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10/12/2021 9:06:57	October 12, 2021	Public Comments	Lori Cinnamond	85750	Self	I have been a resident of unincorporated Pima County for the past fifteen years. I live in an area that is known as the Catalina Foothills. I attended two of the IRC public hearings that were held in Tucson – one in person, the other virtually. At those hearings, it was abundantly clear that many of the speakers fell into one of two camps. One camp was asking for FAIR and COMPETITIVE districts. The other camp wanted districts drawn to protect only their own political interests - gerrymandered districts. It is extremely disappointing to me this commission has allowed themselves to be highly influenced by the biases of members who DO NOT WANT FAIR and COMPETITIVE districts. The Princeton Gerrymandering Project recently found that only 7 of the 30 LDs drawn in the most recent draft maps are competitive. Furthermore, only 3 of the 9 CDs are competitive. Never before has there been the abundance of technology and tools available to improve those numbers. Please use the technology at your disposal to create COMPETITIVE districts. (In fact, a number of the maps submitted by community members show that it is possible to create COMPETITIVE districts while also meeting the other criteria of equal population, geographic contiguity, and adherence to the Voting Rights Act.) If community members can create districts that adhere to the requirements of the IRC, the professional mappers contracted by the commission should be able to as well. Please perform your constitutional duty and uphold what the majority of people in Arizona wanted when they voted to create this commission – FAIR and COMPETITIVE districts. By doing this, YOU can HELP restore confidence in our institutions. I heard over and over from community members that competitive districts protect US ALL from extremism. I fear what will become of Arizona in the next ten years if this commission does not use the tools at its disposal to create a majority of COMPETITIVE districts.
10/12/2021 9:07:28	October 12, 2021	format	barbara tellman	85705	self	Thank you for returning to YouTube
10/12/2021 9:08:45	October 12, 2021	Arizona redistricting	Samaire Armstrong	86336	Sedona	Keep Verde Valley with Yavapai county. Sedona is a part of Verde Valley. We are not the same as Flagstaff.
10/12/2021 9:09:21	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Sylvia Sepielli	86336	myself	Sedona MUST remain within Yavapai county and NOT redistricted to Coconino county.
10/12/2021 9:10:47	October 12, 2021	AZ REDISTRICTING	Annette McKenna	86326		I recently relocated here to Cottonwood, AZ and part of its charm is the Verde Valley. It should be kept together with the rest of Yavapai County. I personally know a large part of community travels to Prescott Valley/Prescott for supplies that are not in our community. I have never been to Flagstaff and see no reason to. I certainly would not venture there in the winter months as its easier to travel to Prescott Valley in winter due to snow on the roads to Flagstaff. It's a easier to drive to Prescott Valley in the summer because of tourism traffic clogging the highways. The Verde Watershed begins in the big Chino Basin which again is more closely aligned with the rest of Yavapai County. Flagstaff is not part of the Verde Watershed per AZDEQ. I strongly urge the Arizona Redistricting Commission not to rezone the Verde Valley and keep it part of the Yavapai County.
10/12/2021 9:11:47	October 12, 2021	adjusted grid map	Jean Meconi	85737	myself	Oro Valley has been placed in LD16 in your adjusted grid map. As a resident of Oro Valley, I feel you should take into consideration the political boundary that Oro Valley is in Pima county. Your drawn LD16 would place Oro Valley in Pinal County with rural areas that our town has no connection to. Oro Valley's community of interest aligns with northern Pima County. We share history, demographics, economies, urbanization and environmental concerns that mirror those of Marana, Casa Adobes and Pima County. Oro Valley has a diverse population including a thriving minority population. By placing Oro Valley in Pinal County, it would dilute minority voices even more than they already are.

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10/12/2021 9:12:28	October 12, 2021	Public comment	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	<p>Thank you for your many efforts to solicit comment on your grid maps. And many of us are especially grateful for the modifications made to the mapping system, so that we could prepare and submit a single district map. As noted many times before, the system is still far from easy to navigate (or even access, for many people). But doing a single map was so much easier and less tedious than needing to do the entire state. We really appreciate the responsiveness you showed on this issue. And you are also being flexible in accepting maps in different formats, including paper – thank you for this flexibility.</p>

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10/12/2021 9:13:33	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	David Hanke	86351	VOC	<p>Dear Committee</p> <p>As a resident of The Village of Oak Creek I want to see Yavapai County incorporate and unincorporated ares kept together and Flagstaff removed from the district. The county seat of government sits in Prescott and we have nothing in common with Flagstaff. The median age of Sedona is 60, Prescott 58 and Flagstaff 25.</p> <p>The Yavapai unincorporated areas should be joined with their county government that make all the decisions for our towns.</p> <p>Regards, David Hanke Board Member VOCA</p>					

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10/12/2021 9:13:59	October 12, 2021	Public comm	Catalina Hall	85743	Myself	<p>I have faced discrimination which makes me empathize with Communities of Color. Draw a map that supports these citizens. It is hard to be fair but you have the power and the resources to be sure that every vote counts. I am old enough to remember when 'Jim crow' laws were used to stop African Americans from voting. It was ugly. Do not be used by the extremists who fear people of color. We thank you for your service</p>
10/12/2021 9:14:57	October 12, 2021	New maps	Andrew Flach	85749	Myself	<p>I was extremely disturbed by the analysis of the new maps described in Howard Fischer's article yesterday. It said that these new maps give the GOP 14 safe LDs, while giving Democrats only 9 safe LDs plus 5 Democratic leaning LDs. For Arizona to have a vibrant and meaningful elections I think the number of safe districts should be minimized for both parties, and competitive districts maximized, and the number of safe LDs should be the same for both parties.</p>
10/12/2021 9:15:10	October 12, 2021	redistrict	Tina Hillstrom	85262	myself	<p>i personally believe this is not a natural fit for redistricting. it's out of a bone zone you feel discontented. There are 4 unincorporated towns in the area. They should remain close as it is. Also Sedona it's only a part of Verde Valley so for Camp Verde and Cottonwood It's much easier to get to Prescott. It's a natural alignment and community feng shui. To disrupt this would be unnatural and very inconvenient to the soul of the towns. There needs to be respect so keep unincorporated communities with their county I might add that seemed very odd that people would even suggest something so discombobulating to the soul of these communities. This needs to be examined as to what the real needs are to disrupt such a beautiful harmonious situation presently</p>
10/12/2021 9:15:35	October 12, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Dianne Coscarelli	85718	Self	<p>Please keep my Catalina Foothills area north of the Rillito River combined with the area south of the River in Tucson. The river is not a natural boundary that divides us; it is the centerpiece of our interconnected communities of interest. We have numerous bridges that we cross everyday as we interact together. How disappointing to hear that some in the Foothills desire to be disconnected from the Tucson we know as the heart of our active community.</p>

