

Timestamp	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	First and Last Name	Zip Code	Representing	Comments
2/16/2021 8:28:45	February 16, 2021	General	William Wade	86001	self	<p>The Commission should place open communication and public transparency among their most important goals, and follow through with honoring those goals. This will allow us, the public, to be your partners in the redistricting process.</p> <p>We, the public, should not be restricted to short periods during Commission meetings for us to submit comments. We should be able, in real time, to send in our comments regarding future meetings or previous ones.</p> <p>We need a comment portal that is available 24/7, and which accommodates uploading of attachments.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
2/16/2021 8:54:19	February 16, 2021	Census Delay	Deborah Howard	85308	Self	<p>Some thoughts for consideration on the Census delay.</p> <p>1. Quality data is worth waiting for! This data is the foundation of our political representation for the next decade. It needs to be accurate.</p> <p>2. Arizona has no statutory deadlines for completing its redistricting process. Unlike some states we will not require legislation, court rulings, or other administrative relief to reconcile hard deadlines with this new timeline.</p> <p>3. Use this time to "plan the plan" with staff you're hiring. To that end...</p> <p>* Dedicate the time to public input. Seek out as much information from communities all over the state before map drawing begins as the post-draft maps period may by necessity be compressed.</p> <p>* Seek out other expert testimony. Seek expert testimony on Arizona's redistricting criteria. What insights can demographers share about our state and our communities? Ask for formal testimony from advocacy organizations serving voters protected by the Voting Rights Act. There are legal redistricting experts (Justin Levitt, Loyola Law to name one) who can help you prepare for the hardest decisions involving drawing districts required under the Voting Rights Act.</p> <p>In short use this time to become experts about Arizona, about redistricting, and about redistricting in Arizona.</p> <p>Thank YOU!</p>
2/16/2021 8:54:39	February 16, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on Budget.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	<p>I am concerned that the budget process for the IARC be clarified. If it is not made crystal clear, one could imagine a situation in which the legislature majority disapproves of something the commission has determined, and then chooses to starve it of necessary funds. There needs to be a commitment to fund the commission through the next fiscal year with little or no "wiggle room" that might put your mission at risk.</p>
2/16/2021 9:02:49	February 16, 2021	Seeking Legal Counsel	Deborah Howard	85308	Self	<p>Hire legal counsel that is specifically experienced in redistricting. Please do not constrain yourselves to the list pre-cleared by the AG office.</p> <p>This is perhaps the very most important team decision you will make. Also redistricting is a specialized niche - and not exactly election law... Look for the highest level of expertise you can find.</p> <p>I've heard one of the commissioners talk about "knowing firms and lawyers" ... If these contacts are being used to help frame the thinking of that commissioner they need to be announced. This is true now and going forward - and goes to the heart of what is meant by public transparency. Exposing all transactions to influence your work as the AIRC.</p> <p>Talk to all the lawyers and firms that give you confidence that you can make a good decision. Just do that in public, transparently...</p>
2/16/2021 9:14:16	February 16, 2021	Calendaring future meetings	Deborah Howard	85308	self	<p>Calendaring public meetings is not an appropriate subject matter for an executive session.</p> <p>Here is a possible response; "I am not/will not be available on those dates."</p>