

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:07:40	October 26, 2021	Mapping	Lisa Krueger	86403	Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce	<p>Oct. 26, 2021 To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Re: Proposed Congressional District 9 Chairman Neuberg and Commissioners Watchman, Mehl, Lerner and York: I am a member of the Lake Havasu City business community and I respectfully submit these comments today in opposition of the proposed Congressional District 9.</p> <p>While our current congressional district isn't perfect, and includes portions of metropolitan Phoenix and Maricopa County, it primarily encompasses more rural geography. The proposed new district however, highly favors the populated areas of western Maricopa County.</p> <p>The proposed District 9 does include most of Arizona's west coast, which is appropriate; however, it dovetails into the west valley communities including Sun City West, Surprise, Luke Air Force Base, Goodyear and Buckeye, where at least 70 percent of the proposed district's population reside. This is clearly not representative of the 57,000 residents of Lake Havasu City, nor the residents of greater Mohave, La Paz and Yuma Counties. In a district with these demographics, the chances of representation from and for rural communities would be unlikely.</p> <p>Even the IRC's mapping consultant Doug Johnson wonders if it's appropriate, and was quoted saying: "Even though it looks like a rural district...it's actually a West Valley seat." (Today's News-Herald, Oct. 22, 2021)</p> <p>All Arizonans matter and all voices should have equal opportunities to be heard. We should not be punished with the potential of under-representation for choosing to live and work in "greater" Arizona. I urge you to reconsider the proposed alignment of Congressional District 9 in an effort that more fairly represents the rural voice of western Arizona.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisa J. Krueger, IOM, ACE, CTA President & CEO Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce</p>
10/26/2021 8:08:04	October 26, 2021	Legislative District Realignment	Martha Sowers	85718	LD9	<p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republican districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p>
10/26/2021 8:08:33	October 26, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Margaret Vaughn	85715	LD10	<p>The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson. Please continue to work on better redistricting maps!</p>
10/26/2021 8:08:34	October 26, 2021	District Maps	Robert Harley	86326	myself	<p>I don't think it is a very good decision to split up existing districts into 15 "evenly split" sections. This is like mixing oil and water, it won't mix! I live in the Verde Valley and think our district maps should follow county lines and Yavapai County is kept whole in its district. We live and shop in Yavapai County. It is not a good idea to split up areas and mix them in with areas that have different values and not much in common. The districts as they are would still be fine. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!</p>
10/26/2021 8:09:41	October 26, 2021	III. Public Comments	Richard Rutkowski	85268	Self	<p>I live in Fountain Hills. I shop in Scottsdale. I work in Scottsdale. I go to church in Scottsdale. I attend social events in Scottsdale, Rio Verde, & Fountain Hills. I have close friends and family in Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, & Rio Verde. I don't shop, work, or visit friends in Desert Ridge, Anthem, or north Phoenix. I think these characteristics are shared by many people in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, & Rio Verde and establish these municipalities as one community of interest. The borders of current District 23 are consistent with us being one cohesive community of interest. It preserves the entire city of Scottsdale in one Legislative District. The proposed new District 3 is geographically spread widely from east to west and would make effective representation of its residents much more difficult. It also groups areas which do not share the common factors which currently connect all of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, & Rio Verde together as a community. I believe that it is in the best interest of all involved to include & maintain all of Scottsdale, all of Fountain Hills, and all of Rio Verde in a single legislative district.</p>
10/26/2021 8:09:49	October 26, 2021	II, IV, V, VI - Last Minutes, Public Comments, Mapsp,	Maria-Elena Dunn	86303		<p>Let me tell you a story. I call it, "A Tale of Two C...ommissioners." Back in late April I somehow found the personal email (well, the work one) for one of the commissioners. At the time, I was foolish enough to think that members would be given IRC emails which would be known by the public. I wanted to reach out to give support for the efforts said commissioner was making to demand accountability, among other things. I received a very prompt response, graciously telling me that while input was most appreciated, all future communication should be done through official channels. Understood. I knew then that this was Ethics personified. Move forward a few months to last Thur, 21 Oct, and witness the most incredible juxtaposition. On that day, a commissioner receives a message on his personal cell, during an official meeting, from a special interest group (of which he had been a founding member, we later learn). Instead of ignoring it, afterwards telling the sender that the action was wholly inappropriate, the commissioner brings up the fact that the group had just posted a map and that the mapping contractor was to find it, bring it up on the screen for the IRC to immediately review. I was stupefied. The antithesis of what I had experienced in April. Those are the facts as I know them. But, what is even more concerning is, if this was done in "broad daylight," what is happening behind closed doors? And, this is an IRC that is looking to avoid litigation!?</p>
10/26/2021 8:09:58	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion	Marta MacBan	85331	Self	<p>I live in the Desert Ridge area and I shop in North Phoenix. Why would Fountain Hills and Rio Verde be in my district when they are not part of my community? Keep our districts as they are!</p>
10/26/2021 8:10:06	October 26, 2021	Please keep Scottsdale and Fountain Hills together. It doesn't make sense to split up communities that are separate suburbs. Scottsdale residents have nothing in common with Desert Ridge or all the way over to I-17. You should keep cities together. Thank you.	Christine Wilson	85260	myself – a resident of Scottsdale	<p>Please use logic in recreating the redistricting maps. They should keep cities together in the same district. Thank you.</p>
10/26/2021 8:10:10	October 26, 2021	Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17	Andrew Kish	85255		<p>I live in North Scottsdale, shop in North Scottsdale and work in N Scottsdale. I don't go to Desert Ridge or Anthem and they should not be in my district. It isn't right to split up Scottsdale into thirds and join it with other communities – Scottsdale is nationally known as a unique community and splitting it up this way will destroy its unique appeal.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:10:24	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	<p>The first criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act ("VRA").</p> <p>Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.</p>
10/26/2021 8:10:29	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	W Patry	85263	Self and neighbors	We vehemently oppose any redistricting changes that gerrymander.
10/26/2021 8:10:40	October 26, 2021	III. Opportunity for Public Comments	Liz Gildersleeve	85268		<p>I live, work, play and mostly shop in Fountain Hills. I strongly believe that Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17. Communities should be represented by people near to their areas. The new District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. Therefore, the changes you are considering would be especially unfair to residents as well as the representatives. My family hopes you will vote "no" to these redistricting changes. Thank you.</p>
10/26/2021 8:10:48	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Kristine Rodriguez	85260	My community of interest	<p>I live in the air park area of Scottsdale. I shop at the promenade, Scottsdale Quarter, and Kierland. I rarely go to desert ridge since it is so far west, but it's not out of the question. Yo attempt to include areas like desert ridge and as far west as the I-17 would be inappropriate. How can any one person represent all the different communities in such a wide district fairly. It certainly cannot be done.</p>
10/26/2021 8:11:09	October 26, 2021	District zoning	Alysia Smalling	85032		<p>It isn't right to split up Scottsdale into thirds and join it with other communities – Scottsdale is nationally known as a unique community and splitting it up this way will destroy its special flavor. I live in North Phoenix and shop, dine, and enjoy Scottsdale and North Phoenix.</p>
10/26/2021 8:11:12	October 26, 2021	Legislative boundaries in East Valley of Maricopa County	Darrell Covert	85225	Citizen	<p>My name is Darrell J. Covert. I'm a native of the Phoenix area, and 1 of 79 REALTOR EMERITUS out of 41,000 Realtors working in the East Valley. I am considered to be an expert in my field.</p> <p>When you help individuals and families find their next home you get to see the real people you're dealing with. You see what is important to them in their lives. I've help large corporations relocate their employees here from out of state for years and seen the transition of our Maricopa County.</p> <p>Seeing these Legislative and Congressional maps evolve over the last couple of months has me seriously wonder the motivations of those making the decisions of these maps. Do these consultants truly know the areas or just looking at generated numbers. This is much more than just "lines on a map." You are affecting 100 of thousands of lives.</p> <p>One case in point. The Ahwatukee/ Mountain Park Ranch/ Club West area, now part of LD 18, was largely populated by those moving out of California from 1993-1998. This area is more akin with the people that moved to North Scottsdale (Scottsdale Ranch) and surrounding areas that were affected by the same migration. Adding the Gila River Indian Reservation to this LD just causes racial divide. The people from this area have different family structures and attitudes from those families in the Town of Gilbert that have lived there for 5 generations. It is their heritage that connects them. To put them in the same LD would be an injustice to all groups. Instead of exasperating division, you should be making harmonious villages or towns that have the similar desires for the future of their families. Splitting the Town of Gilbert into 3 parts, and Scottsdale similarly is just wrong. Using minority make up as a priority only causes division. Remember what Martian Luther King said about measuring people not by their skin color.</p> <p>The eastern finger of the Version 7, LD 12 should be part of Gilbert, not part of the Ahwatukee area. If you drive through Main Street in Mesa on a Friday night and then the center of Gilbert, you will feel and see the difference right away. Both should be separated also and not glued together. What happened with the priority of keeping cities together?</p> <p>I hope you will take this advice to heart and make proper decisions based on what is good for that communities, instead of dividing it for political purposes.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Darrell J. Covert, CRS, CLHMS, SFR, e-Pro REALTOR EMERITUS Associate Broker Realty Executives</p>
10/26/2021 8:11:27	October 26, 2021	redistricting	kate brandon	86336	me	<p>I am saddened that you are trying to redistrict for political reasons. I am so tired of all the political games being played! I live in Sedona, go to church in Sedona, hike in Sedona and do most of my shopping in Sedona. When I need to shop in a bigger city I go to Prescott or Phoenix.</p>
10/26/2021 8:11:27	October 26, 2021	redistricting of fountain hills	Virginia deKat	85268	Fountain Hills residents	<p>Please consider not redistricting Fountain Hills into a western city. We are so close to Scottsdale and shop there and love our town. We do not ever go to Anthem and feel that this is a very unreasonable to redistrict us into another remote community.</p>
10/26/2021 8:11:35	October 26, 2021	LD draft map 8.0 version	Jean Meconi	85737	self	<p>I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8.0 version. There are so many blatant flaws with this version, that I don't believe it can be fixed. It is a highly partisan map that ignores the equal population requirements, compactness and the Equal Protection Clause. It especially doesn't take into consideration boundaries and communities of interest.</p> <p>I live, shop and play in Oro Valley and Tucson. This map doesn't reflect where I live and the larger communities I'm part of. In draft map LD 8.0, Oro Valley would be included in a sprawling legislative district that extends across distant Pima and Pinal County places and over two mountain ranges. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible.</p> <p>A large geographic district only makes sense for distant rural places with common interests and concerns. Oro Valley isn't rural. It is suburban-urban. Draft map LD 8.0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Our mean age is 54 years with a balance across age groups. We have thriving public schools, a robust economy and a variety of housing options including many apartment complexes. Tucson is our hub. Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse.</p> <p>The Arizona Constitution requires that both congressional and state legislative districts be "contiguous, geographically compact, and respect communities of interest—all to the extent practicable." The state constitution further mandates that district lines "should [follow] visible geographic features, city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts." In addition, the constitution requires that "competitive districts be favored where doing so would not significantly detract from the goals above."^[34]</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:11:45	October 26, 2021	Redistricting of Fountain Hills	Libby Settle	85268	Fountain Hills	I live in Fountain Hills and do most of my shopping in Fountain Hills. Occasionally I will go into Scottsdale; however, I would never make the trek to Anthem to do my shopping. My children go to the parks in Fountain Hills and school in Fountain Hills. We seldom go to Anthem. It takes us almost an hour to get there from our home. The city is vastly different from Fountain Hills. It sets along a very busy interstate and has vastly different needs than our sleepy town of Fountain Hills. We should be represented by people in our area and not a town that is an hour away with such vastly different needs.
10/26/2021 8:11:48	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Rebecca Darley	85268		I live, shop, & go to the restaurants in Fountain Hills, and go to our community events. I do not make the effort to travel to Desert Ridge, Anthem or Rio Verde for those things why would they be in my district when they are not part of my community? The new proposed District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. How could they possibly know the people & community in Fountain Hills? They couldn't. Each community should have their own representative as splitting it up this way will destroy it's special flavor. It isn't right to split up Scottsdale into thirds & join it with other communities. Scottsdale is known nationally as a unique community & splitting it up this way will destroy it's the things that make it special. Each community is very distinct and should be represented by people in & near to our area.
10/26/2021 8:11:55	October 26, 2021	VI. draft Map decision discussion	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	The second constitutional criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is Equal Population Commissioner Mehl is especially fond of this specific constitutional criterion but the SALC maps fail to meet it. Ironically, Commissioner Mehl mused in passing on the record that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%.
10/26/2021 8:12:12	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Gerry Friedel	85268	My town, myself, my neighbors	Please we strongly urge you to consider our Community of interest. We live in Fountain Hills, shop there and Scottsdale. We are not in Anthem or the I-17 area. Please keep our community of interest together. Thank You
10/26/2021 8:12:15	October 26, 2021	Redistricting.	Jennifer Kriwer	85268	Myself	Good morning. As a long time resident of Fountain Hills I worship, shop and dine in our town. At times shop and dine in Scottsdale. I do not travel to Desert Ridge or Anthem and therefore those areas should not be in my district. The proposed district 3 is too wide/big for effective representation. Scottsdale road or near there should be the border to the west. Thank you. Jennifer Kriwer.