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10/12/2021 9:16:01	October 12, 2021	Public Comments	Deborah Melton	85614	myself	<p>I am a resident of Green Valley/Sahuarita AZ for the past 3 years. I am retired and active in community groups that support food banks and scholarships. The groups I work with focuses on serving people who live in rural parts of southern Pima county and Santa Cruz county. This is my community. I shop and frequent restaurants in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Arivaca and Tubac down to Nogalas.</p> <p>As I looked at the proposed maps, I am very concerned about how my community is included with areas in Tucson all the way up to and including northern Tucson and the Catalina foothills areas. These are rich, white (non-minority), urban areas that my community has very little in common with. They do not represent me and my community. We need to be with those who live south of Irvington Road down to the Mexican border.</p> <p>I am also concerned that Tribal lands were broken up and divided among different districts. This is not right at all. Tribal lands all over Arizona must not be divided in order to give fair representation to Native Americans. Specifically, the first draft map divides Tohono O'odham from Metro Pima County where they have their historic and economic roots. This would give them a little voice as their representation would be from another county to the west, not their community. I urge you to look at this again.</p> <p>The pdf format of the map is very difficult to decipher and read. Boundaries are unclear and there are few points of reference making it very difficult to determine just where the lines are. I urge the Commission to use a different system like ESRI which is capable of making good, easier to read maps for export and has the capability for close-up views showing detail.</p> <p>I urge the commission to keep Green Valley and Sahuarita and areas of South Tucson with communities going south to the Border, including Nogalas and Tubac. This district is contiguous and has much in common.</p> <p>Thank you to the commissioners for their hard work and dedication in this effort.</p>
10/12/2021 9:16:22	October 12, 2021	Legislative district maps	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	<p>Legislative district maps are extremely biased in favor of safe Republican seats. There are 14 safe Republican districts and 9 safe Democratic districts. However, this does not reflect either the recent spirits in both state house and senate. Neither does it reflect the voter registrations statewide. Our state is about one-third each Republican, Democrat and no party affiliation. The maps should reflect that reality.</p> <p>In addition, the Commission seems to have caved in to the loud-voiced minority's clamor for all White high income districts, including one in the Catalina foothills area near Tucson. This shows the bias again. The Commission's map experts seem not to have a concept of how the state works outside Maricopa County.</p>
10/12/2021 9:16:23	October 12, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	When will the feature that should allow public comment on published maps be operational? It's said "coming soon" for too long.
10/12/2021 9:16:33	October 12, 2021	Mapping draft maps Pima County	Debbie Logan	85614	Myself	I was extremely disappointed that the 4 commissioners deferred to Commissioner Mehl for the districting of Pima County. It is important that all 5 commissioners weight in not just 1 when it comes to Pima. The Independent Chair needs to be more independent and not just refer to him. The current draft map splits Tucson in half and clearly gerrymanders the area heavily weighted toward Republicans. This needs to be corrected as Commissioner Mehl does not represent my part of Green Valley/Sahuarita.
10/12/2021 9:16:43	October 12, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Heather Charles	85719	PC for precinct 62	<p>Can you make it so people who work 9-5 jobs or don't control their work schedules can attend and comment more easily? The only reason I'm here is because my district is on fall break.</p> <p>The first draft map is going completely against the wishes of the Tohono O'odham tribe. They are historically and economically tied to Pima County, and should be represented by Pima legislators (as is the wish of tribal representatives).</p> <p>The draft map gerrymanders a piece of a heavily right wing Republican district between Whiteriver and its commercial hub of ShowLow-Pinetop. This is where many tribal members conduct their business, send their children to school, and even where their main source of income – the casino – is located. This assures that a district designed to include four tribes will be weakened in its legislative representation.</p>
10/12/2021 9:17:51	October 12, 2021	Re-districting	Maureen Costa	86326		As a resident in the Verde Valley, we have no real connection to Flagstaff. We want to stay in the District with Prescott and Prescott Valley. Yavapai College is one of the many things that ties us together. We spend more time in Prescott and Prescott Valley. The two cities are much closer and have easier access than Flagstaff. There are so many reasons that we do not go to Flagstaff, like the cold weather, the condition of I-17, the traffic. For shopping for instance, it is much easier to get around in Prescott and Prescott Valley, also for jobs. We are more likely to commute to Prescott and Prescott Valley for work. But overall, I would say Yavapai College is the greatest tie between the two areas and that is not going to change. We share the Clarkdale Campus with Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley and overall we just have more connection. We have been working with Prescott and the Prescott Valley for years and there is no reason for the change.

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10/12/2021 9:18:55	October 12, 2021	REDISTRICT	Tom Looper	86325	The people of the Valleys	<p>DO not redistrict the Verde Valley. It belongs with the Prescott valley! WHAT WILL IT BE? VERDE? ITS THE VALLEY! VERDE VALLEY, Just like Prescott valley.</p> <p>Flagstaff valley? NOT!</p> <p>No need! The valley has been part of the Prescott for all the decades I and my family have been here, over 6 decades! It is not a good fit, It feels wrong and you can tell its wrong by talking to any one from the valleys!</p> <p>Keep Prescott, Cottonwood, Jerome, Sedona, Cornville, this is us do not change it! We (every one that lives in the valleys) live here and DO NOT WANT THIS CHANGE!</p> <p>Every thing is connected to the Prescott valley, schools, shopping, services, temperature & climate to list only a few ! We the (residents of the Verde Valley) wont go to Flagstaff in the winter unless we absolutely have to and we do not like it then. Driving is much harder in winter. Even in summer speeds for valley people is NOT as safe, as nice, as pleasant, as normal, as the same as as driving to Prescott valley.</p> <p>The roads are always open to Prescott, not to Flag. In short Flag is a foreign country compared to Prescott Valley! The stores, roads and schools are all geared to kids NOT to the age group of Verde Valley/Prescott/Yavapai/Verde..</p> <p>WE DON'T WANT TO BE PART OF FLAGSTAFF, WII, NO RE DISTRICT OF OUR AREA!</p> <p>We do not want to go to Flagstaff for services or anything! STOP!!</p> <p>Thank you Tom Looper</p>
10/12/2021 9:19:19	October 12, 2021	111 Opportunity for Public Comment	Donna Tanzi	86301	myself	<p>While the medium age in Prescott is 58 and in Flagstaff it is 25, and considering Sedona's medium age is 61, the significant difference in medium age taxes the medical community and other age-related needs of the community.</p> <p>Other very important factors include WATER. The Big Chino Basin which is more closely aligned with the rest of Yavapai County, while Flagstaff is NOT part of the Verde Valley watershed.</p> <p>Other Communities of Interests are Tourism. Considering all the wonderful hiking Trails of both Sedona and Prescott and surrounding communities experience with tourism, they compliment each other, with the RED Rocks and the Dells.</p> <p>Elevation should be considered as I note it is easier to drive to PV just 40-60 minutes (depending on where you are located) to shop, receive medical treatment, etc. Where as Flagstaff is 43 minutes as opposed to Prescott Valley is 70 minutes, however, weather is NOT a consideration from the Verde Valley to Prescott Valley.</p> <p>Prescott's Regional Airport is in the process of major expansion of our runways, which will accommodate many larger aircraft. Considering Verde Valley will have a better choice to choose where to fly to and from...this significant change will dramatically change traffic, shopping, medical treatments, etc. I would suggest the Verde Valley residence will elect to use the Prescott Regional Airport as opposed to either Phoenix or Flagstaff.</p> <p>Overall my recommendation would be "keep Yavapai County together"...do NOT split the COUNTY</p>
10/12/2021 9:21:15	October 12, 2021	draft maps	Eve Shapiro	85718	myself and my community	<p>I am in the current LD9 district. The draft map shows my area joined with areas north of me and excluding the northern part of the city of Tucson. My community is much more aligned with the city. We shop, eat, worship, run and bike in that area and enjoy their cultural activities. The proposed long horizontal district of rich white people is a clear bias and doesn't represent our community.</p> <p>In addition, David Mehl does not represent my part of Pima County and instead wants to guarantee a Republican majority of wealthier people. Holding the first Tucson hearing in Mehl's hotel revealed your bias early. Do not defer to him regarding the desires of the residents of Pima County. Please follow your own guidelines and create more diverse, competitive districts. Thank you.</p>
10/12/2021 9:21:21	October 12, 2021	Process	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	<p>The process for input from the "public" is flawed in favor of the retired and those well off enough to take time from work to comment. Evening meetings and remaining on YouTube plus further outreach to organizations that represent actual communities of interest would make the process more robust and reflective of real world interests.</p> <p>Organized mobs of people showing up to hoot and hollar do not represent true communities of interest but rather communities of intolerance. Please do not let them be your guide.</p>

