

Prescott Valley

Congressional District Testimony

Hello, my name is Llama Habern and I drove all the way from the Verde Valley to make it clear that those of us in the Verde Valley feel a much greater affinity to Flagstaff. Prescott has its own needs and issues and those are different from the Verde Valley's. Coming to the other side of Mingus Mountain differs from going up 89A to Flagstaff, which is where we go to find medical care and specialty services. Flagstaff is our city. We would much rather be included with Flagstaff in a Legislative District like LDF 050, rather than have Prescott speak for us.

Additionally, I recommend that the IRC adopt the map CDF 010, proposed by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission. We should listen to and respect Native Americans' desire for their district. This map offers a district where the congressional race would be competitive – meaning more participation in elections, a larger variety of candidates, and every single vote mattering. CDF 010 allows Native American voices – and all of our voices – to be heard.

The current IRC CD 2 map is outside the IRC's definition of competitive. The district proposed by the Navajo Nation's Human Rights Commission is competitive, with less than a 1% advantage to either party, and it is more compact and contiguous than the IRC's CD 2 map. This fulfills all the requirements of Prop 106, which was passed by Arizona voters.

It is possible to create a district that fulfills the letter AND the spirit of Prop 106 –

Adopt map CDF 010 and show voters that the IRC will fulfill the requirements of Prop 106.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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 /

Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) 5

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

JOE FINNARA

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Prescott Valley

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:

The current YAVAPAI County needs to stay
the way it is to preserve it's western heritage
and culture. ~~By~~ These proposed changes will
only change and hurt the western culture
of Sedona and Verde Valley.

(over / siguiente)

November 19, 2021

Robert Thal

My name is Bob Thal.

I appreciate this chance to tell you of my love and connection to Prescott and the surrounding areas of Prescott Valley, Sedona, Cottonwood and others.

Even though we are growing, we still seem to have that family, small town atmosphere.

I believe that what has been submitted for the LD 5 district map would keep Yavapai County together

I believe that the people who live in Yavapai should have the stronger voice in our future and not those who live outside it.

Sedona, Cottonwood, and Mingus Mountain are places I go to visit and shop and are my playground. Flagstaff is a place I rarely visit especially in the winter. Flagstaff is quite a different place especially being a college town with different needs and priorities.

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People who live here in Yavapai share the same strong spiritual values and goals.

We definitely have water issues and Flagstaff has a different storage area and our needs now and in the future are different.

We need to have representatives who can clearly represent our particular needs

Because of our growth, we now have most of the big stores that our county needs. There is not the necessity to travel to Flagstaff.

I would ask that you keep Yavapai County together as it is now and keep it in the same legislative district so our needs will be adequately represented and we will know our taxes will help Yavapai's future.

I submit this testimony to you
Robert Thal, Prescott, Arizona

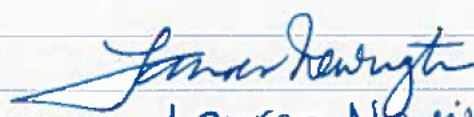

Nov. 20, 2021

TO: Redistricting Commission
FR: Lauren Newington, Prescott Resident

I believe that Yavapai County should be kept as its own LD based on population numbers and communities of like interest. The LD should not be changed except to add the portions of Sedona and Wickenburg outside of Yavapai County to LD5 so as not to split towns. Keep towns whole.

Prescott is my community of interest - water is a central issue for Prescott and Yavapai County. The Big Chino and Verde Valley are part of the same watershed - We need representatives who understand and live with these water issues.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.


Lauren Newington

Prescott, AZ 86301

**IRC Hearing Testimony – Official Draft Map
Prescott Valley, November 20, 2021**

- Hello, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you today.
- My name is Kristin Baumgartner. I've been a resident of Prescott for the past 7 years. I'm here today to urge you to make Communities of Interest versus Competitiveness of the districts a priority in the final maps.
- Yavapai county should continue to be kept together as currently proposed in the LD5 district map. Thank you for recognizing that.
- Here are some community of interest reasons to reinforce your decision.
 - Yavapai county residents want to preserve our rural lifestyle and culture of strong spiritual and family values and conservation of the land, water and wildlife.
 - We need to be aligned with the county where we pay taxes and have a voice in how those funds are used.
 - There are a number of shared county and community services – medical facilities, law enforcement, fire districts, library network, Yavapai college, etc.
 - Prescott has a Costco, Trader Joe's and other services that attract shoppers from across the county.
 - The Big Chino Basin and the Verde Valley are part of the same watershed. Flagstaff is NOT part of that watershed. Water is a central issue for our future and we need elected representation who is responsible for owning the entire watershed and water issues for us. Mingus Mountain does not divide our watershed.
- The Verde Valley is more closely aligned with Prescott Valley/Prescott rather than Flagstaff.
 - Flagstaff is a "college town" with 19,000 resident students relative to its overall population of 78,000 people. As such Flagstaff has different issues and priorities than those of the Verde Valley and Sedona residents.
 - Flagstaff's winter weather and summer traffic jams deter Yavapai residents from going there.
- I've heard that at other hearings a vocal group read from the same script supporting the Coconino County Board of Supervisors' position. This is clearly trying to gerrymander your mapping process.
- Please do not be swayed by people who do not live in Yavapai county when making decisions about Yavapai county.
- Please keep Yavapai county together in the same legislative district. Thank you.

Kristin Baumgartner

Submitted by: Kristin Baumgartner, Prescott, AZ

Good Morning, Commissioners. My name is Rita Day, I've lived in AZ for over 10 yrs, with the last 5 years being in Prescott.

I feel that the mapping team has failed miserably in providing Northern AZ with ~~NOT~~ even One competitive district. The vote spread of the N. Arizona district maps ranges from 28.5% for LD5 to 48.5% for LD30 . In contrast, Map LDF50 submitted by the public has less than 1% vote spread. This would be the MOST COMPETITIVE LD in the state. Furthermore, it keeps Flagstaff & Sedona whole and includes the Verde Valley, which the residents ^{to} overwhelmingly prefer based on testimony at IRC hearings.

Also, The Map CDF10, submitted by the Navajo Nation has a vote spread of 1%. So it also is far superior to the map drawn by the mapping team. Therefore, this map should be given highest priority.

Prop. 106, which created the IRC, lists 6 criteria for creating FAIR maps. However, competitiveness is the ONLY criteria mentioned in the 1st sentence of Prop.106, showing the importance of competitiveness. Competition within districts encourages moderation, while in Safe districts, representatives have NO motivation to be accountable to large portions of their constituents . Furthermore Extremism and Corruption can spread more easily in SAFE districts. We have definitely seen a rise in extremism in the last few election cycles. So this is a major concern for our State and Country.

LDF 51

So, please substitute the competitive maps, LDF50 & CDF10 for maps drawn by the mapping team, as these maps are far superior.

Finally, I want to thank those commissioners who do this difficult job in a Nonpartisan way! Thank you very much.

Also:

*I support stnt of Mike Fogel
I support stnt of John Dutes
I support stnt of David Brill.
I support stnt of Joni Dennis*

*Submitted by
Rita Day
Prescott, AZ*

Good morning, Madam Chair and Commissioners,

My name is Harry Oberg, and I am a Yavapai County Supervisor.

I would like to respond to both of your current draft maps.

I request that you give serious consideration to CD0068 in developing the IRC's final map. Map 68 more properly aligns Yavapai County's communities of interest than your CD map. Due to concern with our scarce water resources in north central and western Arizona, this community of interest is more closely aligned with the western counties of Mojave, La Paz, Gila and portions of Coconino County than with the eastern counties depicted on your map. The district boundaries shown in Map CD0068, align the Eastern counties with their common communities of interest into their own CD. Combining these eastern counties naturally establishes a minority-majority district and would provide congressional representation specifically attuned to unique Native American interests.

