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1 LISTENING TOUR PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE
2 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 10:03 a.m.
3 on July 25, 2021, at Phoenix Convention Center, South
4 Building, Rooms 150 and 151, 100 North 3rd Street, Phoenix,
5 Arizona 85004, and online via WebEx.

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7 COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT:

8 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson

9 COMMISSIONER(S) PRESENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:

10 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman

11 Ms. Shereen Lerner

12 Mr. Douglas York

13 STAFF PRESENT:

14 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director

15 Ms. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director

16 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant

17 Ms. Michele Crank, Public Information Officer

18 Mr. Dennis Burke, Ballard Spahr

19 Ms. Jillian Andrews, Ballard Spahr

20 Mr. Shawn Summers, Ballard Spahr

21 Mr. Brett Johnson, Snell & Wilmer

22 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group

23 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group

24 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, National Demographics

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PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

Ms. Kate Brophy McGee

Mr. Whitney Johnson

Ms. Janet Johnson

Ms. Jana Lynn Granille

Ms. Giselle Garcia

Mr. Kole Sosa

Ms. Tracy Ireland

Mr. Barry Wong

Ms. Dawn Abel

Ms. Joanne Smith

Ms. Victoria Grijilva

Mr. Dave Seligson

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (cont'd):

2 Mr. Ryan Williams
3 Mr. David DuBois
4 Mr. Marcus Tork
5 Ms. Leal Westin
6 Ms. Kerry Jackson
7 Ms. Tiffany Winman
8 Ms. Lisa Schoop
9 Mr. Jay Simpson
10 Mr. Steven Steele
11 Ms. Ana Lise Ortiz
12 Ms. Kathy Petsas
13 Mr. Justin West
14 Mr. Eric Klein

15 ALSO PRESENT:

16 Ms. Tiana, American Sign Language Interpreter
17 Ms. Angela, American Sign Language Interpreter
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P R O C E E D I N G

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3 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Good morning, everyone.
4 Thank you so much for being here today.

5 As you can see, we are webcasting here from our
6 location here live, and then we are also here live at the
7 Phoenix Convention Center; we're super excited to get this
8 meeting started.

9 We want to first recognize Penny Sheoran from the
10 Arizona League of Women Voters, she's the president, and
11 she's going to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. So if
12 everybody could please stand.

13 MS. SHEORAN: Good morning, everybody.

14 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)
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16 MS. SHEORAN: Thank you.

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you so much. And just so we
18 have a little reminder -- well, first of all, my name is
19 Lori Van Haren, I'm the Deputy Director of the Independent
20 Redistricting Commission; and I am super excited to be here
21 today with you.

22 We have two microphones right now while we're --
23 we're getting used to some of the technological challenges
24 of having 30 meetings over the span of the next two weeks,
25 so if you will make sure to at least speak into both

1 microphones, kind of like a press conference, and that way
2 we can get all of what you're saying over to anybody who is
3 joining us online; appreciate it.

4 Right now I'm going to turn it over to our
5 Chairwoman, Commissioner Neuberg.

6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hello and welcome, everybody.
7 We're super excited. This is our third public hearing in
8 three days; they have been remarkably informative and, to be
9 honest, we're quite honored and humbled.

10 And, with that, we will dive right in. Agenda
11 Item I, call to order. I now call to order the listening
12 tour of the Independent Redistricting Commission.

13 Please note that if you would like to make a public
14 comment you may do so by signing in with staff and filling
15 out the public comment card.

16 If you haven't already done so, please fill out the
17 community of interest survey. There's a QR code on signs at
18 the sign-in desk and on the public comment cards that will
19 direct you to the link. Please see a member of staff if you
20 have any questions; this is very valuable data.

21 We have an American Sign Language interpreter
22 joining us virtually, and we have interpreters and headsets
23 available for those in attendance. We also have a
24 transcriptionist who will be transcribing every meeting.

25 Please speak slowly and clearly so we have a clear

1 record of your input.

2 Will the interpreters in attendance introduce
3 themselves now?

4 INTERPRETER TIANA: Hello. My name is Tiana and I
5 am one of the ASL interpreters; and my team today is Angela
6 Emmerson (phonetic).

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Anybody else?

9 Okay. Thank you very much.

10 At this time, we'll introduce the Commissioners.
11 It's been an absolute delight to meet most -- well, four of
12 the five in person; it was the first time given these, you
13 know, COVID realities, and we're thrilled to have three of
14 you on the line -- well, two, and one is soon to join.

15 My name is Erika Neuberg, I'm from Chandler,
16 Arizona, representing Maricopa County; and also the
17 Independent chair.

18 And if my colleagues can hear me and are online,
19 please, introduce yourselves.

20 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Yes. Good morning,
21 Madam Chair, thank you.

22 This is Derrick Watchman, I'm from Window Rock,
23 Arizona, and represent Apache County; and I'm the Democratic
24 Commissioner. And so good morning, everybody.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Good morning, everybody. My

1 name is Shereen Lerner. I am one of the Commissioners from
2 Maricopa County. It's great to see you all there, and I am
3 one of the Democratic Commissioners as well.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Great to see you.

6 Anybody else or further introductions?

7 Okay. We have Commissioner York about to join at
8 some point, he is a Republican Commissioner from Maricopa
9 County; we also have a fellow commissioner, David Mehl, who,
10 you know, is not able to join us. I believe in our public
11 presentation we'll give him a formal introduction.

12 But, again, it's just been an absolute delight to
13 visit with and get to know my colleagues.

14 With that, we will now move to Agenda Item No. II,
15 a presentation on the process.

16 First is a representative of our legal team.
17 Jillian, please.

18 And please formally introduce yourself since I
19 didn't know who exactly it was.

20 MS. ANDREWS: Yes. Hi, everyone. Good morning.
21 My name is Jillian Andrews, I am one of the legal counsel
22 for the Commission from the firm Ballard Spahr. I'm joined
23 today by my colleague from Ballard, Dennis Burke, who is
24 hiding in the back; and Sean Summers up here. And then our
25 co-counsel from the firm Snell & Wilmer is Brett Johnson who

1 is here with us today.

2 So before we get started, we just wanted to give a
3 little background into the existence of the Commission, the
4 creation of it, and the purposes that it serves so that way
5 we're all, you know, a little educated and on the same page
6 so we can understand and have productive public comment
7 today.

8 So as you can see up here, we have a few slides for
9 you going way back to the founding of the country and the
10 United States Constitution, that created the requirement for
11 reapportionment of congressional districts. So, you know,
12 the constitution gives us the guidance that all states must
13 do an enumeration and reapportionment every ten years,
14 that's what we use the census data for; but other than that,
15 they basically left it up to the states to decide how each
16 state would do it.

17 And so Arizona from Statehood in 1912 until 2000
18 did things like all other states at the time and like most
19 states still do today, which is to let the state legislature
20 control redistricting; and in 2000 Arizona voters passed
21 Prop 106, and that amended the state constitution to create
22 the Independent Redistricting Commission.

23 So Prop 106 was initiated and passed by a majority
24 of voters and implemented into the state constitution
25 Article IV.

1 And I know it's small so you probably can't see
2 that, but the text of Article IV says that by February 28th
3 of each year that ends in a one, such as 2021, an
4 Independent Redistricting Commission shall be established to
5 provide for the redistricting of congressional and state
6 legislative districts.

7 So an important thing to remember as we're talking
8 about today is the Commission is in charge for setting the
9 maps for both congressional and state legislative districts.
10 So if you hear people use the term "CD," they might be
11 referring to congressional districts, whereas "LD" is a
12 legislative district, and the Commission does them both.

13 You already got introduced to most of the
14 Commissioners, but here on the slide you can see everyone's
15 name. And the important thing about the makeup of the
16 Commission is it's actually required by the constitution
17 that the Commission have five members, no more than two of
18 who can be from the same political party; and then as you
19 can see, everyone is not all from different counties, but
20 there are multiple counties represented which is also a
21 requirement in the constitution.

22 So you got a chance to meet everyone so far except
23 for Commissioners Mehl and York. Commissioner York might be
24 joining us, but you can see up here that Commissioner Mehl,
25 who can't be with us here today, is a Republican from Pima

1 County.

2 And I think that covers it.

3 The other important thing that Prop 106 did, aside
4 from creating the Independent Redistricting Commission, was
5 actually set forth in Article IV some criteria that the
6 Commission has to follow when it's creating its maps. And
7 so there are six criteria that you will hear the Commission
8 discuss frequently that they take into consideration when
9 drawing the maps.

10 And the first one is that all of the states
11 districts must comply with the United States Constitution
12 and the United States Voting Rights Act.

13 The Voting Rights Act or the VRA is a federal
14 statute that was passed in the Civil Rights Era to make sure
15 that minority populations have the same access to the ballot
16 and the same voting power to the extent possible as do
17 majority populations.

18 The second criteria is that both congressional and
19 state legislative districts shall have equal population to
20 the extent practical.

21 That just means there should be roughly the same
22 number of people in each district.

23 The third is that districts should be
24 geographically compact and contiguous to the extent
25 practicable.

1 When we talk about compactness and contiguity, what
2 we're talking about is really the physical shape of the
3 district. You know, that it should be as compact as
4 possible; and then also that it should be contiguous, that just
5 means there shouldn't be kind of an island floating on its
6 own, that all parts of the district should be touching.

