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 2 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 6:00 p.m.
 3 on November 18, 2021, at Scottsdale Community College, 9000
 4 East Chaparral Road, Scottsdale, Arizona; with a satellite
 5 location at Hampton Inn Anthem, 42415 North 41st Drive,
 6 Phoenix, Arizona; and online via WebEx.

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 8 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

9 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson
 10 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman
 11 Mr. David Mehl
 12 Ms. Shereen Lerner
 13 Mr. Douglas York

14 STAFF PRESENT:

15 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director
 16 Ms. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director
 17 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant
 18 Ms. Michele Crank, Public Information Officer
 19 Mr. Alex Pena, Public Outreach Coordinator
 20 Ms. Marie Camacho, Public Outreach Coordinator
 21 Mr. Roy Herrera, Ballard Spahr
 22 Mr. Eric Spencer, Snell & Wilmer
 23 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
 24 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, National Demographics
 25 Corp.

26 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

<u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Martin Harvier	Salt River
John Kavanagh	Salt River
Jim Lane	Salt River
Pinny Sheoran	Salt River
Richard Rutkowski	Salt River
Gerry Friedel	Salt River
Kevin Brown	Salt River
Phyllis Lerner	Salt River
Andrea Wolverton	Salt River
Mary Margaret Monillas	Salt River

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (continued):

2	<u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3	Steven McDonald	Anthem
	Cathy Schwanke	Anthem
4	Connie Henry	Anthem
	Kelly Kuchta	Anthem
5	Thomas Pierchala	Anthem
	Eileen Nicodemus	Anthem
6	Lisa Kelley	Anthem
	Francine Adelson	Anthem
7	Vivian Decker	Anthem
	Connie Stanfield	Anthem
8	Kathy Littlefield	Salt River
	Debbie Nez-Manuel	Salt River
9	Margaret Cowley	Salt River
	Robert Miller	Salt River
10	Kathleen Andrews	Salt River
	Tommy Andrews	Salt River
11	Harley Weitenhagen	Salt River
	Daisy Duke	Salt River
12	Harlie Jackson	Salt River
	Tracy Martin	Anthem
13	Gary Saxhaug	Anthem
	Rennae Ward	Anthem
14	Crystal Bazarnic	Anthem
	Mary Ann Bushard	Anthem
15	Basil Fernimos	Anthem
	Susan Gannon	Anthem
16	Tom Gannon	Anthem
	Ed Abbott	Anthem
17	Debra Trudeau	Anthem
	Rick Currey	Salt River
18	Jaime Uhrich	Salt River
	Sheri Lopez	Salt River
19	Joe Junker	Salt River
	Lynn Millser Kahn	Salt River
20	Robert "Bob" Hathorne	Salt River
	Michael Schafer	Salt River
21	Jackie Ulner	Salt River
	Paul Rowe	Salt River
22	Paul Schubring	Salt River
	Nicole McClusky	Salt River
23	Gregory Wodynski	Salt River
	Karen Garrett	Salt River
24	Cindy Sullivan	Salt River
	Craig Stephan	Salt River
25	Patti O'Neil	Salt River

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (continued):

2	<u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3	Joyce Riedell	Salt River
	Paul Riedell	Salt River
4	John Hasset	Salt River
	Thia Hasset	Salt River
5	David Bonfiglia	Salt River
	Jeff Tucker	Salt River
6	Ari Bradshaw	Salt River
	James Roth	Salt River
7	Mary Grier	Salt River
	Doug Ebstyne	Salt River
8	Dan Farleen	Salt River
	Jim O'Connor	Salt River
9	Jan Debauskas	Salt River
	Lori Gray	Salt River

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11 * American Sign language interpreters, Spanish
12 interpreters, and a Navajo interpreter are also
13 present.
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P R O C E E D I N G

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3 MS. VAN HAREN: Good evening, everyone. My name is
4 Lori Van Haren, I'm the Deputy Director of the Independent
5 Redistricting Commission.

6 Right now I want to introduce our interpreter and
7 have her show you where she's going to be in case anybody
8 needs the interpreting services.

9 THE INTERPRETER: Good evening. My name is Mariam
10 Asuda (phonetic), I'm the interpreter for Spanish-speaking
11 citizens; and if you guys need my service or know of
12 everyone who needs my services, I'll be at the end of the
13 room.

14 (Spanish language.)

15 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

16 At this time if everybody could stand and join me
17 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

18 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)

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20 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you so much.

21 And I will now turn it over to Vice Chair Watchman
22 to chair the meeting.

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you, Lori, and good
24 afternoon, everybody. I'm Derrick Watchman, Vice Chair of
25 the Commission, and I've been asked to run this meeting.

1 So I'd like to first call this public hearing to
2 order. And so I'd also like to ask that you follow the
3 Department of Health guidelines with regard to COVID-19; if
4 you're not fully vaccinated, please wear masks in public
5 places.

6 If you would like to participate at home, each of
7 these meetings, as you know, are being streamed through
8 WebEx, YouTube, and social media.

9 We are also -- we are also recording these meetings
10 and it will be available and is available on our website and
11 that's at IRC.AZ.gov.

12 If you'd like to make a public comment, you may do
13 so by signing in with staff out in front there and by
14 filling out a public comment card.

15 We also have, as you said and see on the board
16 here, an American Sign Language interpreter joining us and
17 we will have the proceeds transcribed. When you do speak,
18 please speak slowly and clearly so that we can record your
19 input.

20 At this time I would like to introduce ourself.
21 And I will start at the end with Madam Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hello. My name is Erika
23 Neuberg; I am the Independent Chairwoman of the Commission,
24 and I live in Chandler.

25 COMMISSIONER YORK: Good evening. My name is Doug

1 York, I am the Maricopa County representative on the panel
2 for the Republican party.

3 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Hello. I'm David Mehl; I'm
4 from Pima County, and I'm also from the Republican party.

5 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Hello. Good evening,
6 everybody. My name is Shereen Lerner, I'm from Maricopa
7 County and I'm one of the Democrats.

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: And as I indicated, I'm the
9 Vice Chairman, Derrick Watchman; I represent Apache County,
10 and I'm from Window Rock, Arizona.

11 And so I would also like to acknowledge that we're
12 on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community land. And
13 I want to say thank you to the members and our leadership;
14 President Harvier and his staff for allowing us to use the
15 facilities. So thank you and we appreciate it.

16 So now let's move on to Agenda Item No. II, and
17 we'll have a presentation on the process first. I'd like to
18 turn the time over to our legal team.

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Actually, I'm sorry, Vice Chair, we
20 are going to actually move to public comment and we're going
21 to read the rules of the meeting.

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Okay.

23 MS. VAN HAREN: So in compliance with Arizona's
24 open meeting laws, speakers should confine their statements
25 to the issue on the posted agenda which is before the

1 Commission. Speakers are also requested to limit their
2 comments to approximately two minutes. The two minutes will
3 be strictly enforced.

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

7 Any speaker failing to follow proper decorum or any
8 other guidelines may be asked to leave. Any breach of the
9 Commission -- of the peace -- peace or disruption of a
10 commission public hearing, may be cause of report of law
11 enforcement.

12 If someone has already expressed the same sentiment
13 you wish to express you may say so and your comments will be
14 recorded. If you have already spoken at a previous meeting,
15 your comments were recorded in the public record.

16 Opposing viewpoints may be expressed by the
17 citizens present. As a courtesy, citizens are reminded to
18 address their comments to the Chair and to the Commission,
19 and not to the audience present.

20 Please show respect for all speakers and avoid
21 personal comments.

22 Remember, the Commission must hear all sides of the
23 issue to make an informed decision.

24 We will now begin public comment, and I'll ask
25 Michele to read the first names of the first speakers.

1 MS. CRANK: Madam Chair and members of the
2 Commission and the listening audience, I'd like -- it gives
3 me great honor and great pleasure to introduce our first
4 speaker, and that's the president of the Salt River
5 Pima-Maricopa Indian community, and that's President Martin
6 Harvier.

7 SPEAKER HARVIER: Thank you, Michele.

8 First of all, I want to say good evening to
9 Chairwoman Neuberg and Vice Chairman Watchman and members of
10 the committee. On behalf of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa
11 Indian community, it's an -- it's an honor to welcome you
12 here to the campus of the Scottsdale Community College.

13 I don't know how many know, but back in 1970 this
14 campus was established with the Maricopa County Community
15 Colleges. So I believe in 1970 there was a 99-year lease
16 that was signed with the college, and it's one of ten
17 Maricopa County colleges that are located in Maricopa County
18 that's located on tribal land; and it is the home of the
19 Fighting Artichokes, so just wanted to let you know that.

20 And just say, you know, we've been -- it's been an
21 honor to work with leadership at the college and working
22 with our community. So I wanted to thank the college for
23 opening their doors to host this meeting this evening. So,
24 I just wanted to make those comments.

25 You know, just wanted to again thank you coming

1 here tonight to tribal land. And my understanding, this is
2 isn't the only tribal community that you visit in going out
3 in your redistricting efforts. I believe last night some of
4 you were up in San Carlos, so I'm sure that was quite a
5 drive to -- to come down.

6 I just wanted to take a brief moment, I guess, to
7 show a little bit of a history to our community because in
8 many ways it illustrates in one way how tribes redistricted
9 many years ago.

10 You know, our community was established by
11 executive order in June the 14th of 1879 by President --
12 then-President Rutherford B. Hayes by executive order. In
13 June of 1879, our land base consisted of 56,300 acres. I
14 share the history with you because six months earlier in
15 January of that same year by executive order by that same
16 president, Rutherford B. Hayes, our land base was
17 680,000 acres of land. So this community land base for six
18 months consisted over 680,000 acres.

19 When you put that scale to a map our -- our
20 community for six months encompassed the city of Scottsdale,
21 Paradise Valley, city of Phoenix, city of Glendale, city of
22 Tempe, city of Mesa, and it followed the river up into the
23 White Mountain Apache tribe. Six months later, again by
24 executive order, it was changed to 53,000 acres. So in a
25 matter of six months we lost over 600,000 acres of land.

1 But, I think it shows that the federal government
2 recognized the aboriginal lands of the O'odham people who
3 are here. The Akimel-O'odham, and the Piipaash people. The
4 Akimel-O'odham say that we have been here since time
5 immemorial.

6 I will share with you there was a gentleman, his
7 name -- and I'll just share it -- the late Royce Manuel, he
8 had a lot to do with designing this building; and as you go
9 out, I would like you to look at some of the architecture of
10 this building and some of the things that have been put into
11 it, 'cause he had a lot to do with that. Our history tells
12 us that we came, the O'odham and the Pee Posh, came from the
13 Gila River area which is 35 miles from here to continue
14 farming north of here; his response to that story was that
15 that's not true, we've been here since time immemorial.

16 And for those of you that lived here know that when
17 development happened with the cities of Chandler and Mesa
18 and Tempe, archaeological sights are found of our ancestors.
19 So a part of me tends to believe the story that we came over
20 at a certain time really didn't happen; we were here since
21 time immemorial.

22 And, again, I wanted to just take this opportunity
23 to thank you. I believe it was back in August the 9th that
24 I had an opportunity to come before the Commission on our
25 concerns or our comments on what we wanted as far as the

1 redistricting, and I know we were able to submit that. But
2 I think it's a great opportunity for those that are here to
3 give their input, and it's good to see the turnout that's
4 here.

5 But I just wanted to take this opportunity to
6 welcome you to the Salt River Pima-Maricopa community.

7 Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you, President Harvier.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. CRANK: I will be calling up the next nine
11 speakers, and you can line up against this wall. So listen
12 up for your name.

13 Mr. John Kavanagh, Jim Lane, Pinny Sheran --
14 Sheoran, Richard Rutkowski, Gerry Friedel, Kevin Brown,
15 Phyllis Lerner, Andrea Wolverton, Mary Molivina- -- or
16 Mulli- -- I'm sorry if I pronounce your name wrong, it's
17 M-O-N-I-L-L-A-S.

18 First one is Mr. John Kavanagh.

19 SPEAKER KAVANAGH: Thank you for allowing me to
20 speak.

21 I'm actually State Representative John Kavanagh.
22 I've been in legislation for the last 15 years, but for
23 longer than that I was -- I still am a professor at
24 Scottsdale Community College.

25 I would like to thank the president for giving a

1 shout out to Scottsdale Community College, particularly our
2 vegetative mascot which we always like to promote.

3 Concerning redistricting, I'll be very brief.
4 Fifteen years ago when I was first elected it was
5 District 8, it was Scottsdale north of Thomas at Fountain
6 Hills and Rio Verde. Five years later, new redistricting,
7 it essentially stayed the same with the exception the
8 Fort McDowell Native American community was added at their
9 request because of their close association with Fountain
10 Hills.

11 The latest iteration does make some significant
12 changes to what we've become used to and what we thought
13 worked. The major change being that the southern boundary
14 has been pushed up to Shea. So now instead of just having
15 the small southern section of Scottsdale in the Tempe
16 district, which was acceptable because in many ways they
17 were very closely associated with Tempe a major SkySong
18 university research facility is there, a lot of employees
19 are there.

20 But now moving up to Shea, you really do a big cut
21 on the political landscape and the community of interest.
22 And the way the population shift was dealt with by doing
23 that was to extend us into North Phoenix which, again, is a
24 little bit of discord in terms of political boundaries and,
25 to a certain degree, communities of interest.

1 So personally I think we had a really good thing
2 working for both the political boundaries and community of
3 interest with the current north of Thomas in Scottsdale,
4 Fountain Hills, Rio Verde and the Fort McDowell Native
5 American community, and I would like to see -- you know, I
6 think the maps would be more true to the purposes if we
7 could get closer to that; and I thank you for your time.

8 (Applause.)

9 SPEAKER LANE: Good evening, Madam Chair and
10 Commissioners; and I want to thank you very much for having
11 the ability to speak to you on a subject that's very near
12 and dear to my heart.