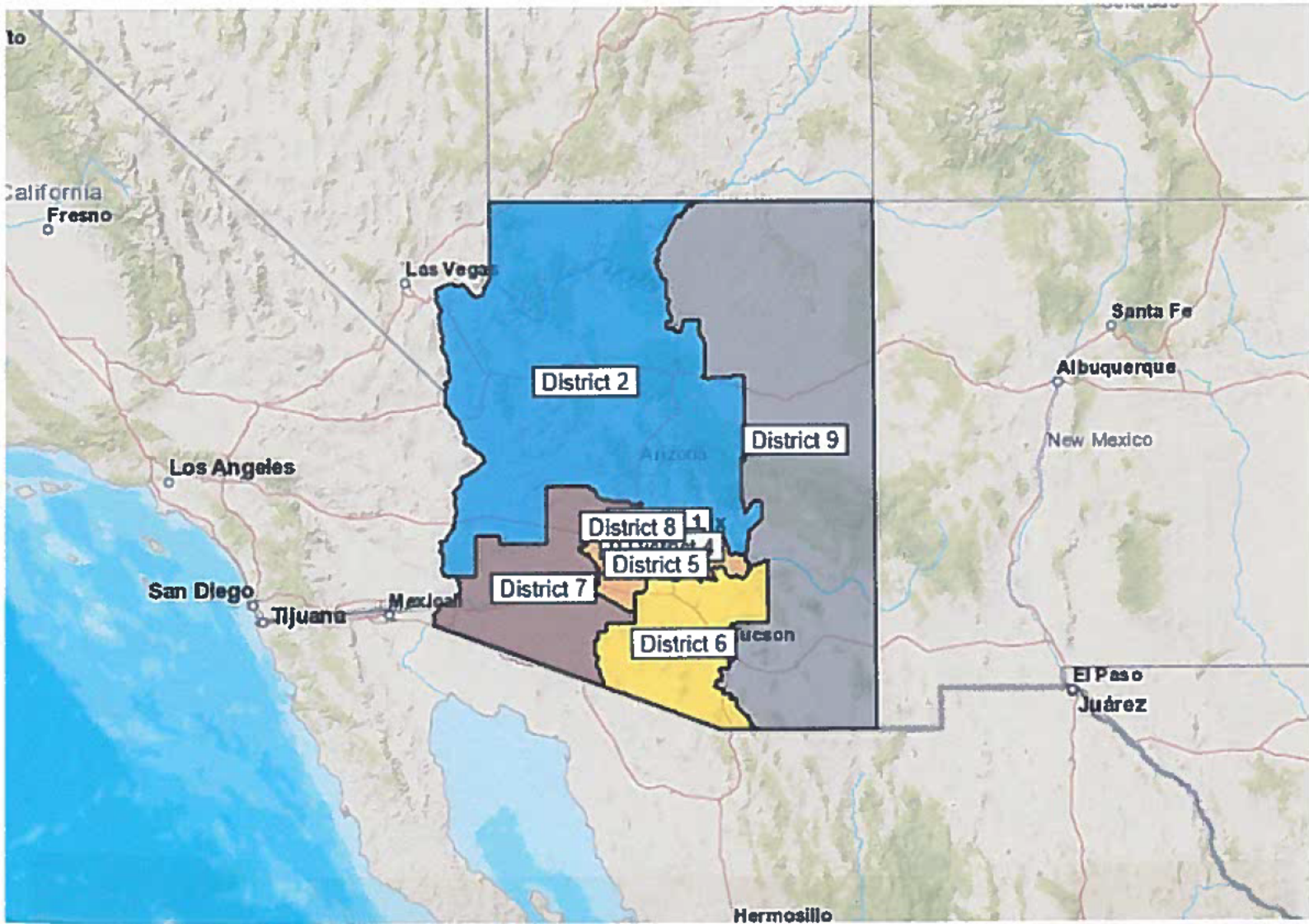
In reference to your current draft LD map, we fully support this map and believe that establishing Yavapai County as its own LD is appropriate due to our census numbers. Also, this map supports our long-standing communities of interest across the county including our Western rural heritage, culture, and lifestyle, and our collective concern in Yavapai County for saving our primary community of interest, the Verde River.

To have the greatest hope of saving the longest surviving living river in Arizona, our county must remain whole as its own Legislative District. The only proposed changes to your LD map would be to include the entire Towns of Sedona and Wickenburg in LD-5 so as not to split these communities between two Legislative Districts.

In closing, Map CD0068 and your current LD map will allow us to protect and preserve our interests and the scarce water resources that sustain those interests.

Madam Chair and commissioners, thank you for your time.

IRC CD Map CDO068



District	Color	Hide	Lock	TOTAL	TARGET_DEV	Voters_Total	Voters_Latino	VoterReg_Dem	VoterReg_Rep	VoterReg_LBT	VoterReg_Oth	CompDemVo
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District 1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	794,612	1	534,987	49,712	172,611	184,710	5,110	172,556	1,641,548
District 2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	786,326	-8,285	541,842	43,566	116,427	255,809	4,360	165,246	1,114,902
District 3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	790,716	-3,895	442,057	86,843	169,267	113,242	4,673	154,875	1,397,562
District 4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	791,880	-2,731	504,212	57,218	124,566	210,971	4,832	163,843	1,151,834
District 5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	798,437	3,826	597,751	135,058	178,832	201,678	5,205	212,036	994,018
District 6		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	802,059	7,448	547,297	164,427	218,293	150,640	4,000	174,364	1,529,059
District 7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	788,689	-5,922	490,399	88,169	126,180	200,698	3,896	159,625	1,033,797
District 8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	791,085	-3,526	373,959	113,324	137,615	97,853	3,353	135,138	984,265
District 9		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	807,698	13,087	526,783	71,217	194,056	173,628	3,931	155,168	1,518,979

NOV 20, PRESCOTT VALLEY, REDISTRICTING

GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS CATHEY RUSING. I AM A PRESCOTT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER. HOWEVER, TODAY I'M SPEAKING AS A VOTER IN YAVAPAI COUNTY.

IF YOU WANT TO GIVE ALL VOTERS AN EFFECTIVE VOICE AT THE BALLOT BOX, YOU NEED TO KEEP YAVAPAI COUNTY TOGETHER IN ONE LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE 5 YAVAPAI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO REPRESENT US. ONE SUPERVISOR REPRESENTS THE VERDE VALLEY, YET THIS MAP WOULD SEPARATE AND ISOLATE HER AND HER DISTRICT FROM THE REST OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND FROM PRESCOTT, THE COUNTY SEAT.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS WATER. WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION WILL ALWAYS BE AN ISSUE HERE IN ARIZONA, ON A LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. THE LITTLE CHINO AQUIFER SUPPLIES THE HEADWATERS OF THE VERDE RIVER AND IS IN THE PRESCOTT ACTIVE MANAGEMENT AREA, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN YAVAPAI COUNTY. THE MAPS WILL SEPARATE THE HEADWATERS AND THE AQUIFER FROM THE RIVER, CREATING A FUTURE QUAGMIRE OF JURISDICTIONS CONCERNING ADWR, SRP, WATER RIGHTS AND WATER LAW AND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT EFFORTS TO NAME A FEW.

PRESCOTT IS THE BIGGEST ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR ALL OF YAVAPAI COUNTY. WE DON'T COMPETE, BUT WE ENHANCE THE VERDE VALLEY THRU MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION. AN EXAMPLE IS PRESCOTT'S YAVAPAI COLLEGE AND THE INNOVATIVE SOUTHWEST WINE CENTER IN CLARKDALE WHICH HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WINE INDUSTRY IN THE VERDE VALLEY.

THE 600 BED COUNTY JAIL IS IN CAMP VERDE AND THE NEW COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN PRESCOTT NEXT YEAR. HAVING EACH FACILITY AND THE INMATES WHO ARE TRANSFERRED BACK AND FORTH IN 2 DIFFERENT LEGISLATIVE AND

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS SOUNDS LIKE AN ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARE FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPT.

IN SUMMARY, YAVAPAI COUNTY IS A CHECKERBOARD OF PRIVATE, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL AND TRIBAL LANDS. PLEASE UNITE US. DON'T DIVIDE US. AND I WANT TO SAY "THANK YOU" FOR TAKING ON THIS MONUMENTAL TASK!

CATHEY RUSING


PRESCOTT, AZ 86303

- **My name is Cindy Wagner and I live in Prescott. I am retired and a volunteer in the community.**
- **I am concerned at the direction the IRC is taking with the draft maps for Northern Arizona. The Northern Arizona maps create districts that are non competitive and would make them “safe” for one party. This defies Prop 106. The northern districts seem to have been gerrymandered out of compliance with several of the constitutional criteria, specifically, competitiveness, compactness and communities of interest.**
- **Elected representatives will have no motivation to be accountable to large sections of their constituents. Our congressional district is being redrawn to dilute progressive votes. Prescott and the quad cities should remain intact and not be paired with communities with which we have nothing in common.**
- **All my needs are met in Prescott such as medical care, shopping, education and cultural events. I don't go over the mountain for these things. Mingus Mountain separates the Quad Cities from Verde**

Valley, Sedona and Flagstaff. There are disparate needs that cannot be served by a single community college location or a single jail or single sheriff's office. There are separate ones of each on opposite sides of Mingus Mountain.

- The Coconino County Supervisors' alternative maps LFD 50, 51 and ^{NAVAJO NATION} CDF10 perform much better under all the Commission's requirements. The draft maps remove half of Yavapai County's representation.
- I urge you to change the maps to be more competitive. Best candidates emerge when ALL voices are heard.
- Thank you for your efforts and time.