7 The fourth is that district boundaries shall
8 respect communities of interest to the extent practicable.
9 That is, of course, why you all are here today, to share
10 with the Commission your thoughts what constitutes a
11 community of interest; how the Commission can look out for
12 your community of interest when it's drawing the maps.

13 Next to the extent possible district lines shall
14 use visible geographic features, cities and towns and county
15 boundaries and undivided census tracts.

16 That's pretty self-explanatory, where possible the
17 map will look to, you know, recognize municipal boundaries,
18 physical boundaries such as rivers, anything like that.

19 And then the last one: To the extent practicable
20 competitive districts should be favored where to do so would
21 create no significant detriments to the other goals.

22 So where it wouldn't create a detriment to the
23 other goals, competitive districts, you know, districts that
24 would enhance competition between candidates, should be
25 favored.

1 So those are the six factors that the Commission
2 has to take into account.

3 And the next slide that you'll see is the projected
4 timeline for the Commission, and this is what the Commission
5 has come up with. Now that you see kind of the enormity of
6 the task in front of the Commission, this is the projected
7 timeline for getting all of that done.

8 So the first one July to August is the initial
9 listening tour, obviously, that's what we're all here for
10 today. After this tour and in mid-August we will hopefully
11 receive the census data, which this year is delayed due to
12 the pandemic; and then in September the grid map shall be
13 drawn and adopted.

14 Basically the grid map is the first step in the
15 mapping, and that's where the Commission is just kind of
16 required to lay a grid over the state, break it up into
17 equal chunks, and from there the grid map is adjusted to
18 create the final maps.

19 So September through October is when the Commission
20 will be working to develop draft maps and adopting an
21 official draft map; and then in October to November is
22 another very important opportunity for public comment.
23 There's a constitutionally required 30-day public comment
24 period on the draft maps. That's when the Commission will
25 publish the draft and make sure that everyone in the public

1 has a chance in those 30 days to comment and provide input.

2 After then in December through the end of the
3 project is when the Commission will be revising that draft
4 map and adopting the final plan.

5 And so this slide is opportunities for public
6 involvement. You know, all of you have already shown that
7 you are committed to being involved in the process, that's
8 why you're here today. But this isn't the only opportunity
9 to get involved throughout the process, and the Commission
10 really hopes you will take them up on the chance to
11 participate in all of these ways.

12 So, first, the Commission's weekly meetings are
13 open to the public. They're broadcast live on YouTube, you
14 can, you know, access the link and watch it live and submit
15 public comments throughout the meeting. We have a link up
16 there, but the website IRC.AZ.gov is very easy to navigate.
17 You can get on there, find a link to the next meeting and
18 find where you can submit public comment as well.

19 The next is the reason why we're all here today,
20 which is input on communities of interest. What the
21 Commission really wants to hear from you today is what
22 geographic areas or neighborhoods should they consider when
23 they're drawing draft maps. What do you think your
24 community of interest is, and how can they can take it into
25 account when they're drawing the maps.

1 And input on draft maps which Mark is going to talk
2 more about, but there's several tools that the mapping
3 consultants and Commission have provided to make sure the
4 public has plenty of input in public -- in draft maps. You
5 can actually submit your own draft maps as well as
6 commenting on in-progress draft maps before the Commission
7 actually selects the final one.

8 And Mark will talk more about how you can submit
9 your own proposed map on the website.

10 I'll turn it over to you.

11 MR. FLAHAN: All right.

12 Good morning, everyone. My name is Mark Flahan,
13 I'm with Timmons, part of the mapping team; and the other
14 folks we have on the mapping team that are present today is
15 Parker Bradshaw, he is our coordinator for the project; and
16 Ivy Beller Sakansky who is our demographer on the project.
17 And after I do the public slides, Ivy is going to come up
18 and talk to you guys about communities of interest and what
19 is community of interest, because that's all what we're
20 talking about today.

21 So what do we have for you guys? We have some
22 empowerment tools that put data into you guys' hand to be
23 able to submit your community of interest survey back to us.

24 So the first data tool that we have is our
25 socioeconomic report, it's an interactive site on the Web

1 available 24/7 that gives you guys different data about
2 demographics and socioeconomics. And we have another slide
3 that we'll talk to you about in a little bit.

4 The next piece is the mapping tools. So we have a
5 community of interest survey. When you came in the
6 building, you probably saw some QR codes sitting on the
7 table. That survey is available in English and Spanish,
8 available 24/7 for you guys on the Web for you guys to be
9 able to fill out and submit back to us your community of
10 interest. It even provides you guys a map where you guys
11 could submit exactly what your community of interest does.

12 The next one is the redistricting system. So we'll
13 have a redistricting out there that will allow you to submit
14 maps and comment on maps and that will be coming.

15 Next slide.

16 Socioeconomic report. So this is an interactive
17 site, you can see there on the right side that is a
18 screenshot of it. It has 14 different demographic points on
19 it; and "CVAP" is citizen voting age population and after
20 that, it has a bunch of other demographics you can show.

21 So you can go to the site 24/7, scroll around the
22 different layers, scroll around Arizona and see those
23 different demographic points on the Web. I'm not going to
24 read through every data point, but they are all there listed
25 on the screen.

1 Next slide.

2 Community of interest survey. Here's a screenshot
3 of what the survey looks like; like I said, it's on the Web.
4 And as you can see on the left, that's the start of the
5 community of interest survey; and then on the right, that
6 actually shows the map that allows you guys to go in and map
7 your community of interest and submit it back to us. That
8 way we can get as accurate information for your community of
9 interest.

10 Next slide.

11 Next I'm going to turn it over to Ivy to talk to
12 you about what is a community of interest.

13 MS. SAKANSKY: Thank you, Mark.

14 So what is a community of interest? It is a
15 geographic area of people who share a common story or a
16 common connection.

17 That connection can be common social interests,
18 shared demographic characteristics, similar impacts from a
19 legislative and/or congressional issue, or any other
20 connection that leads people in a given area to believe they
21 would benefit from being kept together united in one
22 legislative or congressional district.

23 As you think about your community, think about the
24 factors listed on the community survey that Mark just
25 reviewed. That survey says: Think about you and your

1 neighbors, do you have similar jobs -- excuse me -- do you
2 rely on similar public services, belong to the same
3 neighborhood association, are you impacted by some regional
4 environmental concern, is your community defined by similar
5 land usage issues?

6 Or how else can your community be defined? It can
7 be defined with transit concerns, languages spoken,
8 community celebrations or traditions, or other similar
9 issues or characteristics.

10 Any of these characteristics could define a
11 community of interest.

12 Next slide, please.

13 Now, it is your turn. As they travel the state on
14 this listening tour, the Commissioners want to hear from
15 you. What do you want the Commissioners to consider as they
16 draft and ultimately adopt their maps?

17 How do you define your community of interest?
18 Using those online tools that Mark described and in your
19 testimony today, we want to hear what brings your community
20 of interest together and what are your community's
21 geographic boundaries.

22 Remember, the Commissioners can incorporate your
23 community into their maps only if you let us know where your
24 community is on the map.

25 Thank you for being here today. I will now turn

1 this back over to Commission staff, and they will begin with
2 your comments.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Before we move on to the
4 next agenda item, I'm going to read a couple of things for
5 the meeting.

6 Citizens may only speak when recognized by the
7 Chair or the presiding officer of the meeting if the Chair
8 is absent or otherwise has delegated hearing administrative
9 authority.

10 In compliance with Arizona's open meeting law,
11 speakers should confine their statements to the issue on the
12 posted agenda which is before the Commission. Speakers are
13 also requested to limit their comments to approximately
14 three minutes.

15 Additionally, speakers are required to follow
16 proper decorum. Speakers must use appropriate language.
17 Foul and/or abusive language will not be tolerated.

18 Any speaker failing to follow proper decorum or any
19 other guidelines may be asked to leave. Any breach of the
20 peace or disruption of the Commission public hearing may be
21 cause for report to law enforcement, arrest, or prosecution.

22 If someone has expressed the same sentiment as you,
23 you do not need to speak in order to have your comment
24 recorded. As long as you have filled out the survey, your
25 input will be received and considered by the Commission.

1 Everyone is welcome to speak, however, should you choose to
2 do so.

3 Opposing viewpoints may be expressed by the
4 citizens present. As a courtesy, citizens are reminded to
5 address their comments to the chair and to the Commission
6 and not to the audience present. Please show respect for
7 all speakers and avoid personal comments.

8 Remember, Commissioners must hear all sides of an
9 issue to make an informed decision.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And, with that, we very much
11 look forward to public comment.

12 And so please, Staff, let's begin the queue.

13 MS. CRANK: Good morning. My name is Michele
14 Crank, and I'm the Public Information Officer for the
15 Independent Redistricting Commission.

16 But before we go forward, I would also like to
17 introduce our Executive Director Brian Schmitt who is up
18 front. And then, of course, we have our other staff member
19 Valerie Neumann who is outside; she's doing the sign-in --
20 sign-in sheet, so that way can you put a name with a face as
21 we are -- as we continue to move forward.

22 So with the first speaker, I would like to invite
23 Kate Brophy McGee; and then up on deck is Whitney Johnson;
24 following Whitney Johnson is Janet Johnson.