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10/12/2021 9:23:09	October 12, 2021	Objectivity	Matthew Boyd	85622		The legislation was designed to ensure that redistricting was done in an impartial and fair way. This Commission is clearly showing Republican bias and in a way that narrows the participating audience. The recent Tucson hearing revealed that coordinated groups of people who arrived very early got the most attention. Most of them left after their contingent had spoken. People who had arrived only half an hour early were only allowed to speak much later in the afternoon or evening. Why was Tucson not considered important enough to have a separate hearing?
10/12/2021 9:24:50	October 12, 2021	The process	Tamar Rala Kreiswirth	85718	myself	<p>I moved to Tucson over 40 years ago for work and school and the reason I stayed is because of the community. We have the opportunity, if we so choose, to build relationships with people from all walks of life. We build connectivity and trust in our communities when we are not compartmentalized into silos. My children had a wonderful education at our local public schools. They played sports and learned about shared values and how to support others in a team environment. They also learned how to be sensitive to others and when offered, took the challenge to demonstrate leadership..with team support. This is just one basic example of a type of community but, it speaks to what can be accomplished when you create a community's boundaries. Are you allowing for competitiveness? Are you being unbiased? Are you being fair? Are you taking into consideration the ethos of a democratic republic?</p> <p>We get a once in a decade opportunity to demonstrate leadership with this process of creating 'political communities'. What that means is apparently different to different people pending their "interests". From what I have read, it appears that there is a serious concern that the changes suggested by some on the committee will create silos of like-kind-voters while at the same time not taking into consideration the request by the Tohono O'Odham to stay connected to Pima County. If the partisan members on this committee convince the Independent Chair to create maps that favor one side over the other, then the Independent Chair is not fulfilling her duties to a Fair process.</p> <p>Please do not segregate areas based on party bias. If the "independent" feature of the IRC is being questioned then we have lost before we have even started.</p>
10/12/2021 9:24:54	October 12, 2021	Minority-Majority Districts	Matthew Boyd	85622		One of the two Minority Majority districts in Pima County depends heavily on Santa Cruz County's Hispanic population to meet the federal requirements. By removing this area, the minority-majority status is threatened. The reason for this appears not only to disrespect the TO, but also to protect Republican bigots in Green Valley/Sahuarita from having to associate with people different from them.
10/12/2021 9:24:58	October 12, 2021	Public Comments	Jenise Porter	85712	myself	<p>I attended the Commission hearing at the Tucson Convention Center on September 29 and I was disturbed at the number of people who described their "community of interest" as being as far from the City of Tucson as possible. Much of what was said seemed to be code words for "no black or brown people in my neighborhood." I've read about the pain that older white people are going through with the changing demographics of the state of Arizona and the country in general but I had not seen it quite so starkly as I did on September 29. I am a 74 year old white woman and I can't imagine how boring and intellectually stultifying it must be to live in a community of people who are all just like me.</p> <p>I am concerned that the Commission is giving credence to the "whites only" sentiment expressed by the people who want a white, Christian, affluent district because that is their "community of interest."</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl in particular seems inclined to think that he represents Pima County in general. He donates far more money to political causes and candidates, all Republican, than the majority of Pima County residents. I hope that Chair Neuberger realizes Mr. Mehl is not representative of the population in Pima County and understands that he appears to be aligned with the "white, Christian, affluent" community of interest expressed by the folks who wore red Trump regalia to the meeting and behaved in a rude and disrespectful way to the rest of us in the audience.</p>
10/12/2021 9:25:19	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Ann Kelley	86336	Myself	PLEASE KEEP YAVAPAI COUNTY TOGETHER - Sedona/VOC and the rest of the Verde Valley should be in the same district as Prescott and the rest of Yavapai County. That is where we get our government services - Sheriff, Courts, Voter Registrar, County Commissioners, etc. If there is an issues that requires involving State Senators or Legislatures, it would be much more productive to have them represent all of Yavapai County, not a piece of it. That would ensure that they are motivated to get to know the leaders in Yavapai County.


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10/12/2021 9:26:02	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Janet Anderson	86322	myself and my husband, Nils Anderson	I am a resident of Camp Verde. I have nothing to do with Flagstaff. I don't shop there, I avoid going there, especially in winter. I frequently shop in Cottonwood and Prescott. I have doctors in Cottonwood and in Prescott. I have been admitted to the Verde Valley Medical Center. The Verde River connects all of the Verde Valley. We share water and irrigation issues with other communities along the river and are a community of interest. We go to church in Cottonwood. We go to restaurants in Cottonwood and Prescott, never in Flagstaff. Half of Camp Verde is on the west side of I17, the other half is on the east side. The nations are located on both sides of I17. We can drive to Prescott in 45 minutes where we go for recreation, shopping, and have many friends. Please do not cut the Verde Valley in half and don't put Camp Verde with Flagstaff where we have no connections or common interests.
10/12/2021 9:26:37	October 12, 2021	maps	shanna leonard	85719	self	<p>There is an unfair ratio of safe seats to competitive seats between Democrats and republicans in the current Legislative District map produced by the committee. Republicans have created 14 safe seats for themselves and Democrats have 9 plus 5 Dem leaning seats. IE THE ONLY CLOSE AND COMPETITIVE SEATS ARE THOSE WHICH ARE DEM LEANING. This is a partisan choice.</p> <p>There needs to be more competitive seats in this map. This draft map is extremely biased and needs major revisions ore a complete overhaul. Its biased to advantage Republicans. In Pima County It divides the Tohono O' dham nation for example - They are a clear community of interest, and yet it sweeps around the valley consolidating districts based on party preference.</p>
10/12/2021 9:26:45	October 12, 2021	Apache Interests	Matthew Boyd	85622		The draft map gerrymanders a piece of a heavily right wing Republican district between Whiteriver and its commercial hub of ShowLow-Pinetop. This is where many tribal members conduct their business, send their children to school, and even where their main source of income – the casino – is located. This assures that a district designed to include four tribes will be weakened in its legislative representation.
10/12/2021 9:27:38	October 12, 2021	Grid maps	Tom Meconi	85737	Self	The adjusted grid map as submitted turns "community of interest" into community of color. Where Oro Valley shares so much with Marana, Casa Adobes and the rest of Northwest Tucson, e.g., commerce, entertainment, education, Oro Valley shares only one primary factor with Pinal County, it is primarily white. Not only does the proposed map cut us off from all that is important to us as a community it delivers us gift wrapped to those who want an all white voting block. This is unacceptable and contrary to the spirit and letter of redistricting requirements.
10/12/2021 9:27:49	October 12, 2021	proposed revised draft maps	Shanandoah Sterling	86336	Self	<p>I have lived and work in Sedona for the last 18 years and align with the Verde Valley, Prescott, and Yavapai County. I want to continue to align and have our town stay within Yavapai County. First, I have taken courses at Yavapai College (YC) at the Clarkdale Campus. YC Clarkdale is closer for me to travel to, 23 minutes than it is for me to travel up to Flagstaff's colleges, which take 60 minutes to travel. In addition, I have participated at Yavapai College's campuses in Sedona and Prescott. I feel that I am a proud supporter of Yavapai County for continued education. Second, I travel to Cottonwood and Prescott for additional household supplies for a couple of reasons. One, the traffic flows easily with no delays due to tourism or winter conditions. If I travel to Flagstaff, there can be up to a 3-hour delay in Oak Creek Canyon, or winter conditions halt my travels altogether. For the ease of travel and daily life, I align with Yavapai County.</p> <p>I thank you for your attention to these details and for reading my request.</p>
10/12/2021 9:28:20	October 12, 2021	Disrespect for Tohono O'Odham	Matthew Boyd	85622		The first draft map goes directly in the face of clearly expressed desire of tribal advocates that they be primarily associated with Metro Pima County where they have both historic and economic roots. By giving them as little as possible of Pima County outside nation boundaries you have shown that they should be satisfied with representation in the Legislature from some other county, most likely Santa Cruz. They will be represented by legislators in one district and another from an important source of income – a casino, by representatives from another district. This was done in an apparent effort to restrict their influence. I urge Mr. Watchman to actively speak up for all tribal interests.
10/12/2021 9:28:47	October 12, 2021	Arizona Redistricting	Diana Newell	86336	Sedona resident	Another reason for Verde Valley to be combined with Prescott/Prescott Valley and the rest of Yavapai County is that our government services from Yavapai County are seated in Prescott like the Sheriff, Voter Registrar, County Commissioners, and Court. If we need help from a State Senator or Representative in a County issue, it is much more powerful if they represent all of the County and not a small part of it.
10/12/2021 9:29:54	October 12, 2021	Draft Map	Matthew Boyd	85622		This draft map is totally defective and should be scrapped with the consultants instructed to start over. It shows little knowledge of areas outside Maricopa County and shows clear party bias. It also would not pass the same population test that citizen mappers have to undergo. Mappers appear even to misunderstand Maricopa County's distinct areas, such as Anthem, which is split.
10/12/2021 9:31:39	October 12, 2021	David Mehl's influence	Matthew Boyd	85622		David Mehl does not represent my part of Pima County. Holding the first Tucson hearing in Mehl's hotel, showed your bias early. Mehl does not represent me or my Pima County. He represents a very specific racially and wealth-based population of the county. The Independent Chair needs to be a lot more independent and not just defer to him regarding Pima County to avoid even the appearance of bias.