10/26/2021 8:12:20	October 26, 2021	Draft map discussion	Priya Sundareshan	85719	self	The Chair has allowed Commissioner Mehl to ride roughshod over other Commissioners in the latest changes to the draft maps, and you must undo these changes and stop overly deferring to him in order for the IRC to regain its independence. Mehl's directed changes have particularly skewed the LD maps and created multiple imbalances in both population and competitiveness. Commissioner Mehl has had too much authority over the latest test map changes, which have incorporated the desires of his pet interest group SALC and his false assertion that Marana and Oro Valley must be kept together as a "community of interest" (they are no more a community of interest than any other neighborhood or suburb of Tucson is with each other). These changes have completely altered the southern Arizona region in ways contrary to the IRC's purposes, by 1) cracking Tucson into multiple districts that dilutes voting power, as well as 2) packing population into the Democratic-leaning districts while allowing the Republican-leaning LD17 to be thousands of people under the average district population, further diluting voting power of midtown Tucson. As a Tucsonian who grew up in the Catalina Foothills area, I do not appreciate the way Tucson's voting power has been minimized. The maps that existed before these changes were made were less offensive to the IRC's criteria (for example, test maps 4.1 or 6.1). Please consider reverting to these versions which are less unbalanced than later versions. Meanwhile, the IRC is required to follow the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. This is the only criterion that is non-negotiable, as every other criterion is to be followed "to the extent practicable." Yet the IRC has so far given short shrift to the input of the important VRA constituencies engaging in the mapping process. The IRC has not considered the maps submitted by the Latino Coalition or the Navajo Nation. And the IRC appears to have ignored the Latino Coalition's recommendation of creating an additional minority-majority district, despite the fact that Arizona's growth in the last decade has been driven by minority populations, especially the Latino population. The IRC must give appropriate consideration to these suggestions, especially when interest groups like the SALC have already had significant sway in the mapping process. Please incorporate the suggestions of the VRA constituencies into the maps. Should not lump Fountain Hills with Scottsdale. We live at 9117 E Los Gatos in Scottsdale. We seldom go or shop in Fountain Hills or at the I17 area. Scottsdale is distinct from those 2 areas. LD3 is too wide for any one rep to cover.
10/26/2021 8:12:26	October 26, 2021	OLD LD23 NEW LD3	Roger Strassburg	85255	Me	Should not lump Fountain Hills with Scottsdale. We live at 9117 E Los Gatos in Scottsdale. We seldom go or shop in Fountain Hills or at the I17 area. Scottsdale is distinct from those 2 areas. LD3 is too wide for any one rep to cover.
10/26/2021 8:12:28	October 26, 2021	maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	Arizona was previously held as the standard for independent redistricting. With map 8.0 Arizona will be reported nationally, along with the Fraudit, of the way a minority of far right people have manipulated a system that is meant to strengthen our democracy. Meanwhile, Commissioner Mehl will financially benefit. LD 17 does not meet any of the criteria set by the voters. It doesn't follow natural boundaries, it doesn't meet VRA standards, it isn't compact, it isn't competitive and it isn't even within the range of equal population that all the other maps were able to achieve.
10/26/2021 8:12:43	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Amber Watson	85054	Self	As a nurse I live, work and play in the young, family friendly Desert Ridge area. High Street is home with it catering to urban, vibrant, young professionals. North Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are known to be more elderly, quiet, retirement communities and in complete, stark contrast to Desert Ridge and North Phoenix. North Phoenix needs to be intact. The Representatives for each of these areas know their unique constituents and what each community needs; lumping areas with such contrasting cultures is not in our best interest.
10/26/2021 8:13:15	October 26, 2021	redistricting	Rosie Rodrigues	86336	myself	I am a resident of West Sedona. Keep all of Yavapai County in the same district ... do NOT gerrymander!
10/26/2021 8:13:22	October 26, 2021	Redistricting LD23	Jack Gramm	85268	Myself	It has come to my attention that a new proposed boundary will include places distant to Fountain Hills. For example, if the new line goes as far west as I-17 and as far north as Anthem, it seems to make no sense. My family and I never go to any events, shop or attend movies, etc. anywhere near those boundaries. Please reconsider these lines and try to make them somewhat concurrent with the present District boundaries. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:13:26	October 26, 2021	District 3 - comments	Susan Leeper	85260	myself	Scottsdale is a nationally known unique community. I have lived in Scottsdale since 1992 and dividing our city into 3 sections would destroy the cohesion of its residents, sharing common interests and issues, and destroy its special character. Your proposed District 3 is too big for any representative to be effective. The communities you have drawn into District 3 are distinct and should not be melded together. You tried split up Scottsdale 10 years ago, and now you are attempting to do it again. I urge you not to split up Scottsdale.
10/26/2021 8:13:38	October 26, 2021	Legislative Draft map	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	* I am asking you to reject the LD draft map 8.0 version. * Draft map LD 8.0 ignores natural boundaries by including two mountain ranges in LD17. This would make outreach to communities in this LD virtually impossible. * Draft map LD 8.0 ignores county boundaries by including a large chunk of distant places in Pinal County with distant places in Pima County. *Draft map LD 8.0 ignores Oro Valley's larger community of interest of Casas Adobes and Tucson. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. Tucson is our hub. * Oro Valley doesn't belong in a primarily rural homogeneous district. Oro Valley is urban-suburban and diverse. * LD maps should be competitive and representative. This version is neither. Six Democratic districts are packed (>99% win chance) while only one Republican district is comparably packed according to Planscore. * According to Planscore, a Democratic candidate would only have a 32% chance of winning a seat in LD 17 in draft map LD 8.0.
10/26/2021 8:13:42	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map discussion discussion	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	he third constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous. The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:13:44	October 26, 2021	VI.draft map decision discussion	Gail Block	85749		I have lived in Tanque Verde Valley for 25 years. Myself, my family and the vast majority of my neighbors work, socialize, volunteer, attend school or religious services and shop in Tucson. The SALC map places my community in District 17, which puts us with Marana and Oro Valley. This is preposterous! This proposed district is not compact and there is nothing that I know of that ties us to those communities. I have probably only driven through Oro Valley and Marana a handful of times in the past five years and have certainly not gone there to shop, work or attend religious services.
10/26/2021 8:14:02	October 26, 2021	Redistricting map	Lori Nitta	85262	Myself and my community	I am very unhappy with your plans for Scottsdale redistricting. Scottsdale should not be combined with areas of Phoenix that are very dissimilar. Our representation should represent similar communities. Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be combined with Desert Ridge and the I17! These areas are VERY VERY different. As a Scottsdale resident, I live, work, shop, attend church services, see doctors, etc. etc. in my local community. It is very rare that I go as far west as Desert Ridge and the I17 for any of my normal day-to-day activities. These are different communities and do not belong lumped together with our communities in northern Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. Please reconsider this misguided plan.
10/26/2021 8:14:10	October 26, 2021	Legislative District Realignment	Bradley Sowers	85718	LD9	District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. There is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon. The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.
10/26/2021 8:14:37	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Ashley Kish	85255	North Scottsdale	I live in North Scottsdale, I rarely ever go to Fountain Hills or Desert Ridge and I've never even been to Anthem. Why would these be in my district when they are no where near me? Scottsdale is a unique community and not like Fountain Hills or Desert Ridge. When you look at the map I think it makes the most sense to divide it by Scottsdale rd.
10/26/2021 8:14:55	October 26, 2021	maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	I share Commissioner Lerner's concerns about the inclusion of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council's proposed legislative districts. Those districts were submitted to the Commission late Wednesday, and there is no information on the process that SALC - a special interest group - used to draw them. I echo Commissioner Lerner's question: Did they consult the southern Arizona Latino communities when drafting these districts? This is a question that must be addressed.
10/26/2021 8:14:58	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Diane Niemann	85050	Myself	The proposed move is totally north of me- is not familiar to me. I go south or East to shop, go to church, for car service, to bank, to movies, parks. I want to be represented by a local community. The change to Congressional District 6 makes no common sense to me.
10/26/2021 8:15:11	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	The fourth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest. District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon. The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.
10/26/2021 8:15:13	October 26, 2021	Redistricting proposal	John Helms	85259	Myself as resident of Scottsdale	The proposal is a step backwards, and am dumbfounded to understand why you have put forward this proposal. I live and shop in Scottsdale, go to church in Scottsdale, have many friends in Scottsdale and want to be served by elected officials who will represent me and my area. There is no reason to break up Scottsdale and extend my district westward through Desert Ridge to I-17! We have different interests. I urge you to stop this nonsense!
10/26/2021 8:15:22	October 26, 2021	LD Draft Maps	Tyler Farnsworth	85296	LD12 / CD5	The current draft map has the new LD12/LD14 splitting at Val Vista Rd. This splits my current zip code. I live in the new LD12 area but work, shop, and go to church in the LD14 area. This is very odd to split it at Val Vista. I would recommend splitting at Gilbert Rd. and East of Gilbert Road should be a part of LD14 and South down to Williams Field Rd. For CD5 - The split is very odd. Should be the all South of the US60 West of Power. And all land East of Gilbert Road. This includes an important demographic for me and the current map splits our zip code and significant church groups and school groups.
10/26/2021 8:15:27	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Fred Kriwer	85268	Myself	Living in Fountain Hills for many years and keeping my business local or sometimes into Scottsdale. I do not travel to Desert Ridge or Anthem and therefore do not want to have a district covering those unrelated areas as proposed in district 3. The border to the west should be approximately at Scottsdale Road.
10/26/2021 8:15:41	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Trevor Johnson	85255	North Scottsdale	I live in North Scottsdale. Everybody knows that Scottsdale has a unique community. I go to church in Scottsdale, go to work in Scottsdale, and study in Scottsdale. My community has virtually nothing in common with North Phoenix and should absolutely not be connected to Desert Ridge or I-17. They are not part of our community. Divide us up on Scottsdale Road, like it correctly does today.
10/26/2021 8:16:01	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Eric Rodriguez	85260	My community of interest	I live in the air park area of Scottsdale. Our family shops at the promenade, Scottsdale Quarter, and Kierland. On rare occasions we will go as far west as Desert Ridge shopping center. To include the desert ridge area and as far west as the I 17 in our district would be inappropriate in my opinion. How can anyone representative represent fairly all the communities in such a broad wide district? It clearly cannot be done. Please respect like communities of interest by leaving central Phoenix out of my district.
10/26/2021 8:16:04	October 26, 2021	Community Interest	Charmaine Roth	85263	Myself	I live in Rio Verde. Rio Verde, Fountain Hills, and Scottsdale should continue to be in the same legislative district because in this area we share a community and economic interest since this area is where we live, do business, shop, dine, go to church, and participate in community activities. Rio Verde, Fountain Hills and Scottsdale accurately represent communities of interest who live and work together and should remain together as a legislative district. The proposed inclusion of Anthem near I 17 with Rio Verde, and Fountain Hills and separating of large parts of Scottsdale from Rio Verde and Fountain Hills does not reflect an actual community with shared interests.
10/26/2021 8:16:24	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Andy Flach	85749	Self	I live in Tanque Verde and the community where I shop and socialize etc. is midtown Tucson. Please reject the LD Test Map v8.0 that puts me in a district with Marana & Oro Valley, places I get to maybe once or twice a year at best, and put me in a district that includes a substantial part of midtown Tucson. Also, I am extremely disappointed in how LD Test Map v8.0 was adopted. From my perspective it looks like Commissioner Mehl took the Commission in circles on the LD map for a few days, and then at the end of the sessions pushed the SALC map that he had in his back pocket all along as the solution to the problem he artificially created. If this gamesmanship stands it will make the redistricting process look rigged.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:16:45	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft map decision discussion	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	The fifth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS" District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.
10/26/2021 8:16:52	October 26, 2021	redistricting map	Heather Skillicorn	85268		Hi, I live in Fountain Hills, shop in scottsdale / mesa / fountain hills and attend church in Fountain Hills. My community and life are mainly in Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. For the new maps, we need like communities, close geographically with similar issues combined in the new districts. Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17. The new proposed district 3 is too wide and diverse, combining dissimilar communities. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:17:05	October 26, 2021	Comments	David Williams	85749	Pct 199 Democrats	The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.
10/26/2021 8:17:10	October 26, 2021	Redistricting map draft	James Bissonett	85259	myself	I don't understand why Scottsdale is being split in three parts. Scottsdale is one community and should be represented as one. I live near 114th and Shea. As it is currently drawn, I will be a district that goes all the way to Hwy 17. There is nothing in common for us with communities like Desert Ridge. Please make the borders of our district line up with our community being together as one. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:17:44	October 26, 2021	re-districting	Shirl Hill	85255	self	I live in North Scottsdale and shop in North Scottsdale and dine in Scottsdale. I do not go to Anthem or Fountain Hills. Why should they be in my district when they are not part of my community? Those other communities are very different and should not be part of my district. Please re-consider the re-districting lines to be more in line with people within same communities instead of such a broad expanse. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:17:50	October 26, 2021	X	W Patry	85263	Self and neighbors	Separating big portions of Scottsdale from our district and adding the Anthem area are clearly gerrymandering and do NOT retain our shared community of interest.
10/26/2021 8:17:53	October 26, 2021	fountain hills redistricting	please dont redistrict, it is a dumb and stupid idea	85268	fountain hills	please do not redistrict us. i am a resident and go to scottsdale, not anthem, this is a dumb idea
10/26/2021 8:18:28	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislature Map Drawing	Dianne Coscarelli	85718	Self	The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution states the maps should favor COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS. The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the Republican Party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Also, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the State. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to 10 (competitive analysis PDF for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republican districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). Further, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.
10/26/2021 8:18:30	October 26, 2021	Regarding the redistricting proposed.	Karla Pope	85254	Karla and Drex Pope	We have lived in North PHX for almost 35 years raising 6 kids. I can count on one hand the number of times we have shopped/visited FH or RV. There is NO congruence in these locations. We strongly opposed the redistricting plans. We want our representation to come from our N. Phx/Desert Ridge area. This proposal is not acceptable!
10/26/2021 8:18:33	October 26, 2021	Draft map discussion	Georgetta Pierson	85024	North Phoenix	Dear Committee. I would like to express my deep concerns over the current redistricting map. I live in North Phoenix near Desert Ridge where I do most of my shopping, where my doctor resides, and where I go for entertainment and food. I see no sense in Fountain Hills or Rio Verde to be in my district when they are not apart of my community base!! These are very different communities and I feel I would be better represented by those within my community. Thank you for your consideration.
