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4/27/2021 9:12:25	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Marta	85331		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:12:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Company	Michael MacBan	85331		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:12:49	April 27, 2021	redistricting mapping process	Connie Kruger	85295		I would like to request that the company to be hired is the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson, in order to assure Arizonans fair representation and elections. It would be inappropriate to use a biased company for the redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:13:10	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Leisa Bryan	85253		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:13:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Lisa Horne	85295	Constituent and register voter and citizen	NO ON USING HAYSTAG!!!!!! We need unbiased & uncompromising!
4/27/2021 9:13:46	April 27, 2021	Haystaq use for redistricting	Laura Basey	85383	Myself	I urge you NOT to use Haystaq for redistricting. This is a highly partisan company that does not belong in the state of Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:13:51	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Victoria Walter	85281		The Bernie consulting group is far too political to redraw Arizona maps!
4/27/2021 9:14:00	April 27, 2021	Vote	Anna Sherry	85083-6590		do agree or approve to hire Hastag to manage map creation for redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:14:04	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq! Redistricting must be UNBIASED to ensure election integrity.	Jane Seybold	85382	I am a taxpayer, citizen of the U.S. and we deserve election integrity under the Constituion.	No to Haystaq! Redistricting must be UNBIASED to ensure election integrity.
4/27/2021 9:14:09	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Nicole wood	85018		Haystaq is not unbiased. Redistricting cannot he done by them. No to Haystaq!
4/27/2021 9:14:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Committee	James Dunn	85044	Maricopa County	Bernie Sanders consulting team is too political to be involved the redistricting effort.

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4/27/2021 9:14:17	April 27, 2021	Arizona Map Redistricting	Vianca Rodriguez	85014	Myself	I am highly concerned at having Haystaq in charge of redistricting Arizona. They have collaborated in the past with the campaign of Bernie Sanders and we cannot ensure that this platform will remain unbiased when doing something that is SO important and that will affect all of us in one shape or another. Do NOT allow Haystaq to redistrict Arizona. After such an intense 2020 electoral season we deserve better. Haystaq is a threat to our democracy.
4/27/2021 9:14:21	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Crystal Zeiler	85201	self	I think it is HIGHLY inappropriate for you to even consider such a biased company for redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have ZERO say in what OUR maps look like. These guys (Haystaq) are funded by them at the federal level. We need an INDEPENDENT (not paid by either side) company to do this. There are others to choose from. There should be ZERO Partisanship in deciding things that affect ALL PARTIES in our votes and how our districts are decided/mapped/gerimandered. Thank you
4/27/2021 9:14:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	McKenna Olson	85202	Maricopa	Take the Bernie Group out of this now!!! We don't need em!!!
4/27/2021 9:14:25	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Allison Barkley	85258		It's highly inappropriate to use a biased company for the redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have nothing to do with Arizona redistricting. Don't hire Haystaq!
4/27/2021 9:14:30	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Amy Samuel	85281	Austin Smith	My name is Amy Samuel, I'm from Tempe, AZ. I moved to AZ because it was a less political state. Bernie's consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps.
4/27/2021 9:14:35	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Ashley Ramirez	85283	Austin Smith	My name is Ashley, I am from California originally but moved to Tempe, AZ 5 years ago, because it was a less political state. Bernie's consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps!
4/27/2021 9:14:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jan Baron	86323	Yavapai County	Redistricting Should be Unbiased!
4/27/2021 9:14:52	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant	Joshua Sterkin	85282	Myself	I live in Tempe, and I came here because Arizona is a fair state that doesn't act politically, and gives everyone a fair, equal shot. Bernie Sanders' consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps.
4/27/2021 9:14:55	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	sally timmers	85260		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:14:56	April 27, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Indy Rebhun	85395	Self	It is unacceptable for you to use a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Obama should have zero input in what our maps look like.

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4/27/2021 9:15:04	April 27, 2021	Use of Haystaq for Redistricting Mapping needs	Brian Utz	86325		<p>Good morning,</p> <p>My name is Brian Anthony Utz and I am a lifelong Arizona resident from the Verde Valley. I'm attending this morning's meeting with the intention to voice my concerns regarding the potential use of Haystaq for Arizona's redistricting process.</p> <p>The fact that Haystaq has received blatantly favorable support from the Democratic Party, former President Barack Obama, and presidential hopeful/Senator Bernie Sanders is reason enough to warrant concern of Arizona citizens in a time where election integrity is of concern for the majority of Americans.</p> <p>The use of Haystaq, an openly biased company, is an extremely inappropriate choice for the state of Arizona, as Arizona is a state with a diverse political background that is home to closely equal representation of both parties.</p> <p>For this reason, I urge you to look beyond Haystaq as a candidate for redistricting needs. Thank you.</p>
4/27/2021 9:15:06	April 27, 2021	Discussion on mapping consultant	Dan White	63109		Say NO to Haystaq for district mapping
4/27/2021 9:15:11	April 27, 2021	VIII	Raphael Ahmed	85226	Citizen	As an Independent body AIRC should also hire an independent company to do redistricting maps. It is only fair to the AZ voters and taxpayers to know that AIRC did not hire a company founded by campaign operatives, whose board of directors and corporate officers are beholden to a certain party and their candidates. Do the right thing and do not hire Haystaq DNA.
4/27/2021 9:15:11	April 27, 2021	Haystaq decision	Matt Lake	85395	Oppose	I do not support using Haystaq
4/27/2021 9:15:18	April 27, 2021	Consideration of HaystaqDNA	Bryan Compton	85054	Myself	In this politically charged environment of hyper partisanship, the goal of an independent commission should be neutrality. Consideration of HaystaqDNA, a firm that touts its ties to the success of the Obama and Sanders campaigns as their mission statement, should be an obvious reason for disqualification. The mere suggestion of hiring this firm casts doubt as to whether or not the Redistricting Commission is in fact a neutral body. If the optics of the political atmosphere in Arizona aren't bad enough, why would anyone willingly choose to throw gasoline on the fire by even considering this firm? Any rational thinking individual would come to the same conclusion, and state unequivocally this proposal is a non-starter.
4/27/2021 9:15:20	April 27, 2021	1	Sara Zion	85298		It is inappropriate to use Systemic Telemetry. Not only is it a biased company, it is funded by one party at the national level. We are not looking for perfection, we want honesty.

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4/27/2021 9:15:25	April 27, 2021	VIII- mapping consultant	Susan Bickel	85718	self	Residents of Arizona are trusting the Commission to choose a mapping firm that has a proven reputation of integrity and competence. This decision is consequential for the Commission's desire to prioritize the public trust of all Arizonans. From the short list of firms submitting proposals, one firm stands out as having proven itself to produce the fair and balanced maps that have withstood the test of scrutiny by the courts across the country and here in Arizona. I encourage you to select Haystaq DNA LLC as your mapping consultant. Unfortunately, the NDC/Timmons Group has a record of disputed and rejected work in various states around the country, including Arizona. Please consider the following cases: In 2019, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (California) found that maps produced by the NDC were in violation of the California Voting Rights Act and the US Voting Rights Act. In 2018-2019, the Redwood City Council (California) was forced to redraw maps produced by NDC after they failed to create majority-minority maps for this city. This "error" cost the city both time and cost. In 2019, a North Carolina 3-judge panel found that NDC produced gerrymandered maps. In 2018, Kern County won a court case that ruled that maps drawn by NDC violated the Latino community's ability to elect candidates of their choice. And finally, during Arizona's first IRC redistricting effort, maps drawn by NDC were rejected by the courts for violating the Voting Rights Act and were ruled unconstitutional. The record speaks for itself. I encourage you to reject NDC/Timmons Group.
4/27/2021 9:15:26	April 27, 2021	Hiring Haystaq	Melissa Fritz	85331	Self, family, friends	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:15:27	April 27, 2021	3	Linda Busam	85345	myself	Redistricting is supposed to be impartial and fair. Why would the AIRC even entertain the thought of hiring Haystaq which is an Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting? They are clearly partisan company, and the approval of this company makes Arizona ripe for gerrymandering. PLEASE VOTE NO!!!
4/27/2021 9:15:28	April 27, 2021	NO to Haystaq!!	Mike Lucas	85208	My family	Haystaq is NOT a reputable company, being tied to the Clintons, to represent our important state redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:15:31	April 27, 2021	Item VIII: comments below	Shirley Lamonna	85755	self	I participated in the Redistricting meetings in 2011. The AIRC was anything but independent. They chose a highly partisan mapping company (Strategic Telemetry) used by Pres Obama to create district lines. Please do not subject AZ citizens to that injustice again by selecting another partisan mapping company. Haystaq is the microtargeting firm used by Pres Obama & Senator Sanders. Their employees have contributed financially to ActBlue, a nonprofit Democratic fundraising platform, as well as numerous Democratic candidates and organizations. They should not have anything to do with Arizona's mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:15:34	April 27, 2021	Consideration of Haystack as the company to use.	Inger Johnson	86323	Myself	Haystack is too biased of a company to use.
4/27/2021 9:15:39	April 27, 2021	redistricting mapping process	Lana Hitchens	85213	myself	it is totally inappropriate to use the Biased company Haystaq with their National funding to affect the Redistricting mapping process in Arizona! Please do NOT select them! We need a totally independent company!

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4/27/2021 9:15:44	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Jim Dutton	86334	Self	<p>We need this commission to be unbiased in the fulfillment of its duties. Using a mapping software that has no connections to one particular party is the only way to accomplish this.</p> <p>Let's make sure this commission is above reproach. NO Haystaq is the only way to be sure this happens.</p>
4/27/2021 9:15:46	April 27, 2021	All	james lombard	85750	Republican Party	Request that the IRC does not hire Haystaq company because it is too partisan.
4/27/2021 9:15:52	April 27, 2021	Maping	Arthur Boren		Myself	<p>Arthur Boren Citizen Arizona CD1 Veteran</p> <p>HaystaqDNA is a reborn Strategic Telemetry that gave Arizona the current maps that nearly lost the Republican majority in the AZ House and Senate, split the cities of Casa Grande and Yuma into different districts, another district from Uma to Wickenburg to Yuma, CD1 Our congressional district that is larger than most states. And the list goes on, clients of this firm include Obama and Bernie Sanders and they brag about helping them make history! The CEO Ken Strasma, a staunch democrat and Obama campaign alum was the founder and president of Strategic Telemetry, ["tell us what you want and we will help you move the needle"], there is no way that they are non-partisan. Please do not hire them...help restore faith in our state government.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
4/27/2021 9:15:56	April 27, 2021	Mapping	Gary J. Saxhaug	85086	Self	<p>Haystaq DNA is not a good match for Arizona because of their bias toward the democrat party therefore not independent in ideology. Looking at their website they open with "Who We Are" and continue with "We pioneered the predictive analytics that helped the Obama campaign make history in 2008 and have nearly two decades of experience helping companies and campaigns accurately target their communication and marketing." The company president, Andrew Drechsler, in his bio says, "His expertise has benefited races at all levels including Obama for America, Bloomberg for Mayor, the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, as well as a variety of international electoral campaigns." Mr. Drechsler also served in the Clinton Administration. None of these statements from their own website give republicans any confidence in their ability to be independent at all. Gary J. Saxhaug Anthem, AZ</p>
4/27/2021 9:16:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Marguerite Fisher	86303	Self	I think using Haystaq for redistricting is absolutely inappropriate and biased. I ask that you NOT approve going with this company!
4/27/2021 9:16:04	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Caroline wells	85048	Maricopa County	-My name is Caroline Wells and I have lived in Arizona for the past 23 years in the Ahwatukee area. I am currently a masters student at ASU and am working for Turning Point USA. I believe Bernie Sander's consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps and he should NOT be in charge of this matter.
4/27/2021 9:16:05	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant	Michelle Todd	85248	myself	Hi My name is Michelle Todd, I am from Chandler Arizona. I have stayed in Arizona because I loved the idea of a red state. In my free time, I l ke to take my dogs to the park!

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4/27/2021 9:16:05	April 27, 2021	Map selection options	Bret Aldieri	85023	myself	I do not support, and ask the IRC to not support selection of Haystaq as the independent data contractor to support the AZ redistricting map. The AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie Sanders data company to manage map creation for redistricting Arizona, and neither of them have any business in performing this function inside Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:16:12	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Jasmine Jane	85044		Hi my name is Jasmine and I've lived in Arizona for two years. This is not political so idk why a Bernie sanders consulting firm should not be in charge of redistricting Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:16:20	April 27, 2021	Firm for redistricting	Patricia Disch	85140		No Haystaq! Redistricting MUST BE unbiased!
4/27/2021 9:16:21	April 27, 2021	Mapping vendor	Christa Leong	85018	Myself	I would like to oppose the selection of Haystaq as a mapping vendor if that is up for debate. The Haystaq website specifically states that "our expertise is helping our political and commercial clients utilize big data and custom analytics to create big opportunities and solve challenging problems." In a mapping exercise, this should be a non-partisan effort. Can you please provide more feedback on their mapping expertise?
4/27/2021 9:16:26	April 27, 2021	8 (VIII)	Aaron Flannery	85304	Myself	In your consideration for mapping consultants (contractors), HaystaqDNA should be excluded from consideration due to their perceived bias of working for several partisan organizations and candidates. As the IRC is supposed to be "independent", hiring such a firm will lead to partisan disputes. I strongly urge you to disqualify HaystaqDNA from consideration.
4/27/2021 9:16:28	April 27, 2021	Hiring HaystaqDNA	GARRETT G BOWERS	86315	PC, District 239	I adamantly oppose hiring the company HaystaqDNA to help redistrict Arizona. How can you even think of hiring a left-leaning company like HaystaqDNA who worked for Obama (2008) and John Kerry (2004). The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission has the word "independent" in its name "implying" it is not biased toward one party or the other. However, a cursory review of their website reveals that is not so. The commission's job is to hire a non-partisan "independent" company that has no prior affiliations with either party and that will meet the needs – and BE FAIR to – both Democrats and Republicans. HaystaqDNA is not that company. Please do not hire HaystaqDNA; any redistricting they come up with will favor the Democrats over the Republicans and that is NOT FAIR.
4/27/2021 9:16:30	April 27, 2021	VIII Mapping Consultants	Elizabeth McGwire	85755	myself	Haystaq consultants are not an honorable organization. They will not represent a nonpartisan decision in the mapping process. Please opt against this organization.
4/27/2021 9:16:39	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Charles Starr	85387	myself	It is inappropriate to use, Haystaq, a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:16:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping	Britney Gerhardt	85023		it is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Haystaq, should have zero say in what Arizona maps look like due to connection. We need a local and knowledgeable AZ company
4/27/2021 9:16:44	April 27, 2021	AIRC	Sherry Butler	85258	PC LD12	It is inappropriate to be considering a company, HaystaqDNA, a biased company who is funded by the Democrats at the national level for the Redistricting mapping process. Please consider this information. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:16:45	April 27, 2021	HAYSTAQ	Teri Grunewald	86303	Myself	NO ON HAYSTAQ!!! We are NOT a democracy! We are a Constitutional Republic! HAYSTAQ is biased. Having worked with Obama and others!
4/27/2021 9:16:46	April 27, 2021	4	Karla Bailey	85641	self	Regarding the company Haystaq. It is highly inappropriate it is to use such a biased company that has ties to highly liberal factions for the Redistricting mapping process. This company does not engender trust as far as being unbiased.

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4/27/2021 9:16:51	April 27, 2021	Options for Mapping Consultant	Dan Haugland	85260	myself	Mapping consultant should be a neutral party, Haystaq is not neutral, they are rabidly partisan. Their website proudly features Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders. Reject this candidate for mapping consultant.
4/27/2021 9:16:52	April 27, 2021	3	Dan Mendenhall	85641	Myself	I object to use of Haystaq company for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:16:52	April 27, 2021	Haystaq - map creation management	Catherine Kossler	85202	self	I object to the use of Haystaq in the redistricting process! They are BIASED, as they have ties to Obama and Bernie Sanders.
4/27/2021 9:16:52	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Theresa Smith	85234	myself	Please do not hire such a biased company to do this redistricting. It is unfair to hire such a biased company to do a job like redistricting our state. Please reconsider and make sure this is a fair redistricting....this process should be non-partisan!
4/27/2021 9:16:54	April 27, 2021	3	Edward "Ted" Boyd	86404	Myself	Redistricting must remain unbiased! The firm you are considering, I believe would not be able to reman unbiased!
4/27/2021 9:16:55	April 27, 2021	AIRC potentially hiring Haystaq	Stephanie Gugelman	85641	Myself	I am writing in regards to the Redistricting, Meeting. It appeared that the AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq for redistricting Arizona. This is extremely inappropriate and very biased to use a company funded by Bernie and Obama. This is supposed to be an Independent Redistricting Commission! PLEASE please please consider how this ... seems anything but independent! Thank you for what you are doing! Looking forward to hearing what you say today!
4/27/2021 9:16:57	April 27, 2021	independent redistricting company	Liz Crump	85741	self	Researching the Haystaq DNA company is not an independent company. Influenced by former President Obama and Sen. Sanders are not independent. We are requesting a truly independent non partisan company do the mapping.
4/27/2021 9:17:01	April 27, 2021	Haystackdna	Tim Hoyt	85194-8530	Arizona resident	I strongly oppose using haystackdna as a redistricting company due to their biased past history
4/27/2021 9:17:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting firm	Chris Weinrebe	85142		Please do not give the contract to Haystaq. I seriously question their objectivity and their reputation.
4/27/2021 9:17:10	April 27, 2021	#3	Jason Klonoski	85018	Myself	Please do not use Haystaq. They are politically aligned and biased in way that gives me no confidence that they will provide fair and unbiased mapping input. We have an opportunity to do this right this time. Let's do it.
4/27/2021 9:17:10	April 27, 2021	IV	Michelle Ludwig	85757	Myself	I find that I am losing hope with the AIRC as a body in selecting a map creation company when this body is entertaining selection of the HaystaqDNA Company for such map creation. The HaystaqDNA Company has worked in Arizona in the past. It would be wonderful to start off with a clean slate without a company with prior activity in the State of Arizona. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:17:11	April 27, 2021	mapping company	Trevor Emerdinger	86327	SELF	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the AZ redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our AZ maps look like and Haystaq is funded by them at the national level. Using truly independent mapping companies is critical to ensure broad public support of this commission's efforts and to ensure truly fair maps are drawn that benefit all Arizonans.
4/27/2021 9:17:15	April 27, 2021	hiring Haystaq	Christine Bartsch	85044	myself	It is absolutely ludicrous that you are considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie Sanders data company to manage map creation for redistricting Arizona. The idea that you would put our state at the mercy of far left liberal extremists like Obama and Bernie Sanders is simply beyond the pale. Redistricting should be strictly nonpartisan and based purely on statistics and, NOT the fudging of data to benefit one party -- as Haystaq would do without question. You cannot claim that you are creating a system for redistricting that is going to be impartial and maintain checks and balances if you hire such a partisan firm as Haystaq. If you hire this company, you are forever tainting the work that you are doing. We value YOUR public service, but if you make this partisan decision, you will forever tarnish your own good reputations.

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4/27/2021 9:17:16	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Anna Van Hoek	85298	Myself	It's inappropriate to use such a biased company such as Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:17:16	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping Process	LouAnn Sedgwick	85249	Myself	I am AGAINST having the Haystak Company lead the redistricting process. We need to have an UNBIASED company leading this process. It is essential that the public has confidence in this process. If we cannot be transparent in our actions we will never get the confidence needed.
4/27/2021 9:17:17	April 27, 2021	Arizona Redistricting	Rachel White			NO to Haystaq! Unacceptably bias company to have anything to do with Arizona Redistricting!!
4/27/2021 9:17:18	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion/Action on Mapping Consultant Options	Vicki Smith	85739	Precinct 92 Committeeman , Pinal County District 4, AZ LD 11	I hereby express concerns about firm, HaystaqDNA, for its ties to former President Obama and US Senator Bernie Sanders. HaystaqDNA is funded by groups that are far left-wing. We should exclude them from being selected. Thank you for your consideration of this statement.
4/27/2021 9:17:19	April 27, 2021	Selection of Mapping Firm	Mark Tocci	85302	Mark Tocci	The firm of HaystaqDNA is a partisan organization and does not have business doing what is supposed to be an independent redistricting process. HaystaqDNA has direct and distinct ties to the Democratic Party and should not be considered for this process.
						Per posting from L2 and Haystaq ( <a href="https://l2-data.com/2020/08/19/the-latest-l2-haystaqdna-2020-models/">https://l2-data.com/2020/08/19/the-latest-l2-haystaqdna-2020-models/</a> ), they state the following:  L2 and Haystaq are excited to announce our national political models, updated for 2020. Each of the 200 million voters on the L2 voter file has a score representing their likelihood of agreeing with any of 120 given positions.  As of June 2020, our models are now updated to include a new set of contemporary issues:  COVID Black Lives Matter 2020 General Election Turnout Early Vote Voter Absentee Ballot (Vote By Mail) Green New Deal Biden, Warren, Sanders Democratic Primary Supporters
4/27/2021 9:17:21	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Robert Reeves	85284	Self	They are obviously a left leaning/partisan organization. We need a more balance group assisting with the redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:17:23	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Arizona	Claire morgan	85142	Arizona citizens - tax payers - voters	Az citizens want you to hire an unbiased, fair, independent company to perform our Arizona redistricting. We the people of Az want you to hire National Demographics Corp.. Thank you.



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4/27/2021 9:17:27	April 27, 2021	Comments below	Katie Maurer	85022		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:17:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Virginia Renteria	86406	Redistricting should NOT be done a biased company No one outside of AZ should be involved in redistricting within Arizona.	NO outside firm should be involved in redistricting of Arizona!
4/27/2021 9:17:31	April 27, 2021	Redistribution of map for AZ.	Christine Schumann	86323	Prescott Republican Party	I'm requesting this work be done by another less politically charged company..
4/27/2021 9:17:36	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Nancy Parsons	85750	myself	It is my opinion that it is inappropriate to use a company that is bias for redistricting and mapping process. HAystaq is a company supported by people who's agenda is not independent.
4/27/2021 9:17:43	April 27, 2021	Possible Action for mapping consultant	Shelley Kais	85614	Myself	Please consider qualifications and competence in your selection of a mapping company. As a resident of Legislative District 2, Precinct 84, I have spent the last 10 years with no representation in a district which was mapped as neither competitive nor a community of interest. Encapsulated in a community that is captured by the boundaries of South Tucson and Nogales created an opportunity to cut off one of the largest Republican precincts in Pima County which was nothing more than a political move. Haystaq is a spin off of Strategic Telemetry. Strategic Telemetry did not have the competence or qualifications to quantify the demographic data provided by the census in 2010 and were politically motivated to favor the State political alignment rather than the Arizona citizens and their communities. They did not demonstrate quantitative analysis skills or critical thinking in the alignment of communities of interest and left many communities underrepresented in the State Legislature. The focus of the last redistricting was nothing more than political maneuvering and Haystaq will do no better. Please consider past performance as well as carry-over personnel as you make these critical decisions which affect the citizens of Arizona, the State, and our country.
4/27/2021 9:17:46	April 27, 2021	Redistricting organization	Lynda Taylor	85305		I believe it is inappropriate to use Hatstaq, a biased company, for the Redistricting mapping process. This company, associated with Bernie Sanders and former president Obama, should have zero say in what our maps look like, and they are funded at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:17:46	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Patrick Barkley	85258	Myself	No Haystaq. Haystaq is a biased organization.

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4/27/2021 9:17:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting company	Stacy baldwin	85212-3102		I request that you do not use haystaq to do our redistricting in AZ. I have reservations that it will be done fairly. My trust level is at an all time low in our Democrat government officials representing conservative constituents. Thank you for your time
4/27/2021 9:17:52	April 27, 2021	Public Comment	J. Freund	85740		Who are the three companies bidding on the contracts
4/27/2021 9:17:57	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA is not an appropriate firm to consider to do the job. This is a biased company, funded by the Democrats at the national level, for the Redistricting mapping process. I am against using this company for the job. Find another option.	Trudy Behrendsen	85258	myself	Thank you for this opportunity to participate.
4/27/2021 9:17:59	April 27, 2021	III -- Opportunity for Public Comments	Kimberly Miller	85212	Myself	Please do your due diligence in protecting the integrity of the redistricting process. No consultant firm should be affiliated with a political organization or candidate. Regarding your comment about having trust in the commission -- trust is at a premium and we cannot be naive. I encourage you to carefully scrutinize HaystaqDNA. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:18:00	April 27, 2021	Redistricting meeting	Shirley Slattery	86315	self	I believe that Haystack is unacceptable and potentially biased in the redistricting process. We need unbiased persons in this extremely important issue. I say NO to Hatstack!!
4/27/2021 9:18:03	April 27, 2021	Map Redistricting Data System	Christian Cain	85742	Myself as citizen	We should not use Haystaq system for map redistricting which is owned by Obama and Bernie Sanders. That is completely bias and they should have no say in our redistricting in AZ.
4/27/2021 9:18:04	April 27, 2021	Redistricting should be unbiased to ensure election integrity. Rick Seybold taxpayer	Rick Seybold	85382	I am a taxpayer, resident of Arizona and U. S. Citizen and resident of AZ	NO to Haystaq! Redistricting SHALL be unbiased to ensure election integrity.
4/27/2021 9:18:06	April 27, 2021	VII and XIII	Patricia Cipro	85395	Hiring Haystaq	My husband John Cipro and I object to hiring the Haystaq firm.
4/27/2021 9:18:09	April 27, 2021	Hiring a biased firm for legislative mapping	Marina Reed	86301	Myself as a voter and precinct committeeman	I feel it is grossly inappropriate to use a firm that is politically biased. I request that an independent firm be hired to ensure that our mapping is fair for all parties.

