting competitiveness first.

21 This is not what should be done in redistricting.

22 Two thirds of voters in this state are not
23 registered Democrats, and they need to have their say.

24 Giving the people of this state the best
25 governance possible is what redistricting should be about,

1 not favoring people with ties to a particular party.

2 The complaints about this Redistricting Commission
3 would go away if consideration to the needs of the state and
4 the voters and their representatives were respected.

5 By having respect for geographical features and
6 putting them first, voters will come first.

7 The congressional districts in urban Maricopa
8 County should be redrawn using the same criteria as above,
9 starting with the geographic features.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, ma'am.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we've got Dianne
14 Wilson, followed by Molly Moore and Cecilia Cruz.

15 DIANNE WISDA: My name is Dianne, D-I-A-N-N-E,
16 Wisda, W-I-S-D-A, from Oro Valley.

17 I'm going to talk about the proposed CD 1.

18 I feel that it is wrong when you consider
19 communities of interest of Oro Valley, Marana, and
20 Saddlebrooke.

21 These communities are not close to northern
22 Arizona, and they would not be appropriately served by the
23 representative. I urge you to put the three communities
24 into CD 2.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, ma'am.

1 Next up we've got Molly Moore, followed by Cecilia
2 Cruz and Marilyn Calhoun.

3 Molly Moore?

4 Set her aside.

5 Next up is Cecilia Cruz, followed by Marilyn
6 Calhoun and Sherese Steffens.

7 Cecilia Cruz? Not here.

8 Marilyn Calhoun, followed by Sherese Steffens and
9 Dyanna Jordan.

10 MARILYN CALHOUN: My name is Marilyn Calhoun,
11 M-A-R-I-L-Y-N, C-A-L-H-O-U-N.

12 First of all, thank you, commissioners, for all
13 your hard work on the proposed maps.

14 I am here tonight to offer comments on them as an
15 educator and a resident of Dove Mountain.

16 No one community can be its own district, and so
17 we should strive to be with like communities.

18 Keeping Dove Mountain with Oro Valley makes sense
19 so we can create a stronger voice for northern Pima County
20 if we were to remain in CD 8 -- 1, excuse me.

21 Our communities continue to grow northward in
22 Pinal County, and some feel it would make sense to be part
23 of an I-10 corridor with northern -- with Pinal County and
24 CD 1.

25 The Commission, in fact, has already heard

1 testimony establishing this length.

2 As a residence of Dove Mountain, we are part of
3 the growing portion of Pinal -- oh, Pima County. Although I
4 understand I-10 is a major corridor, Tangerine Road and
5 Oro Valley have a closer connection to us in Dove Mountain
6 than farther away communities.

7 I hope you can keep that in mind for the final map
8 as you evaluate competitiveness and compactness.

9 Finally I'd like to speak on competitiveness.

10 At this stage you've heard from thousands of
11 people about competitiveness in the next decade.

12 The Commission seems to believe that it has
13 increased the number of competitive districts from four to
14 eight.

15 By looking only at the results of the elections of
16 2008 and '10, the methodology is flawed.

17 Election results are driven by many factors,
18 including the quality of the candidates, the competence of
19 their campaigns, and overarching voter trends based on the
20 immediate political and economical environment.

21 The current map has only three to six competitive
22 districts based on registration, voting, and history.

23 Arizona voters want quality schools that are
24 adequately funded.

25 Legislative districts that are not competitive are

1 preventing the will of the voters from being heard.

2 Public education in Arizona has suffered as a
3 result. We see it every day in our classrooms.

4 It is no wonder that the general public does not
5 believe the legislature represents its views on public
6 education. Legislative policies reflect the views of
7 primary voters in the majority party, not the average voter.

8 Please remember, in closing, that in 2000 voters
9 overwhelmingly pushed for a constitutional amendment that
10 would create fair and competitive districts. This
11 Commission would not exist if it weren't for that voters'
12 mandate.

13 Thank you for your time.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Sherese
17 Steffens, followed by Dyanna Jordan and Laura Hogan.

18 SHERESE STEFFENS: Thank you for the opportunity
19 to speak.

20 My name is Sherese Steffens, S-H-E-R-E-S-E,
21 S-T-E-F-F-E-N-S.

22 I live in northwest Pima County.

23 It appears to me that the biased three to two
24 Commission votes have decided to manipulate both the
25 congressional and legislative districts in southern Arizona

1 to attain the personal goal -- their personal goals of
2 competitiveness despite the fact that it is to the detriment
3 of the other required criteria and overall goal of
4 Proposition 106, which was to create fair districts.

5 More importantly, the current draft maps deny fair
6 representation and equality to all the citizens of Arizona.

7 CD 1 has ten counties in it.

8 CD 4 has six -- at least six counties.

9 It is obvious that the LD districts in northwest
10 Pima and Pinal Counties were intentionally drawn to be so
11 large that any organized meetings of either political party
12 will be impossible for those residents like myself who live
13 at one end of the district or the other.

14 Time constraints, transportation availability, and
15 the cost of gas will be deter many from participating in the
16 political process that is guaranteed by our constitution.

17 I have to wonder if this was intentional or
18 possibly just an oversight on the part of the commissioners.
19 But for whatever reason this mistake has happened, I'm sure
20 the Commission is relieved that the citizens of Arizona were
21 diligent and found these mistakes.

22 The solution is easy.

23 Use the criteria Prop 106 instructed you to use in
24 the way it was intended.

25 Geographical features, compactness, county and

1 city boundaries, and communities of interest.

2 Then adjust for competitiveness, when possible.

3 The communities of Marana, Dove Mountain,
4 Tortolita, Picture Rocks, Avra Valley, Oro Valley, and
5 Saddlebrooke are much closer to each other and have more in
6 common than with the communities of Casa Grande,
7 Arizona City, Eloy, and Maricopa.

8 The same goes for CD 8 -- or LD 8, Oro Valley and
9 Saddlebrooke.

10 Why would they be in the same legislative district
11 as Coolidge, Florence, or Gold Canyon? These communities
12 are much closer to Apache Junction, Queen Creek, and
13 Casa Grande.