10/26/2021 8:18:49	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Kelley Mauck	85388	LD22	I don't think splinting Scottsdale into thirds is a good idea. Scottsdale is nationally known as a unique community and splitting it up this way will lose its uniqueness. We love to go walk the streets of Scottsdale and see all historic sites and I don't want to lose the history of that town. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:18:50	October 26, 2021	maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	Commissioner Lerner makes a great suggestion. Thank you for listening to Oro Valley folk.
10/26/2021 8:18:53	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	I live and work in the North Phoenix area and shop at Norterra and Desert Ridge. I do NOT believe that Fountain Hills and the Scottsdale area should be put in the same area as I live and work. Please consider divisions in the N and S areas of Scottsdale.	85083		How does it make sense to include such a large, diverse area for redistricting when these are completely different communities?
10/26/2021 8:18:58	October 26, 2021	IRC mapping	David Peterson	85268	Fountain Hills	I live in Fountain Hills. I do not want to be connected to Cave Creek and all the way to I-17. Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should stay in my district only! Our community is unique and should be representative of people in our community only. We don't live, shop or support anything past Scottsdale Road west. It's not right, please do not split us up!!
10/26/2021 8:19:04	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Shaun Settle	85268	Self	I live in Fountain Hills, and most of my interactions are within FH, Scottsdale, and occasionally Rio Verde. Anthem is too far and out of the way of this community. The only time I am near Anthem is driving by on the way to Flagstaff. Scottsdale should remain one district and one community. Splitting Scottsdale serves no real purpose. Please do not redistrict our community.
10/26/2021 8:19:11	October 26, 2021	Redistricting map	Tom Nitta	85262-5124	myself and my community	I am most displeased with your plan to combine Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Rio Verde with Desert Ridge and the I17. This makes no logical sense. These communities are entirely too diverse and elected officials cannot properly represent these areas at the same time. As a North Scottsdale resident, I live, work, shop, attend Church services, have doctors and personal services all in this immediate local area. I rarely do any of this in the Desert Ridge or I17 area - this is usually just an area I drive thru on my way to downtown Phoenix for other events. The area of Desert Ridge and I17 represents a very different socio-economic group than North Scottsdale, Rio Verde and Fountain Hills with different representation needs. Please reconsider your map and group like areas together for representation.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:19:11	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion	Diane Nevill	85715	myself	<p>The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>
10/26/2021 8:19:13	October 26, 2021	Draft Map Decision Discussion	James Nachbar	85255	only myself	<p>I am a surgeon, and I have both lived and worked in Scottsdale continuously since 1995. I want to ask the Commission to reconsider the legislative map that divides Scottsdale into multiple (I believe three) sections, combining each of those sections of Scottsdale with widely dispersed other communities.</p> <p>Having lived in Scottsdale for 25 years, I can tell you that Scottsdale itself is a very cohesive community, and I believe that Scottsdale should be kept together in its legislative district or districts to the extent possible. Clearly, while the district boundaries cannot exactly match the Scottsdale City boundaries, many of the issues that impact Scottsdale are distinctly different than those of the surrounding communities.</p> <p>A map that better matched Scottsdale city boundaries would better meet the needs of this important community of interest.</p> <p>If another community were to be added to the Scottsdale community, I believe that Fountain Hills would be the additional area that most closely matched the community of interest. I have two employees in my practice who live in Fountain Hills and work in my office in Scottsdale.</p> <p>I would ask the Commission and staff to re-consider any map that divides the City of Scottsdale into more sections, in different districts, than required by the population size required of each district. Please align the boundaries of the districts that include portions of Scottsdale to better match those of the City of Scottsdale. If additional population were required, Fountain Hills would be the community that I would ask the Commission to consider adding to the Scottsdale district or districts.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
10/26/2021 8:19:26	October 26, 2021	Redistricting desert ridge district	David Hickson	85024		<p>I live in desert ridge district and shop here. Why would you propose changing district boundaries to include Rio Verde and fountain hills. They are not my community</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:09	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Joyce Strassburg	85255	Joyce Strassburg	<p>We in Scottsdale are totally different from the Desert Ridge and Fountain Hills areas. Why are we being lumped with them into a district? Our representation is being taken away, as is theirs. Why does our district have to be so large? It covers about the same area as all the others put together. Please rethink this. We are different in culture, shopping, demographics and recreation.</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:10	October 26, 2021	Comments	David Williams	85749	Myself	<p>Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:13	October 26, 2021	Redistricting, Keep Scottsdale as ONE LD!	Yvonne Cahill	85258	Myself	<p>Keep Scottsdale in ONE LD! Scottsdale is a unique city, we have one city council and defined borders. We are NOT a community of interest with Fountain Hills or Rio Verde or Tempe.</p> <p>Scottsdale has unique communities of entertainment, we have the medical corridor and several sporting events, spring training, Waste Management Golf Tournament, parks and Golf Courses. I work in Scottsdale, I only shop in Scottsdale, I go to church in Scottsdale and I golf all over Scottsdale. We have a population of approx 260,000 people. If you wish to decrease the size of the LD it would make sense to take the bottom part of Scottsdale below OSBORN and put it with Tempe, which is more a community of interest with South Scottsdale. It makes sense to keep Scottsdale in ONE PIECE and not divide it up into several pieces, as a community of interest, Scottsdale has nothing in common with Fountain Hills or Rio Verde.</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:36	October 26, 2021	III. Public Comments	John Burgess	85258	Myself	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to provide input. I live in Scottsdale and nearly all of my activity is in this community. I have reviewed your proposed redistricting and am concerned that the proposal will make it impossible for any elected official to effectively represent the interests of our community. The proposal lumps together widely disparate communities and would slice our city into three different districts, unfairly diminishing our representation. I believe that Scottsdale should be represented by a district that keeps the city together so we are represented by people who know and understand our unique character and needs.</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:47	October 26, 2021	Legisrative District Alignment	Ryan Sowers	85716	LD10	<p>Any proposal to split Pima County into five (5) Legislative Districts is clearly gerrymandering and surely meant to dilute Democratic representation. Such misalignment will call for judicial review.</p>
10/26/2021 8:20:58	October 26, 2021	Redistricting LD 23	Lylah Ledner	85260	LD23	<p>Rio Verde and fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I 17. We do not want those changes. I live in Scottsdale, shop in Scottsdale, my sphere of activity is in this community—not Desert Ridge...not Anthem.. It is wrong to split Scottsdale up and add it to other communities. As you know Scottsdale is a very unique community and we must keep the beauty and flavor of our city. My community it's not connected with the Desert Ridge or the anthem areas.</p>
10/26/2021 8:21:09	October 26, 2021	Legislative District 21	Debbie Logan	85614	self and LD 21	<p>AS I look at the LD map 8.0 as a whole, it appears to be a hodge podge of areas that meander and snake over the bottom half of Arizona (district 21 looks like a dragon). These maps should be compact and contiguous and Pima County does not appear to come close.</p> <p>I would like to focus on District 21, with regard to Green Valley and Sahuarita which is most definitely a COI. These two communities may as well be one. The vast majority of churches are in Green Valley. As you drive from one community to the next as one shops, banks, and frequents restaurants you would be driving back and forth constantly between the two. You are not able to tell where one begins and the other ends.</p> <p>I live in Sahuarita but have a Green Valley mailing address because of the post office and there are thousands more just like me in subdivisions with the same issue. Green Valley needs to be in District 2 with Sahuarita.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:21:35	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion	Kathleen Barber	85704	myself	<p>I have been following the Independent Redistricting Commission (maps) maps and find that this current version proposed last week seems to violate all of the criterion of the Arizona Constitution on the IRC. I have been a resident of Tucson Arizona since 1968 and first registered to vote on the University of Arizona campus in 1971. I have observed the redistricting process following the 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, and now the 2020 US Census. I am astonished by two of the Legislative Districts proposed for Pima County, LD 17 and LD 20. They appear physically to be gerrymandered. Communities of interest are divided and communities that are diverse are weakened. Geographical constraints appear to be totally unaccounted for. Rural areas are merged with urban areas. School Districts seem to be non-entities in this map. Part of Casas Adobes is in LD 17 and part in LD 20. Marana seems to exist in several districts.</p> <p>I currently live in LD 9. I have lived in my home since 1979. I have voted in every election. The proposed LD 20 includes my house. I consider myself a part of Casas Adobes and Amphitheater School District. I shop in Oro Valley, Casas Adobes and rarely in Tucson. I identify with Oro Valley, Tucson, and Casas Adobes.</p> <p>So once I examined my own circumstances, I looked at the communities of South Tucson and Pueblo Gardens. I owned a home in that area and they are clearly a community of interest. The area is broken into at least three LDs. This has the appearance of diluting the Latino and Black vote intentionally. The LDs, on the whole, do not seem to me to be competitive election wise. The intention of the voters and the Constitutional criterion was for LDs to be competitive. Please consider the needs of all our citizens, not just the few elite who proposed this map.</p>
10/26/2021 8:21:37	October 26, 2021	Draft Map decision discussion, legislative Map Drawing	Greg Blaire	85255	myself	<p>I live in Princess Views (LD23) draft map is a huge; crosses over Scottsdale Road to the west and contains many communities with disparate interests - they're not part of my community. This would cause a lot of problems for communities and our representatives who represent our interests. The communities east of Scottsdale Rd live, work, and trade in the city of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Cave Creek - not Phoenix. Please move communities to the west of Scottsdale Rd to another district. Thanks.</p>
10/26/2021 8:21:56	October 26, 2021	Comment on Redistricting	Patricia Dow	85719	Self	<p>The Catalina Mountain, which separates East Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana, fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that have nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:08	October 26, 2021	III	Judy Rutkowski	85268	Myself	<p>My family and I live in Fountain Hills. I work in Scottsdale. We shop in Fountain Hills & Scottsdale. I am in Rio Verde almost everyday helping care for horses at a stable. We go to church in Scottsdale. We attend social gatherings in Scottsdale, Rio Verde, & Fountain Hills. We have many close friends and family in Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, & Rio Verde. The Desert Ridge area and Anthem are not part of our usual places to be. People in Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, & Rio Verde share many common issues. I consider these areas to all be part of one community. As such, I believe that they should all be in the same legislative district and have the same representatives/senator in the state legislature. This makes sense from a geographical perspective and from the perspective of us being one community of interest. Thank you.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:19	October 26, 2021	VIA	Claire Paradiso	85745	Myself	<p>I find the SALC map problematic in many ways, particularly because of the proposed district 17. District 17 appears as a classic attempt to gerrymander districts in favor of Republicans. Looking at this map it violates several conditions which should be followed in drawing districts: respecting communities of interest, maintains districts that are compact and continuous, and unequal populations. It seems clear that this SALC map, which creates a conflict of interest with the Chair, is also attempt to water down the legislative impact of Tucson, Democrats and Latinos in particular. I urge to remove this map from consideration and to create a fairer and more representative map which gives voting constituencies and natural communities the influence they deserve.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:20	October 26, 2021	Comments on north east phoenix/scottsdale redistricting	Steve Kaiser	85024	LD15 as it is currently	<p>The current district 3 is too broad regarding the communities of interest it tries to cover. There is a distinct community of interest in North Phoenix which consists of the Deer Valley Airport, Desert Ridge, Norterra by Happy Valley shops. The eastern part of the new District 3 consists of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills and Rio Verde, all are similar communities. However District 3 does not include the Scottsdale airport which seems strange. The North Phoenix and Scottsdale areas are naturally divided along Scottsdale or Pima Rd as they have been for the last 20 years. I live in North Phoenix and do not go into the Scottsdale area very often. I stick to Desert Ridge area or the 7th Street and Bell region for shopping, church and school. Cave Creek and Carefree should also be maintained with a Maricopa LD. Cave Creek Road could be a nice dividing line between the new LD2 and LD4 but both would need to move north considerably and it would make more sense from a community of interest. I rarely go near Thunderbird Rd so the southern boundary of LD2 and LD4 should move up to Greenway or Bell. A natural western boundary for a North Phoenix district would be 19th Ave or I17.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:21	October 26, 2021	4	Lisa Sanor	85119	Myself	<p>version 8.0 of the map separated several communities of interest. It separates San Manuel, Oracle and Mammoth from the copper corridor and places it in ld that encompasses parts of Pima county. It splits Apache Junction in half by using Idaho rd. as a breaking point separating it from gold canyon and placing it in communities with Payson and Pinetop. Some of the largest issues come out of the Saddlebrooke and Saddlebrooke ranch areas, because 8.0 takes them and places them in a ld with places like Vail. Saddlebrooke and Saddlebrooke ranch associate and shop in the Tucson area.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:41	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Brian Temple	85715	myself	<p>The third constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p> <p>The fifth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS"</p> <p>The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>
10/26/2021 8:22:48	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Sara Krueger	85268		<p>To put Desert Ridge and the area up to I 17 with Rio Verde and Fountain Hills does not make sense. Totally different areas with distinct differences! I live in Fountain Hills that is my community, I shop, go to church and eat in Fountain Hills. I don't go to Anthem to do those things!! What you have mapped out as district 3 is too wide for any representative of that district to be effective. It would make much more sense to use Scottsdale Road as the dividing line. Scottsdale is unique and distinct, to lump it with those Phoenix areas would be detrimental to Scottsdale and Fountain Hills.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:23:16	October 26, 2021	SALC Map	Jacelyn Marshall	85737	Self	<p>SALC Map fails to meet AIRC criteria</p> <p>Proposed maps should use "Visible Geographic Features, City, Town and County Boundaries."</p> <p>District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criterion. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana, and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p> <p>Proposed maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson-based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change will dramatically impact the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). All of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>SALC Map abandons fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. It is a perfect example of the type of gerrymandering the AIRC is charged with preventing.</p>
10/26/2021 8:24:34	October 26, 2021	Comments	David Williams	85749	Pct 199 Democrats	<p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>
10/26/2021 8:25:02	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Judith Gogolin	85259	redistricting	<p>I live in Scottsdale and have for almost 35 years. My community is just on the border of Fountain Hills. I shop almost exclusively in Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. I normally only go as far east as Scottsdale Road to shop, dine, go to movies etc. I would never consider going so far north to Anthem for those activities. I can't remember the last time I went to Desert Ridge for those activities. I do not feel Desert Ridge and Anthem should be in my district. I want to be represented by people in my area with a district that is a manageable size. Scottsdale has a reputation as a world class city with many amenities that draw people from all over the world. I do not want it split into three and attached to areas that are not part of my community.</p>
10/26/2021 8:25:12	October 26, 2021	Redistricting impacting LD23	Cheryl Smith	85263	Rio Verde Residents	<p>We live in Rio Verde and our community where we dine and shop is Fountain Hills and Scottsdale. Rio Verde, Fountain Hills and Scottsdale accurately represent communities of interest of those that live and work together and should remain together as a legislative district.</p>
10/26/2021 8:25:24	October 26, 2021	INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING	MICHAEL DARLEY	85268	SELF	<p>MY HOME IS AT THE BORDER OF FOUNTAIN HILLS AND SCOTTSDALE. THESE ARE THE TWO TOWNS I CALL HOME. THIS IS WHERE I LIVE, SHOP, DINE AND SUPPORT.</p> <p>I HAVE NEVER SET FOOT IN ANTHEM OR DESERT RIDGE, NOR DO I PLAN TO. I OBJECT TO HAVING MY REPRESENTATION DILUTED IN THE PROPOSED MANNER.</p>
10/26/2021 8:25:34	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Mark Ulmer	85266	Self	<p>Please do NOT join Rio Verde and Fountain Hills with Desert Ridge...all the way to I-17. I live in Scottsdale and splitting it into 'thirds' is insane. The city is in and of itself distinct and should remain so. I live in Scottsdale, shop and do business in all all parts of the city. To include these other communities in the Scottsdale districting is pointless. Scottsdale Road as the western border (much as it is now) STILL makes the most sense. A manageable district must have logical boundaries (not too LARGE) so that effective representation is possible.</p>
10/26/2021 8:26:16	October 26, 2021	Redistributing Map	Janis Flavin	85263	Myself	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposed changes that would divide district 23 and Scottsdale, Rio Verde, and Fountain Hills. I live in Rio Verde, shop in Scottsdale, my doctor is in Fountain Hills, and these areas are all part of an established community. The new proposed district divides our community, and makes no sense to those of us living in this area.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:26:40	October 26, 2021	Re-districting in Southern Arizona	Margaret Voge	85718	myself as a Tucson citizen	<p>The fourth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest. District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonians would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p> <p>The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p> <p>The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts. The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p>
10/26/2021 8:28:01	October 26, 2021	Maps	Caroline Salcido	85757	Self	I do not like map 8.0. My area sw of Tucson would be put into district 23 instead of district 20. Residents in this Drexel Heights area are in the Tucson community of interest and are not associated with Yuma. This district should be more compact. Additionally, I have concerns that Commissioner Mehl is having too much influence in Pima County.