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10/12/2021 9:32:11	October 12, 2021	Objectivity & fairness	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	The citizen initiative and legislation that set up the Commission and the standards by which it is to operate were designed to ensure fairness and impartiality. Being less obviously gerrymandering than other states is not doing the job. Ceding control of meetings to the loudest Republican voice on the Commission is not fairness and impartiality. Chair Neuberg needs to act as Chair and run the meetings in a more evenhanded way to give at least the appearance of impartiality.
10/12/2021 9:33:11	October 12, 2021	Rich White People's Community of Interest	Matthew Boyd	85622		This COI appears to be the most important one in the new map. The white high income people in the Catalina Foothills are protected from the lower income people south of the Rillito River according to the draft map. This long horizontal district of rich white people is a clear bias.
10/12/2021 9:34:11	October 12, 2021	III. Public Comments	William Wade	86001	Self	<p>The large majority of Arizonans are now aware that America is experiencing the very real effects of Climate Change. Arizona may well be the U.S. state most negatively affected by Climate Change's effects on precipitation/water supply. We are in a 20+ year megadrought; the reservoirs along the Colorado River are at historically low levels; and many areas in the state draw more water from aquifers than is replaced by annual recharge. These negative effects on our water supply will become more dire in the coming decade.</p> <p>My prediction as an earth scientist is that over the coming decade, shared water sources (and the conservation thereof) will come to be viewed as the single most critical factor in defining "communities of interest".</p> <p>Passing effective local and regional strategies to address water supply issues on the scale of water source areas is dependent upon the political districts significantly overlapping with these areas of shared water sources. The alternative is lack of necessary action at best, increasing conflict at worst.</p> <p>This Commission is in a position to be forward-looking and forward-responsive. You can place, on the basis of shared water supplies, communities together which heretofore may very likely have failed to recognize their own deeply-shared joint interests. Or the ball can be kicked down the road for another decade, making it too late for portions of AZ.</p> <p>Arizonans going forward will be increasingly bound to those of our fellow citizens with whom we share water sources, and politically-based "communities of interest" will be superseded by new water-challenged realities.</p> <p>This Commission must seek the advice of professionals in hydrology, climatology and other earth sciences as you redistrict. This is implied by the mandate language citing geographic features, sans the "visible...features" mandate. The reality is that where Arizonans share an aquifer, their shared geography is invisible.</p> <p>You have access to expert professional employees of the State of Arizona: the AZ Geological Survey (https://azgs.arizona.edu/), the UofA Dept. of Hydrology and Atmospheric Science (https://has.arizona.edu/?_ga=2.140102000.2123733402.1633995337-99743022.1632785024), and others.</p> <p>For instance, Sedona's water comes from aquifers whose recharge areas includes large areas above the Mogollon Rim. These lie closer to, and partially within, the city of Flagstaff. The way Sedona and Flagstaff are redistricted will determine whether these two cities can cooperate as the community of interest they are, or come into growing conflict.</p> <p>You have been given the opportunity to be remembered as visionaries, at the precise time that Arizona stands in its time of greatest need of vision, even if all too many Arizonans fail to comprehend this fact.</p>
10/12/2021 9:34:44	October 12, 2021	Communities of Interest	Matthew Boyd	85622		By making Communities of Interest the entire focus of the first set of hearings, you have encouraged divisiveness and racial and political division. And in recognizing people's communities, you seem to be cherry-picking and zeroing in on communities based largely on party and bigotry.
10/12/2021 9:35:44	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	David Osborn	86335	Myself	I want the IRC to know that I live in Rimrock and HAVE NO DESIRE to be redistricted into Flagstaff. My family has NO connection to Flagstaff. That is to say, no doctors, no shopping, no family, no friends, nothing financial, no tourist or recreation connections. We meet almost 100% of all our needs/wants in the Verde Valley, Prescott Valley & Prescott. Redistricting our community with Flagstaff would be an exercise in disenfranchising us and THAT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. Government exists to serve the needs of the people, and our families needs WILL NOT BE MET by lumping us into a district that we have no connection with. The Verde Valley MUST remain in a district that comprises Yavapai County.