14 Southern Arizona should be kept together so we can
15 be represented fairly.

16 Draw an LD district that keeps the northwest part
17 of southern Arizona together.

18 This includes the communities of Avra Valley,
19 Dove Mountain, Picture Rocks, Marana, Tortolita, Oro Valley,
20 and Saddlebrooke.

21 If you look at a map of Arizona, it makes a lot
22 more sense than the current LD map that you have drafted and
23 approved.

24 When you consider the amount of time and thought
25 each of you has invested in redrawing these lines, I would

1 like to point out that you now have the opportunity and the
2 duty to correct both the CD and LD maps before they are
3 given final approval.

4 I ask the Commission to do your job to create fair
5 districts for all of us in Arizona. Make decisions based on
6 what is fair for all of the people in the state of Arizona.

7 I would like to add my thank you to the state
8 legislative and Governor Brewer for taking action to remove
9 a clearly biased chairman, Colleen Mathis.

10 If Ms. Mathis had filled out her application in
11 full --

12 (Brief interruption.)

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Folks, let her complete --
14 I've let everybody speak.

15 SHERESE STEFFENS: She would have disclosed her
16 husband's affiliation with a Democratic campaign, she would
17 not even have been on the Commission.

18 Thank you very much.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. We've got Dyanna
20 Jordan, followed by Laura Hogan, and Bill Cozine.

21 DYANNA JORDAN: I'm Dyanna Jordan, D-Y-A-N-N-A,
22 J-O-R --

23 Dyanna Jordan, D-Y-A-N-N-A, Jordan, J-O-R-D-A-N.

24 Congressional District 1 is totally ridiculous, in
25 my opinion insane.

1 Southern Arizona should be represented --
2 represented by representatives from southern Arizona, not
3 someone who lives in Flagstaff or the Indian reservation,
4 who have nothing in common and is far removed from southern
5 Arizona.

6 The solution is to put Marana, Oro Valley, and
7 Saddlebrooke back in CD 2.

8 These are communities of interest.

9 Since I'm in real estate and I live in Oro Valley,
10 I know this to be a fact. I live and work and purchase in
11 these areas.

12 How is it fair that Phoenix is such a tiny
13 district compared to the unjust CD 1?

14 If you want to split half the state, it should
15 make more sense to include Phoenix in the entire top half of
16 this state.

17 This Commission needs to go back to the old grid
18 maps or get a new company that is able to be fair and just.

19 I'd like to add that I'm proud of the state
20 legislature that Governor Brewer in the removal of Colleen
21 Mathis.

22 Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we've got Laura

1 Hogan, Bill Cozine, and Manuel Zimmerman.

2 LAURA HOGAN: Thank you very much. Laura Hogan,
3 L-A-U-R-A, H-O-G-A-N.

4 I'd like to express my appreciation to the
5 Commission, all of the members of the Commission, including
6 and especially Chair Mathis.

7 I believe that all of you have volunteered your
8 services in support of the will of the voters of Arizona to
9 remove politics from the process of redistricting as much as
10 possible.

11 This week our governor and the Arizona senate
12 subverted that constitutional process by ousting
13 Chair Mathis without due process.

14 I understand that it's impossible to completely
15 remove politics from redistricting, but the governor and the
16 Arizona senate did not even try to abide by the will of the
17 voters who passed Prop 106.

18 They held a kangaroo court with no specific
19 charges of wrongdoing and certainly no evidence and offered
20 Chair Mathis no opportunity to respond to the charges that
21 were not specific to start with.

22 I believe the criterion of competitiveness is as
23 important as any of the other criteria cited in the
24 constitution. And I credit the work of the Commission to
25 fairly balance that criterion with that of communities of

1 interest, as well as the other criteria.

2 If anything, I would like to see more competitive
3 districts, not fewer.

4 Something more representing the actual voter
5 registration of our state, which is one third, one third,
6 and one third.

7 I would remind the previous speaker that
8 two thirds of the voters in this state are not Republican.

9 I fear the action taken by our legislature this
10 week, and the previous verbal attacks on Chair Mathis, will
11 severely affect the pool of possible candidate -- applicants
12 in the future.

13 The bully tactics that I have observed may mean
14 that the only people willing to serve as the Independent on
15 this Commission will be those who have already decided they
16 will bow to those Republican bullies.

17 The message is clear to anyone who's named to
18 replace Ms. Mathis. For the sake of Arizona's future, I
19 certainly hope that this message is not allowed to go
20 unanswered by the remaining members of the Commission.

21 Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Bill Cozine and
24 Manuel Zimmerman and Nina Zimmerman.

25 BILL COZINE: Among the several aims of

1 Proposition 106 --

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Sir, spell your name,
3 please.

4 BILL COZINE: Bill Cozine, B-I-L-L, C-O-Z-I-N-E.
5 Not closely related to Corzine.

6 Among several aims of Proposition 106 are,
7 number one, to establish competitive districts, and, two, to
8 remove politicians from the redistricting process because of
9 their self-interest in that process.

10 We've lived in Pima County since 1964, and have
11 seen governors resign and be impeached.

12 The events of the past week are a crude effort by
13 the governor and senate to overturn the intent of the voters
14 in 2000.

15 I pray for a judicial system -- judicial decision
16 to end their recent meddling in Proposition 106.

17 I thank the Commission members for their work, and
18 support completion of the product proposed by the original
19 Commission.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Zimmerman, followed by
24 Nina Zimmerman and Raquel Cook.

25 MANUEL ZIMMERMAN: Thank you for letting me speak

1 here tonight. Manuel, M-A-N-U-E-L, Zimmerman,
2 Z-I-M-M-E-R-M-A-N.

3 What the mayor said earlier this evening was what
4 I would like to say now, but it will just be repetitious.

5 So in opposition to the proposed map, it would
6 surely make more sense that Oro Valley would be in
7 Congressional District 2 with metro Tucson, which is
8 competitive, and our obvious community of interest, as well
9 as Saddlebrooke and Marana.

