

**ARIZONA**

— INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION —



# The Need for Redistricting

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- The U.S. Constitution requires regular reapportionment of congressional districts, but states are responsible for creating their own maps.
  - Article I, Section 2
    - “The actual Enumeration shall be made . . . within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such manner as they shall by Law direct.”
  - Fourteenth Amendment, Section 2:
    - “Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers . . .”

# History of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

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- From 1912 to 2000, Arizona's Legislature controlled redistricting
- Proposition 106 amended the Arizona Constitution to create an independent commission
  - Initiated and passed by voters
  - Prop 106 Ballot Title: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Arizona; . . . Relating to ending the practice of gerrymandering and improving voter and candidate participation in elections by creating an independent commission of balanced appointments to oversee the mapping of fair and competitive Congressional and legislative districts."
- Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 2, section 1:
  - "By February 28 of each year that ends in one, an independent redistricting commission shall be established to provide for the redistricting of congressional and state legislative districts."

# Commission Membership

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- Ariz. Const. art. IV requires:
  - Five members
  - No more than two of the same political party
  - No more than 2 commissioners, of the 4 original members, may reside in the same county
- Current members:

<b>Erika Neuberg, Chair</b>	<b>Derrick Watchman, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Shereen Lerner</b>	<b>David Mehl</b>	<b>Douglas York</b>
<b>Independent</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Republican</b>
<b>Maricopa</b>	<b>Apache</b>	<b>Maricopa</b>	<b>Pima</b>	<b>Maricopa</b>

# Constitutional Provisions

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Ariz. Const. art. IV, pt. 2, section 1(14) provides six constitutional goals for redistricting:

- A. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and the United States voting rights act;
- B. Congressional districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable, and state legislative districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable;
- C. Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable;
- D. District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable;
- E. To the extent practicable, district lines shall use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts;
- F. To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so would create no significant detriment to the other goals.

# Projected Timeline

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Approximate Dates	Project Phase
July – August	Initial “listening tour.”
August	Census data released and processed.
September	“Grid Map” drawn and adopted.
September – October	Develop possible draft maps and adopt official draft map.
October – November	Minimum 30-day public comment period on draft map.
December – project end	Revise draft map and adopt final plan.

# Public Involvement

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- Commission meetings are open to the public
  - Submit public comments
  - [irc.az.gov/public-meetings](http://irc.az.gov/public-meetings)
- Initial input on “communities of interest”
  - What geographic areas or neighborhoods should be considered when drawing draft maps?
- Input on draft map(s)
  - Submit proposed draft maps and comments on in-progress draft maps prior to IRC selection of an official draft map(s)
  - Submit proposed revisions and comments after IRC selection of official draft map(s)
  - Submit comments on near-final map(s)

# Information/Empowerment Tools

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## **Reports/Data Tools**

- Socioeconomic Report - Interactive Site with geographic and socio-economic data

## **Mapping tools**

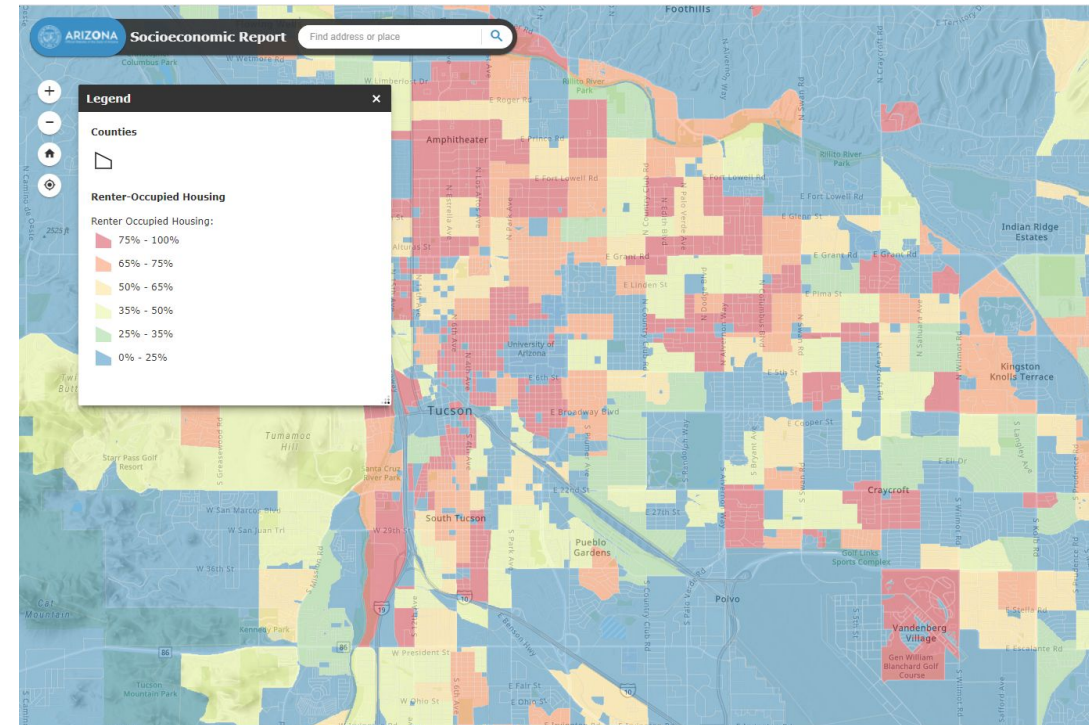
- Community of Interest Survey (COI) – Draw your own COI
- Redistricting System
  - Draw and submit proposed map changes



# Information/Empowerment Tools

- Socioeconomic Report - Interactive Site with geographic and socio-economic data

- Latino CVAP
- Asian CVAP
- Black CVAP
- White CVAP
- Minority CVAP
- Native American CVAP
- Rental/Renter Housing
- Other Language at Home
- Renter Housing
- Mutli-Family Housing
- Education B.A. or Higher
- Income above \$75,000
- % Speak Spanish at Home
- % Families with Children



CVAP – Citizen Voting Age Population

# Information/Empowerment Tools

- Community Of Interest Survey

IRC Listening Tour Survey

## ARIZONA

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### Welcome to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Listening Tour Survey

Every ten years, the census provides insights into changing populations and demographics across the country. The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. View the Commission's website here: <https://irc.az.gov>

A **Community of Interest** is a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included for consideration for purposes of its effective and fair representation.

**Your help is needed!** Please use this survey to provide as much information, and as many details, as you would like as well as submit your **Community of Interest**. A map is available within the survey that will allow you to designate the area that represents your **Community of Interest** that you would like for the Commission to consider.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Neumann at [ircadmin@azdoa.gov](mailto:ircadmin@azdoa.gov). Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Notice: Comments will be made part of the public record.

### \*Community Boundary Map

Draw your **Community of Interest**

Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, EPA, NPS  
Powered by Esri

No geometry captured yet.

### \*Community Description

Describe how your community is tied together around the following issues or characteristics: (think about your neighbors, what they do for a living, housing in common, services in common, social or civic networks, parks, churches, neighborhood associations, environmental conditions, land use issues, transit, languages spoken, celebrations or traditions, large employers or other similar issues or characteristics)

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# What is a “Community of Interest”?

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- A geographic area comprised of people who have:
  - Common social or economic interests;
  - Shared characteristics or experiences;
  - Similar issues or impacts of government policies; or
  - Otherwise identify as a geographic area with a shared benefit from being kept undivided in a single district

# Share Your Thoughts

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- What do you want the Commission to consider when drafting maps?
- What defines your “community of interest”?
  - What unites your community?
  - What are its geographic boundaries?