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10/18/2021 8:21:11	October 18, 2021	CD2 Architecture	Brian Schaumloffel	85048	Not Affiliated With Any Organization	<p>I am a lifelong resident of Arizona and have watch the economy of the state transform over the last two decades. The economic transformation of the state in part, inspired me to pursue a bachelor's degree in economics at Hobart and William Smith Colleges and a masters degree in economic development at the University of Cambridge. At Cambridge, I conducted research on the importance of supply chains to economic development.</p> <p>I believe the economic codependence of industries within supply-chains has important implications for the redistricting process in Arizona. Because the industries in I-10 industrial corridor of Pinal County rely on the raw materials supplied by the rim country and copper corridor, they are part of the same economic community of interest and should be part of the same congressional district.</p> <p>The I-10 Industrial corridor (also known as the Arizona Innovation and Technology Corridor) is defined as the region in between Phoenix and Tucson according to the Pinal County Department of Economic Development. It includes cities such as Florence (home of Florence Cooper), Coolidge (home of the Nikola Motors manufacturing plant), Casa Grande (home of the Lucid Motors manufacturing plant), Eloy, the Avra Valley (home of the Silver Bell Copper mine), and Marana (home of the Rillito Cement Plant). This corridor has become bedrock to a number of important industries.</p> <p>For instance, EV manufacturing and supply-chains have become central to this corridor over the last decade. According to AzBigMedia 5/13/2021, "Pinal County finds itself at the epicenter of an EV cluster that is expected to rapidly change the landscape of this otherwise quiet low-desert region." Lucid motors recently completed a 500-acre, \$700 million EV manufacturing facility which will employ approximately 2,000 workers. Nikola is also completing a facility to build battery-electric and hydrogen-electric trucks. This manufacturing plant is also expected to employ up to 2000 workers. Additionally, Rivian motors announced in July announced it was considering investing 5 billion dollars in a new EV plant in Pinal County. In the next 5 year, the EV industry in the I-10 industrial corridor is projected to directly employ up to 10,000 workers by 2025. EV manufacturing has become a critical industry in the region.</p> <p>The I-10 industrial corridor has also become a hotspot for new solar projects. Several gigawatts of new solar capacity are expected to be built in the coming years supporting thousands of jobs in their construction and maintenance.</p> <p>These industries are just a couple examples of those along the I-10 industrial corridor who rely upon the raw materials supplied by Arizona's rim country and copper corridor. According to Pinal Central, "The copper we will produce is a critical component in producing renewable energy, electric vehicles, and much more."</p> <p>...(see next comment)</p>
10/18/2021 8:21:16	October 18, 2021	Mapping team updates	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	<p>This is a quick note of appreciation about the draft map versions and information now being shared on the website. Having the flow chart showing the evolution and relationship of the map versions, and including the data reports for each map, is incredibly helpful in us preparing to provide useful input. Thank you!</p>

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10/18/2021 8:24:26	October 18, 2021	VII A. Legislative Map Drawing	Steve Zipperman	86305	Yavapai County GOP	<p>Version 2.0 of the Grid Map severely impacts residents of Sedona and the Verde Valley. These communities have more community interests in common with Prescott than they do with Flagstaff. Consistent with being part of Yavapai County, residents of these communities share significant values and business with the people of Prescott.</p> <p>Sedona and the Verde Valley align closely as communities of interest with Prescott and not Flagstaff. The Yavapai College Sedona Center is located in West Sedona, the Yavapai County Sheriff has an office in the Village of Oak Creek, and the Yavapai County Jail is located in Camp Verde. The vast majority of Sedona and the Verde Valley's property taxes are paid to Yavapai County. Therefore for Sedona and Verde Valley residents to have a voice with their elected officials, these communities must be included with Prescott in the final district maps.</p> <p>In conclusion, all of Yavapai County needs to be included in the final LD-1 maps. Cutting the State Legislative District (LD-1) vertically on the map will disenfranchise people in the Verde Valley and Sedona. They will have no representation in their government, since they have little in common with Flagstaff.</p>