10/26/2021 8:28:01	October 26, 2021	Redistricting of Arizona	Jackie Ulmer	85266	Myself, a voting citizen of Arizona and the US	Scottsdale is its own unique community and should stay more solvent. Creating a district all the way to I-17 in north Scottsdale and Phoenix does not represent either community well. We are quite different. Splitting Scottsdale into thirds does not represent us well. I seldom go to Anthem, it is a quite different demographic, as is much of Phoenix west of Cave Creek Road north, near Carefree Highway.
10/26/2021 8:28:44	October 26, 2021	"District 3"	David Leeper	85260	self	<p>Scottsdale is a nationally known unique community. My wife and I have lived in Scottsdale almost 30 years now, and dividing our community into 3 sections would destroy the cohesion of its residents and weaken our representation. Your proposed District 3 is too big for a Scottsdale representative to be effective. The communities you have drawn into District 3 are distinct and should not be all jammed together. Please change your proposed map to keep Scottsdale residents together!</p> <p>As I recall, the AIRC tried to split up Scottsdale 10 years ago, and now the AIRC is attempting to do it again. I urge you NOT to split up Scottsdale. You can do much better!</p>
10/26/2021 8:28:47	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	K L Walker	85255	Self	In reviewing the maps, it has become clear that Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17. The new District 3 is far too wide for any representative to be effective. The western border should remain at the current border of Scottsdale Road, or as close as possible to that border. I live, eat out, shop and go to church in Scottsdale and the Desert Ridge and I-17 areas are outside of my core area and they should not be in my district. Also, it isn't logical to split Scottsdale into thirds and join it with other communities. Scottsdale is nationally known as a unique community and it will lose that uniqueness by splitting it up. Each community is distinct and I would like to be represented by people that are near to me. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:29:24	October 26, 2021	LD Maps redistricting	Merri Barrett	85085	Self	I live in N Phoenix and shop in Desert Ridge, I-17 area. Why would Rio Verde and Fountain Hills be in my district? I could not even tell you where Rio Verde is with out looking at a map. The district should be split as North/South at Scottsdale Road. The proposed district is to large and diverse for one person to represent our voices for our neighborhood effectively. We cannot afford to lose representatives by making districts to large.
10/26/2021 8:29:25	October 26, 2021		5 Nancy Wexler	857845		Agree that proposed test LD 17 should not include the east of Tucson Tanque Verde area -doesn't make sense COI-wise, makes the district non-competitive. This area must be created in a compact, manner and must be balanced and competitive
10/26/2021 8:30:27	October 26, 2021	LD23 redistricting map	Darin Mitchell	85268	My family	Dividing LD23 into sections and merging it with LD15 per version #8 would be a bad idea in my opinion. Scottsdale/Fountain Hills/Rio Verde has its own unique character that binds it together just like the current LD15 has. These two unique areas should have their own separate representation.
10/26/2021 8:30:29	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Tricia Kraft	85257		Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17. I live in Scottsdale, shop in Scottsdale and Phoenix. It isn't right to split up Scottsdale into thirds and join it with other communities. Scottsdale is nationally known as a unique community and splitting it up this way will destroy its special flavor. I should be represented by people near my area.
10/26/2021 8:30:55	October 26, 2021		4 Lisa Sanor	85119	Myself	Coolidge and Florence are geographically close and have strong ties to each other splitting them apart would negate that and divide communities of interest
10/26/2021 8:31:04	October 26, 2021	Redistricting CD 6	Donna Ciminello	85331	My family and neighbors	My neighbors and I shop, bank, get car service, go to doctors, exclusively south of here and into central Phoenix and Scottsdale. We are not familiar with the proposed area north or far west of us. We want to be represented with communities that are similar and we are familiar with.
10/26/2021 8:31:26	October 26, 2021	Ref. INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING	Michael Ledner	85260	LD23	I live in work in Scottsdale. In considering our redistributing, you should place the western border at/near Scottsdale Road (the current western border of Scottsdale) so we can keep the uniqueness of our city, which would also preserve the uniqueness of our state. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:31:35	October 26, 2021	LD Map Version 8.0	Nancy Goodman	85737	myself	<p>While I greatly respect the complex work you are all doing, it is imperative that the legislative maps you draw are in compliance with the Arizona Constitution. LD Map Version 8.0 does not meet the criteria established requiring a geographically compact area and communities of shared interest. It is also not at all competitive.</p> <p>I urge you to reject LD Map Version 8.0 because: 1.) It ignores natural boundaries and includes two mountain ranges making outreach within the district virtually impossible as it takes 2 hours to travel from one end of the LD to the other. 2.) It ignores Oro Valley's large communities of interest and commerce, both Casas Adobes and Tucson. and 3.) Oro Valley is a diverse urban-suburban town and does NOT belong in a primarily rural, homogeneous district.</p> <p>The reasons to reject LD Map Version 8.0 are glaringly obvious. These maps should be competitive and representative, which Version 8.0 is neither!</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:31:35	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Marit Alanan	85716	Myself	<p>Last Wednesday afternoon, near the end of its fifth day of mapping deliberations, Commissioner Mehl proposed that the AIRC adopt a proposed map of state legislative districts in Tucson and southern Arizona submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council ("SALC"), a non-profit advocacy group that he founded. This map was actually published on the IRC website as map number 6.3 despite the fact that it had no audit trail tying it to the original grid map. The AIRC's lawyers intervened, apparently asking the AIRC to take down map 6.3 from the official website but Commissioner Mehl simply made a motion to adopt the southern Arizona districts proposed by SALC. The AIRC decided to "look at" this proposal, abandoning the previous four and a half days of mapping decisions in favor a partisan map that violates all six of the required constitutional criteria. Two of these criteria are:</p> <p>1) The third constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p> <p>2) The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>This map is not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It is about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head. Please remove the SALC map from consideration.</p>
10/26/2021 8:31:54	October 26, 2021	redistricting	Kathy Thomas	85251	myself	<p>Please do not split up the city of Scottsdale into different legislative districts. I live in Old Town and love the many options for things to do and places to go. I shop up at Fashion Square Mall and go out with friends up in the Gainy area and Kierland. I enjoy the different areas of the City and moved here this year to be a part of this city as it is nationally known for being a wonderful cohesive community. I moved here to enjoy all areas of the city itself as there is so much to do and to see from the southern end up to the north. Splitting it up would potentially change the synergies of the city as a whole, and ruin what makes it special. Friends live nearby and further north in the city and we all love the special flavor here. splitting it up would ruin that. Scottsdale needs to stay in one district to keep it the special place that it is, and the place that so many have moved to and continue to move to.</p>
10/26/2021 8:32:47	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Brad Waldrop	85020		<p>I am concerned with the prospect of the size and scope of combining district 3. The proposed new district 3 is just too large for any representative to be effective. It needs to split it up so that representation can be made for each of these vastly unique communities.</p>
10/26/2021 8:33:14	October 26, 2021	Not Using the SALC map	Melissa Westbrook	85704	self	<p>The SALC maps don't favor competitive districts; indeed, it looks like gerrymandering to provide a GOP district in Tucson. And, it doesn't unite Marana and Oro Valley as has been put forth. These are not maps mad in good faith.</p> <p>Also District 17 is not using "visible geographic features, city, town and country boundaries." Commissioner Mehl seems to either not be able to read a map or is being deliberately disingenuous. This map does not combine Oro Valley and Marana as stated. They are not even similar communities. And yet it splits each small community in two. To boot, the Catalina Mountains, a very visible geographic feature, is not taken into account.</p> <p>I ask that you NOT abandon al the good work that most of the commissioners have done in trying to draw FAIR maps. We are trying to STOP gerrymandering, not increase it.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
10/26/2021 8:33:27	October 26, 2021	VIA	Brian Clymer	85704	Myself	<p>I am a registered voter and live near La Canada and Ina in proposed LD 17 in the SALC map. I have lived there since 1992. I have lived in Pima County for over 50 years. I voted for the non-partisan redistricting process and have an interest in seeing that process work so that gerrymandering is prevented and we have the best leadership possible. I oppose the SALC map. First, it doesn't create LD's which are equal in population. Second, it doesn't create competitive LD's. In the SALC map, proposed LD 17 tilts strongly Republican. This will discourage voter participation by voters who are not Republican and will likely result in extremist candidates getting elected since winning the GOP nomination will be a guarantee of success in the general election. I can't determine how the SALC map was made. When I voted for this non-partisan redistricting process, I expected an open and transparent process that would uphold the will of the voters and create LD's that were not gerrymandered to favor either political party. The SALC map is a betrayal of the public who voted for this non-partisan redistricting process. The SALC map should be rejected.</p>
10/26/2021 8:33:35	October 26, 2021	Redistricting/Draft Map Commission	Joy Parren	85022		<p>I live in North Phoenix and I shop and dine at Desert Ridge on a regular basis. I rarely travel to Fountain Hills and never to Rio Verde. I do not believe they should be part of my district. We are not representing if the same community. The new district 3 is too wide for the representative to be effective.</p>
10/26/2021 8:33:58	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Marcy Sami	85050		<p>The new District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. You should split it up north/south at Scottsdale Road.</p>
10/26/2021 8:34:05	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Brenda Swantko	85262	Scottsdale	<p>I live in Scottsdale. I shop and go to church in Scottsdale. It isn't right to split Scottsdale into 3 different districts. We are one community knit together. Joining pieces of Scottsdale with other communities does not make sense in any way.</p>
10/26/2021 8:34:39	October 26, 2021	Map 8	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	<p>The map for the Tucson area/southern Arizona submitted by Commissioner Mehl must be rejected as not in compliance with the criteria set forth in the statute to which the IRC must abide.</p> <p>It is in opposition to the Latino Coalition map in terms of protecting minority communities and complying with the VRA. Compared to map 4.0, it weakens Latino voting strength.</p> <p>The SALC's map doesn't meet the criterion for equality of population, with many differing variabilities. Neither is the SALC map compact. District 17 is an egregious breach of the standard. District 17 is also ridiculous in its boundaries and shape and is an obvious gerrymander. The City of Tucson is torn into multiple districts to the point of non existence as a political entity.</p> <p>Further, there is no common community of interest among Marana, Oro Valley and the east side of Tucson around Tanque Verde. Finally, there is nothing about this map that would result in fair and competitive districts.</p>
10/26/2021 8:35:28	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Justin Watson	85054		<p>I do not want the District Map joining Rio Verde and Fountain Hills with Desert Ridge to be redrawn. These are three very distinct communities with very specific demographics that are not interchangeable, therefore require complete separate representation. Rio Verde being very rural with an emphasis on equestrian life. Fountain hills caters more specifically to the elderly community and its demographics reflect that. Where as I live and play in Desert Ridge with its more vibrant active urban lifestyle and take no part in the other communities. Therefore, I feel that the proposed map does not reflect the needs of representation for the communities. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:35:35	October 26, 2021	LD v 8.0	Dwight Kadar	86351	Myself	I am very dismayed that Commissioner Shereen Lerner admitted in last week's meeting that her goal was map of 15 "R" districts and 15 "D" districts. Commissioner Lerner is clearly looking for a political outcome through redistricting, better known as "gerrymandering." A review of the six criteria that guide the drawing of districts are: equal population; compactness and contiguousness; compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act; respect for communities of interest; incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town, and county boundaries, as well as undivided census tracts; and creation of competitive districts where there is no significant detriment to other goals. A 15-15 political map is a serious breach of Commissioner Lerner's responsibility to the residents of Arizona. Commissioner Lerner should focus on the six criteria that guide the drawing of districts instead of trying to gerrymander a result that she wants.
