

November 10, 2021

Dear Commissioners,


My name is Xanthe Bullard. I am a resident of precinct 24 in Yuma county, which is part of what is known as the Fortuna Foothills area. I moved down here from Michigan to provide care for my father who is a disabled veteran 6 years ago. Were he not bedbound he could tell you himself what his community is like. He moved out to the foothills in 1997, as an RV salesman, because this is where a large portion of people who are continuously in the market for RVs live. The average age of the people in my precinct and those that make up the foothills is double my own age, and is mostly a community white of retirees, or near retirees.

I come before you today first, to thank you for listening to Yuman's when we expressed how important it was for us to have two separate legislative and congressional districts as we have varied legislative issues that can't be adequately addressed by one set of legislators or congressperson. The draft maps show that you agreed with our community enough to create two separate districts in this county. I am here now, to ask you again to listen to us, by removing the fortuna foothills precincts, of 22, 23, 24 and 25 from the proposed LD23 and CD7 maps. I ask this for the very reasons that we needed two districts to begin with. These four precincts are very white, and more rural than the rest of the draft districts. They more closely resemble the communities of Parker or Quartzite with predominantly mobile home lots, roughly half of which are occupied by RVs. These precincts have their own Facebook page, their own community events, their own shopping and dining areas, preferring not to "go into town" whenever possible and a lot of them even leave for cooler climates in the summer months.

Including these four precincts in LD23 and CD7 only dilute the hispanic population of the entire district, and its voting power. This will end up preventing these majority-minority VRA districts from choosing their own representation. Removing these 4 districts, would shore up the voting power of Yuma County's hispanic voters, and adding these precincts into LD 30, would allow the foothills community representation that more closely aligns with their specific needs. The Latino Coalition's newly proposed districts, indicate similar concerns about the inclusion of the Fortuna Foothills in LD23/CD7 because they also removed these precincts in their maps. I believe they too recognize the vast difference of these separate communities' demographics and needs. For this reason, I support the Latino Coalition's new proposed LD 23 and CD7 maps.

So I thank you again, for your continued commitment to the process of free and fair maps, and strongly urge you to hear our community's concerns, and remove precincts 22, 23, 24 and 25 from both LD23 and CD7 and adopt the Latino Coalition's currently proposed maps. Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,



Xanthe Bullard
LD 13/CD4 Precinct 24, Yuma Resident

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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 periodo, 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 / CD 3 LD 4

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

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

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4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Yuma for 42 years

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:

Yuma is the 6th largest county.

The population for 2020 was 203,881.

I believe the ideal # is 220,000 for a district.

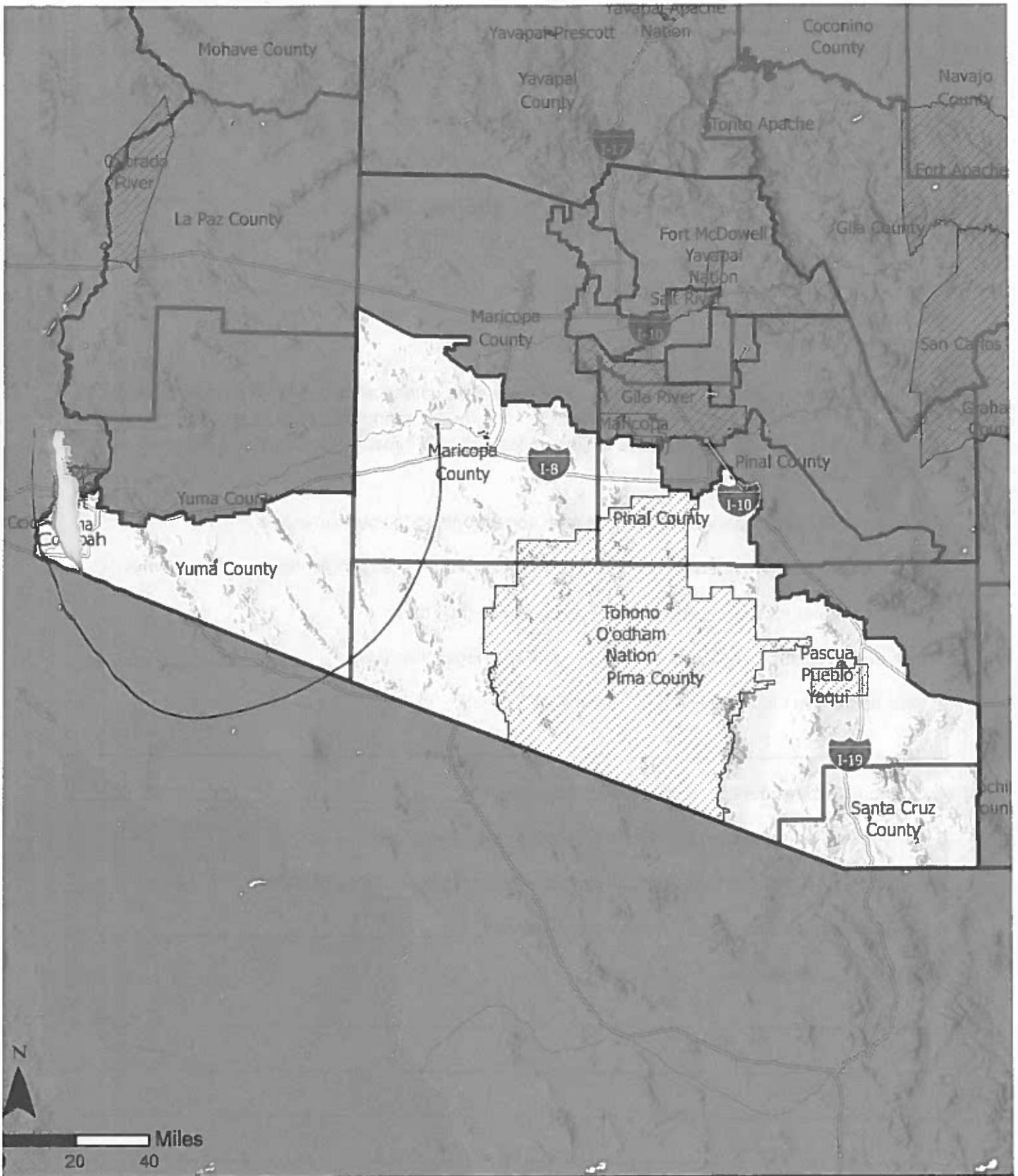
Yuma County is pretty homogeneous.

Please keep us ~~the~~ together!

To travel to Tucson (over / siguiente) costs money.

The average income is \$30,000 - people with

that amount of income probably wouldn't travel to Tucson.



AZ Approved Draft Map Congressional District: 7

This plan was officially adopted on October 28, 2021 as the official Congressional Draft Map. For more information on the methodology used to create these boundaries, please visit: <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps>

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