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10/12/2021 9:35:55	October 12, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Melody Holladay	Sincerely, Melody Holladay	Melody Holladay	RE: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission. My home and place of work are both in West Sedona, which is in Yavapai County. And I primarily shop in West Sedona, Cottonwood and Prescott/Prescott Valley. I also work with U.S. citizens who are Hispanic Latino who live in Cottonwood and Cornville and who also shop primarily in Cottonwood, West Sedona and Prescott/Prescott Valley and have raised their families here. It makes much more sense for Sedona to be aligned with Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Camp Verde, Cornville, etc. with Prescott and Prescott Valley instead of Flagstaff. Sincerely, Melody Holladay
10/12/2021 9:36:42	October 12, 2021	Format of meetings	Matthew Boyd	85622		By moving from YouTube to WebEx, you have made it impossible for people who are not available for live meetings to know what is going on. YouTube is a flexible format in which people can see the meetings at any time. You have limited your audience to retired people and others who don't have to work for a living
10/12/2021 9:37:10	October 12, 2021	Format & Accessibility	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone interested in truly fair citizen representation	Most people have to work. So why are you making it impossible for people who can't be at the live meetings to know what is taking place at those meetings? This is the OPPOSITE of the transparency and access by working people that is desperately needed! PUT IT BACK ON YOUTUBE! THAT IS WHERE IT BELONGS!
10/12/2021 9:37:13	October 12, 2021	Proposed new district map	Allen Spence	86324	Maria and Allen Spence	Please keep Clarkdale with Prescott Valley/Prescott, not Flagstaff. We visit and shop in Prescott, and seldom go to Flagstaff. Thank you!
10/12/2021 9:38:57	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Maureen Costa	86326		Another reason to keep Yavapai County in the same District is the Sheriffs Office. The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office is located in Prescott and the Verde Valley will continue to be served by that Sheriff. It just doesn't make sense to redistrict with Flagstaff when all the major services, the water shed, the Sheriff's Office, the Community College, the Prescott Mall, Trader Joe's, Sprouts, Whole Foods, Natural Grocers, the Farmers Market, Yavapai College are all located in Prescott & Prescott Valley. I'm not understanding why this is even on the table for discussion.
10/12/2021 9:39:16	October 12, 2021	Public Comment	Michael Weingarten	85716	Self	The commission has focused too much on trying to create homogeneous districts, and too little on ensuring true competitiveness of the districts.
10/12/2021 9:39:19	October 12, 2021	Proposed redistricting draft map	Anita Glazar	86326	Myself as citizen of Cottonwood, AZ	I wanted to request that you do not consider a change for Cottonwood to Flagstaff districting. I have lived in the Verde Valley for close to 40 years. We have always seen the Verde Valley as the partner to the other side of Mingus Mountain's Prescott/Prescott Valley. I worked in Cottonwood Public schools for over 30 years and our partner in education was there as well. We both use Yavapai College for our students and within our community. Our current district works for us. Please do not change.
10/12/2021 9:41:05	October 12, 2021	Putting PV into a noncompetitive LD	Barbara rosenberg	85253	Myself	Currently I reside in what has been LD28 for the last ten years. What is so special about LD28 is that it is truly a competitive district. You can see this based upon registered voters and our voting record. Based upon the current work in progress LD map, what was LD28 is going to be split into a number of parts. Many of the residents of the town of PV, myself included, will be placed in a noncompetitive LD. Perhaps the commissioners ten years ago realized that this was a possibility for the town and decided to keep the residents of PV in a competitive LD. The result being an LD that extends westward from PV and not eastward. In addition I consider LD28 my community of interest. It's good when people from different neighborhoods can join together to work for and accomplish common goals. The primary goal of redistricting should be to create competitive districts, not destroy them. As such, please consider, allowing for population numbers, keeping LD28 as it is. It is not that far off from your starting point, so let it be your starting point for creating competitive districts. Please keep me and my neighbors in a competitive LD. Thank you.
10/12/2021 9:42:50	October 12, 2021	Public Comments	Michael Weingarten	85716	Self	Of the districts in this plan, most are safe districts (not competitive). Of the ones that are competitive, the majority are in the (slightly) Democrat-leaning districts. Almost all of the Republican-leaning districts are non-competitive.
10/12/2021 9:42:54	October 12, 2021	Maps	Shanna Leonard	85719	self	The committee has completely ignored the requests of Pima county residents to create competitive maps. The legislative districts in Pima county have been packed. In addition my historic neighborhood just East of the university has been divided down the middle - so you have succeeded in both dividing my community of interest and packing Democratic voters, and disconnecting my district from ALL of my much loved recreation areas in the Catalina mountains
10/12/2021 9:43:07	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Sharon Chapman	86351	Village of Oak Creek	I am a native of Arizona. I grew up at a trading post north of Flagstaff and went to H.S. in Flagstaff. I have owned a home in VOC since 1982. I have never considered the Verde Valley to be like Flagstaff. In so many areas the Verde Valley is like Prescott. Please keep this in mind when drawing up the redistricting map. Keep Sedona with Prescott.
10/12/2021 9:43:29	October 12, 2021	Keep the Verde Valley together and with the rest of Yavapai County.	Robert Harley	86326	myself, Verde Valley, Yavapai County	Keep the Verde Valley with Yavapai County, not with Flagstaff. I live in Cottonwood and rarely ever go to Flagstaff. I do go to Prescott and Prescott Valley and therefore feel I have more in common with towns in Yavapai County. Sedona is part of the Verde Valley and should be kept in this district as well as all the unincorporated towns in Yavapai County. The Verde Valley is quite different from Flagstaff, Coconino County!

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10/12/2021 9:45:12	October 12, 2021	Comments on Flagstaff and Sedona/VOC	David Wolf	86351	Sedona - VOC	<p>All of Sedona and the Oak Creek Canyon below the rim are like minded and be considered with Prescott-Verde Valley as one community - same district. Flagstaff has an average age of 25 opposed to Sedona with mature seniors. Combining Flagstaff with Sedona simply opposes reasonability by mixing two distinctly different demographics with different priorities. Flagstaff is best left apart from the Verde Valley and Yavapai County district.</p> <p>Flagstaff Medical Center is the only Level 1 Trauma Center in ALL of Northern AZ. All of Northern AZ uses this facility when emergencies require that care. But more importantly, by comparison, Phoenix has 10 Level 1 centers, and Southern AZ has 2. At this time in our lives, Sedona, VOC and Camp Verde residents and our mature population below the rim prioritize medical care by the expertise of the doctor, not the location of the doctor with the exception of primary care.</p> <p>Please keep in mind that Sedona, Cottonwood and Camp Verde families travel to Prescott Valley more regularly than Flagstaff if they need things which are not available in our own communities.</p> <p>Similarly, Black Canyon City should not be divided by superficial borders such as I-17.</p>
10/12/2021 9:47:20	October 12, 2021	Keep the Verde Valley with Yavapai County	Susan Harley	86326	myself and the Verde Valley	The Verde Valley needs to be kept with Yavapai County. Cottonwood has much more in common with Prescott and Prescott Valley than it does with Flagstaff.
10/12/2021 9:48:47	October 12, 2021	Draft Map:	Cindy Cook-Keller	85745	self	This draft map is totally defective and should be scrapped with the consultants instructed to start over. It shows little knowledge of areas outside Maricopa County and shows clear party bias. It also would not pass the same population test that citizen mappers have to undergo. Mappers appear even to misunderstand Maricopa County's distinct areas, such as Anthem, which is split.
10/12/2021 9:50:25	October 12, 2021	Public Comment	Susan Anderson	85742	self	The initial grid maps split the town of Marana along the Interstate 10. That's not appropriate. Residents on both sides of the freeway are a common community of interest. Also the entire town of Marana has much more in common with Pima County and Tucson than it does with Pinal County. We are suburban. We work in Pima County, We shop in Pima County. Our children attend school in Pima County. When we vote we want our candidates to reflect the obvious fact that we are in PIMA COUNTY.
10/12/2021 9:51:41	October 12, 2021	PDFs of Maps:	Cindy Cook-Keller	85745	self	The pdf format of the draft map is totally impossible for people to decipher. Boundaries are unclear and there are few points of reference. The ESRI system is capable of making good maps for export and also allowing for closeup views with detail. They could have used the web-based system of showing their results clearly. This appears to be an effort to keep the public from seeing detail.
10/12/2021 9:51:43	October 12, 2021	Ill	Lisa Wolfe	85704		The speaker on Latino population and voting points out that lack of competition will keep people home. We should encourage voting, which keeps people interested in their communities of interest. Therefore, redistricting should emphasize competitive districts. Having a lot of safe districts for one party is discouraging for all voters and encourages complacency in government instead of dynamic governance of a growing state. Gerrymandering projects show a large proportion of safe Republican districts. This does not reflect AZ's population diversity or its recent voting record where popular vote counts instead of the Legislature count, gerrymandered by means of Republican safe districts.
10/12/2021 9:54:47	October 12, 2021	absolutehappiness@hotmail.com	Vanessa Eastwold	86325	Sedona	Revised Comment: Please Use This One--as the previous one had a typo: I do not want Sedona to become part of Flagstaff because there is no real connection to Flagstaff and I would prefer to be aligned with Prescott/Prescott Valley. There is easier winter travel from Sedona to Prescott/Prescott Valley. Prescott has a strong conservation movement (Save the Dells) as does Sedona, and I like that. Prescott is the center of the Yavapai County government and this is the most logical reason for Sedona to aligned with Prescott/Prescott Valley.
10/12/2021 9:55:46	October 12, 2021	DAVID MEHL'S INFLUENCE	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	The "Independent Chair" is clearly NOT independent, but instead keeps deferring to David Mehl, who is the owner of the hotel where the first hearing was held. Mehl is NOT representative of most working people in Pima County!
10/12/2021 9:57:03	October 12, 2021	Rich White People's Community of Interest:	Cindy Cook-Keller	85745	self	This COI appears to be the most important one in the new map. The white high income people in the Catalina Foothills are protected from the lower income people south of the Rillito River according to the draft map. This long horizontal district of rich white people is a clear bias.