10/26/2021 8:35:56	October 26, 2021	Public comments/Mapping	[REDACTED]	86303		I hear the words re the fact that these are ONLY Draft maps and that during the next listening "tour," the public will be heard. First, the closer the draft maps are to complying with constitutional requirements, as well as the VRA, the easier it will be for the public to comment, substantively. Second, the record of the commission on really listening to public comment on the road is no very convincing. To date, written maps and comments made both during COIs and Grid Maps sessions are still not available on the website. Of 120+maps submitted, it is still not clear as to how only some made it to the top of the heap. More importantly, ones which were presented by what one would describe as VRA and/or COIs of weight, are being dismissed w/out much ado. So, why should be assured that the process which will bring us to final maps will be any different? I can not overemphasize how very disappointed I am. In January I thought I was going to partake, at a distance and in person when given an opportunity (which I have done) of a process which was going to be truly independent and fair. I am hoping that I am wrong as to how I see this going and that "the jury is still out." Please be mindful of keeping consistency and fairness as part of the process so that we can all buy into it. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:36:01	October 26, 2021	Legislative District	Robert Hathorne	85262	North Scottsdale	As a long time resident of North Scottsdale (NE Corridor) it is my sincere belief that the Legislative District map as presently drawn does not represent our community area...the LD line should stop (West) at Scottsdale Rd, but should include Terravita as well as Carefree and Cave Creek.....the NE Corridor does the vast majority of its shopping in Carefree and Cave Creek the kids attend Scottsdale schools.....we attend church within Scottsdale. Bluntly, we have zero relationship(s) with Desert Ridge.....there is no common ground binding us together. Hopefully you will give serious consideration to making these changes. Keep communities together.....if you have to make a change (numbers) then consider moving extreme South Scottsdale into Tempe.....most Sincerely, Robert S. Hathorne
10/26/2021 8:36:06	October 26, 2021	maps discussion	Gail Block	85749		The proposed District 17 is not a competitive district! It strongly favors Republicans. My current district has always been competitive. I have had both Republican and Democrat representatives. These representatives have tended to be centrist, as a competitive district makes it harder for a fringe candidate (from either party) to get elected (and re-elected). I urge you to reject this map and replace it with one that creates competitive districts! Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:36:22	October 26, 2021	Redistricting of Anthem to LD28	Nancy Wood	85086		Dear Members of the Independent Redistricting Commission, I have lived in Anthem for almost 10 years. I want to thank you for separating Anthem from Yavapai County. It gives me hope that those of us who live in Anthem will have a legislative district with a better balance in our communities of interest and be more politically competitive. I am asking you to please reconsider placing Anthem in LD28. LD 28 is largely rural Arizona. Its largest town, Wickenburg, is about 60 miles from metro Phoenix. On the other hand, Anthem is within the Phoenix metropolitan area. A large portion of Anthem is part of Phoenix. Phoenix is where many Anthem residents work, shop and play. Our community interests are much different than those of rural Arizona. I am asking the Commission to please place Anthem in a legislative district with our neighboring communities. Please make D28 a more balanced and competitive district. Thank you for all of your work, including asking for and listening to community input. Sincerely, Nancy Wood
10/26/2021 8:36:35	October 26, 2021	DO NOT SPLIT THE DISTRICTS	Roberta Taylor	85263	Do not split the districts	I live in Rio Verde, I shop in Fountain Hills and attend church in Scottsdale!!! Keep it as is!!
10/26/2021 8:37:36	October 26, 2021	District 17, 18, 19, 20	Nancy Meister	85364	Self	I agree with the changes Commissioner Lerner is proposing this morning. It makes more sense geographically and makes those districts more compact and competitive. Moving Davis Monthan Military Base into District 21 to balance population is a good suggestion. Moving San Manuel, Flowing Wells, and Mammoth into District 7 keeps communities of interest together. I believe these suggestions protect minorities under the VRA.
10/26/2021 8:37:40	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislature Map Drawing	Dianne Coscarelli	85718	Self	The first criterion which must be followed by the IRC is the US Constitution and the Voting Rights Act (VRA). Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. However, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had 8 districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has 6 such districts. Evidently these SALC maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the IRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.
10/26/2021 8:37:52	October 26, 2021	District 25 grid map.	David R Burnett	86403		Please do not include northwest maricopa county into District 25! What happened to your first draft grid? the river communities Mohave and La Paz have NOTHING in common with northwest Phoenix! PLEASE! do not include Luke air force base and surprise into District 25. It would be better to leave the district 25 map alone.
10/26/2021 8:37:59	October 26, 2021	LD 9 and 10	Iain Hamp	85213	myself	Earlier maps had the east/west dividing line in Mesa at Lindsay or Val Vista, which kept the Latino community of Mesa together. Currently, the existing LD25 cuts that community up and dilutes its ability to elect representation which more accurately reflects their community's interests and concerns. Version 8.0 of the LD map takes the area back to where the Latino community of Mesa is divided. I strongly encourage the commissioners to consider moving the dividing line between east and west Mesa farther east for these reasons, either to Lindsay or ideally to Val Vista road.
10/26/2021 8:38:17	October 26, 2021	Public Comment:	noella kuntz	85262	my community	I "do", for the record, believe an east/west approach is superior to north/south versions of the maps of the area, for similar reasons. I live in Scottsdale, I shop in Scottsdale, and go to church in Carefree. I do not go to Desert Ridge or Anthem as part of my everyday life. They should not be part of my district. Scottsdale is a unique community. It should not be split in the manner it is currently. I want a representative who knows my communities unique issues.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:38:23	October 26, 2021	SALC Map	Lorene McLaughlin	85737	Self	<p>SALC map does not meet established AIRC criteria</p> <p>Districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC map proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous, but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative or candidate to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana would take over an hour during which the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district.</p> <p>Proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest.</p> <p>District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. There is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools and there are at least two school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. No one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde.</p> <p>Moreover, the SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p>
10/26/2021 8:38:46	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Branden Turley	85024		<p>I live in the desert ridge area, I frequent the north Phoenix area to shop, dine, and engage in recreational activities. It doesn't make sense to merge Fountain hills and rio verde districts when they are no where close to this area of the city. That would ultimately create too large of a district in order for it to be effective. PLEASE split these areas.</p>
10/26/2021 8:39:38	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Dennis Scholler	85331	LD15 constituent	<p>I live in the Desert Ridge area, why would Fountain Hills and Rio Verde be in my district when they are not part of my community? This makes no sense, it would make the new district to wide for any representative to be effective. You should split it up north/south at Scottsdale Road.</p>
10/26/2021 8:39:52	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Steve Zippeman	86305		<p>Draft Maps 8.0 are getting very close to being representative of what residents of Yavapai County need - combining residents based on the communities of interest. Yavapai County needs to be kept whole. However, two areas need attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All of Sedona needs to be completely included in what is now identified as District 5. Almost all residents of Sedona live, shop, eat out, go to church, and play in Yavapai County. They identify with the people of Prescott, and their candidates should represent them and Yavapai County. The Eastern line on the maps should be moved slightly Eastward, to include all of Sedona inside of Yavapai County. 2) Wickenburg is a rural community where residents identify with, and have a lot more in common with Yavapai County than they do with Maricopa County. The line at the Southern end of the maps should include all of Wickenburg. <p>In last week's meeting Commissioner Shereen Lerner admitted that her goal was a final map of 15 Republican Districts and 15 Democratic Districts. It appears that Commissioner Lerner is attempting to create a political result through redistricting. This approach to redistricting is better known as, "Gerrymandering."</p> <p>The six criteria that are supposed to guide the drawing of districts are: equal population; compactness and contiguousness; compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act; respect for communities of interest; incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town, and county boundaries, as well as undivided census tracts; and creation of competitive districts where there is no significant detriment to other goals.</p> <p>A 15-15 political map is a serious breach of Commissioner Lerner's responsibility to the residents of Arizona. The Commission should focus on the six criteria that guide the drawing of Districts, instead of trying to gerrymander a pre-determined political result that she wants.</p> <p>Commission Chair Neuberger gave Commissioners York and Lerner four (4) additional days to produce new objections to be presented at the October 26th meeting. Granting this additional time makes the process appear to be tainted. The residents of Arizona deserve full transparency in the important decisions which will impact them for the next ten years. Please do not make your decisions based on political considerations. Political results are NOT one of the criteria which this Commission should employ in reaching its boundary decisions.</p> <p>Finally, Prescott has always been Legislative District 1, because Prescott was the first Territorial Capital of Arizona. When the final maps are approved, please change what is now identified as District 5 to Legislative District 1. Changing the number of this District will result in confusion among voters and candidates in the 2022 elections, and it disrespects the history of Arizona.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these issues.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:39:53	October 26, 2021	Redistricting - unacceptable	Michael Bradley, CEO	86403	River Rose Restaurants, Inc. and Catering, Tri-State Court Reporting	<p>Oct. 26, 2021 To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Re: Proposed Congressional District 9 Chairman Neuberg and Commissioners Watchman, Mehl, Lerner and York: I am a member of the Lake Havasu City business community and I respectfully submit these comments today in opposition of the proposed Congressional District 9. While our current congressional district isn't perfect, and includes portions of metropolitan Phoenix and Maricopa County, it primarily encompasses more rural geography. The proposed new district however, highly favors the populated areas of western Maricopa County. The proposed District 9 does include most of Arizona's west coast, which is appropriate; however, it dovetails into the west valley communities including Sun City West, Surprise, Luke Air Force Base, Goodyear and Buckeye, where at least 70 percent of the proposed district's population reside. This is clearly not representative of the 57,000 residents of Lake Havasu City, nor the residents of greater Mohave, La Paz and Yuma Counties. In a district with these demographics, the chances of representation from and for rural communities would be unlikely. Even the IRC's mapping consultant Doug Johnson wonders if it's appropriate, and was quoted saying: "Even though it looks like a rural district...it's actually a West Valley seat." (Today's News-Herald, Oct. 22, 2021) All Arizonans matter and all voices should have equal opportunities to be heard. We should not be punished with the potential of under-representation for choosing to live and work in "greater" Arizona. I urge you to reconsider the proposed alignment of Congressional District 9 in an effort that more fairly represents the rural voice of western Arizona. Sincerely, Michael & Sharon Bradley CEO, CFO River Rose Restaurants, Inc. / Tri-State Reporting, LLC [REDACTED]</p>
10/26/2021 8:40:08	October 26, 2021	Southern Arizona Legislative District Maps	Ronna Biesecker	85711	LD10	<p>The sixth criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The two party system is the bedrock of our state and national constitution. Dissenting voices bring forth issues of concern from all citizens. The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacts the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts are reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts are increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this is not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It is about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>
10/26/2021 8:40:49	October 26, 2021	Public Comments	Lori Bennett	85263		<p>I live in Rio Verde, shop and dine in Fountain Hills and North Scottsdale. It doesn't make sense to have our district stretch to Cave Creek and Desert Ridge. I don't feel we would get fair representation by having someone have to cover that much area.</p>
10/26/2021 8:41:37	October 26, 2021	IRC, Tucson District changes	Peggy J. Turk Boyer	85718-6850	myself	<p>The districts that are proposed by MEHL for southern Arizona impacting District 17 including Oro Valley, Marana, Tanque Verde are not consistent with the constitutional requirements for districting that must follow: 1) Voting Rights Act - For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.; 2) Equal Population - MEHL maps fail to meet this criteria. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%; 3) Compact & Contiguous - The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic, leaving their own district in the process; 4) Communities of Interest - District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest, as there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools, they don't worship together, they don't share the same economies/shopping. The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:42:45	October 26, 2021	DRAFT MAP 8.0	SARAH RAMSEY	85750	SELF	<p>I am against Draft Map 8.0. It was tossed into the mix at the last minute.</p> <p>This 8.0 Map places Unincorporated Pima County once again down into the City of Tucson, ignoring all of our testimony: ignoring "communities of interest" of Tours 1 & 2! he City of Tucson is once AGAIN divided into 5 segments and we don't want this.</p> <p>Please don't to place Vail & Oro Valley, and Catalina together! Vail is NO WAY connected to Oro Valley, Catalina or Mammoth, physically, geographically or as "communities of interest". There are two mountain ranges that separate them making a five hour road trip, one-way. HORRIBLE! The mapping software shows this as contiguous but it is in fact, a complete disregard for State Constitutional requirements for redistricting of Compactness & Contiguousness. This isn't right. It isn't fair.</p> <p>WE WANT REPRESENTED AND HAVE OUR VOICES HEARD! WE WANT TO HAVE A CHANCE BE PART OF A COMMUNITY WITH COMMON VALUES AND CONCERNS FOR OUR HOMES AND FAMILIES.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Ramsey Concerned Citizen [REDACTED] TUCSON, AZ. 85750</p>
10/26/2021 8:43:07	October 26, 2021	District 3 to wide, 3 different communities.	Christine Horne	85027	Deer Valley citizens	I live in Deer Valley area East if I 17. I shop down on Bell Rd. South of me and go to church. I don't go to Anthem or Fountain Hills so they should not be in my district when they are not a part of my community. The new District3 is to wide for any representatives to be effective.
