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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Start Deliberation on Final Maps *Deliberation Dates set for December*

Phoenix, AZ - Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission will complete its final week of listening to in-person comments and virtual town halls on December 4, 2021. The schedule is on the following link: [draft maps public hearings](#). With only two in-person meetings and one virtual town hall meeting left, the Commissioners are anticipating high numbers of attendance at each of the sessions. The participation has been extremely high over the past three weeks of commenting sessions, registering well over 50 speakers at a couple of sessions and 82 speakers in Prescott Valley Nov. 20, 2021. In addition, receipt of online comments and map submissions has been at an all-time high as members of the public become familiar with using the mapping tools.

Decision-making meetings to finalize map boundaries for the Congressional and Legislative districts have been set for Dec. 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 2021. The five-member Commission will have nine days of deliberation on the map redrawing taking into consideration the six criteria outlined in the Arizona Constitution [Arizona proposition 106](#). Over 2,000 public comments have been received online, in person, virtually and emailed; in addition 205 [published maps and plans](#) have been submitted through the mapping tool - this number does not include maps on paper submitted to the Commissioners. Times and location(s) for the final decision-making meetings can be found on the following link: [final decision meetings \(December\)](#).

Virtual only meetings for the public (to watch live and listen live links will be posted on the following website link: [Decision Meetings \(December\)](#))

Monday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. and Thursday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.

Location:

Snell and Wilmer,
Conference Room
One Arizona Center, Suite 1900
400 E Van Buren St.
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Monday, Dec. 13, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Location - TBD

In-person public meetings:

| DATE/TIME | LOCATION |
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| Thursday, December 16 th at 9am | Kimpton Hotel Palomar Phoenix |

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| Friday, December 17 th at 9am | Cityscape 2 E Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85004 |
| Sunday, December 19 th at 9am (if necessary) | |
| Monday, December 20 th at 9am | |
| Tuesday, December 21 st at 9am | |
| Wednesday, December 22 nd at 9am | |

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Meetings regarding adopted draft maps

| Date/Time/location | Live Watch | MEETING DOC & Public Comment Link(s) |
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| Sat. Dec 4 10:00 am Main Location: Four Points by Sheraton Tucson Airport 7060 S Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85756 Satellite Location: Maryvale Community Center 4420 N. 51st Ave Phoenix, AZ | Click on the link to watch virtually at: WebEx live Event number: 2464 874 6577 Event password: iFmrknWm455 (43675696 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 246 487 46577 | Agenda AZ Redistricting Hub Comment on Draft Legislative Maps Comment on Draft Congressional Maps Public Map Submissions |

IN THE NEWS

State Legislature Submits Recommendations to Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Phoenix, AZ - Phoenix, AZ - During the 30-day comment period in the third phase of Arizona’s redistricting process, the Arizona Constitution provides the Arizona Legislature the opportunity “by memorial or by minority report, which recommendations shall be considered by the Independent Redistricting Commission, the Independent Redistricting Commission shall then establish final district boundaries”, which is the fourth phase of the process.

Three leaders of the state legislature met with IRC commissioners in a virtual public meeting on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021: Arizona House Minority Leader Rebecca Rios, Arizona House Democratic Leader Reginald Bolding and Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers. Additionally, Speaker Bowers and Arizona Senate President Karen Fann jointly submitted a letter to the commission.

A video of the meeting and copy of the letters sent to the commissioners can be found on the IRC website at:

- [Meeting minutes audio link](#)
- [Joint Comments of the Speaker and President of the Commission](#)
- [Joint Letter - House and Senate Minority Leaders](#)

The IRC legal counsel Ballard Sparh, LLP, provided a presentation on the [Compliance with Federal Law](#) during the meeting. In addition you may review all online comments made during the meeting by the public can be found at: [Public comments 12.2.21](#)

Background information referenced in the meeting is posted on the commission’s website under the newsroom tab:

- [Legislative District Compactness Report](#)
- [Legislative Assigned District Splits](#)
- [Congressional District Compactness Report](#)
- [Congressional Assigned District Splits](#)



Please have a safe and happy holidays.

IRC 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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