

# ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

## Comment Form for Adopted Draft Map / Forma para Comentario cerca de Mapa Preliminar Adoptado

The Adopted Draft Maps are available for public comment through Saturday, December 4, 2021. After this period, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will meet to finalize the boundaries for Arizona's 9 congressional and 30 state legislative districts.

Los mapas preliminares adoptados están disponibles para comentarios públicos hasta el sábado 4 de diciembre de 2021. Después de este período, la Comisión Independiente de Redistribución de Distritos de Arizona se reunirá para finalizar los límites de los 9 del Congreso y los 30 distritos legislativos estatales de Arizona.

1. If relevant, please circle the area on the map corresponding to your comments. ✓

Si es relevante, marque con un círculo el área en el mapa correspondiente a sus comentarios.

2. District number for Congressional (CD) or legislative (LD) map / LD 5

Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD)

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

James Ariola

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Jerome

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si - No

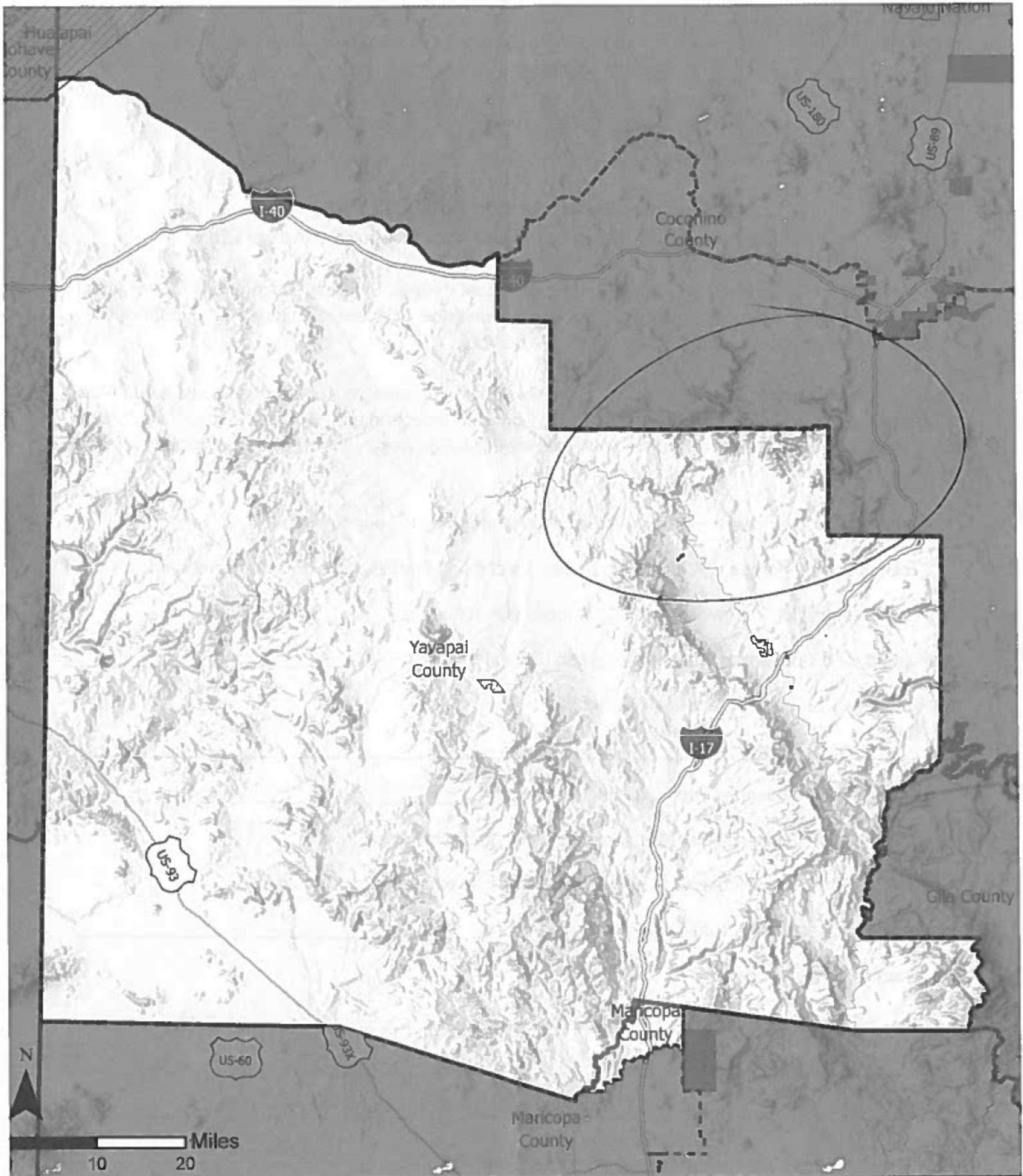
a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si - No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización:

Comments / Comentarios:




My experience as a restaurant owner  
in Cottonwood shows me that  
Cottonwood, Clarkdale & Sedona comprise  
one community. (Don't split Sedona  
in half!)