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4/27/2021 9:18:13	April 27, 2021	Haystaq, Obama & Bernie's data company	Brittani Alcantar	85233	Kelli Ward	Very inappropriate to use such a biased company for the mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like. We want the National Demographics Corporation - Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation elections.
4/27/2021 9:18:15	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Lines	Christina Nordmark	85128	Pinal County	I'm NOT in favor of Haystaq and say NO!!!!!! Unacceptable and biased.
4/27/2021 9:18:15	April 27, 2021	Haystaq - DO NOT HIRE!!	Toni Taylor	85016	myself, my family and my community	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level.  We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.  The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:18:19	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Company in Consideration	Anna S	85308	Myself	Haystaq must be removed from consideration. How was this ever even allowed for consideration due to the incred ble bias from it being a Left wing company, Obama and Bernie Sanders' data company. Redistricting should remain unbiased, period. It will affect us for the next decade. High responsibility and duty to remain unbiased.
4/27/2021 9:18:20	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Jason Bacon	85701	Jason Bacon	How is it possible that the so called Independent Redistricting Commission is even considering using a firm tied to politicians on either side of the spectrum? With everything that happened last fall you should avoid anything that can be seen as partisan in any way. I will never support the hiring of Haystaq to be involved in this process in any way, shape, or form. I do not think its possible to find a more partisan company to manage map creation in Arizona
4/27/2021 9:18:20	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping process	Amy Notbohm	85297		It is very inappropriate to have biased company like Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company, to manage map creatio for redistricting. I have no faith in this company providing fair and unbiased work. Bernie and Obama should habe zero say in what our maps in Arizona look like. Haystaq is funded by them both on a national level. Please do what is right and best for the state of Arizona. Thank you for your time and consideration.
4/27/2021 9:18:22	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Sara O'Krepki	85251	Myself	My name is Sara O'Krepki and I live in Scottsdale, AZ. I moved to Arizona from Louisiana for work. I enjoy wa king my dog and discovering all that the great state of Arizona has to offer.
4/27/2021 9:18:23	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Nancy Allen	85020	My Self	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!
4/27/2021 9:18:24	April 27, 2021	Choosing Redistricting Company	Joseph Wetherington	85307	Arizona Citizens. I am a AZ citizen	We should not be considering hiring Haystaq. This company is not bipartisan. We don't trust anymore. Our political leaders need to earn our trust back. Haystaq has strong ties to former Democrat leaders. I ask you to choose a bipartisan company only and they need to prove it.
4/27/2021 9:18:26	April 27, 2021	Selection of redistricting mapping firm.	Joseph Farmer	86322	Self	I urgently request that the Commission not select the Haystaq Mapping Firm as it has a great deal of bias toward the Democrat Party. This MUST be a fair and impartial process to protect the voting rights of ALL Arizonans. Thank You.
4/27/2021 9:18:29	April 27, 2021	Selection of Haystaq for Redistricting contract	John Petriello	85138	John and Theresa Petriello	We are completely opposed to the hiring of Haystaq as the company to perform the redistricting maps for the state of Arizona. It is our opinion that this company will not perform and unbiased opinion when drawing the maps. This company is nothing more that a reformed substitute of previous companies associated Former President Obama and Bernie Sanders.

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4/27/2021 9:18:30	April 27, 2021	Haystaq consultant	Jackie Mesa	85032		<p>Good morning. I understand the commission is considering bringing in a company called Haystaq to advise on our redistricting maps, and that this company is closely associated with Obama and Sanders. By absolutely no means should we be involving a blatantly partisan company - Whose idea was this? Who is getting paid for this preference? And, HOW at all is this independent?!</p> <p>As I write this I'm hearing excuses and rhetoric about trusting the choice, and a lack of other options. It sounds as if the commission has made its decision despite the comments that are in the process of being submitted. Look at the youtube viewership. The people do NOT accept this! We are watching more closely than ever. It's CRITICAL that you stand up and do what's right. We are Watching Closely, Keep Liberal Manipulation OUT of our state. They want us like it's nobody's business. Think of your children if not your careers. Thank you</p>
4/27/2021 9:18:33	April 27, 2021	AZ Redistricting	Brenda Simon	85757	Doug & Brenda Simon	It is inappropriate to use Haystaq with their bias for AZ redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:18:39	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Charlotte Perez	85251	myself	Hi my name is Charlotte Perez and I've lived in Arizona for about a year and a half now. I work for a non-profit and I truly believe that when it comes to redistricting this is not political issue. Having HAYSTAQ, a Bernie sanders consulting firm, makes redistricting political and they should not be in charge of this.
4/27/2021 9:18:40	April 27, 2021	Do not include Haystaq. Redistricting should be unbiased.	Debra McVey	86301	Debra McVey	Redistricting is a bipartisan process. No bias should be involved on either side.
4/27/2021 9:18:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Julie Hoyt	85194-8530	AZ registered voter	I strongly oppose using haystackdna as a redistricting company due to their biased past history
4/27/2021 9:18:45	April 27, 2021	21	Jake Ladin	85281	AZ	They're too political to be redrawing district lines...
4/27/2021 9:18:49	April 27, 2021	Executive Session	Bret Aldieri	85023	voters	The last meeting in April - the executive session consumed the entire course of the meeting allowing ZERO, or no transparency as to the conduct of business by the commission. I seriously doubt that ALL of the content of the many hours (appeared to be >7 hours on the youtube video) were all outside of the scope not available to the public. Please make the process more transparent and open to the public.
4/27/2021 9:18:51	April 27, 2021	Bernie Sanders should not be allowed to be changing the voting boundaries in the state of Arizona	Jill Wells	85048	Self and Az	Bernie Sanders should not be allowed to be changing the voting boundaries / redrawing the maps in the state of Arizona. This is not political. Should be left out of this
4/27/2021 9:18:55	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Debbie mccleve	85142		Bernie and Obama should have zero say on what are maps look like AND they are funded by them on the National level. WE THE PEOPLE will fight this
4/27/2021 9:18:55	April 27, 2021	4	Tim Servati	85747	Myself	As an Arizona voter from Tucson, I find it very inappropriate that the IRC is considering to use such a biased firm. Haystaq's own website speaks to its bias to the left. It highlights its work done for Obama and Sanders. If this commission wants to work in an open and fair process, they are certainly going down the wrong road. I strongly urge the commission to not use this biased firm. Nothing good will come from this decision. Thanks for your consideration, Tim Servati

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4/27/2021 9:18:55	April 27, 2021	Should we allow google maps to redistrict Arizona?	Elaine Hill	85205	Voter in the 85305 area	No, it is not appropriate to use a biased company to re-district AZ. I am against hiring Google Maps.
4/27/2021 9:18:57	April 27, 2021	3	Justin Chavez	85323	Justin Andrew Chavez	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and Haystaq is funded by them at the national level. Those people DO NOT have our best interest at heart. We all have witnessed by a corrupt government looks like. GOD bless all of you for sacrifices.
4/27/2021 9:18:58	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting	Stephen Slomski	85213	Myself	Thank you. I feel the entity chosen to conduct the redistricting is biased to the Left and cannot be trusted to conduct an unbiased redistricting in Arizona. I request that the Commission reconsider their choice of companies. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:19:00	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Kathy Nolte	85254		Haystaq should not be considered for the Redistricting mapping process. We need an unbiased company, not one that is involved with Obama and Bernie. Why would this company even be considered?
4/27/2021 9:19:02	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Elaine Bossard	85204	Arizona	NO to Haystaq! Choose a non biased group for redistricting! Not Haystaq!
4/27/2021 9:19:06	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting	Michael Seachris	85122	PCRC	Please keep redistricting handlers independent as the agenda states. It is my understanding that the current organization is left leaning. Thanks
4/27/2021 9:19:06	April 27, 2021	Hiring	Anna Clark	85755		Please DO NOT hire Haystaq to do the mapping. It is inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. We need a fair mapping company with no political ties. Thank you!
4/27/2021 9:19:12	April 27, 2021	Employing Haystaq	Joseph Nye	86303	Myself	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Request to comment April 27, 2021 Re: Haystaq Your proposal to use Haystaq, a horribly biased, anti-American company to redraw our State Redistricting map is absolutely inappropriate and unacceptable. Joseph Nye [REDACTED]
4/27/2021 9:19:12	April 27, 2021	VIII	Jacob Polesky	85249	Myself	The redistricting of Arizona's congressional seats is meant to be an apolitical, nonpartisan task. Therefore, it would be most inappropriate for a Bernie Sanders consulting firm to be in charge of this process.
4/27/2021 9:19:13	April 27, 2021	Selecting a company	Elaine Yielding	85395	PebbleCreek Republican club	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for redistricting mapping process Bernie & Obama should not have any input on our redistricting mapping. find a truly non_biased group.
4/27/2021 9:19:15	April 27, 2021	Data company hired for map creation	C Shelton	85207	Self	We do not want Haystaq to manage map creation for re districting in our area. It is inappropriate to use this biased company in Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:19:25	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Tatum Amato	85259	myself	My name is Tatum Amato. I live in Scottsdale, AZ. I have lived in AZ my whole life (besides college). I enjoy hiking and working out. I do not support the Bernie consulting group.

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4/27/2021 9:19:25	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Sandi Bartlett	85233	Gilbert resident	<p>SAY NO TO USING THIS COMPANY. <a href="https://haystaqdna.com/">https://haystaqdna.com/</a>. All it takes is a little research to see they are extreme partisans and AZ needs to have a credible, trustworthy, honest and open redistricting process and Haystaqdna is far from it.</p> <p>Do your research of each member in this company. Check their Twitter accounts and social media comments and you will see they can not be FAIR.</p> <p>SAY NO TO HAYSTAQDNA !!! There are many others to choose from !!</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:25	April 27, 2021	Hiring of management company for redistricting Map for AZ	Jonas Holzer	85085	AZ resident	<p>I strongly Disagree with hiring the of the Haystaq company for management of our redistricting map in AZ due to biased influence and ties to bias influence. This is not in the best interest of Arizona and its citizens. This is not acceptable</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:27	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Vendor(s)	Jason Harris	85268	Myself and fellow Arizona citizens	<p>Haystaq is a partisan company affiliated with Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders.</p> <p>Redistricting should be done by an independent, unbiased third-party vendor, NOT by a partisan vendor like Haystaq.</p> <p>You are and will be accountable for the selection of and performance of any redistricting company. Dismissing the will of your constituents by expressing a desire to be more transparent while not being transparent is disingenuous at best.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:27	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Seth Fangman	85282	Seth Fangman	<p>Theres no reason why Bernies consulting group should have sway over an independent commission they will have a bias and will find ways to manipulate the system.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:30	April 27, 2021	Map creation for redistricting Arizona	Rachael Altman	85202		<p>It is inappropriate and biased to consider using a company supported by Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama for the Redistricting mapping process. Sanders and Obama have no right to dictate what happens in Arizona. Zero. None.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:30	April 27, 2021	#4 - Redistricting Mapping	Bonita Guyer	85750		<p>It is inappropriate it is to use Haystaq, because it is a known, biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:30	April 27, 2021	#3 Public Comment	Cathy Schwanke	85086	Self	<p>Please do not choose Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process. I can't trust that such a biased company because they are funded by Bernie and Obama at the national level. Last time when the maps were revealed in about 2012, the IRC did not listen to valid concerns of community of interest. My own area which is in county Phoenix and does business heading south along I-17 or Cave Creek Rd or Scottsdale Rd, the maps called for us to be scooped up and added north in with Yavapai county, totally opposite of where we live, work, or commute. I fear that Haystaq will also disregard our communities of interest because of their bias.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Cathy Schwanke Desert Hills area north of Carefree Hwy, North Phoenix.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:31	April 27, 2021	VIII	Chase Piper	85249	Myself	<p>My name is Chase piper and I work a blue collar job moving and unloading trucks on a daily basis. I have lived in Arizona for 5 years now and redistricting is not a political issue. Having HAYSTAQ, a Bernie sanders consulting firm, makes redistricting political and they should not be in charge of this.</p>
4/27/2021 9:19:34	April 27, 2021	4	james lombard	85750	Republican Party	<p>Publicize the full source of funding for each of the candidate mapping firms.</p>

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4/27/2021 9:19:35	April 27, 2021	Redirecting	Cary Asel	86426	Mohave County	Should be done by a independent company not a company with ties to Obama and Sanders! Full transparency is a must!
4/27/2021 9:19:37	April 27, 2021	Haystag	Darla Kissling	85383	Myself	Please do not hire Haystag. They have connections with Bernie Sanders and President Obama. They will be biased. Thank you
4/27/2021 9:19:38	April 27, 2021	Haystaq, potential hire	Cynthia Anderson	85086	self	Do not hire Haystaq or any individual related to this firm. Please remove the firm Haystaq from consideration in your hiring process. What Arizona's redistricting process needs is an objective, unbiased consultant that has the interest of Arizona's voters, Arizona's real interests, and the creation of district boundaries that are not drawn to fit some outside, special interest ideology.
4/27/2021 9:19:38	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jean Georgianni	85023	Myself and other citizens	I strongly object to using a politically motivated company to perform redistricting analysis. Keep partisan politics out of this important project!
4/27/2021 9:19:39	April 27, 2021	redistricting	John Allen	85020	my self	"NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!"
4/27/2021 9:19:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jeremy Nakkas			Please choose a firm for doing the redistricting that is fair and will not be influenced by political or other bias.
4/27/2021 9:19:44	April 27, 2021	Object to hiring Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting.	Patricia Sexauer	85254		My name is Patricia Sexauer. I reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. As a tax paying legal citizen in this city and state, I voice my right to object to even considering hiring Haystaq data company to manage map creation for redistricting in Arizona. You must see the conflict of interest with Obama and Bernie Sanders being affiliated with the Haystaq data company. My taxes should not be used to create more bias and false favorable mapping. I object and will follow to see what company you do hire. Thank you for your attention at this time.
4/27/2021 9:19:49	April 27, 2021	Mapping firm selection	Rainey Oliver	86004-7468	Myself	Please pick a firm that shows no political affiliation or bias. As HaystackDNA has worked with Democrat campaigns in the past, it could cause many citizens in the state to question the process. As I'm sure this body would like everyone to feel confident in the redistricting mapping, it seems best to eliminate any partisan and biased organizations from being in charge of the process. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:19:51	April 27, 2021	Item 8 regarding Haystaq	Lois Fruhwirth	86305	Yavapai County Republican Committee	It is inappropriate as an Independent Commission to use such a biased company for the AZ redistricting mapping process as s Haystaq. Haystaq is funded by Progressive Democrats such as Obama and Bernie Sanders at the national level. Using truly independent mapping companies to study all options, from all points of view, is critical to ensure broad public support of this commission's efforts and outputs and to draw truly fair maps are drawn that fairly benefit ALL Arizonans for the next decade. Please listen to the public! Evaluate them in the view of the public so we have complete transparency.
4/27/2021 9:20:00	April 27, 2021	4	Sheyenne Frederickson	85296b	East Valley	Hiring Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting is bias and inappropriate. They are an Obama and Bernie data company. That is unacceptable. NO to Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased! It is unfair and heinous to even consider using such a company for the Redistricting mapping process! Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting! Why would a free republic "For The People" start to be partial and prejudice now? We need to ensure now more than ever there will be no meddling or trace of conniving in our local government's decisions. -Sheyenne Frederickson [REDACTED]
4/27/2021 9:20:04	April 27, 2021	Which consulting firm to hire for redistricting	Kathy Williams	85602	Myself	Please do not hire Haystaq as the redistricting consulting firm. They appear to have political bias. They are closely tied to Democrat politicians. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 9:20:04	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant company	Debbie Logan	85614	myself	It is extremely important to choose the best and most qualified company. After some research it appears that NDC Timmons Group would not be the one considering they have had a problem with legal matters causing re-do's as well as financial harm to some of their customers. This alone would disqualify them from consideration.
4/27/2021 9:20:08	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Niland	85298	me	I am concerned about you selecting HaystaqDNA as the mapping company. I do not feel they will be an unbiased mapping option. Have you looked carefully at the backgrounds of the owners of each of these companies? Please hire another option.
4/27/2021 9:20:08	April 27, 2021	Redristering	Karen Gevaert	85215		NO on Obama and Bernie data company. So wrong, these two represent the left radical base. Lets keep this Conservative and American.
4/27/2021 9:20:13	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Marcus Cabrera	85202	Maricopa County	Agenda #8 1. Is there a similarly conservative/republican group that we are using that is as partisan as the left-wing Haystaq group? 2. How much money is Haystaq subsidizing for future elections for the present councilmembers? 3a. "To advance these pertinent issues" was the reason for why the public was not allowed to be informed or present. What about allowing transparency to the public would hinder these issues? 3b. Is the voting power of the public what the hindering factor of the council? The vice chair mentioned that he was apologetic that the public could not have been privy to the election process. As a member of the public, so are we.
4/27/2021 9:20:19	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Ann Pendatvis	86314	Myself	The individuals who do redistricting should not repeat not be associated with the Democratic or Republican parties. Putting the party that is currently in government control in charge of redistricting is a blatant abuse of power. Redistricting should be based solely on the data and it should follow logical and non-partisan-strategized processes. This board should take a stand and become the first board to do redistricting right, without gerrymandering, without playing political volleyball, without bowing down to the oligarchy. Hold up your standards to the vowels you took when you were elected to office. Start working for the people, in the best interest of the people, and not for your political gains and self interests.
4/27/2021 9:20:19	April 27, 2021	biased	kameron smith	85295		LOL give you a little bit of trust?? We the people DEMAND that obama(not a citizen of USA) and bernies firm should NOT be considered for this job. My question is WHY are they being considered? \$\$\$\$. and why did you not do the interviews for the public to see and hear? WE pay the taxes. You know exactly what is going on. it's biased and sick. There are PLENTY of firms that are not biased.
4/27/2021 9:20:21	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Austin Smith	85361	Myself	My name is Austin Smith and I'm 5th generation Arizonan. I grew up all over the state and know the place very well. Bernie Sanders consulting group should NOT be involved in drawing our maps. Consulting groups have an implicit bias already and Bernie's group is way too political and left leaning to be in charge of an independent commission.
4/27/2021 9:20:24	April 27, 2021	Choosing data analysis company	Joseph Pikosz	85296	My self	Please do not chose the firm of Haystaq, the Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting. This is not appropriate or correct to use this company.
4/27/2021 9:20:27	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	T Wrsik	85207		NO HAYSTAQ redistricting should be unbiased Strongly oppose Haystaq
4/27/2021 9:20:29	April 27, 2021	mapping consultant	Rick Todd	85248	myself	My name is Rick Todd. I have lived in Arizona for 21 years. I moved from Washington D. C. and found the living in a red state is a place I want to stay. Moving from a place like D. C will show you why we want to keep AZ red



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4/27/2021 9:20:33	April 27, 2021	I strongly encourage you to NOT choose the very partisan mapping consultant company HaystaqDNA. They may have answered the interview questions well, but I do not trust them to be fair.	Carolyn Ricks	85234		Please be responsible to ALL residents of Arizona. HaystaqDNA is very partisan, openly representing democrats. I do not believe they will be fair in mapping out districts.
4/27/2021 9:20:37	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Elaine Kobrzynski		Redistricting and the State of Arizona	This data company Haystaq is biased in that it's associated with both Obama and Bernie, and should have nothing to do with Arizona redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:20:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Palmyre Zele	85251	SELF	Mapping MUST be done by a completely NEUTRAL ENTITY. Trust is minimal due to questionable election integrity & now we could not see interviews of companies being contemplated. We feel HAYSTAQ is entirely inappropriate due to probable bias and should be removed from consideration.
4/27/2021 9:20:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Randall Alcantar	85233		Arizona residents deserve fair and unbiased redistricting. Please hire The National Demographics Corporation- Douglas Johnson.
4/27/2021 9:20:50	April 27, 2021	Company hired for mapping Arizona	Corinne Haynes	85383	Myself	I am concerned that we are contemplating hiring a mapping company called Haystaq. We need to hire a company that is totally unbiased which I understand this company is not.
4/27/2021 9:20:54	April 27, 2021	Ill	Ben	85282		As someone who has just moved to Arizona prior to redistricting, I hoped that I would live in a state that would represent my interests and rights fairly. I have grave concerns that HAYSTAQ will operate in a non-partisan manor given its past clients.
4/27/2021 9:20:57	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item 8: Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Lisa Fink	85308	myself	The commission is considering hiring Haystaq which is an Obama and Bernie Sanders data company. From Haystaq's website, "helping the Sanders and Obama Campaigns make history." This commission is supposed to be INDEPENDENT from either political party. Hiring an organization that has been employed by Democratic candidates does not look independent to manage the map creation for redistricting Arizona and will call into question the redistricting commission's integrity. Do not hire Haystaq and find a company that is truly independent.
4/27/2021 9:21:00	April 27, 2021	Contractor selection	Bill doherty	85123	Self	Please do not use the haystakz company as they are known to be politically biased
4/27/2021 9:21:01	April 27, 2021	Selection of redistricting mapping firm.	Dorie Duff	85018	myself	I strongly urge you to reject the company, Haystaq, to create the redistricting map. This company has strong ties to Democrats, primarily Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders. There is no way the the public can feel confident that the redistricting will be unbiased and fair if a company that is solely utilized by high-level Democrats is hired here in Arizona. This past election left many unsure about our election process and we must do all we can to return confidence in all areas of our elections to all Americans and Arizonans.

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4/27/2021 9:21:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Thomas Reiner	86303		Haystaq is a politically biased company and should not be considered for Arizona Redistricting. Arizonans are realizing that our Elections are suspect and gerrymandering will only aggravate our faith. The 2011 Redistricting was biased and we need to have fair redistricting in 2021.
4/27/2021 9:21:01	April 27, 2021	Independent redistricting service provider	Margaret Cox	85258	Self an Arizona citizen	Please look into past history of Haystack company. Based on my research this company took part in President Obama election is a biased organization. Please vote no for Haystack . They should not be allowed to conduct redistricting mapping project. Thank you
4/27/2021 9:21:03	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Jonah Bodmer	85283	Myself	Howdy!  My name is Jonah Bodmer and I moved to Tempe, Arizona, from Los Angeles, California, to get away from such a hyper political environments as well as attend Arizona State University. I grew up in northern Los Angeles and saw how political and how unnecessarily active the government was taxing and regulating the people constantly. I enjoy my freedoms and I berties too much so I left home to stay in Arizona for a more relaxed living.  I enjoy baseball, camping, and motorcycles. This state currently grants me the freedom to do these things with minimal restrictions from the local and state government. I would hate for this to change and have to look elsewhere again.  Thank you for your time!
4/27/2021 9:21:04	April 27, 2021	Executive Session	J. Freund	85740		I am not keen on setting aside time to participate in these meetings only to watch the commissioners exit to executive session.
4/27/2021 9:21:10	April 27, 2021	VIII	Vianca Rodriguez	85014	Austin Smith	Hi my name is Vianca Rodriguez Feliciano, I am Hispanic and I've lived in Arizona for 3 and a half years now. I work for a non profit organization and this is not political so a Bernie Sanders consulting firm should not be in charge of redrawing/redistricting Arizona's map as we cannot ensure that they will have no influence or particular bias for their party while doing this. We have seen this happen before in our country's history unfortunately and we should not allow this to happen ever again. We should be able and be capable of finding someone/a company that will remain as neutral as possible.
4/27/2021 9:21:10	April 27, 2021	Company for Redistricting mapping process	Vincent Moll	85737	Myself	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company as Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process. It should not even be considered!
4/27/2021 9:21:11	April 27, 2021	21	Madison McDonald	85014		I don't trust Haystaq to consult the redistricting commission in an unbiased manner. Arizona's future should not be in their hands.