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10/18/2021 8:31:22	October 18, 2021	Public comments	M.E. Dunn	86303		<p>On Friday, Com Mehl mentioned that he had "heard" loudly that many individuals in Verde Valley and environs were very much in favor of staying w/ Prescott. Having participated in the listening tour sessions for Prescott/Sedona and Flagstaff I was very surprised to hear that. Reviewing public comments for earlier last week, I understand why he was saying that. WARNING to the IRC: Please, please do not be swayed by obviously orchestrated efforts to inundate the commission with a particular viewpoint. Where were these individuals when we had the hearings? Why a campaign to distort your perception of the local reality now? "Cut and paste" efforts like these managed to, in my view, erroneously move you away from hiring the best Mapping company, so I request that you no/not give weight to volume when it is quite obvious that it is just that, noise. Your consideration very much appreciated.</p>
10/18/2021 8:37:51	October 18, 2021	draft maps	Jean Meconi	85737	myself	<p>From my home in Oro Valley, I can hear the high school band practicing in the morning, young people being cheered at the many public parks, traffic along the busy thoroughfares, and neighbor voices mixed in with the sounds of wildlife. Oro Valley is diverse on every metric: demographically, economically, socially and environmentally.</p> <p>Oro Valley does not belong in a Legislative District with Saddlebrooke. The two communities are too dissimilar and subsequently have vastly different trajectories, needs and interests. While Oro Valley is a diverse town of over 47,000 residents, Saddlebrooke is a retirement community of about 11,000 people. Oro Valley's median age is 54 years and Saddlebrooke's is 71 years. Over 70% of Saddlebrooke's residents are over 65 while only 1/3 of adults in Oro Valley are seniors. Almost 25% of Oro Valley's residents are from minority populations. Saddlebrooke ranks in the lower quartile on the Diversity Index when compared to the other cities, towns and Census Designated Places (CDPs) in Arizona. Saddlebrooke's white population is over 90%.</p> <p>The two places also have vastly different economies. Oro Valley has a large civilian labor force (48.3 %) compared to the 17% for Saddlebrooke. Oro Valley has a wide range of businesses and industries while Saddlebrooke has few of which most are related to health care, services and sales. There are no school districts in Saddlebrooke while in Oro Valley the Amphitheater School District operates two large high schools, three elementary schools and a multitude of specialized and charter schools.</p> <p>Oro Valley is best described as urban-suburban while Saddlebrooke is specialized rural. 100% of housing in Saddlebrooke are single unit structures. Over 15% of housing units in Oro Valley are apartments.</p> <p>Oro Valley is closely aligned with other places in Pima County including Marana, Casa Adobes and Tucson. We share economies, culture, demographics and concerns. Saddlebrooke is most closely aligned with other places in Pinal County which share its rural, homogeneous and insular concerns.</p>
10/18/2021 8:40:44	October 18, 2021	Proposed CD and LD maps	Steven Ayres	86301	Voter	<p>On the congressional test map for District 2, version 3.3 encompasses Native reservation territories and separates Prescott from Mohave County, which are both aspects I prefer. On the LD test map for District 5, version 3.1 keeps Prescott together with our watershed area, which includes Paulden, and I think this is a better choice.</p>
10/18/2021 8:50:41	October 18, 2021	Draft Redistricting Maps	Sheila Clemons	85255	Myself	<p>The current redistricting maps are completely unacceptable. Please provide updated and acceptable maps ASAP.</p>

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10/18/2021 9:01:45	October 18, 2021	Draft mapping	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	<p>The LD 3.0 and 3.1 maps violate several criteria.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The IRC should respect geographical boundaries. Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns. 3. The IRC should also respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. 4. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that includes Marana and Casas Adobes and the Catalina Foothills. <p>LD17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a Legislative District that preserves Oro Valley and meets all the IRC's criteria.</p>
10/18/2021 9:02:53	October 18, 2021	Discussion of test maps for congressional districts	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	<p>The proposal (versions 3.1 and 3.2) that creates a congressional district encompassing the entire northern tier of counties (all of Mohave County included, in 3.2 including La Paz County as well) seems clearly inferior to the other versions (3.0 and its "descendants" 3.3, 3.4, 3.5). Bringing in so much of the western portion of the state is nonsensical in terms of communities of interest and natural geographic boundaries. v 3.2 also dilutes the rural predominance of CD9 by bringing in the western part of Maricopa County. I strongly support using 3.4 or 3.5 as your starting point.</p>
10/18/2021 9:08:21	October 18, 2021	CDs	M. E. Dunn	86303		<p>3.3 is our preference. Thank you Comm Lerner. The northern areas all connected is NOT our choice. Com Mehl's arguments may be valid for some of what he wants to accomplish in the south, but we request that you use 3.3 as a starting point at this stage!!!!</p>
10/18/2021 9:09:21	October 18, 2021	IV. Discussion of public comments	Betty Bengtson	85718	League of Women Voters of Arizona	<p>Chair Neuberger said today that paper maps are being received by the commissioners and are being considered in their deliberations. However, the paper maps have not been made public in any way. The League of Women Voters of Arizona believes that every effort should be made to do so. The public should have access to all the comments and maps submitted to the IRC for two reasons. (1) The public would have access to all the information that is influencing the commissioners in their decisions and (2) the public could consider the paper maps and reasoning that accompany them and comment just as they do with the online maps. This is an important issue of equity and of transparency. Thank you to the commissioners for your continued work on behalf of the people of Arizona. Your efforts to provide the public with full information is appreciated.</p>
10/18/2021 9:16:46	October 18, 2021	Map	Mary Schaal		Myself	<p>Yuma County is the 3rd largest MSA after Phoenix and Tucson. We deserve to have 2 representatives. We are underrepresented and bear the brunt of it. Please add a second rep and divide the district based on Yuma city limits rather than E of 5E. I have to request representation from Raul Grijalva because Paul Gosar doesn't give a care about Yuma residents. I reached out to Gosar many times and he always contradicted and dismissed me.</p>