13 I've been the mayor of Scottsdale for the past
14 12 years, just recently termed out, but in any case I have a
15 pretty good feel for, you know, the mix and the interest --
16 the community interest that are shared in certain areas of
17 our city. And I think the principle thing that I would like
18 to address with you is the boundaries on what would become
19 District 4. And by just simply I think southern Scottsdale
20 area we're talking about on the southern area of that is
21 much more aligned with areas in north Tempe, actually,
22 and -- and considering that.

23 Moving that southern boundary just two miles north
24 to Camelback would be a very, very instructive as far as
25 having that community of interest in one solid area of

1 group.

2 Moving the eastern boundary through -- through and
3 completely with McCormack Ranch would also encompass that
4 same community of interest.

5 Whatever may need to happen with regard to the
6 western boundary, we're thinking that one -- that 51 would
7 probably be a logical place. Moving the southern boundary
8 to Camelback and this -- and thus moving the northern
9 boundary to somewhere -- Desert Ridge area.

10 So those are -- that's really the simple answer to
11 that; and given the consideration for time, certainly want
12 to just put that out there. I think that would be a very,
13 very wise move and would give us that community of interest
14 and integrity of it.

15 So thank you very much.

16 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you.

17 MS. CRANK: Pinny.

18 SPEAKER SHEORAN: I'm a little shorter than all the
19 gentlemen who went before me, so I have to bring the mic
20 down.

21 Good evening. My name is Pinny Sheoran. I'm the
22 president elect of the League of Women Voters of Arizona and
23 I would like to thank the Commissioners for giving me this
24 opportunity to represent the League.

25 The Independent Redistricting Commission focused

1 its first learning tour on communities of interest and has
2 emphasized this criterion throughout the mapping process.
3 However, your voting district does not determine where you
4 shop, dine, worship, or socialize. While people who reside
5 in the same community are likely to engage in personal
6 activities together, they are free to cross voting districts
7 for such activities.

8 What does define a community of interest for
9 redistricting purposes are the common needs and problems
10 residents share that can be addressed by government action.
11 Things like healthcare or education facilities, public
12 safety, water shortages, access to broadband; and their
13 economic interest such as mining, agriculture, and tourism.

14 Placing citizens within such common concerns in the
15 same voting district serves multiple purposes. It focuses
16 their attention where it should be on problem solving and
17 solutions, it amplifies their voices in Congress and at the
18 Arizona legislature; increases their chances of getting
19 needed resources for their districts.

20 The League believes the Commission should employ
21 this more useful definition of communities of interest
22 combined with a concerted effort to create more districts
23 that are highly competitive or competitive, it will enable
24 the Commission to create fair maps for Arizona.

25 I would like to thank the Commissioners for giving

1 me this chance to represent the League and thank you so much
2 for the work you are doing on behalf of all Arizonans.

3 Good evening.

4 SPEAKER RUTKOWSKI: Commissioners, my family has
5 lived in Fountain Hills for 20 years. I'm a family medicine
6 doctor; my wife is a registered nurse and also the vice
7 president in her second term of the Fountain Hills Unified
8 Governing Board. We work in Scottsdale, we shop in central
9 and north Scottsdale and Fountain Hills, we go to church in
10 Scottsdale; we have family, close friends, and social events
11 in Scottsdale, Rio Verde, and Fountain Hills; my wife and
12 daughter help out at a stable in Rio Verde. We rarely shop,
13 work, or visit the area near Desert Ridge, I-17, Deer Valley
14 airport or north Phoenix.

15 So based on public comments from prior meetings, I
16 think the residents of those areas have this corresponding
17 idea relative to Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, and Rio Verde.
18 Scottsdale, especially north of about Indian Bend or
19 Camelback, Fountain Hills and Rio Verde comprise one
20 cohesive community of interest.

21 The proposed Legislative District 3 is
22 geographically spread very widely from east to west. I
23 think about 35 miles currently. This would make effective
24 representation of its residents much more difficult. It
25 also combines areas which don't share the common factors

1 that connect much of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Rio
2 Verde together as a community of interest.

3 The current western border along Shea Boulevard is
4 at 96th Street, that seems like an odd border. I think it
5 would be in the best interest of all involved to include
6 more of Scottsdale from at least Shea Boulevard to the
7 western border of Scottsdale at about Scottsdale Road, along
8 with Fountain Hills and Rio Verde in Legislative District 3.

9 What is now the far, far west section of proposed
10 District 3 would be a better fit with the adjacent areas
11 south of the 101, north I-17 as opposed to in District 3.
12 These changes would also produce more geographically compact
13 district.

14 The same principles apply to proposed Congressional
15 District 1 which now extends from east of Fountain Hills all
16 the way to Central Phoenix. Central Phoenix can't
17 reasonably be considered as the -- in the same community of
18 interest with the Fountain Hills, Rio Verde, and north
19 Scottsdale. At the contrast of small-town suburban versus
20 big-city urban, it just doesn't fit.

21 Hopefully you consider these changes. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 Richard Rutkowski was my name.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay.

25 SPEAKER FRIEDEL: Hi. My name is Gerry Friedel.

1 Thank you for the job you're doing; obviously it's a big
2 job.

3 Thank you for having me here to speak tonight. My
4 message will be short and sweet.

5 I'm currently a councilman in the town of Fountain
6 Hills which is in District -- proposed District 3. I live,
7 work, shop go to church in Scottsdale and Fountain Hills.

8 I don't shop, work or visit Desert Ridge or
9 Deer Valley or go to anywhere near the I-17. Those areas
10 are all many, many miles away from our town -- and I
11 represent a lot of residents in our town -- and should not
12 be included in the same district.

13 Please consider the western boundary of Scottsdale,
14 not the I-17 corridor for District 3. Please recognize our
15 communities of interest which are different from what is
16 proposed to keep us all together.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 SPEAKER BROWN: Hi, my name is Kevin Brown. I've
20 lived in Tempe for the last 30 years and lived in Arizona my
21 entire life except for my military service; I do volunteer
22 work, and I'm active in my neighborhood association.

23 I'm here tonight to support map LD0061. It -- it
24 corrects what I see as a mistake with the current draft map.
25 It does this by splitting the cities of Scottsdale and Tempe

1 less. Map 61 doesn't include so much of north Scottsdale in
2 with north Tempe; the map keeps the ASU neighborhoods
3 together and the Tempe and Scottsdale downtown neighborhoods
4 together with themselves. In particular, the map keeps the
5 Scottsdale business district in one district.

6 It splits Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, and Scottsdale
7 in only two districts each.

8 Please respect these communities of interest.
9 These districts have relatively equal populations. Besides
10 this, the map moves the Honda precinct to LD-9, keeping it
11 in the Mesa School District where most of the children go to
12 school.

13 These maps also respects the Latino communities of
14 interest in LD-9 and 13. It creates two more competitive
15 districts by moving the Sun Lakes communities from LD-13 to
16 LD-12.

17 Competitive districts are important so we get
18 better politicians more responsive to community needs. Too
19 long we have had politicians that only had to win the
20 primary to get elected.

21 Thank you for your time tonight.

22 (Applause.)

23 SPEAKER LERNER: Hello. My name is Phyllis Lerner.
24 I am semiretired and a resident of Desert Mountain at the
25 far northeastern edge of the Phoenix metro area near

1 Carefree.

2 For this testimony, I am speaking on my own behalf.

3 In our daily lives, we typically frequent the
4 Carefree-Cave Creek area and other businesses all over
5 Scottsdale. The only time we really go outside of these
6 areas is to the airport or for other unique tasks that arise
7 in Central Phoenix.

8 LD-3 does not reflect our community as it has areas
9 from Desert Ridge to Interstate 17 in the far west, as far
10 as southwest and south portions of the district that have
11 little relation to the rest of LD-3.

12 To address this issue there are three changes that
13 should be made: The Desert Ridge area north of the 101
14 should be part of LD-4 with a boundary between LD-4 and LD-3
15 at the Scottsdale city limits. This works for us today; it
16 should continue.

17 Second, LD-3 should extend south to Chaparral Road.
18 Since south Scottsdale and Tempe are both arts and
19 entertainment districts filled with young people, they
20 should be part of LD-8.

21 Lastly the towns of Cave Creek-Carefree should be
22 part of LD-3.

23 These changes would make LD-3 reflect our
24 community.

25 Lastly, any governance process such as this should

1 reflect the communities they represent. Therefore, I would
2 encourage a close adherence to the redistricting criteria as
3 set forth in the Arizona Constitution which places an
4 emphasis on what we're addressing today, communities of
5 interest.

6 Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

7 (Applause.)

8 SPEAKER WOLVERTON: Good evening, Commission
9 members. My name is Andrea Wolverton, and I am a citizen of
10 Gilbert. My husband and I are grandparents that love to
11 have freethinkers and like-minded neighbors. We love
12 Gilbert and especially the political demographic of our
13 area, we are in the Cullumber District, one mile from
14 Downtown Gilbert.

15 If the current maps are accepted, our congressional
16 district will change from CD-5 to CD-4, our legislative
17 district will change from LD-12 to LD-10. According to the
18 2020 census, both of these would be bad for us in the
19 following ways: Mesa has a higher population of older
20 persons, we are young, under 65; in Mesa they have
21 approximately 60,000 households that are not made up of
22 families, in Gilbert we have approximately 17,000; Mesa has
23 80 percent of the homes speaking English and 16 speaking
24 Spanish compared to Gilbert with 86 English and 6 Spanish.

25 Mesa has 29 percent with a bachelor degree or

1 higher, Gilbert has 47 percent; in Mesa the median
2 owner-occupied income -- or, home had a median value of
3 259,3, compared to 372,5 in Gilbert; Mesa has 15 percent of
4 its communities in mobile home, Gilbert has 1 percent; Mesa
5 has 25 percent multi-housing units, Gilbert has 11 percent;
6 the median household income in Mesa is 63,836, and in
7 Gilbert the median income is 102,793.

8 My point in highlighting this information for you
9 is to see how drastically different our cities are. To lump
10 Gilbert in with Mesa will severely alter our congressional
11 and legislative representation in our state. The core
12 principle to congressional and legislative maps is to keep
13 like cities together.

14 Thank you for your time.

15 (Applause.)

16 SPEAKER MONILLAS: I'm Mary Margaret Monillas,
17 retired teacher/principal/college professor. For nearly 10
18 years I've called Scottsdale my home. I live in Scottsdale,
19 I worship in Scottsdale, I dine in Scottsdale, I socialize
20 in Scottsdale. I can't remember one time in 10 years that
21 I've ventured to Deer Valley airport area.

22 I think we should keep Scottsdale intact and not
23 link us with Desert Ridge or I-17. We are not communities
24 of interest, we are different; suburban versus more urban.

25 Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. CRANK: We will turn it back over to Anthem at
3 this moment.

4 MS. NEUMANN: Good evening from Anthem. At this
5 time I would like to introduce our Spanish interpreter.

6 THE INTERPRETER: Good evening, everyone. I'm the
7 Spanish interpreter. My name is Brenda Lopez. If you need
8 my service, I'll be right in the back of the room.

9 (Spanish language.)

10 MS. NEUMANN: At this time we will call our first
11 five speakers. If you could line up behind me, please.

12 Steven McDonald, Cathy Schwanke, Connie Genry, JK
13 Kuchto, Thomas Pierchala.

14 SPEAKER MCDONALD: Good evening, ladies and
15 gentlemen. My name is Steven McDonald and I live in
16 Desert Hills along New River Road.

17 Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak
18 before you. I take this as an honor and I have lived in our
19 present CD-8 for 32 years, my CD-8 is the reason I am here.

20 I am asking for the boundaries that are currently
21 in CD-8 to remain the same as much as possible. My wife and
22 I live in the northern part of CD-8 and the rest of our
23 family live in the southern part of the same district. We
24 all agree and speak with unanimous voice: Please do not
25 separate my wife and I from our family in the southern

1 portions of our district and move us to a district in
2 Scottsdale and southern Phoenix because our community of
3 interest is along I-17, not Scottsdale Road on the east
4 side.

5 Thank you very much and thank you again. Bye.

6 (Applause.)

7 PUBLIC SCHWANKE: Our
8 Anthem/New River/Desert Hills/North Phoenix is a growing
9 urban community and shares only one school district here on
10 the west side.

11 (Technical/audio disruption) testified that our
12 I-17 corridor is not part of their community. They see
13 their western boundary as Scottsdale Road not I-17 where our
14 Anthem community runs south. Please add our Anthem area
15 with D-8 where we have always been. It's where our school
16 district is, JP and board of supervisor districts, airport,
17 shops, hospitals are, not Scottsdale, Fountain Hills,
18 Paradise Valley way over on the east side.

19 The draft LD map shows a very small portion
20 population of our Maricopa County community still with
21 Yavapai, please put these few voters north of New River back
22 with our Anthem neighbors.

23 Also there are three precinct splits that we ask to
24 fix now before it's too late. The LD-28 border along
25 Carefree highway splits my precinct, a small population

1 south of Carefree Highway, puts them in with Scottsdale with
2 whom they have no community of interest. They can't even
3 access south of their own area because of mountains, so they
4 go west to I-17.

5 The squiggly border of southeaster LD-28 splits two
6 more precincts of small populations, cutting them off from
7 their neighbors whom they share access to I-17.

8 Easy fix all three of these splits by extending the
9 LD-28 border along 28th Street straight south and then west
10 on Jomax Road or Sonoran Boulevard; balance these population
11 additions by removing Wickenburg and southern LD-28 areas in
12 Peoria and also areas west of the 303. Because we're as --
13 we are urban Phoenix, we have nothing to do with rural
14 Wickenburg who'd rather be in rural Yavapai not urban
15 Phoenix.

16 Thank you.

17 MS. NEUMANN: Your name for the record.

18 SPEAKER SCHWANKE: My name is Cathy Schwanke.

19 SPEAKER HENRY: Good evening. My name is Connie
20 Henry and I have lived in Anthem 21 years. I've watched
21 this community quickly grow from zero to 30,000 people from
22 all over the country.