25 MS. MCGEE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

1 I wanted to thank the Commissioner for holding
2 these hearings; they're very important to the public, and
3 even though the testimony that you're taking may fall -- and
4 the work you're doing may fall under the heading of "No good
5 deed goes unpunished," it is so necessary. And know that
6 average, ordinary, everyday Arizonans so appreciate what you
7 are doing.

8 My name is Kate Brophy McGee, and for ten years I
9 represented Legislative District 28 in the Arizona House of
10 Representatives and the State Senate. My term ended in
11 January of this year, my latest term.

12 The district includes Sunnyslope, North
13 Central Phoenix, Biltmore, Arcadia, the Shea corridor, the
14 entire town of Paradise Valley, and 90 homes in Scottsdale;
15 carves out a big piece in the middle of Phoenix.

16 And my comments regarding the LD communities of
17 interest I hope will inform your work.

18 I made a lot of connections with neighborhood
19 leaders across the district. By definition they are very
20 granular representatives of their communities of interest
21 and apolitical.

22 I will tell you that representing District 28 over
23 time became a tale of two districts: East side and west
24 side, west of the State Route 51 and east of State Route 51.
25 The district itself goes from I-17 to Scottsdale Road, in

1 addition to the freeways and arterial routes connecting
2 Phoenix north and south, like 19th Avenue, 7th Avenue, 7th
3 Street, 32nd Street and Scottsdale Road, there's very little
4 cross throughout -- through the district.

5 Why? Because right smack in the middle of the
6 district is the beautiful Phoenix Mountain Preserve, which
7 effectively disrupts the east-west flow.

8 The communities of interest and connectors which I
9 had mentioned: North Central, Sunnyslope, Biltmore,
10 Arcadia, Shea corridor, and Paradise valley are residential
11 areas. They are very diverse; they are very active. And
12 the neighborhood associations in these neighborhoods are
13 addressing very, very different problems.

14 While the district is built around the values for
15 public schools, private schools, school choice, parks and
16 recreation, arts and culture, they still vary greatly
17 between east side and the west side.

18 So let me talk a little bit more about that
19 bifurcation.

20 The pandemic and the great recession -- I came in
21 on the great recession and exited on the pandemic --
22 affected the east side very differently. The tourism
23 revenues plummeted, small business owners struggled, and
24 there was some increase in public assistance. On the west
25 side, high foreclosure rate, job losses, and greater access

1 to public assistance. Further differentiation developed
2 from there.

3 And it's important to recognize that the west side
4 and the east side are very different. I'm happy to submit
5 written comments if needed so that you have more information
6 to inform your choices.

7 It is much, much more granular than just a street
8 or a neighborhood. It really goes to the problems that
9 those neighborhoods are fighting.

10 And, with that, I thank you all very much for your
11 time.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

13 MS. CRANK: Next speaker is Whitney Johnson.

14 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. My name is Whitney
15 Johnson; I've been a resident of Arizona for over 15 years.
16 And I do -- I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak
17 today and put something on the record. It really is -- I'm
18 going to be very brief and pretty general.

19 Proposition 106 contains the sentence "To oversee
20 the mapping of fair and competitive congressional and
21 legislative districts."

22 I really just want to implore you for the sake of
23 representative democracy that you do your best to accomplish
24 that directive "fair and competitive." It's -- it's one of
25 the things I'm proud of Arizona about, now that we have the

1 districts that we have and hope that we can keep them fair
2 and competitive.

3 And just thank you for taking on this important
4 task under probably not ideal conditions with COVID and
5 everything being delayed.

6 Thank you very much.

7 MS. CRANK: Thank you.

8 Before we move forward, I would like to ask: Do we
9 need a Spanish interpreter for anybody in the audience?

10 (No response.)

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 Next speaker.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning. My name is Janet
14 Johnson, and I've been a resident of Arizona for 21 years.
15 And I've lived in my community in Phoenix for the past
16 20 years.

17 My comments today are simple and straightforward.
18 It is vitally important to our democracy that you follow the
19 provisions of voter-approved Proposition 106 and ensure that
20 the districts that you draw that will impact all of us for
21 the next ten years are fair and competitive. Our democracy
22 cannot survive with one party in power with no obligation to
23 listen and address the needs of all constituents, not just
24 those who voted for them.

25 Further, fair and competitive districts will

1 protect against the extremism that we are currently seeing
2 across the nation which is, again, a threat to our
3 democracy.

4 Additionally, I cannot stress enough how important
5 it is that the voting power of communities of color be
6 protected pursuant to the Voting Rights Act. Over the last
7 ten years, Arizona has become more diverse, and we must
8 ensure communities of color are able to elect candidates of
9 their choice to ensure their voices are heard and their
10 needs are met.

11 I appreciate your time today and your willingness
12 to do this difficult work.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. CRANK: The next speaker, Jana Lynn Grani- --
15 Granille; and then after that is Giselle Garcia; and after
16 that is Kate Sosa.

17 MS. GRANILLE: Hello. My name is Jana Lynn
18 Granille. Thank you all for -- again, to echo for what
19 everyone else is saying -- to take on this task.

20 I live in Tempe, Arizona, and have -- I'm a
21 lifetime resident of Arizona except for time served in the
22 military. I lived about 30 years in the city of Tempe.

23 So I did submit a survey, community of interest
24 survey, and I'm going to read from that and then add to
25 that.

1 The city of Tempe is my community and is connected
2 by neighborhoods; residents are connected to their
3 neighborhood as is the city by neighborhoods collectively.
4 Organization and voice is often rallied at a neighborhood
5 level.

6 Local city governance is often impacted by
7 legislation at the state level. It is important to keep
8 Tempe together to have a voice around our common issues.

9 Additionally, the City has a system of
10 administration that works to improve housing, childcare,
11 environment, transportation, et cetera. Our legislative
12 voice and power, I believe, is city-centric.

13 School districts that overlay the city are
14 important, especially when it comes to childcare and social
15 services. If at all possible keeping those whole will
16 further strengthen our voice. Student housing and other
17 relational aspects to ASU should be kept together.

18 I understand a legislative district is
19 approximately 240,000 which would work in terms of the city
20 of Tempe. Although there are some common socioeconomic
21 factors with the city of Mesa, I think Mesa is quite
22 different than Tempe. Please keep this in mind when slicing
23 and dicing populations.

24 In addition to the VRA, competitiveness is a high
25 priority for our state/nation and should not be dismissed.

1 These last years we have seen extreme polarization. The
2 opportunity that competitive gives us should not be ignored
3 or reduced in any decision criteria. Competitiveness along
4 with the elevation of VRA will strengthen us.

5 For geographic neighbors -- excuse me -- the city
6 of Tempe has maps. I attempted to draw a map using my
7 desktop computer, please disregard that map. (Laughter)

8 My map is the city of Tempe, okay. I would offer
9 in regards to the map, when you get down to the grids and
10 the legislative districts, please make that available at the
11 libraries; that would be much appreciative.

12 Also in terms of competitiveness, I would like to
13 see the metric sooner than later regarding competitiveness
14 so that we can as a state look at what you're doing and
15 compare that.

16 My other suggestion, unsolicited to communities of
17 interest, is that when you're looking at where you're going
18 to start -- I've been listening to your conversation -- look
19 at where the most dense populations are because that's where
20 the significant changes are.

21 And also for training regarding the maps -- again,
22 disregard my map -- I implore you to use something beyond
23 your YouTube training which is available right now on the
24 Web.

25 And, lastly, congressional districts are of primary

1 importance and competitiveness is the most important there.

2 Thank you for your time and your work.

3 MS. CRANK: The next speaker is Gisell Garcia; and
4 then up on deck is Kate Sosa.

5 MS. GARCIA: Hello, everyone. Good morning.

6 My name is Giselle Garcia, and I reside right now
7 in the Legislative District 27. And I'm here with
8 organization "Mi Familia Vota."

9 I'm hear to testify about the importance of making
10 the 2021 redistricting process a fair and transparent
11 process. The work I do every day reminds me about the
12 importance of having an opportunity to decide who will be
13 representing me and my community at the local, state, and
14 federal level.

15 I know that the work starts with the redistricting
16 process and how districts are drawn affects every political
17 issue from education and immigration.

18 In addition, 'cause of the census, redistricting
19 plays a critical part on the type and the amount of
20 resources my local community receives for the next ten
21 years.

22 Providing communities like the one I grew up in and
23 the one I live now the opportunity to shape their future, me
24 and my family's future is what is at stake.

25 As the Commission looks into incoming data from the

1 census and considers the shape of our community, I ask that
2 you center the community's interest that you will affect
3 with this process, that you provide them a voice and a
4 chance in the political process.

5 Thank you for your time to listen to my testimony,
6 and I wish you all the best in this very important process
7 for all of us in Arizona.

8 Thank you.

9 MS. CRANK: Kole Sosa.

10 MR. SOSA: Hi. Name is Kole Sosa, and I live in
11 the Pepperwood -- Pepperwood neighborhood of Tempe, Arizona.
12 I've been a resident there for a little over three years.

13 Most of the work that I do is within the Tempe area
14 and currently right now we are lumped in with South Phoenix,
15 and it's a very weird thing to me to see that.

16 Everything I do on a day-to-day basis in Tempe is
17 mostly around my neighborhood. Day to day you can find me
18 playing, you know, soccer, going to local gyms and things
19 like that.