(over / siguiente)



## AZ Approved Draft Map Legislative District: 5

This plan was officially adopted on October 28, 2021 as the official Legislative Draft Map. <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps>

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INDEPENDENT RED-DISTRICTING COMMISSION



**GOOD EVENING COMMISSIONERS,**

**MY NAME IS LINDA WARREN AND I HAVE RESIDED IN COTTONWOOD SINCE 2010. I AGREE WITH THE DRAFT MAPS FOR MY SPECIFIC AREA, CD2 AND LD5. I ALSO ASK THAT SEDONA SHOULD BE KEPT TOGETHER IN ONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, DISTRICT 5.**

**IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT TOWNS, ESPECIALLY SMALL ONES LIKE COTTONWOOD AND SEDONA, SHOULD HAVE FRACTURED REPRESENTATION, ESPECIALLY WHERE DIFFERENT COUNTIES ARE INVOLVED. COTTONWOOD AND SEDONA ARE IN YAVAPAI COUNTY. THAT IS WHERE WE PAY OUR TAXES, AND WHERE ALL OF OUR SUPPORT SERVICES ARE. YAVAPAI COUNTY IS WHERE DECISIONS REGARDING OUR TOWNS SHOULD BE MADE, NOT IN COCONINO COUNTY.**

**MOREOVER, COTTONWOOD AND SEDONA HAVE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH PRESCOTT THAN THEY DO WITH FLAGSTAFF. OUT OF NECESSITY, I HAVE USED MEDICAL FACILITIES IN FLAG, BUT I HAVE ALSO USED THEM IN PRESCOTT AND PHOENIX.**

**MANY OF MY FRIENDS FROM SEDONA COME TO COTTONWOOD FOR RESTAURANTS, FOR SHOPPING AT HOME DEPOT OR WALMART, AND TO GET AWAY FROM THE TOURISTS FLOODING SEDONA. IN 10 YEARS, I HAVE NOT HEARD ANY OF THESE FRIENDS TALK OF THEIR CLOSE TIES TO FLAGSTAFF. BUT I HAVE HEARD MANY TIMES ABOUT HOW HORRIBLE IT IS TO TAKE THE RIDE ON 89A THRU OAK CREEK CANYON TO FLAG.**

**MY HUSBAND AND I GO TO PRESCOTT AND PRESCOTT VALLEY FREQUENTLY. WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRESCOTT ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB, AND HAVE FORMED MANY FRIENDSHIPS AS A RESULT. WE HAVE DOCTORS IN THIS VICINITY AS WELL, AND WE ALSO SHOP AT THE MANY STORES AVAILABLE THERE. IT IS A SHORTER AND SAFER RIDE TO GET TO PRESCOTT THAN TO GO TO FLAG.**

**BASICALLY, I SEE NO COMMUNITY, NO COMMON THREAD, BETWEEN COTTONWOOD AND FLAGSTAFF, NOR BETWEEN SEDONA AND FLAGSTAFF.**

**I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR WORK TO DATE, AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF SMALL TOWNS BY NOT CHOPPING THEM UP AND DISSASSOCIATING THEM FROM THEIR COUNTIES AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.**

**THANK YOU.**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. My name is Jeanmarie Haney and I live in Cottonwood. I have lived in Arizona all my life and moved to Cottonwood 15 years ago.

The draft map does not promote competitiveness for northern Arizona and does not preserve communities of interest. D7 in the draft map is not compact.

Please keep the Verde Valley whole in one legislative district that includes all of Sedona and also includes Flagstaff.

I go to Flagstaff from Cottonwood rather than Prescott to shop at Sprouts and when I need medical expertise not available in the Verde Valley. I travel much less frequently to Prescott. The drive times are about the same and I find the drive to Flagstaff less taxing.

I am a hydrologist and have worked for decades on sound water management for Arizona. The Verde River and Oak Creek flow through our communities and unite our communities. The snow and rain that fall in the Flagstaff area replenish our aquifers in the Verde Valley and keep our rivers flowing. Oak Creek provides twice the annual volume of flow to the Verde River as does the upper Verde River at Paulden – this water in Oak Creek originates in the Flagstaff area. Integrated and collaborative water management across the Verde Valley, including Sedona, and on up to Flagstaff is essential. This is a very important community of interest that has shown much collaboration through the years! We need representation that works for the interests of the Verde Valley, rather than putting all focus on Prescott and Prescott Valley.

I support the draft map proposed by the Coconino Board of Supervisors and supported by the town councils of Clarkdale, Flagstaff, and Sedona.

Jeanmarie Haney Cottonwood

My name is Karen Strauch and I live in ~~the~~ Sedona

My husband and I have watched many hours of your deliberations online with regard to redistricting. Areas of denser populations such as Phoenix and Tuscon have obviously taken much of your time ~~in your time~~ in drawing maps. However, it seems to me as a 23 year resident of Sedona, that Northern AZ is almost an afterthought and all you can do is try to make something work around the other maps with larger population. So residents ~~live~~<sup>here</sup> in Sedona and the surrounding Verde Valley are left with ~~what area is left and~~ what will fit in.