10 CD 1 borders with Utah, New Mexico, Mexico, and
11 almost every reservation in the state is an absurdity.

12 Thank you very much.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

14 Marty, how we doing?

15 THE REPORTER: Good. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay. The iron man
17 continues.

18 Next up we've got Nina Zimmerman, followed by
19 Raquel Cook and Joe Boogaart.

20 NINA ZIMMERMAN: Thank you very much.

21 According to Proposition 106 the new map violates
22 14C --

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Ma'am, can you do me a favor
24 and spell your name for the reporter, please.

25 NINA ZIMMERMAN: Pardon me?

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Can you please spell your
2 name for the court reporter?

3 NINA ZIMMERMAN: Oh, yeah. N-I-N-A, as in
4 Columbus' ship, the Nina. And my last name is Z, as in
5 zebra, I-M-M-E-R-M-A-N.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, ma'am.

7 NINA ZIMMERMAN: Thank you.

8 According to Proposition 106 the new map violates
9 14C, that the district should be geographically compact and
10 contiguous to the extent practicable.

11 The new CD 1 has a GOP -- I got this out of
12 Explorer, but I know, it's true. The new CD 1 has a GOP
13 congressman in Flagstaff representing the Oro Valley area.

14 It runs from Douglas to Utah, includes the Navajo
15 Nation down to the Mexican border.

16 How can a representative cover all that territory?
17 It is not a compact area. It is absurd.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, ma'am.

20 Next up is Raquel Cook, Joe Boogaart, and Brian
21 Clymer.

22 RAQUEL COOK: My name is Raquel Cook, R-A-Q-U-E-L,
23 C-O-O-K.

24 I wish I could be as erudite as many of the
25 speakers have been before me.

1 But since I'm not, just bear with me. I'll just
2 give you some of my thoughts.

3 The purpose of Prop 106, as I understand it, was
4 to avoid the very thing that I have come to protest.

5 Which is especially the drawing of CD 1.

6 It's ridiculous.

7 If I didn't think it was so serious, it would be
8 very funny.

9 All you have to do is look at it. And it is so
10 apparent that Oro Valley and Marana, it -- we have nothing
11 to do with the rural areas that we have been assigned. We
12 are not a rural area. We are part of metropolitan Tucson.

13 And if you get on Oracle Road, you'll see that
14 it's all connected.

15 And we shop there. We go there. We shop in our
16 own communities.

17 We are contiguous, and we are compact.

18 So it's so funny, look at the map. It's this
19 little dip down there so that you can include us. It
20 doesn't make sense.

21 The whole District 1 is nonsense.

22 We have no commonality with Flagstaff, or the --
23 any Indian nations.

24 We have no -- we're not compact. We're not
25 contiguous.

1 I would have to say the fact that we are a
2 democratic republic allows us to disagree and allows us to
3 disagree with those who say that we should not disagree with
4 them. And so I must say bravo to Governor Brewer and the
5 courageous senators who stood up. And I must also amend the
6 fact that the commissioners were not elected, nor did we
7 vote on them, so they are not bound to follow the will of
8 the people. But that was the general intent, and I am
9 afraid something has gone seriously wrong.

10 Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

12 Next up we have Joe Boogaart, I believe, followed
13 by Brian Clymer and Shirley Muniz.

14 JOE BOOGAART: Joe Boogaart, that's J-O-E,
15 B-O-O-G-A-A-R-T.

16 Okay. What I'd like to say --

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Boogaart, let's pull the
18 mic up.

19 Thank you.

20 JOE BOOGAART: What I'd like to point out is even
21 Andrew, I'm sorry, I don't know your last name, but had left
22 out two key words, I thought, when he read the criteria.
23 And he went to F.

24 You went A through F.

25 And the last one you said creation of competitive

1 districts, period.

2 That isn't what it says.

3 It says creation of competitive districts where
4 there is no significant determinant to other goals.

5 And the second thing was about creating minority
6 districts.

7 In there he left out the word -- I believe that
8 it's in there -- that says do not lessen, lessen minority
9 districts, or rights in voting.

10 And I don't think the term lessen was in there.
11 You were saying that we were looking to make sure that
12 they -- you didn't say increase, but to me it implied that.

13 I'm afraid that what's going to happen is once you
14 create a minority district with, with the Navajo Nation and
15 so forth in it, the statute of the state which you can't go
16 back, you can't lessen a minority district.

17 So it's my fear that once District 1, defined as
18 it is now, becomes and -- I assume it will become a minority
19 district representing a minority, a large minority, that
20 that's the way it would have to stay in the future.

21 So that bothers me a little bit.

22 I may be wrong on that, but I'm sure somebody will
23 correct me if I am.

24 But also, my main, my main concern is that -- and
25 most of the people that have gone up here and spoken have,

1 have ignored that last part of that statement also which you
2 identified as F.

3 But that is secondary criteria to me. That's
4 secondary criteria. With the other ones contingent and all
5 that other.

6 I mean, when I first looked at the map and I saw
7 District No. 1, I thought somebody was under the influence
8 when they were drawing.

9 It's so out of -- it looks like, it looks to me,
10 and this is something else in discussions was brought up, it
11 looks like Tucson was thrown under the bus to keep the
12 Phoenix area compact.

13 You know, there's just in conversation.

14 So I think I want just to comment on 106, is there
15 is no Independent -- there is no definition of an
16 Independent.

17 I would hate to tell these people they were denied
18 because I am totally on the other side of the fence that I
19 was a registered Independent.

20 Usually Independents are people that have been
21 dissatisfied with their own party and have gone away from it
22 and became an Independent because either the party was
23 too -- wasn't liberal enough, too liberal, conservative, or
24 too conservative.

25 So that makes up the Independent -- Independents.

1 So when 106 says you're going to put an
2 Independent on there, it's the luck of draw.

3 You know, if they got me, it would have been a
4 whole different shop.

5 And this is not -- and it's just natural. It's
6 just natural.

7 I don't blame anybody. I mean, you got your
8 opinion. That's the way you're going to be.

9 So, anyway, that's all I have to say. I
10 appreciate it.

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you, sir.