23 Burgeoning diversity across our state has turned
24 Arizona purple. I applaud this Commission for how it's
25 drawn up the future congressional district CD-1. This meets

1 the three mandated criteria of compactness, communities of
2 interest and competitiveness. Thank you.

3 However, the proposed boundaries of LD-28 meet none
4 of those three criteria. Anthem is a northern suburb of
5 Phoenix; our communities of interest lie to the south along
6 both sides of I-17 corridor. We have nothing in common with
7 the extremely rural part of the far western part of Maricopa
8 County. It would take me 90 minutes to get to the western
9 border of the proposed LD-28. I venture to say that the
10 vast majority of Anthemites have never traveled to those
11 communities.

12 This is not compact. This is not our community of
13 interest.

14 The vote spread in this LD is more than 30 percent.
15 This is hardly fair and would allow pandering to an
16 extremist base at the expense of others. Politically
17 balanced districts are good for voters, good for democracy,
18 legislators would need to be more responsive to a greater
19 number of constituents.

20 The current state map of LDs has 24 safe districts
21 that would deprive over a million voters of the opportunity
22 to elect their candidates.

23 You did a good job on CD-1. In the LD-28 I believe
24 a better of alignment of our COI, compactness, and
25 competitiveness is possible.

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 SPEAKER KUCHTA: Good evening. My name is Kelly
4 Kuchta and my wife and I are raising three children in
5 Anthem, Arizona; I'm a community leader in North Phoenix and
6 I own a computer forensic company in Peoria.

7 Thank you for -- thank you, first of all, in that
8 our LD is no longer in Yavapai County. So I want to
9 congratulate you on that after the first one.

10 I and my neighbors of Anthem, New River,
11 Desert Hills use a natural egress of I-17 and the 303
12 freeway to the west and to the south of the Phoenix metro
13 area. Thinking of our community of interests in terms of
14 suburban and rural areas, our future community footprint
15 will grow much faster than Wittmann, Morrystown, Wickenburg
16 areas, so please consider the following.

17 Currently our -- our congressional districts map
18 has us in CD-1, which covers a broad area to the east valley
19 and south into Phoenix and Scottsdale instead of those areas
20 that we talked about.

21 CD-8 is our current CD and it matches our community
22 of interest. Therefore, I would ask that our North Phoenix
23 area be included in the CD-8 area. I have a map if you'd
24 like to see what that -- that would be, I'm glad to give it
25 to somebody.

1 I recommend that area south of Happy Valley Road
2 and east of I-17 be removed from CD-8 and be included with
3 CD-1.

4 Regarding LD-28, my understanding is the area of
5 Wickenburg and western Maricopa County, Morristown, Wittmann
6 see their community of interest more in Yavapai County than
7 this I-17 corridor. More -- these people -- move these
8 people to LD-5 and remove the community north of New River
9 all the way to Maricopa line from Yavapai, and also pick up
10 the area south of Carefree along I-17 corridor that is in
11 LD-3. I have an exhibit also for that.

12 In essence, what I'm looking here is that we do a
13 counterclockwise rotation looking at LD-5, LD-3 and LD-28 in
14 clockwise manner. Move the western part of LD-28 to LD-5.

15 Thank you.

16 SPEAKER PIERCHALA: Good evening. I'm Thomas
17 Pierchala, along with my wife of 34 years, we've been
18 Arizona residents for 21 years and have lived in the same
19 address in Anthem. I'm a veteran and served in the Army and
20 Air Force National Guard.

21 I was fortunate as a career to have been a pilot
22 and captain and flew for a major U.S. freight corporation
23 and traveled all over the world for 34 years. Seeing the
24 world like this made me realize only more that the U.S. is
25 the greatest and best country on earth. We are a great

1 country because our fairness and equality to all citizens.

2 For this reason, when considering redistricting
3 therefore we are asking that Anthem and surrounding areas
4 stay as one unified community.

5 So on the CD map please remove our
6 Anthem/Desert Hills/New River/North Phoenix from area D-1
7 and place us south in area D-8 where we have always been and
8 belong along the I-17 corridor. It is a fair and equal
9 solution to the redistricting.

10 Thank you for your consideration.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you. Our next five speakers
13 are Eileen Nicodemus, Lisa Kelley, Francine Adelson, Vivian
14 Decker, and Connie Stanfield.

15 SPEAKER NICODEMUS: Hello. Is it okay to start?

16 MS. NEUMANN: Yes.

17 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Go ahead.

18 SPEAKER NICODEMUS: Hi, my name is Eileen Nicodemus
19 and I've been a resident relatively new in Anthem for four
20 years. I love this community and I want to continue in --
21 in -- and to present just two changes with the maps.

22 One is with the Congressional District 1. We would
23 like to propose moving the Anthem/Desert Hills/New River and
24 North Phoenix into -- or, back into CD-8. This is our
25 natural community of interest. We have all of our

1 businesses, our shops, our school districts in -- that run
2 along the south corridor on I-17.

3 So we would like to propose that change.

4 Secondly is with the legislative district map 28,
5 we would like to propose to include the Maricopa County area
6 north of New River in with District 28 because, again, this
7 is our community of interest in Anthem, our businesses and
8 our community run along that I-17 corridor and this is a
9 natural community of interest.

10 Thank you for this opportunity.

11 (Applause.)

12 SPEAKER KELLEY: Hi, my name is Lisa Kelley, and I
13 live in Anthem with my husband and my son.

14 We do all of our business and church and visit
15 shops all along the I-17 corridor. With that being said,
16 for our legislative district, we would like to propose that
17 our line goes up to the Maricopa County line and brings that
18 back into our district, as well as offsetting that
19 population by moving the more rural areas of Wickenburg and
20 those surrounding towns into Legislative District 5.

21 And for our congressional district, we were
22 proposed to be in Congressional District 1 with Scottsdale
23 and Fountain Hills and areas that honestly I've never even
24 been to. So we would like to propose to be back into
25 Congressional District 8.

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 SPEAKER ADELSON: Hi, my name is Francine Adelson,
4 and I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you tonight.

5 I chose to move to Anthem eight -- two years ago --
6 oops, sorry. I choose Anthem, I'm sorry, because it's a
7 suburb of Phoenix, not a downtown or a rural area. I've
8 lived in both urban and suburban areas, and they as well as
9 rural areas suffer from very different issues and needs.

10 Anthem shouldn't be in a district with Wickenburg,
11 Wittmann or any rural area as they actually have nothing in
12 common. Anthem being a suburb of Phoenix should be in a
13 district with other nearby suburbs.

14 Anthem is a community of interest with other areas
15 up and down I-17 from New River to north Loop 101 east and
16 west of the freeway.

17 Anthem residents shop, dine, and send their
18 children to schools in neighboring communities.

19 And there is no need, again, to combine Wickenburg
20 when there are other common options available, and I would
21 expect that the residents of Wickenburg might feel the same
22 way about us.

23 I urge you to move the D-28, District 28,
24 boundaries south rather than west or east politically
25 speaking to keep elections competitive. District 28 should

1 go down I-17 at least to the northern loop of 101. Carefree
2 Highway and I-17 should be kept in a district with Anthem to
3 the north and Norterra to the south as there are similar
4 priorities and growth.

5 We need our representatives to address common
6 interest and issues of our communities. If that is not
7 done, we all lose either by unfair political advantage or
8 representatives having to choose between uncommon interests
9 of a community, which would lead to underrepresentation of a
10 portion of the residents.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 SPEAKER DECKER: Vivian Decker.

14 I'd like to thank the Commission for separating
15 Maricopa County from Yavapai County. I appreciate the work
16 that the Commission is doing in the sharing of the data with
17 the constituents.

18 I've lived in Arizona for more than 13 years with
19 12 years in the Desert Hills area. I do not live in Anthem
20 community, I live in an area just on the other side of the
21 fence that is rural. We have dirt roads, I actually even
22 live on a dirt road, and many of my neighbors own and board
23 horses on their property with some of my neighbors owning
24 acreage.

25 Our community is currently included in the D-28

1 maps. While I appreciate the Commissioners' recommendations
2 including us in other rural areas, having D-28 west into
3 Aguila is not in our best interest. I actually lived in
4 Aguila for one year at the Aguila Airpark, which is a small
5 gaited community with a group of houses.

6 Aguila is a farming area with the closest shopping
7 area being 25 miles away in Wickenburg.

8 We need to be included in an area that has similar
9 priorities and growth that cannot be addressed the same as
10 in the rural areas of Aguila or Wickenburg. D-28 is
11 uncompetitive due to going west/east instead of south.
12 Please make D-28 a more competitive district.

13 And after reviewing your draft map for
14 Congressional District 1 which includes Anthem, I agree with
15 your decision which makes it a competitive and fair
16 congressional district.

17 Again, I appreciate the work you are doing. Thank
18 you.

19 Vivian Decker, state committee LD-1 Maricopa, also
20 Desert Hills precinct committee person.

21 SPEAKER STANFIELD: Hello, thanks for listening.
22 My name is Connie Stanfield. I've been a registered nurse
23 for 52 years. I have, over the years, been a legislative
24 liaison for the Arizona Homecare Association. I've
25 testified before the health and welfare legislative

1 committee, and I was appointed to a Governor's legislative
2 committee to -- to oversee some bills that were being
3 passed.

4 I understand the meaning of "community of
5 interest." I happen to live in Desert Hills, and I have
6 horses as do all my neighbors. My community of interest is
7 the 17 -- I-17 corridor. From New River to Dove Valley
8 where I shop, see my physicians, my dentist, I utilize the
9 hospital services unfortunately, the pharmacy, the
10 restaurants, I ride my horse on the trails that we have, and
11 I visit with family and friends in Anthem and surrounding
12 areas.

13 Please consider removing Wickenburg and other far
14 western areas from the D-28 LD draft map, and remove our
15 area from Scottsdale, southeast Phoenix area from the D-1 CD
16 draft map. I've never even been to Wickenburg, I'm sorry to
17 say.

18 Like in the CD map, Anthem/New River/Desert Hills
19 community is kept whole in Maricopa County. Please do the
20 same in the LD draft map and don't put Maricopa area north
21 of New River in with Yavapai because they're part of us in
22 Maricopa County.

23 Thank you for listening and our consideration.

24 (Applause.)

25 MS. NEUMANN: Now back to Salt River.

1 MS. CRANK: Our next ten speakers, if you'll line
2 up over here.

3 The next speaker is councilwoman from Scottsdale,
4 Kathy Littlefield, Debbie Nez-Manuel, Nigel Topland
5 (phonetic), Margaret Cowley, Roberta Miller, Kathleen
6 Andrews, Harley Winehager -- sorry if I -- Tom Andrews,
7 Daisy Duke, Marlie Jackson.

8 Councilwoman from Scottsdale.

9 Please state your name as you come up to the
10 microphone.

11 SPEAKER LITTLEFIELD: Thank you.

12 And thank you for all of you for sharing this
13 evening with us. I am here as my capacity as councilwoman
14 in the city of Scottsdale because a number of the people
15 here in Scottsdale asked me to come.

16 Good evening.

17 I am here tonight to ask you to keep as much of
18 Scottsdale as possible together in one legislative district.
19 One of the criteria for redistricting is to keep communities
20 of interest together and that they should not be divided
21 into so many legislative districts as the current draft
22 proposes.

23 Along with Rio Verde and Fountain Hills, they
24 should be a part of our district with Scottsdale. We have a
25 community of interest.

1 Your goal should be to maintain as much of that
2 city together as possible. For example, Desert Ridge and
3 Deer Valley Airport should be included in a north Phoenix
4 legislative district, that is their community and that is
5 where their interests are and where the people go; they do
6 not come from north Scottsdale. There is not a community of
7 interest with them here, and they are separate from us.

8 The current draft map should have a detrimental --
9 could have a detriment impact in the city we all love. As a
10 city councilwoman, Scottsdale is in my care and is a
11 responsibility that I take very seriously.

12 So I ask you to carefully consider this feedback
13 from me and from many others who are here tonight. Put us
14 with Fountain Hills, with Rio Verde that's where our
15 community is, that's where our people go.

16 Thank you very much.

17 (Applause.)

18 SPEAKER NEZ-MANUEL: (Apache language spoken.)

19 MS. CRANK: I'll do the Navajo translation for her.

20 Debbie Nez-Manuel just introduced herself in the
21 Navajo language, first introducing her clans and then she
22 mentioned she's got children and then she mentioned that her
23 husband is the late Royce Manuel.

24 SPEAKER NEZ-MANUEL: I've lived in the Salt River
25 Pima-Maricopa Indian community for 17 years. I've raised

1 three children here in Mesa public schools; I've served the
2 local tribal community here in a variety of capacities for
3 health and human services for over a decade. I volunteered
4 at schools with a parent organization, and still today I
5 advocate for Native American youth by helping them to
6 organize a nonprofit that serves Native youth in leadership
7 development.

8 Lastly, I worked very closely with my late husband
9 to design this very room. Believe President Martin Harvier
10 shared a moment of remembrance earlier.

11 While the entire valley is considered indigenous
12 land base with the original stewards being the people of
13 this very community, the Akin-O'odham, today I'm asking the
14 Commission to honor to ensure that our local school
15 districts that are currently serving our Native American
16 students in the school district, especially Mesa School
17 District.

18 Second, I want to recognize the value of honoring
19 the cultural ties between the O'odham and the Yavapai Apache
20 people. Keeping these tribal groups together in the larger
21 context of the congressional district just makes sense.

22 Finally, my husband -- my late husband was a
23 retired 22-year firefighter, and I learned through his
24 service how tied this community is to neighboring
25 communities of Scottsdale, Tempe, and Mesa with the primary

1 traffic routes of the 101 and the Red Mountain Freeway. I'm
2 asking the Commission to please keep these
3 cross-jurisdictional relationships working together.

4 Thank you very much for this opportunity to address
5 you.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 SPEAKER COWLEY: Good evening. My name is Margaret
9 Cowley, and I'm here today to follow up on my comments that
10 I made last Saturday on LD-8 in your current map for Tempe
11 and the East Valley in general.

12 After listening to other public comments at other
13 meetings and reviewing the new draft maps that have been
14 submitted, I'm here to support draft map LD0061.