20 My ZIP Code is 85283, and those of the
21 South Phoenix area have nothing in common. Okay?

22 So we're asking that you guys take into
23 consideration that we've, you know, been lumped in with the
24 South Phoenix area, and it's something that we probably
25 should be looking at.

1 After talking to a few people in my district and
2 hearing when -- you know, what -- when they did the previous
3 redistricting, they were too focused on competitiveness
4 rather than adhering to the six laws laid out in the
5 Constitution. Okay?

6 You know, one of things that really stood out to me
7 was the districts should be comp- -- should be compact and
8 accurately represent the communities of interest who live
9 and work together, and I think that that one was pretty much
10 thrown out, okay.

11 Because I can tell you this right now, we -- for
12 myself, I don't do anything in the South Phoenix area.
13 Everything I've done is in the Tempe area, okay.

14 So I'll ask you, you know, you got some questions
15 yourself, you know, would you want to live -- would you want
16 your kids to go to school in a district you can't vote in?
17 You know, would you guys want -- would you guys want to be
18 -- you know, I assume the answer would be "no," okay.

19 So simply put, Tempe is my community of interest,
20 and it's not going to be South Phoenix, okay.

21 So thank you guys for your time; appreciate it.

22 MS. CRANK: The next speaker, Tracy Ireland; and
23 following Tracy is Barry Wong; and following Barry Wong is
24 Dawn Abel.

25 MS. IRELAND: It's just a little wet up here; I

1 don't want my phone to get wet. I put everything on my
2 phone.

3 Okay. All right. Good morning. My name is Tracy
4 Ireland, and I currently work rent- -- I currently -- let me
5 start over. I'm a little bit nervous. I know you guys are
6 wonderful people, but it's a little daunting to come up
7 here.

8 So good morning; my name is Tracy Ireland, I'm
9 currently in Legislative District 27 which is South Phoenix,
10 but I reside in Tempe. My ZIP Code is 85283.

11 I work in Tempe; I do my exercise walking in and
12 around Tempe. I do my shopping in Tempe; grocery, drugstore
13 gas station, banking -- my banker is in Tempe. In fact, at
14 almost all of these places they know me by name. Sometimes
15 that's a good thing; sometimes it's not.

16 But because Tempe is my community of interest.

17 From the previous maps drawn my community of
18 interest was split, and I do not want to be part of a
19 South Phoenix district because it does not represent me and
20 my community of interest.

21 Also, last time around districts were not drawn
22 with equal population. This time, please follow the
23 Constitution and make them equal.

24 The bottom line here is: I want to be back in my
25 own backyard, which is Tempe, my community of interest, and

1 not South Phoenix.

2 And I thank you all for taking time today to hear
3 all of our public comments and wish you the best going
4 forward.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. WONG: Good morning, Madam Chair, members of
7 the Commission.

8 My name is Barry Wong. I'm a lifelong Arizonan.
9 Today I want to share with you some viewpoints from two
10 perspectives: One is I'm chairman of Republic
11 Legislative District 24; and, secondly, as a -- last year as
12 a member of the State, the Governor's Census Complete Count
13 Committee and chairing the subcommittee on community-based
14 organizations.

15 Before I launch into those two points, I want to
16 first thank you for your service to our state and all you do
17 because this is critical work, this decennial exercise of
18 the IRC.

19 First, we have a number of people from our
20 legislative district that will speak today and share their
21 experiences, but I want to let you know that LD-24, as I'll
22 refer to it, is a pretty compact district from
23 Central Phoenix to East Phoenix to South Scottsdale.

24 Interesting, it's eclectic; it has quite a diverse
25 combination of demographics, socioeconomic factors. But I

1 want to encourage you as you draw your maps to keep
2 neighborhoods intact. Some of them are older neighborhoods;
3 others are historic. More and more Central Phoenix
4 neighborhoods are historic, please keep them intact; and
5 those are important because their people are committed to
6 their communities, more and more people are engaged in their
7 neighborhood associations, and you can get that information
8 from the various respective cities.

9 Further is that LD-24 is a more of a horizontal
10 orientation, South Scottsdale is different from Central --
11 East Phoenix is different from Central Phoenix.

12 So please keep all those factors in mind when you
13 review our districts, and you'll here more from our
14 representatives from LD-24.

15 Let me talk about my service on the Governor's
16 Complete Count Committee census. Let me be clear and make a
17 disclaimer that I'm speaking in my private, personal
18 capacity and not speaking on behalf of the Governor or
19 Governor's Office or the State of Arizona.

20 The Complete Count Committee, the subcommittee, had
21 a very successful effort because we reached out broadly and
22 deeply into the community; and the community includes ethnic
23 and racial demographics. As you all know, the obvious
24 groups, the Hispanic, Latino, African American, American
25 Indian, and Asian populations; but we drilled even deeper

1 and found -- and reached out to these communities that are
2 relatively new in our state in the last 10/12 years, whether
3 it's the Haitian community, the Somali community, the
4 African immigrant community, which is different than the
5 African American community, different perspectives.

6 So I bring that to your attention and encourage you
7 to look into the work of the -- the State Complete Count
8 Committee, and be glad to share that information with you.
9 And when also you look at the Asian community, that looks at
10 the -- the Vietnamese community, you know, the West Side,
11 the Filipinos. You're from Chandler, Madam Chair; you know
12 there's a big Asian community out there as well.

13 So, in closing, I ask you to also adhere to the six
14 major points of criteria established in the constitution and
15 an adhere to that closely and try not to deviate because
16 every one is important. That's why it's listed in the
17 Constitution.

18 So thank you very much for your time and look
19 forward to future meetings.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. And if you don't
21 mind, I'm going to use my discretion because I have a
22 question and I'm a little confused. I actually lived for a
23 period of time in 85253, and I've heard some comments about
24 wanting to differentiate from South Phoenix, and I'm
25 wondering if -- if we could hear a little bit more about if

1 not wanting to go west, where do you want to go?

2 I mean, I'm -- can you share a little bit more
3 about your vision on that?

4 MR. WONG: Madam Chair, I'm going to defer to
5 Ms. Ireland 'cause she was talking about South Phoenix. So
6 may I defer to her? I think that's --

7 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Please do.

8 MR. WONG: I think that's --

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Please do.

10 And I also -- I want to remind my colleagues who
11 are dialing in: Please, at any point if you have questions,
12 I mean we want to be good listeners, and we're doing our due
13 diligence, but if there's something that you're confused
14 about and need clarification, you know, I'm trying to look
15 at you, but please chime in voice-wise.

16 Please.

17 MS. IRELAND: Hi. Well, more than ten years ago
18 where I live in Pepperwood which is a neighborhood townhouse
19 association, it's Baseline and Kyrene; and I would say it's
20 Baseline, you know, it's over to the Hardy, over to a little
21 bit further -- little west over there, it juggernauts around
22 there; and we were primarily in Tempe and our district and
23 everything we went to was in Tempe.

24 So our area was put over -- that small little area
25 has been put over into South Phoenix district, and so

1 through the past nine years everything is represented for
2 South Phoenix; and even though we have asked throughout the
3 nine years, "Hey, can we pay attention to our area a little
4 bit and help us in our area?" And that never happened.

5 So we haven't really been represented for nine
6 years being in this other district. And we don't, per se,
7 go over there because our community of interest is in Tempe.
8 So we have different congressional districts; we have
9 different school boards, different city council, different
10 everything except for the legislation where we vote for the
11 representatives and state senator.

12 But the candidates are always going to be from
13 South Phoenix; they're never going to from our community of
14 interest. So, again, we're not representative [sic], and
15 that's why we're coming today to say we would like to be
16 back in our community of interest so we can pay attention to
17 our own backyard and be represented properly.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And my question is, if -- if
19 cutting off boundaries on the west, where would you prefer
20 to move it to?

21 I just want to make sure that we're understanding
22 the requests.

23 MS. IRELAND: Okay. Well, right now I believe if
24 we were in the correct position, we would be in
25 Legislative District 18, and so that boundary -- oh. Gosh.

1 I should look at the map.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It's okay. That's --

3 MS. IRELAND: Does that help you?

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: All of this is helpful.

5 MS. IRELAND: Okay. And -- because we -- we --
6 even though I'm in the other district right now, I refer to
7 everybody and my friends in LD-18 on what is going on; and
8 it makes it hard because South Phoenix isn't my community of
9 interest. So if I can be placed back into this area then
10 I'm in the proper placement.

11 Did that work?

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

13 MS. IRELAND: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you so much.

15 MS. IRELAND: Thank you. Thank you for asking,
16 too.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Chair Neuberg, this is --

19 MS. CRANK: The next speaker is Dawn Abel.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Excuse me. We have a
21 question from Commissioner Lerner.

22 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I just wanted to get
23 clarification on whether the discussion has been about
24 South Phoenix or Ahwatukee area?

25 Because I know that part of -- the south part of

1 Tempe is connected to Ahwatukee, and I don't know if that's
2 being distinguished.

3 MS. IRELAND: Okay. My understanding is that is
4 right now part of LD-18; and for me that's not an issue. I
5 know they're -- they're redrawing lines; I don't know how
6 that looks right now.

7 I don't know. I just know that all my friends and
8 people that I work with and people that I confer with and
9 school board issues and issues with city council and
10 everything is all in Tempe, and those people are primarily
11 in LD-18. So I'm not sure if I'm addressing your concern.