13 Next up is Brian Clymer, followed by I believe
14 it's Shirley Muniz and Kathleen Pastryk.

15 BRIAN CLYMER: Mr. Commissioner, members of the
16 Commission, my name is Brian Clymer, B-R-I-A-N, C-L-Y-M-E-R.

17 I live in Casas Adobes, and I'm an attorney.

18 I want to say that I support the Arizona
19 Independent Redistricting Commission.

20 My wife served on the Amphitheater School Board.
21 I understand what volunteer public service is like, both for
22 the commissioners and for their spouses. So I appreciate
23 your service. I really do.

24 I want to respond to some of the concerns that
25 have been spoken about the maps.

1 I know not -- nothing can be perfect, but I do
2 feel the draft maps do conform with the constitutional
3 requirements the Arizona voters requested when they passed
4 Proposition 106.

5 I believe the mayor of Marana complained that
6 legislators were thrown in the same districts.

7 I haven't checked the law, but my recollection is
8 you're supposed to draw the maps without concern for where
9 the incumbents are. I would ask that you do that, whether
10 they be Democratic or Republican incumbents.

11 There's been complaints about the compactness of
12 the draft for CD 1.

13 I would note that CD 1 currently is more compact
14 by any measure than the current CD 1 as it currently stands.

15 Draft CD 1 is under 58,000 square miles. The
16 current CD 1 is over 58,000 square miles.

17 So, I think in Arizona, it's going to be hard to
18 have congressional districts that are very close together.

19 I think the current map is a good faith effort to
20 comply with that.

21 In terms of communities of interest, many
22 people -- some people have defined communities of interest,
23 and I think that's been helpful.

24 Other people have not.

25 I think it's going to be hard to separate these

1 out.

2 There's always going to be boundary lines.

3 People are going to feel left out if they're on
4 one side or the other.

5 I know I'm sorry that our current LD 26 is going
6 to be split in half, but I don't know that there's another
7 way that it can be done.

8 I do want to comment on the recent events that
9 have occurred.

10 I'm a lawyer. And I understand the Governor
11 Brewer, October 26th, 4:00 p.m., asked all the commissioners
12 to respond to charges by 8:00 a.m. on October 31st.

13 I am not aware of any other provision of law where
14 you have less time to respond to charges. I'm not aware of
15 any other circumstance where the deadline to respond is not
16 5:00 p.m., but 8:00 a.m. I feel like that was an unfair
17 requirement that was placed on all of you.

18 In terms of Governor Brewer's actions, I'd like to
19 comment on Robert Robb, the columnist of the Arizona
20 Republic. He's a former lobbyist for the Phoenix Chamber of
21 Commerce and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. He described
22 Governor Brewer's threat, this was before it occurred, to
23 remove panel members as premature at best and an abuse of
24 power at worst.

25 He noted, quote, there is nothing that is on the

1 public record so far that justifies removal from office.

2 I agree with him.

3 There's been complaints or concerns about open
4 meeting violations.

5 I'm a lawyer. My feeling would be let's let the
6 courts decide.

7 I think most Arizona voters would agree.

8 Governors Brewer's actions have interfered with
9 that process.

10 Finally, one person talked about this as if it
11 were a game, complain to some of us who are coming late to
12 the game.

13 I always object when people use the term game to
14 describe something, because that suggests that we're just
15 pawns, that there's nothing really important here.

16 This is really very important. I know that those
17 of us that care deeply about politics are intensely focused
18 on this.

19 On the other hand, I think the Arizona voters are
20 really turned off when we do things as a game.

21 I believe so far you and the other commissioners
22 have acted in good faith, to the best of your ability, to
23 fulfill the mandate of the voters.

24 I applaud your work and hope that you will
25 continue with it.

1 And one last thing, what worries me with this
2 interference is it will now take a long time to draw the
3 maps.

4 My time is up. I end.

5 (Applause.)

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Appreciate it. Thank you.

7 Next up is Shirley Muniz.

8 I'm sure I mispronounced your name. M-U-N-I-Z or
9 E-Z.

10 Is there a Shirley in the house?

11 (No oral response.)

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: All right.

13 Kathleen Pastryk, followed by Cheryl Cage and
14 W. Janice Kalthoff will be number three.

15 KATHLEEN PASTRYK: Good evening,
16 Commissioner Stertz, commissioners, public. My name is
17 Kathleen Pastryk, P-A-S-T-R-Y-K. Like pastry with a K on
18 the end of it.

19 My handwriting must have been terrible on that
20 form.

21 Thank you to the Commission and for all of your
22 time and also to the public for all of their input.

23 I've lived in Oro Valley for 12 years.

24 The new legislative map has Oro Valley divorced
25 from Tucson, which seems very foreign to me.

1 You see -- you say that communities of interest
2 should be grouped together. Well, for 12 years I have
3 considered myself a citizen of the greater Tucson area.

4 My personal opinion is that Oro Valley should
5 still be a part of Tucson. It should be a part of
6 District 9, not District 8. And I am sure I'm not the only
7 one. You heard many people tonight testify something to
8 that -- who agreed with that.

9 Many of us who live in Oro Valley go to work and
10 to school there. We attend theater, museums, concerts, and
11 sporting events in Tucson.

12 That is our interest, and Tucson's interest
13 coincides with the suburbs.

14 Our post office is Tucson. Our electric company
15 is Tucson. Our school district is Amphitheater. That is in
16 Tucson.

17 This is a true community of interest if I've ever
18 heard of one. I don't think it would be take more than a
19 tweak to move Oro Valley back to where it belongs.

20 We don't have much in common with Pinal and
21 Gila County. I'm just going to leave it like that. We're
22 not rural.

23 The voters of Arizona voted for an independent
24 Commission, but the governor and the legislature should not
25 be given the power to make the decision and redo the

1 redistricting.

2 The governor has flaunted the will of the people
3 when she dismissed the Commission's chair, Colleen Mathis.

4 I think we are lucky, and this is an historic
5 moment, to have a process that gives us a chance to do a
6 good, fair, and just job of redistricting.

7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we've got Cheryl
11 Cage, followed by Janice Kalthoff and Tracy --

12 TRACY SCHEINKMAN: Scheinkman.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

14 CHERYL CAGE: Good evening.

15 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Good evening.

16 CHERYL CAGE: My remarks are going to be very
17 brief, but I hope that you understand the depth of my
18 passion behind these remarks.

