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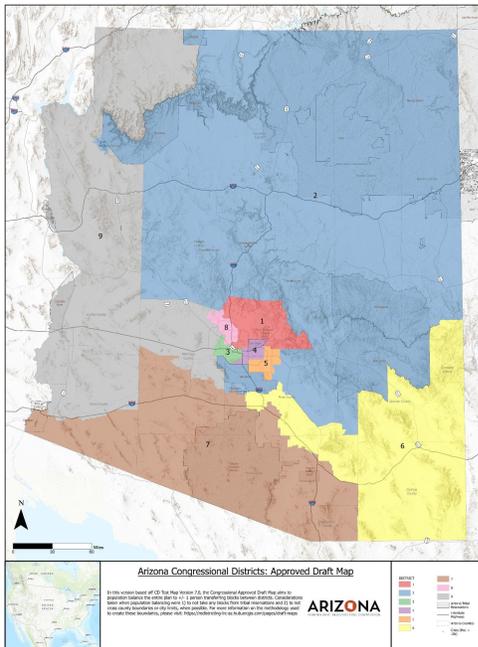
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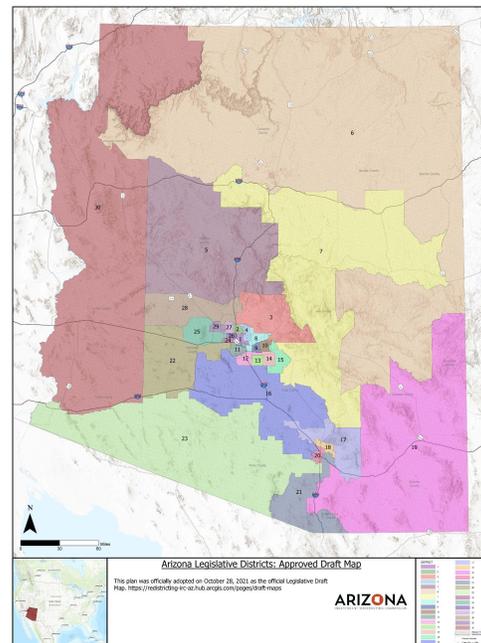
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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission approves Adopted Draft Maps for Arizona's Congressional and Legislative Districts

After Nine Days of Deliberation in the Eyes of the Public



Congressional District 7.1 adopted draft map October 28, 2021



Legislative Districts 10.0 adopted draft map Oct. 28, 2021

Phoenix, AZ - After nine days of deliberation and viewing multiple versions of drafts maps, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission approved draft maps for Arizona's nine congressional districts 7.1 and 30 state legislative districts 10.0 by a vote of the five commissioners.

The adopted draft maps are posted to [adopted congressional and legislative draft maps](#).

The adopted draft maps are the third of a four phase process to draw new district boundaries. After a 30-day public comment period, the IRC will meet again to

establish final district boundaries. This fourth and final phase is expected to conclude in December 2021.

With the approval of the two adopted draft maps, a 30-day public comment period begins Thursday, Oct. 28 and continues through Saturday, Nov. 20. The commission will travel to various communities throughout the state to hold public hearings that the public can attend in person or participate in remotely. The dates, times and locations are still to be determined.

The IRC commissioners deliberated on October 4, 5, 15, 18 - 21, 26 and 28th, reviewed more than seven series of

congressional maps and ten series of legislative maps before adopting the draft maps.

from individuals and groups with suggestions on where to locate the district boundaries.

The first phase of the process began in mid-September with the creation of Grid Maps of Equal Populations which was followed by the second phase that adjusted the Grid Maps using six goals mandated by the Arizona Constitution.

The Independent Redistricting Commission is asking the public to please visit the website: [IRC Public meetings](#) to watch for locations, time and dates for upcoming meetings, where members of the public can make in-person comments.

Hundreds of Arizonans have participated in the process both in person and online and 143 maps were submitted

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can respond in five various ways to the adopted draft maps.

1. Watch and listen live - Special comment section can be found on the agenda page.
2. Public can comment on the regular 24/7 IRC website link: [IRC website Contact Us](#)
3. Email comments and hand drawn maps to ircadmin@azdoa.gov
4. Redistricting hub, comments and maps: [IRC Redistricting hub comments](#)
5. Attend public hearing sessions during the 30-day comment phase and provide comments with a 3 to 2 minutes timeline.

The Mapping phases:



- “The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which [rates new map proposals](#) on factors such as partisan fairness, geographical compactness, and avoidance of split jurisdictions, gives high marks to the commission in Arizona ...” *PolitiFact* “[What is redistricting? And why should voters care?](#) *Politifact.com*”

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

WATCH FOR 30 DAY COMMENT MEETINGS, LOCATIONS, TIMES [IRC Public Meetings](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- View the Polarized Data Report. [Access it here.](#)
- [Audit Log](#): The purpose of the audit log is to track changes made from the initial Grid Map to Draft Maps to Final Maps by the mapping consultants at the collective direction of the Independent Redistricting Commission.
- Learn how to export a redistricting plan from a third party software and import into the IRC Redistricting System. [View the video here.](#)
- Learn how to import shapefiles to use as a plan to submit to the IRC Redistricting System. [View the video here.](#)
- Need free access to the internet to watch one of our public meetings or utilize our mapping tools? Here are two sites that can show you how to find a free wifi hotspot near you.
 - [Connect Arizona](#)
 - [Public Wireless Internet Hotspot](#)

***MISSION:** The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.*

A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.



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