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4/27/2021 9:21:12	April 27, 2021	Selecting mapping consultant	Dieter Knecht	86336	Self	<p>Thank you for your important work on the Commission and on making the Arizona redistricting open to the public.</p> <p>In the important step of choosing a consultant to assist with establishing the maps for redistricting Arizona legislative districts, please consider a consultant who has an established record of fair and impartial results in their previous work so that the Public can trust the integrity of the results.</p> <p>One of the candidate firms, NDC/Timmons appears from past redistricting proposals to have fallen far short of meeting this goal, as evidenced by many challenges and litigations in court. So far, they have only provided highly partisan maps elsewhere. We cannot afford such a waste of time and money in our Arizona redistricting efforts.</p> <p>Another candidate consultant, Taylor English, has had no statewide mapping experience that would be of use to the IRC. Their CEO, Earl Ehrhart is the former chair of the right-wing American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) with a history of providing willing State legislatures with proposed highly partisan right wing canned legislation for adaptation to their conservative causes.</p> <p>Therefore, please eliminate the candidates NDC/Timmons and Taylor English for consideration as Arizona Redistricting Commission consultants in the important task of defining new Legislative Districts in 2021. Please only consider candidates with an established record of fair and impartial redistricting maps that have withheld legal challenges.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:14	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company choice "Haystack"	Steven McEwen	85648	Chairman Santa Cruz Co. Republican Committee	<p>Steven R McEwen, Chairman Santa Cruz County Republican Committee, Rio Rico Santa Cruz Co. 4/27/2021</p> <p>I wish to address your consideration of the Haystack Mapping Co for your service in this year's Redistricting Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Haystack was used in 2011 redistricting and we feel that this is a conflict of interest.</li> <li>•Haystack mapping was responsible for proposal of obvious gerrymandering of Arizona in 2011</li> <li>•Haystack DNA, an associate, has been found to illegally involved harvesting data to influence elections from 2014 to 2020.</li> </ul> <p>For these reason, our committee feels another choice for mapping in the best interest of Santa Cruz County and the State of Arizona.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:15	April 27, 2021	REDISTRICIN G	KATHLEEN CLARK	86303	SELF	<p>DO NOT REDISTRRICT USING INFORMATION FROM LEFT LEANING COMPANIES ARIZONA HAS TO STAND UP FOR OUR COUNTRIES CONSTITUTION BE BRAVE FOR THE PEOPLE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:15	April 27, 2021	Do not use this consulting company to redistrict please thank you.	Lisa Bentley	85018	District 6	do not use this consultant for redistricting
4/27/2021 9:21:17	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Elizabeth Mccassalin	86001	Flagstaff az	Please reconsider a firm with no bias. This is crucial for our State.

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4/27/2021 9:21:19	April 27, 2021	VIII	James Richardson	85008		<p>I would like the IRC to reconsider data analytics firm Haystaq. This firm states right on their homepage "...changing the way candidates and committees talked with voters and helping the Sanders and Obama Campaigns make history."</p> <p>This statement does not instill public confidence that Haystaq is a firm free from political bias. At a time when our nation is more polarized than ever, considering a firm with the appearance of political bias does not set Arizona up for success over the next decade.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:21	April 27, 2021	NO to Haystaq. It's a biased company. Obama and Bernie Sanders should have nothing to do with redistricting.	Mary Pullin	86406	Myself	<p>We shouldn't use a biased company (Haystaq) for redistricting. It needs to be an independent source.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:24	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Eric Crump	85741	myself	<p>On Haystaq's web page they feature former democratic president Obama and current democratic senator Sanders. No other parties are represented on their web page. They are obviously not non-partisan. Please choose a more independent company to help ensure a fair process to all.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:25	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Diane Spence	85254		<p>NO to Haystaq. : It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:27	April 27, 2021	Hiring Haystaq	Christinebartsch@me.com	85044	Executive session?! Seriously?!	<p>The idea that you would go into executive session at this point is a total CYA move. It puts you all into question what your motives are...</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:30	April 27, 2021	Redistricting using Haystaq (Bernie and Obama bias)	Brianna Ridgley	85268	Myself and immediate family members	<p>Using such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process is grossly inappropriate. Haystaq is funded by Bernie and Obama at the national level. They should have absolutely zero say in what our maps should look like.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:33	April 27, 2021	Haystaq for redistricting	Alycia Robins	85331	Rancho Paloma Recinct LD1	<p>Respectfully urge you to not use Haystaq for the redistricting as it is proven unbiased</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:38	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Susan Hoopes	85340	N/A	<p>I'm asking for you to hire the National Demographics Corporation- Douglas Johnson for the redistricting mapping process. I do not have any confidence that Haystaq, a partisan Democratic Party-sponsored organization, will ensure fair and accurate remapping.</p>
4/27/2021 9:21:42	April 27, 2021	Opportunity for public comments	Cathy Dever	85207		<p>I am asking you not to select HaystaqDNA. I have grave concerns about the ability of HaystaqDNA to be objective due to their admitted dedication to democrat and progressive organizations and campaigns.</p>

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4/27/2021 9:21:43	April 27, 2021	Hiring a partisan company to do our redistricting	Terri Smith	85234	myself	I don't really care how well the company interviewed. Dishonest people are the smoothest and can lie to your face and make you feel good about it. Do not hire someone with such ties to the Democratic party for our redistricting. The company should have no political ties, or at least be bi-partisan. I would prefer no party ties, though. Don't be fooled by wolves in sheep's clothing.
4/27/2021 9:21:44	April 27, 2021	V legal counsel Briefings	Carol Getz	85283	self	It is imperative that the Independent Commission remain Independent. My understanding is that a Firm is being considered that is openly Biased and if hired, would result in a loss of credibility of the commission with the public.
4/27/2021 9:21:47	April 27, 2021	Hiring Obama and bernies company	Steven Jansma	85262		I feel it is highly inappropriate to hire Obama and Bernie's company. They're very biased company which is completely inappropriate for mapping and redistricting of this tight. We need a neutral non-political company for this purpose.
4/27/2021 9:21:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Adam Sopnnekklar	85260	myself	No Haystaq! Redistricting should be done by an unbiased company
4/27/2021 9:21:51	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	The company Hastag should not be considered due to past connections to the O' Bama and Bernie Sanders campaigns !	85378	Self	I oppose the data company Hastag being considered for the redistricting assignment because of their bias based on their affiliations to the O'bama and Bernie Sanders administrations
4/27/2021 9:21:51	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Julie Buell	85641	Myself	We need to use an unbiased company for redistricting. To use a company with such an obvious bias will do nothing for voter confidence. This is clearly an attempt to thwart fairness which can only be rectified by another company that is clearly unbiased.
4/27/2021 9:21:52	April 27, 2021	Hiring Haystaq	Magdalena Gradkowska	85083	No to hiring Haystaq	No to hiring Haystaq
4/27/2021 9:21:52	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	James Patterson	85382		I have grave concerns about the ability of HaystaqDNA to be objective due to their admitted dedication to democrat and progressive organizations and campaigns. I have lost all confidence in having any form of integrity and transparency in most parts of our political processes without political bias, we are far too polarized not just as a state but as a country. We need to return to working together without a political agenda to find common ground that is fair for all sides. Redistricting is too important to not having a neutral firm involved in this matter.
4/27/2021 9:21:53	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping Process	Lisa Floyd	85248	Arizona residents	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company Haystaq for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:21:53	April 27, 2021	III. Public comments re using Haystaq for AZ redistricting maps	Carole Lindly	85748	Myself as a registered Pima County voter	It is unquestionably inappropriate and unacceptable to use Haystaq, the company that is utilized and funded at a national level by democrats Obama and Sanders, for the redistricting mapping process in Arizona. The BIAS is blatant. As a registered voter in Pima County, I adamantly object.
4/27/2021 9:21:56	April 27, 2021	III	Richard Thompson	86303	Self	Please do not consider Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting. This company is highly biased and should not be selected to be involved in fair and nonpartisan remapping.

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4/27/2021 9:22:01	April 27, 2021	Haystaq hiring for redistricting Arizona	ilana wilensik	85118	Pinal County district 5	NO to hiring Haystaq. A company without bias should be hired to do the redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:22:02	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item 21	Whitney Reynolds	85254	Myself	I have lived in Arizona for most of my life and do NOT want Bernie Sander consultants manipulating our states political landscape!
4/27/2021 9:22:03	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Susan Matheson	85715	myself	<p>Dear AIRC Commissioners,</p> <p>[Note: I submitted this same comment via the website <a href="https://irc.az.gov/contact-us">https://irc.az.gov/contact-us</a> yesterday, April 26, but I was unsure which item to choose from the "Direct Email To" drop-down menu. Could you please include an item on this drop-down menu that clearly states "Comments for the Commissioners."]</p> <p>Thank you for the work you are doing for our state. Your job is a critical one.</p> <p>I'm concerned about the lack of successful experiences with redistricting that Timmons Group has. I understand that the Timmons Group itself has no experience at all with redistricting and that they would be working with Doug Johnson at National Demographics, but many district maps done by Johnson have failed preclearance by the US Justice Department (such as the 2001 map) or by other courts.</p> <p>This lack of successful experience is big red flag, and I strongly encourage you not to hire Timmons Group/National Demographics.</p> <p>Sincerely, Susan Matheson [REDACTED]</p>
4/27/2021 9:22:03	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Company	Matt Davidson	85737	Self	The company, HAYSTAQ, has deep political connections with the Democratic party and is therefore inappropriate for consideration for the political redistricting mapping activities. The people of Arizona have been subjected to significant bias related to election activities and we need to minimize the inherent bias within redistricting process as much as possible. Hiring a company with such a visible connection to a political party could lead to impressions of impropriety and there is certainly more than enough of that in the current environment. Thank you for your consideration!
4/27/2021 9:22:06	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant/options	Mary Ellen Morgan	85286	Self	I ask that you hire the National Demographics company to conduct fair and unbiased redistricting and do not use a potentially biased company for that purpose
4/27/2021 9:22:08	April 27, 2021	21	Courtney Sharp	85029		My name is Courtney Sharp and I live in North Phoenix, I moved here a few years ago to get away from the prominent political culture in Colorado. I was drawn to Arizona's natural beauty and easy going political culture, however, I have been disappointed by several actions taken in Arizona recently. I think that Bernie's consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps and I don't think they have Arizona's best interest in mind.
4/27/2021 9:22:08	April 27, 2021	Arizona redistricting	Janis Williams	85208	Myself & fairness to all Arizona voters	We can not allow a biased group to decide the boundaries of the Arizona redistricting!
4/27/2021 9:22:08	April 27, 2021	Redistricting using Haystaq	Zoe Blue	85142	Arizona residents	It would be wise to find a truly fair way to redistrict or keep them the same. I ask that anyone involved be fully known and subjected to a bipartisan process. The company you have selected is not such and should not be used. Please work to make the process equal and fair. I know you will choose to do the right thing for our state and choose more wisely. Thank you

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4/27/2021 9:22:11	April 27, 2021	Redidtricting by Haystaq	Nancy Sutton	86301	Well being of Az	To the AIRC, using Haystaq to redistrict Az is not in the best intetest of Arizonians. DO Not allow this biased company, into our State to redistrict. Have some due diligence in selecting a company without political bias and will have integrity in treating us fairly.
4/27/2021 9:22:12	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Lynn Beckelhymer	86303		I would vote now on Haystaq. They are a company from Obama and Bernie Sanders. They do not have Arizona's best interest at hand on the subject of redistricting Steve Gaynor has a group called fair maps which better supports the constituents of Arizona. I believe most Arizonans want our state red again and fair maps would be a part of doing that. Respectfully, Lynn Beckelhymer
4/27/2021 9:22:12	April 27, 2021	4	JOAN HARRIS	86005	Myself	All residents of the state of Arizona need to have total confidense in the redistricting process. This has not been the case under the previous redistricting lan. We need unbiased input to create a plan that will ensure reasonable districting taking into consideration both community of interest of residents and also geographical realities.
4/27/2021 9:22:16	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Brenda Jensen	85139	Self	Greetings, From examining the current maps it is clear to me that whoever did them should be eliminated from the running. They are terrible! - Splitting neighborhoods?! Winding around, not following the guidelines of sensible divisions etc.  I care more about sensible maps that follow the guidelines over a team with experience. These days those with experience are often those that are corrupted and biased.  Put the priority on those committed to following the guidelines and making fair and sensible maps - not biased partisan maps. I am so sick of making EVERYTHING either political or racist - just make the maps following the guidelines and keep politics out of it!  Thank you,
4/27/2021 9:22:16	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Joe Fiumara	86315		Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie data company. UNACCEPTABLE! BIASED!
4/27/2021 9:22:19	April 27, 2021	AIRC VITE	Carol Ormsby	85248	LD17	Vote no on Haystack. Unacceptable and biased.
4/27/2021 9:22:20	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Kathy Mahurin	85736		The company being considered to perform the redistricting is Haystaq, is an Obama and Bernie data company, which means incredible bias - the company should be removed from the consideration.
4/27/2021 9:22:20	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Thomas Reiner			Thanks for locking the public out.
4/27/2021 9:22:25	April 27, 2021	Districting mapping firm	Angela Stamm	85298	Myself	It is inappropriate to use a biased company, funded by Democrats at a national level, for the Redistricting mapping process. HaystaqDNA is exactly this. All contracts you are considering must be made available to the public immediately with easy access online.
4/27/2021 9:22:28	April 27, 2021	redistricting..	linzy Christie	85704	linzy christie	i feel it is inappropriate to use a biased company for the redistricting ...please refrain and find a better company..
4/27/2021 9:22:30	April 27, 2021	Haystaq -	Janie White	85253	I am an Arizona Voter	Do NOT HIRE Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting! Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie Sanders data company. It is extremely inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting! We have had enough cheating in Arizona! Do the right thing and publicly select an UNBIASED company for redistricting!

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4/27/2021 9:22:32	April 27, 2021	In reference to redistricting mapping it is absolutely inappropriate and unacceptable for Haystaq to even be considered to be involved. This is obviously a biased company from Obama and Bernie that just cannot be allowed to be involved. It is shameful that they would even be considered. I request that you please do not use Haystaq to do the redistricting mapping	James Moran	85048	Myself and the public	Please do the right thing!
4/27/2021 9:22:34	April 27, 2021	VIII Discussion & Public Actions for Mapping Consultants	Nancy Cottle	85207	Self	As an informed voter and citizen, please consider closely and choose well when selecting a mapping firm. Awarding a contract to the prior vendor sends red flags due to bias this company brings with respect to working for Democrat Party candidates on a national basis. Haystaq doesn't represent a fair, non-partisan approach to this important work. Thank you for this important work and all the time and effort each of you are devoting to this process.
4/27/2021 9:22:35	April 27, 2021	VIII - Mapping Consultant	Marlene Macek	86351	Myself	It is inappropriate to use a biased company for the redistricting mapping process. The company Haystaq is Obama and Bernie's data company, funded by them at the national level. This is biased. Take a look at their executive team. Clearly biased. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like.
4/27/2021 9:22:37	April 27, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Laurie Reiner	86303	myself	It is highly inappropriate to use such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process for Arizona. Haystaq DNA has been utilized by former Pres. Obama and Sen. Bernie Sanders. They are biased politicians. We need fairness and transparency.
4/27/2021 9:22:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Gregory Miller	85298	Myself	It is highly unacceptable to utilize Haystaq in this endeavor due to the principals of this firm are extremely partisan to the Democratic Party. Any results that Haystaq delivers will be slanted to the desires of the Democratic Party.



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4/27/2021 9:22:40	April 27, 2021	21	Brandon Uhalik	85282		<p>Hi my name is Brandon Uhalik, and I currently live in Tempe.</p> <p>I moved here from DC two years ago because it isn't a very political state. I love the beauty of the mountains here and just how warm and welcoming everyone is. Being an outdoors person, Arizona is such a beautiful place to be.</p> <p>I just don't think it is appropriate for Bernie's consulting group to redraw Arizona's map. The partisanship in that is very alarming and I fear they will manipulate the system</p>
4/27/2021 9:22:43	April 27, 2021	Haystaq being used for Arizona re-districting	David Dowdy	85306	An Arizona citizen for 52 years	Do not support haystaq for Arizona re-districting needs. They are just going to recommend unfair adjustments to benefit radical left democrats. Arizona can make a much better decision for this critically important process. We must do better
4/27/2021 9:22:46	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Aaryn Green	85018	Arizonans, Phoenicians	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should not be biased!!! Obama & Bernie should have NOTHING to do with AZ!
4/27/2021 9:22:46	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting	Paul Nordmark	85128	Pinal county	I do not want Hastaq as the company for redistricting, they are unacceptable and biased. No
4/27/2021 9:22:48	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant selection	Sue Unverricht	86314	myself	I've been alerted to Haystaq's connection to the Democratic party. When I look on their website, this appears an accurate concern. They highlight helping the Sanders and Obama campaign's making history. We need truly independent consultants to ensure fair redistricting maps which are broadly accepted and benefit all Arizonans.
4/27/2021 9:22:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting using Haystaq	Winifred Marie Moir	85364	Yuma Conservative Voter	It is very inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!
4/27/2021 9:22:50	April 27, 2021	Comment about hiring firms for drawing districts	Mark Beach	85050	Self	I wish to express my opposition to hiring Hastaq as the firm to be used in redistricting. It is inappropriate to hire such a clearly biased firm

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						<p>To honor the provisions of the Arizona Constitution that govern redistricting, the IRC must choose a mapping consultant that will fairly and equitably draw the required legislative districts, in compliance with state and federal law. A firm associated with Dr. Douglas Johnson is not that consultant.</p> <p>Numerous courts have rejected Dr. Johnson's mapping results. In a lengthy decision discussing submissions by experts from both sides on the issue of whether North Carolina's redistricting maps complied with state constitutional requirements, a three judge panel emphatically rejected Dr. Johnson's testimony in support of the maps drawn to advance partisan gerrymandering in that state. <i>Common Cause v. Lewis</i>, 834 S.E. 2d 425 (N. C. Sup. Ct. 2019) First, the Court noted that his testimony as an expert witness in four redistricting cases in other courts had been rejected in all four cases. <i>Id.</i> at . One case found his methodology "inappropriate;" <i>Garrett v. City of Highland</i>, 2016 WL 3693498, at * 2 ( Cal. Super. Apr. 6, 3016). Another, <i>Jauregui v. City of Palmdale</i>, 2013 WL 7018375, at 2 (Cal. Super. Dec. 23, 2013), found his work "unsuitable" and "troubling". The North Carolina Court joined those other courts "in rejecting Dr. Johnson's methodologies, analyses, and conclusions." <i>Common Cause v. Lewis</i>. Perhaps even more significantly, the Court struck Johnson's testimony that supported the gerrymandered maps and all related portions of his report about those maps when "it was uncovered on cross examination that Dr. Johnson made a series of significant errors." In fact, the North Carolina Court found that Johnson created maps that ignored state constitutional requirements.</p> <p>The IRC has a duty to Arizonans to take measures to avoid unnecessary delays and expense. It would be a violation of that duty to hire a mapping consultant whose credibility has been attacked in multiple cases and whose rejected work cost the taxpayers of those jurisdictions hundreds of thousands of dollars.</p> <p>Taylor English Decisions has no prior legislative mapping experience.</p> <p>Instead, the IRC must hire a mapping firm with a proven track record of competence and integrity in applying relevant election law to produce fair and lawful redistricting maps. This will provide Arizona voters with confidence in the redistricting process as well as timely results. And it will also save taxpayer funds by eliminating the need to correct rejected work. Haystaq DNA is such a firm and its predecessor firm provided excellent guidance to the IRC in the past.</p>
4/27/2021 9:22:51	April 27, 2021	Mapping firm	Suzanne King	85750	Self	
4/27/2021 9:22:57	April 27, 2021	4	Jacqueline Quinn	85201	Myself as a voter	<p>It is extremely uncomfortable for the voting public to accept that the redistricting firm, Haystaq, is even being considered for this important and decade looming redistricting. Haystaq is KNOWN to be affiliated w a very biased B Obama and B Sanders. Arizona is full of tough and informed citizens, many of whom are HERE because we are a conservative state and we need to be able to have transparency and trust again. Hiring Haystaq will only provide more distrust and disgust.</p>
4/27/2021 9:22:59	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Tom Hinski	85254	Tom Hinski	<p>Haystaq is biased and not independent. It does not provide proper checks and balances. Does not provide transparency</p>

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4/27/2021 9:22:59	April 27, 2021	VIII	William Brown	85028	Self	<p>I understand you are considering HaystaqDNA as a partner for the mapping process and that upsets me. I am a lifelong Republican but I place a high value on the independent nature of the redistricting process. It is an avowedly Democratic company, started by former Obama campaigners and the co-founder specifically said that they would <u>never</u> have shared data with the Trump campaign. That's fine, that's their prerogative for sure. However, that doesn't mean they should be used in an independent process.</p> <p>It is entirely possible that they could be objective and even recommend a map that goes against their political interest. I would be skeptical since their biases and preferences could manifest in subtle ways, especially if such mapping is done algorithmically in a proprietary manner. At the very least, you should consider their background as a significant hurdle in the selection process.</p> <p>If they are chosen, I want transparency as to why they were selected over their competitors and I would suggest abundant transparency throughout their actual work. The entire point of having an Independent Redistricting Commission is to have an outcome that is a result of compromise and favors no party.</p>
4/27/2021 9:23:03	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Ka'rin Royster	85255	Myself and my immediate Christian community	It is imperative that we have COMPLETELY unbiased handlers of this very important information and decision. The people of AZ deserve to know and have confidence in knowing that our voices are heard. Many of us have lived here for many decades. And over this time have watched the powers that be discount our feelings and desires.
4/27/2021 9:23:06	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Susan Cooper	85140	The AZ Free Enterprise Club	Haystak the company being considered to do redistricting for our state is bias and not an appropriate or an acceptable company to use for such An important commission. Please use an unbiased independent company.
4/27/2021 9:23:08	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping company	Bryan Platt	85730	self	Commissioners: I opposed to the choice of HaystaqDNA as AIRC mapping company. I understand that this is a complicated process, but even a cursory examination of their website tells me that Haystaq's clientele tend to be biased toward liberals. I would ask that the commissioners look at either Taylor or Timmons as the more unbiased choices.
4/27/2021 9:23:14	April 27, 2021	HaystakDNA	Richard Martin	85138	Myself	HaystakDNA is not a reputable firm for remapping Arizona districts
4/27/2021 9:23:18	April 27, 2021	Map Redistricting	MARGARET WILLIAMS	85331		I oppose hiring HAYSTAQ FOR MAP REDISTRICKING.
4/27/2021 9:23:21	April 27, 2021	Mapping	Brenda McGill	85123	Self	I feel it is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:23:22	April 27, 2021	Haystaq - potentially hiring for redistricting	Lisa Kelley	85086-1603	myself - we the people	It would be inappropriate it is to use such a biased company as Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:23:23	April 27, 2021	Please do not choose Haystaq. It is a ultra biased company for our redistricting for Arizona	Hoang Quan	85643	Myself	Please do not choose Haystaq. It is a ultra biased company for our redistricting for Arizona.

