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**Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission Travels to Gila County**

*Listening Sessions in Payson and Globe*

The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) invites residents of Gila County to participate in its first round of statewide public hearings, information will be presented both in person and virtually about the redrawing of Arizona's congressional and legislative districts. Public comment received during these meetings will be used by the IRC to help inform the drawing of new district boundaries.

Commission Chair Erika Neuberg urges all Arizonans to attend one of these important hearings to ensure their voices will be heard.

Over the next few months the Commission will be making decisions about Arizonans' future voting districts. Voting districts determine what district a resident will vote in for representation in the United States Congress and the Arizona State Legislature. The Arizona State Constitution requires redistricting once decennial census data is collected because of population changes from the last ten years.

One of the goals of the IRC public hearings is to solicit public input about communities of interest. There are forms available at the public hearings and on the IRC website that can be used to define an area that you feel should be considered a community of interest.

**Date:** Sunday August 1, 2021

**Time:** 10:00am (MST)

**Location(s):**

MAIN LOCATION	SATELLITE LOCATION
Quailty Inn 801 N Beeline Hwy Payson, AZ 85541	Holiday Inn Express 1890 E Ash St. Globe, AZ 85501

Members of the public may view the meeting at this link:

Arizona IRC Public Meeting Listening Tour

Hosted by IRC ADMIN

<https://azgov.webex.com/azgov/j.php?MTID=m839bec73639d2f094d4ef121a5d4504c>

Sunday, Aug 1, 2021 10:00 am | 2 hours | (UTC-07:00) Arizona

**Event number: 177 188 9052**

**Event password: 3xgNPWAPV93 (39467927 from phones)**

**Join by phone**

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Access code: 177 188 9052

**Members of the public who would like to submit a communities of interest survey to the commissioners may complete that survey at this link: <https://irc.az.gov/survey>**

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*IRC Mission: The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.*

*A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.*