Agree w/ Dr Brill
RISA DAY
KALLY BORYCA
VIVIAN PERRY
DIANE McQUEEN

Comments to Redistricting Committee Meeting

Prescott Valley, AZ.

11-20-2021

My name is Richard Thompson and I live in Prescott. Water is extremely important to Prescott, Prescott Valley and Chino Valley which are all part of the Big Chino Basin watershed.

According to the AZ Department of Environmental Quality, the Verde Valley is also part the Big Chino Basin watershed. Flagstaff is NOT part of that watershed. Flagstaff is part of the Little Colorado Watershed with very different water issues than the Verde Valley. With water as a central issue to the future of all Yavapai County residents, we need elected representation who is responsible for owning & working the entire watershed and water issues for us.

For this reason, I support the 10.0 draft map. I believe you got it right.

Richard Thompson
Prescott, AZ

November 20, 2021

To the State Redistricting Committee,

My name is Carl Shadle. I am a resident of Prescott Valley.

Prescott Valley and the Verde Valley are adjacent and contiguous. We have a beautiful mountain that separates us and we're okay with that.

Despite the physical barrier, we are close in many ways. We shop in stores and eat in restaurants on both sides of the mountain. We share our history and heritage of ranching, mining and farming. We are a community separated only by a geographical landmark.

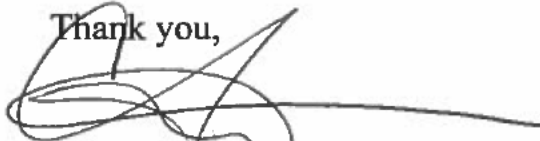
We also share a unique water resource system. The Upper Verde River that flows through Verde Valley is fed by the Little Chino and Big Chino aquifers. These resources also provide water to Prescott, Chino Valley and Prescott Valley. We share information and resources to preserve and protect our valuable water supply. The preservation of this resource also ties us together.

Due to our commonality and to insure ^{Cooperative} legislative continuity for our district, we request that the committee restore the Verde Valley to the rest of Yavapai County.

Our issues may not be unique, but we share the solutions to our issues together. All communities wrestle with challenges. We feel that the successful resolution of these challenges help make Arizona the great state that it is and our State Representation is critical to aiding in the resolution of the challenges we face.

Please keep the Verde Valley in LD5.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carl Shadle', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Carl Shadle

November 20, 2021
I'm Linda Thompson,

I'm in support of the 10.0 draft LD map. It is just what was intended by the 6 redistricting criteria mandated which we are required to adhere to in our AZ Constitution. Yavapai county is in line with like sized communities of interest. Please don't change that.

I realize that our Arizona Constitution mandates that redistricting begin with a grid map, ensuring that each Independent Redistricting Commission starts from scratch. But these grid maps really take into account only two of the six criteria the commissioners are required to consider:

Those two are:

- Equal population; and
 - Compactness and contiguousness
 - But, in drafting the new district maps, commissioners must modify the grid maps to account for four other criteria:
 - Compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act;
 - Respect for communities of interest; ***
 - Incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town and county boundaries, as well as undivided census tracts; and (Which allows Flagstaff to be spun off)
 - Creation of competitive districts where there is no significant detriment to other goals.
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- Once those modifications have been done, the resulting draft may bear little resemblance to the grid map. The 10.0 draft LD map is just what we need and is right for our community.

Geoffrey S. Parker

Prescott AZ 86303-4991

20 Nov 2021

I'm Geoffrey Parker, a concerned citizen of Yavapai County and a veteran of 27 years of service.

First, I thank the commissioners for their dedication to community service, their diligence and contribution of time and talent to serve us all.

Their outcome with maps, Version 10, reflects very well the criteria they were charged to apply here.

The commissioners have correctly drawn Yavapai County as its own legislative district.

When it comes to communities of interest, it should come as no surprise that political boundaries of a county in a rural area should come to be community of interest. Within these borders we vote for county representatives, we live under shared governance by consent of the governed, we share in the collection of taxation and the expenditure of revenues to meet needs across the county. Such shared governance includes:

- Water resources
- Education
- Law enforcement
- Communities services
- Roads and transportation infrastructure
- And integration of policies between Yavapai County cities.
- And much more

No, this is not circular reasoning . . . it is the design and intent of such entities framed by those who laid out our boundaries long ago. We proudly identify, as we should, as Americans, citizens of Arizona, and citizens of our county. Those who, in 1891, drew this county's boundaries would surely be pleased with the community Yavapai County has become today.

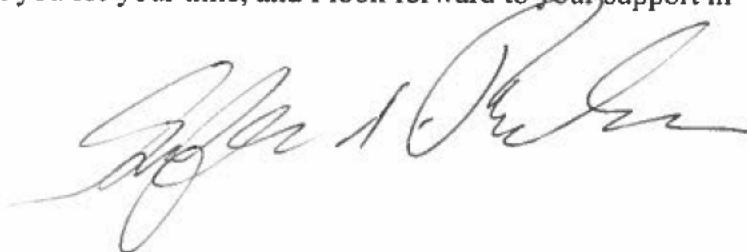
As a result, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Dewey-Humboldt, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Rim Rock, Jerome, and Sedona are communities of interest constituting the community of interest we call Yavapai County. Any outcome other than shared representation would be unnatural as recognized under criteria that govern the IRC, especially given our population.

Arguments presented for other district boundaries based on "being competitive" in any partisan sense have no overriding standing under our constitution.

To divide the proposed new LD5 is to divide our county and divide this community of interest. To rebalance population criteria, it would have knock-on effects across many LDs and become an unnecessary and unjustified set back to the months of process that arrived at the excellent version 10.

So in closing, keeping Yavapai County as its own LD and retaining the entire Town of Sedona in LD-5 is fair and consistent with the constitutional principles that established the Independent Redistricting Commission.

Madam Chair and commissioners, thank you for your time, and I look forward to your support in maintaining our county's sovereignty.



Thank you

To: Independent Redistricting Commission.

Hi, My name is Dr. Sandy Ritter

I am a resident of Yavapai County having moved here one year ago. I am very concerned about the redistricting proposal in the county that I now call my home. The Verde Valley has significant ranching and farming economies, like much of Yavapai County. We have a rural environment with a western heritage. It is unlike other big cities of Arizona, such as Flagstaff. We want to maintain the rural environment and have much in common with areas such as Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Sedona.

I spent more than 20 years as a University Professor and have found the Yavapai Community College to be a very impressive educational institution. It meets the needs of Prescott and of the surrounding communities. Its main campus is in Prescott. However, the satellite campuses in Clarkdale and Sedona provide educational opportunities to the graduates of the surrounding three Verde High School Campuses. Having a granddaughter that received an education from Yavapai Community College, I can attest to the importance of having a good foundation in preparation for a further education. It is important that the culture of these rural communities be maintained and well connected and the students of the Yavapai County schools be given the educational opportunities that are provided in a rural environment. We have much in common with other communities in Yavapai County and our towns and cities must not be divided.

Please maintain the rural Western community culture as outlined in the current 10.0 draft LD map by the redistricting commission

IRC Hearing Testimony Official Map November 20, 2021


Hello, and Thank You, Chairwoman Neuberg and commissioners for the opportunity to speak with you today.

My name is Mark Smith and I have lived in Arizona since the late 1950s. My wife and I are new 2-year residents of Yavapai County living north of Prescott in the Williamson Valley area, Zip Code 86305. I grew up in the west Phoenix area of Maryvale from the late 1950s to the late 1970s. We lived in Glendale from the late 1970s and moved to Avondale in the mid-1990s.

This brief personal history is to demonstrate that I am invested in the state of Arizona and the communities that I reside. When I became of legal age to vote in the mid-1970s, I began to see how districts where I lived were not represented by my beliefs and values that aligned with the local communities. A true example was the redistricting that took place more than 10 years ago that aligned far NE Avondale with the southern district area of Tucson. Avondale should not have been part of southern district of Tucson. This is my concern with the proposed redistricting maps now presented.

I believe all Yavapai County, the cities, the towns, rural communities and outlying areas should remain continuous with Yavapai County and not be fractioned off to other districts. We pay taxes in Yavapai County and support businesses within the county. Separating areas of Yavapai County reduces our ability to tell officials how to spend our tax dollars. Coconino County BOS does not represent Yavapai County. Black Canyon City should remain whole as a town of Yavapai County and not split into other counties. Camp Verde and Sedona should remain as part of Yavapai County as these communities align with the values of Prescott / Prescott Valley as do Cottonwood and Clarkdale. Residents of Camp Verde have told me in conversations that they do not want to be broken off as part of Coconino County.

