

ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

NEWSLETTER Volume XVII

December 17, 2021



Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Receives Thousands of Comments and Maps from State's Residents

Participation Supasses 2011

Phoenix, AZ - As the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commissioners deliberate on the final boundaries of Arizona's nine congressional and 30 legislative district boundaries they are informed by the thousands of comments given by Arizona residents since their first meeting in February, 2021. Those comments have come online, by mail and in person. Since June 2021, the commission has held 68 meetings throughout Arizona, traveling to remote locations such as Kykotsmovi, Bisbee, Window Rock, San Carlos and into the larger cities of Flagstaff, Phoenix, Avondale, Maryvale, Sun City, Casa Grande and Tucson and heard from about 4,000 participants who attended them. The meetings were just one of the many ways that Arizonans gave input into the creation of new maps which will be in use over the next 10 years. Members of the public provided comments online by utilizing the online mapping system created by the mapping consultants, in addition the IRC website "Contact Us" registered more than 16,000 comments submitted since January of 2021. Online comments were also submitted during business meetings, emailed and mailed to the commission. And then some tried their hand at map making using the IRC's online application; others created their ideas on hand drawn on paper or through draft map forms provided at meetings.

In addition to individual residents, comments and maps were received and provided by a variety of groups including Latino organizations, Arizona Tribal leadership, mayors and councils and county supervisors.

The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission and staff would like to thank all Arizonans for making this congressional and legislative mapping process a successful and enjoyable process. It was an honor and a great privilege to serve the state of Arizona.



Members of the Mapping team and commission attorneys listen during a listening session

President of the Navajo Nation Jonathan Nez provides testimony at Window Rock Listening session

.....

Upcoming Meetings/Events

In-person public meetings and can also be watched live (no in person comments)

DATE/TIME/Live Watch link/Comment link	LOCATION
<p>Sunday, December 19 at 9am</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>Live watch WebEx Link: https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=me54ee5ce0efb3b5bd818bf797ad4df5 Event number: 2452 784 7755 Event password: QWpkg3jYM33 (79754359 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 245 278 47755</p> <p>Provide public comment 12.19.21 mtg</p>	<p>Kimpton Hotel Palomar Phoenix Cityscape, Dream Catcher room 2 E Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85004</p>
<p>Monday, December 20 at 9am</p> <p>Agenda</p>	

Live watch WebEx Link:
<https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=mc12c464fb67596a21182337975681ca2>
Event number: 2458 923 5131
Event password: bsWivJYK539 (27948595 from phones)

Join by phone
+14043971516 US Toll
8773093457 US Toll Free
Access code: 245 892 35131

[Provide Public Comment 12.20 mtg](#)

Tuesday, December 21 at 9am

[Agenda](#)

Live watch WebEx Link:
<https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=m3b7f1f0a6aeb30eae12997e8a78f4b2>
Event number: 2467 794 5591
Event password: 9AmK6KyyY2p (92656599 from phones)

Join by phone
+14043971516 US Toll
8773093457 US Toll Free
Access code: 246 779 45591

[Provide public comment 12.21.21](#)

Wednesday, December 22 at 9am

[Agenda](#)

Live watch WebEx Link:
<https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=m3b7f1f0a6aeb30eae12997e8a78f4b2>
Event number: 2467 794 5591
Event password: 9AmK6KyyY2p (92656599 from phones)

Join by phone
+14043971516 US Toll
8773093457 US Toll Free
Access code: 246 779 45591

[Provide public comment 12.22.21](#)



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.



Read more on our website: <https://irc.az.gov/>

1110 W. Washington St. Suite 127, Phoenix, AZ 85007