12 Am I answering you okay?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Yes. That's fine. Thank
14 you.

15 MS. IRELAND: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay.

17 MS. ABEL: My name is Dawn Abel, D-A-W-N, A-B-E-L.
18 I live in South Scottsdale in Districts 24 and 9,
19 an urban area south of Old Town.

20 The most current data show Scottsdale demographics
21 comprise 85 percent Caucasian versus Scottsdale District 23
22 and 6 at 88 percent; 2.6 percent Black versus 1.7 percent; 2
23 percent Asian versus 4 percent; 2.5 Native American versus
24 1.2 percent; .2 percent Native Hawaiian versus 1. -- .1
25 percent; 2.2 two mixed race versus 2 percent; and 5.3

1 percent other race versus 2.5 percent.

2 Ten percent of the other above-noted races are of
3 Hispanic origin. South Scottsdale is composed largely of
4 middle-class workers, including lower-middle class who live
5 in apartments, young families in starter homes, an equal
6 population of singles and married, some retirees, and
7 transient homeless scattered between South Scottsdale and
8 Old Town.

9 South Scottsdale has a population of 94K compared
10 to Scottsdale's 234.5K, that's over one-third of
11 Scottsdale's entire population.

12 Six percent of South Scottsdale residents make
13 under 10K annually, while 16 percent make 10K to 25K
14 annually. This results in almost 22 percent of South
15 residents who live below or slightly above the poverty line;
16 12 percent of residents make 25K to 40K; while 18 percent
17 make 40K to 60K; 22 percent make 60K to 100K; 26 percent
18 make 100K to 200K, which exposes a largely equal and
19 opposite gap between the haves and have nots with the
20 remaining being lower-to-middle income.

21 An additional 7 percent of residents above 200K is
22 not considered as it is an anomaly in this neighborhood and
23 likely corresponds to upward mobility.

24 Our South Scottsdale community is more
25 economically, ethnically, and generationally diverse as

1 compared to the rest of Scottsdale; and has an
2 infrastructure not typical of the upscale homes, apartments,
3 restaurants, and shopping alternative north of Osborn Road.

4 Our issues are typical of downtowns that try to
5 equitably revitalize themselves, which we've done to a large
6 extent, but we need government aid for lingering social
7 problems. We battle problems with residential crime, drug
8 trafficking, and the homeless which need special
9 consideration. We require creative solutions; not old,
10 tired remedies or pittance which don't produce lasting
11 results.

12 Many of these problems can be remedied through
13 government funded incentives to pull people out of poverty
14 and off the streets. Thus, it's desirable to keep our
15 urban-friendly legislators who currently represent our
16 districts. I ask that you keep Legislative District 24 and
17 Congressional District 9 as is.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. CRANK: The next speaker is Joanne Smith;
20 following Joanne Smith is Victoria Grijilva; and then after
21 Victoria is Dave Seligson.

22 MS. SMITH: Good morning. Thank you so much for
23 putting this together. It 's so critical for us moving
24 forward, and I'd like to thank everybody involved, the
25 Commissioner, Chairman, and everyone here in the room today.

1 My name is Joann Smith. I live in Maricopa County,
2 specifically in Old Town Scottsdale, I live in LD-24, and
3 I'm part of the Republican party.

4 Everything I do in my daily life from work to
5 worship is within a seven-mile radius of my home. I have
6 worked -- I've worked in the 26 years that I've been here in
7 the hospitality industry and now I'm with a local publishing
8 firm that represents two magazines in the Valley.

9 It was important for me today to provide my
10 testimony because I've lived in Arizona for the 25 years,
11 longer than I've lived anywhere else in my lifetime. This
12 is my home, my community, and the people I love and support.

13 My community is unique. My neighborhood is one of
14 the first planned communities in Scottsdale with over -- it
15 was 60 years ago, with some of the original owners still
16 living on my street.

17 It's a wonderful combination of old and new
18 neighbors. I've enjoyed watching families raise their kids,
19 formed friendships with them, and we've supported one
20 another in harmony for many years. Only a stone's throw
21 away is two small churches, a wonderful small high school,
22 and a beautiful park that we all have enjoyed for many
23 decades. My community is made up of small businesses and
24 restaurants which I've supported over two decades as well;
25 everything I need is right here.

1 Redistricting is important -- is important because
2 it controls access to political representation in the United
3 States. I'd like to reiterate the three -- the six criteria
4 that we should be considering: Equal population,
5 compactness -- compactness and contiguous, compliance with
6 the U.S. Constitution and Voting Rights Act, respect for
7 communities of interest, incorporation of visible geographic
8 features including city/town/county boundaries as well as
9 undivided census tracts, and creation of competitive
10 districts where there is no significant detriment to other
11 goals.

12 When people are represented through districts, the
13 U.S. Constitution requires that those districts have roughly
14 equal population. This requirement ensures that each
15 person's vote is worth the same as any other person's. The
16 main goal of redistricting is to ensure that districts have
17 the same number of people. This protects the American
18 Constitution -- constitutional right to have a right -- to
19 have a vote that is equal to any other person's vote.

20 Last time around the districts the previous
21 Commissions drew were not compact, did not have equal
22 population, and were too focused on competitiveness; I do
23 not want to see this happen again to us.

24 Please follow the Arizona Constitution when you're
25 drawing districts this time.

1 Thank you so much for your time and efforts.

2 MS. CRANK: Victoria Grijilva.

3 MS. GRIJILVA: Good morning. Thank you so much to
4 the Commissioners listening along and thank you for the
5 Chairwoman for being here. I really appreciate all the work
6 that you're doing. I know this has a lasting impact on our
7 state.

8 My name is Victoria Grijilva. I'm here on behalf
9 of "One Arizona." One Arizona is a coalition of 28 partner
10 organizations representing diverse communities across
11 Arizona. We work side-by-side to build a culture of civic
12 engagements and democratic participation.

13 Our partner organizations are focused on serving
14 Black, Latino, Indigenous, and Asian communities, and it's
15 important to us that these communities are fairly
16 represented in the new maps that will impact the lives of
17 the communities of color not just for the next decade but
18 will set up the following decades even beyond that.

19 The demographics in our state as you know have
20 changed quite a bit. We know that communities of color are
21 a huge driver in the state's population growth and, in fact,
22 based on 2019 census population estimates, in the last ten
23 years we know that the American Indian and Alaskan Native
24 population growth is over 16 percent; Black/African American
25 growth is over 36 percent; and Hispanic and Latino growth

1 has been over 20 percent.

2 So it's crucial to us that as a population of
3 people of color in our state grows so does our
4 representation. That being said, it's important to us that
5 the Commission maintain the number of minority-majority
6 districts in our state. That means in the Phoenix Metro
7 area we ask that you maintain at least the six
8 minority-majority districts here, and that in Southern
9 Arizona you maintain the three minority-majority districts.

10 As a resident of Legislative District 27, I know
11 firsthand the importance of having a minority-majority
12 district. We know that these districts allow for
13 communities of color to elect candidates of their choosing
14 who oftentimes come from our communities and are actually
15 well-acquainted with our issues and the needs of our
16 communities.

17 And to wrap up here, really just want to conclude
18 with the offer to connect with our organization, with our
19 community partners as you continue to build on your outreach
20 to communities of color to incorporate their feedback,
21 whether it's in these public hearings or in future ones.

22 Thank you all so much for your time, I really
23 appreciate it.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

25 And I just want to emphasize again, make sure

1 you're submitting the data through our website just in terms
2 of geographic boundaries, and it's meaningful data.

3 MS. CRANK: The next speaker is Dave Seligson.

4 MR. SELIGSON: Sal-ig-son.

5 MS. CRANK: Sal-ig-son.

6 MR. SELIGSON: I get it all the time.

7 Hi. My name is Dave Seligson. I live in LD-28 at
8 60th Street just north of Shea, it's east of 51, a
9 Phoenix/Scottsdale blend. We live within 100 feet of LD-23.

10 I work from home while my Realtor wife helps both
11 buy and sell homes in the area. Her latest sale was in
12 Desert Ridge. My kids go to school at Cocopah Middle
13 School; we have two daughters who cheer for the Scottsdale
14 Firebirds and they practice at Scottsdale Ridge Park. My
15 son is really into skateboards, and he like Chaparral Park
16 and Scottsdale Greenbelt. When we shop we favor Fashion
17 Square and Kierland.

18 I mention all these places because our community in
19 Scottsdale, the people there, the community of interest
20 lives -- lives mostly north or south of where we live. We
21 rarely venture west of the 51, even though we use it quite
22 often.

23 Now, LD-28 spreads so far west that it includes
24 highly population dense Sunnyslope and other similar areas.
25 Since these areas have so many more people, our legislators

1 will always naturally tend to their needs. That means our
2 community will be ignored at best or punished at worst.

3 And the areas on the west end versus those on the
4 east end are diametrically opposite in economic terms. That
5 means my community will be at the whim of the economic ideas
6 of the westward side.

7 It doesn't seem like the previous boundaries were
8 kept compact at all. The boundaries seem to conjoin many
9 disparate communities together which is opposite of Arizona
10 Constitutional requirements. I think the 51 would have made
11 a much better geographical landmark and logical boundary.
12 The districts should favor -- all the districts in that area
13 should favor a north-south elongation instead of drifting
14 westward because that's how we mostly live.