In conclusion, I strongly urge keeping Yavapai County together in the same legislative district. Please consider my comments before you make any changes to the current version of LD5 map

Thank you 

11-20-21

Mark David Smith Prescott, AZ. 86305

I am Bill Ritter a concerned
Citizen of Prescott , Yavapai County

Thank you members of the Independent Redistricting Commission for allowing
me to speak on this subject.

Although I have only lived in Arizona for one year My Daughter and son in law
have been in Arizona for over 30 years and I have made many trips to the area.

In addition through my involvement in the Gem and Mineral Industry I have
spent the last 40 years in Tucson for three weeks every January and February. I
wanted to live here in Prescott, Yavapai county because of the Rural western
ambience and the feeling of community. My first question at the chamber office
was regarding the water supply. Water is the life blood of this great area. I have
learned that according to the AZ department of Environmental Quality the Big
Chino Basin and the Verde Valley are part of the same watershed. Flagstaff is
NOT. It is part of the Little Colorado Watershed with very different water issues
than the Verde Valley. Water is a central issue to the future of all Yavapai County
residents. We need elected representation who are responsible for owning and
working the entire watershed issues for us. Mingus mountain does NOT divide
our watershed.

After reviewing the many different proposed maps the commission really got it
right with the current 10.0 draft LD map. This map adheres to all 6 criteria in the
AZ constitution and does not emphasize competitiveness at the expense of the
other 5 criteria. Yavapai county is compact with sizeable communities of interest.
Please do not bifurcate this community.

Thank You,

Good morning

My name is Lois Fruhwirth and I am a citizen of Yavapai County. I want to thank you Chairman Neuberg and Commissioners for the opportunity to provide final public comments. Thank you for your dedicated service to this extremely important task. I'm here to say you got current LD draft map 10.0 RIGHT for Yavapai County's LD5. You listened to weeks of honest public input across ALL 6 constitutional criteria and you got the LD proposal right for both the people and the communities of Yavapai County! Well done!

But listening to the past 2 weeks of recent testimony I am angered by such obviously partisan ploys by Coconino County Supervisors ~~and other partisan leaders~~, who DON'T represent the vast majority of people in Yavapai County, swooping in at the 11th hour in an outrageous attempt to break up OUR Yavapai County and our strong and simply critical communities of interest. People who are so 'on script' that ~~many~~ ^{some} of them don't even understand what they are saying ^{when questioned}

Besides being compact, Yavapai County has a rich rural culture and history of ranching, farming, western values and love of our beautiful vistas! The Mingus Mountain is **NOT** the 'Great Wall of China", but rather a vista we love to see from both the north and south views! We share a watershed that spans Mingus Mountain and that uniquely binds us all in a community of interest that is VITAL to all our futures. Many of us have retired here ^{& all the many tourists we host on both sides of the mtn} as we love the great outdoors, and regularly travel the roads across our entire county to enjoy hiking the red rocks, the granite dells, fishing in the Verde river and kayaking in the lakes of Prescott. Please retain LD5 as proposed. ^{and just} include the rest of Sedona.

Thank you!

Lois Fruhwirth
11-20-21

Hello, I am Kittie Harris. I live in Cottonwood, but, like today, I come to Prescott frequently.

First, the current draft of our LD is simple and well-defined. Thank you! I object to those who would destroy this configuration and align the Verde Valley with Flagstaff rather than western Yavapai County.

I am retired and very much at home in the Verde Valley. Whether hiking the Mingus Mountain trails or at Red Rock in Sedona, dining on waffles at Violette's in Clarkdale, enjoying the area's many festivities, serving on a jury in Prescott, solving home maintenance issues with experts in Cottonwood or Prescott, or, as an avid reader, using the Yavapai Library network, everything is within easy reach.

Finally, in the past three years, I have been to Flagstaff once and Phoenix three times. They are places I visit or travel through, but do not consider home.

Thank you for letting me put in my two cents worth.

Kittie Harris


Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Karen's IRC Comment 11-20-21.

Commissioners. My name is Karen Strauch and I live in the Coconino portion of Sedona.

You have heard a number of comments today regarding non-competitiveness. I'd like to address the associated issue of Fairness.

I'm a pretty decent football fan. I enjoy the strategy, tactics and mental attitudes that I observe during a game.

What would not seem fair to me would be to start a game with one team four touchdowns, - 28 points, ahead of the other team. Wouldn't you agree?

The Draft Map for Legislative District 5 has one party over 28 points ahead of the other before an election is even held. To me, and I hope to you, that just isn't fair.

Thank you!

Redistricting Statement to IRC

Nov 20, 2021

Thank you, Madame Chair and Commissioners, for allowing our public input today.

I am Jeanna Tendall, a resident of Prescott.

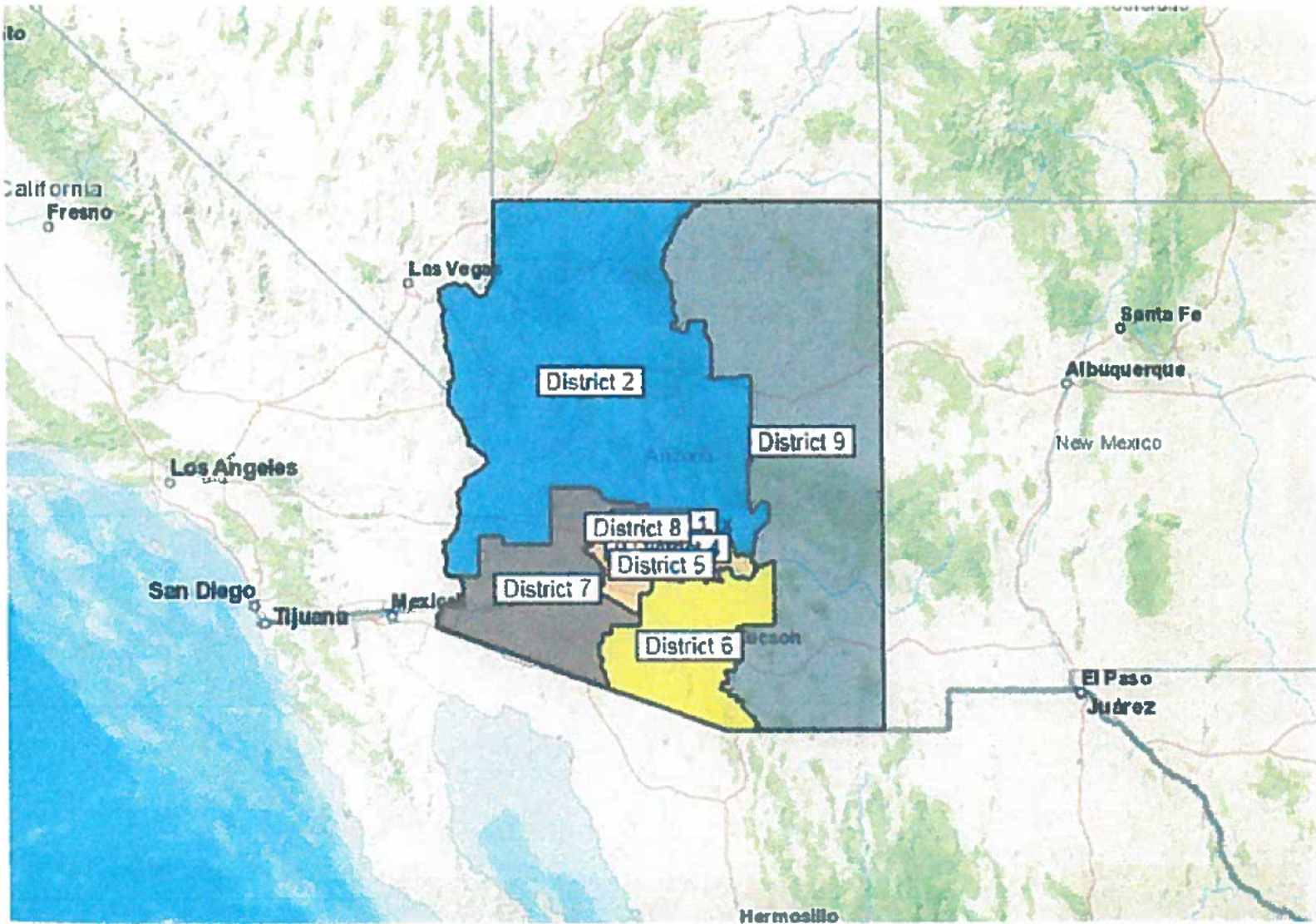
I support the IRC's LD draft map with the addition to LD 5 of the portions of Sedona and Wickenburg that lie outside Yavapai County so as not to split these towns into 2 legislative districts.