10/26/2021 8:44:10	October 26, 2021	District mapping	Laura Schafer	85260	Myself - proposed new district combining north Scottsdale w Phoenix	I live in N Scottsdale along the Shea corridor. My husband works in Mesa, we go to church in central Scottsdale, and I work and shop in Scottsdale. The bulk of my friends and family do the same. I RARELY have any need to go into Phoenix, and if I do, it's only for access to county offices. Phoenix has a completely different demographics and interests than I do. I do not feel that a representative could possibly cover such a large and diverse area and give equal consideration to all of the constituents. Because North Phoenix is a growing, and already more populated area, I feel their needs would be placed over my own communities issues and needs (coming from a smaller and more settled area- less growth). Our communities ARE NOT the same, and we each need our own representation.
10/26/2021 8:44:32	October 26, 2021	Legislative Map Drawing	Don Jorgensen	85718		<p>Allow me to share two serious failures of the recently proposed maps:</p> <p>Re: The constitutional criterion requiring use of "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS" District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p> <p>Re: The Arizona constitution states that maps should favor competitive districts. The latest changes dramatically impact the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). The current maps abandon four days of work where the commissioners were attempting to draw fair maps. Instead, they were replaced by an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p>
10/26/2021 8:44:58	October 26, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Valerie Green	85614	Self	<p>I am especially concerned about District 17 in the SALC map. The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for visible geographic features. District 17 includes rural parts of different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district. The SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. The SALC map excludes these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. They do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana, and visa versa. They do not even share the same school districts. The Arizona constitution states that maps should favor competitive districts. This change is not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It is about abandoning four days of hard work mapping where you, commissioners, were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. I am asking you to not abandon the previous days of mapping decisions in favor of a partisan map which violates all six of the required constitutional criteria.</p> <p>Thank you for the hard work that you are doing for our state in creating redistricting maps that are equitable and balanced.</p>
10/26/2021 8:45:02	October 26, 2021	Review of SALC maps	Larry Bodine	85718	self	<p>Map 6.3 is a partisan map which violates all six of the required constitutional criteria -- and creates a clear legal liability for the AIRC. District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. The SALC maps are drawn to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the Republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Even worse, the map creates 10 solid Democratic districts (reduced from 13) and creates 15 solid Republic districts (from 13 to 15)</p>
10/26/2021 8:45:10	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion	Ana Sanchez Navarro	85050	myself	I live in Desert Ridge and shop in N Phoenix. I am NOT ok with Fountain Hills and Rio Verde being in my district. They are not part of my community. These communities are very distinct and you should be represented by people near to your area. The new District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective
10/26/2021 8:45:28	October 26, 2021	Redistricting- legislative district maps	Michelle DePinto	85262	Myself and Family	I do not agree with the proposed district changes in my area. I am in legislative district 23, and do not approve of the proposed legislative district 3. I live in Rio Verde foothills, shop and go to church in Scottsdale. My community and school activities are in Scottsdale. The new district 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. You should place the western border at/near Scottsdale Road (the current western border of Scottsdale). Thank you, Michelle DePinto
10/26/2021 8:46:22	October 26, 2021	IRC districting of southern arizona	Peggy J. Turk Boyer	85718-6850	myself	<p>This redistricting process was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>The process has been to first, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>
10/26/2021 8:46:55	October 26, 2021	IRC Meeting 10/26	Allan Gerston	86001	myself	I fear that test map 8.0 demonstrates gerrymandering as it places Democrats and Republicans in what could be considered as separate and non-competitive districts. Flagstaff, Sedona and the Verde Valley would be bypassed should Williams and Eager remain and serves to divide "COIs". Commissioners, please consider that the the importance here is that our legislative districts must be competitive in order to have fair elections in reducing vote spreads.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:48:09	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	David Genge	85255		Rio Verde and Fountain Hills should not be connected with Desert Ridge and I-17. The new District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. You should place the western border at/near Scottsdale Road (current).
10/26/2021 8:48:19	October 26, 2021	SALC MAP	Carol Weinstein	85718	Precinct 88	The SALC map violates the criterion that districts must be Compact and Contiguous. The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.
10/26/2021 8:48:30	October 26, 2021	Legislative Map Drawing	Toni Andrikopoulos	85622	Self	The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip. Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.
10/26/2021 8:48:46	October 26, 2021	IRC redistricting of district 17, map 8.0	Peggy J. Turk Boyer	85718-6850	myself	The districts that are proposed by MEHL for southern Arizona impacting District 17 including Oro Valley, Marana, Tanque Verde are not consistent with the constitutional requirements for districting that must follow: 1) Visible Geographic Features - District 17 is a spectacular failure on this criteria. First, Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. This is gerrymandering pure and simple. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a mountain range, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.; 2) competitive districts - The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.
10/26/2021 8:49:07	October 26, 2021	III Opportunity for public comment	Catalina Hall	85743	Myself	If you are going to approve Map Version 8.0 I believe you will be making a big mistake. Just looking at the proposed LDs you can see that 17 is not compact and not competitive, which is the very definition of gerrymandering. You have made one party dominate and votes and voters of the other parties unable to ever get a win. I purposely did not use party titles in the sentence above. I did that because I want to remind everyone that you could become the minority party and would have to live with your votes not counting. Especially if this map is accepted. I understand that you have a time constraint but do not let that stop you from asking if this map is fair. Let this commission be remembered as the one that made every vote count and every voter respected.
10/26/2021 8:49:12	October 26, 2021	redistricting N Scottsdale, Fountain hills area	Michael Schafer	85257	My family	We live in N Scottsdale near Shea and Hayden. Previously lived in S Scottsdale Thomas and Scottsdale Rd. We've learned that there is some discussion about combining our area all the way over to I17. We are highly opposed to merging these areas due to the unconformity of the areas to the west. Our area of N Scottsdale is where we go out, shop, eat, go to church. It is our "community, a community of likeness. Our governmental representatives should be similarly aligned with our thoughts, interests and values. Broadening this area west toward I17, would taint the complexion of the community of Scottsdale. Please keep our similarity of community, Scottsdale, N Scottsdale, Fountain hills intact. We believe it will destroy the specialness of the "wests most western town". It is a vacation mecca we love and appreciate its uniqueness and attraction to us and millions of vacationers. The proposed Dist 3 is to broad for any political representative to be effective to represent the interests of a common community. This would not be right. We appeal to the good commonsense of the committee not to split up Scottsdale or integrate it with other disparate areas. Please do what is right for the community and people of Scottsdale. Please leave it as close to what it is today as possible.
10/26/2021 8:49:54	October 26, 2021	VI	Amanda Bruno	85745		This comment is to express disapproval of map version 6.2, submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. This map disregards the second constitutional criterion regarding the distribution of population that must be followed. In this map, LD16 is under population by over 11,000, and LD17 is under by over 6,800. LD18 is over by over 4,600, and LD19 is over by nearly 5,000. This map also fails to adhere to the communities of interest criterion, specifically with the proposed boundary for of LD17. There is nothing that ties East Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They don't share the same schools, community facilities, employers, or even retail shops. In fact, there are at least two school districts between Tanque Verde and Oro Valley. It is clear that this district was drawn to include as many of the same kind of voters as possible in the district, not in the interest of honoring communities of interest. Additionally, with regard to the proposed LD17, there is blatant disregard for the "visible geographic features" criterion with regard to the Santa Catalina Mountains. This range separates East Tucson/Tanque Verde area from Oro Valley and Marana, while the map proposes these areas be together. LD17 would also include parts of rural Pinal County, which does not share anything in common with Tucson that is pertinent to consider for the drawing of a map. This map was very clearly drawn to achieve partisan goals and, if accepted, it will create a road map for partisan groups to disrupt the independent redistricting process established by the State of Arizona in the future.
10/26/2021 8:49:59	October 26, 2021	LD Map Version 8.0: D3	Suzanne Mead	85331	Self	LD Test Map Version 8.0: D3 Currently D3 @ 39.79 D to 60.21 R is uncompetitive as compared to the competitive range of 46.5 to 53 that the Commission initially approved. I propose incorporating parts of Legislative D8 which is also uncompetitive at 64.19 D to 35.81 R into D3. In particular, I propose adding the Salt River Pima Reservation in its entirety and portions of northern Tempe into LD3 with the intent of balancing competitiveness for the two districts. This also addresses discrepancies in population since D8 is 6,888 over and D3 is 1,000 under the target population.
10/26/2021 8:50:28	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Karen Trisko	85266	Myself	I do not support redrawing the district lines. I live and shop in Scottsdale, and never go to Desert Ridge or Anthem. It makes not sense that those areas would be in my district. Plus the new proposed district is too big. Please keep the western border of Scottsdale at Scottsdale Road. Thank you.
10/26/2021 8:51:52	October 26, 2021	Redrawing District Boundaries	Robert Montgomery	85266	Robert Montgomery, myself	I am not in favor of the proposed redrawing of the district boundary line. I believe it should stay where it is. The proposed new district would be too large to be representative of my local community.
10/26/2021 8:52:11	October 26, 2021	LD Map	Matt Parrilli	85637	Sonoita/Elgin et al	Commissioner Mehl's suggestions for eastern Santa Cruz County inclusion in LD 19 is spot on! It puts teeth in the term Communities of Interest!

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:52:40	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Barbara Burstein	85716	self	<p>This commission is going to look at Commissioner Mehl's proposal, proposed by the non-profit advocacy group he founded, which abandons four and a half days of mapping decisions in favor of a partisan map which violates all six of the required constitutional criteria.</p> <p>A. The first criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act ("VRA").</p> <p>Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be asked to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.</p> <p>B. Districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p> <p>C. Maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p>
10/26/2021 8:53:32	October 26, 2021	Comment on redistricting	Jane Snyder	85024	Self	<p>I live in N Phoenix, shop/eat/ do life in the Desert Ridge area. Why would Fountain Hills and Rio Verde be in my LD15 district when they are not part of my community? The new District 3 is way too wide for any representative to be effective.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
10/26/2021 8:54:18	October 26, 2021	Redistricting Fountain Hills	Heather Witt	85268	Fountain Hills	<p>I object to the re-districting of Fountain Hills to include Anthem. Fountain Hills is not only located on opposite sides of the Phoenix-metro area, but it is a unique community that is closer to Rio Verde and Scottsdale than Anthem.</p>
10/26/2021 8:55:12	October 26, 2021	Agenda VI. A.	April Tomquist	85296	myself	<p>I moved to Gilbert to be associated with the type of people who still had farms and horses. In the latest map a small finger of Gilbert, my area, is pulled into an LD with Chandler and Ahwatukee. This little finger would separate me from my neighbors by placing me in a separate LD. My family would be in a different town and school district than the rest of the legislative district. By combining this little pocket of Gilbert with Chandler and Ahwatukee my family and I lose our representation. Legislative districts should group towns and cities, and should group school districts. Each town or city has it's own feel and its own values, and the feel in Gilbert is much different than the areas west. Gilbert has much more in common with Queen Creek than chandler. Please keep Gilbert together... ALL together.</p>
10/26/2021 8:55:36	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Miranda Lopez	85712	Tucson, AZ	<p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p>
10/26/2021 8:55:48	October 26, 2021	Redistricting 15	Diane Niemann	85050	Myself and friends	<p>The proposed change to District 15 is mostly not where I shop, go to church, seek entertainment, not familiar to me. I want to be combined and represented locally and along with people I've met in Phoenix and Scottsdale.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:56:16	October 26, 2021	District	Sarah Messmer	86404		<p>Oct. 26, 2021 To: Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Re: Proposed Congressional District 9 Chairman Neuberger and Commissioners Watchman, Mehl, Lerner and York: I am a member of the Lake Havasu City business community and I respectfully submit these comments today in opposition of the proposed Congressional District 9. While our current congressional district isn't perfect, and includes portions of metropolitan Phoenix and Maricopa County, it primarily encompasses more rural geography. The proposed new district however, highly favors the populated areas of western Maricopa County. The proposed District 9 does include most of Arizona's west coast, which is appropriate; however, it dovetails into the west valley communities including Sun City West, Surprise, Luke Air Force Base, Goodyear and Buckeye, where at least 70 percent of the proposed district's population reside. This is clearly not representative of the 57,000 residents of Lake Havasu City, nor the residents of greater Mohave, La Paz and Yuma Counties. In a district with these demographics, the chances of representation from and for rural communities would be unlikely. Even the IRC's mapping consultant Doug Johnson wonders if it's appropriate, and was quoted saying: "Even though it looks like a rural district...it's actually a West Valley seat." (Today's News-Herald, Oct. 22, 2021) All Arizonans matter and all voices should have equal opportunities to be heard. We should not be punished with the potential of under-representation for choosing to live and work in "greater" Arizona. I urge you to reconsider the proposed alignment of Congressional District 9 in an effort that more fairly represents the rural voice of western Arizona. Sincerely, Sarah Messmer Lake Havasu City residents since 1987 [REDACTED]</p>
10/26/2021 8:56:39	October 26, 2021	maps	Barbara Tellman	85705	self	<p>I was appalled when you rejected the Tribal Council LD map representing over 25% of Arizona land. I was appalled when you rejected the Hispanic Coalition LD map representing about 40% of Arizona's population. But then you are giving serious consideration to a map submitted by a small group of wealthy white Republicans representing a very small part of Pima County's population when the map doesn't even meet all the constitutional criteria.</p>
10/26/2021 8:56:46	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Miranda Lopez	85712	Tucson, AZ	<p>The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson)</p>
10/26/2021 8:57:20	October 26, 2021	[REDACTED]	Kathleen Dubbs	85745	Self	<p>Looking at map 8.0, it is obvious it has been gerrymandered in the Tucson area. Please, please, please go back to some of the earlier maps that take into consideration Latino suggestions. Thank you all for your hard work!</p>
10/26/2021 8:57:23	October 26, 2021	State legislative draft map	Peggy Pena	85643	Self	<p>Based on 9 months of public meetings and 5 days of map discussion it looked like the IRC was close to a congressional draft map and a state legislative map. At the last minute Commissioner Mehl introduced a southern Arizona state Legislative draft map that had been sent to him by SALC a business special interest group. After a failure to have this map submitted as a draft map the current draft map was modified to include SALC's map plan. There was a push to accept this map as the state legislative draft map but this failed.</p> <p>The problem with the state legislative draft map with the SALC changes are:</p> <p>It completely ignored all the nine months of work including hundreds of public comments, 910 community of interest maps, and 120 redistricting plans maps. Proposition 106 created the commission to create draft maps based on this input not a special interest map.</p> <p>Proposition 106 says the commission needs to respect communities of interest when determining the districts. SALC is a special interest group and should not determine the communities of interest that make up the 7 southern Arizona state legislative districts.</p> <p>Proposition 106 says the commission adhere to the Voting Rights Act when establishing the districts and protect the voting powers of people of color. The commission completely dismissed the map proposed by the Navajo Nation and rejected the state legislative districts submitted by the Latin Coalition with little discussion while some commissioners immediately embraced the maps by a special interest group without even asking about VRA.</p> <p>The commissions state legislative draft map with SALC changes needs to be changed. The SALC suggestions not only drastically changed the communities of interest but the partisan competitiveness for district 17 and the entire Arizona state legislative.</p>
10/26/2021 8:57:43	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A. Legislative Map Drawing	Miranda Lopez	85712	Tucson, AZ	<p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip</p>
10/26/2021 8:58:15	October 26, 2021	Congressional District map	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	<p>I remain extremely concerned about northern Arizona and the delineation of CD 2 in the current version. Joining the Navajo Nation (and several other northern tribes) with Flagstaff and with Prescott would seem to accomplish very little except disenfranchising Native Americans - it seems to eliminate the possibility of these Native Americans to elect a candidate of their choice. I continue to believe there are MANY MORE reasons to link Prescott with a western/Colorado River district than with the northern and eastern focus where Navajo Nation is set. And the current definition of CD 2 seems much less competitive as well as less VRA compliant.</p>
10/26/2021 8:58:17	October 26, 2021	Redistricting Map	Peter Bartolini	85255	myself and my family	<p>I am opposed to the redistricting that lumps together Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, North Scottsdale, Cave Creek, North Phoenix, and Desert Ridge. Within the new borders there are at least 4 different communities and they cannot be equally represented properly. My wife and I are raising our five children and live near 101 & Pima/Princeton. I hope that you reconsider making these changes.</p>
10/26/2021 8:58:30	October 26, 2021	legislative map	Mary-Jeanne Fincher	85253	self	<p>How can having only 6 Latino districts comply with the VRA, when there were seven in the 2010 maps, and the Latino population has grown since the last census?</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 8:59:01	October 26, 2021	Legislative District 17	Alison Jones	85719	self	The proposed District 17 is a spectacular fail because it ignores "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS" Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. Setting aside the fact that these are two very different communities that share little in common that would justify joining them in a single legislative district, the SALC map excludes a substantial portion of Marana and it excludes a substantial portion of Oro Valley. SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley, which tend to be Republican, are combined in proposed LD 17 and the southern parts, which tend to be more Democratic, are excluded. THIS IS A GERRYMANDER, PURE AND SIMPLE. To achieve its gerrymander, city boundaries are disrespected; both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. Moreover, there is a MOUNTAIN RANGE, the Catalina Mountains, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana. Consequently, the map also fails to account for "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.