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10/18/2021 9:18:04	October 18, 2021	CDs	ME Dunn	86303		We may not be megalopolis like The Valley or Tucson area BUT we are NOT all rural in this area either - Flagstaff, Prescott, Sedona among others are not farming/rural communities. What Com Lerner is arguing respects the very important points we made during our COIs hearings. We have nothing in common with the Colorado River communities and our concerns are legitimate. Why should we sacrifice our interests to address what Com Mehl feels may be an issue, in the South, which has not been expressed any other place but by him. 3.3 is a great starting point. Balance is does not necessarily equate competitiveness nor VRA nor COIs needs. Exactly this is a STARTING point but let's start w/ something that makes sense to what has been asked by the public.
10/18/2021 9:18:53	October 18, 2021	Redistricting	Mack Dais	86326	Myself, Cottowood	I just viewed the latest redistricting map. Where are the independent commissioners that are supposed to be on the commission. This is outrages. The map shows a VERY Partisan map. Do you call this Democracy? Is this what you call Democracr? This shows your true intent. That you want this to be an authoritarian state.
10/18/2021 9:20:02	October 18, 2021	Congressional district discussion	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	I find Commissioner Lerner's general points more compelling than Commissioner Mehl's. The western boundary of the state is hugely different from the forest/natural resource/recreation focus of the northeast and central eastern regions. The "compactness" doesn't seem that much greater in 3.1/3.2 than in the others. And Chair Neuberg's comments about the Republican/Democratic spread are astute also. I don't think 3.2 can be defended on any particular criterion.
10/18/2021 9:23:38	October 18, 2021	III	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Can you fix the Webex display so that the Commissioner's names appear when each is speaking? Right now they are all identified as "Stuart."
10/18/2021 9:27:51	October 18, 2021	CDs	M. E. Dunn	86303		Chair Neuberg. The reality is that, geographically, AZ has wide expanses of "rural" areas. So, the argument that it would be unfair to have the state represented by 2 our of 9 from these "rural" areas, makes no sense. Because they would in fact be representing very different types of rural areas which encompass other more urban populations. Moreover, and I emphasize, what Com Lerner is voicing is what many of us argued at the COIs hearings. What Com Mehl is contending seems to be his personal interpretation of what should happen elsewhere but based on what? You are to be the Independent voice, please place your vote with reason and with the people who have expressed a considered preference. And, don't forget, this is a STARTING point, not the final.
10/18/2021 9:30:29	October 18, 2021	IV	Ann Heitland	86004	self	An observation regarding some of the public comments received on 10/15 and at the grid map public hearings: Some of the commentators who said keep Verde Valley with Prescott seem to be under the mistaken impression that the Commission is planning to redraw county lines (not legislative and Congressional).

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10/18/2021 9:31:55	October 18, 2021	Congressional map versions	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	A quick response from this rural county resident about the comment that having two relatively rural congressional districts in the northern part of the state would not be truly representative of the nature of the entire state. With respect to congressional representation, I think it is valuable to think about the expertise required to represent our state in Washington on important issues. Yes, we definitely need at least one (maybe more!) congresspersons with expertise and direct relationships to native issues. There's also forest issues, and mining, and also the Colorado River and the deep hole we are in with respect to drought and management of the lower Colorado River basin and its water supply. You can't really expect a single congressional representative to have equal understanding (and time and energy) enough to be influential on our behalf on all of these issues. So having a congressional representative who can handle the similar issues on the north and eastern portion of the state, and a different person on the western part of Arizona who can expertly represent the Colorado River issues, would be in our state's interest. (Border issues would be another major federal focus, of course; I'm not personally knowledgeable enough to have the best perspective on potential districts in the southernmost part of the state.)
10/18/2021 9:35:53	October 18, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	While I did already submit this comment through the Contact Us method, I thought I should add it here. I submitted all the plans to planscore. Recall that Planscore's partisan bias measure shows the fraction of seats that would be expected to favor one (R or D) party over the other in a hypothetical election in which the statewide vote was 50/50 . Running all of the newest released draft maps through the tool, they all have a Republican bias - not huge, but still there. CD3.0: 6.1%R; CD3.1: 7.5%R; CD3.2: 6.9%R; CD3.3: 5.8%R; CD3.4: 5.8%R; CD3.5: 8.0%R . LD3.0: 3.0%R; LD3.1: 2.3%R; LD3.2: 3.0%R . Note in particular that CD3.5 has the biggest R bias.
10/18/2021 9:40:53	October 18, 2021	Political Boundaries	Michael Dayton	85737	Community member of Oro Valley	The IRC needs to respect Political Boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County. We get the Tucson TV stations as well as the AZ Daily Star. We get our news from Pima County. Our schools are in Pima County. But we have to vote for politicians in a different county who do not truly represent us. This is terrible. Please do NOT keep us with Pinal County. We have nothing in common with the interests of Pinal County.
10/18/2021 9:56:32	October 18, 2021	The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns.	Ronald Brown	85755	Ronald Brown	The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns.