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10/12/2021 9:57:58	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	William E. Johnson	86336	William Johnson and Cleaner Quicker Carwash and Detailing	Sedona should not be aligned with Flagstaff and is much more akin to Prescott than Flagstaff. Flagstaff is a college town with a median age in the mid-20's. Sedona has many retired people with a median age of over 60, Prescott is close to 60. This means fundamentally different values, interests, and motivations, as well as financial circumstances. Sedona and Prescott have more natural affinity and should therefore be grouped together. Verde Valley high schools are closely aligned with Yavapai college in Prescott, so that age group in the Verde Valley depends more on Prescott. and is also more closely aligned .
10/12/2021 9:58:34	October 12, 2021	OBJECTIVITY	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	This Commission is clearly biased for Republicans and is limiting access by the the rest of the participating audience. At the recent Tucson hearing, coordinated groups of people who arrived VERY early got the most attention. People who had arrived only half an hour early were only allowed to speak much later in the afternoon or evening. Why was Tucson not considered important enough to have a separate hearing?
10/12/2021 10:00:00	October 12, 2021	AZ State Redistricting	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	The Catalina Foothills are not separate from communities south of Rillito River and should not be drawn separately. The Foothills population does most of its social contacting and business in Tucson, south of the Rillito River.
10/12/2021 10:00:08	October 12, 2021	REDISTRICTING of Camp Verde area	Cindy Farmer	86322	Camp Verde for IRC consideration.	I hereby respectfully and strongly ask to be included with the Prescott area. We DO NOT connect with Flagstaff. We travel to shop and work in Prescott, weekly. Our lives & our towns' aligns and connects with Prescott activities more closely due to weather, transportation & services. Please understand and consider, our MANY business and lives of our town of Camp Verde are closer & more connected & intertwined with Prescott.. in I implore your commission to please include Camp Verde is with Prescott district. Respectly, Cindy Farmer
10/12/2021 10:00:15	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Virginia West	85715	Arizona	My name is Virginia West, I am a United States citizen and a voter. I am new to Tucson, moving here with my mom just prior to the 2020 elections from Wisconsin. I worked a job with the Pima County Election Board before, during and after the election, directly handling the ballots. I had first-hand experience with how fair and free from fraud the election process is in Pima County and throughout the country. I have become active in local, state and national politics since due to my experience with the 2020 election and I was surprised and pleased when I found out Arizona has an independent, bipartisan redistricting committee that voters put in place via Prop 106. According to the 2020 census data, Arizona has experienced huge growth in both population and diversity. During the last 10 years, Arizona has also become more bipartisan with voters electing 6 democrats and 7 republicans to the 13 statewide offices. One third of the voters are declared independents! There are two key principals I would like to speak to: The first is fairness. Since the last maps were drawn, the population has become much more diverse. Fair districts would comply with the US Constitution and Voting Rights Act, include equal population, be compact and contiguous and respect communities of interest. We must protect and enhance the voting power of our growing communities of color. Secondly, Arizona is a politically competitive state and our new maps must reflect this! This will protect against extremism and encourage better representation – candidates for office will have to appeal to a broad spectrum of voters and will have to work hard to get re-elected. There is not much incentive to run for office if districts have a preponderance of one party. Having fair and competitive districts will encourage Arizona residents to become more active in our system of governing. A thriving democracy is an active democracy! I want to thank the members of the IRC Committee for this difficult work. You are truly public servants. Please let the maps uphold all of the key principals. I am so grateful to live in a country whose democratic government allows me to speak out, free from oppression, about my important issues and beliefs and be heard.
10/12/2021 10:00:58	October 12, 2021	COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	our insistence on the focus of the first hearings be "Communities of Interest" you are setting it up to foster divisiveness. And even worse, you are choosing to define those "Communities" according to political party and race!!! This is UNACCEPTABLE!

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10/12/2021 10:03:22	October 12, 2021	Redistricting map boundaries	Joseph Farmer	86322	Myself	<p>Please consider keeping the Verde Valley area within the Prescott/Prescott Valley area.</p> <p>Many of us go to the Prescott area at least weekly to shop, attend events, visit friends and engage in activities in that area. The drive from Camp Verde to Prescott is only 40 minutes while Flagstaff is an hour away. During winter weather or during major highway blockages, we have several different routes available while there is only one way into and out of Flagstaff - I17.</p> <p>Also, the statement that one has to drive over Mingus Mountain to go to Prescott is misleading. Highway 169 runs from I-17 to highway 69. I urgently request that the Commission keep the Prescott and Verde Valley areas together.</p> <p>Thank you Joseph R. Farmer Camp Verde, AZ</p>
10/12/2021 10:03:22	October 12, 2021	kurt_johnson@verizon.net	Kurt R. Johnson	86336-4413	myself	<p>The Verde Valley should be kept together with the remainder of Yavapai County and all of Sedona. The Verde Valley and Sedona is much more closely aligned with Prescott Valley/Prescott than Flagstaff. The median age of Sedona is 61, Prescott median age is 58, While Flagstaff's median age is 25. Prescott and Sedona have a strong conservative movement; Flagstaff is far more liberal due to its college base. Prescott is the center of Yavapai County government and there are four unincorporated communities in the Verde Valley that all should be kept within their County government structure. Sedona, Cottonwood and Camp Verde are closely aligned. People in these communities find it easier to go to Prescott Valley/Prescott when they need things/services than north to Flagstaff. These Verde Valley/Yavapai County communities should all be kept together politically.</p>
10/12/2021 10:03:46	October 12, 2021	WHITE HIGH INCOME COMMUNITY	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	<p>The COI of the wealthy white Catalina Foothills people is given much greater influence than is warranted, by clearly intentional exclusion of all the lower income people South of the Rillito. This is a perfect example of GERRYMANDERING!</p>
10/12/2021 10:04:48	October 12, 2021	Redistricting-Maps	Dianne Coscarelli	85718	Self	<p>The first draft maps have disregarded the earnest comments of tribal advocates for the Tohono O'Odham that they be primarily associated with Metro Pima County where they have historic and economic ties. Ignoring that request will dilute and chill their voices as they may have to rely on someone in the Legislature who is from another county, such as Santa Cruz. Please protect tribal interests.</p>
10/12/2021 10:05:38	October 12, 2021	Redistricting - Verde Valley/Sedona	Scott Moffatt	86336	West Sedona/Verde Valley Republicans	<p>We recently moved to WEST Sedona BECAUSE it was in Yavapai County (Conservative) and NOT in Coconino County (Liberal). Don't put us in a district that we intentionally tried to AVOID.</p>
10/12/2021 10:06:07	October 12, 2021	DRAFT MAP	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	<p>Your draft map is worthless! It is focused mostly on Maricopa County and doesn't even do a good job there. It exhibits strong bias favoring the Republican Party! The pdf format is impossible to interpret! This appears to be yet one more effort on your part to keep people from actually understanding the obvious gerrymandering you are doing!</p>
10/12/2021 10:06:18	October 12, 2021	maps	shanna leonard	85719	self	<p>Legislative district 21 in draft is heavily gerrymandered and not compact, the commissioners were comfortable sweeping around the state to make this district. yet Somehow the commission felt it was important to pack the Tucson area LDs and make them very compact and non-competitive despite overwhelming requests in public listening sessions to do otherwise.</p>
10/12/2021 10:08:32	October 12, 2021	CITIZEN MAPPING:	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	<p>Your citizen mapping system is very user unfriendly. Most people had to quit out of frustration, which was made even worse by not being provided with any way to communicate with the people in charge of the system, and no way to get their questions answered.</p>
10/12/2021 10:09:34	October 12, 2021	Redistricting Yavapai	Marilyn Ahuna	86340	Marilyn Ahuna	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to voice my concern.</p> <p>As a resident in Page Springs I strongly support to remain in district alignment with Prescott Valley.</p> <p>In the past eighteen + months this has become quite clear as a retired person it is a safer drive too, for me to attend to public businesses in Prescott Valley. Also I feel more in alignment with the people of the Prescott community .</p> <p>Thank you Marilyn Ahuna</p>
10/12/2021 10:11:24	October 12, 2021	DISRESPECT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	<p>You are doing the OPPOSITE of what the Tohono O'Odham tribal advocates have requested. They want to be included in the Metropolitan portion of Pima County, where both their historic and economic interests lie. But you have intentionally split them into two different districts in order to DECREASE their influence!!! THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!</p>
10/12/2021 10:13:40	October 12, 2021	III	Lisa Wolfe	85704		<p>The presentation this morning on Hispanic/Latino socio-economic, educational, health, and other interests point out the overriding importance of competitiveness in redistricting. There is no justification for having a district comprising a wealthy, white district that wants to be removed from any interest in the Latino or any other non-white population or any other socio-economic group. Such a district exacerbates prejudice. The independent chairperson should prevent this result.</p>