19 First I would like to -- oh, excuse me. My name
20 is Cheryl Cage, it's C-A-G-E, and first name is C-H-E-R-Y-L.

21 First I'd like to thank Chairwoman Colleen Mathis.

22 I want her to know how much the work she has done
23 for the community is appreciated.

24 I support the work of the IRC, and I encourage the
25 citizens of Arizona to speak up against the blatantly

1 political actions of the governor.

2 The actions of the governor and the Republicans in
3 the state senate is not only a slap in the face to Arizona
4 voters but indeed our entire democracy.

5 I worry about not only the damage to the
6 redistricting process, but also the negative impact the
7 governor's actions may have on the willingness of citizens
8 to volunteer their time for positions such as the IRC.

9 So thank you to all the commissioners who have
10 volunteered your time. I appreciate the work that you've
11 done, and I hope that you will be able to continue to
12 complete your task.

13 Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Janice Kalthoff,
17 followed by Tracy Scheinkman and Rachel McMenamini.

18 JANICE KALTHOFF: Good evening.

19 I'm W. Janice Kalthoff, J-A-N-I-C-E, K-A-L-T, as
20 in Tom, H-O-F-F, as in Frank.

21 And good evening, and thank you very, very much
22 for serving as our commissioners. I admire you very much,
23 and thank you for all your hard work.

24 I condemn the removal of Colleen Mathis from the
25 committee, and think it's reprehensible that the attorney

1 general, Governor Brewer, and the legislature are bullying
2 the committee and particularly Colleen Mathis.

3 It's the will of the people to have an independent
4 committee.

5 The congressional district map I feel certainly
6 has been a lot of work and has fulfilled the obligation.
7 Whether I, you know, approve of all of it or not, you've
8 done a good job.

9 Legislative District 1, Cochise County, I live in
10 Tucson, on the far east side.

11 My voting precinct is Precinct 274, and it abuts
12 the city limits of Tucson.

13 When we have been assigned to District 1, which is
14 Cochise County, this will be impossible for me, for time,
15 cost, and distance restraints, for me to participate at the
16 political level that I am now.

17 And I would like to ask that you tweak the
18 Precinct 274 into the Tucson District 10. That certainly
19 would allow me to continue to participate and other people
20 in our area.

21 We're just not associated with Cochise County.

22 And thank you all again very much for serving and
23 serving under duress at this time.

24 And good evening.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

1 Tracy Scheinkman, followed by Rachel McMenamin and
2 Faith Salzgeber.

3 FAITH SALZGEBER: Salzgeber.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Salzgeber.

5 TRACY SCHEINKMAN: Hello. My name is Tracy,
6 T-R-A-C-Y. The last name is Scheinkman,
7 S-C-H-E-I-N-K-M-A-N.

8 I want to express my support for the Commission
9 and its work and for its chair, Colleen Mathis.

10 I am outraged at the actions of the governor and
11 the Arizona senate. And I agree with attorney Paul Charlton
12 when he said that Mathis' removal from the Redistricting
13 Commission had nothing to do with the law, it had nothing to
14 do with the Constitution, it had to do with political
15 intimidation.

16 And I encourage the Commission to please ignore
17 that intimidation.

18 I would like to comment on the congressional map.

19 I think that the congressional map is not perfect.

20 My ideal map, based on the fact that the state is
21 divided one third Republican, roughly, one third Democratic,
22 and one third Independent or other, would have nine
23 competitive congressional districts.

24 However, I do feel that this congressional map is
25 adequate and should be left essentially as is.

1 Despite that, my future home will be up in
2 Congressional District 4, which is not competitive. And my
3 current legislative district, according to these maps, is
4 not competitive. And in both cases, the parties likely to
5 be elected there will not be the one that I support.

6 But I nonetheless feel that of the congressional
7 district map should be left roughly as is.

8 On the legislative maps, what I ask is that you
9 emphasize -- what I would like to do is, I'm sorry,
10 emphasize that the map needs to be improved by making at
11 least four or five of the safe districts into competitive
12 districts. Because there are more Republican safe districts
13 than Democratic safe districts, I think this will probably
14 affect the Republican districts a little bit more than the
15 Democratic districts.

16 It's not going to take much effort. A few tweaks
17 will do the trick.

18 They can still remain Republican but not by enough
19 to take them out of striking distance for Democrats or
20 perhaps even Independents. That would be cool too.

21 This can be done without harming the integrity of
22 the ten majority-minority legislative districts that are in
23 place to ensure fair minority representation.

24 We do not have to choose between competition and
25 minority representation or communities of interest. We can

1 and must have both.

2 Finally, I would like to mention that I did read
3 through the AIRC's website concerning the definition of
4 their job. And the court rulings on these.

5 And it seems to me that the court ruling of the
6 Arizona Supreme Court ruled that all six criteria should be
7 taken into account, including competition.

8 So, I encourage you to consider all six criteria.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

11 Next up we have Rachel McMenamin, followed by
12 Faith -- pardon me, Faith Salzgeber and Rosalie Roszak.

13 RACHEL MCMENAMIN: Hi. I'm Rachel McMenamin,
14 R-A-C-H-E-L, M-C-M-E-N-A-M-I-N.

15 As a concerned teacher, mother, and resident of
16 Arizona and Marana, I'm here tonight for three reasons: To
17 support the Commission in its trying work, to support the
18 work the Commission has done thus far in its insurmountable
19 task of redrawing the voting maps to satisfy everyone, and
20 to support the voices of Arizona voters who chose 11 years
21 ago to have Independent Redistricting Commission.

22 First I would like to thank everyone on the
23 commission, including Chairman Mathis, for volunteering for
24 this thankless job despite great personal costs to each of
25 you.

1 Second, I would like to state that while these
2 maps are far from perfect, which we knew from the start was
3 an unachievable goal, since there are numerous ways to draw
4 the map and just as many visions of the perfect map, the
5 maps do their merits.

6 The congressional map that has been drawn is a win
7 for the citizens of Marana and the northwest who will know
8 have a voice of their own in congress, one that will not be
9 overshadowed by the interests of metro Tucson.