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4/27/2021 9:23:23	April 27, 2021	III	Linda Thompson	86303	Self	Please do not consider Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting. This company is highly biased and should not be selected to be involved in fair and nonpartisan remapping.
4/27/2021 9:23:23	April 27, 2021	IRC comments	David Hanke	86351		Please vote NO on the planned redistr buting software company as it is extremely biased. You need a neutral provider!
4/27/2021 9:23:29	April 27, 2021	Firms under consideration	Susan Whittemore	85710	myself	The hiring of Haystaq would be disastrous to a nonpartisan process. The past actions of its principals would be the best predictor of its future actions. If you wish to continue to hoax the public and Arizona citizens in general, then by all means hire that firm. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and view the meeting. Haystaq is nationally funded. Another strike against this firm. PLEASE STRIVE TO THE TITLE YOU HAVE: "INDEPENDENT."
4/27/2021 9:23:29	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Nancy Ordowski	85268		I am a longtime resident of Arizona. I have witnessed/experienced 3 Redistricting schedules in AZ. It is inappropriate and it is not acceptable to hire HAYSTAQ as the mapping company to represent AZ in our Redistricting process.
4/27/2021 9:23:29	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Sonya Mooney	85719	self	It is inappropriate, at best, to hire Haystaq as our mapping consultant. This company, with influence coming directly from Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama, is undoubtedly heavily partisan. They, and their minions, should have NO influence in our redistricting. The process of redistricting MUST remain as fair, impartial, bipartisan as is humanly possible, and even the hint of their (Democratic) involvement/funding throws ALL your work into question. Please don't let doubt be cast on your efforts. This will influence our democratic process for at least the next 10 years.
4/27/2021 9:23:30	April 27, 2021	Redistrict	Shannon	85383	Myself	How many of the people who are pushing the redistricting are from Arizona? How many of you are NATIVE Arizonans? How long have any of you lived in our state? I vote NO to redistrict Arizona or the of use companies such as Haystaque to do the redistricting. Haystaque has very obvious bias and questionable ties to governmental officials. It would not be equitable to the state of Arizona to have ANY COMPANY with any ties to any political party making this decision. I would also like to know which party or group is pushing this decision to redistrict? I am confident if it were a partisan right, center right or center Democratic group the people pushing this idea would not be comfortable with it. I vote NO to any of this. Arizona was doing fine, will do fine and does not need anything from people who have ZERO stake in this state and want their political agenda pushed on the citizens of this state. My questions to the board are not rhetorical and I would like a response. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:23:44	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Douglas J. Cover	86305	myself	It is inappropriate to use Haystaq, a politically biased company, for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 9:23:46	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Michelle Rugloski	85050	myself a registered voter in Maricopa County	The Redistricting mapping process needs to be represented by each party not done by HaystaqDNA, a biased company who is funded by the Democrats. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 9:23:48	April 27, 2021	Please do not choose Haystaq DNA as the mapping firm to do the redistricting. This should be done by a firm that has no history of bias. It is time to do what is best for all Arizona.	Jane Evans	85541	Member at Large from CD4	We need parties to come together and do what is fair for everyone.
4/27/2021 9:23:55	April 27, 2021	Hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections	Catherine Emerson	85297	Myself and my family	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:23:56	April 27, 2021	Redistricting AZ maps	Suzanne Weber	85255	Republican	Stop this biased company who has no business redistricting in AZ
4/27/2021 9:24:07	April 27, 2021	No on Haystaq in redistricting	Julie McIlwain	85339	Myself	We do not want a biased company like Haystaq involved in redistricting here in Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:24:14	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Michelle Dillard	85209	Self	The redistricting process should be completely impartial and not have even a hint of an appearance of impropriety. Therefore, HaystaqDNA should be excluded from consideration as mapping consultant. This company is the same company, run by the same individuals, formerly known as Strategic Telemetry which identified their purpose as working solely for Democrat candidates and progressive organizations. The public will have no faith or confidence that the redistricting is unbiased if HaystaqDNA is involved as a mapping consultant.
4/27/2021 9:24:18	April 27, 2021	Firm hired to manage map creation for redistricting	Barbara Gannon	85338	myself	No want to HIGHLY ask that you DO NOT hire Haystaq to to manage map creation for redistricting
4/27/2021 9:24:26	April 27, 2021	Mapping Firm Selection	Wendy Wayne	85212-8611	my self as concerned citizen	The purpose of this commission is to provide an independent redistricting map for the state. Selection of an independent mapping provider is imperative. Although the public was not able to participate in the interviews of the firms selected, it is important for the commission to vet the candidates to insure the selected firm is totally independent of any outside political influence. Since Haystaq is a firm associated with the Obama and Sanders campaigns, it does not appear it can be totally independent. I respectfully request that Haystaq be removed from consideration.

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4/27/2021 9:24:29	April 27, 2021	Public comment	JohnEmery	85614	Myself, a registered voter in Arizona	I urge the commission not to select Haystaq for mapping because of their close ties to the Democrat Party.
4/27/2021 9:24:31	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Joseph Basrawi	85283		Hi my name is Joe Basrawi and I've lived in Arizona for just under 2 years. This is not political so a Bernie sanders consulting firm should not be in charge of this
4/27/2021 9:24:40	April 27, 2021	Arizona tax payer	Lily Standley	85046	Tax paying Arizonans	There's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system.
4/27/2021 9:24:42	April 27, 2021	Map Creation	Nancy Hawkins	85194	myself	Do not consider Haystaq to manage map creation as they are biased. It is important that we have a firm that follows the 6 requirements required by the constitution and is unbiased.
4/27/2021 9:24:45	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Dena Burnside	85718	Self	Do not use Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting! HaystaqDNA is formerly Strategic Telemetry, and is run by the same people. They are straight up Democrat operatives as Obama and Bernie Sander's data company. We will not be able to have any faith or trust in the redistricting if HaystaqDNA is the mapping consultant used.

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4/27/2021 9:24:47	April 27, 2021	I am respectfully against hiring a biased company, Haystag, for the redistricting process for Arizona. Each time there have been redistricting, the AIRC have drawn maps that did not follow the Arizona Constitution and purposefully favored a specific group. I have no confidence in the Haystaq company to manage map creation for redistricting Arizona, as they are funded by left-wing pundits at the national level. As an Arizona voter, I request, and our state should demand, a company which is non-biased and not funded by people with a definite agenda.	Nancy Staples	86314		Please research and find a non-partisan company for redistricting our state. I am voting "NO" for Haystaq as that is an inappropriate choice due to their biase.
4/27/2021 9:24:48	April 27, 2021	Mapping & Redistricting- No Haystaq!	Jamey Gallion	85234		It alarms me that a politically funded organization is being considered to map and redistrict our state. Do not consider haystacq As that would be biased. Funded by Democratic associations and endorsed by Obama and Bernie sanders. Save Arizona!

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4/27/2021 9:24:52	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Erin Fischer	85018	Private citizen	I have grave concerns about the IRC utilizing HAYSTAQ in the redistricting of the state of Arizona. I feeling it is highly inappropriate and ill-advised to employ HAYSTAQ, a company which is financed at the national level by Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama, known socialists who have no business influencing the redistricting mapping process here in Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:24:53	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping process	Philip Kortesis	85745		Due to the obvious bias and Conflict of Interest, any firm being funded by the Obama, Sanders or equivalent administrations must not be considered.
4/27/2021 9:24:57	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping in Arizona	Brenda Pineda	85234		It is my understanding the company Haystaq is being considered for the remapping process. I find the company Haystaq to be inappropriate as they are biased. The committee should find a neutral company to complete this task! We don't need bias to interfere with this process!
4/27/2021 9:24:58	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Lynn Beckelhymer	86303		Meant to say no on Haystaq not now
4/27/2021 9:25:01	April 27, 2021	Map Redistricting Company	Cora Dulas			I request that you would not use Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting. This is a biased company with funding that comes at a national level from Bernie Sanders and Obama.
4/27/2021 9:25:02	April 27, 2021	Choosing of a mapping consultant	Jerry Pauley	85132		It's inappropriate to hire such a biased company to redraw the districts. Please do not consider HaystaQ as one such company.
4/27/2021 9:25:02	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Joyce Mechtly	86046	MYSELF AND MANY OTHER PATRIOTS	DO NOT SELECT A COMPANY WHO HAS WORKED FOR AND SUPPORTED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION! I AM CONSIDERING GOING WITH ANOTHER PARTY IF THIS IS WHAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS COME TO!
4/27/2021 9:25:03	April 27, 2021	CHOICE OF MAPPING CONSULTANT	ANNE WARD	85718	SELF	<p>I thank the IRC for all its work to this point, and for the work to come. The IRC is making a choice of three mapping consultants. As many commenters have noted, one of those consultants, NDC which is the consultant affiliated with Timmons Group, has a history of failed map making, drawing maps that did not comply with state and federal constitutional requirements. Those failures cost the taxpayers of the relevant political jurisdictions tens of thousands of dollars, payment for failed work. For these reasons, Timmons Group/NDC should be ruled out of consideration.</p> <p>The second candidate, Taylor English has no redistricting mapping experience. We do not need to be their experimental first try.</p> <p>The third, Haystaq DNA, worked for the previous IRC to draw redistricting maps that passed legal reviews. Haystaq has proven that it knows how to comply with the mandates of the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions, and with the difficulties of drawing maps in a state with huge differences between densely packed urban areas and remote rural ones.</p> <p>The IRC will no doubt receive comments today that say this consultant must be politically biased because it contracted with two political campaigns to perform analytical services. This prior work does not demonstrate bias; it shows that the company knows how to fulfill a contract. I urge the IRC to allow them a chance to prove to Arizona voters that they will perform contracted services for the state and allow them to produced fair and legal redistricting maps.</p>
4/27/2021 9:25:06	April 27, 2021	IRC-redistricting	Kim Schofield	85331		Please, no Haystaq



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4/27/2021 9:25:07	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Roger Owers	85269	Self	Haystaq's website shows photos of Bernie Sanders & Barack Obama. It is highly inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama or companies furthering their interests should have no say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.
4/27/2021 9:25:13	April 27, 2021	rezoning	Bethany Gunter	85021		It is extremely inappropriate to use Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's biased data company, for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like!!!
4/27/2021 9:25:21	April 27, 2021	Using such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process is grossly inappropriate. Haystaq is funded by Bernie and Obama at the national level. They should have absolutely zero say in what our maps should look like.	Kim Ritvoy 480	85268		Don't allow this to happen.
4/27/2021 9:25:21	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Kristi Bencomo	85326	myself	I am concerned about hiring Haystaq as the mapping consultant for redistricting company. I would prefer a company based in Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:25:33	April 27, 2021	hiring for redistricting	Gloria Dorsey	85248	myself	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director! That's my thoughts!!
4/27/2021 9:25:36	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Donald Rodenkirk	86338	213 Skull	I am strongly against hiring or using Haystack in any part of the redistricting process as they are extremely biased and tainted with a documented agenda.
4/27/2021 9:25:36	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Chelsey Yeats	85083	The concerned public	No on Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased. Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie Sander's data company. Please find another company that will not serve one party over another.

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4/27/2021 9:25:37	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Brad Cowan	85746	Myself	Do not consider HaystaqDNA as the mapping consultant. Just a quick look at this company's website make it completely obvious that it should not be involved in any way with any redistricting. Even considering this company calls into question the integrity and independent status of this commission.
4/27/2021 9:25:42	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company	Maya Aragon	85345		Greetings,  I hope you are doing well today. I am contacting you today because I wanted to say that I am opposed to the hiring of a partisan company to do the mapping of our state. I am specifically opposed to the hiring of Haystaq because I think this company has partisan conflicts of interest. The re-districting of our state should not be partisan whatsoever. It is the right of Arizonans to live in a state which has been fairly mapped. The mapping of our state should not benefit one party over the other, and the districts should comply with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. Again, as an Arizonan, I ask you to NOT hire a company with partisan conflicts of interest. Thank you for your time.
4/27/2021 9:25:43	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq	Catherine Delaney	86326	Republican Committeeman , Yavapai County	Haystaq is a company of Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama. As such it is entirely INAPPROPRIATE and BIASED re. redistricting. Democrats have publicly stated they want a revolution and they will seize power "by any means necessary". Take them at their word! NO to Haystaq!
4/27/2021 9:25:45	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Tom Janikis	85258		Please keep Haystaq out of Arizona!
4/27/2021 9:25:46	April 27, 2021	Choosing of a Mapping Consultant	Constance Pauley	85132		Haystaq is a biased company. It should not be considered for use in redistricting Arizona. We must not use a biased company must stay neutral.
4/27/2021 9:25:50	April 27, 2021	Hiring firm to manage map creation	T Blanton	86351	self	I am concerned that the Commission may hire Haystaq to create map for redistricting for AZ. I researched this Company and see that it receives most of its revenue from L beral / progressive entities and am very concerned it may not be able to provide a objective analysis. The job of the Commission is to find an independent source for redistricting mapping process, I do not believe Haystaq is the proper company to perform this task.
4/27/2021 9:25:51	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Robin Snyder	85253	Citizen	Obama and Bernie Sanders should have no input on the redistricting that is going in on in our state! No one who is from out of state, should be influencing or directing any sort of this process of redistricting in our state!
4/27/2021 9:25:51	April 27, 2021	Hiring of Haystaq	Sharon Zipperman	86305-2285	Granite Mountain Republican Women	Hiring a Haystaq, a biased company, for the AZ redistricting mapping process is an affront to every Arizona citizen! Haystaq is funded by the Democratic party at the national level. How can that be fair to ANY citizen? Using truly independent mapping companies is critical to ensure broad public support of this commission's efforts and to ensure truly fair maps are drawn that benefit all Arizonans.
4/27/2021 9:25:53	April 27, 2021	Redistricting.	Judith Hoagland	85742	Myself.	I believe the company selected to assist with the redistricting should be non-partisan. No strong ties to either party allowed. Is this possible???
4/27/2021 9:25:54	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Kyveli Graziano	85739	Myself	We need an unbiased unaffiliated company to handle redoistricting. Not Haystaq which has history of partisanship.
4/27/2021 9:25:55	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Kelly Tompkins	85262		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.
4/27/2021 9:26:00	April 27, 2021	Redistributing for AZ	Donna Liebel	86305	Republicans for Arizona	It is extremely inappropriate to even consider using such a biased company such as Haystaq for the redistricting of AZ. This is known to be funded by Bernie and Obama and they should have NOTHING to do or say about AZ redistricting. It is CRITICAL that AZ us an INDEPENDENT MAPPING COMPANY.

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4/27/2021 9:26:00	April 27, 2021	AIRC selection of Data company too biased	Rosalie Lines	85365	Self	Finding balanced representation and trust in using such a biased data company will be like finding a needle in a HAYSTAQ. They are certain to gerrymander in a biased manner.
4/27/2021 9:26:09	April 27, 2021	To utilize any organization to perform your responsibility of redistricting that is affiliated with a political party negates the independent approach that should be maintained above all else. Trust has nothing to do with this. Perhaps you are not absorbing the anger of the people with your self-assured attitude toward your approach. Hiding in an executive session will not enhance your credibility	Mike Wiegand	85718-6210	Concerned Voter	To utilize any organization to perform your responsibility of redistricting that is affiliated with a political party negates the independent approach that should be maintained above all else. Trust has nothing to do with this. Perhaps you are not absorbing the anger of the people with your self-assured attitude toward your approach. Hiding in an executive session will not enhance your credibility
4/27/2021 9:26:12	April 27, 2021	Agenda item 4 - map creation	Jean Ferguson	86004		I am concerned that you are considering the company Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting. Haystaq has close ties with Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders and this company should not have any say in Arizona's redistricting. It cannot possibly be unbiased given its association with the far left segment of this country.
4/27/2021 9:26:16	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Thérèse Obagi	85381	Peoria	Please do not use Haystaq for the remapping process. I've been in places where things were remapped in such a way as to benefit a political party regardless of the actual wishes of the people living in the state. We need a truly unbiased group, which may be hard to find. But we should look for something that is not so clearly tied to the Democratic Party. Couldn't an Arizona company be used?
4/27/2021 9:26:22	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Firm	Anna Thompson	30656	America	In order to prevent a partial result, I would like to request that you establish bipartisan approval of a firm and choose an unbiased firm without political ties before accepting a specific firm. Requesting trust in the process while also hiding aspects of the process from the public is contradictory and does not inspire confidence.



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4/27/2021 9:26:58	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Virginia Renteria	86406	Redistricting should NOT be done a biased company No one outside of AZ should be involved in redistricting within Arizona.	NO outside firm should be involved in redistricting of Arizona!
4/27/2021 9:26:59	April 27, 2021	Public comment	Stephen Kridler	85120	Self	It has come to my attention that one of the vendors being considered to contribute to the redistricting process is a group called Haystaq. It's been suggested that they have a connection to the group that was a part of the previous redistricting process. The previous process created districts encompassing multiple counties, such as LD16 (Maricopa and Pinal), and dividing cities, such as Yuma for the Congressional District. If Haystaq is connected to the other organization, then I think it would be prudent to look at another group to work on the redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:27:04	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant Firm Selection	Charles Duff	85018	myself	I am very concerned about your selection of a consulting firm to assist in mapping the new districts. There is one firm, Haystaq, which is associated with Democrat individuals. The redistricting is intended to be a bi-partisan process but the use of a Democrat-based mapping firm undermines that bipartisan approach. I strongly urge you to reject Haystaq.
4/27/2021 9:27:06	April 27, 2021	Selection of Redistricting Mapping Firm	Cindy Farmer	86322	Self	I strongly encourage the Commission NOT to select the Haystaq Mapping Firm to handle the remapping of our districts here in Arizona. This firm has close connections to the Democrat Party and is therefore much more likely to reflect bias in their work. Arizona's voters deserve to have a completely unbiased, fair, impartial group handling this very important work. Thank you!
4/27/2021 9:27:06	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Justin Hockemeyer	85042	Self	I would like to publicly voice my concern about selection of any mapping consultant directly paid/funded by (presently or previously) any political candidate/or administration. It is my understanding that at least one potential partner has had direct ties to the Obama administration which would cause me to question their ability to complete their efforts in an unbiased manner. Please do your part to heavily weight partners with the least political alignments.
4/27/2021 9:27:11	April 27, 2021	AIRC Hiring practice for redistricting	Kyle Betz	85375	Self and family	Redistricting are the lines that will be used for the next decade for our Congressional and Legislative Districts. Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie data company. UNACCEPTABLE! BIASED!
4/27/2021 9:27:12	April 27, 2021	Concern with redistricting company being used.	Ron Wyckmans	85023	My family and local community	It is very inappropriate to use a biased company outside of Arizona for the redistricting mapping process. This should be a fair process, not politically motivated.
4/27/2021 9:27:13	April 27, 2021	Hiring a nonpartisan data company	Gini Crawford	85658	Gini Crawford	Please DO NOT hire Haystaq - to draw the lines to redistrict our state. Haystaq is a partisan statistical data company that Obama and Sanders used. Ten years ago, the AIRC hired Strategic Telemetry, Obama's data company at that time. The lines were drawn in favor of the Democrats. I am not asking that this time you favor the Republicans and find a Republican company, but that you use a company that is apolitical. With how divided the country and state is now, it would be a wise move to stay as nonpartisan as possible. Anyway, it's your job to be nonpartisan. Thank you! Haystaq website: Haystaqdna.com

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4/27/2021 9:27:30	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting	Leonard Westerhausen	85212		I have grave concerns about the ability of HaystaqDNA to be objective due to their admitted dedication to democrat and progressive organizations and campaigns. HaystaqDNA is formerly Strategic Telemetry, and is run by the same people that helped propel Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders' election campaigns.
4/27/2021 9:27:32	April 27, 2021	Tax paying Arizonian	Olivia Raiff	85283	Me and Arizona	There's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system.
4/27/2021 9:27:36	April 27, 2021	Item VIII A. Scoring and Evaluation of Mapping Consultants Applicants	John Courtis	86327	self	First, thank you for your service on this panel. Second, as the Arizona INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission, you simply must eliminate Haystaq for consideration. This organization cannot be trusted as independent as their very close ties to Barack Obama and Barry Sanders puts them far-left, arguably progressive, and should not be chosen for this very important task Arizonans must live with for the next decade. It is my hope that you choose a truly independent firm to map out our districts for fair representation. THANK YOU!
4/27/2021 9:27:39	April 27, 2021	redistricting	Brian Templet	85715	Myself	We cannot have districts drawn that appear manipulated to not include mixed populations including Latinos and African Americans. Doug Johnson has already admitted to incorrect testimony and was found to attempt to deny Latinos fair voting rights. He should not be part of this process.
4/27/2021 9:27:39	April 27, 2021	Item 5 - Executive Session	Kim Bourdeau	85254	myself	It would be better for you to keep this conversation with the attorneys public. It looks like you are hiding information. Knowing what the attorneys recommend is key to transparency. Hopefully you would not be making decisions based on a first meeting and you could always have a follow-up meeting with the attorney's after the public learns the legal issues along with you. Very disappointed in this decision.
4/27/2021 9:27:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Karen Vorhies	86303	Sef	This was a futile attempt at getting information. What a waste of my time in trying to stay informed.
4/27/2021 9:27:53	April 27, 2021	Elections 2020 Audit	Priscilla Brewer	85541	Myself as Az Resident	It is extremely important to reject the HaystackDNA audit group due a conflict of interest in this audit .We need to keep the Cyber Ninjas because they are an impartial investigation resource to the case .The people of Arizona and Latino minority like me deserve to know the true of all the events on the past election 2020.If We want to maintain a transparency and integrity election We need to avoid any connections with the current administration is under review under the audit . We need to preserve and defend our democracy in full any political group intervention . Thank you for everything Priscilla B.
4/27/2021 9:28:03	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Doug Bennett	85262		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.
4/27/2021 9:28:11	April 27, 2021	Redistricting -	Francine Romesburg	85302	Grassroots Tea Party Activists of Arizona	Redistricting only caters to the liberal left Democrats. It has always been a bad idea and more so even now in these tumultuous times. Especially when selecting representatives to do the mapping. These organizations being proposed are left wing coming from the Biden and Obama Administration and Bernie Sanders group. This will be so left leaning, the Republican party will not have a fair chance in having true conservative voters represent them in elections for all races here in Arizona. This will add to the already rampant election fraud that has gone on in Arizona for years and currently. We must stop this overthrow of our Government founded by our Founding Fathers who created our US Constitution.

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4/27/2021 9:28:11	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Franco Malanga	85013	Self	It's absolutely inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:28:16	April 27, 2021	inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what Arizona	Phil Guinouard	85225	myself	na
4/27/2021 9:28:20	April 27, 2021	Re-districting	Jamie She burne	85935	Myself	Do not hire Haystaq to administer the Redistricting. They are very partisan and will not represent the people of Arizona honestly.
4/27/2021 9:28:24	April 27, 2021	NO Haystaq!	Redistricting should be unbiased... COMPLETELY UNBIASED!	86351	self	NO HAYSTAQ... it needs to be FAIR and UNBIASED!!!
4/27/2021 9:28:39	April 27, 2021	VIII	Brandon Perlow	85259		<p>As mentioned in this morning's meeting, yes, it is true that there is no perfect mapping consultant. However, I strongly urge the Independent Redistricting Commission to reject NDC and Timmons Group for several important reasons.</p> <p>First and foremost, NDC was selected as mapping consultant for the 2001 Arizona IRC, and their first two maps approved were thrown out due to unconstitutionality. Selecting a consultant with this terrible track record would by nature erode public trust in the integrity of the IRC.</p> <p>Further, it is clear that NDC, Timmons Group, and Doug Johnson have not learned from these mistakes. Most recently, in 2019 the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) settled a civil rights lawsuit which claimed that the district's at-large election map "dilutes the voting strength of Latino and African American citizens." NDC cost the district over \$650,000 to produce this map, and their map was l kely in violation of both the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and Section 2 of the US Voting Rights Act. Ultimately the court ruled against NDC, wasting valuable time and taxpayer funds.</p> <p>Also in 2019, North Carolina's landmark gerrymandering case Common Cause v Lewis resulted in a three-judge panel tossing out Doug Johnson's testimony in defense of North Carolina's gerrymandered map. Perhaps most egregious, Doug Johnson later admitted his own testimony was incorrect.</p> <p>In sum, there is no conscionable way the IRC can select NDC as mapping consultant. NDC has a failed history of unconstitutionality here in Arizona, and they have much more recent history of discriminatory mapmaking across the US. I urge the IRC to remain independent, continue to work for the public's trust, and reject NDC and Timmons Group from consideration. Thank you.</p>
4/27/2021 9:28:39	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jen Casey	85118	No to Haystaq	We need fair, unbiased representation in our state Redistricting

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4/27/2021 9:28:40	April 27, 2021	Tell the AIRC NO to Haystaq	Tammy Bose	85745	Pima County Republican Women's Club	Please do not allow Haystaq to participate in the audit of our elections. This is a conflict of interest because they have connections to Democrat such as Obama and Bernie Sanders. Please choose an UNBIASED company so we have a OPEN and FAIR review by a company that will not favor the desires of EITHER party, but will only have the best interests of all Arizonans as their only goal.
4/27/2021 9:28:55	April 27, 2021	publicmeeting s.az. gov/content/n otice-and-agenda-regular meeting-and - executive-session-7	Vickie Parks	86004	self	I cannot believe Arizona would hire a very biased, one-sided company to assist with the Arizona redistricting mapping process, such as Haystaq. I vehemently oppose Haystaq to be selected for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. We need an independent source to be fair and sensible company to form a map in an appropriate way for legislators to serve their district efficiently and effectively.
4/27/2021 9:29:02	April 27, 2021	Hayshaq	Christine Emery	85614	myself	Do Not use Haystaq for the redistricting mapping process. Haystaq is pretty much the same company used the last time, which totally messed up Arizona.. They did a terrible job redistricting Arizona and ignored Arizona's needs and desires. They are partisan and that showed up in the last redistricting. They did not take into consideration like communities of interest, etc. and carved out unbalanced legislative districts. I live in one of these districts and went from have a voice in electing our representatives to having no voice what so ever. We have zero representation now. We were placed with other areas we have nothing in common with and this has hurt our community. Our community pays the most taxes but have no voice, taxation without representation. Haystaq is a partisan and bias, that definitely showed up in the last redistricting and I'm sure they will continue to make it worse if hired. They do not represent Arizona, they represent Washington D.C. big money politics. Do not hire Haystaq.
4/27/2021 9:29:07	April 27, 2021	Selecting a company to draw the lines	Linda Gray	86305	Self	I totally object to a company called Haystaq as it is a partisan company set up by Obama and Bernie. The last IRC choose a company that made sure Democrats were in smaller districts and Republicans in larger districts making campaigning and costs more expensive for Republicans. They violated many of the objectives set up in the initiative that is now the law. EX: communities of interest.
4/27/2021 9:29:07	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Haystaq.	Sheila wickert	85304	Precinct pioneer	If Obama and Bernie fund this group at a National level. There should be no input from Haystaq.
4/27/2021 9:29:16	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping process	Alicia Romero	85345	The public	I think inappropriate and irresponsible to use a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. This process is done once ever 10 years and should be done with integrity for the people. How can we trust a company with such a large responsibility that is funded by a political party?!?!?
4/27/2021 9:29:18	April 27, 2021	VIII	Carrie Silvers	85641	myself and family in Pima County, AZ	Redistricting companies MUST to be vetted for who funds them, and their past history of redistricting, including political agendas. DO NOT vote yes for Haystaq company. Haystaq cannot be trusted to be unbiased, and MUST to work for the residents of Arizona best interests. See below: Facebook post: Haystaq, Washington D. C. 111 likes · 1 was here. We pioneered the predictive analytics that helped the Obama campaign make history.