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10/12/2021 10:13:41	October 12, 2021	. AVRA VALLEY INTERESTS:	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	You have gone against the Avra Valley community's expressed desire to be left intact and associated with Metropolitan Tucson. Instead, you have again gerrymandered the map to split Avra Valley into two different districts.
10/12/2021 10:13:52	October 12, 2021	redistricting	Patricia Kelly	65718	myself	Tucson area LD's should not be segregated into high income districts and lower income districts, but instead should be compact and competitive districts that include neighborhoods of all income brackets. Please, please, please, do not make this redistricting a showcase for national comments. Let the newly drawn districts reflect the diversity that makes Tucson and the state of Arizona be a great place to live and work.
10/12/2021 10:15:30	October 12, 2021	APACHE INTERESTS	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	More gerrymandering with regard to Apache interests in the areas of White River and Show Low-Pinetop!
10/12/2021 10:15:54	October 12, 2021	Public comments	Charles Mackey	86326	Myself	The Verde Valley consisting of Sedona, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Village of Oak Creek should all be kept together in Yavapai County with Prescott and Prescott Valley. We all more closely identify with common beliefs and interests in these areas than we do with Flagstaff and their surrounding communities. Prescott and the Verde Valley have overall similar age groups and medical requirements. Serious illness is treated in Phoenix not in Flagstaff. There are many more options for medical specialists in the Phoenix area. Outdoor recreation in Yavapai County is similar due to elevation and climate. We do not consider the Flagstaff area when planning outdoor activities. The Flagstaff elevation can be a challenge for those with compromised health such as heart conditions. Grade school and high school students living in each of the Verde Valley communities are able to attend the school of their choice anywhere in the Verde Valley. Yavapai College serves all of the Verde Valley communities for graduating high school students as well as the adult population. Yavapai College will soon implement a program to offer four year degrees for those students who need more than a two year degree. Another reason the Verde Valley communities avoid Flagstaff is the commute in the winter. I-17 and 89A travel can be treacherous when covered with snow and ice. Travel to Flagstaff many times in the winter is out of the question and we avoid Flagstaff like the plague. The Verde Valley communities including Sedona, the Village of Oak Creek Rimrock, Camp Verde, Cottonwood and the unincorporated areas of Yavapai County should all be grouped with Prescott, Prescott Valley. The Redistricting Commission should not include these areas with Flagstaff just because it is easy to draw an arbitrary line to satisfy the requirement of equal population in a boundary. Thank you.
10/12/2021 10:16:51	October 12, 2021	maps	marlene bluestein	85718	myself and my household	As a long time resident of Tucson and a concerned citizen I am troubled by the current proposed maps by the redistricting commission as well as the difficult task of explaining the process to many residents and voters.. One major concern is the new version of the map rejects the clearly expressed desire of tribal advocates that they be primarily associated with metro Pima County where they have both historic and economic roots. By putting the Tohono O'odham nation in a district with very little of Metro Pima County you are making it likely that their representative would be from Santa Cruz County. it was proposed that the affluent white suburbs surrounding Tucson be combined into a single LD that wraps around urban Tucson. Tucson area LD's should not be segregated into high income districts and lower income districts, but instead should be compact and competitive districts that include neighborhoods of all income brackets. The new versions of the CD and LD maps are biased in favor of the Republican Party. For the LD map, the metrics show the maps favoring Republicans between 68 and 83% of the possible election scenarios. Because the new versions of the map are biased towards the Republican Party they should be abandoned and fresh maps drawn with more competitive districts. I appreciate the diversity represented in my current Legislative district and Congressional district and deeply concerned that this is being lost in the proposed redistricting changes Facebook icon
10/12/2021 10:17:21	October 12, 2021	MINORITY-MAJORITY DISTRICTS	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone who is interested in truly fair citizen representation	Yet more gerrymandering by removing the Santa Cruz County's Hispanic population from Pima County, in order to protect the Republican stronghold of Green Valley & Sahuarita.

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10/12/2021 10:17:42	October 12, 2021	Presentation on Latino population in AZ	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	Today's presentation on Latino populations and voters has been great – thank you for soliciting this. You have had many such great background presentations, and I'm aware that they can be found on the IRC website. However, it is somewhat difficult to find them in some cases – looking in a particular meeting's agenda and recording, sometimes in the Newsroom, sometimes elsewhere. I'd suggest that you gather together this background (something like "State demographic, historical, economic, and political background" (and then separately "Background on census data and analytical techniques") and post them somewhere more obvious – higher level link or tabs. To me "Newsroom" suggests something like current events and press releases – it's not the first place someone would search for this background. It's just such useful information for any of us trying to understand the implications of the maps – it should be even more accessible to people than it already is.
10/12/2021 10:20:10	October 12, 2021	AZ State Redistricting	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	DISRESPECT OF INDIAN TRIBES: By separating the Tohono O'odham from Metro Pima County you take away their desire to be primarily associated there, where their historic and economic roots are. The same issue is apparent in the White Mountains where four tribes are not included in the district of Whiteriver and its commercial hub of ShowLow-Pinetop.
10/12/2021 10:23:47	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Carlie Androus	86322		PLEASE DON'T INCLUDE CAMP VERDE WITH THE FLAGSTAFF DISTRICT. WE ALIGN MUCH MORE WITH PRESCOTT - THE DISTANCE IS 40 TO PRESCOTT VALLEY- FLAGSTAFF IS AT LEAST 50 MILES AND IN THE WINTER, FOR THE OLDER PEOPLE, MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO REACH FLAGSTAFF. PLEASE FOR THE SAKE / SAFETY OF THE ELDERLY-LEAVE US-CAMP VERDE WITH PRESCOTT.
10/12/2021 10:26:04	October 12, 2021	V. A.	Marlene Macek	86351	Myself	<p>I live in the Village of Oak Creek, an unincorporated community in Yavapai County. There are 10 communities that the US Census bureau recognizes as within the Verde Valley. There are 5 incorporated, 4 unincorporated and the Yavapai Apache Nation.</p> <p>Prescott is the center of the Yavapai County government. It is important that the Village of Oak Creek and other incorporated communities in the Verde Valley be aligned with our representative government in Prescott. We also request that unincorporated communities such as Black Canyon City not be divided by I-17 and instead aligned with their representative government in Prescott.</p> <p>The Verde Valley communities have many shared values and concerns, including the preservation of small town character and our natural environment. The Village of Oak Creek and Sedona have numerous land use matters which unite the communities in the Verde Valley along with Prescott's strong conservation movement called Save the Dells.</p> <p>The median age in the Village of Oak Creek is 63 years. Sedona is 61, Median age Flagstaff is 25, median age Prescott is 58. The senior community of the Village of Oak Creek is better aligned with Prescott than Flagstaff due to the similarity in median age.</p> <p>Our facts support keeping the Verde Valley communities with Prescott.</p>
10/12/2021 10:27:05	October 12, 2021	AZ State Redistricting	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	Minority-Majority Districts: One of the strengths of the current districting is the combination of Santa Cruz County's Hispanic population with Green Valley/Sahuarita. By separating these populations the minority-majority status is threatened and disrespects the Tohono O'odham.
10/12/2021 10:27:11	October 12, 2021	Public Comment	Richard Hopkins	85326	Self	Proposed map LD0011 is the preferred map. It is the only proposal that meet all of the criteria for those in the west valley. It respects the communities of interest for Goodyear, Buckeye, Wickenburg and the unincorporated areas. Natural boundaries on 3 1/2 sides in the Maricopa County line.
10/12/2021 10:29:26	October 12, 2021	grid maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	I am expecting that Planscore or some other test for competition will be applied at some point. Will the results be published well before the final maps? Thank you.
10/12/2021 10:34:04	October 12, 2021	Arizona State Redistricting	Rosemary Cashman	85718	Myself	The Catalina Foothills should not be separated from Tucson south of River road. That is where we do much of our shopping and have community. It is your responsibility to be unbiased and create districts that serve the community, preserve fair representation and diversity.