15 However you choose to solve this, please put me in
16 a district that is wholly east of the 51.

17 Thank you for your time.

18 MS. CRANK: Again, just a polite reminder, if you
19 will put your phones on vibrate mode and keep your
20 conversation if you're speaking to somebody else out in the
21 hallway. Thank you.

22 The next speakers are Ryan Williams; after Ryan
23 Williams is David DuBois; after David is Marcus Took
24 (phonetic).

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Madam Chairwoman,

1 members of the Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to
2 speak here today.

3 My name is Ryan Williams. I am the first vice
4 chair of the Legislative District 24 Republicans. I want to
5 acknowledge Chairman Barry Wong who previously had an
6 opportunity to speak, as well as my fellow PCs and, indeed,
7 all us here today.

8 I was born and raised here in the Valley; I'm proud
9 to call it my home. I currently live in Central Phoenix at
10 about Central and Camelback, just a little bit west of there
11 on 7th Avenue. I'm in the Grandview neighborhood in the
12 Parada Precinct; my ZIP Code is 85013.

13 By way of work I'm a trial attorney and my practice
14 incorporates all 15 counties of our beautiful state, and
15 I've had an opportunity to travel to all 15 counties, both
16 in personal and work capacities.

17 And when I'm trying some of these cases, both here
18 in Maricopa County and outside -- outside of Maricopa
19 County, I speak to a lot of different juries. And one of
20 the things that I ask the juries to consider when they're
21 weighing a case -- I'm a civil attorney, I don't do the
22 criminal stuff -- is that they need to weigh the evidence as
23 they see fit. And your challenge as members of this
24 Commission is to weigh equally all six factors.

25 So, yes, while communities of interest are

1 important, they are not more important than the
2 competitiveness -- I'm sorry, compactness and contiguous of
3 those districts. Yes, while equal population is important,
4 it is no more important than incorporation of geographic
5 feature and boundaries. And, yes, while competitive
6 districts are important, they are not more important than
7 compliance with the Constitution of the United States, the
8 Constitution of the State of Arizona and the VRA.

9 Finally, LD-24 runs from 19th Avenue and Northern
10 all the way through Tempe to the 101 in Scottsdale. So I
11 would implore you to take note of both the historic
12 neighborhoods that are unique both here in Downtown Phoenix
13 as well as in Uptown; and, second, the growth of our central
14 corridor that has taken place over the past decade,
15 particularly amongst students and professionals and
16 families.

17 Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

18 MS. CRANK: David DuBois. Doo-boo.

19 MR. DUBOIS: Yeah, I think I share the same dilemma
20 with the other David here; everyone butchers my name. It's
21 Du-boyce or Du-bwa; it's a French name.

22 Little bit about me, I'm a committee chairperson
23 with the LD-24 Republican party. I'm a lifelong Arizonan; I
24 was born here, just recently retired from 34 years in the
25 fire service, and I reside in a historical district called

1 Willow downtown. My boys go to Brophy and St. Mary's; we
2 live in Willow which is downtown in the historic district,
3 and I used to live in another historic district called FQ
4 Story.

5 And the reason I mention these is because of the
6 constitutional provisions in the district boundaries
7 respective of communities of interest, and the communities
8 of interest I'm talking about is the historic districts.
9 There's about a dozen of them, and we all kind of tribe
10 together. When one district has an issue, we help the other
11 district. Whether it be restaurants that want to come in,
12 certain things, and we kind of rally and either oppose or
13 support. Luminage on high-rise buildings that come down on
14 neighborhoods, and we all kind of all gather around.

15 And the biggest one that kind of happened was over
16 FQ couple years ago where the FAA realigned the flight
17 pattern over historic districts. So we all kind of gathered
18 together, got with our representatives, and as a group
19 together we were able to change the FAA flight pattern,
20 which my brother, a lifelong pilot said wasn't possible:
21 You can't change the FAA, you just can't do it; but we did.

22 So what I ask is that when you consider
23 redistricting boundaries, that you consider the historic
24 districts and kind of group them together because we share a
25 common bond. Our interest in homes that are built in 1924

1 are not the same as homes built in Mesa in 1999, it's just
2 -- it's just a whole different segment.

3 So that's -- that's my point of interest. So thank
4 you.

5 MS. CRANK: Marcus Took (phonetic).

6 MR. TORC: Good morning. My name is Marcus Torc.
7 Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning. Thank
8 you for your time on a Sunday morning to -- to listen to all
9 of us here.

10 I'm a husband, father, small business owner, and a
11 resident of Phoenix and Scottsdale; I moved just across the
12 boundary into Scottsdale about three years ago, but part of
13 LD-24 in the Barnes precinct now.

14 Kind of subcommunities of interest within this --
15 within this LD are Scottsdale School District, our church
16 parish, our children's school Veritas Preparatory Academy.
17 Children are involved in school choirs, swim, and football
18 teams as well as mock trial. So we're -- we're invested in
19 the community. Our oldest is 19 now, youngest is 9.

20 It's imperative as we do this to really work on
21 building districts that -- that serve all of us in our
22 community and following the constitution to make sure we're
23 working as much as we can to equally weight those six
24 criteria to establish the district boundaries and strike a
25 good balance with competitiveness, compactness, equal

1 population balance, where we've in some I think we've had
2 about a 12 percent difference from one district to another,
3 and work on a better population balance from one to the
4 next.

5 Previous Commission seemed to focus maybe too much
6 on competitiveness that -- that maybe cost us a better
7 balance with those other six criteria.

8 With the districts drawn to improve on compactness
9 and more even distribution of populations from one to the
10 next, local communities of interest can be better
11 representative and have a -- have a voice in our civic life.

12 Thank you for your consideration.

13 MS. CRANK: The next speakers are -- oh. There's a
14 slash mark and A-E -- Leal (phonetic)? Westin?

15 MS. WESTIN: Leal.

16 MS. CRANK: Leal Westin [sic], Jerry Jackson,
17 Tiffany Winman.

18 MS. WESTIN: Okay. My name is Leal Westin; I've
19 lived in Phoenix since 1960. I graduated from ASU with two
20 degrees; I live in a retirement home in South Scottsdale in
21 85257.

22 I want to see that the opportunity to vote is
23 well-balanced and that people of all colors and the elderly
24 have an equal opportunity to vote their choice. There are
25 so many individuals that are unable to get to a polling

1 place, they need to get an equal opportunity to vote by
2 whatever means.

3 Thank you.

4 MS. CRANK: Kerry Jackson.

5 MS. JACKSON: Hi, there. I'm Kerry, and I've lived
6 here in Phoenix for, like, 35 years. And I'm from
7 North Phoenix, and I'm right in the middle of North Phoenix
8 in LD-20.

9 And I'm right in the middle of around me is LD-15,
10 22, 21, 30, and a little bit of 24 and 28, and I feel right
11 at home with -- with everybody there. You know like the
12 only community of interest is that we're just white mostly,
13 you know, nonHispanic and majority parts of the working
14 class and retirees of the working class; and I just ask that
15 the district -- or that the Commission just focuses on the
16 fairness competitiveness. I think that is more important
17 than what some other people have said and it's even written
18 into the Proposition 106, you know, about competitiveness.

19 You know a lot of these districts around mine and
20 mine, you know, have been is very partisan in the past, and
21 it was so partisan that it encouraged candidates that were
22 very much extreme to -- to run for office; and the members
23 of the political party that was the minority, you know,
24 like, when they considered the time and all the fundraising
25 it takes and the amount of energy to run for office, they

1 didn't think it was worth the effort because of the
2 extremism of the partisanism that they wouldn't have a
3 chance to win -- to win off us.

4 So I'm just asking that you really take into
5 consideration the fairness and the competitiveness.

6 And just thank you all for your all volunteerism
7 and effort to -- to put on this task.

8 MS. CRANK: Tiffany Winman.

9 MS. WINMAN: Hi. My name is Tiffany Winman, and
10 I'm in LD-15 and also CD-8. I am -- I was born and raised
11 in Arizona; I grew up, went to elementary school in the
12 Deer Valley Unified District that is in LD-15. My son and
13 my family members attend and -- attend and attended
14 Deer Valley Unified School District and -- and we love -- we
15 love the area. We love our community.

16 The -- the things that we do care about, we're in
17 the other suburbs, so we -- we care about public education,
18 we care about healthcare, we care about the stewardship of
19 our -- the natural beauty of our state and our environment;
20 go out hiking and horseback riding out in, you know, the
21 LD-15 areas, the mountains there, they're beautiful.

22 The thing that I'm most concern about that I'm just
23 asking this Commission to do is to take a look at the
24 fairness and competitiveness element in that -- in the LD-15
25 and CD-8 districts, because the parties are skewed there

1 like 40 percent in favor of the majority party there versus
2 the minority party there.

3 And so it's something that we've never had even in
4 LD-15, like, the one party completely rules and dominates
5 that -- that -- the candidates there, and there's never been
6 the -- the other party has never even won in that district.
7 So I'm asking you to take a look at the competitiveness and
8 fairness aspect there because there's -- what's -- what's
9 happening is we're getting a difficult time recruiting
10 candidates to even run from the different parties. Like, we
11 have no candidates even from the other parties running
12 because they can't win. It's -- like I said, there's like a
13 40 percent imbalance on the one party versus the other
14 party.