15 Now, I'm not going to get into a lot of details
16 because Mr. Kevin Brown earlier mentioned a great many
17 things.

18 I'm here to really point out that I was hesitant to
19 have part of Scottsdale within Tempe, but looking at this
20 new map and listening to everybody, I've realized we're all
21 going to have to compromise to meet the constitutional
22 criteria that are set forth before the Commission.

23 And it's been proposed that the LD-8 -- we propose
24 in this new draft map 0061, that the south part of Tempe
25 would be Baseline and going north and go up into some parts

1 of Scottsdale, and that made sense to me in that I live in
2 that north part and it is more urban, and more parts of that
3 Scottsdale area that you are including are urban also; and
4 many of our concerns are the same in that we're dealing with
5 ASU, we have high-density living, and we have traffic
6 concerns and we have similar types of businesses.

7 So what I would like to advocate is when you're
8 finalizing the East Valley maps, please consider the draft
9 map LD0061, because it improves the compactness,
10 competitiveness, along with the logical geographic
11 boundaries while maintaining the population size.

12 Thank you very much.

13 (Applause.)

14 SPEAKER MILLER: Good evening, Madam Chair and
15 members of the Commission. My name is Roberta Miller; I'm a
16 resident of Tempe. I've lived there for 28 years. I've
17 actually lived in the East Valley since like 1978, going to
18 ASU under grad, graduate school and the college of law as
19 well as practicing law there.

20 I'm here tonight to urge you to adopt published map
21 LD0061.

22 I think -- I think that map accomplishes a number
23 of things that your current map just -- just does not and
24 I'm going to briefly tell you what I think they are.

25 First of all, it gives each East Valley district

1 roughly equal populations. It preserves geographical
2 compactions -- compactness of East Valley districts while
3 using city and tribal boundaries as borders. It splits
4 Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, and Scottsdale each into only two
5 districts; it splits Mesa into three districts.

6 It creates two more competitive districts by moving
7 the Sun Lake communities from LD-13 to LD-12, and it
8 preserves Latino communities of interest in LDs 9 and 13.

9 Thank you very much for your time and your
10 consideration. As I said, please consider adopting draft
11 map LD0061.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 SPEAKER ANDREWS: Hello, I am Kathleen Andrews and
15 I live in McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale.

16 Because I started and ran a nonprofit called
17 Phoenix Reads for three years, I'm very familiar with the
18 south Scottsdale and even all the way into Central Phoenix,
19 and even -- even into the -- even the reservation. Every
20 week my volunteers and I moved beautiful donated children's
21 books to Girls and Boys Clubs, public health clinics, and
22 Head Starts; I also interfaced with Southwest Human
23 Development Organization on 24th Street, and the warehouse
24 where the books were sorted and boxed was located in the
25 area behind 24th Street and Camelback in Phoenix.

1 I came to really know these communities, their
2 needs, and I'm here to tell you that those needs are vastly
3 different than the concerns of McCormick Ranch residents who
4 are mostly retirees, snowbirds, downsizers, and families
5 looking for good neighborhood schools.

6 We do not need to make competition in Arizona; we
7 all need and deserve the full attention of our
8 representatives who are like minded; we do not share common
9 interests, but mostly we don't share the common needs of
10 these other communities.

11 We really, no matter what appears on the state and
12 federal ballots in the next election, it is all said and
13 done, we can vote for anyone we choose across any political
14 party.

15 So to sum it up, McCormick Ranch needs to remain in
16 Scottsdale and it needs to go to the corridor -- to the Shea
17 corridor and into Fountain Hills -- sorry. That's what I'd
18 like to happen.

19 Okay. Thank you all, by the way.

20 (Applause.)

21 SPEAKER ANDREWS: My name is Tommy Andrews; I'm an
22 18-year resident of McCormick Ranch.

23 The task of creating 30 legislative districts and 9
24 congressional districts is a big job. Over the past ten
25 years our state has grown significantly and recognizing the

1 demographic shifts and the emergence of new communities is
2 important for having a truly representative democracy.

3 The criterion you have asked -- you've been asked
4 to use are important, but not of equal importance. Having
5 similar populations and having physical continuity are
6 obvious requirements. Preserving existing districts where
7 possible is also important because it minimizes disruption
8 for current representation and citizen engagement.

9 The most important objective is grouping
10 communities of interest so that elected officials understand
11 and represent their constituents. This is the essence of
12 our representative democracy.

13 For the national conference of state legislators
14 the competitiveness of a district is only to be considered
15 if it does not come at the expense of all other attributes.
16 Trying to predetermine the outcome of a district's election
17 by creating unnatural boundaries is gerrymandering. Just --
18 just look at a boundary map --

19 (Applause.)

20 -- and you will see where it is happening. For
21 example, including a small section of Central Phoenix in the
22 southwest corner of CD-1 is gerrymandering for the goal of
23 creating a more competitive CD-1.

24 Look at LD-8. Placing McCormick Ranch with
25 south Scottsdale, Tempe, and the reservation is ridiculous

1 when it obviously belongs with DC Ranch, the Shea Corridor,
2 Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde as it has for the past ten
3 years.

4 With over 30 percent of registered voters
5 self-identified as Independents or party not declared, it is
6 humorous to suggest anyone knows how a district is going to
7 vote. It should be the candidates and the voters that
8 determine elections, not unnatural gerrymandered district
9 boundaries.

10 (Applause.)

11 SPEAKER WEITENHAGEN: Yes, yes.

12 Good evening. My name is Harley Weitenhagen, I
13 live on East Tara Drive in Scottsdale. I do appreciate very
14 much your efforts in this. This is a thankless task and a
15 tough one.

16 I was in the commercial real estate business and
17 the broadcast television business for too close to 50 years
18 that I want to talk about back in the Midwest. I've been
19 here three years; this is where I am for the rest of my days
20 on this planet.

21 My wife and had a lot of different areas in the
22 metro to pick from when we decided to move about three years
23 ago; Scottsdale is where we ended up, and it's because of
24 communities of interest. And I realize one of the speakers
25 earlier spoke about communities of interest including things

1 like water usage and legal things, police -- and they do,
2 That's absolutely true. But those things tend to go along
3 with the communities of interest of other things like
4 retail, environment -- or entertainment, restaurant options,
5 clubs resorts that cater -- synagogues, churches that cater
6 to that particular area, they all go together as a community
7 of interest. I don't discount the legal aspects, the water
8 usage and those things, as being a common interest and that
9 they should be put together.

10 I'm here to propose to leave LD-23, which is where
11 I am, as close in the future as it is now. I know it
12 changes numbers, but to leave it. That is a community of
13 interest. I see it so easily in my three years of being
14 here.

15 Extensive district boundary changes are not -- are,
16 you know, are really uncalled for. I mean, you have
17 criteria and I hope that you stand by those criteria, but
18 communities of interest I think is the most important one as
19 the last speaker said.

20 I urge you to reconsider the current plan map and
21 keep it as I have just stated.

22 Thank you very much, I do appreciate you.

23 (Applause.)

24 SPEAKER DUKE: Hi, my name is Daisy. I'm a student
25 at ASU and I live in Tempe.

1 Thank you, Commission, for the opportunity to
2 speak. Thank you also for keeping the ASU neighborhoods
3 together as well as keeping parts of South Scottsdale
4 together with Tempe. I hope that you continue to do so in
5 the final maps as well.

6 I think it's a strong community of young folks and
7 other similar folks, and it helps for us to be able to elect
8 someone to represent our interests. And when possible,
9 please keep districts competitive so that elected officials
10 must fight for all community votes.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 SPEAKER JACKSON: Hi, my name is Harlie. I live in
14 Tempe currently but have lived through the East Valley my
15 entire life from Queen Creek to Mesa to where I currently
16 live in Tempe.

17 I wanted to start by saying I like how you have
18 been able to connect Tempe with parts of south Scottsdale
19 where there are a lot of similarities. Having grown up in
20 different parts of the East Valley, I do feel like there are
21 more community split as you go east.

22 A lot of folks have already spoken to the problems
23 of the panhandle and Gilbert being split so many ways, so I
24 won't bore you too much with that. I just feel like you can
25 move a large part of the central and south Gilbert into the

1 district to its east, 14, where my family currently resides
2 and that way it wouldn't be everyone's least favorite
3 panhandle.

4 Thank you, Commission, for your time.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. CRANK: We will now turn it back over to
7 Anthem.

8 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you, Michele.

9 Our next five speakers are Tracy Martin, Gary
10 Saxhaug, Rennae Ward, Crystal Bazarnic, Mary Ann Bushard.

11 SPEAKER MARTIN: Hello, my name is Tracy Martin and
12 I live in the New River-Anthem and Desert Hills in
13 unincorporated Maricopa County.

14 The current version of the legislative district map
15 cuts off a small portion of the Deadman Wash precinct that
16 is just south of Carefree Highway. The reason it should
17 remain included as it is today is because the other three
18 sides are open space, they're part -- it's part of the
19 Sonoran Preserve land. It would make more sense to keep
20 this portion connected as it currently is to prevent that
21 land from becoming an island.

22 A close-up view of the map will show that there are
23 no roads to connect them except to the north across Carefree
24 Highway.

25 The other precinct with a similar issue is

1 Dove Valley, it is also an area of irregular roads and
2 limited access.

3 Leaving this precinct intact will maintain
4 community of interest ideals. Breaking it as proposed would
5 split across neighborhoods and the local school boundary and
6 separate them from the I-17 corridor.

7 The north line of the legislative district should
8 extend to the Maricopa County line north of New River, this
9 is a rural area with a small population. And in addition to
10 being the county line, this is also the northern boundary
11 for Deer Valley Unified School District.

12 It is my understanding that the people in the
13 Wickenburg area would prefer to be in District 5 and Yavapai
14 County as that represents their communities of interest
15 better than District 28.

16 This would help balance population as previously
17 mentioned.

18 The proposed map can -- includes communities far to
19 the east and south that are dissimilar and need to be down
20 the I-17 corridor to the west.

21 Thank you.

22 I have maps to support this.

23 SPEAKER SAXHAUG: Good evening. My name is Gary
24 Saxhaug. I live in Anthem, Maricopa County. My wife and I
25 are a retired couple and Marine Corp. veteran of the Vietnam

1 era and worked 40 years in the field of electronics, first
2 in the military, and the last 30 years for General Electric
3 Healthcare Systems.

4 Our neighbors and friends and most of the people of
5 our community get their grocery, haircuts, entertainment
6 locally and I think that we can define and -- as including
7 Anthem, Desert Hills, Tramanto, basically all along the
8 Carefree Highway corridor and the -- and I-17 from New River
9 down to Happy Valley Road in the Norterra area. This is
10 what I would consider our community of interest.

11 We all -- we are Congressional District 8 at this
12 time and are very happy to remain in CD-8 as we have been
13 for quite some time.

14 Congressional district draft map of CD-1 which has
15 a large area east extending down to Phoenix and Scottsdale,
16 that is not our community of interest. Consider moving that
17 portion to CD-5.

18 I also recommend that that area south of Happy
19 Valley Road and east of I-17 be moved to CD-8 and not
20 included in CD-1. So, Anthem and New River south of Happy
21 Valley Road can be moved to CD-8.

22 I have attached maps to include these changes.

23 Thank you.

24 SPEAKER WARD: Hi, my name is Rennae Ward, and I
25 live in the Vistancia area of northern Peoria.

1 The new -- we were -- we used to be in LD-22, and
2 the proposal is to move us to Legislative District 28, which
3 is more rural and goes up to Wickenburg; and as many of the
4 people here from Anthem has said, that is a very rural area.
5 The area that we live in is metropolitan urban. You have
6 split the area -- you have split Peoria, taking the -- one
7 of the fastest growing areas of Arizona, the Vistancia area
8 of Peoria, Trilogy, Blackstone, and put us in with rural
9 people with whom we have very little interest.

10 We do our shopping and everything in Peoria or
11 Glendale. It just doesn't make any sense that you would
12 spin us off into no-man's land. Like one lady said, she's
13 never even been to Wickenburg, and I think that goes for
14 many of us that you have now put together with them.

15 The other thing is we were in Congressional
16 District 8 and now you have put us in 9. That district --
17 that District 9 goes all the way to the Utah-Nevada border,
18 and you have segued off a whole chunk of Maricopa County to
19 be in that congressional district, which has very little to
20 do with any of our interests in Vistancia or Peoria.

21 Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 SPEAKER BAZARNIC: Hello, Commissioners. My name
24 is Crystal Bazarnic; I've been a homeowner in Sonoran
25 Foothills which is just south of Anthem east of I-17 for

1 11 years and a resident of Arizona for 36 years.

2 I'm speaking on behalf of my community of interest,
3 the north I-17 corridor from the Loop 101 to Anthem and
4 New River east and west of I-17.

5 The north 17th freeway is the heart of our
6 community. Our area is experiencing extensive growth which
7 is accelerated by the addition of a new semiconductor plant
8 which will bring in single- and multifamily homes along with
9 additional schools, dining, and retail. It's important
10 that, as we grow, we have legislative representation from
11 our area who will represent our community's interests.

12 The legislative draft map as drawn does not meet
13 the criteria of compactness and contiguousness. While some
14 areas of our state do require inclusion in large, sprawling
15 districts due to the geography and small rural populations,
16 our community does not fall into that category. It would be
17 easy to build a compact contiguous and, yes, more
18 competitive district.

19 Our community of interest also has nothing in
20 common with beautiful Wickenburg -- I have been there; it's
21 beautiful -- and all of the rural desert areas to the
22 northwest of the valley.

23 Our corridor is compromised of Phoenix suburbs
24 which should be drawn into a compact district with our
25 community of interest kept together.

1 I would also like to point out that I'm on the
2 board of the current LD-21 Democrats and we and the LD-21
3 Republicans agree that our communities should be kept
4 together in a district. This goes beyond partisanship and
5 competitiveness, we are all here today because we care
6 deeply about our community and its future.