I would also like to suggest a change to the IRC's CD draft map to allow for better alignment of communities of interest. On the draft map Yavapai County is grouped into the same CD as Navajo, Apache, and parts of Graham and Greenlee counties. However, there is a major community of interest misalignment in this arrangement--that being, water availability in the rural areas, which the IRC should take into consideration when drawing the new CD map. Yavapai County does not have the same abundance of water as in the tribal areas. Our water resources are scarce and require very diligent and continuous management. In contrast, one Tribe has agreed to make a significant water sale to Maricopa County this year to offset their CAP reduction.

To improve the CD map alignment, Yavapai County should be grouped in the same CD as other rural counties with similar water scarcity, those being: Mohave, LaPaz, Gila, and Coconino as shown in map Ref # CD0068. These counties require congressional and legislative representation that understands and advocates for the rural areas with scarce water resources. Combining Yavapai with the tribal counties will dilute this advocacy possibly resulting in what CA is experiencing where low water allocation to rural counties has led to fallow farms, rural bankruptcies, and rampant poverty, not to mention the significant loss of food production in the state. We don't want to go the way of CA.

Thank you very much for consideration of map Ref # CD0068.

IRC CD Map CDO068



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District 3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	799,716	-1,215	603,057	39,041	169,247	113,242	4,671	154,875	1,497,562
District 4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	791,889	-2,731	594,215	52,218	174,566	210,971	4,812	161,843	1,351,334
District 5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	798,337	3,325	597,751	126,050	176,832	201,620	5,705	212,016	991,013
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District 9		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	607,056	13,057	526,703	71,217	194,056	17,662	3,531	155,166	1,513,979

Marlene Macek Testimony, Prescott Valley, November 20, 2021

My name is Marlene Macek and I live in the Village of Oak Creek, one of the unincorporated Verde Valley communities.

I support and agree with the proposed draft maps for LD5 and for CD2. Thank you Commissioners for listening to our communities of interest and keeping our County together. You got it right! I do ask that the City of Sedona kept in one district and that is LD District 5. This would keep our Verde Valley communities of interest together.

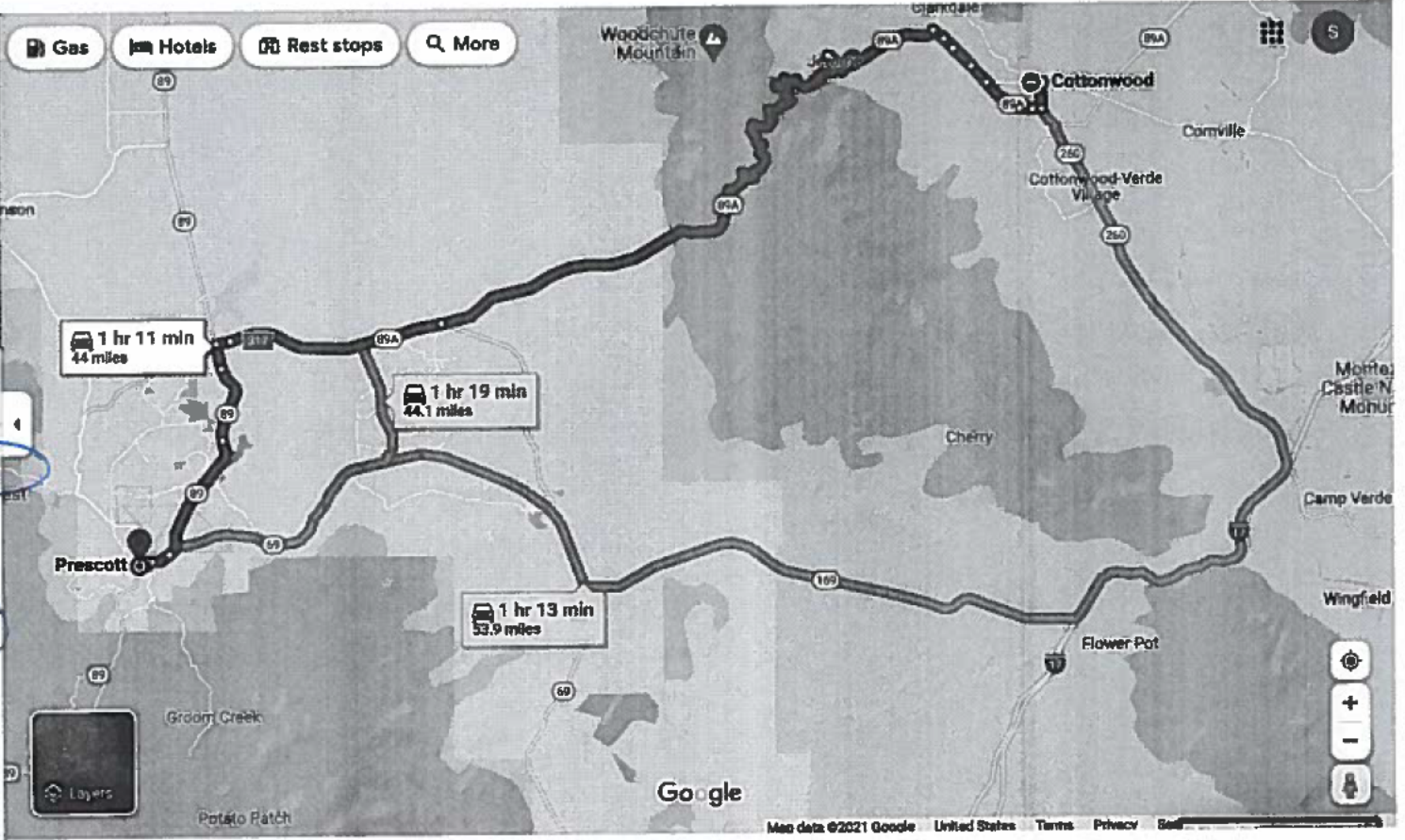
Verde Valley communities are better together with Prescott. It is easy to get to Prescott from the Village of Oak Creek. If you live in Sedona or Cottonwood there are different routes to Prescott. You do not need to go over Mingus Mountain via State Route 89A. Another option is via AZ 260 to Interstate 17 and then State Highway 169 S to State Route 69. This may be 10 miles more in distance but only a 2 minute difference in travel time according to Google Maps. This is a great option during winter months. You don't have any options with regards to Flagstaff. You will climb to roughly 7800 feet.

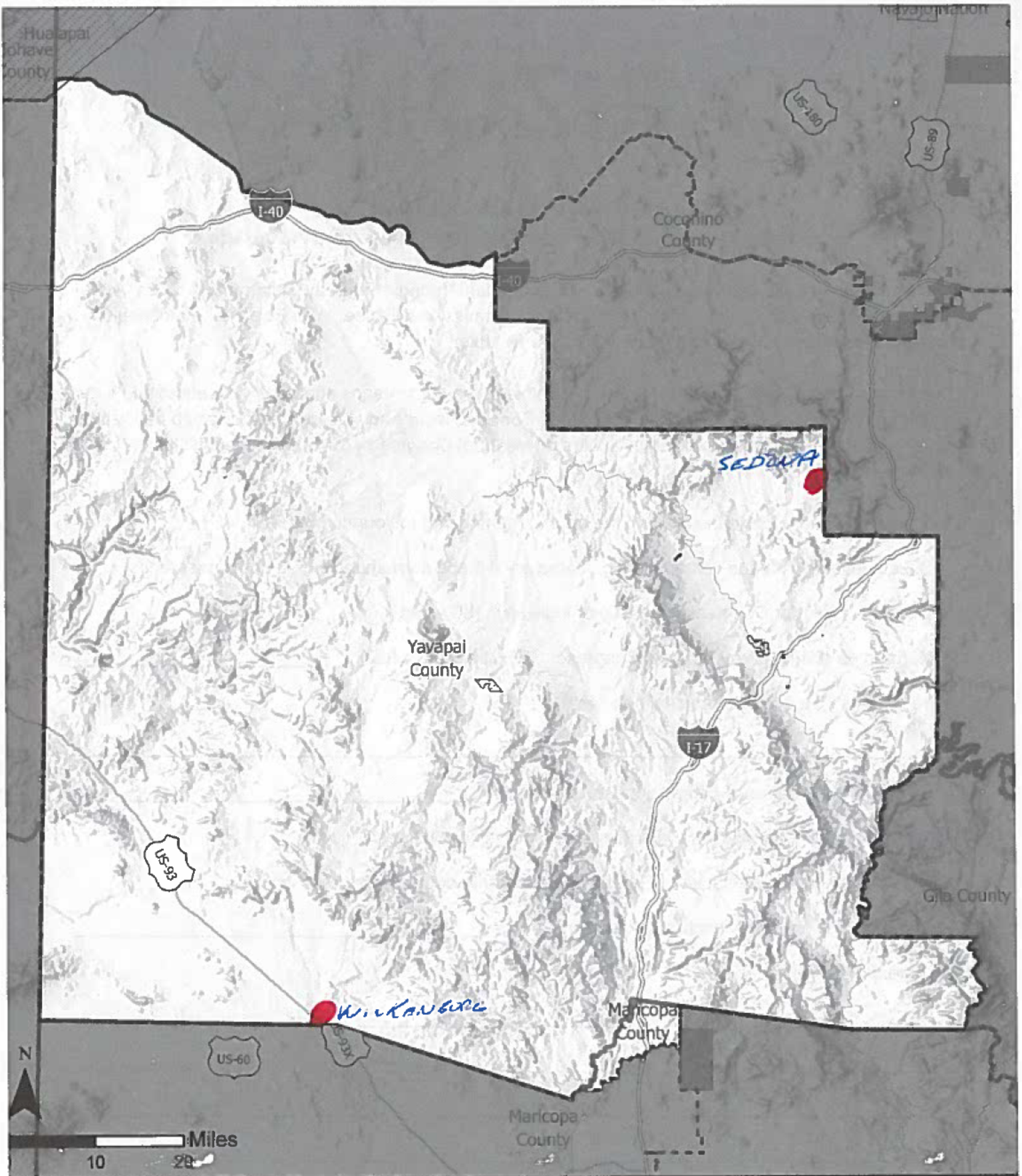
Please note that the Coconino County Board of Supervisors do not represent the Verde Valley. The promotion of their draft map is nothing short of a PR attempt to impose their will against the interests of the Verde Valley residents. They do not speak for me and the fact that they drafted and actively promoted a map demonstrates that we should not be aligned with them. Verde Valley community values and integrity are best represented by Yavapai County.