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4/27/2021 9:29:26	April 27, 2021	VIII	Lyle Aldridge	85748	Myself	I object to any effort to choose HaystaqDNA as mapping consultant, or otherwise to employ that firm in the redistricting effort. Personnel from that firm have extreme partisan histories favoring the Democrat party, and cannot realistically be perceived as non-partisan.FEC records show their CEO has consistently contributed only to Democrat causes and campaigns throughout recent history. Their website firm profile stresses the assistance they have given to Democrat candidates in the past. Their services in the last redistricting produced district boundaries have favored their chosen party. Among other things, that redistricting produced a hugely non-competitive district #3, and a district #2 that has essentially nullified the votes of electors in outlying counties included with in it. Using their services again will just further undermine public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process.
4/27/2021 9:29:32	April 27, 2021	AIRC choosing a mapping company for redistricting	Nancy Dombrowski	85044	myself	I am requesting you NOT choose Haystaq for the Mapping Company. They have ties with Obama and Bernie Sanders and will NOT be unbiased!!! Very bad idea!!!
4/27/2021 9:29:35	April 27, 2021	VIII A Discussion and Possible Action on Options for Mapping Consultant	Mary Grace Werner	85622	Myself, an Arizona resident and tax payer.	In my opinion, it is inappropriate to use the company, Haystaq, to manage map creation for redistricting. This company is Obama and Bernie Sanders data company and I do not believe they will act in the best interests of the state of Arizona. They are political biased and this company is funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:29:41	April 27, 2021	2021 - Redistricting	Alex Olson	85283	Taxpayer - Non Partisan Issue	Gerrymandering - "the process of establishing an unfair political advantage for a particular party." Gerrymandering is a huge partisan issue that plagues our political system. Each party uses and abuses the system. Arizona has done their due diligence to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission. Giving any influence to an outside partisan group will destroy the cautious balance that the state has attempted to achieve. Say no to outside influence!
4/27/2021 9:30:25	April 27, 2021	voting on redistricting	Lynda Malloy	86327	Yavapai county	NO to Haystaq, redistricting should be unbiased. Please vote NO.
4/27/2021 9:30:28	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consulting	Jonah Bodmer	85282	Myself	Howdy!  I moved to Arizona from Northern Los Angeles to get away from massive government overreach and I don't want this to change as I would have to look elsewhere for a third home.  I enjoy baseball, camping, and motorcycles and enjoy how relaxed and beautiful this state is. I hope that doesn't change anytime soon!  Thank you for your time!
4/27/2021 9:30:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Deana Puccinelli	85715	Voter in Plma County AZ	Do not hire Haystaq, a liberal data company.
4/27/2021 9:30:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Timothy	86413	Myself a taxpayer	It is inappropriate to have such a biased company, these people are being funded at a national rather than a local level. I object to the hiring of this company to redistricting in the State of Arizona. Tim Magill
4/27/2021 9:30:59	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Paul Bourgeois	85207		I want a fair and impartial organization managing redistrictng. I want National Demographics Corp.

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4/27/2021 9:31:03	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	David Ludwig	85021	Myself	Please consider a vendor OTHER THAN Haystaq as their affiliations and reputation of having an agenda OTHER than the stated service they purport to provide would put an absolutely unnecessary tarnish, to say the least, on the very outset of this process.
4/27/2021 9:31:07	April 27, 2021	Choosing a firm to create redistricting maps.	Dale Casey	86336		It has been brought to my attention that the AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company, to manage map creation for redistricting. It is critically important that redistricting must be independent of influences from either Party. Therefore, I strongly request that Haystaq be removed from the list of possible firms that would be creating the redistricting maps.
4/27/2021 9:31:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Map	Weldon Gates	85742		I oppose using the company Haystaq for Arizona redistricting. I am against using a company that posts/brags on its website that it "...helped the Obama campaign make history ....by applying big data to create big opportunities..." It's my understanding that Haystaq has funding ties to both Obama and Sanders. Do you have a "team Trump" or a "team Bush" company? No company should be used that has a tie to 1 political party. Using Haystq is a way to further erode what little, if any trust there still is in Arizona elections.
4/27/2021 9:31:17	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Angela Vertuccio	85142	Arizona	National Demographic Corp is needed for a fair, unbiased, independent company for AZ redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:31:40	April 27, 2021	AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company	Michael Striplin	85739	myself	We must understand how the Independent Redistricting Commission found this company to be fair to believe the outcome will be fair
4/27/2021 9:31:42	April 27, 2021	Re districting	Henry Renteria	85142	Citizens wanting transparency	We need a bipartisan group of people not a company affiliated with Obama and Bernie. Use citizens on both parties equally.
4/27/2021 9:31:48	April 27, 2021	III.	David Osborn	86335		Any company chosen to assist in the mapping process should have NO TIES to any politician(s) or political party or political activism. Haystaq is funded by Barrack Obama and Bernie Sanders at the national level.

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4/27/2021 9:31:49	April 27, 2021	Public Comment	Joseph Garcia	85034	Committee for Independence and Diversity	<p>On behalf of the Committee for Independence and Diversity, I express great concern over demographer Doug Johnson of National Demographics Corporation (NDC) and related multiple lawsuits over racial gerrymandering and violations of Latinos' voting rights. In 2019, NDC was subject of a racial gerrymandering lawsuit in North Carolina. Mr. Johnson was accused of lying about numbers on maps, calling into question the credibility and competency of him and the firm. His "Expert Testimony" was thrown out by a three-judge panel, saying NDC's data was found to be inadequate and unreliable. One judge wrote: "The Court finds Dr. Johnson's analysis unpersuasive and gives his opinions little weight. Dr. Johnson has testified as a live expert witness in four cases previously, and the courts in all four cases have rejected his analysis."  <a href="https://bit.ly/3dX20qc">https://bit.ly/3dX20qc</a>  Also see <a href="https://bit.ly/2PqZz5x">https://bit.ly/2PqZz5x</a>  Earlier, in 2018, a US District Court Judge ruled that Mr. Johnson's redistricting denied Latinos the ability to elect candidates of their choice and violated the federal Voting Rights Act. Even earlier: In 2011, in Yuma County, NDC failed to meet deadlines to provide draft maps. The commissioners rejected the maps citing that they did not want to approve a map submitted that same day. <a href="https://stevemuratore.blogspot.com/2011/06/redistricting-potential-mapping.html">https://stevemuratore.blogspot.com/2011/06/redistricting-potential-mapping.html</a>.  Mr. Johnson and NDC may claim to have experience in Arizona's redistricting process, just because they produced maps for the 2001 to the AZIRC – but their maps did not hold up in court. In fact, their maps did not receive preclearance from the Department of Justice. The following excerpt is from the January 2004 Ruling by the Superior Court of Arizona: "On May 20, 2002, during the federal court proceedings, the DOJ objected to the Commission's 2001 Adopted Legislative Plan as having a retrogressive effect on Hispanic voting strength in at least three of five legislative districts (13, 14, 15, 23, and 29). Ex. 4123. In explaining its refusal to preclear District 23, the DOJ cited the Commission's removal of San Manuel and Oracle from District 23. Id. at 4. The DOJ reserved its harshest language for the Commission's treatment of District 23 when it said that "the removal of these two towns [San Manuel and Oracle] and the resulting drop in the Hispanic voting age population percentage, has raised concerns regarding the ability of the AIRC to establish that this action, which had a retrogressive effect, may have also been taken, at least in part, with a retrogressive intent." Id. at 5."  The selection of Mr. Johnson and NDC would be detrimental to Latino voters hoping to have an equal voice in an equal vote. Mr. Johnson's track record has demonstrated that he will not protect the voting rights of Latinos and communities of interest. We fear that selecting Mr. Johnson and NDC will only serve to violate our voting rights.  Lydia Guzman  On behalf of The Committee for Independence and Diversity</p>
4/27/2021 9:31:49	April 27, 2021	kimlepenn@yahoo.com	Kim Pennella	85213	Member of Republicans Women of Mesa	<p>The AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting. I believe it's inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.</p>
4/27/2021 9:32:00	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Holly Olmstead	85045	A Concerned Voter - myself	<p>Election Integrity is the biggest concern we all have right now and due to past decisions I have lost trust in the system. I ask that you PLEASE do NOT hire a company that has shown to be bias against voting rights, and has supported those against transparency. It is inappropriate for you to hire Haystaq for this very reason. I feel that they are a very biased organization and do not serve the best interests of Arizona. NO to HAYSTAQ</p>

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4/27/2021 9:32:01	April 27, 2021	consideration and choice of mapping firm	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	I appreciate the acknowledgment that the Commissioners have made about the robust public comments received over the past couple of weeks. I can also understand the Chairwoman's request that the public have "a little trust" in the process despite the need to have certain conversations (or the mapping firm interviews) in executive session only. However, as I read through the public comments from last week's meeting (and earlier sessions), I see an enormous amount of interest and concern about selecting mapping consultants who understand and can make strong efforts to comply with the Voting Rights Act and the other requirements of the redistricting criteria. The very generic acknowledgment that the Commissioners read the comments is not actually a reassuring or substantive response. I would respectfully request that the Commissioners place on the agenda for an upcoming meeting a substantive discussion of the criteria (including competitiveness of districts proposed). I would also request that the item on the agenda regarding previous public comment actually include a brief summary of the topics and general sense of comments previously received, and I would encourage commissioners to make a general response where possible.
4/27/2021 9:32:05	April 27, 2021	Audit in Az	Michael Brewer	85541	Myself	I am requesting to stop any intervention from democratic party in Az audit .It is a conflict of interest to hire " HaystackDNA" is an audit group with ties in the party political under review. Thank Mike
4/27/2021 9:32:08	April 27, 2021	Redistrict mapping of AZ	M	85050	Best interests of AZ	The company Haystaq- it is completely inappropriate to use this biased company to redistrict in AZ. I am opposed to it.
4/27/2021 9:32:10	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Keira Vasey	85044		Don't let Bernie ruin this beautiful state that we know and love
4/27/2021 9:32:26	April 27, 2021	Executive Session	Cora Lee Schingnitz	85365	Yuma County	Explain why we should be excluded from discussions of legal issues. What are the issues? And apparently we were also excluded from the interview sessions as well.
4/27/2021 9:32:28	April 27, 2021	3	Linda Guerrero	85281	myself	My understanding is that included in your list of potential companies for the redistricting, you have prior political people with controversial views for our state. I can't see the list of the companies, but if they have anything to do with Obama and Bernie, this is a total conflict of interest and totally inappropriate considering the political differences in our state. They should not be considered at all and a non biased group should be chosen.
4/27/2021 9:32:33	April 27, 2021	INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING	Gwen Anastassatos	85251-3027		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:32:43	April 27, 2021	Redistricting consultant	Melissa Madigan	85395	Self	I am writing to express my opposition to hiring Haystaq to manage map redistricting, as it is a biased company. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 9:33:12	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping Process	Julie Seale	85306		<p>I feel it is incredibly inappropriate for the AIRC to consider hiring Haystaq to manage the map creation for the redistricting process. I'm very disappointed the public was not able to observe the interview process of the three firms being considered. While all of the firms being considered probably have their strengths, Haystaq's ties to the democratic party and influence from powerful players within the democratic party should immediately eliminate them from consideration. The appearance of partisan preference or allegiance should be enough to make you want to steer clear of that firm. There is enough skepticism from the Arizona public regarding the integrity of various governing bodies within the state, and specifically within Maricopa county, that it seems the AIRC would want to do whatever it can to make decisions that are not benefiting, or creating the appearance of benefiting, any political party. Selecting Haystaq would definitely cast doubt on the integrity of the AIRC. Please do not select them.</p> <p>I also do not understand why you felt the need to break into executive session this morning.</p> <p>Thank you for reading and taking my comments into consideration.</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:15	April 27, 2021	Manage the map creation for redistricting	Orchid O'Campo	85255	Concerned Arizonan	<p>I am writing you in regards how inappropriate and WRONG it would be to hire an extremely biased company (Obama and Bernies Data Company) for the redistricting mapping process! It is completely unethical, Obama and Bernie don't have the right moreover, should NOT have the right, to have a say on how our mapping looks I ke! Not to mention these guys are funded at a National Level! This would be a very BAD CHOICE for Arizona! Let's Make Better Trustworthy Choices for Arizona! #NOBernieandObamaforMapRedistricting</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:18	April 27, 2021	VIII	Chase Piper	85249	Myself	<p>My name is Chase piper and I work a blue collar job moving and unloading trucks on a daily basis. I have lived in Arizona for 5 years now and redistricting is not a political issue. Having HAYSTAQ, a Bernie sanders consulting firm, makes redistricting political and they should not be in charge of this.</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:25	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping	Gertrude Dunaway	85749		<p>Totally inappropriate to consider hiring Haystaq for map redistricting as they are not unbiased having connections to Obama and Bernie Sanders</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:42	April 27, 2021	VIII	Valerie Pollack	85614	United Republicans of Green Valley/ Sahuarita	<p>Please do not consider Haystaq as a mapping vender for your redistricting project due to obvious conflict of interest. I understand this company has ties to Bernie Sanders and Barrack Obama and would not be beneficial for your purposes of fair redistricting in Arizona. Thank you.</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:53	April 27, 2021	AIRC choice of mapping firm	Demitra Manjoros	86305	Myself	<p>Please do not utilize Haystaq in the process of map creation for redistricting. This firm has clear and obvious conflicts of interest. This is demonstrated in their own press as well as their funding. Their clients have included multiple Democratic campaigns including Bernie Sanders, Barack Obama and Ro Khanna. There is clear bias present making Haystaq an unacceptable and inappropriate choice.</p> <p>In this current environment where so many have lost trust in the integrity of our election process, choosing a firm such has Haystaq with such clear bias will only reinforce that growing distrust. Please consider a more neutral firm for this very crucial mapping and redistricting process.</p> <p>Thank you, Demitra Manjoros, MD</p>
4/27/2021 9:33:54	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Alison White	85142		<p>It is inappropriate and unfair to hire any biased group especially one that is funded by members of the DNC. They should have NO SAY in the effort to redistrict. I object to the use of any group that has a history of unfair and unconstitutional representation.</p>
4/27/2021 9:34:02	April 27, 2021	No To Haystaq!	Lisa Johnson	85253	LD028	<p>Redistricting should be unbiased</p>

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4/27/2021 9:34:04	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Alison Devereux-Naumann	85048		It is completely inappropriate to even consider such a controversial company such as Haystaq to be involved in the redistricting mapping process for Arizona. I would think there are other less controversial/conflicted companies to consider awarding this contract.
4/27/2021 9:34:26	April 27, 2021	AZ redistricting data company	Madeleine Beiser	85711		I believe the data company used for the the map creation for the Arizona redistricting in Arizona should not be biased. Using Haystaq is inappropriate and likely a conflict of interest based on sources of it's funding.
4/27/2021 9:34:31	April 27, 2021	Maps for redistricting.	Jordan Brown	85716	Precinct 68, LD9	It is absolutely inappropriate to utilize a clearly biased company to handle the drawing of maps for redistricting. I formally request finding a new company with no connections ( former work or financial donations) to either political party.
4/27/2021 9:34:34	April 27, 2021	Which Consulting firm to hire for redistricting	Kathy Williams	85602	Myself	I have more than 30 years experience writing and responding to very complicated request for proposal for multi year projects in technology. Just because there is a very sophisticated response to your inquiry, does not mean you might pick the best firm. Please be aware of slick proposals and professional actors who participate in the interviews prior to the contract being awarded. My strong recommendation is to not hire Haystack.
4/27/2021 9:34:39	April 27, 2021	VIII	Janae Shamp	85390	We The People	Haystaq SHOULD NOT be considered as a company involved in the mapping of Arizona! It is completely inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. This company has known ties to B. Sanders and B. Obama and should have zero say in what our maps look like. This is exactly the definition and way that gerrymandering happens!! This company was funded by the DNC at the national level to "help the Obama campaign make history"(from their own FB page). To say they are not biased is incredulous!
4/27/2021 9:34:39	April 27, 2021	Company selected for redistricting is bias	Teddi Thompson	85087	No to Haystaq	Their own website shows their bias. We should NOT be using this company. Do your homework. No lawyers needed for research. Check it out. <a href="https://haystaqdna.com/">https://haystaqdna.com/</a>
4/27/2021 9:34:52	April 27, 2021	Arizona voter redistricting	Christy Apana	85260		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:35:03	April 27, 2021	Redistricting agenda	Lyle Edwards	85268	Self	Please do not use the firm containing Mr Obama for redistricting. They would be biased, and their firms should not be involved in this consultation.
4/27/2021 9:35:09	April 27, 2021	8	Jennifer McKinley	85045		Hello. I have lived in Arizona for 22 years. Bernie Sander's consulting firm should not be in charge of redrawing the maps for Arizona. It is too political.
4/27/2021 9:35:34	April 27, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Pamela A Anderson	85730	Pima GOP, LD 10	I truly believe it is extremely important not to use any biased company for the redistricting mapping process. This redistricting only happens every 10 years and the consequences to decisions made can affect an entire generation. Considering the divisive political climate, using a firm that is connected in any way to the DNC or Bernie or Obama in a traditional red state is unacceptable. We are still going through an audit on our 2020 election here in AZ and the questions of election integrity already have voters on edge. If a biased firm like Haystaq and co. comes into redistrict our state I know that this will not go over well. Arizonans need to have confidence in our leaders and that they are not in cahoots with shadiness in anyway. Respectfully submitted knowing this commission will do the right thing.
4/27/2021 9:35:43	April 27, 2021	VIII	Daniel Schultz	85283	self	The IIRC should not be hiring any mapping company that is partisan, such as the Haystaq company. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 9:35:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Terrie Alumbaugh	86401	Republicans	I think Bernie Sanders and Obama should not have anything to do with redistricting! We are a Republican state and our local representatives should have by law this responsibility!
4/27/2021 9:35:54	April 27, 2021	Fair Maps Arizona	Jane Shimizu	86303	Bob and Jane Anne Shimizu	Inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the AZ redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our AZ maps look like and Haystaq is funded by them at the national level. Using truly independent mapping companies is critical to ensure broad public support of this commission's efforts and to ensure truly fair maps are drawn that benefit all Arizonans.
4/27/2021 9:36:02	April 27, 2021	Mapping company	Steve Daniels	85308	Patriot Party of Arizona	Do not hire Haystaq, they have deep ties to the progressive left, and have been associated with the Obama and Bernie Sanders campaigns, and Arizona will NOT have trust in the process if they are retained.
4/27/2021 9:36:04	April 27, 2021	Hiring Haystaq	Anna Biasiucci	86403	Arizona	It is my strong belief as an American Citizen living in Arizona, that it is totally inappropriate to use this biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!
4/27/2021 9:36:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Christopher Mincolla	85303	LD29 Republican Precinct Committeeman	We understand AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting. We believe that this is beyond inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level. Thank you!
4/27/2021 9:36:27	April 27, 2021	Hiring Haystaq	Mary Buckman	85128	Citizen of Pinal County	In the last redistricting the Arizona Constitution was not upheld. In fact the district lines were intentionally drawn to insure specific Senators would be elected. The company Haystaq would continue with the same agenda as the previous company hired for the 2010 redistricting. I am asking the commission represent the desires of Arizonians to follow the constitution and hire a company that would do that as well. Redistricting should be unbiased....do not hire Haystaq.
4/27/2021 9:36:36	April 27, 2021	IV, V	M. E. Dunn	86303		Concerned that as process moves along to very important issues we are seeing an increase number - as well as earlier and earlier in the meeting - of ESes. I am also concerned about Chair Neuberger's round-about remarks regarding public comment seemingly pertaining to hiring a mapping firm. It appears that we are being told that if we had heard the interviews and had been able to review the proposals that we would perhaps be less negative in our comments re some firms. Well, if other states do it differently, and it is legal, it may have been worth exploring "robustly" what of any of what these firms offered could be made public so that we could be assured that the decision, when it comes, is a sound and reasoned one.
4/27/2021 9:36:42	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Joshua Buell	85641	Self	Redistricting has long been used as a political tool instead of a voter population balancing tool. Using a company that has ties to any political party that may sway their districting decisions is an injustice to our democracy. If taxpayer money is to be used to redistrict then the company used should be impartial and unaffiliated with any particular political group. It is time that the people's voice be heard and the voting process be without partisan politics. Redistricting should be a mathematical equation with a map laid over it not a political game to gain more general/electoral votes or wash a certain group's votes/voice by changing lines to change voter demographics. Choose an impartial contractor to complete the task.
4/27/2021 9:36:58	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Mark Seale	85306		Selecting Haystaq to perform the Redistricting mapping process is highly inappropriate in light of their previous work for members of the Democrat party. Please eliminate them from consideration.
4/27/2021 9:37:04	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	s. slomski	85213		It has come to my attention the company "Haystaq", Obama and Bernie's data company, is up for consideration. Please do not use them. We don't need any bias in redistricting.

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4/27/2021 9:37:08	April 27, 2021	Choosing data company to manage map creation for redistricting.	Colette pikosz	85296	Self	Please do not consider considering hiring Haystaq, the Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting. This is not appropriate or correct.
4/27/2021 9:37:11	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Janene Ward	85536		Rural communities should not be placed together with metropolitan communities. Our voices cannot be heard when this is done. Outlier communities need their own representative and their own voice. Do not redistrict us with larger urban communities.
4/27/2021 9:37:12	April 27, 2021	VIII Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Elizabeth Boynton	85022		Although HaystaqDNA has experience with several political projects, their website advertises they've consistently sought progressive, liberal projects and causes and no conservative ones. Such a record does not inspire confidence that they will view Arizona's redistricting project as anything but another opportunity to advance a progressive, liberal agenda. Both liberals and conservatives live here. Please do not choose HaystaqDNA.
4/27/2021 9:37:16	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Commission	William Anderson	85730	Precinct 197, Tucson. PC, SC	We should not be hiring the company, Haystaq, a firm that represented President Obama and Bernie Sanders. It is a conflict of interest and will only create suspicion in the eyes of the public. There is no way that that company will be trusted. I would like to know who has promoted them. It is amazing that they are even being considered. The uproar will be significant if they are chosen. David Mehl is correct that the public should have been included in all of the proceedings surrounding the choice of the redistricting firm. Please do not make the grave mistake of hiring Haystaq.
4/27/2021 9:37:27	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant Selection	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	Dear Commissioners, Please hire only the most experienced mapping agency. There is no room for steep learning curves, or starting from scratch. This redistricting project deserves only the most qualified and proven outfit, especially when you account for the shortened time line. Say No to Taylor English Decisions. They are not a mapping agency; they are a marketing and lobbyist firm - with extremely partisan overtones and gravitas. National Demographics Corp - NDC, is a legitimate mapping firm, partnering with Timmons civil engineering firm. There is the question of why a civil engineering firm would be the lead in the RFP for a redistricting project? NDC has had several issues meeting deadlines and holding up to judicial scrutiny, but they do know mapping. HaystaqDNA has proven itself to be experienced, competent and professional. This firm is all about mapping. Look at their redistricting mapping experience and separate out the campaign work. You were able to do this for the executive director position. Thank you
4/27/2021 9:37:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	John Oliver	85262		Don't use Haystaq. Instead use National Democratic Corp for fair representation.
4/27/2021 9:37:39	April 27, 2021	Redistricting - company to be hired for mapping	Cheryl Laube	85306	Self	Please only consider non partisan companies. We need our redistricting to be as fair as possible, why start out with controversy? Please do not contract with Haystaq. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:37:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Autumn Forest			Haystaq is not an independent choice for redistricting services. Please choose another provider. Going into executive session during your meeting feels like you just shut out the public from the process. It does not provide transparency and honesty. If truth is being presented, then there is nothing to hide.