7 Thank you for separating us from Yavapai County and
8 thank you for making CD-1 a fair district and a fair
9 congressional map.

10 Thank you.

11 SPEAKER BUSHARD: Hi, I'm Mary Ann Bushard, and I
12 have been a resident of New River for 22 and a half years,
13 and I can't believe that a horse owner has never been to
14 Wickenburg. 'Cause it rocks.

15 But anyway, first off, I want to just second
16 everything that Crystal Bazarnic had to say and -- and I
17 knew what she was going to say, so I'm just going to cover
18 very briefly my feeling as a member of the New River
19 community.

20 It is rural but everything that we do basically, as
21 people have said, all of our shopping, work, doctors
22 entertainment are all along the north I-17 corridor. And
23 much as I love Wickenburg, it is very rural; it's
24 agricultural, and that proposed LD-28 goes all the way to
25 the far western border with La Paz County, and we just

1 really don't have much in common with that community.

2 It is important to have -- sorry.

3 It is important to have politically balanced
4 districts to encourage better representation in the
5 legislature, and it would also provide greater accessibility
6 of members of the legislature if it wasn't such far reaching
7 in terms of land to the west anyway to have more
8 accessibility of the members of the legislature with
9 their -- to their constituents.

10 Anyway, I appreciate that the Commission has
11 separated out Yavapai County and -- but I would like to see
12 Wickenburg and far western Maricopa County removed from the
13 proposed LD-28.

14 And thank you.

15 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you.

16 Our last five speakers are Basil Fernimos, Susan
17 Gannon, Tom Gannon, Edward Abbott and Debra Trudeau.

18 SPEAKER FERNIMOS: Good evening. My name is Basil
19 Fernimos; I live here in Anthem; I've been a business owner
20 since 2015.

21 It's really important to us up here in Anthem and
22 everyone in all the different districts to make sure that we
23 have community of interest, it's just vitally important to
24 us, obviously, and it's vitally important to other
25 communities, too.

1 Most of my time is spent up here in Anthem, up in
2 the North Valley, the I-17 corridor. My kids went to
3 Deer Valley schools, we live in 85086. The surrounding
4 areas, as I've said, is our community of interest. We do
5 not want to be lumped with the inner city of Phoenix; it's
6 just not who we are.

7 The other thing I'm really concerned about, and I'm
8 sure the board is doing this, but following the constitution
9 of Arizona and the six criteria that is set forth to make
10 sure our boundaries and our maps are drawn properly. We
11 want to have equal population in our districts and in our
12 communities, and they should rep- -- accurately represent
13 who we are as -- as residents.

14 We choose to live in these areas. We can live
15 anywhere we want, but we choose to live -- for instance, I
16 chose to live in Anthem because it's, you know, in the
17 North Valley, it's beautiful up here. If I wanted to live
18 in the city, I would.

19 And I guess in closing I just want to say, don't
20 lump us with dissimilar communities of interest. It's just
21 not going to work. I'm not going to give you any numbers or
22 how to move these maps around because that's just not the
23 kind of person I am. I just wanted to reflect my opinion on
24 what should be done and how we should follow the
25 constitution.

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 SPEAKER GANNON: Good evening. My name is Susan
4 Gannon, and I appreciate a moment to speak to you and thank
5 you for allowing us to be here.

6 I do have concerns of both the LD and the CD
7 districts that are drawn currently. For the LD-28, I agree
8 with most people here that Wickenburg and Wittmann are not
9 representative of our area because they are more rural. I
10 do believe that the northern part of Maricopa, which is now
11 lumped into the Yavapai County, should be kept and contained
12 within the Maricopa County.

13 Also, the southern part of Carefree Highway,
14 Tramonto, Happy Valley, the shopping area around there,
15 should be also included in that LD district.

16 So for the CD district I've been hearing a lot of
17 people here, a lot of people in the Salt River area that are
18 talking about "We don't do the same type of shoppings,
19 communities." I have been a resident of Arizona for more
20 than 40 years, mostly on the West Side and I do my shopping
21 currently in the West Side, Anthem area, just around the
22 101, Happy Valley area, Arrowhead. I rarely go to
23 Scottsdale area and I rarely go to Desert Ridge.

24 So I would recommend that the section of the Anthem
25 area remain with the CD-8 district that we are currently in.

1 Thank you.

2 SPEAKER GANNON: My name is Tom Gannon. I've lived
3 for several years in Anthem.

4 And I would like to address the CD-8 first. I-17
5 and the development along I-17 is key to our future and all
6 those economic issues are central to how our future is going
7 to be in Anthem. And from what I've heard -- I'm new to
8 this process -- there's a commonality with the people in
9 that area don't shop, don't worship where we are, and we
10 don't share interest and don't shop where they are.

11 So I do think that would --

12 (Applause.)

13 -- make sense to make that change so we can be with
14 the CD-8 like we currently are. That's our community of
15 interest and that's what makes sense.

16 I lived for several years in Prescott, so I have
17 been to Wickenburg, it's very nice there, but I felt a lot
18 more at home when I was in Prescott and Wickenburg because
19 we're very similar communities and would make sense to keep
20 them together.

21 Anthem is -- is urban, as people have indicated,
22 and just I think it does make sense. We are the very tip of
23 Anthem, actually when we had a foster child, she would have
24 gone to school in that northern part of the area because
25 it's the Deer Valley District. So it just makes sense to

1 extend it to that northern boundary.

2 So thank you. Appreciate it.

3 SPEAKER ABBOTT: Thank you for the opportunity. My
4 name is Ed Abbott; I've been a resident of Anthem since
5 2009.

6 We should not be trying to piece together an
7 unrelated mosaic for political purposes but rather --

8 (Applause.)

9 -- we need a contiguous area of communities of
10 interest, common interest.

11 The common interest from -- for the 17 corridor
12 from north of 101 has grown tremendously in the past ten
13 years, and it's going to grow even more in the next ten
14 years; and -- and how can we predict that with certainty,
15 because there's going to be a very large industrial park and
16 it's already under construction. This is going to employ a
17 great number of people. It's going to be a magnet of
18 high-tech employment of this area and that area is going to
19 go to the south to the 101, north to Black Canyon, east
20 probably to Cave Creek, and west maybe to Lake Pleasant.

21 But there's no telling in the next ten years the --
22 the growth that's going to take place.

23 And this is a common area. Now it's mainly a
24 service area, but it is going to be a big industrial area.
25 It's going to be full of young and -- and very aggressive

1 and very interesting people -- yours truly excepted -- but I
2 am looking forward to that and we should all be together.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 SPEAKER TRUDEAU: Hi, my name is Debra Trudeau; and
6 I live in the gated community in Anthem, Arizona.

7 I moved to Arizona one year ago from another state.
8 My husband and I deliberately moved to Anthem because of its
9 proximity to north Phoenix services, including the
10 availability of multiple medical professionals and
11 facilities, the wide variety of shopping center and malls;
12 the convenience of transportation coupled with the
13 well-developed transportation element evidenced by
14 Highway 17, 303, and 101; and to be close to our church, our
15 church community, as well as to be near to other family
16 members and friends that live in the metro area.

17 Although we did not -- we did look, excuse me, at
18 real estate in more rural area, we chose to live in the
19 urban setting enjoying urban services.

20 We currently reside in what is now Legislative
21 District 28. Anthem was correctly added to Legislative
22 District 28 on the west side of Highway 17; and we should
23 also remain in the congressional districts on the west side
24 of Highway 17.

25 Anthem and New River are more aligned with similar

1 communities such as Vistancia, West Wing, and the Arrowhead
2 area of Peoria where my husband and I attend many medical
3 appointments and do most of our shopping.

4 Please reconsider leaving Anthem and New River in
5 the congressional district east of Highway 17 which is
6 currently CD-8.

7 Thank you very much.

8 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you. We will now take a quick
9 ten-minute break to give our transcriptionist a break and we
10 will resume at 7:37 promptly back at Salt River.

11 Thank you.

12 (Recess taken from 7:27 p.m. to 7:36 p.m.)

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14 MS. CRANK: If you'd please listen for your name
15 and line up against this wall over on this side.

16 The first speaker is Rick Currey, Jaime Uhrich,
17 Sheri Lopez, Joseph Junker, Lynn Kahn, Robert Hathorne,
18 Michael Schafer, Jackie -- I'm not sure, I can't read the
19 last name, I think that might be L-E-M-E-R, U-L-N-E-R.

20 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

21 MS. CRANK: Paul Rowe, Paul Schubring, Nicole
22 McClusky.

23 And when you come up to the podium and to the mic,
24 microphone, please state your name.

25 Nicole -- or, I'm sorry. First speaker, go ahead,

1 sir.

2 SPEAKER CURREY: Hi, I'm Rick Currey; I am the
3 president of McCormick Ranch Property Owners Association.

4 McCormick Ranch consists of 67 subdivisions with
5 approximately 27,000 residents in total.

6 After hearing the proposal to split McCormick Ranch
7 down Hayden into two different legislative districts, our
8 board passed a resolution to keep McCormick Ranch together
9 in one district. Also after discussing this in our last
10 board meeting, the board feels that McCormick Ranch has very
11 little, if anything, in common with Tempe, South Scottsdale,
12 Old Town, or the Salt River tribe.

13 We do, however, all feel that we have many things
14 in common with Paradise Valley. Together McCormick Ranch
15 and Paradise Valley would make a community of interest.

16 Given these conditions, we strongly urge the
17 Commission to include McCormick Ranch in Legislative
18 District 4 with Paradise Valley rather than in Legislative
19 District 8 with south Scottsdale and the Salt River tribe.

20 Thank you all for your consideration in this
21 matter.

22 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 SPEAKER UHRICH: Good evening, Commissioners. My
25 name is Jaime Uhrich; I'm the Executive Director for

1 McCormick Ranch.

2 McCormick Ranch is one of the first and remains one
3 of the largest master-planned communities in the western
4 United States. We have 8,004 single-family homes, 912
5 apartment units, and over 400 businesses including
6 HonorHealth Shea. McCormick Ranch borders are Shea to the
7 north, Indian Bend to the south, Scottsdale Road to the
8 west, and 96th Street to the east.

9 Our -- we have a nine-member board that works on
10 behalf of the association and often requires working with
11 local leaders. To split the association would -- could put
12 members at odds regarding important issues. Our board of
13 directors on behalf of over 20,000 residents request that
14 you keep the entire association in District 4.

15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 SPEAKER LOPEZ: Good evening. Thank you for this
18 opportunity to speak.

19 My name is Sheri Lopez, and I want to share my
20 concerns about the redistricting boundaries.

21 I live in far North Scottsdale on the way to
22 Bartlett Lake. The community I live in is very quiet, space
23 between our homes, mainly retirees or those soon to retire,
24 and snowbirds.

25 Looking over the proposed redistricting boundaries,

1 I noticed that my community, which mainly consists of north
2 Scottsdale, Rio Verde, and Fountain Hills will drastically
3 change and will be combined with other communities that are
4 more urban and densely populated than mine, such as
5 Deer Valley to the I-17 and even Midtown Phoenix.

6 These may be beautiful communities, however the
7 interests are very different such as families with young
8 children all the way out into Desert Ridge, Deer Valley, and
9 then the very densely populated Midtown Phoenix that's
10 represented in D-1.

11 I very rarely go into these areas and mainly stay
12 in my community of north Scottsdale.

13 I truly feel that the proposed redistricting
14 boundaries will drastically impact my future votes as the
15 density -- densely proposed populated areas will cancel my
16 voice.

17 I respectfully ask that you keep the communities of
18 Scottsdale --

19 (Applause.)

20 -- Rio Verde and Fountain Hills together as we
21 share commonalities.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 SPEAKER JUNKER: Chairman Neuberg, Vice Chairman
25 Watchman, and board, I really appreciate the opportunity to

1 present to you.

2 My name is Joe Junker, I'm a tech consulting -- I
3 work in tech consulting firm, licensed active real estate
4 agent, and Grand Canyon University adjunct professor.

5 It's a great honor to be here. You've heard a lot
6 from my neighbors; I live in McCormick Ranch. I also would
7 echo what Tommy Andrews mentioned earlier, McCormick Ranch
8 appears to be some sort of tag on the end of a gerrymandered
9 area.

10 Unfortunately, the line for District 4 --

11 (Applause.)

12 -- it doesn't make sense. And I'll give you
13 another thing that perhaps Councilman Littlefield mentioned,
14 she mentioned about the keeping a city together.

15 Other people were urging you to listen to the
16 constitution, there's actually two -- two reasons why you
17 could consider this keeping Scottsdale together as well as
18 McCormick Ranch, keeping it whole, is that, besides
19 respecting communities of interest which you've heard a lot
20 about, you actually have the other thing that talks about
21 city, town, and county boundaries should be respected. So I
22 would hope that you consider that and do as much as you can
23 to keep Scottsdale together in one place.

24 Secondly -- and that's regarding the legislative
25 districts.

1 Last thing on the CD-1, I would like to comment a
2 little bit on that. Speaking of gerrymandering, what I
3 think I see is a corner of Alhambra, Encanto, and Camelback
4 east, those seem to be pulled out and put into the CD-1 on
5 the -- on the west end. It's a square that's very clean:
6 Glendale on the north, I-10 on the south, I-17 on the west,
7 and 51 on the east.

8 I feel that's out of place particularly to all the
9 neighbors and everything that's in CD-1 there. So, I'd
10 respectfully ask that you consider a change to that as well
11 as like we talked about, keep Scottsdale whole and help keep
12 the consistency of legislative districts so we're able to be
13 functional, elect officials, and work with people who
14 understand us.

15 Thank you very much for your time.

16 (Applause.)

17 SPEAKER KAHN: Good evening, Madam Chair and the
18 Commission. My name is Lynn Millser Kahn.

19 Being a fourth generation Phoenician I have lived
20 in Maricopa County since 1950 in Phoenix, Tempe, and
21 Paradise Valley.

22 Legislative District 4 is a suburban district with
23 mostly single-family homes. The Commission consider it to
24 be north of Chaparral Road to Dynamite Road, Highway 51 to
25 Scottsdale Road.