15 Also, it's leading to extreme partisanship in our
16 districts, our CD and our LD, and we're getting candidates
17 that we didn't even historically have before from the one
18 party. So the moderates are, like, losing out and extreme
19 partisanship is occurring, and it's leading to issues that
20 we're seeing in our public school boards; and so I'm just
21 asking that this -- this board take a look at LD-15 and
22 CD-8.

23 So thank you very much for your time today. I know
24 you have a difficult task; I don't envy your position here,
25 but we really respect your work.

1 So thank you for the opportunity to speak.

2 MS. CRANK: The next speakers are Jay Simpson;
3 Steve Steele; after Steve Steele is Lisa Schoop.

4 MR. SIMPSON: Good morning, Madam Chairman, members
5 of the Commission.

6 My name is Jay Simpson; I've been a resident of
7 North Central Phoenix since 1986. In 2018, I retired from
8 the practice of law and since then I've been a full-time
9 advocate for voting rights and fair maps.

10 I'm a voter in CD-9 and LD-28. I submitted, Mark,
11 my map online through the community of interest survey on
12 the IRC website. You have my map and my explanation for it.

13 North Central Phoenix residents come from many
14 religious, cultural and economic backgrounds. To the extent
15 there's a feeling of community in North Central, it resolves
16 around the Madison Elementary School District, all of which
17 is encompassed in LD-28.

18 As many other speakers have noted, it makes little
19 sense to divide school districts, especially whereas here,
20 the district provides such a bond in the community.

21 So I want to address the creation of the IRC in
22 2000. In 2000 as a voter I voted enthusiastically for the
23 creation of this Commission. I took great pride in joining
24 a majority of Arizona residents and voters to create an
25 independent commission charged with ending gerrymandering

1 and creating fair and competitive maps.

2 The goal of fair and competitive maps in districts
3 was not a mere afterthought, it was the fundamental mission
4 of this independent commission according to the ballot
5 proposition. That is why the creation of competitive
6 districts is one of the mandatory criteria for the IRC to
7 consider.

8 Why did voters in Arizona choose to consider and
9 require the creation of fair and competitive districts?
10 What was it so important?

11 Fair districts protect against extremism and focus
12 the elected representatives on the need to solve the
13 problems of the voters in the district. Put differently, to
14 be successful in a fair district, a representative must
15 actually govern not just posture. Fair districts encourage
16 bipartisan cooperation. Fair districts result in elected
17 reps who are more responsive to their diverse constituency.
18 Fair districts result in higher quality candidates because
19 candidate quality will matter more in races where the
20 outcome is not predetermined.

21 Competitive districts also encourage higher levels
22 of civic engagement and voter participation because races
23 are not a foregone conclusion. LD-28 is a poster child for
24 this. And I'm sorry that Senator Brophy McGee who spoke
25 earlier is no longer here, and she was terrific and

1 encouraged incredible amounts of voter participation and
2 civic involvement.

3 The IRC has the tools to successfully balance each
4 of the Constitution's requirements. You can protect the
5 voting power in minority communities; you can respect
6 communities of interest; you can deal with what Mr. Johnson
7 accurately described as "big sort." You can meet the
8 compactness and contiguity requirements, and you can still
9 meet the requirement to create as many as competitive
10 districts as practicable. You can do all of it; it's not an
11 either/or choice.

12 Here's my ask, okay: At the end of the day this
13 IRC should be able to create fair and competitive districts
14 in at least five and maybe six of the CDs. You can create
15 20 or 30 competitive districts in the LDs.

16 Hopefully with population increases and population
17 shifts/residential shifts you can do even better, but that
18 should be a floor in a state where the electorate is equally
19 provided. The districts which you are not able to make
20 competitive -- and there's going to be some to protect
21 minority rights, to have geographic compactness -- they
22 should be balanced, right?

23 So if you're creating some VRA districts, you're
24 going to need to balance the sum with the rural districts,
25 right?

1 To accomplish these goals, though, you're going to
2 need to task your consultants with this early in the
3 process. Please do not think you can leave them to the very
4 end and make a few tweaks and end up where you want to be.

5 I share Commissioner Lerner's concern that the
6 schedule you have published leads the IRC precious little
7 time near the end to make anything other than minor changes.

8 Thank you so much for taking on this important
9 role. I'd be pleased to answer any questions you might
10 have.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

12 MS. CRANK: And just to let you know, I think the
13 gentleman who just spoke, he had filled out his community of
14 interest survey online and his map was on -- on the screen
15 up here.

16 So the next person to speak is Steve Steele.

17 MR. STEELE: Good morning. My name is Steven
18 Steele, and I live in Gilbert, Arizona. I have a very good
19 fortune of being retired from the oil and gas industry after
20 a 25-year career and 15-year career of motorcycle safety
21 instruction.

22 My free time now is spent primarily looking for
23 ways to help my family, my community, and myself to be a
24 better person, to be a better community.

25 My primary interest today is to encourage everyone

1 to take an active participation, and that's why I am here is
2 because I want to become an active participant in the
3 decision that are going to affect future generations of
4 Arizonans for the years to come.

5 All Americans must get involved and must
6 participate in our government; we cannot just sit back and
7 relax. It has to start at meetings such as this one,
8 meetings such as school boards, city councils, everywhere.
9 We have to participate, and we have to have our voices
10 heard.

11 My interest in speaking for [sic] you today is to
12 sincerely consider you to -- to consider and following the
13 Arizona Constitution as much as possible when defining the
14 new political districts.

15 I am sure that you gentlemen and ladies know the
16 district -- the constitution more than I do, but I would
17 like to quote Article II, Declaration of Rights,
18 paragraph 2, political power/purpose of government,
19 Section 2.

20 "All political power is inherent in the people and
21 government derive their just powers from a concept of the
22 governed and are established to protect and maintain
23 individual rights."

24 I think that has to be a guiding principle for this
25 committee in formulating new political districts.

1 To continue, it's not just up to this Commission to
2 focus nor foster political competitiveness or political
3 advantage. Rather, your challenge is to be fair and
4 equitable in all considerations for defining the legislative
5 districts that will affect our communities and your
6 constituents for the next ten years.

7 The redistricting from the 2010 census, not all
8 districts were fairly or equitably represented. Some
9 districts have populations as much as 12 percent higher or
10 lower than other districts. It's very, very critical, I
11 believe, that you try to regulate these districts and try to
12 keep any variances to plus or minus 2 percent or less.

13 I personally believe that all men and women are
14 created equal in the eyes of our Lord and God, and I also
15 believe that race should not have a huge factor. It should
16 be one of the last things to be considered in making our new
17 districts; it should be all humans are equal no matter what
18 their color, no matter what their race.

19 It is my considered opinion that the legis [sic]
20 districts should be compact and concise in their
21 delineation. Keeping the districts compact means each
22 district is better able to represent the people who live in
23 that district. Keeping the districts compact and sized
24 according to populations, businesses and community in
25 general in my opinion means that the political districts

1 will better be able to serve and meet the needs that the
2 district represents.

3 Thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

4 MS. SCHOOP: Good morning, Chairwoman,
5 Commissioners. Thank you for having these meetings and
6 having us here to be able to make our statements regarding
7 the redistricting.

8 I currently live in Legislative District 24 just
9 off the State Route 51. In fact, I live about 400 feet west
10 of the State Route 51; literally spitting distance.

11 This -- I live in a little community called
12 Montecito, and that community actually spans this particular
13 route. And just because the State Route divides our
14 community does not mean we do not remain community.

15 Community can be just defined many different ways:
16 People of the same racial, same ethnic, same demographics;
17 we all attend the same community events, our children all go
18 to the same schools, the State Route is an arbitrary
19 division of our community, but it does not define our
20 community.

21 I am here to hope that you will follow all of the
22 provisions of Prop 106 and continue to maintain the
23 competitiveness of our district, which is LD-24, and the
24 competitiveness of other districts.

25 I'd also like to point out that, you know, Kate

1 Brophy McGee did address the differences between the
2 district east and west of the LD -- SR-51, and I believe
3 that is a testament to her ability to support both sides
4 with their different communities and different needs that
5 she made -- she became an effective legislator.

6 In dividing these communities we may wind up with
7 more compact communities, but we may also wind up with less
8 representation and less effective representation and more
9 partisanship and more extremism.

10 I do believe that this Commission is working in
11 good faith to support -- to basically follow the rules of
12 Prop 106 as well as the VRA and all other rules pursuant to
13 the Constitution.

14 And I hope that you will consider these items and
15 do not let an arbitrary line such as rivers and state routes
16 sway your decisions.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. CRANK: The last two speakers: Ana Lise Ortiz
19 and Kathy Petsas.

20 MS. PETSAS: Hello. I'm Kathy Petsas. I don't
21 know if Ana Lise is here and she would like to go ahead of
22 me -- oh, no -- oh, no. Your name was first, you go.

23 MS. ORTIZ: Thank you.

24 Good morning, everybody. My name is Ana Lise
25 Ortiz; I was born and raised here in the Valley. I'm a

1 community organizer, and in 2020 I led a nonpartisan voter
2 education effort across Maricopa County. As part of my work
3 I talked to hundreds of voters in various LDs, and I will
4 tell you that it was very difficult and very disheartening
5 in certain noncompetitive LDs to hear voters at the door say
6 that they felt their vote didn't matter.