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4/27/2021 9:38:08	April 27, 2021	28	Reagan Scott	85044	Myself	My name is Reagan Scott, and I'm originally from Shreveport, Louisiana. My husband and I moved here almost a year ago, and we are both hardworking, tax-paying, law-abiding citizens living in Phoenix, Arizona. I am concerned about Haystaq's influence in redistricting AZ, as they are a politically-compromised left-wing group associated with Bernie Sanders. There is no reason that a consulting company out of Washington D.C. should have input in the state of affairs in Arizona, and we should protect AZ citizens by allowing Arizona citizens to use their own discretion in redistricting. If we want to maintain free and fair elections, we must keep Washington D.C. and politically funded groups out of our state government's decision-making.
4/27/2021 9:38:18	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Jazmine Liddiard	85345		Good day and I hope you are having a good Tuesday morning. I would like to say that I am greatly concerned over information I have gathered in regard to one of the companies that you are considering to use for the re-mapping of the districts. I personally strongly believe that the company used to re-district Arizona must not have conflicts of interest. I am most concerned about HaystaqDNA (which was formerly Strategic Telemetry). Strategic Telemetry admitted that they are a partisan company working to help Democrats gain an advantage. They described themselves as the following: "Strategic Telemetry is helping level the playing field by providing individual-level micro-targeting data analysis, strategic consulting and other services for Democratic candidates and progressive organizations." Quite frankly, I do not think it is appropriate for this HaystaqDNA to map our state. Again, I respectfully ask you to not hire HaystaqDNA, or any other blatantly biased company, to do the re-districting of our state. Our maps MUST be fair.
4/27/2021 9:38:44	April 27, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Crystal Arnold	85205	Myself as a concerned citizen	I am against Haystaq being given the redistricting commission. Their history shows they are NOT independent and will work to redistrict for issues that I do not agree with. If it is going to be an independent redistricting, then it needs to be assigned to an organization that has a history of being independent and not a history of working for special interests.
4/27/2021 9:38:47	April 27, 2021	8	Sherrylyn Young	85748	Self, AzFRW, Pima County Republican Women's Club	I strongly OBJECT to hiring of Haystaq for mapping. Haystaq Co-founder and CEO Strasma has worked to help campaigns of John Kerry, President Obama, and Michael Bloomberg. All his political contributions have been to Democrats, many to ACTBLUE, a Democrat PAC. Haystaq President Dreschler has worked to benefit Obama, Bloomberg, and Democrat Senate Campaign Committee. He also served in the Clinton Administration. Haystaq Vice-President Desmond served as project manager for modeling on "Obama for America" campaign in 2008. These facts completely obliterate any confidence that this firm will be non-partisan. In addition, Desmond served as the lead map-drawing consultant to the AZ Independent Redistricting Commission in 2011 and 2012, and helped to shape the state's Congressional and Legislative Districts--which many consider an unmitigated disaster, and resulted in lawsuits. This consulting firm was also unsuccessfully objected to in 2011 because of ties to Obama and other Democrat candidates. WE DO NOT WANT THE DISASTEROUS FIASCO OF 2011 REPEATED!
4/27/2021 9:39:22	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission 2021	Rodger Edgar	85023	North Phoenix Arizona	I have witnessed that the IRC has not fairly redistricted my Neighborhood for over a Decade. I have not moved since 2002 yet my District changed from LD6 to LD20. To participate as a Precinct Committeeman I now have to attend LD meetings in Glendale AZ many miles away. My district has been GERRYMANDERED multiple times for political purposes. I would like for the IRC to give special attention to Turf Paradise Precinct when they do the redistricting this time. I am a veteran who served two terms as a Precinct Committeeman before I got disgusted.
4/27/2021 9:39:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Teresa Cross	86314	Yavapai	No to Haystaq it is unacceptable and bias.
4/27/2021 9:39:37	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping	Rocky singh	85295		How inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the National level
4/27/2021 9:39:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	John Clarke	86322	Myself	No, no, a thousand no's

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4/27/2021 9:39:43	April 27, 2021	Independent oversight needed and mandated by governor or attorney general. Explain if this company was vetted and what companies or groups were eliminated from doing this and why.	Holly Blake	85712	Myself.	Comments above.
4/27/2021 9:39:56	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Mr & Mrs Jonathan Beard	85710	Arizonians	It is very inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our Arizona maps look like and the guys who are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 9:39:57	April 27, 2021	Map consulting	Emily Thomas	85224		Bernie's consulting group is too political to redraw Arizona's maps.
4/27/2021 9:40:08	April 27, 2021	hiring of companies to manage redistricting maps	Debra Trudeau	85086	myself	Please do not consider for hiring any company to manage the redistricting maps that has any financial support and/or corporate management from any political party. This includes companies such as Haystaq, which is reportedly funded by Democrat politicians, both current and former office holders This is a conflict of interest No company should be hired for this redistricting project that has any connection whatsoever to either Republican or Democrat party.
4/27/2021 9:40:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting consultants	Dan Hamilton	85390	Yavapai County Precinct Captain	I hear the plea for trust in the commission. I think it is rich to ask for blind public trust while the audit of an obviously fraudulent election, carried out by a group of "commissioners" who also asked us to trust in their corrupt handling of an American National Election. I DO NOT BLINDLY TRUST ANY POLITICIAN! The very idea that THIS commission would even consider a redistricting consultant team in any way associated with the likes of Barrack Obama and Bernie Sanders is completely tone deaf. Over half of Arizonians no longer trust what used to be the loyal opposition Democrats, and speaking for myself I think that anyone willing to wear the Democrat label at this time in history is corrupt and lacks any sense of integrity. Any Republican that acquiesces to corrupt intentions such as letting the Dems have their way with regard to gerrymandering the districts of our great state are equally culpable. Thinking that we can do business with these people is what led to the biggest crime in the history of our country. Thank you to those brave patriots who have stood their ground and fought to insure that the 2020 election gets a full audit and corrective action, and are working so that this crime is never perpetrated on the American people again. I know that the purpose of this meeting was not the election, but redistricting is really very related to election integrity now isn't it?
4/27/2021 9:40:36	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Lylah Ledner	85260	Self	should have stayed public while reviewing issues after you hear our thoughts/concerns
4/27/2021 9:40:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Commission is compromised	knox	85295		Why are "we" not hiring an independent firm? Is there a LEGIT reason why you want to hire haystaq? Why do you think they are the best for the job? We need you to answer that question. The citizens in AZ, who pay taxes, DEMAND you hire National Demographics Corp. There is not a reason why you should not hire National Demographics Corp. If you don't hire them then we need an answer as to why and it needs to be public. WE the people are tired of paying taxes and not being heard! The biased that is happening is sick and it needs and will stop. Matthew 22:44

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4/27/2021 9:40:52	April 27, 2021	Redistricting lines	Should be done by impartial company or bipartisan members of all parties.	85704		This company is not without prejudice.
4/27/2021 9:41:05	April 27, 2021	Redistricting--Haystaq	James White	85704	Individual	Improper and just plain wrong to hire the firm Haystaq to handle redistricting for AZ when they're supported by leading Democrats and have worked for Obama and Sanders. Double standards by Democrats once again.
4/27/2021 9:41:12	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jamie She burne	85939	Myself	I am a resident of Navajo County and I have major concern about the company the would be involved in Redistricting Arizona have represented both Batak Obama and Bernie Sanders. They may be too partisan to represent the people of our state.
4/27/2021 9:41:17	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Nancy j Daignault	85028		It is a inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona Redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want to hire the National Demographics Corporation, Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.
4/27/2021 9:41:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Karensa Kerrigan	85755-8770	Self	It is inappropriate to use a a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Haystaq, which is an Obama and Bernie Sanders data company, should not be hired to manage the map creation for redistricting in Arizona. Bernie Sanders and Barack and/or Michelle Obama should have zero say in what our maps look I ke. Haystaq are funded by the Democrats at the national level. A neutral bipartisan company should be hired. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:41:45	April 27, 2021	Arizona Redistricting	Patricia Koepf	85248	myself as a registered voter	It is inappropriate for Haystaq --which is former President Obama's and Bernie Sander's data company --to be used for the redistricting mapping process because it will not be unbiased.
4/27/2021 9:41:53	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Janet Otto	85209	Myself	It is not appropriate to use a biased firm for redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:41:59	April 27, 2021	haystack mapping group	Margaret Bevan	86005	Self	Haystaq is not an independent group and shouldn't have been a finalist. To prove it look at their website. HQ in the swamp DC. CEO Ken Strasman served as liaison between National Committee for effective Congress and DNC congressional & state leg restricting office. He also was lead statistician for WI Assembly Democrat Caucus redistricting operation as well as 2008 Obama Campaign alum. Clients Obama, Sanders, Our Revolution, Americans 4 Responsible Solutions (sitting Senator Mark Kelly & Giffords super pack for gun control), & DNC. It was a cause of many lawsuits in the 2010 AZ redistricting. CA has hired them for their redistricting this year. If any of the above was changed to RNC or Trump it McSally they would never been selected. A wise man told me when I first started my legal career "Perception is Reality." This Company is nothing more than a tool for the DNC and democrats. Let's not start off on the wrong foot. Our state is so divided right now and if you choose them it will make it worse. Thank you for your time and consideration.
4/27/2021 9:42:05	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Holly Dunn	85142		Redistricting is inherently politically charged making transparency essential to create confidence in the outcomes. It is essential this council select a mapping firm that is committed to political neutrality. Haystaq' close association with the Obama,Sanders and other democratic campaigns disqualifies them as a politically neutral firm.
4/27/2021 9:42:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Ronald Cross	86314	Yavapai	No on Haystaq it is unacceptable and bias.
4/27/2021 9:42:16	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	CHARLES KIRKHUFF	85283-4132	MYSELF	Haystaq should not be considered as a mapping consulting firm. This firm's history shows that it has been employed by Democrats to further Democrat objectives. The redistricting process requires objectivity and political neutrality, neither of which Haystaq possess. There is no way this firm should be involved in any way in the redistricting process.

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4/27/2021 9:42:19	April 27, 2021	AZ redistricting	Katie Goracke	85142		We need an unbiased, fair contractor for our state redistricting, not Haystaq. Please hire National Demographics Corp.
						I served on the Redistricting Committee for Gila County and Northern Arizona in 2011, attending many meetings and making comments. We had a resident of Payson who was proposing maps with all the required content of number of citizens, number of voters of different registrations, ages, ethnicities, similar precincts, rural vs urban boundaries, etc. He did a great job of mapping with the proper number of voters in each of the several maps we submitted. The point is, that there is plenty of talent for making maps right here in AZ. We do not need an outside mapping contractor who is not familiar with Arizona to do mapping. Especially one with ties to people already tied to election fraud. When I went to a IRC meeting in Flagstaff in 2011, I was secretly given a 8-12 page folder and was told not to let anyone else see me looking at it. It was a Democrat guide for activists to push the agenda to turn AZ Blue like they did with the redistricting in Colorado after the 2000 election. It asked activists to basically turn the Redistricting requirements for the priorities of values upside down and force the issue that communities of political interest should be the priority trying to get as many minority and very competitive districts as possible rather than following the Redistricting prescribed order of values. This caused huge gerrymandered legislative and Congressional districts, splitting up communities, counties, and other egregious tearing apart of communities of interest. The Civil Rights Attorney who was working the 2011 Redistricting fought with us to compel us to split up our rural county and he won. This Year's Redistricting Commission should work to follow the real priority rules of Redistricting and not let out of state money and out of state Mapping companies further divide communities of interest. It should not gerrymander districts with half a district on one side of a mountain and half on the other side. I have that 8-10 page pamphlet the Democrats used in my garage somewhere, and did not find it on a quick look, but I know I have it and you best watch out for activists of all political bents which are trying to sabotage our redistricting efforts. I also heard last night that we will NOT get a tenth Congressional District, so back to the drawing board!
4/27/2021 9:42:19	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company to hire	Shirley Dye	85541	Gila County Republicans	Shirley Dye, Payson Arizona proposing the IRC do the best job to make very fair maps. PLEASE HIRE A LOCAL MAPPING COMPANY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
4/27/2021 9:42:24	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Mitchell Manley	85260	myself	As a 22 year old Arizonan, who has lived here my whole life and now works in the State, there's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system.
4/27/2021 9:42:27	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Emma McCausland	85251	Myself	Hi, my name is Emma McCausland. I've lived in Arizona for two years. I work in development for a local company, and do not want to see Arizona fail. There is no reason why Bernie Sanders' consulting group should have any say over Arizona's future or political landscape. It is biased and it's manipulative. Absolutely not.
4/27/2021 9:42:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Pamela Witt	85131	Self	I do NOT support use of Haystack for redistricting. They would be bias and lack neutrality. We can do better and find an organization less controversial.
4/27/2021 9:42:57	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jill Clare	85142		It is inappropriate to use such a biased company, Haystaq for the redistricting mapping process. Bernie & Obama should not be allowed to have any say in what our maps look like. Thank you. Jill Clare
4/27/2021 9:43:28	April 27, 2021	Independent redistricting commission meeting	Peter Schubert	85226	LD18 GOP	I would like to speak in favor of the AIRC hiring only an unbiased firm for the creation of the new district maps. One of the firms under consideration, Haystaq, has a long history of working with the Obama administration and I request that they be removed from consideration. Sincerely.

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4/27/2021 9:43:42	April 27, 2021	Mapping company	Antoine Alldredge	85203	self	Please do not use a biased company to map the districts. There are many companies that can create the needed maps without using one funded and beholden to Obama and Biden.
4/27/2021 9:43:45	April 27, 2021	VIII	David Noble	85048	self	Please hire a non-partisan and non-biased mapping firm. HaystaqDNA has proven to be a very partisan organization and should not be considered for this important role that will affect Arizonans for years to come. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:43:50	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Beverly Scigliano	86305	Self	Don't use the left-leaning consultant for redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:43:52	April 27, 2021	8	Cynthia Conry	01235		The judge Haystack has too many connections to corrupt people and needs to recuse himself.
4/27/2021 9:44:02	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Mapping	Toni Branaman	885028		It is so inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by Obama and Bernie at the national level. Very bias ! This should be done by a company that is neutral.
4/27/2021 9:44:28	April 27, 2021	Procurement redistricting company	A Teixeira	85331	Arizona citizen	No to use if Haystq. This is clearly not a neutral organization without political ties and leanings.
4/27/2021 9:45:01	April 27, 2021	XVIII	John Moore	85395	Self	Now that we know Arizona will have the same number of congressional seats, it is even more imperative that your hire for mapping consultant be an organization that meets all legal obligations for the maps, as well as providing fair and meaningful representation of community interests and values. From what I have seen, the prior work by NDC and Doug Johnson does not meet those basic criteria. Many of their previous map efforts (North Carolina, multiple California projects, and Arizona) have been discredited and rejected by courts, particularly as to treatment of minority communities. I urge you to reject NDC and Doug Johnson from your consideration.
4/27/2021 9:45:26	April 27, 2021	Mapping	Luke Rogonjich	85085	myself	I am asking that the commission reject contracting with HAYSTAQ to draw our maps as they are aligned with only one side of the political spectrum. If our Independent Redistricting Commission wants to maintain their impartiality, we need an impartial mapping company to help draw our maps. Thank you for your time.
4/27/2021 9:45:31	April 27, 2021	Moved to exective session	Tiffany Benson	85345	Erika	This seemed like a waste of time to get us online just to move into an executive session. I agree with Commissioner Miehle that the public should be able to observe the firm interviews. A source said one of the firms was recommended by Sanders and Obama. I don't understand why redistricting in AZ is the interest of national politicians, one of whom is no longer in office. If you want the public to be educated about these things, then we need to be involved for as much of the process as possible. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:45:32	April 27, 2021	Hiring of mapping consultants	Elaine Downing	86404	myself	Hiring NDC/Timmons Group would be a costly and time consuming mistake. They have been involved with too many court battles all across this Nation for the last two decades for the people of Arizona to trust their work. West Contra Costa Unified School District (CA) 2019; Redwood City (CA) 2018 & 2019; North Carolina 2019 - Common Cause vs Lewis; Kern County (CA) 2018; and our own state in 2001. Please, let's do this right by hiring a company that has some integrity.
4/27/2021 9:46:09	April 27, 2021	8	David Marshall	85937	self	I have been a resident in Arizona for 22 years, and I am a pastor of a church here in Arizona. My concern is, why would we allow Bernie Sanders play a part in the redistricting of our state. He is not a representative of our state nor is he a resident. I feel he should have no part in our redistricting.
4/27/2021 9:46:40	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Donna Wilson	85207	Dallas District	DO NOT select HaystaqDNA I feel they are unable to be objective
4/27/2021 9:46:48	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Elizabeth Kravchuk	85281		There's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system. I am absolutely disagree with this.

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4/27/2021 9:47:05	April 27, 2021	Options for mapping consultant	Kathrine Jorgenson	85028	Myself	It is completely inappropriate to use an obviously biased company (Haystaq) for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama are known to be heavily involved in this company and neither should have any say in what our maps look like. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson, in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections.
4/27/2021 9:47:14	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA	Dane Buchanan	85138	Myself	I VEHEMENTLY disagree with using Haystaq for AZ redistricting. Anybody who openly boasts about working on the Obama and Sanders campaign cannot be trusted to redistrict AZ with integrity. We are a Republican state and we intend to keep it that way.
4/27/2021 9:47:20	April 27, 2021	No to Haystag !	William L Mehok	85086	Az citizens	No to Haystag!
4/27/2021 9:47:28	April 27, 2021	VIII	Marcus Tork	85251	Self	Strongly suggest we select a redistricting mapping firm that is non-partisan, and has no ties to political parties - Haystaq is tied strongly to a particular political party and their bias will not serve Arizonans. Suggest considering BonData, Cropper GIS, and Redistricting Insights as more neutral redistricting consultant options. Thank you.
4/27/2021 9:47:58	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Terri Riffe	85718	self	It is patently inappropriate to have a biased group for Independent Redistricting considerations. Balance is necessary for integrity of outcomes.
4/27/2021 9:48:03	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Terri Haag	85704	Myself	Independent Redistricting Commission Meeting : Really? An "impartial" outside company will collect and collate the redistricting data? This is Bert and Ernie's - er, I mean Obama and Bernie's - bunch we're talking about? It all smacks of gerrymandering and we won't have it. Leave Arizona alone.
4/27/2021 9:48:08	April 27, 2021	IRC Agenda, Hiring HaystaQ for redistricting... NO	Kevin Burkhart	85234	myself	I think it is inappropriate to use Haystaq. They are funded by Bernie and Obama on a National level. They should not have anything to say about what our maps look like.
4/27/2021 9:48:09	April 27, 2021	Strategic Telemetry	Michal Joyner	85262	Myself	Please do not hire this company. They have a history of bad selections in making, and we need a much fairer and logical company to be selected who will look out for the good of Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:48:10	April 27, 2021	Hiring	Jeff Clark	85755		Please DO NOT hire Haystaq. We need an unbiased Mapping company!
4/27/2021 9:48:27	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Sharon Stanfill Chapman	86351	Yavapai county	It is inappropriate to use Haystag to manage a map for redistricting. I request you hire an Independent and politically objective firm. Sharon Chapman
4/27/2021 9:48:46	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	James Roth	85263	Myself	As an independent commission do not hire a bias and known Democratic Party funded data company used by prior Democratic candidates like Obama and Sanders to manage our map creation for Redistricting. It is highly inappropriate to use such a bias company for our Redistricting mapping process. We want a fair and legitimate remapping process.
4/27/2021 9:48:47	April 27, 2021	AZ Redistricting Mapping	Julie Warner	85253	AZ Women of Action	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 9:48:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Precints	Sue Collins	85208	Myself, as a US Citizen	I am tired of the corruption in this country and our beautiful state of Arizona. Choosing HaystaqDNA as Arizona's mapping consultant for redistricting in our state would be again just one more form of obvious corruption and this needs to stop

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4/27/2021 9:48:50	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA	Christi Knoch	85212	Myself	I vehemently oppose the use of HaystaqDNA based on the company's inexperience in mapping and unproven track record. This company has changed its name and its executives have deep ties to the Democratic Party, with no evidence of being impartial. Arizonans deserve to expect AZ vendors will be experienced and impartial.
4/27/2021 9:49:35	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Joe Boogaart	85743	Joe Boogaart	The title of the Committee implies that it is not-partisan. If so, why is it considering contacting with a firm previously closely tied with a Democratic president and Senator? I strongly oppose using any contractor tied to any political party unless an openly partisan contractor from the opposing major party is also selected, with equal authority, resulting in a consensus recommendation by both required before being considered by the committee.
4/27/2021 9:49:38	April 27, 2021	8	Marianne Crow	85937	Myself... A native Arizonian	I'm a lifelong resident of Az and a taxpayer since I've been 16 years old. I have some real concerns about Agenda item #8
4/27/2021 9:49:49	April 27, 2021	Replacing the computer auditing firm	Julie Taylor	98801	American citizen, myself	Please don't replace the current form with one that has ties to the Democratic Party
4/27/2021 9:50:01	April 27, 2021	VIII(8)	Julia Eyer	85016	Myself	My name is Julia Eyer and I work in real estate. I have lived in Arizona for almost 7 years and have a deep love for this state and country. Hearing that a Bernie consulting group would have a say so in redistr buting is not only offensive but outrageous. They should not have a say so in the political landscape of Arizona and it's extremely biased. They are bad actors with special interest to manipulate the system. They are way too political to be doing a job like this.
4/27/2021 9:50:12	April 27, 2021	#8	Bonnie Fenstermaker	85937	Myself, a long-term AZ resident.	I do not want AZ split up into new districts, AZ needs to be left as is!
4/27/2021 9:51:00	April 27, 2021	VIII	Pat O'Malley	85142	Me	<p>The IRC is considering Haystaq as a mapping consultant. I am concerned that the IRC considers a company with an obvious political bias as a viable candidate. Redistricting should be as politics free as possible. A company that brags about what a great job they were able to do for Obama and Bernie on their homepage is in direct opposition to that principle.</p> <p>The Commissioners comments that the private interviews with mapping consultants would be reassuring to the public if we could see them is not a valid argument. The point of having an IRC is to make redistricting as transparent and unbiased as possible. Having Commissioners say don't worry about bias because we have been reassured by privileged information is in direct opposition to the IRC's charter to be transparent.</p> <p>Also, I'm confident you have been pitched by the mapping consultants about their expertise in big data analysis. Federal guidelines say redistricting should be based on a short list of factors that should be considered carefully. It would not be appropriate for the IRC to adopt additional factors based on big data analysis or complex analysis of the original factors that the IRC can not transparently explain to the public.</p> <p>I hard to argue with the last IRC 10 years ago about proposals that negatively affected my precinct. They relented to some degree, but I'm hoping that won't happen again this time.</p>

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4/27/2021 9:51:25	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Dorothy Blaire	85259	Myself	Do not hire "Haystaq." It is a company who's ownership has ties to President Obama and Bernie Sanders which makes it biased and, therefore, an inappropriate company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and President Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!
4/27/2021 9:51:43	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Gretchen Patterson	85382	Myself - PC Committeeman Athens Precint	I have grave concern with one of the consultants being considered for mapping. HaysraqDNA have been very open about their bias agenda. Allowing this company to remain as a possible consultant is a disservice to the public. Redistricting is supposes to be done fairly and without bias favoring either political party. Please consider removing this company as a possible consultant!
4/27/2021 9:52:37	April 27, 2021	mapping consultants	jo kontzer	86336	myself	Taylor English Decisions has no proven record of drafting maps for this very important process and their CEO has a history of using homophobic language and defending accused rapists. These facts alone should be red flags. Redistricting is such an important and once in a decade process that the mapping consultant needs to be experienced at a state wide level as well as a trustworthy entity. National Demographics Corporation has had their mapping and analysis rejected and discredited by courts throughout the US. That does not speak well of their expertise and objectivity. This is such an important process that the integrity of the mapping consultants is primary. The preferred vendor would be HaystaqDNA as they are the only ones being considered at the moment with the experience and the reputation, as well as the lack of scandal attached to their name.
4/27/2021 9:52:43	April 27, 2021	Do not use partisan HAYSTAQ dna!	Thomas Crawford	85658	my self	Ten years ago, the AIRC (Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission) used Strategic Telemetry, a partisan statistics company, to re-draw our state's congressional and legislative districts, and slant them to the Democratic Party. This year, they are trying again to slant things toward the Democrats by trying to hire HAYSTAQdna to re-draw our districts. HAYSTAQdna was used by both Barak Obama and Bernie Sanders in their campaigns. This is right on HAYSTAQdna.com webpage. Please block the unfair use of partisan companies to draw our congressional and legislative districts. Thank you - Thomas M Crawford
4/27/2021 9:52:57	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	James Parks	86004	Myself and all Arizona voters	I am against hiring the leftist data company, Haystaq, to manage any of the map creation for redistricting of Arizona's voting districts. Upon researching the Haystaq company, I have found it to be an overly biased and dishonest organization dedicated to community organizing for socialist causes, which is illegal by Arizona law. This data company is NOT what Arizona law requires for legal, non-partisan election results. Please do not consider hiring the data company, Haystaq, for any data results concerning Arizona's redistricting process.
4/27/2021 9:52:57	April 27, 2021	Please do not use Haystaqs	Jennifer Marriott	85209	Concerned citizen	Please do not use Haystaq for the Arizona redistricting mapping process, this is a biased company. Hatstaq is a Bernie Sanders and Mr. Obama data company. Thank you, Jennifer Marriott
4/27/2021 9:53:04	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item 8	Helen Brunet	85939	Helen Brunet, I am a native of Arizona. I'm retired.	I I don't think Bernie Sanders should be involved in redistricting Navajo County or any other county in Arizona.