1 This is where I shop, go to dinner, sent my
2 children to public schools, and attend religious services.
3 Areas south of Chaparral are urban with high-density
4 businesses and housing. They should be with Tempe
5 District 8 and Phoenix District 1.

6 West of 51, north of Cactus should be District 2.
7 Proposed Congressional District 1 ignores communities of
8 interest, is not connecting and compact, and ignores city
9 boundaries. District 1 should be Osborn Road north to the
10 county line above Cave Creek, Carefree, and Desert Mountain,
11 Highway 17 east to Highway 101-Pima, including Fountain
12 Hills. Including Phoenix the Alhambra, Encanto, Camelback
13 east districts are wrong; they are highly dense in
14 population, businesses and urban housing. They should be
15 with District 3 where they belong.

16 They have nothing in common with Scottsdale or
17 Paradise Valley.

18 South of Camelback should be District 3 and Tempe
19 District 4 as they are communities of interest.

20 Thank you for your time. I hope you will listen to
21 my concerns and might consider my suggestions.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 SPEAKER HATHORNE: Good evening, my name is Robert
25 "Bob" Hathorne; I've resided in the northeast corner of

1 Scottsdale for the past 23 years, and I'm 84 years young.

2 I grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago.
3 After graduation from the University of Denver and serving
4 in the United States Army and working within the industrial
5 publishing industry for 20 years, I was a partner, became
6 entrepreneurs, i.e., risk takers, and started a printing
7 company in the western suburbs. One of our major companies
8 was the Dial Corporation, i.e., Dial soap.

9 I therefore traveled from Chicago to Phoenix a
10 minimum of six trips per year; my wife accompanied me,
11 especially in the winter. I bought proper- -- after several
12 years we looked at each other and agreed that Arizona,
13 Scottsdale, would be a wonderful area to retire.

14 I bought property in 1987. After selling our
15 company, we moved into our new home in December of 1987,
16 became legal residents of Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1998.

17 We made a great decision, Scottsdale, and we've
18 never second guessed ourself.

19 We believe in community values, common
20 interests, we believe in the suburban concept of
21 single-family homes. This is what we invested in.

22 Our neighbors being Carefree and the eastern
23 portion of Cave Creek are just that, neighbors. We frequent
24 many restaurants within Carefree and Cave Creek, we shop in
25 both communities, especially Bashas' grocery store. The

1 long and the short of us, we need them, they need us. We
2 are neighbors. Common interests.

3 The same interests and values hold true for the Rio
4 Verde area as well as Fountain Hills neighbors.

5 What areas we do not have common interest or common
6 values and are not neighbors is the western portion of your
7 redistricting to include Desert Ridge -- and my time is up.

8 I just -- well, I've got a lot to say.

9 I urge you to keep common interest, common values,
10 and neighbors together.

11 Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 SPEAKER SCHAFER: Thank you for being here tonight.
15 My name is Michael Schafer; I've lived in Scottsdale for
16 40 years. I'm a Christian, precinct committeeman, a
17 conservative, and a businessman.

18 (Applause.)

19 I -- just to get some boundaries down, I think
20 west -- west and east of Scottsdale Road should be separate.
21 Right side of it is Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Rio Verde
22 should be together. If you're going to split Tempe, do it
23 at Indian Bend.

24 Our country -- it's so funny being in this meeting,
25 when in the middle of us being here, our country, I'm

1 watching our country be destroyed and we don't want it
2 destroyed. Many of us believe that there are agendas afoot
3 to misguide our elections; there are agendas to thwart the
4 will of the citizens that are here tonight representing
5 their positions, including reworking the voting boundaries
6 to turn red to blue.

7 We know the election was stolen. We're looking at
8 this proposed map and I question, like, who thought to put
9 this all the way out to I-17? That for me smells.

10 I'm looking at that map and I just question the
11 agenda of the mapmakers.

12 I caution this group, this committee, about foul
13 play in our maps. I ask you to do what's right. You know,
14 anything -- we are against anything that leads to stealing
15 elections, I hate that.

16 So don't mess with our maps. Do what's right and
17 keep people that are common that do the same things and the
18 same area together like we've been together. Keep LD-23 as
19 close as you can to what it is.

20 I appreciate the time tonight and I -- I hope that
21 you take these things to heart. God bless you all.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. CRANK: At this -- at this time I would like to
24 remind the audience that whenever there's clapping and
25 somebody is up there speaking, it interferes so people that

1 are watching live cannot hear the speakers. So if we can
2 keep the clapping down until after the speaker has been
3 done, we appreciate that for the listening audience out
4 there.

5 SPEAKER ULNER: Hi, I'm Jackie Ulner. And thank
6 you for what must surely be a very trying task trying to
7 please all the people -- impossible.

8 I'm a far north Scottsdale resident bordering Cave
9 Creek, Carefree, and Phoenix; currently LD-23 and now in
10 current approved map LD-3.

11 Scottsdale, Fountain Hills and Rio Verde are
12 western suburban cities and towns, north Phoenix and I-17
13 are urban. These areas are not the same. Our communities
14 of interest are different and shouldn't be in the same
15 district.

16 The further west one goes after passing Cave Creek
17 Road, the more different the whole feel of the communities
18 are. My husband and I actually looked at the exact same
19 floor plan and builder of our current home about five miles
20 west of the north Scottsdale neighborhood that we ultimately
21 brought in and chose of the neighborhood because of the feel
22 and culture of the community.

23 Also, moving the southern Scottsdale border to Shea
24 dramatically alters our community of interest. Please
25 consider moving the southern boundary back south to

1 Camelback, perhaps, and the west border back east to
2 slightly west of Cave Creek Road to keep Scottsdale and the
3 cities of Cave Creek and Carefree aligned. I love that
4 Carefree and Cave Creek have been put in with us.

5 Scottsdale should stay united in a district. I
6 think it's clear from the prior comments from our friends in
7 Anthem, who have indicated that people in the area of
8 Anthem, north Phoenix and the I-17 agree with this as well.

9 The same is true of Congressional District 1.
10 Please rework our area and keep Scottsdale intact and keep
11 these other communities aligned with common interests as
12 well.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 SPEAKER ROWE: Thank you.

16 Ladies and gentlemen of the Commission, thank you
17 for the opportunity to address you this evening. My name is
18 Paul Rowe; I've been a resident of northeast Phoenix and
19 Scottsdale for more than 45 years on and off since 1958, and
20 currently reside near Old Town Scottsdale; I live, shop, and
21 spend much of my free time in the area.

22 It is in the best interest of Scottsdale and the
23 immediate surrounding area that they are part of the same
24 legislative and, to the extent possible, congressional
25 district.

1 This will maintain the compact and contiguous
2 communities of interest that is one of the Commission's
3 primary responsibilities in drawing up new districts in the
4 state for the next ten years.

5 Scottsdale and the neighboring communities of
6 Fountain Hills and Rio Verde are historically western cities
7 that are largely suburban, family-orientated, and retirement
8 areas. As such, it is highly desirable that they remain in
9 the same state legislative district and are contained in the
10 same congressional district.

11 In addition, that congressional district ought to
12 be apportioned to the extent possible with other immediate
13 areas that share a homogeneity of communities of interest,
14 including areas of Phoenix that extend as far west as some
15 20-plus miles to Interstate 17 and Anthem, makes no logical
16 sense.

17 Arizona state constitution requires the Commission
18 take into account a number of provisions to fulfill its
19 mandate. Among these are the requirement for compact and
20 contiguous districts, communities of interest, and potential
21 competitiveness. Only by keeping Scottsdale in the same
22 legislative district and drawing the congressional map in as
23 geographically compact area as possible can the Commission
24 satisfy these requirements.

25 It is incumbent upon the Commission to establish

1 districts for the state and specifically this area that
2 adhere to the state constitution and satisfy the needs of
3 the residents of the area. It depends upon your fair
4 mindedness and impartiality to achieve this mission.

5 Thank you for your time and attention.

6 (Applause.)

7 SPEAKER SCHUBRING: Good evening. My name is Paul
8 Schubring. Thank you, Madam Chair and members of the
9 Commission for allowing us to speak.

10 I live in Gilbert, I'm coowner of two technology
11 companies. We are a global manufacturer of products that
12 supply companies in U.S., Europe, Asia, and we even export a
13 lot of products to China.

14 I am speaking on behalf of myself and other
15 business owners in the town of Gilbert. I appreciate the
16 diligence and hard work by the Commission so far, and I know
17 that the majority on a good day you only hear criticism, so
18 I empathize with your job. I truly do my best to stay away
19 from it, but I'm here to strongly speak against version 10
20 map that rips up Gilbert and divides it into five different
21 districts, thus abandoning any semblance of community of
22 interest and not respecting the city and town borders.

23 Here's how disruptive the current proposal is: I
24 live 1.2 miles from my grocery store and it's in another
25 district; I can drive 1.1 miles to a Trader Joe's that's in

1 a different district; or, I can drive 18 miles to one that's
2 in the same district.

3 Location of my business is 6 miles away and I cross
4 all five districts and I'm still in Gilbert; and even my
5 church crosses all five, and my son's high school is in a
6 separate LD. So I'm -- I'm just at a loss, when I have an
7 issue, who do I call and who do I work with when I have a
8 legislative issue.

9 Further, I also believe that the Commission is
10 doing a tremendous disservice to the students of Mesa,
11 Gilbert, Kyrene, and Chandler School Districts, specifically
12 where LD-12 has four different school districts. We heard
13 from the Navajo Nation about the importance of keeping those
14 school districts intact and I fully support that.

15 I didn't just come to throw rocks; I did come with
16 some maps. And I don't know if I can upload them, but
17 basically kind of a key one is taking LD-12 and essentially
18 stopping it on the border and basically following the school
19 districts. In minimizing the maps, I came up with
20 minimizing all the disruption of the school districts,
21 maintain that. If there's a site, I will try to upload it,
22 but basically it's stopping the border at LD-12 -- but hope.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You're welcome to leave those
24 maps --

25 SPEAKER SCHUBRING: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- for the Commissioners.
2 And also we have on most Mondays, Mapping Monday with Mark.
3 And so if anybody would like personal help or tutoring to
4 get your map uploaded into our system, he -- Mark is
5 wonderful to guide you through that.

6 So look for that, you know, option on our website.

7 SPEAKER McCLUSKY: Hi. My name is Nicole McClusky,
8 and I live in the U.S. for 25 years including 20 years in
9 Scottsdale.

10 I'm almost retired voice and piano teacher and I
11 live in Scottsdale and Shea area. So where I spend most
12 time in north Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, central
13 Scottsdale. I go to restaurants there, I most of the time
14 shop there unless I go to Phoenix Downtown maybe for once or
15 twice a year for some kind of concert.

16 So I don't understand why we should split
17 Scottsdale in three districts. I think now we have two,
18 right?

19 And especially to connect to our area of central
20 Scottsdale -- central Phoenix doesn't make any sense to me.

21 Anyways, so I think Scottsdale is known as a very
22 distinct area, which that's why I love it, safer distinct
23 area.

24 And I'm asking to keep Scottsdale together with the
25 western boundary of Scottsdale city limits.

1 Unless it's political issue, I don't understand why
2 we are changing those maps.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 MS. CRANK: I will be calling up the next ten
6 speakers. First one is Gregory Wodynski, Karen Garrett,
7 Cindy Sullivan, Craig Stephan, Patti O'Neil, Joyce Riedell,
8 Paul Riedell, John Hassett, David Bonfiglia.

9 David?

10 SPEAKER BONFIGLIA: Yes, I'm here.

11 MS. CRANK: Greg?

12 SPEAKER WODYNSKI: Thank you.

13 Good evening, Commissioners Chair Neuberg
14 Vice Chair Watchman, Commissioner York, Lerner, and Mehl.

15 Thank you for your dedication in upholding the
16 Arizona Constitution. The six constituent components
17 outlined therein with the strict purpose of guiding the
18 Commission on this sole serious process of fair
19 redistricting, and for ensuring fair election representation
20 for all legal Arizona citizens.

21 The six constituent components, which I'm sure you
22 are very clearly on, I will mention as equal population,
23 compactness and contiguous, compliance with the
24 U.S. Constitution, respect for communities of interest,
25 incorporation of visible geographic features, et cetera, and

1 the creation of competitive districts when there is no
2 significant detriment to other goals.

3 I'm a U.S. citizen, resident of Maricopa County,
4 and Fountain Hills resident for 28 years. I'm employed for
5 37 years as an engineer and IT professional. My spouse and
6 I are proud to have raised our children in Fountain Hills
7 and consider Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, Rio Verde as nearby
8 communities of interest.

9 Our children graduated successfully from ASU and
10 SCC where we are here tonight.

11 Our family and neighbors live, work, shop recreate,
12 attend church, and leverage medical services in the
13 community of interest. My office, our pharmacy, and other
14 services reside in the Old Town Scottsdale area of
15 Scottsdale and logically consider this our community of
16 interest.

17 I feel that the current maps have separated us from
18 those areas.

19 Fountain Hills, Scottsdale, and Rio Verde are
20 visibly suburban and primarily quasi rural and family
21 communities, while south Scottsdale, Tempe/ASU area and
22 adjoining central Phoenix are generally a younger
23 demographic, and rightfully so respects denser urban
24 communities, denser urban amenities and those urban needs.

25 These are quite -- two quite diverse and distinct

1 communities of interest and are not congruent to accurately
2 represent the proposed Congressional District 1. I
3 respectfully request the Commission to remove some of those
4 areas and please take all those things into consideration.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Applause.)

7 SPEAKER GARRETT: Hi, my name is Karen Garrett. I
8 appreciate all the work that you do, the time and effort in
9 this is heroic.

10 I've lived in the Scottsdale area for 41 years. I
11 am in the current-drawn LD-3; and I'm going to do this from
12 more of an emotional standpoint all of us in this room that
13 you have heard that live in Scottsdale stood in lines, we
14 would probably be in three different lines; and I know most
15 of these people. And to be able to say that is very
16 disheartening to me.