7 Democracy and people's ability to participate in
8 our democracy has been a fundamental value of mine since I
9 was a young girl; my parents taught me about the importance
10 of voting. And I believe that every person should feel they
11 are a valued part of the democratic process so that their
12 voices are being heard. So I ask you to please consider
13 fairness and competitiveness when drawing these maps.

14 And many of the folks that I was talking to who
15 told me these things were Black, Indigenous, or other people
16 of color in Arizona. So I ask you to please take seriously
17 the protection of the Voting Rights Act and preserving the
18 voting power of people of color.

19 Thank you so much.

20 MS. PETSAS: Hello. I am Kathy Petsas. I am a
21 lifelong resident of LD-28. I -- not only that, my children
22 also, who were born and raised in what is presently LD-28,
23 are now also raising their children and families there.

24 The district of LD-28 is as we know a very
25 competitive district. More districts would be better

1 served, and our community as a whole, if we did have more
2 competitive districts in our state.

3 And to Mr. Simpson's point of extremism in our
4 politics, yes, that probably does play a role, and I think
5 many of us here are politically involved which is why we are
6 here to express our interests of what is best, not
7 necessarily just for our area, but for the state at large.

8 LD-28 through North Central, Biltmore, Arcadia, the
9 town of Paradise Valley is a logical community of interest.
10 The most business owners, the most small business advocacy
11 happens to be in that area, and it does make sense that that
12 should stay intact.

13 It does divide across SR-51, as the lady from 24
14 mentioned; however, it has never been a problem in creating
15 good legislation to come out of effective leaders in that
16 area.

17 So I would say that although LD-28 is also one of
18 the biggest and fastest growing areas, one of the fastest
19 growing districts in terms of the amount of people who have
20 moved in, we're going to probably have to consolidate what
21 those boundaries are and shrink a bit to accommodate the, I
22 believe it's 235,000 voters. Right now LD-28 has 285,000
23 voters.

24 Yes, it is a very large district. And I would
25 appeal to you to look at the logical community of interest

1 in keeping them intact and also consider competitiveness,
2 not in just LD-28, but in all districts where possible; and
3 keeping the logical community of interest for school
4 districts, for business leaders, and also as it pertains to
5 our effective legislators being elected.

6 Thank you very much for your time, and I am pleased
7 to answer any questions, and I will provide a map in the
8 future. Thank you.

9 MS. CRANK: We have two more speakers: Justin West
10 and Eric Klein.

11 MR. WEST: Good morning. My name is Justin West;
12 I'm a resident of LD-24.

13 As a resident of District 24 and a neighbor to
14 District 28, I'm proposing that LD-28 encompass the area
15 from the 51 freeway east to the 101 freeway and from Bell
16 Road south to McDowell Road.

17 The current LD-28 is an odd shape. It's western
18 boundary ranges from 19 Avenue in one portion to the 17 in
19 another; its other boundaries are equally disparate. And
20 because LD-28's boundaries are odd, LD-24's boundaries are
21 also odd.

22 If LD-28 is reshaped to those boundaries, the 51
23 east to the 101 and Bell south to McDowell, LD-24 could also
24 be reshaped to make more sense.

25 The new LD-24 could go from the 51 west to the 17,

1 and from Bell Road south to McDowell Road as well.

2 The new LD-24's northern and southern boundaries
3 could be readjusted to account for equal populations in both
4 districts, but the most important reason for reshaping is
5 that the new LD-28 and new LD-24 would recognize the
6 different communities of interest west and east of the 51.

7 West and east of the 51 we have different Asian
8 family demographics, different economic drivers, different
9 concerns. We have different education needs and focus on
10 different levels of schooling.

11 Just for example, according to DES' 2020
12 Legislative District Demographic Summary Handbook, in LD-24
13 21.5 percent of us are ages 18 to 29 years old, whereas in
14 the LD-28 14 percent of district residents are in that age
15 group. Those different age demographics tell you that we
16 will have different interests in terms of universities and
17 community colleges as opposed to, say, elementary and middle
18 schools.

19 Our different demographics cohorts also means we
20 have different interests and issues in terms of everything
21 from nursing homes, medical facilities and recovery homes to
22 short-term rentals, small businesses and dispensaries.

23 Ultimately, we are two different communities of
24 interest, and our districts should reflect that reality.

25 Making LD-28 and 24 have uniform boundaries would

1 accomplish a number of goals and fulfill the metrics that
2 Arizona districts are required to meet. Among other things,
3 it make both district's shapes be reasonable and correct the
4 odd boundaries of the current districts.

5 As mentioned before in relation to northern and
6 southern boundaries, it could be done in such a way that
7 district populations are kept reasonably equal, which is
8 another metric required in the state constitution; and most
9 importantly new boundaries will respect the two communities
10 of interest west and east of the 51 freeway.

11 The State's last Redistricting Commission was in
12 2011 and its work was released in January 2012. In the
13 nearly ten years since that time, Central Phoenix has grown
14 and changed significantly. I ask that our new district
15 boundaries recognize their changes, and I thank you for your
16 time.

17 I'm here for any questions you have.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. CRANK: Eric Klein.

20 MR. KLEIN: Good morning. I thank the committee
21 for its work.

22 My name is Eric Klein. I currently live in the
23 most interesting area of LD-24 that I could find, it's got
24 a -- it pops out and goes and cuts over to some particular
25 street, cuts up to -- we're talking on 7th Avenue, cuts up

1 to Glendale and cuts across to 15th. I'm right at that edge
2 of -- it's 7th and Glendale.

3 I wonder what the reasoning behind that was?

4 That's what one of the things that I've found, and
5 I found it incredibly in a lot of places. I lived in
6 California for years and I decided it was time to get out of
7 there because nothing was working.

8 I moved to Arizona back in 2011 and it was a fresh
9 breath -- you know, breath of air; I was so happy. It felt
10 like there were sane people in Arizona and, unfortunately,
11 over the last, whatever, you know, since I've been here,
12 it's steadily gone to let's create a situation where
13 districts, everything is -- is designed to -- for partisan
14 reasons.

15 And one of the reasons that I'm here is that I got
16 involved, I became a precinct committee member. In LD-24,
17 I've contacted a number of people, I'm try to -- trying to
18 help because I see the downfall of Arizona and it's
19 escalating in the -- in the last few years.

20 What I'm saying is: What makes where I live
21 different than a block away? Or actually, for that matter,
22 I think across the street?

23 The areas should be based on the mix of people,
24 businesses, everything else. They shouldn't be: Well, we
25 wanted to get this in here because that may be something

1 that's not going to affect the voting trends, the rest of
2 it. So we want to make this little weird thing and it's
3 going to cut out -- I'd love to see what the reasoning
4 behind this little -- little tiny area that juts out.

5 But, aside from that, it was sort of funny, I went
6 and talked to someone and they said, you know, they asked:
7 "Who is representing LD-24?" And they said: "Oh, it's
8 always Democrats; there's not even any Republicans that
9 run."

10 So I think we've got an issue here because I think
11 that it's not so much important to be competitive from the
12 standpoint of making them so big that you've got people that
13 obviously have completely separate needs and -- and outlooks
14 from, you know -- you get 50 -- you know, when you make it,
15 like, 50-some-odd percent which is always an estimate, these
16 are the people that would look this side and people that are
17 50 that look at this side, but you tweak it a little bit so
18 it's really a little bit more on one side, that doesn't
19 really help because those people that are looking at it from
20 the one side are ignoring the rest of us. And, you know,
21 there's -- there it's a pretty incredible size that LD-24
22 is.

23 And it seems like -- I don't -- I don't quite
24 understand why that would always be just no point for any
25 Republican to run. It should be -- there should be some

1 competition.

2 But inside the districts it's got to be where it's
3 fair and the areas have to be where they're divided up
4 properly.

5 So that's my -- my thought on it. And I think if
6 you guys could sort of look into stuff like the, the little
7 tiny outcroppings. You know, what -- what is the reason?
8 Like there's a whole bunch of people on one side that they
9 wanted to fit in there to help the rest of it or not?

10 So, at any point, that's where I wanted to add a
11 little bit to this thing, look at the details.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. Is that our
13 last --

14 MS. CRANK: Madam Chair, that is our last one.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- public comment?

16 You know, again, thank you so much for everybody
17 who attended, for your civic participation. Please know
18 that it really makes a big difference.

19 Thank you to our staff and Commissioners, thank you
20 for making the effort to join us. I look forward to seeing
21 you virtually on Tuesday morning and then in person on
22 subsequent meetings.

23 As you have seen today, on our website we have
24 easy-to-use tools for learning about and for sharing
25 information about your community of interest. Rather than

1 relying purely on our interpretation of your comments today,
2 we encourage you to go online, please submit a map to us.
3 This will ensure we correctly understand the definition of
4 your community.

5 Please encourage your friends and neighbors to also
6 share their thoughts too. Anyone can do so online any time;
7 there's no requirement to attend one of these meetings to be
8 heard.

9 Before we adjourn the meeting we encourage as many
10 of you as possible -- and please spread the word -- our next
11 public hearing will be July 27th, I believe 5:00 p.m., in
12 Yavapai County. The main location is Prescott College;
13 satellite locations Sedona and Congress. Please check our
14 website for all of the locations. We look forward to
15 meeting with you.

16 And, with that, we will adjourn the meeting.

17 Thank you, and we'll see you soon.

18 (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 11:44 a.m.)
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