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### **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](#)

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*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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