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10/19/2021 8:19:19	October 19, 2021	Northern Arizona districts	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	<p>Commissioners, Regarding Northern Arizona districts: You have taken current LDs that were R, B and Competitive and turned them into R, R, and Packed Blue. In your IRC CD4.0 you have taken CDs that were Red and Purple and turned them into Red and Red. You have diluted the voting power of the Navajo/Hopi Nations and their regional sister tribes. I trust who have set aside the CD3.5 version as indefensible, but CD4.0 needs work also.</p> <p>The antithesis of Fair and Competitive Districts are point spreads of 30, 40 and 50 percent, Where these exist, you can see this is evidence of needing to do a better job balancing the representation of this state. This is starting to feel orchestrated by a certain Commissioner who is dominating the discussion.</p> <p>Please modify these districts. Go back to IRC LD2.0. Put Verde Valley in with Flagstaff as you've been asked countless times so our region has a hope of good candidates and competitive contests. Put Central Yavapai County in with Mohave County and Wickenburg where there are like minds. Let the Verde Valley have its space to not be dominated by Prescott.</p> <p>Regarding CD drawing for No AZ, go back and look at citizen inputs such as CD0001 and CD0025. We want competitive and balanced districts. We do not want a safe, wildly controversial incumbent to dominate over 1/3 of AZ land mass. This is wrong. You are picking winners and losers here and you have to know this.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
10/19/2021 8:20:33	October 19, 2021	LD Test Maps v 4.0 & 4.1	Andrew Flach	85749	Self	As someone who lives in Tanque Verde (aka 85749), I hate the way LD Test Maps v4.0 & 4.1 split Tanque Verde off from the rest of metro Tucson and put us in a safe Republican District 19 covering SE Arizona. I want to be in a Legislative District that is connected to other parts of metro Tucson and a district that is competitive.
10/19/2021 8:24:06	October 19, 2021	Public Comments	M. .E. Dunn	86303		Good morning. I hope before the end of today's sessions we will hear from the ED with dates, times, and location for the public hearings on Draft Maps. The public needs some lead time to arrange schedules and perhaps transport. Much appreciated.
10/19/2021 8:31:15	October 19, 2021	Legislative District Map	Alison Hughes	85719	Self	Geographic area in LD map should encompass geographic area that includes south of River Road, north of Speedway, east of 1st Avenue, and West of Country Club Road.
10/19/2021 8:32:12	October 19, 2021	4.1?	Trey Terry	85395	myself	<p>I just wanted to draw your attention to the Southwest Valley on the legislative map. My name is Trey Terry and I serve as a governing board member on the Agua Fria Union High School District. This school district is over 70 years old, but also contains many of the highest-growth areas in the state, and even the entire country. Our eastern boundary is the Agua Fria River and our southern boundary is the Gila River. Our district's western boundary is roughly the White Tank Mountains and we go north to Northern Avenue. In the redistricting cycle ten years ago, we got chopped up into 4 different legislative districts. As we are a solid, long-standing community of interest, I'm hopeful that this commission will keep the southwest valley, and potentially the Agua Fria Union High School District, unified.</p> <p>Please do not put us with Yuma. Yuma is its own community of interest that has nothing in common (issues wise) with suburban Maricopa County. Our current Yuma representatives almost NEVER visit our southwest valley communities, as they live almost 3 hours away. We are a suburban, Maricopa County community. We are not a rural community. Hopefully this time, we will get a legislative map that reflects that. Thank you.</p>