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10/18/2021 9:59:04	October 18, 2021	Legislative and Congressional redistricting	Ruth Edwards	86324		<p>In my opinion, maps suggesting Legislative redistricting which separates the Yavapai County rural areas in the Verde Valley from their close neighbors in Prescott and Prescott Valley are very problematic.</p> <p>The Verde Valley has little or no connection to Flagstaff but a strong connection to our rural neighbors in the Prescott area. Please consider median age difference (25 in Flagstaff vs Sedona @ 61 and Prescott @ 58) which is significant when considering policies and lifestyle requirements.</p> <p>Think about the Community College locations and satellites which many in the Verde Valley utilize and which creates cohesiveness in our communities. We have no such connection with NAU in Flagstaff.</p> <p>Understand that the voices of many older folks in the Verde Valley will be silenced because the drive to Flagstaff is treacherous in the winter and all but impossible in the summer due to tourism and the preponderance of accidents on 1-17. WEBEX is nice but many of my neighbors and friends can not navigate the technology and would like to attend meetings in person.</p> <p>Finally, we have a water crisis looming and Flagstaff is NOT part of the Verde watershed. We need to keep closely aligned with communities of interest which share water in order to facilitate reasonable solutions to our future water issues.</p>
10/18/2021 9:59:53	October 18, 2021	CD maps	Raymond Gross	85379		<p>It would be nice for the commissioners other than commissioner Mehl who seems to be the only one to bring it up to attempt to keep the west valley of Maricopa county together in one CD. Version 3.2 comes the closest to this other than still relegating Avondale and Goodyear to CD 7. Maps 3.4 and 3.5 put my home city of Surprise in a district with North Phoenix which we have little in common with. Please stop putting the interests of the Indian tribes and the east valley before the west valley. We are Arizonans also. I want to thank commissioner Mehl for being the only one to regularly bring the west valley up in your meetings. Keep the west valley TOGETHER!</p>
10/18/2021 10:00:09	October 18, 2021	CDs	M E Dunn	86303	The People of the North who do not want to be with the Colorado!	<p>So, if it is a moving target why start with one that goes against the wish of many, many people rather than the wishes of one - -or maybe two- commissioners? The "number of people" who said they did not want to be part of such and such..... was an orchestrated effort to sway the IRC and, obviously, they did manage to get to at least one of the commissioners. Why did you go through the COIs exercise if the comments/desires were going to be ignored? Chair Neuberg, please vote for our interests! Again, it is a starting point. And, yes, VC Watchman, thank you, something has to give and why does it have to be that we "sacrifice" our interests in our northern regions.</p>
10/18/2021 10:03:10	October 18, 2021	Mapping	Jay Simpson	85016	Myself	<p>Chair Neuberg is correct to be concerned about the proposed CD3 creating a wholly unbalanced district. By creating a district with a 50 point spread, it makes it nearly impossible to balance the remaining congressional districts. The VRA does not require such an unbalanced district to achieve compliance. It would be a good choice to go back to the prior version of CD3 which was not as unbalanced.</p>
10/18/2021 10:10:26	October 18, 2021	Oro Valley	Kay Schriener	85755	Myself	<p>I respectfully ask the Commission to put Oro Valley in the same district as its community of interest. We are in Pima County. We do business in Tucson. Splitting Oro Valley from Pima County makes no sense.</p> <p>We also share a community of interest with Cases Adobes and Marana. The communities are similar. We have very little in common with Pinal County.</p> <p>The Commission should respect the geographic boundaries that exist. Please do not split Oro Valley away from its natural community.</p> <p>Thank you for the chance to submit these comments.</p>