10 The northwest region is a growing community, with
11 Marana increasing in population by 150 percent. Marana is a
12 community that had a huge number of young families, like my
13 own, with school age children. The community is growing to
14 meet the needs and demands of this increased population.

15 As such, its growing demands need to be heard in
16 the halls of congress. This can be achieved by having a map
17 that affords the citizens of the northwest its separate and
18 unique voice in congress, as this map has done.

19 And most tonight speak about how there's a
20 difficulty in terms of having Marana and Oro Valley and the
21 northwest in a rural district, but in the current map that
22 exists it is also linked with rural districts like Cochise
23 County. So I'm not sure how this is so different.

24 Third, given the events of the last week, I can't
25 help but feel a need to speak out and remind our legislature

1 that Arizonans voted to have the drawing of the maps taken
2 out of the hands of the legislature.

3 Yet the actions of the governor and the
4 legislature in the last few days undermines the very notion
5 of having the maps be drawn independently of their closed
6 door meetings and political machinations.

7 There are legal ways to address the grievances
8 people have with this Commission, and those are being
9 pursued.

10 But these latest moves didn't follow the rules of
11 due process that can be met in a court of law. And more
12 importantly they didn't follow the will of Arizonans who
13 voted in 2000 to have this Commission in the first place.

14 As a concerned citizen who has followed and
15 participated in this process, I don't want to have my voice
16 undermined.

17 I've taken the time away from my family to attend
18 and give testimony at these meetings. I have submitted
19 comments online when my time is limited.

20 Essentially I've expressed myself through the
21 appropriate channel.

22 It is an affront to me to have my voice discounted
23 by politicians who are not following the appropriate
24 channels.

25 Therefore I hope that in our various personal

1 frustrations with the maps that have been drawn, we continue
2 to let the process that we voted for unfold and we don't
3 throw out the baby with the bathwater.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we've got Faith
8 Salzgeber, Rosalie Roszak, and Bonnie Haymore.

9 FAITH SALZGEBER: Good evening. It's Faith
10 Salzgeber, S-A-L-Z-G-E-B-E-R, Salzgeber. My first name is
11 Faith, F-A-I-T-H.

12 I want to first of all thank the commissioners,
13 all of the commissioners, for all the hard work that they've
14 done. And the voters of Arizona are behind you.

15 I live in unincorporated northwest part of Pima
16 County.

17 In 2000 I voted in favor of Proposition 106, along
18 with the majority of Arizona's voters.

19 The purpose, as you know, of the proposition was
20 to remove politics as much as possible from the task of
21 redrawing congressional and legislative districts.

22 The proposition became law.

23 Because I believe in the goals of Prop 106, I felt
24 it was my duty to attend meetings such as this to inform
25 myself and express how I felt about the proposed draft maps.

1 I have done so, as I have suspect thousands of my
2 fellow Arizonans.

3 Thousands more have probably expressed themselves
4 by mail, e-mail, and phone.

5 Overall, the congressional map is acceptable,
6 though I can certainly understand the issues that some have
7 with CD 1.

8 I'm not so entirely happy with all of the
9 legislative districts.

10 I feel that there could have been more attempts at
11 getting competitive districts in place.

12 But these are draft maps and are the result of a
13 monumental and at times thankless effort on the part of the
14 independent Commission.

15 I believe that all the commissioners have
16 discharged their duties in good faith.

17 However, this week the governor and senate decided
18 that the Arizona electorate was to be totally disregarded
19 and no longer be a part of the process set forth in
20 Prop 106.

21 Rather than following the process through and
22 pursuing their complaints in the courts, they chose to
23 remove the Commission's chair.

24 By removing Ms. Mathis from the Commission for
25 specious and unproven allegations they made through the

1 whole process and attempted to intimidate the remaining
2 commissioners.

3 The creation of our congressional and legislative
4 districts has become once again wholly political, and the
5 decisions to be made are no longer up to the Commission or
6 by extension the electorate.

7 All of the citizens of Arizona who have attempted
8 in good faith to play out their part of Proposition 106 are
9 being summarily dismissed.

10 In addition, registered Independents, fully a
11 third of the electorate, no longer have a representative on
12 the Commission.

13 In my view, Arizona does not have a governor or a
14 legislature.

15 Those positions are usually held by people who
16 believe in and uphold the laws, including the laws passed by
17 the electorate.

18 All Arizona has are partisan politicians.

19 I'm enraged by the actions of the governor and the
20 senate. And it is not Commission, this independent
21 Commission, that is guilty of gross misconduct.

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Rosalie Roszak,
25 followed by Bonnie Haymore. And then Senator Paula Aboud

1 has also joined us, so it's up to the rest of the audience
2 whether or not we want to take her out of order or whether
3 or not she'll speak last.

4 So I'll let the audience make that decision when
5 we get to the next.

6 ROSALIE ROSZAK: Good evening. Rosalie Roszak,
7 R-O-S-A-L-I-E, R-O-S-Z-A-K.

8 I reside in Oro Valley where my husband and I have
9 lived for -- since 1992.

10 I also want to thank all of the commissioners who
11 volunteer their service on this Commission in what surely
12 has been a difficult process.

13 I'm here this evening to speak on the proposed
14 congressional maps, namely the much unloved Congressional
15 District 1.

16 I'm here as an Independent.

17 More than 90,000 people constituting nearly
18 10 percent of Pima County's population live in the northwest
19 Tucson communities of Oro Valley, Marana, Tortolita, and
20 Catalina. Residents here live, work, shop, attend school
21 within the overall Tucson community.

22 They volunteer in classrooms, in hospitals, on
23 local school boards, and commissions, and local charitable
24 organizations.

25 Their children attend local schools and play in

1 local sports leagues.

2 Many attend University of Arizona and Pima
3 Community College.

4 We pay property taxes, sales taxes, school and
5 community college district taxes within Pima County and
6 Tucson.

7 We serve on local juries.

8 We attend sporting events, museums, arts,
9 theaters.

10 We identify strongly with and contribute to the
11 overall Tucson community.

12 Businesses in these northwest, Oro Valley, and
13 Marana communities pay taxes and employ thousands of Tucson
14 area residents. These include important businesses like the
15 emerging biosciences industry in Oro Valley, which has been
16 touted as an Oro Valley Tucson slash industry, and one of
17 Tucson community's large hopes for future employment.