17 In your last draft map final day of draft mapping
18 when Sunnyslope was put into 2, you asked to have that
19 reviewed and the mappers went and they came back and changed
20 Scottsdale. I remember having listened to it that one of
21 the Commissioners mentioned that fact, that that had
22 happened and that it needed to be addressed, and you said
23 we're going to finalize these maps today and we will address
24 those issues afterwards. I appreciate you saying that, but
25 the angst that you created by doing Sunnyslope into

1 District 2 and what it did to Scottsdale has created weeks
2 of angst and we have no idea what you're going to do to put
3 it back, but I hope you do.

4 Congressional District 1 needs to have
5 central Phoenix removed from it however the best you are
6 able to do that.

7 Thank you for your time.

8 (Applause.)

9 SPEAKER SULLIVAN: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you so
10 much for being here tonight and allowing me to share my
11 views.

12 My name is Cindy Sullivan, and I live in Cave
13 Creek. My husband and I were drawn to Cave Creek 20 years
14 ago because of the western lifestyle that we found there. I
15 love that our neck of the woods is far enough away from the
16 big city yet still has amenities nearby. My grocery store,
17 Ace Hardware, restaurants, doctors, they're all within a
18 short drive.

19 But that's what people do when they start to look
20 for a place to live. They look for communities that provide
21 what is needed, plus have the lifestyle and similar interest
22 that we desire. That's what I hope to find in someone who
23 represents me in the government, someone who knows and can
24 relate to what is important to me.

25 While I like Midtown Phoenix and

1 Old Town Scottsdale, their urban millennial lifestyle,
2 interests, and needs are far different from my own. Finding
3 congressional representation for one would neglect the
4 other. Merging our areas for the sake of competitiveness is
5 a detriment to other criteria.

6 Besides, seriously, it's a day trip just to go down
7 and visit them.

8 A representative would need to cover 30 miles just
9 to keep a working relationship with their constituents.
10 Central Phoenix and south Scottsdale would be better served
11 with their neighboring communities of similar interests as
12 we would in the North Valley.

13 Please keep communities of interest and compactness
14 in mind as well as adhering to the Arizona Constitution when
15 drawing these maps.

16 Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

17 (Applause.)

18 SPEAKER STEPHAN: Hello, my name is Craig Stephan.
19 I practiced law in Maricopa County for 38 years; I've lived
20 and practiced in Scottsdale for over 30 years. I actually
21 grow up in Scottsdale, went to elementary school here. My
22 parents bought a house around 68th Street and McDowell for
23 \$16,500 in 1958. So I've seen a lot of Scottsdale and a lot
24 of growth.

25 There are a lot of people here today who are

1 concerned about Scottsdale being chop blocked in these maps,
2 and I think there are a couple of things that can be done to
3 fix this. One is Scottsdale Road is the primary north-south
4 artery, that should be the western boundary of LD-3. LD-3,
5 in my opinion, should extend down through all of Scottsdale
6 to about Chaparral.

7 The second, LD-8 should be Chaparral Road south
8 continuing into Tempe. Tempe and south Scottsdale now have
9 a greater affinity, a lot of that has to do with ASU, the
10 SkySong development, a lot of high-density housing along
11 McDowell Road, and higher density lifestyle south of
12 Chaparral.

13 So my recommendation would be two very simple LDs:
14 LD-3, Scottsdale Road on the west down to Chaparral; and
15 LD-8, which would be south of Chaparral into -- into Tempe.

16 LD-4 that -- that eastern boundary should be
17 Scottsdale Road all the way, there should be no cut out
18 there in McCormick Ranch.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 SPEAKER O'NEIL: Hi, my name is Patti O'Neil.

22 Good evening and thank you to this board for a
23 terrific job you have done. I know it's difficult, not
24 everybody is going to be happy. I know that there are many
25 cities in the past and looking in the future that will be

1 split in different parts, but I'm here to say that I live in
2 LD-23 and my initial comments back in the summer was to keep
3 SUSD together as a community of interest. However, I do
4 want to say that the last draft maps of -- the 10.2, were
5 very well done and appeared to need some minor tweaks and
6 adjustments such as precincts that are in one district and
7 split in another district.

8 I would like to point out that there are some
9 districts that benefit one party over another, but in its
10 entirety I believe that there will -- this group of maps
11 will provide a chance for a fair representation at the state
12 level.

13 Thank you and good night.

14 SPEAKER RIEDELL: Hello, my name is Joyce Riedell;
15 and I wrote this because I wanted to remember everything I
16 wanted to say.

17 I do have one thought that I -- that I don't have
18 written down here, and that is as far as competitiveness --
19 competitiveness is concerned, I've heard a lot of people
20 speaking about that tonight, our demographics are changing
21 so rapidly, I don't think any of us can predict where that's
22 going. For me, there's a lot -- a lot of new people around
23 where I live. So I just wanted to say that for -- for what
24 it's worth.

25 Anyway, my name is Joyce Riedell. I live in the

1 Gray Hawk subdivision in north Scottsdale. My husband and I
2 are retired after owning a small business for many years we
3 moved to Arizona, actually Sun Lakes; and we were there for
4 15 years, and eventually to the Scottsdale area for its
5 relaxed and open air ambience. We also considered the many
6 other retirees in the community as an asset, and not least
7 we have grandchildren nearby.

8 In my community we are situated close to the
9 McDowell Mountains, we enjoy the wildlife and trails and
10 hiking or walking. Nearby we have many restaurants,
11 shopping and opportunity for good medical facilities all
12 important for retirees.

13 I am here to request you to include Scottsdale,
14 Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde in our legislation --
15 legislative district, drawing the line at the eastern side
16 of the city at Scottsdale Road. These are the communities
17 of interest to us; we rarely go outside of that area.
18 Please not include the bustling areas of Desert Ridge and
19 Deer Valley industrial area, we -- we very rarely travel
20 there and aren't familiar in that area.

21 Also in regard to Congressional District Number 1,
22 central Phoenix is urban and has nothing to do with suburban
23 Scottsdale. Please remove central Phoenix from
24 Congressional District Number 1.

25 And I am asking you to readjust the maps so our

1 elected representatives can better focus on their
2 communities of interest and their issues.

3 Thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 SPEAKER RIEDELL: Hello, my name is Paul Riedell.
6 My wife just did such a good job I don't have too much
7 different to say, except I kind of focus on a couple of
8 things.

9 That the geographic integrity of an area, I think
10 you-all probably are focused on that and I think that is
11 very, very important.

12 Like she said, we live in the Gray Hawk area. You
13 go up 101 and get off on Pima and go up a couple of miles.
14 That area, that whole greater northern Scottsdale area,
15 including the other two little communities, are pretty much
16 the same; and -- and together with the shopping area over on
17 Bell Road and all of that, it makes one big geographic area
18 that we think should be kept intact. It doesn't need to
19 have the Deer Valley and all that area.

20 The other -- my other point was for representatives
21 to represent a community they need to have a real sense of
22 community, not a little bit over here and a little bit over
23 there and people in apartments over here and people with
24 horses over there. It is difficult, I imagine -- I've never
25 been a representative, but I imagine it would be real

1 difficult for a person to represent a broken-up community
2 like that. So that was something also that I was very
3 interested in in expressing that I personally am thinking
4 about the person that's representing us and how difficult it
5 would be for them to do that.

6 So keep Scottsdale intact as best as you can.
7 Scottsdale Road and somewhere around where we are up north,
8 that makes sense to me.

9 Thank you very much.

10 (Applause.)

11 SPEAKER HASSETT: Good evening, Commissioners, and
12 thank you. My name is John Hasset. I live near PV High
13 School, it's in the proposed LD-4.

14 Currently I think LD-4 goes too far south. If it
15 went north past Dynamite and the city of Scottsdale, I think
16 the elected official would be much more representative to
17 the community they represent.

18 Similarly, CD-1 should not extend into
19 central Phoenix but should go further north and not as far
20 west as it currently does.

21 During the evening, I've heard a lot of people
22 comment on D-3 as well. We lived in north Scottsdale for
23 many years, I just wanted to add I agree with their comments
24 stating that a district that extends from Fountain Hills to
25 Anthem would be too large for one person to properly

1 represent.

2 Also, I didn't know I was going to say this so
3 hopefully it comes across to make sense. But I heard a
4 cargo pilot, retired cargo pilot speak earlier this evening,
5 and I'm a pilot as well and I have to agree with his
6 sentiment. I've been to a lot of countries, and one thing
7 I've noticed is none of them are like here, and they all
8 just seem to suffer from corruption. And I want to thank
9 you guys for making sure that the government stays right,
10 that we have our rights, and that our voices are preserved.

11 Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 SPEAKER HASSETT: Good evening, Commissioners. My
14 name is Thia Hasset. That was my husband, of course. We
15 live near 40th Street and Bell, which is in the proposed
16 LD-4.

17 The Central Phoenix area goes too far south and
18 does not represent our area which is comprised of
19 single-family homes. We go to church, volunteer, live,
20 shop, and eat between Paradise Valley Mall, Desert Ridge,
21 and further north. We feel the eastern border should be the
22 Scottsdale city line.

23 For the same reason, proposed CD-1 should not
24 include the central Phoenix area either.

25 Thank you for taking the time to review and

1 consider everyone's comments.

2 Have a good night.

3 (Applause.)

4 SPEAKER BONFIGLIA: Hello, my name is David
5 Bonfiglia; I'm a lawyer here in Scottsdale, Arizona, and
6 I've lived in Scottsdale, in Paradise Valley, and
7 Old Town Scottsdale for the past 28 years.

8 And one thing we've got here is that you guys have
9 an obligation to uphold the constitution, and the way you're
10 cutting these things up, that's not happening. Now, we've
11 got legislators and elected officials who have to represent
12 us. When they talk about in the constitution "community of
13 interest," there's no way a representative voted for by
14 people in Scottsdale have the same interests and represent
15 the same interests of somebody that's from ASU down in Tempe
16 or up in Anthem. He's got an obligation and you're creating
17 a conflict for our elected officials by doing what you're
18 doing.

19 There's no way a representative can represent
20 people in Scottsdale and also the people in Phoenix. It is
21 impossible. And you're giving -- creating a situation where
22 politicians become even more hated and denigrated because
23 they have to tell people in Phoenix one thing and then
24 people in Scottsdale another thing; and you have not upheld
25 your constitutional obligation to put people in like-minded

1 areas with the representative they need to uphold their
2 values and their thought processes.

3 I don't live in Phoenix, I don't live in
4 central Phoenix, I live in Scottsdale. I've been driving up
5 Scottsdale Road for almost 28 years and I see the traffic
6 that is ungodly and it's like living in L.A. It's bumper to
7 bumper.

8 Now, people that live in ASU, they're used to it.
9 So what is my representative going to do to help me versus
10 keeping it going for people at ASU? They can't do their
11 job. And that's what we are, we are a representative
12 republic. And you're taking that away from us.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. CRANK: The next ten and the last ten
15 speakers -- last ten speakers, Jeffrey Tucker, it looks like
16 Airi Bradshaw -- Ari Bradshaw, James Roth, Mary Grier,
17 Douglass Ebstyne, Dan Farleen, Jim O'Connor, Jan Dubanskas,
18 Lori Gray.

19 Those are the last ten speakers.

20 Jeffrey Tucker.

21 SPEAKER TUCKER: Hello, Commissioners. I would
22 like to speak in support of map LD0061, specifically the
23 East Valley portion of that map.

24 My name is Jeff Tucker. I live in Tempe and work
25 in Chandler; I'm a property owner and taxpayer in Ahwatukee.

1 Thank you for another opportunity to provide some opinions.

2 Map LD61 shows much of what Arizona needs in the
3 East Valley, particularly in Districts 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and
4 14. Map's 61 East Valley complies quite well with Arizona's
5 constitution variances. It has roughly equal populations
6 with variances no greater than 2,000 residents. The map is
7 contiguous and geographically compact. The districts
8 repr- -- respect geographic features and important
9 communities of interest.

10 This create maps creates a more competitive LD-12
11 by including Sun Lakes, and by doing so creates a more
12 competitive District 13 via a vertical split between the two
13 districts.

14 A crucial aspect of map 61 is the rallying call
15 we've been hearing for the past several weeks, it keeps
16 cities together. It truly represents city identities by
17 using city borders. It creates a west Mesa district and an
18 east Mesa district and a fully Gilbert district.
19 Ultimately, the cities of Chandler, Gilbert, Tempe, and
20 Scottsdale are split only into two districts. Whereas the
21 city of Mesa with its large size is split into three.

22 The Latino community of west Mesa is kept whole in
23 District 9. Chandler keeps its Latino and Asian communities
24 whole in District 1e. Further, this map incorporates the
25 significant tribal communities of the Salt River and the

1 Gila River into the school districts where their children
2 attend.

3 I witnessed a meeting earlier this week where there
4 was much praise for the approved draft map District 13
5 because it is square and compact. Please remember: Squares
6 do not vote, people do, neighbors do, cities do, communities
7 do.

8 Please evaluate on all criteria not just the pretty
9 shape a district has.

10 Thank so much for all that you guys are doing.

11 (Applause.)

12 SPEAKER BRADSHAW: Hello, Hola, Ya'at'eeh, IRC
13 Commission. It is nice to see y'all again.

14 I'm Ari Bradshaw of Maricopa and Yavapai Counties.
15 I own two Arizona businesses and helped build a charity that
16 raised dozens of thousands for Maricopa schools. I've spent
17 the past six months travelling around the eastern part of
18 the state to help out a variety of organizations ranging
19 from charities to local companies to candidates trying to
20 get on the ballot. Thus, I'm going to focus on CD-2 and
21 LD-7.

22 Regarding the exclusion of Graham and Greenlee
23 counties from CD-2, I am concerned that 50,000 proud rural
24 Arizonans will have their voices drowned out by Pima
25 residents if they are not included within CD-2. The mining

1 communities of Clifton and Morenci and the town of Blue
2 share nothing in common with Tucson. Yet, they share
3 everything in common with our brothers and sisters in
4 Apache, Navajo, and Graham counties.