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10/18/2021 10:14:10	October 18, 2021	Congressional Redistricting	Ruth Edwards	86324		Regarding CD0021, Splitting representation between Legislative and Congressional districts is very problematic when it comes to issues like water and land use. also, the AZ Constitution criteria for redistricting requires that communities of interest be kept together when possible and that natural boundaries (like county lines) be maintained when possible. The counties have taxing authority so cohesiveness is desirable. In my opinion, the communities of Cottonwood, Clarkdale, Cornville, Camp Verde, Rimrock and Montezuma have a shared history, heritage and culture made of independent spirit, ranching life, conservative small businesses, strong spiritual values and strong traditional family values and shared community events with the communities of Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley as well as Dewey/Humbolt. No such connection exists with Flagstaff. Please keep the Verde Valley and Yavapai County intact. Thank you.
10/18/2021 10:17:24	October 18, 2021	draft maps	Teresa Zimmerman	85718	Tucson suburbs	It's reprehensible to draft maps that favor Republicans to such an extreme. Likewise shameful to divvy up Tucson to reduce our voice and influence. Our IRC has been one of the few things Arizonans could take pride in politically; don't let it become an embarrassing example of blatant partisanship and hypocrisy.
10/18/2021 10:17:48	October 18, 2021	CDs	ME Dunn	86303		Water under the bridge, but so that you know what you are working with - Here is key information to keep in mind AND to look at as you agree on other maps as we go down the road. These are PARTISAN bias for the maps proposed today. You approved the one with the GREATEST bias. CD3.1 7.5%R CD3.2 6.9%R CD3.3 5.8%R CD3.4 5.8%R CD3.5 8.0%R
10/18/2021 10:18:06	October 18, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Regarding CD 4.0 from 3.5. Please bring the Gila River Indian Community into CD2 as requested by their leader.
10/18/2021 10:25:01	October 18, 2021	Rural CDs	Ryan Anderson	86004-1707		To ensure that the tribes of Northern AZ have fair representation in congress, greater Flagstaff and the northern tribes should be in a separate congressional district from Prescott and Kingman.
10/18/2021 10:30:43	October 18, 2021	Draft maps	Jacqueline Gilliem	85755	Myself	The IRC should respect geographical boundaries, Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. The city boundaries should also be respected. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns. Oro Valley's Community of Interest should be respected. The Town of Oro Valley should not be split in different LDs. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that includes Marana and Casas Adobes. LD17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of the Legislative District that preserves Oro Valley and Meets all the IRC's criteria

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10/18/2021 10:40:37	October 18, 2021	Draft maps	Eric Robbins	85713	Myself	<p>To have revised maps clearly favoring Republicans drop AFTER review by the media proves that David Mehl is a partisan hack. He would do well to reconsider or the panel should stop deferring to these utterly disgraceful gradeschool shenanigans. We SEE YOU. Draw them fairly or stand aside for those who actually care FOR Democracy. Also, you're still screwing over the N.A. populations. How very white of you. Do better.</p>
10/18/2021 10:47:13	October 18, 2021	CDs	María-Elena Dunn	86303		<p>Thank you, Com Lerner. The discussion taking place right now re CD 7 and 9, and the effect that moving this line or that line would have on the Latino population, for one, demonstrates that it would be significantly more logical and efficient, if the commission were to go directly into identifying and creating the VRA districts and going from there. Anytime lines are moved, the trickle down effect comes into play and so we go on and on only to come back to the fact that we need to address the constitutional and VRA requirements.</p>
10/18/2021 10:55:16	October 18, 2021	draft maps	Joshua Yanow	85254	Myself	<p>I oppose these proposed maps. They unfairly favor one political party</p>
10/18/2021 11:17:36	October 18, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	<p>Well, you've chosen CD 3.5 as the next starting point for modifications. I think I understand the nature of the compromise, although it is clearly a biased map - planscore measures an 8% R bias. Aside from that, using your definition of competitive, it has only 2 competitive districts (both of which lean slightly R), which is fewer than either 3.2 or 3.3 had. Of course, I do understand that there is a long way to go before we have a final map, or even the Oct 21 draft map. So I hope that you will rectify some of this bias, and in particular, that you improve the competitiveness with future iterations.</p>
10/18/2021 11:20:17	October 18, 2021	redistricting map	Barbara D'Angelo	85750	myself	<p>Tucson area LDs 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 (regardless of political affiliation). In addition, Native American tribes should be respected as constituencies and not separated or split into multiple districts to dilute their representation as members of the state</p>
10/18/2021 11:29:42	October 18, 2021	Draft map	qumrul ahsan	85248	Myself	<p>The legislative and congressional maps in its current form is not competitive and tilted to favor the Republicans heavily</p>