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10/19/2021 8:32:48	October 19, 2021	LD test maps v 4.0 and 4.1	Gail Block	85749		LD test maps v 4.0 and 4.1 split Tanque Verde from the rest of metro Tucson. As a resident of Tanque Verde for the past 25 years I can assure you that we are very much a part of metro Tucson (rather than part of district 19 which includes SE Arizona). Myself, my children and the vast majority of my neighbors work, shop, attend school and religious services, and socialize in metro Tucson.
10/19/2021 8:36:58	October 19, 2021	VII , A	Jana Lynn Granillo	85282	Self	<p>This is a request to keep the City of Tempe together in a legislative district.</p> <p>I noticed in the meeting previous, that, communities of interest were paid attention to areas such as Flagstaff, Paradise Valley, and others.</p> <p>I would also like for the City of Tempe to be considered as a community of interest.</p> <p>The city is innovative as a whole and should not be divided.</p> <p>I understand from yesterday's meeting to keep Kyrene school district within a legislative district. Given the pop numbers I think Kyrene can be incorporated into a city centric district.</p> <p>Also of great importance is competitiveness. There is a lot more work to be done in this area.</p>
10/19/2021 8:43:21	October 19, 2021	redistricting	Judith Reisman	85737	self	How can it be that a small city in Pima County, i.e. Oro Valley, might get sliced and diced into pieces that land in two different counties? If this is not gerrymandering, I sure do not know what else it could be. Oro Valley IS in Pima County, so should not have all or part of its voters shunted to another county! Who ever thought this one up obviously has ulterior interests at heart and not our democracy!
10/19/2021 8:44:06	October 19, 2021	Input on current maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	The current Version 4.x CD maps are clearly not fair maps. They take the current 5-4 Democratic delegation, and shift to a likely 5-4 Republican delegation, or in the case of Map 4.2, a 6-3 Republican delegation. These maps are the product of creatively packing overwhelming numbers of Democrats in a few districts to minimize the number of potential democratic districts. For a state that just voted for Democrat Presidential and Senate candidates, that is not a proper representation of this state.
10/19/2021 8:48:48	October 19, 2021	Report on polarized voting and legal team analysis	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	From the perspective of a frequent attendee: I have to say I am bewildered by the repeated use of executive session to consult with the legal teams regarding the Voting Rights Act analysis and its applicability to the decisions you are making on maps. You've done a great job of soliciting and acknowledging information from experts on racially polarized voting patterns - both what it is in general, and how it has (or has not) operated in many Arizona counties in the recent past. And I truly appreciate how virtually all of the commissioners have acknowledged the importance of ensuring that Arizona's minority communities have the ability to elect candidates of their choice. Thank you in particular for affording so much time over these last couple of working (deliberative) sessions to ensuring that the maps from the Latino Coalition are thoughtfully considered. The continued use of executive session whenever the topic of the racially polarized voting report comes up is really inexplicable given what you all have done so far; so I hope there won't be much further delay in letting the public know what is in that report and how you will be using it.
10/19/2021 8:52:52	October 19, 2021	Public input on Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	Regarding the 4.x CD maps, I am finding that my neighborhood (Broadmoor) has been moved from District 6 to District 7. My neighborhood identifies with, and shares issues much more in common with the eastern residential suburbs of Tucson, as opposed to the University, downtown, and all points west. My community of interest is aligned with what's in District 6 now, and we should be part of that district.



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10/19/2021 8:56:23	October 19, 2021	Public Comment	Vivian Perry	86329-0595	citizen	I am a resident of Mayer in Bug precinct which extends from Mayer to Cordes Junction. We access all of our shopping, medical, educational, and entertainment activities in Prescott and Prescott Valley (part of the quad cities). We are a part of this cohesive unit. We have very little contact with Yavapai County residents who live on the other side of the Mingus Mountains which constitute a 'great divide.'
10/19/2021 9:03:22	October 19, 2021	VII - Draft Map Revisions	Arlene Rheinfelder	86333	self	In the proposed LD Map, both Mayer Unified School District and Humboldt Unified School District are divided between LD 5 and 7. There are 135 people in the Mayer Unified School District that were split off into LD 7. This is small enough where it has no impact on either LD. The school district boundary should be followed and the Mayer Unified School District kept intact. Likewise, there are roughly 2730 folks in the Humboldt Unified School District that were split off into LD 7. Keeping both Humboldt and Mayer School Districts intact is still within the 5% allowable deviation.
10/19/2021 9:06:24	October 19, 2021	VII. A & B	Christine Emery	85614	Self	<p>I have viewed the CD Draft Map Version 3.5. My area of Quail Creek which is outside Green Valley/Sahuarita, is being placed with Yuma County, Santa Cruz County, part of Maricopa County, part of Pinal County, and part of Pima County. We have very little in common with these areas and have different needs. Representation would be extremely difficult because each of these counties and areas have different needs. Maricopa County is quite large in population thus our area will be dominated by that county plus Tucson.. The 3.5 version of CD7 is counter to the number one goal of the IRC, "Communities of Interest." Please place us in District 6 with Vail and Sierra Vista. Move more of Tucson into CD7.</p> <p>Regarding LD Draft Map Version 3.2, our area of Green Valley, Sahuarita and Quail Creek would be better served by being placed in District 19. We are currently being placed in LD21 which not a fit for us. We are a community of retired professionals, military and commuter families. You have placed us with southern Tucson which has a much different culture and primary language than our area. The needs are much different in each of these communities thus representation would be extremely difficult, communities would be underserved. Our community has much more in common with Coronado de Tucson, Vail and Sierra Vista which also consists of retired professionals, military and commuter families. We do not belong with the City of Tucson, with big city needs. We have rural and small town needs that will not be answered by being dominated by the large population of Tucson. We will not be able to compete in a LD21 but can in LD19.</p>
10/19/2021 9:12:57	October 19, 2021	Public comment	Wesley Crew	85737	ACE	If there is still a YouTube Live link for the public to watch the Tuesday morning business meetings, it should be put in the agenda with the other forms such as the webex and join by phone options.
10/19/2021 9:13:30	October 19, 2021	Congressional	Mark Knecht	85718	Self	CD 4.0 is the most competitive of the 3 maps.
10/19/2021 9:19:56	October 19, 2021	your audio	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	your audio has dropped substantially about 10 minutes ago