18 Yet the draft version of the congressional
19 redistricting maps place the entire northwest section of the
20 Tucson Pima County community within the same congressional
21 district as Flagstaff, northern Arizona, and the
22 Grand Canyon, extending all the way to the Utah border.

23 The map as drawn ignores our actual community of
24 interest. This is not acceptable, and it needs to be
25 amended.

1 There is a statement, coined by late Speaker of
2 the House Tip O'Neill, that all politics is local.

3 Yet the congressional map as currently drawn would
4 certainly remove the local for at least Oro Valley, Marana,
5 and northwest Tucson area residents.

6 For these reasons I ask that you revise the map
7 and restore the northwest areas to their actual community of
8 interest, which is the Tucson regional area.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

11 Next up we have Bonnie Haymore, and then I will
12 then take Senator Paula Aboud followed by Roger. . .

13 ROGER SALZGEBER: Salzgeber.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you. Thank you very
15 much.

16 So, Bonnie Haymore?

17 Bonnie Haymore has left.

18 So Senator Paula Aboud, please.

19 Thank you for your discretion in allowing me to
20 have Senator Aboud speak. She is my senator in LD 28.

21 SENATOR PAULA ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner,
22 and thanks to all the folks that came here today to speak
23 for -- you know, representing yourself in this democracy.

24 And this has been a very sad week, this week.

25 This has been a very sad week no matter which side

1 of the aisle we sit on, because the will of the people has
2 been disrespected.

3 And no disrespect to anybody here.

4 It's sad when the legislature and the governor
5 take an action that is going to require the court of law to
6 determine what is right.

7 And time and again as I serve in this legislature
8 that's what I see.

9 I see the will of the constitution disregarded,
10 legislation passed, because the majority party chooses to
11 challenge the constitution and to challenge the courts.

12 And so this is a determination -- Colleen Mathis
13 is going to be -- her fate is going to be determined by the
14 courts.

15 And what it's done is it's thrown every person in
16 this state that cares about the redistricting process, it's
17 thrown them into an emotional fury. Whether it's a positive
18 fury or a negative fury, it's still the same side. It's
19 still the same coin, folks.

20 And I think that what we've done is that we've
21 forgotten the integrity of the process, because we're so
22 desperate to have our districts suit our needs and get our
23 side to win.

24 You know, when I was growing up, the most
25 important thing that I learned watching my brother play at

1 Tucson High on championship teams was it's not whether you
2 win or lose, it's how you play the game.

3 So when people have -- think they have the power
4 to overrule the people, and do that, then what happens is
5 they put winning over integrity.

6 And the integrity of this state is in jeopardy
7 once again. And it's making it a very sad day for Arizona
8 that our leaders are talking on national TV about this
9 political action once again here.

10 So, having the sat on the dais in front of people
11 testifying, I commend the citizen Independent Redistricting
12 Commission, one and all.

13 And I ask folks to believe that the courts now
14 will decide and to not be thinking that Colleen Mathis has
15 left this Commission until the courts decide. Because time
16 and again I've heard the legislature decide, and the courts
17 have overturned it because they've been wrong, or the
18 attorney general, or whoever.

19 So on behalf of the citizens of Arizona, thank you
20 for your service, and for God's sake, let us keep the will
21 of the people.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Roger Salzgeber,
24 Raymond Graap, and Patsy Stewart.

25 ROGER SALZGEBER: My name is Roger Salzgeber,

1 S-A-L-Z-G-E-B-E-R.

2 I live in the unincorporated area north of Tucson
3 between Oro Valley and Marana.

4 And I want to thank you for allowing me to speak
5 and thank you for your hard work and professionalism.

6 I'm one of the people who belongs to the statewide
7 community of interest who believe in the goals of
8 Proposition 106, who voted for a constitutional amendment
9 that would take redistricting out of the hands of the
10 legislature and who want fair and competitive districts.

11 I believe that the Independent Redistricting
12 Commission has been highjacked by a governor and legislature
13 which has as much regard for independence as it does for the
14 Arizona Constitution and the rule of law.

15 If the governor doesn't like the maps, she can
16 come down, give her input like the rest of us, without
17 threats and intimidation.

18 I would think that the voters want to pick their
19 legislators, not the legislators picking their constituents.

20 With regards to the maps, it is evident by the
21 shape and scope of some of the districts that it is
22 extremely difficult to have equal populations in districts
23 and then meet the other criteria due to the concentration of
24 population in Arizona.

25 Although not perfect, I do believe that more

1 competitive districts are warranted and possible.

2 I can support the current maps.

3 Thank you again for your dedication and service.

4 The fact that you volunteered to do this is a constant
5 source of amazement to me.

6 (Applause.)

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

8 Sir, my wife would agree with you.

9 Raymond Graap, followed by Patsy Stewart and Sue
10 Tucker.

11 RAYMOND GRAAP: My name is Raymond Graap. Last
12 name is -- first name is R-A-Y-M-O-N-D, second name is
13 G-R-A-A-P.

14 Commissioner Stertz, any other commissions who may
15 be watching this, and Chairman Mathis, I recommend in terms
16 of the maps that you look very thoroughly at the mapping
17 suggestions of Sam Almy who was here and spoke earlier.

18 He's one of three citizens in the state whose maps
19 were judged the best. And his suggestions, I think, should
20 greatly help increase competitiveness.

21 Regarding the problem of compactness, we live in a
22 state that is a geographical trap.

23 About the only way to solve that is to shrink
24 certain parts of the state.

25 My old home state of Oregon, which I looked at

1 recently, has a district that must encompass two thirds of
2 that state. It's all eastern part of the state.

3 I think it's really a geographical -- a great
4 geographical difficulty to be competitive.

5 Regarding the chairperson, Colleen Mathis. I have
6 attended previous IRC meetings, and I have observed that she
7 was attentive, polite, accepted all input with patience, and
8 functioned in an exemplary manner.