10/26/2021 8:59:23	October 26, 2021	Comments on Maps by Elected Officials	Hope Busto-Keyes	85743	Self	Comments from Elected Officials seem to be appropriate during the 30-day public comment period.
10/26/2021 8:59:28	October 26, 2021	Mapping	M.E. Dunn	86303		Yes, Com Watchman, you do need to go back to see how the "late Thur 21 Oct map," affects what should be considered VRA requirements. On LDs, the commission needs to remember that a real community of interest, such as the Latino community (whose numbers went up during the 2020 census) and the Native Populations should constitutionally trump any map which purports to be from a COI, which, in fact, is only made up of a loose association of economic concerns. The real COIs maps need to return to be front and center this coming Thu. I need to emphasize that a fair final outcome cannot diminish the number of Latino LD VRAs since that population has GROWN. Thank you for your consideration
10/26/2021 8:59:52	October 26, 2021	Re-districting	Greg DePinto	85262	Greg DePinto	I do not agree with the proposed district changes in my area. I am in legislative district 23, and do not approve of the proposed legislative district 3. I live in Rio Verde foothills, shop and go to church in Scottsdale. My community and school activities are in Scottsdale. The new district 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective. You should place the western border at/near Scottsdale Road (the current western border of Scottsdale). Thank you,
10/26/2021 9:00:54	October 26, 2021	Redistricting Maps	David Bonfiglio	85250	Myself and my family	I live, work, shop and go to church in Scottsdale and thus, should not be part of a district that includes Desert Ridge and Anthem. I do not understand why my district is being remapped to include such a wide swath of communities. I want my representative to be focused on Scottsdale's issues not Phoenix/Desert Ridge or Anthem. The current western boundary for my legislative district should remain Scottsdale Road as the proposed District 3 is too wide for any representative to be effective.
10/26/2021 9:01:44	October 26, 2021	ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION	Ignacio Cytrynowicz	86336	myself	I am a senior citizen living in Sedona. The coherence of life in Yavapai County was the main reason I chose to live here. I am very involved in the community and I have easy access to county meetings. I can easily speak up and I am listened to. I get most of my services from the Verde Valley and from Prescott/Prescott Valley. I have no connection to Flagstaff and Coconino County. I feel that redistricting would totally dilute my voice as it would be joined to a population less than half my age.
10/26/2021 9:02:21	October 26, 2021	Fair and Competitive Districts	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	Myself	The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.
10/26/2021 9:02:28	October 26, 2021	Discussion of redistricting map	Pat Sieler			I wanted to comment on the proposed splitting of Scottsdale into three sections. The north section includes Fountain Hills and goes all the way up to I-17 I believe District 3, as proposed, is way too wide for any representation to be effective. A better solution would be to split Scottsdale North/South at Scottsdale road. Thank you.
10/26/2021 9:03:37	October 26, 2021	Fair and Competitive Districts	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	The Catalina Mountain, which separates east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana fails to account for "visible geographic features". District 17 includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.
10/26/2021 9:04:34	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Ronald Yospur	85637	Ronald & Audrey Yospur	Members of the IRC I would like to see the Sonoita, Elgin area changed back to the Sierra Vista district as it once was in 2010 (CD2 and LD14). We have very little in common with the urban area of Nogales since our area is predominantly rural. In fact our legislative representatives, all Democrats, mostly ignore our correspondence due to the small population of our area. The Cochise County district would be a better fit for the residents of the eastside of Santa Cruz County that are largely conservative and independent voters. I would like to see the plans that were accepted by and published by the IRC as plans CD0052 and LD0029 accepted. Ronald Yospur Sonoita, AZ
10/26/2021 9:05:03	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Tabatha LaVoie	85253	self	The Redistricting should not merge Desert Ridge Communities with Scottsdale. They are completely different communities. Having lived in the Desert Ridge area and now in Scottsdale, those communities are night and day.
10/26/2021 9:08:31	October 26, 2021	LD maps	Michelle Carney	85032		I live in N. Phoenix, shop in N. Phoenix and go to church in N. Scottsdale. Why would Rio Verde and Fountain Hills be in my district when they are not part of my community?
10/26/2021 9:08:33	October 26, 2021	why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	Proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest. District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon. The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.
10/26/2021 9:09:41	October 26, 2021	State Legislature draft map	Peggy Pena	85643	Self	For the last nine months I have watched the commission meeting, submitted public comments, and submitted a community of interest map and a congressional map plan. People have spent considerable time traveling to and attending public meetings. I felt that the public input had taken second place to a southern Arizona state legislative draft map submitted by a special interest group.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 9:09:51	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Alexandra Chaplik	85255	LD23	We live in a populated McDowell Mountain Ranch near Bell Rd and Thompson Peak in Scottsdale for 11 years. This area is full of families in DC Ranch, Silverleaf, Wingate, and other residential communities. Our community of interest is Scottsdale, it is not Desert Ridge or North Phoenix or near the I-17 freeway. We are definitely not the same as Deer Valley or New River. Our community is east of Scottsdale Rd and mostly North of Indian Bend. We shop in Scottsdale, work in Scottsdale, go to church in Scottsdale, eat at restaurants in Scottsdale. We rarely go west past Scottsdale Rd. Our community needs to stay united with representation and keeping Scottsdale together. Currently, all of the above mentioned areas that we visit would not be in our district. Currently as drawn with FLW and about 96th St the cutoff, all of our activity is not in our district. Scottsdale Promenade and all of Frank Lloyd Wright as well going south down Scottsdale Rd has everything we need and use. All the businesses around the 101 freeway is accessible for our north section of Scottsdale where we live and it would be removed from our district leaving us without any of this in our area.
10/26/2021 9:10:17	October 26, 2021	redistricting maps	Kalyanraman Bharathan	85711	myself	Chairman Neuberg, the fact that Commissioner Mehl has been asking for combining Oro Valley and Marana right from the beginning does not make it legitimate. After all, there are people who have been saying right from the beginning that the earth is flat. Also, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.
10/26/2021 9:10:23	October 26, 2021	legislative map drawing	Jacqui Bauer	85716	myself	I live in the weird "dragon's head" of District 21 (map version 8.0), and am dreading what it might be like to live in one of the tiny tendrils of a sprawling district like the one is proposed. I do a great deal of voter outreach, education, and mobilization in the current LD10, but under the new proposal the neighborhoods immediately north and south of me are now in different LDs. Please don't fragment Tucson based on a manufactured Oro Valley/Marana "community of interest!" The changes to Tucson's LDs in the latest map are a disservice to voters all over the Tucson metro. Previous versions weren't perfect, but were moving toward relatively compact, competitive districts that respected the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and considered communities of interest (the point of this whole exercise). Version 8.0 feels like a huge step backwards, with my community fragmented into pieces, and my LD a dragon-shaped monstrosity that makes engagement incredibly difficult. I remain concerned at the ability of the SALC to bypass the public process to submit their map. I appreciate that the commission was willing to consider their draft map, but am alarmed that their proposal ended up becoming the default map, displacing the progress the commission had been making.
10/26/2021 9:10:44	October 26, 2021		8 Thomas Meconi	85737		Not only is 8.0 a last minute concession to a business group, and a blatant conflict of interest for the commissioner who founded the group, it is unconstitutional. The map is rife with over and under populated districts, the districts are neither compact nor contiguous, nor do the districts represent definable communities of interest. Proposed LD17, for example covers two mountain ranges and includes communities that share no common interest except that it gives conservatives the primarily white, Christian, republican crescent around Northern Tucson that they have been asking for from the very beginning. After being so careful to appear fair and equitable, the Commission has breeched its duty by allowing a map to proceed which is the very definition of gerrymandering.
10/26/2021 9:10:57	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Lindsay C	85260		I live in N. Scottsdale and shop in N. Scottsdale, why would Fountain Hills and Rio Verde be in my district when they are not part of my community? They are too far. I don't even shop in in Desert Ridge which is 10mins away from us. Joining these communities together will make the district too wide for a representative to be effective. Please keep Scottsdale unique and what it is known for (the most livable city), and do not join forces with these other communities, which will ruin it's uniqueness. Thank you!
10/26/2021 9:11:08	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Ryan Nicholas	85260	myself & my community	I live in Scottsdale, and spend time in Fountain Hills for non-profit work. Please keep FTN Hills and Scottsdale together as a district. We frequently spend time in Cave Creek as well. These communities are very similar. They are very dis-similar to the communities of Anthem and North Phoenix. These should be two separate districts because 1) it is too large a district for one person to effectively serve these different communities of interest. 2) I rarely if ever go to n. phx unless i am driving north on i-17. 3) consider splitting the district using Scottsdale road or Cave Creek Road north/south.
10/26/2021 9:11:19	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Carol Rogala	85268	Myself	I am not in favor of redistricting as I want the districts to remain Republican that already are. That's why I moved here. I want nothing to do with socialism, CRT, overspending with no regard for the future, or changing any zoning in FH. Stop this now!
10/26/2021 9:11:26	October 26, 2021	III. Opportunity for Public Comment	Michael Klein	85266	Myself	I live in north Scottsdale (Jomax/Scottsdale Rd) and am concerned that he proposed LD3 does not represent the areas where I live my professional or social life. While I appreciate that drawing districts requires a great deal of balancing, the proposed district covers an area that is so broad and wide that it likely would prove to represent no one as the issues facing the far west end of the district will have little in common with the east side. People tend to travel north and south in their activities and that is how me and my neighbors live. Why would we be cut off from virtually our entire city while being connected to areas we never go?
10/26/2021 9:11:30	October 26, 2021	Northern Arizona's district treatment	Julie Pindzola	86301	a concerned citizen	Once again, the bigger picture should be the overall composition of the state as it relates to true COIs such as the Tribes and the VRA Latino communities. Urban/suburban areas have to sometimes join with more rural areas to make populations balance. Some commenters make it sound like they are being removed from their towns or their counties by going in one district or another. The reality is that we want a fair balance of representatives at the state Legislative and at federal Congressional levels of government. A reminder that our electorate is a real balance of 1/3 Independent, 1/3 Democrat, 1/3 Republican. It is not heresy to work to reflect this fact in our district maps. Thank you
10/26/2021 9:12:25	October 26, 2021	Why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week.	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	Myself	The criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act ("VRA"). Commissioner York announced, without any analysis, that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona. Actually, the opposite is true. The mapping consultants should be requested to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (containing the Latino Coalition proposed districts) to the SALC LDs. When that comparison is made it will be evident that the SALC map weakened the VRA districts. For example, map 4.0 had eight districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%; map 8.0 only has six such districts. Evidently these maps were drawn without any input from the Latino community so perhaps this is no surprise. Nevertheless, adopting the SALC proposal creates significant litigation risk for the AIRC because it weakens the southern Arizona VRA districts.