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10/19/2021 9:21:08	October 19, 2021	Map for CD 6	Katta Mapes	85741	Current CD 9	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am extremely concerned about the map for CD 6. When we testified earlier in the process we were told that the CDs would be assigned according to communities of interest. However, the proposed map includes part of Maricopa county. The other counties, especially Pima county have no common interest with any location in Maricopa county. I live in Pima county and kindly and assertively request that you keep CD 6 south of Maricopa county in order to maintain the integrity of the communities of interest in Southern Arizona.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Kathleen Mapes</p>
10/19/2021 9:21:17	October 19, 2021	Redistricting System	Betty Bengtson	85718	League of Women Voters of Greater Tucson	<p>On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona, thank you for the improvements to the Redistricting System. It appears to be easier to use and more informative than previous versions. The added public training and tutorials also are very helpful. We look forward to further improvements. These steps are important for effective public participation in the process and for transparency. Concerns do remain about how Arizonans who don't have good internet connections or easy access to technology can participate equally in redistricting. The League would like to hear more about your efforts to reach out to all communities in the state. Thank you again for your work on behalf of the people of Arizona.</p>
10/19/2021 9:22:44	October 19, 2021	CD review	M.E. Dunn	86303		<p>This is a very unfortunate way to handle these discussions. Com Mehl speaks loudly, speaks forcefully and then goes on to Move to approve what HE wants w/out any other opinions. Find that approach questionable. Others should have been heard. He is right, he has been consistent in what he has been pushing but, to this day, at least to some of us in the public, it is very unclear as to why he is pushing a certain position. We will have a very contentious path to the draft maps if this is how these re-draws are handled every time and that has been the case for the last two days. And, Chair Neuberger, it would be good if you waited until you heard more before you expressed your own opinion as it is quite obvious that you are - and going to be - the deciding vote on so much of this. Accepting a map because it can then be tweaked misses the mark.</p>
10/19/2021 9:27:31	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Erin Garci		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	<p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>
10/19/2021 9:28:23	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Julie Regina Gunnigle		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	<p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>
10/19/2021 9:29:20	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Ana Armenta		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	<p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>
10/19/2021 9:30:19	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	April Figueroa		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	<p>I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.</p>



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10/19/2021 9:31:20	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Isabel Chavez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:32:47	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Karina Rocha		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:33:44	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Christine Hawkins		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:34:36	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Steven Slugocki		Former Chair Maricopa County Democrats	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:35:41	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Maria Gomez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:35:48	October 19, 2021	CDs	María-Elena Dunn	86303		A request: Understand that ES are that and that discussions between client and lawyer are privileged. However, since the discussion is about a very public matter, the VRA, it would be welcomed if after these sessions, the public was given a better sense of what the guidance was. That would go a long way in allowing the public to understand some of what may appear to be suspect map choices. Please consider this. Thank you.
10/19/2021 9:36:47	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Ginger Torres		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:37:39	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Alfredo E Duran		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:38:26	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Victor Garcia		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:39:21	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Anaiis Ballesteros		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:40:07	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Gabriela Cardenas		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.



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10/19/2021 9:40:14	October 19, 2021	Maps	Sally Harvey	85032	Myself	Competitiveness should have equal weight as other factors! Competitive districts produce representatives who are responsive to their constituents.
10/19/2021 9:41:01	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Marcelino Quiñonez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:41:50	October 19, 2021	Support LD Maps	Jamaar Williams		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 9:43:48	October 19, 2021	CDs	M. E. Dunn	86303		Chair Neuberg et al - Very, very disappointed in how this is moving. Choosing map iterations, a priori stating that they will be changed to move more in the direction of a map that is already a proposed map before you, seems like a backward way to move this effort forward. Even tho we all know that this is a work in progress, it becomes more so if ALL commissioners do not start focusing on some of the factors (as Com Lerner seems to do) which need to be incorporated/balanced into these draft maps. You will not reach your aspirational date for these if we keep on going this way. Yes, Comm Mehl, there will be ample opportunity later but it would be great if you started with a better product. Thank you.
10/19/2021 9:45:53	October 19, 2021	District 6 & 7	Mark Knecht	85718	Self	<p>Commissioner Mehl is always arguing to pack Democrats into District 7 and to make District 6 more and more Republican. Please work to balance competitiveness. Commissioner Lerner's comments about moving the boundry west moves to balance the competitiveness.</p> <p>Do not fall prey to Commissioner Mehl's comments about the current maps not mattering because 'later' the public can make comments. What you set now will only be argued more intently later.</p>