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10/18/2021 11:30:23	October 18, 2021	redistricting changes	Judith Reisman	5737	self	<p>I am totally opposed to the current redistricting plans for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The IRC should respect geographical boundaries. Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. 3. The IRC should also respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. THIS WOULD BE APPALLING! 4. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that includes Marana and Casas Adobes. 5. LD17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a Legislative District that preserves Oro Valley and meets all the IRC's criteria.
10/18/2021 12:13:10	October 18, 2021	mapping - CD	shanna leonard	85719	self	<p>You are making the CD maps more and more republican biased. I do not support using CD 3.5 map. it has an, 8% R bias</p>
10/18/2021 12:14:07	October 18, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>In considering the split for the City of Yuma and Yuma County, please do not lump all of the populated areas of the city of Yuma into the southwestern legislative and congressional district.</p> <p>The people who testified at the Listening Tour meetings were nearly unanimous in their desire to have the city split so that they could enjoy the benefits of having multiple representatives to support the needs of the city and county. Also, the wishes of Republican voters, who live primarily on the eastern side of the city both north and slightly south of I-8, are diluted by being included in the southwestern districts.</p> <p>The boundaries proposed by the coalition of native tribes for that district are much closer than any of the other maps that have been proposed.</p> <p>PLEASE respect the public's views on this and do NOT put all the populated areas of the City of Yuma into one district. It completely defeats the Col for the area.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
10/18/2021 12:18:29	October 18, 2021	CD and LD redistricting	Sue Unverricht	86314		<p>Hello and thank you for your detailed work on redistricting.</p> <p>Please keep Yavapai County together into one Congressional District and one Legislative District. We have much in common as a county: rural, ranching, retirement, recreation, land useage, water. If you separate us into different districts, we are not able to get quick response from our elected representatives on matters which affect us all in Yavapai County.</p> <p>My schedule doesn't allow me to attend the full meeting.</p>
10/18/2021 12:19:08	October 18, 2021	competitiveness	Jerry Gless	85042	self	<p>To the extent possible while following the other required criteria: COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS are essential! I feel as though we are currently dominated by the most radical and uncompromising factions on both the right and left. This needs to stop, most of us are reasonable people who want our representatives to work together using a set of REAL FACTS to accomplish the great things that this state can achieve if we are grounded in REALITY. PLEASE, get real and get it done. thank you, Jerry Gless</p>

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10/18/2021 12:25:14	October 18, 2021	Mapping of Congressional Districts	Cathy Lee	85209	Self	If the NW corner of D4 needs to move into D8 my suggestion would be to move D4 NE boundary over to D5 from Guadalupe Rd. north & as far east as Signal Butte. Those communities have much more in common with that part of Mesa than they do going south to Queen Creek & SanTan. Also, from Guadalupe Rd. south there is a huge amount of growth that is happening with the sports complex and new construction of homes and over 1500 jobs coming to the area for just the sport complex alone. If you don't anticipate that, D5 will be well over the population limit for Congressional districts in just 2 years and will not have fair representation.
10/18/2021 12:25:20	October 18, 2021	New congressional districts	Robert Franks	85750	Myself	This is gerrymandering and it must be corrected!
10/18/2021 12:45:05	October 18, 2021	CD2 (currently AZ01)	Jeannine Reno	86351	Self	Adding Mohave County in Northern Arizona will make Congressional District 2 far less competitive (R+15) and lessen Native Community representation. Adding non-native parts of Greenlee & Graham lessens the blow, (R+8) but still does NOT keep the district competitive. It's important to note that in both 3.0 and 3.3 (both without Mohave County) still doom prospects for real competition in the district. Democrats never won any of the 9 elections under those configurations. Please KEEP the current portion of Pinal County in Congressional District 2 .
10/18/2021 12:45:18	October 18, 2021	Draft Maps	Diane Bristow	85658-5034	Myself	IRC should respect Marana's larger communities which include Casas Adobes and Oro Valley. The people of these communities need to be part of Pima County meets all the IRC's requirements and is best suited for Marana, Oro Valley and Casas Adobes.
10/18/2021 12:49:18	October 18, 2021	draft maps	Donald Bristow	85658-5034	myself	Having lived in Oro Valley and Marana for over 21 years, I feel the IRC should respect Marana's larger communities which include Casas Adobes and Oro Valley. The people of these communities need to be part of Pima County. LD17 in map plan LD0028, a possible Legislative District, meets all the IRC's requirements and is best suited for Marana, Oro Valley and Casas Adobes.
10/18/2021 12:50:48	October 18, 2021	DRAFT MAPS	Diane Bristow	85658-5034	MYSELF	Having lived in Oro Valley and Marana for over 22 years, I feel the IRC should respect Marana's larger communities which include Casas Adobes and Oro Valley. The people of these communities need to be part of Pima County. LD17 in map plan LD0028, a possible Legislative District, meets all the IRC's requirements and is best suited for Marana, Oro Valley and Casas Adobes.
10/18/2021 12:52:06	October 18, 2021	Congressional Redistricting	Tega Maidoh	85282		Gila River reservation should be added to D2. The non-Hispanic white areas of Tucson regardless of voting affiliation need to be in D6. D7 needs to include Avondale and Tolleson It is important that D7 be a majority Hispanic district with citizens voting age population at 50% or more.
10/18/2021 13:28:51	October 18, 2021	L.D. map	Tom Meconi	85737		The division of Oro Valley into separate legislative districts is antithetical the very concept of communities of interest. Oro Valley is a cohesive community defined in all the ways a town should be. To divide it so it can be included in distinct and very different communities which share little or nothing with Oro Valley is contrary to the spirit and letter of the Redistricting Act.
10/18/2021 13:51:13	October 18, 2021	draft maps	Kristen Cowgill	85122	myself	Please consider redrawing your current maps to better represent the neighborhoods within those districts. These new maps look much different than what was originally proposed. Also, please respect the wishes of the Tohono O'Odham and work with them in respecting their history when these lines are drawn. Thank you.