I sincerely thank the members of this Commission for their efforts in balancing the six criteria as set forth in the Arizona Constitution. And, please keep us together with Prescott and Yavapai County in LD5 and CD2.

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AZ Approved Draft Map Legislative District: 5

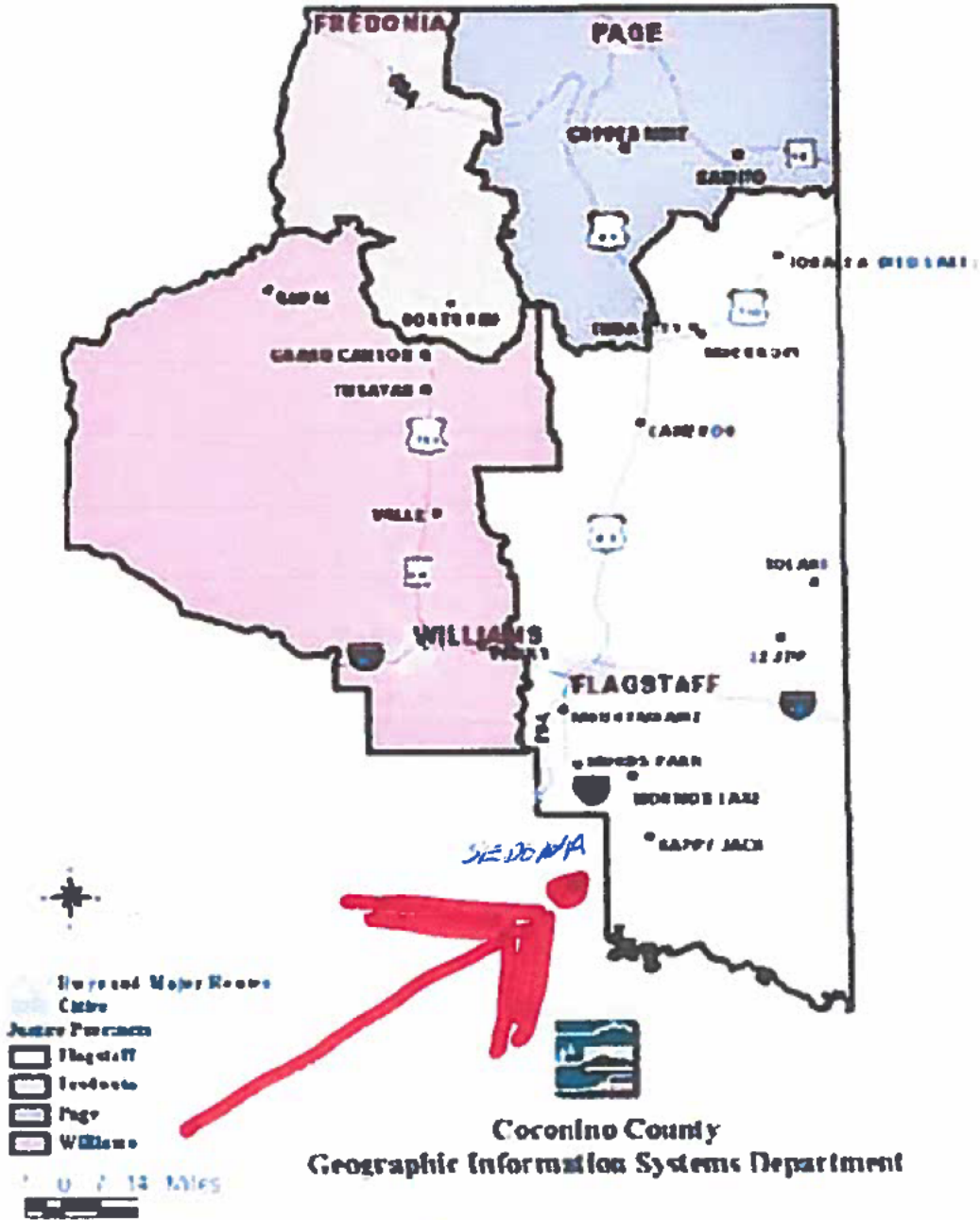
This plan was officially adopted on October 28, 2021 as the official Legislative Draft Map. <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/draft-maps>

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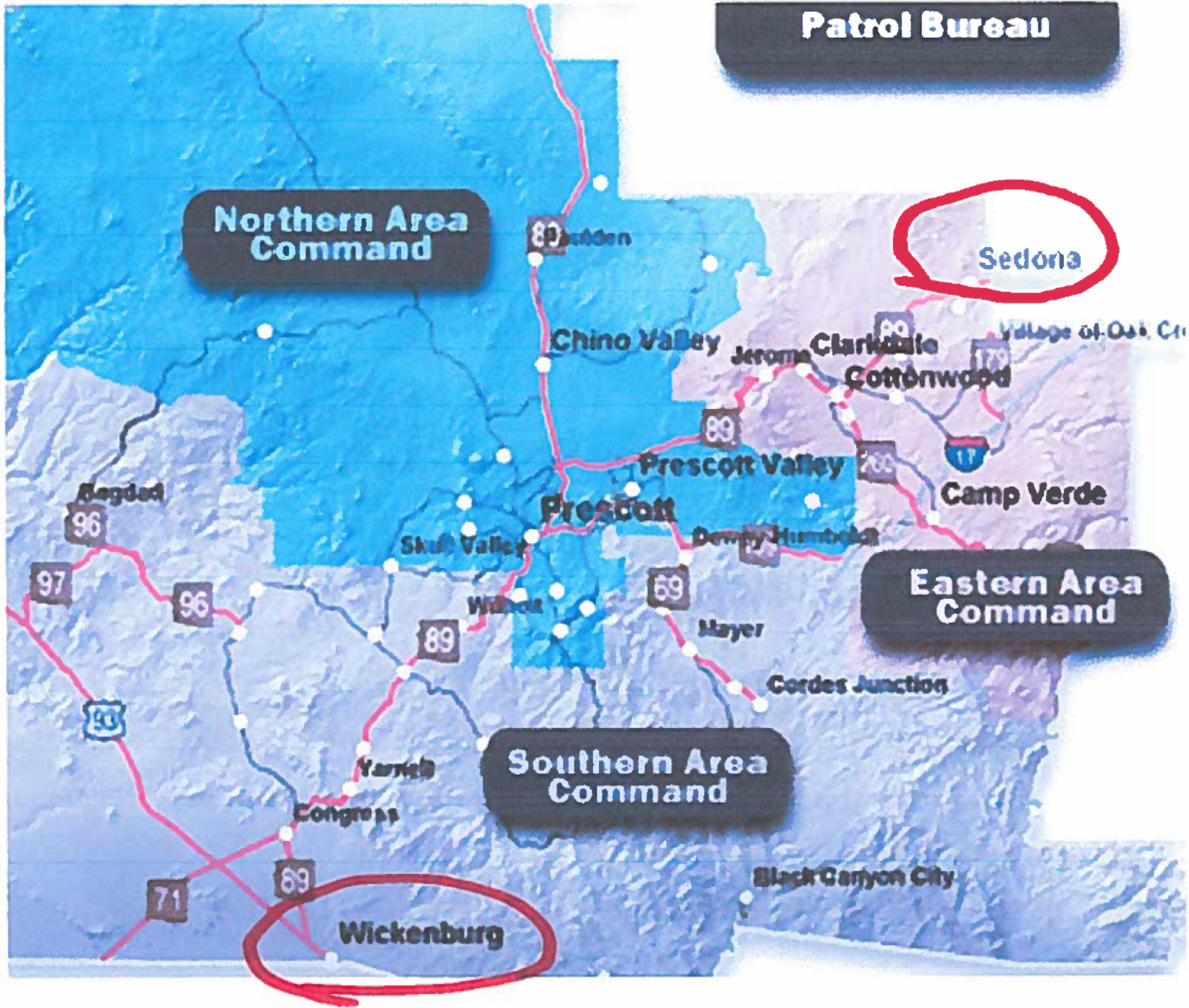