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10/19/2021 9:48:57	October 19, 2021	Executive session for VRA	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>The commission went into executive session to get information about their obligations with respect to the Voting Rights Act. When they came back from it, there was no information provided to the public about what was learned in that meeting.</p> <p>How the commission acts in order to comply with the VRA is a matter of public interest. The obligations the commission has under it must be just as clearly understood by the public as they are by the commission. What reason is there for withholding this information from us? Is there some legal basis for keeping this hidden?</p> <p>The public is paying for the services of two sets of counsel for this commission, and yet we are never privy to the legal advice being provided. The public doesn't get the benefit of this counsel if we are unable to know what they have told the commission.</p> <p>Even if the commissioners may have questions that are appropriately handled in executive session, there is no reason (or excuse) for failing to provide at the very least a summary (not a glossing over) of what was discussed, what the main points were, and what the commission learned.</p> <p>Without such a summary, the public's expectation of how the commission should behave will not match what the commission's understanding of how they must fulfill their role. They will act in ways that the public doesn't expect and doesn't understand. That will only undermine the public confidence that is so crucial to accepting the maps drawn by the commission as fair and responsive to their needs.</p> <p>Please, whenever you go into executive session, provide a meaningful summary of what was learned or accomplished during it.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
10/19/2021 9:58:00	October 19, 2021	Community of Interest	Christine Dayton	85737	Oro Valley Community	<p>The IRC should respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley should not be split into different LDs. Oro Valley is in Pima County and does not want to be included in Pinal County. Oro Valley has shared history, economies and environmental concerns with Pima County. Oro Valley should be with Casas Adobe, Foothills in PIMA County.</p>
10/19/2021 10:13:57	October 19, 2021	CD 4.2	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	<p>Chair Neuberg's comment "Communities of Interest transcending county lines" is exactly what we are asking for with the Verde Valley. What the heck is the problem with moderating and balancing when the overall affect is a better state of Arizona and better state function and representation?</p> <p>Did your Exec Session legal advice give you license to not promote a fair and truly Competitive District 2? The Native lands are being given short shrift with your CD 4.2. To keep saying that these are not final is little comfort when you keep heading into split votes that take us further into Red weightings.</p> <p>Trying to understand why "future growth areas" should go into one district vs. another? You are kind of giving selected communities over others the opportunity to influence land use and financially benefit from new development. Can you please explain better your rationalization? Thank you.</p>



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10/19/2021 10:15:11	October 19, 2021	District 6 in Version 4.2	Peggy Pena	85643	Self	I strongly object to District 6 as seen in Version 4.2. I live in Cochise County and object to being put in a district that includes 6 counties. It appears to be done just for numerical purposes and has nothing to do with our community of interest. Just because some of the areas are rural does not mean they have the same community of interest as Cochise County. It is ridiculous to divide up La Paz county that has its own community of interest and is more tired with the border areas to the west. Also including the Eloy area with our county is strange because of their connection with Maricopa county. It would be better to include the rural area on the west and north sides of Tucson including parts of Pinal County.
10/19/2021 10:17:27	October 19, 2021	aubrey.sonderegger@gmail.com	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Native American communities deserve to have strong representation. We have a very large population to the east of Mingus Mountain that does not share interest with the Prescott Valley. Water management and tourism economies are also distinctly different. Thank you for recognizing the importance of rural Arizona and that its residents deserve two representatives in Congress. In interests of rural Arizonans along the Colorado River are distinctly different from the forested areas of eastern Arizona.
10/19/2021 10:18:53	October 19, 2021	Draft maps	María-Elena Dunn	86303	And Independent voice	KUDOS. Having just seen what happened in TX, I am very glad to live in a state which has an Independent Redistricting Commission. Let's make sure that, as you go forth, you keep in mind that your mandate is to ensure that the final product is reflective of what is best for ALL of Arizona, providing fair and competitive maps, which incorporate all legal requirements. I, for one, am a follower of these sessions because I am passionate about seeing an AZ, at both the federal and state level, which is evenly representative of its diverse population. Political party affiliation should be a very far in the recesses of the process consideration. Let's be proud of creating a set of maps which will serve us well - and fairly - for the next 10 years! Thank you
10/19/2021 10:20:03	October 19, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	I have run planscore on the two LD plans that the Commission will be considering. Summary stats: LD4.0: Partisan bias, .1%R; Efficiency gap, .9%D LD4.1: Partisan bias, .2%R; Efficiency gap, .8%D In contrast to the previous: LD3.2: Partisan bias, 3.0R%; Efficiency gap, 1.2%R Also, according to the Timmons/IRC measures and criteria for competitive ranges: LD4.0: 3C, 14D, 13R LD4.1: 3C, 14D, 13R In contrast to the previous: LD3.2: 6C, 12D, 12R So, overall, closer to "fair" in terms of Dem/Rep split overall, but diminishing competitiveness. Only 3 competitive LDs out of 30? As a practical matter for the future, this will lead to an even more toxic political landscape in the future - I would hope that there would be more LDs where there can be an actual contest of ideas between candidates from different parties.
10/19/2021 10:21:50	October 19, 2021	CDs	M.E. Dunn	86303	A voice from Prescott	Com Lerner et al. For the record, despite the fact that the Prescott QuadCity area has been lumped with the Colorado River communities, it is not an association which we want to continue. We definitely have more in common w/ communities E, SE and S than with those out West. Please drop this idea. Thank you.



