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Public Hearings Scheduled for Comments on First Set of Grid Maps

Be Involved With Redrawing of Congressional and Legislative Lines

Phoenix, AZ- The initial maps for Arizona’s redistricting process were approved on September 14, 2021, by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC). The approved grid maps are of equal populations for the congressional and legislative districts as required by the state constitution.

Arizonans are encouraged to become involved with this next phase by utilizing the online mapping system and or by attending the public hearing sessions. Information can be found at irc.az.gov.

“We welcome the involvement and voices of all interested individuals and groups to become part of this critical process that will remain in place for the next ten years,” said Erika Neuberg, Chairwoman Independent Redistricting Commission. “With the approval of scheduled dates, times and locations, for the next round of public hearing, we will follow the State of Arizona’s COVID guidelines but also encourage those who choose not to participate in person to please go online and submit comments and maps.”

The following is scheduled of in-person public meeting sessions

Tuesday, September 21 4:00 pm (MST) 5:00 pm (MDT)

Main location:

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center
7550E. Adobe St.
Mesa, AZ 85207

Satellite locations:

Yuma Civic Center
1440 W. Desert Hills Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85365

Navajo Nation Training Center (limit 25 participants onsite) Masks Required
Morgan Blvd. Bldg. #2740
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Thursday, September 23 12:00 pm (MST)

Main location:

Scottsdale Center for the Arts
7380 E. 2nd St.,
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Satellite locations:

Radisson Hotel
777 N. Pinal Ave
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Sierra Suites
391 E. Fry Blvd.
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Saturday, September 25 10:00 am (MST)

Main location:

Desert Willow Conference Center
4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd.
Phoenix, AZ 850401

Satellite location:

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
3700 Willow Creek Road
Prescott, AZ 86301

Wednesday, September 29 4:00 pm (MST)

Main location:

Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center
33606 N. 60th St.
Scottsdale, AZ 85266

Satellite location:

Tucson Convention Center
260 S. Church Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

Thursday, October 7 4:00 pm (MST) 5:00 (MDT)

Main location:

The Vista Center for the Arts
15660 N. Parkview Pl.
Surprise, AZ 85374

Satellite locations:

High Country Conference Center
201 W. Butler Ave.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Cesar Chavez Cultural Center
1015 N. Main St.
San Luis, AZ 85349

Kayenta Township Town Hall (limit 25 participants onsite) Masks required
100 N. Highway 163
Kayenta, AZ 86033

Individuals attending the in-person sessions at the main and satellite locations will have the opportunity to speak and give public comments on the grid maps. They can also complete their mapping comments online before the public meetings.

The link for the adopted grid maps is: <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/>

There will be an opportunity to observe each meeting on live streaming and that information will be listed on the website: <https://irc.az.gov/>

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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.