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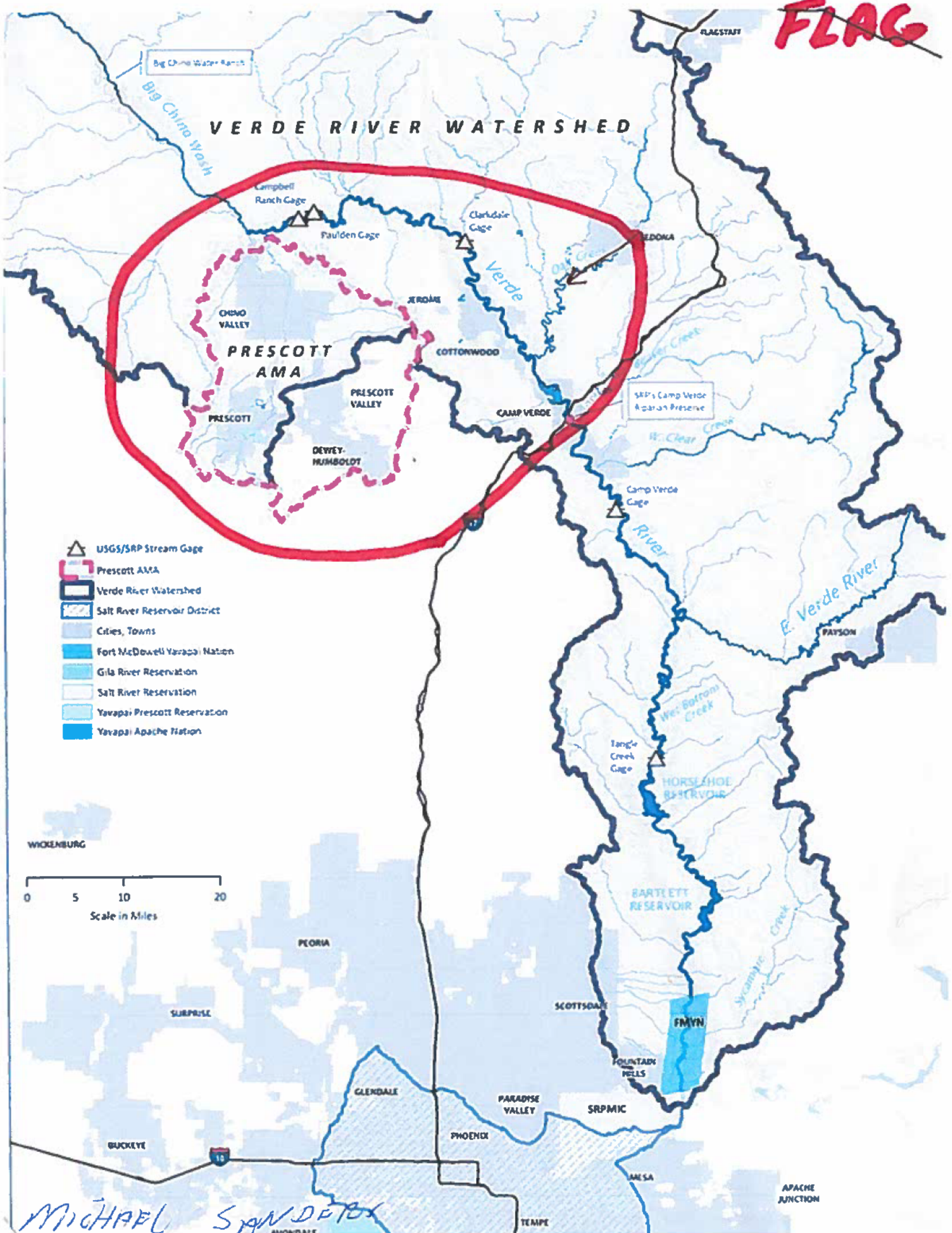
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- Gila River Reservation
- Salt River Reservation
- Yavapai Prescott Reservation
- Yavapai Apache Nation

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Redistricting Commission Prescott Valley
Library Auditorium

My name is Tom Steele and I have lived in Prescott Valley for over 18 years. I spoke out in the 2011 redistricting meetings which were tainted by the makeup of the commission at that time.

Today; it is different You make a very balanced redistricting possible.

You have clearly stuck to the direction provided by federal law and provided a community based map.

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fish hook Native American Tribe
And I am truly grateful. Thank you

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competition stay in Retail Business

My name is Isabel Cerecedes. I'm a lifetime Arizona resident and a 13 year resident of Prescott Valley. Prescott, Prescott Valley and the Quad Cities are my home community. I'm ~~_____~~ a retired 35 year government employee.

Being independent is a choice I have made because my preference is to research and make my own determination each election as to who best represents me, my values and my vision for a better life and future.

I'm a fiscal conservative and I don't like extremism. All people have the right to enjoy their life and be in peace where they live. Being able to put food on the table and get a good education in ~~_____~~ communities is most important, *not counties*
local

Everything I need is here. I never go to Cottonwood, there is nothing there that I need. The Verde Valley is as distant to me as Wickenburg.

I am concerned that independent voters are not taken into consideration in your draft maps and that too many of the districts too strongly favor one party or the other.

It doesn't seem fair and equitable to independent voters like me when only 6 of 30 legislative maps are competitive.

I'd really like it if you took the time to review the maps and create more competitive districts so voters like me had a greater chance for representation.

Thank you for *the opportunity to speak* your time and your work.

Talking points - Christy Magers, Yavapai County

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning regarding the redrawing of legislative districts that share the same community interests. I commend the Commissioners for the current 10.0 draft of the LD map.

I understand that there are existing groups such as the Princeton Gerrymandering Project who indicate that they are committed to "eliminate partisan gerrymandering at a state-by-state level." However, what an outside group decides is appropriate for the state of Arizona is of no consequence if it does not align with our state's constitutional provisions regarding redistricting.

Those constitutional redistricting provisions are as follows:

1. Compliance with the US Constitution and United States voting rights act
2. Equality of population in each district
3. Compactness
4. Communities of Interest. **These next two criteria are provisional.**
5. **To the extent practicable, use visible geographic features and borders.**
6. **To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so would create no significant detriment to the other goals.**

I contend that the first four goals must be adhered to before considering the last two goals. Yavapai County and Coconino County are not communities of interest nor are the areas to be considered contiguous because of the distance and difficulty of access between the two areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

November 20, 2021

~~Good morning,~~ ^{AFTERNOON} My name is Mike Schroeder from Sedona, AZ addressing this this hard working commission hopefully for the last time.

I have spoken to you about our tax responsibilities going to Prescott, the Sedona ties of the Verde Valley economic development plans and the interaction of county services that are unique to all our rural communities and to Prescott. ~~Our~~ travel times from the central Verde to downtown Prescott and Flagstaff are 10 minutes different.)

I will not rehash what you have already heard.

This has been an exasperating experience for all of us over the past many months. But what is frustrating is that this commission did its job as outlined in points A thru F under paragraph 14 of the Arizona Constitution ~~outlining~~ ^{WHICH DEFINES} the requirements for the redistricting process. You came up with a map, version 10.0 that was in compliance with A thru F.

Michael Schroeder

Sedona, AZ 86336 +

Now we have the Sedona City Council, none of which received more than 22% of the vote of the population of Sedona coming and stating that the Sedona City Council "unanimously" supports a district map that was created by Coconino County. As individuals they have every right to any opinion they want, whether aligned with the constitution guidelines or not. But they Do Not speak for 10,000 residents. *OR THE VERDE VALLEY*

In addition, it would seem that the Coconino County Supervisors have enough on their plate managing a county bigger than many states. But they are trying to extend their reach down into the Verde Valley where they have no jurisdiction.