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10/19/2021 10:29:49	October 19, 2021	LD draft map 4.1	Jean Meconi	85737	myself	The IRC Legislative District draft map 4.1 doesn't meet all my expectations for an Oro Valley LD, but it certainly comes close. Oro Valley isn't split which respects our community of interest. Oro Valley is in a Pima County LD which respects political boundaries. Oro Valley is in a LD with northern Pima County which includes Casas Adobes which mirrors our community's demographics, economy, urbanization and shared interests. Additionally, this LD draft map appears politically competitive with Republicans having a slight advantage but with no apparent packing & cracking of any political party.
10/19/2021 10:37:00	October 19, 2021	Draft Maps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	Leg map 4.1 has put Oro Valley in a district with it's Community of interest, Marana and Casa Adobes. It has solved several other problems. 1. The district doesn't cross over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The district doesn't cross county lines. 3. The Town of Oro Valley is not split between different LDs. I ask the Commission to adopt LD 4.1.
10/19/2021 10:58:03	October 19, 2021	Congressional and Leg. Maps	Anakanna Rodriguez	85716	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:00:26	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Christian Angeles	85719	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:02:25	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Mapss	Chrizo Tupengo	85298	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:03:01	October 19, 2021	Draft Maps	David Gilliem	85755	Myself	<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.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.
10/19/2021 11:04:44	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Derires Fieueos	85719	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.



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10/19/2021 11:06:18	October 19, 2021	Draft Maps	Jacqueline Gilliem	85755	Myself	<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.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.
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10/19/2021 11:08:01	October 19, 2021	Cd and LD Maps	maryjan.bancroft@gmail.com	85701	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:09:23	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Alicia Forrester	85705	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:10:46	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Jennifer Hedgcort	85712	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:11:53	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Sandy Ochoa	85710	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:12:19	October 19, 2021	test maps	Barbara Tellman	85705	self	I like the changes you made to LD 20, but there are precincts just north of San Xavier on the northeast corner that belong in LD 20. They are integral to the Tucson Area, not Yuma where you have placed them. Please move this square section of 4 precincts into LD 20 and out of LD 23.
10/19/2021 11:13:47	October 19, 2021	CD and LD Maps	Angie Robert	85719	AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/19/2021 11:18:31	October 19, 2021	LD maps	Barbara Tellman	85705	self	The changes made to the Flagstaff - Verde Valley area totally violate the concept of Community of Interest. This area should be kept together instead of being divided up into three different legislative districts. I see no justification for separating these communities that have strong commercial ties. Sedona, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Williams, and Flagstaff belong in one LD.



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10/19/2021 11:28:49	October 19, 2021	Map discussions	David Dunn	86303	A "registered" Independent	Good day, commissioners. In listening in yesterday and today I have an observation to make. My understanding is that the IRC is to consider many variables (by law) when proposing new maps. In that process, as in any other involving individuals looking at the issues before them from different perspectives, one would expect a certain level of collegiality and a desire to listen to each others' viewpoints. I am sorry to say that I have not observed that as much as I would have liked. Com Mehl has argued forcibly his point of view, and without even taking a breath or allowing his colleagues to opine, he goes on to move to force his (or, as he clarified, the map he prefers) map to a vote. He could be concerned about moving through these quickly and they are indeed draft maps, but it appears like a railroading of the process rather than a fair and open discussion among equals. Chair Neuberg, please address this with the Commissioners. The optics, and even the substance, are not good. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.
10/19/2021 11:37:27	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Separating the City of Flagstaff from its surrounding unincorporated populations is wrong. These relatively dense rural areas are essentially commuter suburbs of Flagstaff. This includes the Mountaineer and Kachina Village subdivisions as well as Bellemont and the areas north on Highways 89 and 180. It would also make sense from a Community of Interest standpoint to go north to include the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. There is little population between the Flagstaff suburbs and Grand Canyon Village but the communities are connected commercially, for healthcare, and by historical legislative district maps.
10/19/2021 11:49:32	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	The mappers could make LD7 more competitive AND more travelable by elected representatives (more compact) by moving the eastern border to the midpoint of Navajo County and moving the north to the Grand Canyon South Rim.
10/19/2021 11:53:14	October 19, 2021	Redistricting map changes	Kimberly Martin	86322	My family and neighbors	Good Afternoon! My name is Kimberly Martin. I'm renting in Camp Verde, while building in Rimrock. Both towns are impacted by the proposed redistricting maps. We need to be kept with the rest of Yavapai County to maintain our county and communities. My son attends college at a satellite YCC site, and has no affiliation with NAU. I'm getting older, when shopping I travel to Prescott, not Flagstaff. This time of year, snow and roads are a concern in Flagstaff. We enjoy the convenience of Sedona as part of our county, I frequently golf and go to the restaurants there. Flagstaff and Phoenix do NOT represent our communities. Please understand that keeping the district maps within the county is very important to residents. When my veteran neighbor is hospitalized, she goes to the Prescott VA hospital not Flagstaff. Thank you, Kimberly Martin