5 From mining to family values to faith, these people
6 are not members of the Tucson community. They are, however,
7 major factors in eastern Arizona's culture. These counties
8 share much more in common both culturally and economically
9 with the rural district than they do with Tucson.

10 The Gila River Valley in Graham County would be
11 left as a group of a few dozen thousand Arizonans who are
12 used as land and population filler for a Tucson district
13 rather than as a core part of the rural CD-2 district. I
14 plead for the sake of rural Arizona that the commission to
15 consider adding Graham and Greenlee counties to CD-2.

16 The final three points in CD-2 I would like to
17 make concern San Tan Valley, Wickenburg, and Colorado City.
18 Please do not separate Colorado City from its sister town
19 Fredonia and its historically related settlements along the
20 I-40, the Mormon settlements. Please host a meeting and
21 talk to the citizens of this unique part of Arizona and get
22 their thoughts before finalizing the maps.

23 The current division of San Tan Valley makes no
24 sense and leaves urbanites out of an East Valley district
25 instead placing them in the rural CD-2.

1 Mapping team, I'm normally able to fit everyone in
2 this district, the East Valley one, by starting at the
3 southeast bound with San Tan Valley city limits. I
4 recommend that you-all do this. Do not exclude San Tan
5 members from this district.

6 Finally, please don't split Wickenburg along the
7 county line.

8 On to LD-7, I am not sure if it can even be done at
9 this point, but it's really large. Globe, Edgar, and
10 Williams should not be in the same district. I ask that the
11 commission seriously reconsider District 7 and the placement
12 of the Globe micropolitan area.

13 Thank you so much for your time and commitment to
14 the state of Arizona. God bless you and God bless the state
15 of Arizona.

16 (Applause.)

17 SPEAKER ROTH: Good evening, Commissioners. My
18 name is -- excuse me. My name is James Roth; I live in Rio
19 Verde.

20 And I'm I kind of urging that -- that the
21 Commission in considering what was formally LD-23 should
22 remain pretty much intact. Because Rio Verde, Fountain
23 Hills and all of Scottsdale, are -- share a community of
24 interest and it is a compact and concise area where
25 everybody shares commonality in their -- in their shopping,

1 dining, places where they go to church, socializing, and
2 shared community of interest.

3 But I also would like to take a moment to address
4 the issue of competitiveness. I believe competitiveness is
5 important, but it's really the competitiveness of ideas
6 that's important. And it seems that there's a many people
7 have been advocating that competitiveness is -- should be
8 considered as the primary criteria in redistricting, but
9 it's actually the subordinate interest to the other six
10 constitutional criteria. And I think that the -- many of
11 these speakers are urging competitiveness as a means of
12 gerrymandering and breaking up compact communities of
13 interest in order to subordinate to a political purpose.

14 And I think the primary consideration of the
15 Commission should be to keep our communities together,
16 concise, so that the people who live together, have shared
17 values are representative -- represented by people we
18 share -- that share those same values.

19 Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 SPEAKER GRIER: Good evening, Commissioners, and
22 thank you for sticking around for the last ten of us and our
23 comments.

24 My name is Mary Grier; I live in McCormick Ranch
25 section of Scottsdale.

1 And I advocate that you adopt a map that keeps
2 Scottsdale in one legislative district, specifically as
3 proposed in map number CDF009 which was submitted by my
4 fellow Scottsdale resident Emily Wilson.

5 While there are many good reasons to do this, I
6 will address only two: The overarching community of
7 interest shared by residents of these areas, and the
8 creation of the competitive district.

9 Let me begin by stating that I disagree with those
10 who argue that competitiveness should be given less weight
11 than other factors you must consider. That is not correct.
12 All of the factors are important and all of them must be
13 balanced to optimize achievement of the six objectives
14 identified by the voters, and that's the tough job you have
15 to do.

16 I want to speak to the issue of community. You've
17 heard a lot about where people shop and who hasn't visited
18 which other community. Community is tied to place in some
19 respects and it's a matter of choice in others, but when
20 people refer to like-minded neighbors, they're really --
21 it's code word for political affiliation, and that isn't
22 something you should be considering when it comes to
23 community. Something like a legislative boundary, a city
24 boundary, concern about protection of environmental assets,
25 all of which applies to city of Scottsdale, those are things

1 that deal with community.

2 The other thing is, community is something that
3 people do in community. It's not that I individually go to
4 a particular grocery store and whether or not it's a mile
5 from my house or two miles from my house, it's what to do we
6 do in community and what does your boundary do to promote
7 community or to dissuade people from acting in community and
8 being represented as community members.

9 The city of Scottsdale and Salt River Pima-Maricopa
10 Indian community have natural economic interests that should
11 be respected and held together.

12 I thank you for your time and your consideration of
13 these comments.

14 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 SPEAKER EBSTYNE: Hi, my name is Doug Ebstyne; and
17 I live in northern Scottsdale. My wife and I moved here six
18 years ago because we thought Scottsdale was really a great
19 community to live in.

20 From my perspective the key issue in redistricting
21 is -- rests in community of interest. All other criteria
22 are anchored to community of interest. For example,
23 adherence to city, town, county boundaries, undivided census
24 tracts, districts being compact and contiguous as much as
25 practical, all tie into community interests.

1 Our Scottsdale home is north of Cave Creek Parkway
2 in what is, I guess, called the -- the proposed LD-3. Yet,
3 we shop in both Scottsdale Quarter, Fashion Square, and
4 everywhere in between; Our church which we love is on Shea;
5 we buy our cars and have them serviced in Scottsdale; we
6 grocery shop at Sprout's, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Costco
7 is an integral part of our weekly routine; all our medical
8 services are in Scottsdale; we eat in restaurants all over
9 Scottsdale.

10 Please don't split up Scottsdale or include it with
11 Desert Ridge and the I-17 area since those are not in our
12 community. In fact, from my standpoint they're a road trip.
13 But that's just nonsensical.

14 And Scottsdale's western boundary should really in
15 my opinion define the western edge of our district. If you
16 have to make a change, Camelback south to -- should go to
17 D-8.

18 And I don't -- can't even fathom why
19 central Phoenix is in CD-1. That's just a nonstarter.

20 Okay. Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 SPEAKER FARLEEN: Hi, my name is Dan Farleen.
23 Thank you for your selfless service in this task.

24 This comment is regard to LD-8, LD-3, and LD-4 in
25 your prospective map. I've been living in the same ZIP

1 Code, 85260 since 1995, 26 years now. I've been a real
2 estate agent in the same area since 2002, that's 19 years
3 and counting. I've raised two of my children in that area
4 over that period of time.

5 I share a lot of the same sentiments expressed on
6 the McCormick Ranch Association, Scottsdale City Council,
7 Councilwoman Kathy Littlefield, and so many others tonight
8 particularly on being a representative republic.

9 I've moved -- I moved into my area near Cactus and
10 92nd Street because it had mostly single-family detached
11 residential properties with garages; the kind of environment
12 I wanted to raise my kids in.

13 Tempe is high density, it's light rail. It's the
14 exact reason why I don't live there.

15 Indian reservation, I understand that it's
16 difficult to get proper addresses, which means that mail-in
17 ballots may be a problem; and if that is the case, the
18 current perspective map feels like a political attack on my
19 single-family detached community where we will lose
20 representation we have that align with our community
21 interest. Community interest should be the top priority.

22 We'd lose any say over our kid -- okay. So I'm
23 going to share with you as a parent.

24 Our kids commonly go to Scottsdale Quarter, they
25 commonly go to Scottsdale Unified School District, that's

1 where they make friends. Occasionally we'll go to
2 Desert Ridge, Railroad Park down near the McDonald. That's
3 the area where the kids and family are, so you should be
4 Chaparral and McDonald to north and south -- or, just north
5 of the 101.

6 Bottom line, LD -- LD -- or my area should be in
7 either LD-3 or LD-4 and not LD-8.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 SPEAKER O'CONNOR: Good evening, Commissioners. My
11 name is Jim O'Connor, and I'm currently serving you as a
12 member of the Arizona Corporation Commission.

13 I was going to talk about my personal preferences,
14 but you've been overdosed on that so I will withhold. But
15 as a commissioner myself, I'm used to dealing with very
16 controversial issues and receiving thousands of e-mails,
17 text messages, personal visits, telephone town halls on
18 things like energy rules. So if you guys think you have it
19 tough, come on down and see me one day at work.

20 But what I want to bring home tonight is what I
21 heard as a commissioner listening to the great feedback that
22 you got from the public.

23 There is something natural, something organic about
24 people deciding where they individually choose to live, and
25 we call that a community of interest.

1 There is something -- as a counterpoint to that,
2 there is something very managed, topdown, controlling when
3 we deal with competitiveness. What is competitiveness for?
4 What is the ultimate goal of competitiveness?

5 Is that a good outcome? Or is what men and women
6 choose to do naturally the very best thing to do?

7 What I'll be doing for the next couple of weeks or
8 months as you guys progress is be praying for each of you
9 daily.

10 May God bless you and thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. CRANK: Joe Reyes. Is Joe Reyes still here?

13 Okay. Come on up.

14 SPEAKER DUBAUSKAS: Hi, my name is Jan Debauskas,
15 and I'm a resident of north Scottsdale, so I'm in what would
16 be considered LD-3 today.

17 Frankly, I'm struggling to understand LD-3 and
18 that's why so many of us are here. It's a district that
19 would be 30-some-odd miles wide, its boundaries are based on
20 the 101, but that's just not how we live our lives. And so
21 the city boundary, which you've heard over and over, is what
22 we're asking for you to consider and to think of.

23 When we live in Scottsdale we work, shop, go to
24 church in Scottsdale. I live north of the 101, I go to
25 church south of the 101 on Shea. My husband works south of

1 the 101 on Shea. That is where we live, where we go, where
2 we play. Our friends are in Fountain Hills; our friends are
3 in Rio Verde.

4 We don't go to Desert Ridge. If you notice along
5 the 110, there's a big gap between Scottsdale Road and
6 Desert Ridge, there's a whole lot of nothing there, which is
7 a natural buffer, right? And that creates this dysmorphic
8 situation where we just don't go to Desert Ridge.

9 And, my goodness, Deer Valley Airport. You know,
10 we go to Scottsdale Airpark; we don't go to Deer Valley
11 Airport, that's just not in our community of interest. I
12 think you heard a lot from them that would support the fact
13 that they don't come to Scottsdale Airport; they use the
14 Deer Valley Airport up there.

15 So I would ask you to take those things into
16 consideration.

17 You know, my children, we stay in Scottsdale.
18 We're going to be going to the Fountain Hills Thanksgiving
19 Day Parade. They have the only parade west of the
20 Mississippi, we go to Fountain Hills because that's close by
21 to us. So I would like you to take into consideration as
22 well.

23 Also, we need to think about the congressional
24 district. Maybe once a year we will go down to central
25 Phoenix. So from our area it just doesn't make sense to

1 have central Phoenix with its young, urban population
2 included, that's just not part of our community of interest.
3 So I'd ask you to consider that as well.

4 Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. CRANK: Madam Chair and Commissioners and
7 listening audience, our 49th and final speaker this evening
8 in Salt River is Lori Gray.

9 SPEAKER GRAY: Good evening, and thank you for
10 coming to listen to us; it's very important.

11 I want to start this out by saying I live -- we
12 live in the best country in the world. I've been to 12
13 countries, I served in the 12 countries and this is the best
14 thing smoking. So this process, I appreciate it. And
15 I'm -- I'm thrilled that we have the opportunity to speak
16 about this. This is very important.

17 I'm a Realtor, I live in Fountain Hills which was
18 LD-23 -- guess it's LD-3 now -- I'm a precinct committeeman,
19 I live, recreate, and hang out in Scottsdale and Fountain
20 Hills. My community, my neighbors and my businesses in my
21 area, I know them. It makes no sense for Desert Ridge and
22 Deer Valley Airport to be part of my district.

23 The western boundary for Scottsdale/Fountain
24 Hills/Rio Verde should be the city line, which is Scottsdale
25 Road not I-17.

1 Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Rio Verde are
2 western cities, north Phoenix and I-17 are densely
3 populated. When we moved here 15 years ago, I didn't want
4 to live in central Phoenix, that's why I moved to Scottsdale
5 and eventually to Fountain Hills. That's where my -- that's
6 where our families enjoy to live. So I have nothing in
7 common with those areas. That's why we live where we live.

8 So we just shouldn't be in the same district.

9 Now, I mentioned that I was a Realtor and I spend a
10 lot of my time understanding my client's desired
11 communities, and I assure you that there is no benefit to
12 citizens' quality of life by dicing up our -- our district
13 the way it looks right now.

14 I pray that you guys will listen and look at this
15 again and consider keeping our community of interest
16 together.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

20 And before we adjourn the meeting, I just want to
21 remind everybody that tomorrow we have a virtual town hall
22 where we will discussing northern and western Arizona, you
23 can go to IRC.AZ.gov to register; and then on Saturday,
24 November 20th, we're going to be in Prescott Valley and
25 Kyotskomiv on the Hopi Reservation; and then you can also

1 see the rest of the meetings on IRC.AZ.gov.

2 And then I will give it back to you, Vice Chairman
3 Watchman, right now to adjourn the meeting.

4 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Thank you, Lori.

5 We appreciate all the comments on behalf of the
6 Commission. Thank you for joining us here tonight, and we
7 also thank the folks from Anthem.

8 And so I just want to encourage you if you desire,
9 please submit your maps. And you can locate our mapping
10 software at IRC.AZ.gov. There's a very interactive and
11 intuitive system there. So, please consider submitting your
12 maps.

13 We encourage you to encourage your friends and your
14 neighbors to share your thoughts. Tonight was great
15 feedback for the Commission. So please continue and -- and
16 participate in future meetings.

17 So at this time I will adjourn the meeting. And so
18 thank you and thank you fellow Commissioners for being with
19 us tonight.

20 Be safe and everybody have -- and travel well home.

21 Thank you.

22 (Whereupon the meeting concludes at 8:45 p.m.)

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