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10/12/2021 10:38:15	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Kathryn Streer Seidler	85712	Self	<p>PDFs of Maps: The pdf format of the draft map is totally impossible for people to decipher. Boundaries are unclear and there are few points of reference. The ESRI system is capable of making good maps for export and also allowing for closeup views with detail. They could have used the web-based system of showing their results clearly. This appears to be an effort to keep the public from seeing detail.</p> <p>Disrespect for Tohono O'Odham: The first draft map goes directly in the face of clearly expressed desire of tribal advocates that they be primarily associated with Metro Pima County where they have both historic and economic roots. By giving them as little as possible of Pima County outside nation boundaries you have shown that they should be satisfied with representation in the Legislature from some other county, most likely Santa Cruz. They will be represented by legislators in one district and another from an important source of income – a casino, by representatives from another district. This was done in an apparent effort to restrict their influence. I urge Mr. Watchman to actively speak up for all tribal interests.</p> <p>Avra Valley: Representatives of the Avra Valley, which is located between the TO Nation boundary and metro Tucson, very clearly stated that their community of Interest should be left intact and associated with Metro Tucson. The draft map splits them in half just west of Tucson Estates.</p> <p>Apache Interests: The draft map gerrymanders a piece of a heavily right wing Republican district between Whiteriver and its commercial hub of ShowLow-Pinetop. This is where many tribal members conduct their business, send their children to school, and even where their main source of income – the casino – is located. This assures that a district designed to include four tribes will be weakened in its legislative representation.</p> <p>Minority-Majority Districts: One of the two Minority Majority districts in Pima County depends heavily on Santa Cruz County's Hispanic population to meet the federal requirements. By removing this area, the minority-majority status is threatened. The reason for this appears not only to disrespect the TO, but also to protect Republican bigots in Green Valley/Sahuarita from having to associate with people different from them.</p> <p>Objectivity: The legislation was designed to ensure that redistricting was done in an impartial and fair way. This Commission is clearly showing Republican bias and in a way that narrows the participating audience. The recent Tucson hearing revealed that coordinated groups of people who arrived very early got the most attention. Most of them left after their contingent had spoken. People who had arrived only half an hour early were only allowed to speak much later in the afternoon or evening. Why was Tucson not considered important enough to have a separate hearing?</p>

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10/12/2021 10:40:26	October 12, 2021	Redistricting	Kathryn Streer Seidler	85711	Self	<p>Format of meetings: By moving from YouTube to WebEx, you have made it impossible for people who are not available for live meetings to know what is going on. YouTube is a flexible format in which people can see the meetings at any time. You have limited your audience to retired people and others who don't have to work for a living.</p> <p>Ability to express opinions: By limiting people's ability to submit opinions to live meeting times, you have again favored the retired and people who don't have to work for a living.</p> <p>Communities of Interest: By making Communities of Interest the entire focus of the first set of hearings, you have encouraged divisiveness and racial and political division. And in recognizing people's communities, you seem to be cherry-picking and zeroing in on communities based largely on party and bigotry.</p> <p>Rich White People's Community of Interest: This COI appears to be the most important one in the new map. The white high income people in the Catalina Foothills are protected from the lower income people south of the Rillito River according to the draft map. This long horizontal district of rich white people is a clear bias.</p> <p>David Mehl's influence: David Mehl does not represent my part of Pima County. Holding the first Tucson hearing in Mehl's hotel, showed your bias early. Mehl does not represent me or my Pima County. He represents a very specific racially and wealth-based population of the county. The Independent Chair needs to be a lot more independent and not just defer to him regarding Pima County to avoid even the appearance of bias.</p> <p>Draft Map: This draft map is totally defective and should be scrapped with the consultants instructed to start over. It shows little knowledge of areas outside Maricopa County and shows clear party bias. It also would not pass the same population test that citizen mappers have to undergo. Mappers appear even to misunderstand Maricopa County's distinct areas, such as Anthem, which is split.</p> <p>Citizen Mapping: The mapping system is baffling to inexperienced users, which is demonstrated by the low number of different users. Most gave up out of frustration. Training in the system was inadequate for people unacquainted with GIS, with lots of fast "click here" directions. There is no FAQ section and no way to communicate with those in charge of the system.</p>
10/12/2021 10:41:56	October 12, 2021	Redistricting maps	Heather Borman	85630	Myself	<p>The way LD 14 is currently configured, a Democrat has no chance of being elected. The currently elected Republicans do not represent the best interests of regular people in the district. That should matter. The best I've seen a Democrat do here for the State Legislature was to get 43% of the vote. Non-competitive legislative districts allow for an extremist AZ legislature that has made AZ a threat to representative democracy. The non-competitive nature of LD-14 must be addressed.</p>
10/12/2021 10:49:32	October 12, 2021	District maps	Ashley McCally	85737	LD11, CD1	<p>The proposed maps disproportionately favor the Republican Party and unfairly separate affluent/white suburbs from urban Tucson creating segregated and biased districts. In addition the proposed maps do not represent the independent/fair/unbiased maps the people of Arizona have asked for. Please try again and provide maps that are unbiased and independent.</p>
10/12/2021 10:49:52	October 12, 2021	Public Meeting	Teresa Gerschutz	85750	Self	<p>I agree with comment from Lisa Adragna, "Population and competitiveness not segregation to special interest". Competitiveness in redistricting is the legal route this commission is legally required to follow. Please avoid the cherry-picking and zeroing in on communities based largely on party and bigotry.</p>
10/12/2021 10:54:39	October 12, 2021	V. A. Status of revised proposed maps.	Tracy Scheinkman	85748	Myself	<p>I am concerned that the proposed maps have a very tiny number of districts that are competitive. Competitiveness is important because it motivates people to participate in our democracy. Competitive districts also tend to push candidates away from extremism and toward pragmatism. None of the criteria used so far have included competitiveness as a primary reason for making changes. In addition since Arizona is equally divided between political ideologies it seems to me that if there are to be a certain number of non-competitive districts then they should be equally divided between the political viewpoints of Republicans and Democrats. Currently that is not the case. To summarize: 1) more competitive districts should be created, ideally at least half of all districts should be highly competitive, 2) if non-competitive districts are created there should be an equal number of Republican-leaning districts and Democratic-leaning districts., This would create the fairest maps.</p>
10/12/2021 10:59:10	October 12, 2021	Maps	Chris DeYoung	85745	Self	<p>Hello - I work for a living. This is my first comment during a meeting because I am taking time off to comment. This scheduling favors those with easy internet access and time on their hands; you should open up comments to all of the public not just those rich enough not to work or the retired so you can hear from folks like me.</p> <p>The committee is too focused on "communities of interest" and on dividing Pima County into safe legislative districts. This is not what we want. Tucson wants competitive districts that include areas of southern Arizona we consider home and are deeply connected to, such as Catalina foothills, Rincon foothills, and Corona de Tucson, (It's called Corona de Tucson for a reason!). The Legislative map you have drawn is partisan - all of Catalina foothills is deeply connected to Tucson.</p>