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10/19/2021 12:02:19	October 19, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	About competitiveness - yes, the exact ranges you choose were a bit arbitrary. But they aren't bad either. Within something like those gaps, general elections could really have the potential of providing a real contest of ideas, and making it more likely that politicians would have to pay attention to all of their constituents. VRA must be respected, but having the Latino community win in one CD by 50 points provides no greater influence for that community than if they won by 30 points. I strongly urge the Commissioners to take their own criteria for competitive ranges very seriously, not in a rigid way, but as a goal. Right now LD4.1 as it is would lead to reduced turnout in both R and D districts, at least for general elections. This is not good for democracy. Everyone should feel that their preferred candidate at least has a chance.
10/19/2021 12:04:45	October 19, 2021	VII	Barb Orcutt	86004	self and healthcare workers	I'm writing to address the line at the south of Flagstaff dividing D6 and D7. Northern Arizona Healthcare (the private healthcare corporation which has hospitals in Flagstaff and Verde Valley and healthcare clinics elsewhere) will have a new "Healthcare Village" on the westside of I-17 just north of where the line seems to run. This will be a new hospital and a variety of other medical services for the entire northern region. Please be careful to include this area in one LD. The suburbs of Kachina and Mountaineer really belong with the City of Flagstaff. Moving the line south to include them makes sense.
10/19/2021 12:17:45	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Madam Chair, you referred to paper maps received "from the public" in Show Low. Please recall that those maps were submitted by former (and would be) conservative Republican Senator Sylvia Allen who was defeated in the primary by someone living in Flagstaff. Former Senator Allen wants you to gerrymander the current Senator out of the district so that Allen can regain her seat. Also, when will those maps be posted on line for us to see?
10/19/2021 12:20:52	October 19, 2021	Redistricting	Nohl Rosen	85390	Myself	It's important for Wickenburg to be in the same district as Morristoryn, Wittmann and Congress. Please stop splitting us up. We should be in the same LD and CD. We're a western town known for roping, rodeo, etc. We need to be in a rural district. Right now you're proposed maps is splitting Wickenburg into 2 legislative and 2 congressional districts. This doesn't work for us. Wickenburg Ranch was annexed into the town limits several years ago. The commission needs to take a look at that and adjust the maps accordingly.
10/19/2021 12:32:58	October 19, 2021	Oro Valley should remain in Pima County	Anne Wheaton	85755	Anne Wheaton	Keep Oro Valley in a LD in Pima County
10/19/2021 12:47:36	October 19, 2021	Commissioner Mehl	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	I disagree with Commissioner Mehl's thinking that Apache County should be in the same congressional district as Mohave County or that Flagstaff should be in the same district as Kingman. I appreciate Commissioners Neuberg, Lerner, and Watchman for respecting and protecting our Communities of Interest here in northern Arizona.
10/19/2021 12:55:31	October 19, 2021	Mapping	Cathy Lee	85209	self	I agree with Chairman Neuberg's comment regarding making sure that even if some congressional districts might not afford some of us federal representation, you should make sure that you try the best you can to give us the opportunity to have our voices heard through the legislative districts. At this point in time that is not happening in the east valley. We will never feel our voices are being heard if the current configuration for D9, D10 & D15 are kept intact. Also it is very disappointing that Commissioner Mehl is so quick to want to approve certain versions. He obviously has his own agenda.
10/19/2021 13:34:00	October 19, 2021	mapping	Susan Bickel	85718	self	I would like to ask Chairwoman Neuberg to stop giving up her leadership role to Mr. Mehl. During the discussion this morning, the commission should have discussed the recently created CD4.0 and 4.1 maps prior to moving directly into approving CD4.2. Mehl's motion was clearly out of order.
10/19/2021 13:38:32	October 19, 2021	Maps	Karyn Riedell	86001	Myself	Flagstaff should not be separated from its commuter suburbs such as Bellemont, Kachina Village, and Mountaineer.