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4/27/2021 9:53:33	April 27, 2021	Legal discussion and going to executive session.	Kathy Williams	85602	Voters in Cochise County	With so many of us from the public on this YouTube session, the closed meeting should have been postponed until the public comments were addressed. The tactic of waiting until later in the meeting when it's going to be a long meeting is counterproductive. You are there in large part to represent the voters of Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:53:52	April 27, 2021	Haystaq DNA	Brandon Matther	85210	Mesa	My comment/concern is with agenda item 8, with regards to haystaqDNA, i believe via their work in the past with prominent democrats that a more independent vendor be selected, as having a partisan vendor is for obvious reasons totally undemocratic. the commission should be non-partisan. thank you
4/27/2021 9:54:33	April 27, 2021	VIII	Andrea Varela	85122	Self	When considering mapping consultants, the Commission should take into consideration past experience, political ties and previously created maps of the three firms. I am firmly against Timmons Group-NDC. They have a history of bad practices and questionable maps that have been challenged constantly. One example is when NDC unsuccessfully defended a school board district map that left Latinx communities under-represented on the board, in violation of California's voting laws. Now that new information has been found that NDC held a contract for the 2001 statewide redistricting process here in AZ, but was trying to draw maps around incumbents, I am even more against this firm than before. As a Latina who has lived in a rural area all her life, I feel these actions are despicable and are in obvious violation of the law. I do not feel they should be considered based on their track record and the fact that they are, quite frankly, not dedicated to fair and equitable maps.
4/27/2021 9:54:57	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Amy Richman	85255	self	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!
4/27/2021 9:55:08	April 27, 2021	Item VIII	Jeffrey Specter	85395	Self	The AIRC is considering hiring HaystaqDNA. HaystaqDNA cannot be trusted to be neutral in map creation work for redistricting. It's DNA puts it firmly on the side of the Democrat party.  A quick review shows that the CEO Ken Strasma, President Andrew Drechsler and project Manager for Modeling are all aligned with the Democrat party. Mr. Strasma was the National Targeting Director for the 2008 Obama campaign. Mr. Drechsler worked for Obama for America, the Democratic Campaign Committee and served in the Clinton Administration. Mr. Desmond worked on the 2008 Obama campaign.
4/27/2021 9:55:12	April 27, 2021	Hiring of Haystaq to Redistrict	Jeanne Pollock	85255	Myself	Can't we find companies to work with on critical efforts for our state, like redistricting, that are in no way affiliated with any one party? I mean, where is the due diligence process? Let's start to do things right here, and for what's in the best interests of Everyone, not just one party.
4/27/2021 9:55:17	April 27, 2021	Item 8	Caitlyn McKell	85142		Please don't use HaystaqDNA. They are not independent or nonpartisan If I am correct, it was created by former Obama staffers. It will be unfair to the American people. Please do not use them.
4/27/2021 9:55:28	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	James Cionci	85297		No on Haystaq
4/27/2021 9:55:35	April 27, 2021	public???	kelly knox	85295	United States of American Citizens and Taxpayers	Why did you shut the public out of the "public" meeting??? Where's the transparency? CLEARLY you are afraid to talk about everything in front of the public. This is 100% corruption, just like the 2020 presidential election. Sad and infuriating to see representatives (you are not leaders) act in such a way. You are all below standards.
4/27/2021 9:56:01	April 27, 2021	VIII Mapping Consultant	Carol Getz	85283	Self	One of the Firms being considered for Mapping Consultant, Haystack DNA, is opening conflicted and Biased in favor of the Democratic Party. Bernie Sanders and Former President Obama have an interest in this firm and therefore, any consideration of this firm lacks openness, fairness, transparency and displays explicit bias. The commission will lose immediate credibility with the public if this firm is hired. Thank you Carol Getz

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4/27/2021 9:56:31	April 27, 2021	38-431.03,	Patti Simpson	86327	Arizona	Very little faith that this commission is "independent and fair", as Erika Neuberg (spelling?) stated, she wants trust and optimism, how can there be any when Ramos, who represents and funded Haystaq is involved. Your go right into executive session all the while claiming transparency? Commissioner Lerner did not feel the need for executive session and raised her concern and Neuberg, just glossed over it! As a registered voter, not feeling the integrity of this very important redistricting commission.
4/27/2021 9:56:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Julie Hoyt	85194-8530	AZ registered voter	I strongly oppose using haystackdna as a redistricting company due to their biased past history
4/27/2021 9:56:51	April 27, 2021	VIII (8)	Troy Meeker	85008	Myself	My name is Troy Meeker and I work for a business in the valley. I've lived in Arizona for 5 happy years. There's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system. It's outrageous this was even considered as redistricting in Arizona is supposed to be a non partisan independent process.
4/27/2021 9:57:26	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Barbara Aldieri	85023		Do not consider using a biased, heavy left wing company. We don't want Bernie Sanders or Barack Obama to have any say in our redistricting. Shame on you for even considering such an option.
4/27/2021 9:57:27	April 27, 2021	21	Madison McDonald	85014		I don't trust Haystaq to consult the redistricting commission in an unbiased manner. Arizona's future should not be in their hands.
4/27/2021 9:57:28	April 27, 2021	Public Information Officer	Juile Pindzola	86301	Myself	<p>Good Morning,</p> <p>Some thoughts on the PI position: Again, please select the most qualified and experienced talent possible to get a serious jump start on organizing means and methods for public input. These folks need to have a firm grasp on arranging/hosting public meetings, as well as radio, TV, and social media outreach. How well that public input is gathered and shared with the entire IRC team will be key. Giving the public transparency and access to info will help build the trust that is vital.</p> <p>There is way too much exec session. What if you held discussion in public and saved the Qs and attorney advice comments for a followup exec session? I have not yet found the actual meeting minutes, only the YouTube link for previous meetings. The public is not getting a very full picture of the IRC discourse.</p> <p>Regarding the "speakers bureau" of Commissioners, may I suggest that focus be given to civic and educational audiences more so that political ones? LD political groups will already know and understand a great deal about the decennial census and redistricting. You can spend your limited time and resources better by speaking to Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Chambers of Commerce, college classrooms, AAUW, LWV and the like. There will be much overlap and diversity in these groups, and you will be able to catch Independents, along with Rs and Ds (and maybe some not-yet-registered). Make your message straightforward and consistent. The SIX criteria must be shared and none of them minimized.</p> <p>Thank you. good luck!</p>
4/27/2021 9:57:43	April 27, 2021	District lines	Brad potter	85298	Myself	The company haystaqDNA is a 1 sided Democrat supported group. Their decision making will not be neutral and will not be in the best interest of The People of Arizona.
4/27/2021 9:58:37	April 27, 2021	#8	Kimberly Hoffman	85142		Commenting on agenda item #8. I am deeply concerned with the consideration of HaystaqDNA. This firm is way too partisan and will not be truly independent due to its work with Democrats like Bernie Sanders. Not to mention, the company was founded by Democrat political operatives and still is controlled by them. Please do not choose HaystaqDNA. The independent redistricting commission needs to stay "independent" so all voters can have confidence in the new maps and the fairness of the new districts.

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4/27/2021 9:58:40	April 27, 2021	Az redistricting	Shayne Anthony	85262	Myself	Arizonan's want you to hire an unbiased, fair, and independent company to preform our Az redistricting. We would like for you to hire National Demographic Corp. Thank you
4/27/2021 9:59:10	April 27, 2021	HAYSTAQ	Carrie Gill	855209	Myself	This company is biased and should not be considered in the re-districting for AZ. It is completely inappropriate.
4/27/2021 9:59:15	April 27, 2021	Redistricting/ mapping	Janet Poppe	85254	myself	Do NOT hire a company that is clearly biased and associated with Obama and Sanders! There has been enough mistrust of our current system. If there are other vendors like National Demographics Corp that you can hire, why in the world would you inject more bias into our system? I will not stop exposing the bias. You have an opportunity to build trust again by using a non biased, independent group!
4/27/2021 9:59:23	April 27, 2021	V	James Durand	85396	Myself	Why does the chair automatically move to executive session? Wouldn't it make sense for the "Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Counsel Briefing" to start in a public forum. Issues that require removal to executive session could be identified during that discussion and then the commission could make such a decision. By moving automatically to the executive session the public has no grasp of the context or of matters that ought to be public. It fosters an impression that the commission leans toward secrecy rather than transparency.
4/27/2021 9:59:25	April 27, 2021	Company for Re-Districting	Anwar Aragon	85345		<p>Good morning. I am very concerned the IRC is considering hiring a company that in the past has admitted to work for Democrat candidates. It is in the interest of the Arizonian people, and for the sake of a fair democratic process in this Republic to select a mapping company that is going to be non-partisan and map the districts of the state in an honest and fair manner.</p> <p>I urge and humbly request you select any other company other than HaystaqDNA, previously known as Strategic Telemetry, for these reasons. We know they are absolutely do have the agenda of mapping the districts in a way that will only benefit the radical Democratic agenda in the state of AZ. They have previously stated this on their websites to "level the playing field by providing individual-level micro-targeting, data analysis, strategic consulting and other services for DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES AND PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS".</p> <p>An unfair and far-left leaning company should not ever be considered to do a job that requires integrity, honesty, and a sense of true justice.</p> <p>Again we know this information to be true, you now have been informed of this. Please hire a more honest, non-partisan company.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Anwar Aragon</p>
4/27/2021 9:59:44	April 27, 2021	INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING	Pam Schaffer	85901	AZ Citizens	There is a conflict of interest using an inappropriate biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps I ke look like. No NEW Zones For the Illegals that YOU just let IN. We need a reputable Company!! That Has Arizona's Best Interest on The Forefront.
4/27/2021 10:00:03	April 27, 2021	Haystaq , the communist solution	Edward Bowe	86301	Citizens Tax Committee, YCRC	To even consider this left wing operation is so unArizona as to be criminal. These people do not have the interests of the citizens of Arizona in their left wing agenda. This is so unappealing as to require citizen intervention. The system has been abused enough without waving red flags with hammer and syckles at us.

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4/27/2021 10:00:05	April 27, 2021	Very inappropriate to have Haystaq in Arizona for redistrict	NO	85304	Glenda Williams LD22	No
4/27/2021 10:00:32	April 27, 2021	Do not use Haystaq. Redistricting should remain nonpartisan.	Charles McVey	86301	Charles McVey	Obama & Sanders should have no influence on what AZ maps look like. We need an independent mapping company so your efforts will have broad public support.
4/27/2021 10:00:37	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Marvin Richman	85255	Self	The Haystaq website promotes its affiliation with the Democrat Party. Any redistricting recommendations in favor of the Democrat Party could be challenged on the basis of bias.
4/27/2021 10:00:51	April 27, 2021	No to HAYSTAQ!!!	Frederick Rapier	85260	Self	Do not hire "Haystaq." It is a company whose ownership has ties to President Obama and Bernie Sanders, which makes it biased and, therefore, an inappropriate company for the redistricting process. Bernie Sanders & President Obama should have NOTHING to do with r redistricting in AZ!
4/27/2021 10:00:55	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>Although it makes sense that the Commission was required to conduct the presentations by the three mapping consultants in secret while in Executive Session, if for no other reason than to avoid giving any firm an advantage by observing the others who went first, now that the sessions are over is there any reason why the public cannot see the list of criteria that were used to score the candidates? Even if we are not allowed to see the filed-in score sheets or a summary of them for each firm, can we not see the list of criteria itself? Without that, how do we know that the Commission is doing due diligence to ask meaningful questions and adequately cover the knowledge areas, skills, and tasks that will be required as well as any biases of the firm that will be chosen?</p> <p>Please make available at the very least a list of the criteria that were used and preferably the completed score sheets as well. That way, the public confidence in the adequacy of your process around this crucial decision will be positively impacted and any questions about how well we are being served can be put to rest.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
4/27/2021 10:01:32	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Barbara Carpenter	86401	Barbara and Gary Carpenter	NO Haystag!! Redistricting MUST be unbiased.

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4/27/2021 10:01:35	April 27, 2021	VIII. Mapping Consultant	mapping consultant	85202	Republican	<p>HaystaqDNA's Ongoing Relationships With Democrats In Arizona Pose A Conflict Of Interest, And It Would Drag Us Through The Mud Again:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· In 2008, HaystaqDNA was the chief data modeling firm for the president campaign of Barack Obama, who, in conjunction with Eric Holder, one of his attorneys general, is actively involved in influencing redistricting efforts in Arizona.</li> <li>· In 2014, HaystaqDNA was hired by Americans for Responsible Solutions, a gun control group headed by former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords (D-Ariz.) — the wife of Senator Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.) — to “spearhead its data and modeling efforts” promoting Democrats.</li> <li>· In 2018, HaystaqDNA co-founder Michael Simon donated to the campaign of Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.)</li> <li>· In 2019, HaystaqDNA chief executive officer Ken Strasma donated to the campaign of Senator Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.).</li> <li>· HaystaqDNA's clients include at least three political groups — Need to Impeach, NexGen Climate America, and For Our Future — primarily backed by Democratic megadonor Tom Steyer, who has spent millions of attempting to give Democrats control over state government in Arizona. Influencing redistricting is one of Tom Steyer's explicit objectives.</li> </ul>
4/27/2021 10:02:03	April 27, 2021	Redistricting company used	Amanda Wagner	85635	The people of AZ	Haystaq is NOT an unbiased company, so in the interests of labeling this redistricting an 'independent' effort, a different company absolutely must be used.
4/27/2021 10:02:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Gene Solosky	85749		What qualifications do Haystack, Obama and Bernie's data company have to manage map creation for redistricting?
4/27/2021 10:02:17	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Barbara Treick	85739	Myself and other thinking voters	any company that designed CD1 should be disqualified.The only parameter the district meets is voting Democrat.
4/27/2021 10:02:21	April 27, 2021	Hiring of Mapping Consultant	Annette Szalay	85711		It is inappropriate to hire a biased firm for the Redistricting Mapping process with deep ties to Bernie Sanders and the Obamas. If you are an "Independent' Redistricting then you should act like one
4/27/2021 10:02:49	April 27, 2021	Redistricting. No to hiring a partisan political group Haystaq.	Bonnie Cochill	85253	Myself	We cannot afford any questions that any group or person advising or overseeing this has any political affiliation prior or current. This would be another political agenda that cannot occur in Arizona causing conflict or backlash.
4/27/2021 10:02:49	April 27, 2021	Map Creation for Redistricting	Ray Darragh	85658	LD11	I am vehemently opposed to hiring Haystaq to manage the map creation for redistricting in Arizona. It is inappropriate to use such a biased company.
4/27/2021 10:03:10	April 27, 2021	Redistricting - company to be hired for mapping	Cheryl Laube	85306	Self	Please only consider non partisan companies. We need our redistricting to be as fair as possible, why start out with controversy? Please do not contract with Haystaq. Thank you.
4/27/2021 10:03:16	April 27, 2021	VIII	Lyle Aldridge	85748	Myself	As should also be obvious from my previous comment, it seems wholly unrealistic to employ Haystaq, as their rendition of truly impartial service to Arizona would be tantamount to cutting their own throats with their main client base. Good intentions cannot obviate that influence or its appearance.

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4/27/2021 10:03:18	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Lewis Phillips	86323	Friends and family.	I do not support having a biased left wing business involved in redistricting Arizona, it's a terrible idea.
4/27/2021 10:03:48	April 27, 2021	#8	Anne Roper	86314	citizen of Arizona	It is completely inappropriate to use HAYSTAG for the Arizona redistricting mapping process-a TRULY INDEPENDENT company is the correct way to go! No PARTISANSHIP in this process!
4/27/2021 10:04:15	April 27, 2021	Public comments for Independent Redistricting Commission	Laurie Reiner	86303	self	Why are public comments being locked out during this meeting which was posted open to the public? There is little transparency here. Haystaq DNA helped Obama get elected, as well as Sen. Bernie Sanders during his 2016 campaign. They are 2 of the most polarizing and divisive politicians on record. You already stated during your meeting this morning (briefly opened to the public) that 3 firms were interviewed by you, but the public was not allowed to observe those sessions. Why?
4/27/2021 10:04:16	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA	Rafael Carrasco	85120		I would like to say that I think you need to rethink your thoughts of picking HaystaqDNA. Judging from their previous workings and leadership I don't think they would be independent and would obviously work in favor of their close groups.
4/27/2021 10:04:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Robert Downey	85138	Myself	I view myself as an independent. I am concerned about the state of the country and the state of Arizona. Why would the commission be looking to hire the firm, HaystaqDNA (which is Strategic Telemetry rebranded)? HaystaqDNA (Strategic Telemetry) evoke so much anger and pushback during the last redistricting exercise. I am by no means very knowledgeable on the details of the last redistricting exercise, but I am sure that are several firms that could aid with this year's exercise. HaystaqDNA (back then under their former name of Strategic Telemetry) created maps that split many AZ cities, towns (which I now understand is contrary to the redistricting guidelines), created CD1 which is significantly/massively larger than any other AZ districts (again contrary to redistricting guidelines). With the friction and mistrust that there is around the counties, states and the country, it behooves the Redistricting Commission to ensure that every possible steps is taken to demonstrate fairness, inclusion, and a desire to follow the guidelines for Redistricting. Hiring HaystaqDNA would not demonstrate an attitude of learning from the past and a willingness to strive for an outcome (redistrict map) that is seen by as many people as possible, as being fair.
4/27/2021 10:04:52	April 27, 2021	Haystag Redistricting	Maria Boedigheimer	86301	Citizen of Arizona	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company as Haystad for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!
4/27/2021 10:05:11	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item 8	Audrey Tompkins	85202		I have concerns with using HaystaqDNA as a vendor for the IRC. I do not believe they would be fully bipartisan because of their work with Democrat politicians and being founded by former Democratic presidential staff. If we are to keep the IRC truly independent, fair and bipartisan, another vendor should be considered.
4/27/2021 10:05:17	April 27, 2021	8	Scott Morgan	85142		I want to comment on agenda item #8. I have deep concerns with your consideration of HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type related to the work of the IRC. I feel that this firm is too partisan and cannot truly be independent due to its extensive work with Democrat politicians like Bernie Sanders, as well as, the fact that the company's was started and is controlled by former Democrat political operatives.  Please do not choose HaystaqDNA. We need to keep our independent redistricting commission "independent" so that all voters can have confidence in the fairness of the new maps.

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4/27/2021 10:05:51	April 27, 2021	Selection of Mapping Consultant	Valerie Green	85614-6341	Self	Timmons Group/National Demographics Corp is an unacceptable choice for hiring as Mapping Consultant due to their recent two court cases in CA. There have also been problems with this company in N. Carolina, as well as in AZ, where two legislative maps were thrown out. I am urging you to make a better choice in selecting a mapping company, one that is reputable and a proven company, such as Haystack DNA.
4/27/2021 10:06:32	April 27, 2021	AIRC-Haystaq Consideration for Redistricting	Gail Golec	85260	Self	We the People demand a fair and unbiased firm to assist in the redistricting mapping process. Haystaq is far from having the appearance of being fair or unbiased. Inasmuch, I/We are strongly opposed to the appointment of this firm to assist in the redistricting efforts.
4/27/2021 10:06:34	April 27, 2021	All	Pat O'Malley	85142	Me	How come your public comment form doesn't allow paragraphs? Paragraphs are useful.
4/27/2021 10:06:52	April 27, 2021	Public Comments	Deborah Howard	85308	Self	<p>This morning Chairwoman Neuberg said that because redistricting happens only once every ten years there really aren't experts. This is complete nonsense. And completely arrogant. There are experts - many of them right here in AZ. Some of them have even applied for positions and consultancies with the commission. The IRC has dismissed/overlooked all of them.</p> <p>You might think you can figure this out as you go along -- that would be a mistake. I do hope the lawyers you've selected will bring in real redistricting experts and others experienced in this process. So far - other than accepting "robust" public comment, the demonstrated value of these comments to the commission has been pretty weak.</p> <p>Bad decisions (hiring Brian Schmitt - who is definitely NOT a redistricting expert or even experienced with state government; hiring a law firm that defended SB 1070) are justified by statements of intent.</p> <p>Seek out experience and expertise - and stop pretending that inexperience can be papered over. Each of the five commissioners are successful professionals - not one of you would approach hiring decisions for your "real life" entities as you are doing here. .</p> <p>Experience matters. Hire the mapping consultant that can do the job and does not bring additional controversy to the table with them. BTW - that would be HaystaqDNA.</p>
4/27/2021 10:06:58	April 27, 2021	8	Cynthia Newswander			HayStaq-please do not choose this company that was founded and continues to be supported and funded by extreme partisan politicians. This is not the company best for AZ, it will not be fair to all.
4/27/2021 10:07:01	April 27, 2021	It is inappropriate for any person or organization outside of Arizona to have a say in our re-district of Arizona map.	Kenney Denney	86332		It is in appropriate for any entity or person or group to have a say in Arizona's redistrict map.
4/27/2021 10:07:04	April 27, 2021	RTS on Haystaq	Tracy Ireland	85283	LD 27 Republican Committee	DO NOT HIRE HAYSTAQ! There are better companies available This is just asking for incorrect results!

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4/27/2021 10:07:14	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultants	Liz Storto	85086		Haystaq should not be used. Redistricting should be unbiased. We do not want Obama or Bernie influence in Arizona redistricting.
4/27/2021 10:07:26	April 27, 2021	Arizona Redistricting	Mylinh Moran			Arizona citizens want to have an unbiased fair independent company to perform our AZ Redistricting. WE THE PEOPLE Of Arizona want you to hire National Demographics Corp. Thank you
4/27/2021 10:08:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting AZ	Kathy Coogle	85308		It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 10:08:14	April 27, 2021	Selection of management firm for redistricting map.	Forrest Templeton	86301	self	It is very inappropriate to consider or select Haystaq for the management of this important task. Haystaq is known to be bias and would not provide a result that would be considered fair to the Citizens of Arizona. I recommend the use of the group known as Fair Maps Arizona.
4/27/2021 10:08:37	April 27, 2021	V	María-Elena Dunn	86303		I am listening to the highlights of what was discussed in the ES w/ the legal counsel and have yet to hear anything that could be considered privileged legal advice. That should have been public. Let's try to be more transparent. If you were in ES and noted that it was unnecessary, you should call for it to be closed and back to public. Openess will be key to minimizing the legal challenges that you anticipate. Thank you
4/27/2021 10:08:40	April 27, 2021	VIIIA	Steven Zipperman	86305	Yavapai County GOP	<p>Haystaq is not a neutral company. It has a history of working on behalf of liberal groups and owes an allegiance to Democrats. Haystaq is unacceptable, because it is biased against conservatives. You should NOT approve Haystaq as a redistricting mapmaking company for Arizona, because that entity is NOT neutral and its results will promote a biased result.</p> <p>It is extremely inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Redistricting in Arizona!</p> <p>The last redistricting process resulted in maps favorable to Democrats, with significant impact on conservative districts, and the maps are supposed to be neutrally prepared. Starting with a biased company drawing the maps will result in a tainted and biased result. We need free and fair elections in Arizona, and this process must start with fair mapping of voting districts. Do not hire Haystaq to do the mapping for our redistricting. The result will be another sham.</p>
4/27/2021 10:09:34	April 27, 2021	Consideration of hiring a firm to manage the map creation that is associated with Bernie Sanders	Deborah Allen	86409	Myself	Hiring an independent firm would be ideal. In this day and time, we need impartiality and the highest moral character, and the firm being considered is not seen as impartial or ideal. At the very least, I implore you to have at least five firms being considered and being commented on. I believe that any citizen who has graduated high school would be able to do what this firm is being hired to do, and would do it for free as a civil duty, but we the citizens are not given this opportunity because there always seems to be ulterior motives, and the struggle to control everything. Frankly, we the people are tired of it all. Your duty is simply to get this done and to do it fairly. If you have to, video tape the whole process and allow people to watch it the whole way through with full disclosure and full 24 hour access and comments turned on. That's an open system, and we have the technology to do it.