Sub points A thru F under item 14 were followed by this commission.

Item "F", Competitive districts **ONLY**, apply only if A thru E are met. *CONSTITUTION*

The commission did its job. Please leave version 10.0 in place for LD 5, 6, 7 cd 2. Thank you for your hard work.

Michael Schroeder

Sedona, AZ 86336 +

(14) The independent redistricting commission shall establish congressional and legislative districts. The commencement of the mapping process for both the congressional and legislative districts shall be the creation of districts of equal population in a grid-like pattern across the state. Adjustments to the grid shall then be made as necessary to accommodate the goals as set forth below:

A. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and the United States voting rights act;

B. Congressional districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable, and state legislative districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable;

C. Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable;

D. District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable;

E. To the extent practicable, district lines shall use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts;

F. To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so **would create no significant detriment to the other goals.**

Michael Schroeder

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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 /

Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) LD5

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

Jaroslawa Fiumava - resident of Prescott Valley

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Prescott Valley

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:

I would like to express my approval of Map
Number 10.0. I agree with my previous speaker
Mr. Phil Goodie. Thank you

(over / siguiente)

Good morning Commissioners, Thank you for giving the public the opportunity to speak to you on this timely and important issue of redistricting.

My name is Marion Pack, and I have been a resident of Prescott since 2002.

My remarks are mainly addressing the issue of communities of interest.

When I first moved here I thought it was rather funny that we in Prescott called Sedona "the other side of the mountain." It truly is the other side of Mingus Mountain, a geographic feature which slices the Verde Valley on the eastern edge of the county.

Sedona is different from Prescott in many ways. Sedona's economy depends almost exclusively on the thousands of people that annually visit Sedona. The entire Verde Valley with towns like Cottonwood, and Clarksdale benefits from the spillover of Sedona's massive tourism.

Prescott's economy is entirely different. Though we have a share of tourists, it is only a segment of our diversified economic base. We have a growing manufacturing and technology base. Prescott has just enlarged its airport to accommodate our expanding economic base and to encourage more business development to the area. Our growth is exactly what Sedona doesn't want!

We also have three institutions of higher education, Yavapai Community College, Prescott College, and Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Having Embry-Riddle here in itself adds encouragement for technical industry to move to Prescott.

Joining Yavapai County together just for the sake of unifying the county is not beneficial to either east or west Yavapai County. Yavapai County is only one four other counties that is not split on the draft maps. Yavapai County is a huge county unlike the other small counties of Santa Cruz, Graham, Gila, and Pinal.

I ask that the map be redrawn to follow the current LD6 configuration. Please honor the weight of my community of interest testimony when making your decision.

Thank you for your time.

Marion Pack

Prescott, AZ 86303

I am a Yavapai County resident. I want to thank you for the current Legislation District map 10.0, as it keeps Yavapai County, Sedona, and Verde Valley together. These three geographic areas belong together in all ways that matter. It saddens me that so many people would argue to put Sedona and the Verde Valley with Flagstaff; especially when Sedona and Verde Valley have more in common with Yavapai County. The only reason to put a minority of rural citizens who are closer in median age to the mid-50's, with the big city community of Flagstaff, whose median age is closer to the mid-20's would be gerrymandering.

Beyond community make-up, Sedona and Verde Valley share similar interests and resources with Yavapai County. The dedication to hiking trails and outdoor activities, the joy of seeing and preserving wild life, merging library resources, the hosting of Yavapai College satellite campus', the way Sedona and Verde Valley citizens shop more in Yavapai County than Flagstaff; and Yavapai County citizens visit Sedona and Verde Valley community events as much as they attend Yavapai County community events. However, the most important way these 3 communities are tied together is our shared waterways. We are a single community, despite having separate city boundaries. Much like the Town of Prescott Valley you are visiting today first became a part of the tri-city area and is now part of the quad city area. Sedona and Verde Valley are part of the Yavapai County community.

November 20, 2021

Good morning, I support the current 10.0 draft Legislative District map. That proposal follows the guidelines of the Arizona Constitution by conforming to the six key areas placing all these criteria on a level field without an emphasizing competitiveness above the others. Placing Yavapai County in one Legislative District maintains communities of interest.

My name is Larry Gray. I have lived in Arizona since 1965 when I joined the Marines I returned to Phoenix. Our Prescott home was completed in July of 2005.


I was a volunteer with the City of Prescott's Over the Hill Gang building and maintaining hiking trails. Our topography has greater similarities to Sedona and the Verde Valley than Flagstaff as one example of ecotourism, hiking in the red rocks.

The Prescott and Prescott Valley areas share the Big Chino Basin and Verde Valley watershed unlike Flagstaff, which is part of the Little Colorado Rive Watershed. Why would we split the Yavapai Community College system between two legislative districts? Is not the community college system a community of interest?

Flagstaff has a much larger population than Sedona, Verde Valley, Cottonwood, Prescott and Prescott Valley which have smaller populations giving them very similar legislative concerns.

Thank you for considering my comments. Please support the draft 10.0 Legislative District map.

Larry Gray, Prescott



Independent Redistricting Commission,

The "maps submitted by Coconino County Board of Supervisors" will destroy the communities of interest in Yavapai County. Our interests include: our western heritage and culture; our rural and ranching business interests, as well as critical issues regarding water policy. I respectfully request that the Commissioners vote to adopt the proposed AZ Draft 10.0 Maps for Legislative Districts 5, 6 and 7 and Congressional District 2, as presented.

*Regards,
Linda Nichols*

To The Independent Redistricting Commission,

The actions of the Coconino County Board of Supervisors is highly partisan and frankly an irresponsible power grab. Their attempt to create a very partisan district violates the sovereign authority of Yavapai County and is likely to interfere with the governing efforts of the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors. I respectfully request that the Commissioners vote to adopt the proposed AZ Draft 10.0 Maps for Legislative Districts 5, 6 and 7 and Congressional District 2, as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Hanna

To the Independent Redistricting Commission,
(These are my) **TALKING POINTS**

The redistricting commission's primary charge is to create districts with nearly equal populations. After that, the district lines strive to unite "communities of interest," consider geographical boundaries, and avoid diluting minority voting rights. The least important priority is to create as many competitive districts as possible, where either party could win. I respectfully request that the Commissioners vote to adopt the proposed AZ Draft 10.0 Maps for Legislative Districts 5, 6 and 7 and Congressional District 2, as presented.

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Katherine Adulte

My name is Linda Letzer and I am a resident of Yavapai County.

I came to the meeting today because I am concerned about Redistricting and the breaking up of Yavapai County.

Sedona and Wickenburg should be kept in Legislative District 5 with Yavapai County, as these communities are very similar to the Prescott and Prescott Valley communities. These towns lean towards rural and farming lifestyles rather than a city outlook, such as found in Flagstaff. It makes more sense.

Also on a personal level, I depend on my local library for books, videos and the like. We are linked to the same Yavapai Library Network as Sedona and the Verde Valley. As a result, we have more access to a wider variety of material. It certainly is convenient to be able to pick up a book or video at the local library close to my home.

Students in these communities also count on Yavapai College. Its main campus is in Prescott. They have satellite campuses in Clarkdale and Sedona. Because of this, students from our three Verde high schools are able to take college prep courses.

Sedona and Prescott both have the commonality of hiking and the red rocks which are utilized by both locals and tourists. These communities are close in proximity. This creates a robust tourism trade as people travel back and forth between the two.

These examples are just a small sampling of what is offered by our communities being linked in LD 5. We have grown to depend on one another and it does not seem appropriate to break up our district.

Rural communities and city communities have different needs so one or the other would be hurt by combining the two.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Le", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

I'm a Yavapai concerned resident. I moved here a few years ago from CA. I love the rich western heritage and outdoorsy local communities of Yavapai. I spend my free time hiking and recreating around Prescott, Verde Valley, and Sedona. Flagstaff doesn't have that same feel; it's distant, more modern, and cold. The Flagstaff community is obviously different and it doesn't even seem like an Arizonian western community, but more like a growing CA city. I urge you not to join Verde Valley and Sedona as it will only eventually destroy their charm, heritage, and community.

Regards

JOE FIUMARA

Redistricting

I recently got to take a tour of the Yavapai Juvenile Detention facility in Prescott.

Children from the Sedona and Cottonwood areas are kept at that location.

Should these areas be moved from Yavapai County area to Flagstaff the parents of these children would lose there right to vote for, or against, the services that are afforded their children. They would be disenfranchised from the care of their own children.

Thomas Larive
Prescott Valley