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10/19/2021 13:42:11	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Competitiveness WITHIN a district serves the purpose of making representatives response to their constituency.
10/19/2021 13:42:21	October 19, 2021	Mapping	Karyn Riedell	86001	Myself	Competitiveness should be of equal weight with the other 5 redistricting factors. It is imperative that every district be competitive and that districts can be won by either party.
10/19/2021 13:55:55	October 19, 2021	draft maps	Shanna leonard	85719	self	I note that the commission has turned off comments on the youtube stream. This served a useful purpose for constituents to communicate with each other on their thoughts during the process. Turning off comments serves to stifle conversations among the public. Please turn comments back on.
10/19/2021 13:59:16	October 19, 2021	7	Cathy Lee	85209	self	Although Com. Lerner is correct that AJ wanted to be a part of SanTan & QC, they did not want to be a part of Mesa. Totally different communities of interest. As part of LD16 which has incorporated Pinal & Maricopa, it is very apparent from our LD16 meetings that AJ does not want to be apart of East Mesa.
10/19/2021 14:08:54	October 19, 2021	VIIIA	Barbara rosenberg	85253	Self	Please put paradise Valley into Ld 4. I live in paradise valley and have been in LD 28 which includes areas to the west of PV. Ld 28 has been a competitive district and would like to keep PV in a competitive district.
10/19/2021 14:12:08	October 19, 2021	Redistricting in Yavapai County	Helen Abrahamson	86336	Myself, citizen in Sedona, AZ	As an almost ten year resident and citizen of Sedona (86336) I am writing to share my view that our Legislative District (LD6) needs to be kept united with that of Flagstaff as well as the rest of the Verde Valley. We are a rural area, and should not be grouped with any part of Maricopa County. The Mingus Mountains serve as a natural geographic barrier to Prescott, and our go-to location for medical care, shopping, etc. is Flagstaff, not Prescott. Furthermore, Sedona is in both Yavapai and Coconino Counties; as a small town it only makes sense for it to be in one legislative and congressional district. The communities of Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Clarkdale and Rimrock share workers, housing, education and tourism with us. These are the regions we identify with and it is important that we share governmental representation with all these areas. Thank you.
10/19/2021 14:29:10	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Commissioner Lerner, Winslow is a commuter town with healthcare connections to Flagstaff.
10/19/2021 14:34:37	October 19, 2021	Draftmaps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	Leg map 5.x again puts the northern Pima County communities of Oro Valley, Marana, and Casa Adobes into a district with a community in Pinal County, SaddleBrooke. The community of SaddleBrooke is a very different community than the northern Pima County communities. It is completely a high end retirement area with few people in the work force and very little diversity. It is such a different community than Oro Valley, Marana, and Casa Adobes that I ask the Commission to remove SaddleBrooke from this district.
10/19/2021 14:42:55	October 19, 2021	Map competitiveness	Mark Knecht	85718	Self	<p>In conversation today the commissioners seemed to state that they are viewing the current legislative map choice (LD 4.2 at the time I am writing this comment) as 'competitive'. When I look at the Demographics and Competitiveness PDF file associated with this map I see that of the 30 districts 14 voted 9/0 Democratic, 14 voted 9/0 Republican, and only 2 districts (1 & 17) voted for different parties in different elections. If I understand the table then as this map is currently drawn it would appear that only 2 districts will actually decide majority party. Is that what the IRC intends? Shouldn't we have more districts, say possibly 10 at a minimum, that vote both ways?</p> <p>Can the mapping team be directed to find 10 areas on the map containing roughly 243,00 people that don't always vote with a single party?</p> <p>Thanks you, Mark Knecht</p>



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10/19/2021 14:45:34	October 19, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	<p>Chair Neuberg noted a little while ago that partisan balance was not one of the 6 criteria. This is true. However, when the public sees states like Texas (with a significant imbalance toward Republicans) or Maryland (with a significant imbalance toward Democrats), that is the first sign that they take to indicate unfairness. So I think it is good if, in a state where some statewide elections go one way, some the other, we end up with an overall balance. But I agree that the specific related criterion that we need to care about is competitiveness. And at the moment the Legislative map (4.1) is very poor on this front.</p> <p>I am concerned that as we move along and see how hard it is to make significant changes (since every change ripples through much or all of the map), we may become stuck; and yet we are doing very poorly on one of the important criteria. It will take effort and give and take to improve this, but it is important.</p>
10/19/2021 14:45:58	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	<p>There is a piece of District 6 with a very odd shape jutting into Flagstaff from the west that is north of I-40 in the vicinity of Woody Mountain Road. What is the purpose of that strange configuration? The land that would otherwise be mapped in D7 is suspiciously near the Flagstaff trailer of State Senator Wendy Rogers of D6.</p>
10/19/2021 15:02:29	October 19, 2021	VII	Ann Heitland	86004	self	<p>You can accommodate some of the Navajo Nation AND also recognizing the COI requests to connect Grand Canyon south rim with Verde Valley through Flagstaff. Move D6 eastern line into Navajo County as the Navajo Nation requests; move the D6 line north to Grand Canyon. Those community of interest requests are valid under Prop 106. The requests of the white population in Eager and Show Low to be separated from the Navajo Nation are based on reasons (racism, desire to re-elect Sylvia Allen) that are not acceptable under Prop 106.</p>
10/19/2021 15:04:50	October 19, 2021	7	Tempest Shires	85248	Member of the public, living in Chandler	<p>I was very interested to see the proposed moving of the north east boundary of D13 on test map 4.1.</p> <p>I believe the consensus of the Commissioners was to balance the populations of D12 and D13 (12 being over and 13 being under) was to move the boundary to Arizona Av/the 87.</p> <p>However, I'm concerned that this then splits the Comstock, Gila and Jasper precincts.</p> <p>To make D13 more representative of the city of Chandler that I love to live in and to not split 3 existing precincts - MIGHT I SUGGEST MOVING THE BOUNDARY ONE MORE BLOCK WESTWARDS TO ALMA SCHOOL RD, to keep the precincts in tact and this does NOT impact Kyrene School District.</p>
10/19/2021 15:05:08	October 19, 2021	VII	Barb Orcutt	86004	self	<p>What's the point of voting to accept maps if you then go backwards?</p>