9 I did not see a trace of, quote, gross misconduct
10 in office, unquote.

11 That appears to be a total distortion of reality.

12 What happened this week has been totally unfair to
13 that person and to the citizens of Arizona.

14 The IRC passed by the citizens in 2000 was to
15 preclude the elected politicians from interfering with the
16 process.

17 The input, yes, but the destructive interference
18 is unconscionable.

19 It reflects the old adage, power corrupts,
20 absolute power corrupts absolutely.

21 The citizens need to remain in charge, and the
22 chairperson should be restored to her rightful position.

23 You commissioners who have spent hundreds of hours
24 of effort with no pay should be allowed to continue your
25 work on behalf of the citizens without further

1 interferences.

2 And I thank you for your efforts.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up we have Patsy
6 Stewart, followed by Sue Tucker and Lizbeth DeWitt.

7 PATSY STEWART: Patsy Stewart, P-A-T-S-Y,
8 S-T-E-W-A-R-T.

9 I would just like to, again, thank all of the
10 commissioners, but in particular someone who's taken a
11 leadership role, which is always hard. It's hard to be a
12 leader, because you get a lot of feedback.

13 Whether you're good, whether you're mediocre, or
14 whether you need improvement, it's hard to be a leader.

15 And so I thank Colleen Mathis for her leadership
16 role. And I thank everybody else that served on this
17 volunteer Commission.

18 I'm terribly embarrassed that our governor and
19 legislature has taken a person's good name and dragged it
20 through the political mud.

21 Who will volunteer to do the work of civic
22 responsibility when the reward is so punitive? It gives me
23 great concern.

24 It also gives me great concern that our governor
25 seems to think that she is the answer to due process and she

1 and the legislature have a better idea of what due process
2 is than our courts.

3 It's a sad day.

4 I appreciate that you have listened hour after
5 hour and tweaked and nudged and tweaked and nudged as you've
6 listened to hundreds of comments.

7 Thank you.

8 We do appreciate it, and we support the
9 Independent Redistricting Commission and its work.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Next up is Sue Tucker,
13 followed by Lizbeth DeWitt. And our last speaker, unless
14 there's somebody else, will be Geri Ottoboni.

15 SUE TUCKER: My name is Sue, S-U-E, Tucker,
16 T-U-C-K-E-R.

17 My community of interest is Casas Adobes, an
18 unincorporated area just north of Tucson. And I thank you
19 for including Casas Adobes in with the Tucson districts.

20 I would also like to say thank you to all the
21 members of the Commission. I am also in support of Colleen
22 Mathis as chair. I hope she can continue in that role.

23 Thank you for all your volunteer work.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Our next speaker is Lizbeth
2 DeWitt.

3 LIZBETH DEWITT: Good evening. My name is Lizbeth
4 DeWitt, L-I-Z-B-E-T-H, D-E, capital W-I-T-T.

5 And I live in Oro Valley.

6 And first I'd like to thank the commissioners for
7 their service. And it seems pretty thankless right now, but
8 we really appreciate everything you're doing. And I came
9 out here to support you and your chairperson tonight.

10 I'm here primarily to express my outrage over the
11 governor's actions and this transparent political grab at
12 power that is in direct opposition to what the voters of
13 Arizona approved when they approved this Independent
14 Redistricting Commission.

15 And it's totally outrageous, and I am really
16 unhappy about it, and I hope it won't stand.

17 I trust that it won't.

18 It appears to me the only crime that the -- that
19 your chair may have committed was to be married to a
20 Democrat.

21 And if that's a crime, I'm guilty too.

22 And that's my primary interest here tonight. I'll
23 keep this short.

24 I do live in Oro Valley. I am struck by the
25 little blip that includes us in this very large District 1.

1 I do feel more of a connection to the Tucson area.
2 It seems more important to tuck us in there.

3 But I applaud your work.

4 I know this is very difficult, and I know you're
5 trying to keep it balanced and fair. So I'll support what
6 you come up with.

7 Thanks so much for your service.

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Our last speaker this
11 morning is Geri Ottoboni.

12 GERI OTTOBONI: My name is Geri Ottoboni, that's
13 O-T-T-O-B-O-N-I. I'm from Oro Valley.

14 And I am concerned about the CD 1 map. Oro
15 Valley, Saddlebrooke, and Marana should be put in CD 2. The
16 Commission has not only broke up counties, but also school
17 districts.

18 In 2000, 2004, 2006, and 2008 probably no of the
19 other counties have been more competitive than this one,
20 because both Democrats and Republicans have held office in
21 which is now CD 1.

22 CD 1 is now not competitive.

23 I want to applaud the governor for her actions.

24 I have been attending these meetings since May.

25 I have a copy of Colleen Mathis' application,

1 which she did not disclose that her husband, which she
2 inadvertently informed me at a meeting that he was Nancy
3 Young Wright's treasurer.

4 Because of all this controversy between Colleen
5 Mathis and the mapping companies and the breaking of rules
6 of the open meeting rules, I really believe the maps should
7 be scrapped and go back to the grid and start over. This
8 would be easy to do to the fact that so many maps have been
9 submitted to the Commission.

10 Perhaps the maps could follow the Proposition 106
11 guidelines, and not -- and the constitution, not the other
12 way around.

13 The original said -- 106 said communities of
14 interest, compactness, and I believe competitiveness was on
15 the bottom.

16 Or better yet, bring them before the voters.

17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you very much.

19 Is there anyone else that would like to speak that
20 has not had the opportunity to do so?

21 (No oral response.)

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Well, lastly I'd like to
23 thank the -- Mr. Mayor, thank you very much for allowing us
24 to use your facilities this evening. This is a great
25 turnout. We've had lots of commentary and comments.

1 And let me last close by saying that this is a
2 difficult and it is a challenging process.

3 But the constitution that was -- Proposition 106
4 was very specific in how it was crafted. And there's a lot
5 of -- there's a lot of teeth to a lot of different pieces to
6 it. And you can rest assured that we are having to deal
7 with a lot of those pieces in a lot of challenging ways. So
8 keep ourselves and my fellow commissioners in your prayers
9 and thoughts as we continue down this very difficult and
10 challenging road.

11 And have a very safe evening and good night.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: The time that we adjourn
14 this meeting is 8:25.

15 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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