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TO THE 2021 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

My name is Nate Mess. I live in an un-incorporated area of Maricopa County northwest of Surprise. I work in north central Phoenix. I spend my free time working on my property, hunting, fishing, camping and hiking. I enjoy going to the mountains but also spend a good deal of time in the desert near my home.

My community is largely made up of service, health and construction workers as well as retired folks who enjoy rural life. Many of us in the community have livestock, horses, chickens and other interests. Most of us have boats, campers or motorhomes and off road vehicles. We are able to pursue our interests because we keep these things right on our property. For example: When I want to go fishing, I hook up the boat and go without having to go to a storage lot before and after the trip.

The hour long commute to where I work passes through many densely populated, urban areas. I see a lot of homelessness, bus lines, speed bumps, traffic lights, HOAs with their rules and regulations. People are not permitted to have chickens or campers on their property even if they want to. The people in my community choose to live where we are for the openness and peacefulness of the rural life style free of these restrictions.

I am asking you to respect that. I am asking for fair representation.

I hear a lot about competitive districting. That's what they said last time. What it gave us was a condition that was not fair at all. The urban areas which have nothing in common with our rural community lobby the legislature for their concerns and rural areas must oppose them, resulting in half of the district disagreeing with their legislators and congressmen. No matter what the legislators do half of the district is not being fairly represented.

AZ constitution says that Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous and that the boundaries shall respect communities of interest. It further states that competitive redistricting should be favored where to do so would create NO significant detriment to the other goals.

The lines as they are drawn create districts that are split by multiple interests.

Please consider these issues as you develop the grid maps going forward.

Thank you for your time today.

Nate Mess

AOL Mail (1200)

Hello,

My name is Barbara Schwisow-Johnson. I live in Maricopa County, Sun City West.

I live on Heritage Drive near Grand Ave and the 303 Freeway. We are retired, older, fixed income citizens interested in representation that recognizes our demographics and like interest/activities. I fine it unfair to link us to values and interests that do not reflect our population base values. It is much more just to have representation that reflects us as a community.

My husband (74) is retired banking and military. He shares community values with Sun City west, Sun City, El Mirage and Sun City Grand. He is very connected to military and Luke Air force Base represents his demographic.

I am(68yo) and a semi-retired Registered Nurse. I have just moved here from Washington State and own a home here in Sun City Grand. I share community values with Sun City, El Mirage, Sun City Grand and my home in Sun City West. I am connected to areas toward Luke Airfare Base. My zip code is 85375.

I have like interests with the residents of my community. We are retired, on fixed income, church active, community active and interested in a peaceful community. We are basically not commuters and have no bus, train or commuter needs. We feel it is unfair to put our population with areas of interest in conflict to our values/lifestyle. We enjoy aquatic, golf, theatre, dance, Eagles and American legion clubs, singing groups and especially our church activities. We are independent in our thinking evaluating each issue for it's pros and cons. We prefer representation that understands our Community needs. We ask to best stratified with like population.

We, as a community are not taxed on the school system as our population is

not school involved. WE have close to 20 Grandchildren involved in the school system from Wa state to Florida. We have definite values involving the management of our school system.

Our free time includes the churches, friendships, golf and singing/theatre and the military connections through Eagles and the American legion club. It is best and MOST FAIR to not form disconnected, chaotic districts but like minded communities whose representatives support our value systems and independent thinking.

My husband is Norwegian and I am Dutch. My parents lived through Hitler's atrocities. My country represents the hiding place of Ann Frank. My parents and myriad Aunts and Uncles seared into my memory the atrocities of that time. May God forgive us for our lack of response. I am close enough to that history to remember the power of Government overreach and citizen apathy/fear. It is my belief that all are created equal in the image of God. Religious freedom is addressed in our Constitution. I intend, if not in this venue but in all venues available to be an activist and supportive of those in need.

I ask you to

- 1. Follow the 6 criteria
- 2. Know that competitiveness does not mean added conflict
- 3. Adhere to population numbers.
- 4. DO NOT link communities of conflicting values and lifestyles.

Thank you for allowing me to speak my concerns and Thank you for you for your time, Barbara Schwisow Johnson RN, BLS, ACLS, Pals, PCCN Surgical Nurse