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10/19/2021 15:17:25	October 19, 2021	VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>Regarding Commissioner Neuberg's comment that she is not so much concerned with competitiveness, implying that it's enough to make sure there's a balance of districts controlled by each of the parties statewide...</p> <p>There is a huge difference between balancing the number of districts that are 'safe' for each of the political parties across the state and those that are competitive.</p> <p>In the case of the former, safe districts discourage public engagement in government and the elections and give the parties no incentive to put forth quality candidates who are responsive to the voters. A map composed solely of safe districts is one that will lead to poor governance and a government that is unresponsive to the needs of the people and unable to command their respect.</p> <p>Competitive districts, on the other hand, provide incentives to the parties to put forth the best candidates they can attract, those who can articulate policy proposals that address issues within the district and force them (and their record if they're an incumbent) to defend those during the campaign. Competitive districts also encourage citizen involvement in both government and elections. Both of those are - or should be - goals of the commission as they consider how the maps they draw satisfy the Competitiveness criteria in the constitution. A map composed of as many competitive districts as possible will have positive effects, producing a government that is more likely to be responsive to the needs of the people.</p> <p>The citizens who voted for an Independent Redistricting Commission understood this distinction. That's why they specified that the goal should be fair and competitive districts. There's no mention in the proposition or the constitution that balancing the number of safe districts between the political parties is an acceptable way to achieve these goals.</p> <p>If the goal of the commission is simply to make sure there is a statewide balance of the number of 'safe' districts that each political party controls, then they have betrayed the citizens of Arizona and violate the spirit of the proposition they passed back in 2000 and sections of the constitution that established the commission.</p> <p>Please pay attention to the competitiveness of EACH district you create so that the effect is positive for the people within that district as well as for all Arizonans.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
10/19/2021 15:28:18	October 19, 2021	LD test maps 4.1	Andrew Flach	85749	Self	<p>I live in Tanque Verde and I am disappointed that there was apparently no discussion about Tanque Verde (85749) being included in D19 instead of D17 or D18. Tanque Verde is part of the Tucson metro area, and appending it to D19 means that Tanque Verde residents are cut off from their community, and increases the number of Tucson metro LDs to 6. Please include Tanque Verde with D17 or D18 so that we can be part of Tucson metro district.</p>



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10/19/2021 15:42:35	October 19, 2021	Legislative district draft maps	shanna leonard	85719	self	<p>Commissioner Mehl repeatedly states as a foregone conclusion that Marana and Oro valley must be together. I disagree completely. His repetition of this does not make it true.</p> <p>As a lifetime resident of Pima county, I know the area. I worked in Oro valley have hiked for decades in Catalina state park, and have close friends In Oro valley and shop and dine throughout the Oracle road commercial area... To Tangerine road.</p> <p>This grouping of Marana and Oro Valley makes no sense. Oro valley is a 30 min drive and 18 miles from Marana. You cross I-10 and they have little in common.</p> <p>Oro valley is much closer in character to Casas Adobes and the Oracle foothills region, e.g. Suffolk hills (3 miles), or Shadow Roc and is joined to them by the Oracle road commerce area. As a Foothills area adjoining the Coronado National Forest, Oro valley is also closer in character and geographically to the entire Catalina Foothills. Oro valley is more tied to these areas and through them to the Tucson Mall shopping area .</p> <p>Thank-you for your consideration.</p>
10/19/2021 15:45:28	October 19, 2021	Draft Map discussion RE: LD17	Lee Nichols	85750	myself	<p>The preferred map for LD17 is the approved version 3.2. Please stick with it it represents many communities of interest spoken about during your first Tour.</p>
10/19/2021 15:57:47	October 19, 2021	7	Paula Feely	85286	self	<p>Hello! I am happy to see that you are balancing the populations of D12 and D13 better, but I have friends in Chandler precincts that would be split by moving the boundary in the northern part of D13. I would like to suggest that you move the boundary to Alma School instead of Arizona Avenue so that those precincts can remain intact. Hopefully this would keep the populations somewhat balanced as well. Thank you for your consideration.</p>