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10/18/2021 14:03:58	October 18, 2021	Congressional district in Rural areas/N. Az	Eric Day	86301	Myself	<p>The AZ IRC is discussing rural areas and whether AZ should have 1 or 2 rural congressional representatives. It would be disastrous to have only one district as it would result in the entire Northern half of the state combined into only one Congressional District. This would combine CD 1 and CD 4 into only ONE Congressional district! Just think how overpopulated this one district will be 10 years from now, when the next Redistricting happens. Northern Arizona has had rapid population growth and there's no reason to believe this trend will not continue. This would cause the congressional district to be quickly overpopulated and it won't be able to be rectified for 10 years, when the next Redistricting happens.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are separate and distinct Communities of Interest (COI) that would be combined into one. These 2 distinct COI have distinct and different interest and they should remain separate so their interests aren't diluted.</p> <p>These 2 COI are Sedona, Verde Valley and Flagstaff vs. the Quad City area including Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley and Dewy-Humbolt. Not only do these 2 COI have their own separate Hospital and healthcare systems, they also have separate Governmental/City Centers. Furthermore they are separated by Mingus Mountain, which is a large mountain with a steep, windy road from Prescott to Cottonwood & Verde Valley. It is very rare that someone living in Prescott would drive to work in Cottonwood or Sedona and vice versa. While it is common for people living in Sedona to work in Flagstaff. So it makes more sense that Sedona, Cottonwood & Verde Valley be combined with Flagstaff and they are a separate COI from the Prescott Quad Cities area.</p> <p>I strongly request that the commissioners NOT combine these 2 COI into one and NOT to make only one rural congressional district. The area and population is large enough for 2 congressional districts.</p> <p>Respectfully, Eric Day</p>
10/18/2021 14:17:27	October 18, 2021	Item 7 - Draft Map Discussion	Christy Magers	86315	Self	<p>I am opposed to changing the district map to include any area from Flagstaff with the Verde Valley as Verde Valley is much more culturally and physically close to the Prescott area. We are ranchers and love our country lifestyle. Flagstaff is a college town and has a much more diverse population than does Yavapai County. Keep the maps coordinated with current county boundaries as much as possible. Thank you.</p>

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10/18/2021 14:19:48	October 18, 2021	Congressional Districts	Rita Day	86301	Myself	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>The Verde Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff should be separate from the rest of Yavapai County for the following reasons:</p> <p>They are separated geographically, economically, agriculturally, and socially by the virtue of the Mingus Mountains. There is even a separate county administration building in Cottonwood where the County Supervisor from that area, District 3, has her office. They also have their own newspaper, radio station, etc. They also have their own separate Hospital and Healthcare systems.</p> <p>There are 2 separate Communities of Interest (COI): Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff versus Prescott Quad City Area. These 2 COI are distinct from each other and should NOT be included as one!!!</p> <p>Please listen to the residents of these areas who want these 2 COI to be separated from each other.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Rita Day</p>
10/18/2021 14:21:14	October 18, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	<p>A highway is not one of the items mentioned in Prop 106 14.F - Do not use a highway to divide Flagstaff. Staff is "packing" and ignoring communities of interest while disguising it as population balancing. Use LD0023 as a starting point for Districts 6 and 7.</p>
10/18/2021 14:29:59	October 18, 2021	N/A	Matthew Capalby	86001	Self	<p>I'm gravely concerned and fervently disagree with Commissioner Mehl's statement that rural Arizona should only have one congressional district and "that would be good for Arizona". Diminishing rural Arizona's voice and representation would be a tremendous disservice to the citizens of Arizona that reside outside of our State's two metropolitan areas. It's just wrong.</p>

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10/18/2021 14:34:27	October 18, 2021	VII A) Legislative District Map	Deborah Soltesz	86004	self	<p>Greater effort must be made to keep the City of Flagstaff and its surrounding communities whole within LD6. Map 3.0 does the best job of this, but there are still odd meandering fingers plucking individual city streets into LD7 (particularly along W. Old Rt. 66 on the west side of Flagstaff). It is critical to keep Flagstaff together as a single community of interest and not sever small areas of the city and surrounding neighborhoods into another LD.</p> <p>The people living in these areas work, shop, get medical care, and pay sales taxes in the City of Flagstaff. Putting them in an LD that does not include the city they depend on for their livelihoods silences their voices, giving them legislators for whom they will be a miniscule and easily ignored constituency, and preventing them from participating effectively in lawmaking that impacts Flagstaff and the surrounding area. There must be a line that can be moved elsewhere to prevent this bizarre micro-gerrymandering that threatens to isolate our neighbors.</p> <p>Maps 3.1 and 3.2 that cut off our neighbors south of I-40 are also unacceptable for the same reasons. These are members of the Flagstaff community who should have a voice in the LD containing Flagstaff. Flagstaff is a sizeable city, but not so big it should be split, and the outer limits of the Flagstaff community should certainly not be shaved off denying those people adequate representation.</p> <p>I strongly approve of Flagstaff and Winslow being included in the same LD as the northern and eastern tribes. As a border town, Flagstaff has strong economic, historic, and cultural ties to Navajo, Hopi, and other area tribes.</p>
10/18/2021 14:36:58	October 18, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	<p>Commissioner Mehl continues to express deference to people who showed up and expressed strong feelings about be with (or not) other people contiguous to them. This is not a popularity contest. Commissioners should be listening to WHY people want to be with other areas and if those reasons match the criteria of Prop 106 they should be given weight and if they DO NOT match those criteria, they should be ignored.</p>