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 9:14:13	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A.	Lee Stanfield	85711	the interests of democratic process in Arizona	<p>* The first criterion that must be followed by the AIRC is the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act (VRA): Without any analysis, Commissioner York falsely announced that the proposed SALC LD maps strengthened the proposed VRA LDs in southern Arizona, when in fact, the exact opposite is true. The mapping consultants must be required to compare the southern Arizona VRA LDs in map 4.0 (the LDs proposed by the Latino Coalition) to the SALC LDs. That comparison will show that the SALC map actually WEAKENED the VRA districts. One example of this is that Map 4.0 had EIGHT districts with a Hispanic citizen voting population over 43%, but map 8.0 has only SIX of these. These maps were obviously drawn without input from the Latino community. This weakening of the Southern Arizona districts will create serious litigation risk for the AIRC if the SALC map is adopted.</p> <p>* The second Constitutional criterion that must be followed by the AIRC is Equal Population: Commissioner Mehl likes to cite this specific constitutional criterion, but his proposed SALC maps completely fail to meet it. On the record, Mehl mentions that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's extremely partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 (4.6%). LD 17 is under population by 6839 (2.87%). LD 18 is over population by 4668 (1.96%). And LD 19 is over population by 4935 (2.07%).</p> <p>* The third Constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous: The proposed SALC Legislative Districts are contrived in such a manner that they could be called "contiguous" but they are certainly not compact... especially district 17. Just to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana takes over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And during almost the entire trip, the driver would be outside District 17.</p>
10/26/2021 9:14:44	October 26, 2021	[REDACTED]	Gene Fisher	85718	Self, a So. AZ resident	According to constitutional criterion, proposed maps to be considered should respect "communities of interest." As a resident of So. Arizona, I do object to the District 17 map supported by Commissioner Mehl and proposed by the Southern AZ. Leadership Council, which he played a major role in its founding. The District 17 map advocated by Mr. Mehl fails to meet the "communities of interest" standards. The map connects east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. These communities have little in common. They do not share the same school districts. They do not worship together. Marana and Oro Valley do not share the economy or employers with east Tucson. Neither Oro Valley nor Marana receive much business east Tucson shoppers. Businesses in east Tucson/Tanque Verde receive very little commercial traffic Oro Valley and Marana residents. Also, the SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19, which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities. In short, the map is a partisan map that fails to meet the constitutional criteria. The AIRC should remove map 6.3 from consideration.
10/26/2021 9:14:58	October 26, 2021	Why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week.	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	Myself	<p>The constitutional criterion which must be followed by the AIRC is Equal Population.</p> <p>Commissioner Mehl is especially fond of this specific constitutional criterion but the SALC maps fail to meet it. Ironically, Commissioner Mehl mused in passing on the record that a population deviation might be justified in order to sustain SALC's partisan maps. Legislative District 16 is under population by 11,029 or 4.6%; LD 17 is under population by 6839 or 2.87%; LD 18 is over population by 4668 or 1.96% and LD 19 is over population by 4935 or 2.07%.</p>
10/26/2021 9:15:41	October 26, 2021	LD's 3, 4 and 8	paul rowe	85250	Myself	As a longtime resident of Scottsdale, I think that the proposed LD's for my area unnecessarily and unwisely divide the city into three districts. As previously noted, Scottsdale is a unique and well-established area of similar community interest. It should be encompassed in one LD to the extent possible.
10/26/2021 9:15:48	October 26, 2021	Independent Re-districting Commission	Rachel Bauer	85050	Self	I live near Desert Ridge and shop in North Phoenix. I go to church in Scottsdale (Shea/Scottsdale Rd). I do not go to Fountain Hills or Rio Verde and believe they should not be in my district. The new District 3 seems to large for any representative to be effective. Thank you.
10/26/2021 9:15:55	October 26, 2021	V.	Virginia Dotson	85902	Self	You must give equal importance to the factor of competitiveness, as set out in Article IV of the Arizona Constitution, to provide fair representation to all voices statewide. The maps you draw should reflect the Arizona electorate. One-third of our voters are Independents, and many vote split tickets. Competitiveness encourages our candidates to listen to everybody, and makes it more likely that our elected officials will work together in the best interests of their constituents.
10/26/2021 9:16:46	October 26, 2021	Redistricting map	Alan Schwartz	85254	Myself	I have reviewed the redistricting maps and have serious concerns with the placement of our community. I live and in North Scottsdale around the Kierland area. It is a nice community that is growing substantially with residential high rise, commercial and office construction taking place at a record pace. I have driven out to Fountain Hills and the far north east areas which while beautiful in and of themselves, bear no similarity to my community and are not connected in any way. They should not be combined as our interests and needs of each community are very different. I see our communities becoming a stronger voice for all of us in the future which means we all need to keep those with similar concerns together so that changes when made are in everyone's interest, not just some. We are on the cusp of some big changes which will bring things back locally and this process is extremely important to making sure moving forward, everyone's voice is heard.
10/26/2021 9:16:47	October 26, 2021	Why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week.	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	<p>The constitutional criterion is that districts must be Compact and Contiguous.</p> <p>The SALC proposed Legislative Districts may be contiguous but they are plainly not compact, especially district 17. For a senator or representative (or candidate) to drive from the Tanque Verde section of east Tucson to Marana could take over an hour even in light to moderate traffic. And the driver would not even be in his/her own legislative district during the trip.</p>
10/26/2021 9:16:47	October 26, 2021	AIRC	Linda Tumarkin	85750	Precinct 88; LD9	It is imperative this morning in your deliberations to consider the need for EQUAL POPULATION REPRESENTATION; to follow the US Constitution and the Voting Rights Act; and to assure COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS DISTRICTS! These are essential for Arizona!
10/26/2021 9:17:07	October 26, 2021	ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION	CHRISTINA CYTRYNOWICZ	86336	MYSELF	I am a senior citizen living in Sedona. I shop, eat and go to church in Yavapai County and Prescott Valley. My district map must remain within the lines of Yavapai County for that is where my life, Doctors, friends and community is. This is my home. I do not have any connection to other areas. I like the fact that the map follows county lines and Yavapai is kept as a whole. This is my home and my area. My voice needs to be expressed in the area in which I live. Thank you!

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 9:17:57	October 26, 2021	VI. Draft Map decision discussion A.	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone interested in preserving democratic process in AZ.	<p>* The fourth constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest: District 17 utterly fails to respect Communities of Interest. There is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do NOT share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do NOT worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do NOT share the same economy. They do NOT share the same employers with east Tucson. People living in east Tucson do NOT regularly shop in Oro Valley or Marana. The only time most people living in East Tucson would be in Marana would be if they are driving through on their way to Phoenix. And most people living in Oro Valley or Marana do NOT visit or shop in East Tucson/Tanque Verde. The only time they would be likely to be there would be if they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon. The SALC map has also negatively affected other districts in the Tucson area. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been gerrymandered into Districts 21 and 19, which is certainly not in the interests of those (like myself) who live in those communities.</p> <p>* The fifth Constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should use "VISIBLE GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES, CITY, TOWN AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES, AND UNDIVIDED CENSUS TRACTS":</p> <p>District 17 fails entirely to meet this criterion. Commissioner Mehl has emphasized that his most important priority was to combine the cities of Marana and Oro Valley, despite the fact that these two communities share almost nothing in common, and certainly nothing that would justify joining them in a single legislative district. The SALC maps exclude a portion of Marana and a portion of Oro Valley. Obviously, SALC excluded these portions of the two cities for purely partisan purposes. The northern parts of Marana and Oro Valley (which tend to be Republican) are combined in proposed LD 17, from which the southern parts (which tend to be more Democratic) are excluded.</p> <p>THIS IS BLATANT GERRYMANDERING! To achieve it, city boundaries are disrespected, and both Marana and Oro Valley are split into two districts. In addition, there is a mountain range (the Catalina Mountains) separating east Tucson/Tanque Verde from Oro Valley and Marana, yet the map completely ignores these extremely "visible geographic features." Finally, District 17 also includes rural parts of Pinal County that share nothing in common with suburban Tucson.</p>
10/26/2021 9:18:39	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Tabatha LaVoie	85253	self and my community	You should not lump Scottsdale (north or midtown) with Fountain Hills or with Desert Ridge. That would be outrageous! I am a Hispanic immigrant who lives in Scottsdale and will tell you that these communities are very different in so many ways. You need to respect the uniqueness of Scottsdale and the community here. Scottsdale and the Town of Paradise Valley are unique communities of their own. Please do not dilute our vote.
10/26/2021 9:19:01	October 26, 2021	Why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week.	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	<p>The constitutional criterion is that proposed maps should respect Communities of Interest.</p> <p>District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p>
10/26/2021 9:19:03	October 26, 2021	tanque verde and the 5 rules	steve marks	85749	my self	<p>SALC seems to have an agenda not sure what it is...maybe a developer friendly district.... but my family belongs in a Tucson district-- Tanque Verde has TUSD schools where my kids went and I work in Tucson for a Probation contractor and for TUSD and my doctor wife also agrees with me --and I want my area kept in logical geographic area, not split off--I want highly competitive contiguous districts that have real community of interest like schools, roads etc. SALC should not have more say over me than the full set of commissioners. Please do not let SALC put a thumb on the scale-- listen respectfully decide INDEPENDENTLY I have been a Reagan republican and a democrat both-- i want competitive districts it! This SALC map is looking twisty like the original cartoon on Gerrymander... google it Thank You for listening.</p>
10/26/2021 9:20:39	October 26, 2021	VI Draft Map Decision Discussion A.	Lee Stanfield	85711	Everyone interested in preserving democratic process in AZ.	<p>* The sixth criterion in the Arizona Constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts:</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though there is no way to do so.</p> <p>In short, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps, and instead going for an unvetted HIGHLY PARTISAN map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, adoption of the SALC maps will do the precise opposite of the very purpose of the AIRC...which is to put a stop to gerrymandering!</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. This game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners to use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
10/26/2021 9:21:31	October 26, 2021	Why the Commission should not use the SALC map introduced during the mapping meeting last week.	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	<p>The criterion in the Arizona constitution is that maps should favor competitive districts.</p> <p>The SALC maps appear to have been drawn in order to gerrymander a Tucson based district for the republican party. District 17 went from a partisan split slightly in favor of Democrats to a partisan split strongly in favor of Republicans. Moreover, the change dramatically impacted the partisan balance in the rest of the state. Solid Democratic districts were reduced from 13 to ten (competitive analysis pdf for Map 6.0 vs. Map 8.0); solid Republic districts were increased from 13 to 15 (id). And, all of this was done under the rubric of uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley even though it did no such thing.</p> <p>In sum, this was not about uniting the cities of Marana and Oro Valley. It was about abandoning four days of mapping where the commissioners were trying to draw fair maps in favor of an unvetted partisan map designed to achieve partisan goals. In doing so, this turns the purpose of the AIRC—which is to put a stop to gerrymandering—on its head.</p> <p>Even worse, if the SALC maps are accepted, it could create a road map for partisan groups in the future to corrupt the AIRC mapping process. The game plan could be used by either side. First, organize partisans to present community of interest testimony that is made up of purely partisan talking points when there is no real community of interest, only a desire to pack a district to elect a candidate of their partisan leaning. Next, ask one of their partisan commissioners use that testimony to contend that a real community of interest exists even though groups are separated by multiple school districts and a mountain range. Finally, arrange for a non-profit affiliate to submit an unvetted, gerrymandered map late in the process with a claim that it advances the supposed communities of interest. This style of partisan gambit could effectively put an end to independent redistricting in Arizona.</p>
10/26/2021 9:23:07	October 26, 2021	Comments	David Williams	85749	Pct 199 Democrats	<p>District 17 fails to respect Communities of Interest. With all due respect to Commissioner Mehl and SALC, there is nothing that ties together the east Tucson/Tanque Verde region with Marana and Oro Valley. They do not share the same schools. In fact, there are at least two and maybe three school districts in between the Tanque Verde area and Oro Valley. These communities do not worship together. Residents of Oro Valley/Marana do not share the same economy or employers with east Tucson. No one in east Tucson regularly shops in Oro Valley or Marana. In fact, the only time east Tucsonans would visit Marana would be driving through on the way to Phoenix. Similarly, no one in Oro Valley or Marana visits or shops in east Tucson/Tanque Verde unless they are taking a day trip to Mount Lemmon.</p> <p>The SALC map has naturally created a spillover effect in other districts around Tucson. Portions of midtown Tucson neighborhoods have been joined into Districts 21 and 19 which seem incredibly forced, and certainly not in the interests of those communities.</p>
10/26/2021 9:23:11	October 26, 2021		3 Jamie Stanfield	85258	CD3	The new District 3 (in pink below) is too wide for any representative to be effective. You should place the western border at/near Scottsdale Road (the current western border of Scottsdale).
10/26/2021 9:23:38	October 26, 2021	Redistricting	Doris Mills	85268	Voter in Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills should not be connected to Anthem. This will be too big of a district if it covers Fountain Hills, Rio Verde all the way to I-17! I don't go to Anthem ever and I won't be represented properly. I should be represented by people who know my community. All of Scottsdale should be connected to Fountain Hills and Rio Verde. Please don't divide Scottsdale into three pieces. Scottsdale is a nationally known unique community as is Fountain Hills. The western border should be Scottsdale Road.
10/26/2021 9:23:54	October 26, 2021		Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Competitiveness deserves equal weight with the other five redistricting factors found in Article IV of the Arizona Constitution. Competitiveness leads to good government since districts that can be won by either party produce representatives who are more responsive to their constituents. LD Test Map 8.0 fails the competitiveness test with its huge vote spreads for many districts.
10/26/2021 9:24:55	October 26, 2021	Redistributing	Susan Mullen	85054		I live in the Desert Ridge area and am also very familiar with Rio Verde/Fountain Hills. Redistributing should be considered for this district. This large area is too diverse to be fairly represented. There are few similarities between the diverse needs of Desert Ridge/I7 communities and residents and those living in Fountain Hills/Rio Verde. Thank you.