What we desire and what is a community of interest, is being aligned with Flagstaff. Our values, our commitment to preserving the beautiful natural environment are aligned with Flagstaff, not Prescott. Even our health care needs may require a drive to Flagstaff. The only reason we drive over the mountain to Prescott is to shop at COSTCO.

If you stay with your current maps, you have created three noncompetitive districts. Please take into your deliberations our talks here tonight and keep the Verde Valley whole and with Flagstaff.

*Please support*  
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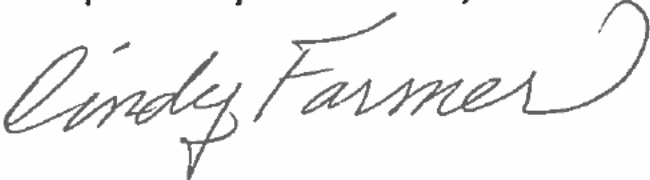
County lines have nothing to do

Sedona, the Verde Valley, Prescott, and Prescott Valley are very much connected as communities of interest, in our taxes, families, medical & care facilities, recreation, education, businesses, utility and water issues, and easy/clear year around, non wintery, transportation routes.

Please, I sincerely ask the IRC to have ALL of Sedona placed as a WHOLE city within Legislative District 5 in Yavapai County. DO NOT allow Sedona to continue being ripped apart. Sedona needs to be WHOLE. Thank you.

\* WE DO NOT WANT TO BE WITH FLAGSTB

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy Farmer

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Camp Verde, AZ 86322

November 16, 2021

Erika Neuberg

Chairwoman

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Hi!

Thank you, from a long-time resident of Arizona, to all the Commissioners and staff for their hard work on the latest draft maps of CD-2 and LD-5.

My 1<sup>st</sup> name is "C" and my last name is "F" and I live in "VV".

WHAT!!!!

Well, the above is just a quick analogy of why the WHOLE picture of ALL the parts or letters are necessary and essential for accurate and effective communication for myself and/or to address a community issue.

So, I am Cindy Farmer, a Verde Valley resident and Sedona property owner, here to emphasize the importance of keeping ALL of Sedona TOGETHER. Sedona has been split in two for over 10 years! That should be corrected by having ALL of Sedona combined within LD5. The city needs to have all its "parts" for proper cohesiveness, accurate and consistent representation for ALL Sedona residents.

The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors and other relevant agencies are most closely aligned and positioned to represent all of Sedona's citizens and businesses. Coconino County's resources are not as accessible or relevant to East Sedona's residents, particularly with the County Seat, Flagstaff, being in LD6.

Residents from E. and W. Sedona and our other Verde Valley communities regularly travel Highways 89A, 260, 169 and 69 to the Cities of Prescott Valley and Prescott for government services, shopping, medical & educational services, and entertainment.

Again, I thank you for appropriately considering all designated criteria for developing redistricting map boundaries, specifically CD2 and LD5, and I urge the Commission to incorporate all of the City of Sedona within LD5, Yavapai County, in the final legislative maps.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph R. Farmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Joseph R. Farmer



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November 16, 2021

Erika Neuberg

Chairwoman

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

I am a resident of Camp Verde, living in Arizona since 1955. The IRC is to be commended for their work developing the current CD2 and LD5 maps. We appreciate the difficult, challenging work by the Commissioners and staff in carrying out this often intense process of creating new redistricting maps. I particularly like the draft maps produced for my congressional and legislative districts, CD2 and LD5 and recommend it be adopted, with one change.

Our community interests relative to legislative services are very compatible to those of the entire City of Sedona which should be kept fully within Legislative District 5 in Yavapai County, NOT in LD7 in part of Coconino County. Elected Representative's constituents' services to Sedona should not be split between LD5 and LD7 Districts

Cottonwood

Good evening and thank you for including Cottonwood in your public hearings.

I would like to express my appreciation to Chair Neuberg and the Commission for your tireless work to redraw Arizona's legislative and congressional district lines.

My name is Bob Porter. I have lived in Sedona for more than 20 years and I am currently involved in a multi-family development project in Cottonwood, which will break ground in February 2022.

I have studied the proposed AZ Draft 10.0 Map for District 5 and compared it to the current map for Legislative Districts 1 and 6, which have been in effect since 2012. It is clear to me, and to many people I have spoken with, that with respect to these rural districts, the Commission has adhered to all criteria as described in the Arizona Constitution.

This is especially true with respect to equal population, communities of interest, and incorporating county boundaries.

The vast majority of the Verde Valley and Sedona is geographically in Yavapai County. I pay my property taxes to support Yavapai County services and I want

to be represented by people who are affected by the actions by Yavapai County.

I and the residents of Sedona and the Verde Valley get little, if any, services from Coconino County.

With all the work, time, effort, and all the public comment the Commission has received and considered in developing the AZ Draft 10.0 Maps for Legislative District 5, I feel that Yavapai County has been correctly depicted as being its own legislative district which is appropriate based on our population numbers and communities of interest.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Commission vote unanimously to adopt the proposed AZ Draft 10.0 Maps for Legislative Districts 5, without change.

I applaud the members of this Commission for their steadfast resolve to balance the six criteria as set forth in the Arizona Constitution. Thank you.