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10/18/2021 14:54:46	October 18, 2021	Congressional Districts	Rita Day	86301	Myself	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>The AZ IRC is has been discussing rural areas and whether AZ should have 1 or 2 rural congressional districts. It would be disastrous to have only ONE as it would result in the entire Northern half of the state combined into only one congressional district. This would combine CD 1 & CD4 into One Congressional District.</p> <p>There are distinct and separate communities of interest (COI) that would be combined into ONE. These 2 distinct communities of interest have different and conflicting interests; they should remain as separate, so their interests aren't diluted.</p> <p>The 2 distinct communities of interest are Flagstaff, Sedona, Verde Valley & Cottonwood versus the Prescott Quad City area (including Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, & Dewey Humbolt). These 2 COI are physically separated by Mingus Mountain. It is a steep, windy road that must be navigated between these 2 COI.</p> <p>It is very common for people living in Sedona or Cottonwood to be working in Flagstaff. It is NOT very common for people in Cottonwood or Sedona to be working in Prescott. So this further supports having 2 separate COI with Flagstaff, Sedona, Cottonwood & Verde Valley and one COI & Prescott/quad city area as a separate and distinct COI.</p> <p>Another significant concern about having only one rural area in Northern Arizona is the fact that there has been rapid population growth in Northern Az. Putting these rural areas into ONE congressional district will result in this one district quickly having population too large while this won't be able to be fixed for another 10 years, when Redistricting happens again.</p> <p>So I respectfully request the commissioners to NOT make only one rural district in Northern AZ and to Keep Sedona, Cottonwood, Verde Valley and Flagstaff separate from Prescott-Quad City area for congressional districts.</p> <p>Respectfully, Rita Day</p>
10/18/2021 15:06:26	October 18, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>The proposed LD v3.2 fails to split the city of Yuma and Yuma County as was strongly supported by the people who gave testimony during the Listening Tour.</p> <p>Their rationale was that it gave the region a stronger voice in the legislature and encouraged their representatives to work together to promote the interests of their community as well as encouraging voter engagement in both their government and their elections. By including the entire city of Yuma in the proposed LD23, all of those important civic goals will be disregarded by the commission.</p> <p>It seems odd that the commission would be so careful to honor the wishes of proponents of a Community of Interest based on keeping a school district intact but would disregard the well-considered and justified requests of the people who want to see their community split.</p> <p>Please make sure the city of Yuma is split, as requested.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>

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10/18/2021 15:11:41	October 18, 2021	Legislative Draft Maps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	muself	<p>Problems with LD 3.2: Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains, which is a major geographical boundary. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns. It should be wholly in one Pima County LD. Version 3.2 has it split at Lambert LN, which is the center of the town. Oro Valley's larger community of interest is Casa Adobes and the Catalina foothills.</p>
10/18/2021 15:22:16	October 18, 2021	VII B	Brian Bickel	85718	Self	<p>In comparing CD Test Map 3.4 to 3.5 there appears to be a blatant attempt to gerrymander the district by snaking up through Pinal County to capture most of Maricopa City. There is a nominal change in population from 3.4 to 3.5 but a huge geographical change. The best maps you've produced so far are CD1.1 and LD1.0, quit while you're ahead!</p>
10/18/2021 15:25:56	October 18, 2021	Verde Valley	Dwight Kadar	86351	Myself	<p>The Verde Valley, including Sedona, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, and Clarkdale, align closely as "communities of interest" with Prescott, the Yavapai County seat. The Yavapai College Sedona Center is located in West Sedona, the Yavapai County Sheriff has an office in the Village of Oak Creek, the Yavapai County District Three Supervisor lives in the Village of Oak Creek, and the Yavapai County Jail is located in Camp Verde. The vast majority of the Verde Valley's property taxes are paid to Yavapai County. Counties should be kept together wherever possible. Verde Valley taxpayers should not be aligned with Coconino County that will not provide for our needs. For Verde Valley residents to have a voice with our elected officials, all of Yavapai County must be in a one single Congressional District and one single Legislative District in the final maps.</p>