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4/27/2021 10:09:42	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company decision	Barbara Hutchinson	85718	Self	It is extremely important for the selected mapping company to be above all reproach and to have a track record that inspires confidence. It is clear at least one of the companies in question does not meet this criteria. Your decision in this could have far reaching consequences. Please ensure the integrity of Arizona's redistricting process.
4/27/2021 10:09:50	April 27, 2021	Company for redistricting	NO, NO, NO	85206	myself	Do not use a biased company for our redistricting!
4/27/2021 10:10:11	April 27, 2021	III 3	Sharon Mendenhall	85641	Myself	It is inappropriate to use a biased company such as Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 10:10:15	April 27, 2021	Consultant for redistricting	Theresa Bauer	85048	Self	I oppose the use of HaystaqDNA as the consultant for redistricting. They are a Democratic operative and would not serve the Arizona community in a fair manner.
4/27/2021 10:10:20	April 27, 2021	Vendor For Re-districting - Haystaq NO!!	Maria Lopez	85745	On the matter of choosing a vendor for redistricting	No on Haystaq - a biased and untrustworthy choice. Redistricting should be unbiased especially in these very polarized times.
4/27/2021 10:11:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	angela livernois	85741	The People of AZ	Do NOT use Haystaq for redistricting mapping. Haystag is known to be associated with Obama and Bernie Sanders. It is harly unbiased. AZ redistricting mapping should be done with no biad from a completly unpartisan entity.
4/27/2021 10:12:37	April 27, 2021	Redistricting in Arizona	Laurie Moore	85737	Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie data company. UNACCEPTABLE! BIASED!	Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie data company. UNACCEPTABLE! BIASED! They must not be considered to do the redistricting in Arizona.
4/27/2021 10:12:47	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company	Dominic Luciano	85379		Hello. I hope you are having a good day. I just wanted to give the IRC a quick message in regard to some worries I have about one of the companies the IRC is considering to use to re-map our districts. I would be very appreciative if you did not hire HaystaqDNA, which I know is a partisan company. Based on what I have heard about HaystaqDNA, I am worried that the re-districting will be biased in the benefit of a particular party. That is not acceptable or fair to the citizens of Arizona because it would manipulate the representation. The re-districting of our state should be done in a way that is fair and unbiased. Thank you for time in reading this message.
4/27/2021 10:13:13	April 27, 2021	#8	Natasha Schaecker	85142		Please please please DO NOT use HaystaqDNA as a vendor to the IRC. We need to keep our independent redistricting commission "independent" so all voters can have trust and confidence in the fairness of the new maps!! No on HaystaqDNA!!
4/27/2021 10:13:20	April 27, 2021	Haystaq is biased, do not hire	Troy Wanstreet	85248	I do not want Haystaq considered for redistricting	Haystaq is a biased entity. Hire another company with no left or right leanings to do the redistricting of Arizona
4/27/2021 10:13:38	April 27, 2021	Selection of consultant	Jack Harper	85387	Self	Pmease do not select HaystaxDNA for a consultant. They are going to sabotage the process.
4/27/2021 10:14:13	April 27, 2021	Arizona Redistricting	Blake Miraglia	85255	Self	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!  It would be inappropriate to use such a biased company in what should be an independent process.
4/27/2021 10:14:41	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Alice St Germain	86005	Flagstaff, AZ	I am against the use of Haystaq as a company used to redistrict Arizona because of their affiliation with Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders. Please used an unbiased company to redistrict.

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4/27/2021 10:15:00	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Laurie Clark	85745		As an Arizona voter, I am dismayed at the desire to use such a biased company for map redistricting. Haystaq is funded by top Democrats at the national level, and therefore should have no play in the game. Please do not vote for a biased company to handle this redistricting map. The contract should be given to someone with no bias...hence the word 'Independent'. Thank you.
4/27/2021 10:15:38	April 27, 2021	Redistricting commission	Cambria Catlin	85120	Myself, my family, and my neighbors	We are very concerned that some of the companies being considered for redistricting have openly shown biases toward some political parties and leaders. Redistricting should only be done by companies who are unbiased and unaffected by the outcome. In addition, Haystaq appears to be extremely biased, and I am surprised that it is even being considered. Clearly, a quick search would show obvious bias by that company.
4/27/2021 10:15:53	April 27, 2021	IV	David Dunn	86303		In remarks re public comments the Chair asked that the public trust the commission to do the right thing regarding mapping company choice and perhaps, by extension, other decisions. The public would have trust if we had not had the experience around the interview and the hiring of the Ex Dir Schmitt. Once burned, twice shy.
4/27/2021 10:16:28	April 27, 2021	Vendor for Redistricting mapping process	Dan Mendenhall	85641	self	The vendor for Redistricting mapping process must be independent of outside political influences. I object to Haystaq as biased toward the Democratic party.
4/27/2021 10:17:12	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Marcus Milam	85023	Marcus Milam	I am very concerned that the commission is considering retaining the services of HaystaqDNA. This is not only a company that works almost exclusively for Democratic candidates, but their owners have been excessively partisan. In order for the process to have credibility, any firms which are retained must be credible with membership from every political party. Retaining such an excessively partisan entity would undermine both the work the commission is doing and the end product the commission is hoping to produce. As a concerned citizen, I would encourage the commission not to retain HaystaqDNA and instead retain a firm with broader credibility on both sides of the ideological divide.
4/27/2021 10:17:27	April 27, 2021	Haysttag	Jalene Griffin	85086	Myself and LD1	Vote no to using Haysttag for redistricting which should be unbiased
4/27/2021 10:17:28	April 27, 2021	VI and VII	Cindy Wagner	86301	Self	Thank you for allowing me to make comments. I think it's a great idea to have all Commissioners engage in public outreach. Commissioners should be presenters. Also can you arrange the agenda so that all Executive Sessions will happen together so that we the public aren't sitting waiting for the Commission to recovene. Thanks.
4/27/2021 10:17:28	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Rafael Ihly	85641	self	The use of Haystaq should NOT be allowed because they were involved in the terribly unfair redistricting from 2011 that clearly favored Democrats. Do not be fooled by slick expensive proposals put up by well funded billionaires who want to control Arizona. Haystaq is the firm of Barack Obama and Bernie Sanders who have no interest in fair districts. Arizona maps should not be drawn with outside influence, from them, from Washington, or anyone else. Just because Census data is not available is not a good reason to use a firm that has a tainted past, even though they have prior data. Further, please research as far as possible everything Haystaq presents.
4/27/2021 10:18:13	April 27, 2021	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!	Deborah Cheatham	85260	Deb Cheatham	NO Haystaq!
4/27/2021 10:19:27	April 27, 2021	Company to manage map creation for redistricting	Barbara Ware	85614-5887	Self	Haystaq was used by Bernie and Obama as their data company. It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process.

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4/27/2021 10:19:35	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Mark Stuckey	85086		I strongly oppose the hiring of Haystaq in the redistricting effort. This process should be as unbiased as possible. We all know they are a left leaning, democratic group
4/27/2021 10:20:21	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Shelley Kais	85614	Pima County Republican Party	Pima County is the second largest county in the state of Arizona. The 2010 Redistricting left Pima County with seven (7) districts of which two are represented in the most populous counties of Maricopa and Cochise (LDs 4 and 14). Legislative Districts 2, 3, 9, 10 are not competitive districts and have disenfranchised the electors in Pima County. Legislative District 11 has experienced the growth of Pinal County. The representation in Pima County is by the Democrat party in Phoenix while the communities of Marana, Sahuarita, Vail, Oro Valley are represented by Republicans. Having reviewed the demographics of Pima County down to zip codes and the associated LD maps, it is clear that the maps were carved out with purpose. The purpose was neither communities of interest nor competition. Please consider the importance of not only independence in the selection of the mapping consultant, but also past performance and confidence of the community. There is no confidence in Haystaq and their past performance leaves those of us in Pima County questioning their competence or intent.
4/27/2021 10:20:50	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company	Dwight Kadar	86351	Myself	The AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for Arizona's redistricting.  It is grossly inappropriate to use such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 10:21:10	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Eileen Haslach	85331	LD1	Don't use haystack. They are compromised
4/27/2021 10:21:10	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Kim Stiner	85383	myself	I am a native Arizonan and am glad I can voice my opinion here, so Thank You. I do feel it is inappropriate to use the company Haystaq for our redistricting. Please be bipartisan in this decision and do not use the company that has ties to Obama and Bernie. I'm asking this as using this company would not be in the best interest of our great state...especially when you have the other qualified choices. Please do the right thing here.
4/27/2021 10:21:11	April 27, 2021	Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Linda Jachimowicz	85234	Conservatives	It is highly inappropriate to use such a biased company, funded by Democrats at the national level, for the Redistricting mapping process. On their Facebook page: "Trump supporters and opponents both list "Donald Trump" in the top 10 things they are going to give up for Lent." How difficult is it for find a non partisan company to this very important work?
4/27/2021 10:22:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting map in AZ	Charmon Puhlmann	85209		Please do not use the company Haystaq . They are one sided in their opinion.
4/27/2021 10:23:22	April 27, 2021	Agenda 28	Mikey McCoy	85281	Myself	There is absolutely no reason the Bernie Sanders consulting group should have any part in the future of Arizona.
4/27/2021 10:24:04	April 27, 2021	Mapping Vendor Comments	Chip Douglas	85248	Myself	Your vendor candidate HaystaqDNA (fmrly Strategic Telemetry) should be dropped from consideration for any mapping services. The firm is a Democrat Party advocacy group with Bernie/Obama ties and funding who explicitly endeavor to assist in any way possible with the conversion of AZ and its character from Republican red state to Democrat blue state. There is a REASON blue state residents are moving here en masse; do not let their ideological allies pollute AZ's unique character with the dystopian unrest they have fled.
4/27/2021 10:24:17	April 27, 2021	Managing Remapping	Cecyll LoBue	85048		Please Do NOT use Haystaq, a company affiliated with Obama and Bernie Sanders to manage the district remapping. This is blatant partisanship. It is a conflict of interest and makes voters further lose faith in the election process. PLEASE Use your conscience when you do your job and find a neutral company.

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4/27/2021 10:24:30	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Michael Blaire	85259	myself	I respectfully request that the AIRC disqualify HaystaqDNA for consideration as a mapping consultant. There is no place for such an openly biased company on a supposedly independent redistricting committee. HaystaqDNA founder Ken Strasma has had strong ties to the Democratic National Committee for years. The results of that bias can be clearly seen in the maps that Haystaq drew for Arizona in 2010, where competitive districts like CD1 and CD6 were split up and redrawn to solid Democratic leaning districts, while CD3 and CD7 were left untouched, as they were already solid Democrat. Newly created CD9 was also drawn as to be a Democrat + district. For further examples of Democratic bias at HaystaqDNA one need only look at the homepage on their website, where one is greeted by a picture of Barak Obama and Bernie Sanders. Haystaq cites white papers that speak to their effectiveness in propelling these men to the tops of their respective tickets in 2008 and 2016. References provided on their website include David Daley's book RatF**ked, a scathing indictment of " Republican attempts to h jack our democracy through gerrymandering," and a series of articles from such biased sources as the New York Times and the Washington post, all of which spout lies about Republican attempts at voter suppression in states where Democrats had gerrymandered districts. Once again, and in light of the facts above, I strongly urge the AIRC to disqualify HaystaqDNA from consideration as a mapping consultant.
4/27/2021 10:24:44	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Julie Sessions	85203	Julie Sessions	An independent redistricting should not be done by I highly political team (Obama/Bernie). It is not reasonable for those attempting to redistrict or those being redistricted.  Please choose a company that is less inflammatory and more centrist in their views.
4/27/2021 10:24:45	April 27, 2021	#8	Deborah Belnap	85142	Myself	It is not appropriate for haystaqDNA to have any influence regarding redistricting. This is supposed to be an independent company but they are founded by partisan Democrat operatives. It is clear based on the founders of this company and those who influence it that the redistricting will hurt Arizonans and not represent our population fairly. We will be watching carefully.
4/27/2021 10:24:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Paul OFlaherty	86303	Independent citizen	Haystaq is an Obama and Bernie data company. It is completely UNACCEPTABLE and BIASED to hire this company for redistricting in Arizona. It's actually a joke and an insult to voters that they are being considered. Please block this disgraceful suggestion.
4/27/2021 10:24:49	April 27, 2021	Redistricting in Arizona	Laurie Moore	85737	Arizona GOP	Redistricting Committee, Do not use the company Haystack to do the redistricting. They are too biased to be used for this Redistricting mapping process.  Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!  Thank you, Laurie Moore Precinct Committeeman
4/27/2021 10:24:59	April 27, 2021	#8	Lisa Hoffman	85310	Myself as an AZ VOTER	I am concerned with your consideration of HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type related to the work of the IRC. This firm is too partisan and cannot truly be independent since the company was started & still controlled by former Democrat political operatives. This process needs to be FAIR & TRANSPARENT!  Please do not choose HaystaqDNA!! We need to keep our independent redistricting commission "independent" so that all voters can have confidence in the fairness of the new maps.

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4/27/2021 10:25:43	April 27, 2021	VIII- mapping consultant	Deborah Pernice knefel	86301	Yavapai County - Prescott AZ	We understand you are considering Haystaq-- reputed consultant for the democrat Obama administration and Bernie Sanders- I emphatically object to this consultant and urge the committee to select an IMPARTIAL ETHICAL CONSULTANT. Obama partisan consultants (think -- fake dossier...) are not particularly known for their integrity and fairness. I have hired numerous expert witnesses and consultants in my 30 year career as a trial lawyer - SURELY you can find a qualified consultant that is IMPARTIAL AND FAIR? NO TO HAYSTAQ and any other democrat /Obama affiliated consultant. They cannot be depended upon to render an impartial analysis.
4/27/2021 10:26:38	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item VIII	Bonnie Lloyd	85015	Myself	I, and four other AZ voters in my household, am strongly opposed to hiring Haystaq to facilitate drawing the restricting maps for AZ. I find that company very biased. We must have objectivity in this process to ensure public trust in our election process.
4/27/2021 10:26:46	April 27, 2021	VIIIB	Steven Zipperman	86305	Yavapai County GOP	Haystaq is not a viable or good choice as a redistricting mapping company. That company is unacceptably biased!  Do not vote to approve Haystaq! NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!  It is grossly inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting!
4/27/2021 10:27:11	April 27, 2021	Redistricting in Arizona	Marvin Moore	85737	Arizona GOP	Committeemen, The company called Haystaq should not be considered for the redistricting Arizona map. They are too biased. They can not be trusted to do an impartial job.  Thank you,  Marvin Moore
4/27/2021 10:27:13	April 27, 2021	Re-mapping of Arizona	Walter Otto	86314	Prescott Valley, AZ	employing a partisan company such as Haystaq to perform district mapping would be detrimental to the mission. I encourage selection from a larger pool.
4/27/2021 10:27:16	April 27, 2021	Redistrict of political alignment map	Michael Puhlmann	85209	District #16	Haystaq is too bias to be considered for this project.
4/27/2021 10:27:19	April 27, 2021	Managing Remapping	Cecyll LoBue	85048		Please Do NOT use Haystaq, a company affiliated with Obama and Bernie Sanders to manage the district remapping. This is blatant partisanship. It is a conflict of interest and makes voters further lose faith in the election process. PLEASE Use your conscience when you do your job and find a neutral company.
4/27/2021 10:27:20	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Stetson Jenks	85132	Myself	Good morning Members of the AIRC,  Hope you're having a great week. My intent with this message is to express my thoughts in relation to one of the companies the AIRC is considering to hire for our great state's re-districting. Quite honestly, I do not think it is appropriate at all for HaystaqDNA to do the maps for our state. This company has a history of being partisan toward left leaning candidates. To have a partisan company map our districts would not inspire me with any sort of confidence at all. It is of extreme importance that the maps of our state are done in a way that represents the people of Arizona and not in a way that benefits any political party. We have to get these maps right. The re-districting should be impartial and abide by the guidelines of fair mapping.  Thanks and have a nice rest of your week.

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4/27/2021 10:28:13	April 27, 2021	Haystaq Redistricting	Leslie Duffy	85253		NO Haystaq. Redistricting should be unbiased.
4/27/2021 10:30:29	April 27, 2021	Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting.	Bob Windsor	86325	People against using Haystaq!	I am totally against using Haystaq as the company to manage map creation for redistricting here in Arizona. Haystaq is the same Company that Pres. Obama and Hr. Bernie Sanders used in the last redistricting. I believe it was done in a illegal fashion and I do not trust the Company.
4/27/2021 10:32:08	April 27, 2021	VII	M E Dunn	86303		Commissioner Lerner is absolutely right. You cannot approve a non fleshed out managerial system. Let's not rush just because..... Wrong decisions can be made when not thinking this through. No one is saying that he has been denied authority to go on. On the contrary, he is being asked to give his "outline" of staffing some depth. An organizational chart should be a minimum. The Exec Dir should have anticipated the need for this before presenting a list of jobs with no specifics. Do not forget that these are PUBLIC FUNDS that need to be spent wisely and fiscally responsibly.
4/27/2021 10:32:18	April 27, 2021	Item #8	Vicki O'Connor	85083		I want to comment on agenda item #8. I have deep concerns with your consideration of HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type related to the work of the IRC. I feel that this firm is too partisan and cannot truly be independent due to its extensive work with Democrat politicians like Bernie Sanders, as well as, the fact that the company's was started and is controlled by former Democrat political operatives.
4/27/2021 10:32:41	April 27, 2021	Agenda #8	Mary Nord	85053		In regard to agenda number #8 I ask that you please consider using a different vendor other than Haystack DNA. In regards to Arizona District ting they AR and have been run by Democratic political operatives. Much more objective and bipartisan company would be far superior to the future of our state.
4/27/2021 10:33:47	April 27, 2021	Redistributing	Valerie Giramberk	85260	Self	Do not use HaystaqDNA for redistricting. Please do your homework on this firm! We do not need split cities and gerrymandering.
4/27/2021 10:33:58	April 27, 2021	Organizational Chart and new positions	Julieu Pindzola	86301	myself	YES, do require an written Org Chart. Better tech support is needed, so shared screens can be done successfully would be great. IRC commissioners and the public need to see how this all stacks up.
4/27/2021 10:34:15	April 27, 2021	mapping consultant	Kenneth Downing	86404	Myself	It is time for the officials of this state to show some integrity. The current audit is a total abuse of power, a clear politically motivated exercise AND has made this state a joke across the entire country. NDC and Doug Johnson has been discredited in his mapping and analysis results many times in several other states. He is known to be very political and guilty of gerrymandering. Lets make sure this mapping and analysis effort is nonpartisan and legitimate. All voters must have an equal say.
4/27/2021 10:34:52	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant	Olga Tarro	85737	self	Please do not select a mapping firm that has demonstrated bias like Haystaq. My research on this company showed:" HaystaqDNA, which is partly a successor agency to Strategic Telemetry, the mapping consultant for the last commission that drew Arizona's current congressional and legislative districts in 2011. HaystaqDNA CEO Ken Strasma was the founder and president of Strategic Telemetry and Vice President Willie Desmond was its senior analyst." This is from a story from AZ Mirror. If this reporting is correct on who Haystaq evolved from, I question the fairness of this company's mapping skills. While I cannot speak to all the the Congressional Districts, I can say that my own large congressional district went to the party opposite after redistricting. This has been consistent to one party and decided by one section of the district which is very unique and unlike any other parts of the district.
4/27/2021 10:35:07	April 27, 2021	considering hiring Haystaq	Lana O'Brien	85704	PC District 9	It's inappropriate to use a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process
4/27/2021 10:35:48	April 27, 2021	Haystaq hire	Nancy Osgood	85044	self	Haystaq is not an unbiased analytics firm and everyone knows it. Do not hire this company or else the results will be fought in the courts and contested vehemently. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 10:36:18	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Commission	Laura Stockslager	85253		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. Represent all of your constituents! Thank you for your time and consideration!
4/27/2021 10:36:44	April 27, 2021	Hiring	Anna Clark	85755	Pima County GOP	DO NOT HIRE Haystaq! It is inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 10:37:28	April 27, 2021	Mapping	Brian Clark	85755	Self	DO NOT HIRE Haystaq! It is inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 10:38:18	April 27, 2021	Tax paying Arizonian	Olivia Raiff	85283	Me and Arizona	There's no reason why Bernie's consulting group should have sway over Arizona's future political landscape. It's biased and bad actors with special interests have a way of finding ways to manipulate the system.
4/27/2021 10:40:12	April 27, 2021	Redistribution in AZ	Kay	86315		Cannot be handled by this Group
4/27/2021 10:40:30	April 27, 2021	options for mapping consultant	Bonnie Roque	85641	Self/AZ Citizen	Please do not hire Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting in Arizona. Please take this into consideration how Inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and Haystaq is funded by them at the national level. Please locate and use an unbiased company. This is not fair to the Citizens of Arizona.
4/27/2021 10:41:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Company to be used	April Smith	85042	Myself and family as constituents of AZ	I find it unfortunate that we are even having to have this discussion regarding a company that has bias within it. A company that is chosen for mapping out our districts should be neutral and have no skew to certain political parties. Investigation into these companies and their ulterior motives is not too difficult to obtain.  Haystaq is a very biased company and should not even be an option in the pool of companies that are in the running. It is inappropriate to even keep them as an option and I implore you to remove them for the redistricting of our AZ districts. Thank you and I hope you will do the right thing.
4/27/2021 10:41:54	April 27, 2021	Mapping Hiring	Anna Clark	85737	AZ LD 11	DO NOT HIRE Haystaq! It is inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 10:42:00	April 27, 2021	IV	Aris Correa	85194	myself	Hello IRC, I just want to say thank you for the emphasis you are placing on public input. Also, I think that having a Public Information Officer and a Community Outreach person is great and I am glad that the IRC is moving to make these hires. Of course I hope that all the hires are impartial and independent and are able to their job in that way. Thank you.
4/27/2021 10:42:01	April 27, 2021	VII	David Dunn	86303		Please note that the title is not Public Records, its PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER according to the agenda and everything else you have published. It is an important distinction since that individual not only will deal with FOI or any records requests but also will be dealing with the public and the media!
4/27/2021 10:42:44	April 27, 2021	8	Mary Morris	86351	Self	NO Haystaq. This is a biased organization designed by Obama and Bernie Sanders. The Commission must operate on a balanced, non-partisan basis. This company is completely contrary to the intent of a fair redistricting process.

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4/27/2021 10:43:04	April 27, 2021	Mapping Company	Alberto LeBaron	85326		Dear IRC, Hope all is well. Today I am contacting you because I wanted to respectfully request that you choose a mapping company that is fair and unbiased to do the re-districting of our state. I am particularly opposed to the hiring of the company called HaystaqDNA. Frankly, I do not think it is appropriate at all for HaystaqDNA to do the maps for our state because this company is an offshoot of a company that worked specifically for Democrats. HaystaqDNA is a partisan company and I do not trust that our maps should be trusted to a partisan company. It is absolutely vital that the maps of our state are done in a way that does not help any political party. Again, the re-districting should be impartial and fair. Sincere regards, Alberto LeBaron
4/27/2021 10:43:24	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultants	Sarah Ramsey	85750	Self	It is very inappropriate to use Haystaq which appears to be a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level. It is all over their website their work with Bernie and Obama.
4/27/2021 10:43:33	April 27, 2021	Redistricting the state	Lynn Mccracken	85658	A non partisan organization.	The choice should be non partisan and definitely not Haystaq which is definitely a partisan Democrat organization .Formerly Strategic Telemetry. Funny how these keep changing names.
4/27/2021 10:43:52	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultants	Jesse "Jay" Simpson	85016	Myself	One of the applicants to be the mapping consultant this cycle is NDC. This is a company that was retained as the mapping consultant to the IRC in the 2001 cycle. The work of NDC was subject to extensive criticism by the courts in the wake of litigation filed to invalidate the maps adopted by the IRC. In particular, Judge Ken Fields held in January 2004 that NDC had received and used the locations of all of the legislative and congressional incumbents in the proposed districts of the final draft map in violation of the Arizona Constitution. See paragraph 109 of Judge Field's January 16, 2004 order. Based on this, the Court held that the IRC violated Article IV, pt.2 Section 1(15) through it identification and consideration of the residences of incumbents. See Paragraph 45, page52 of the Court's Conclusions of Law in Judge Field's January 16, 2004 order. This conduct raises significant questions regarding the integrity of NDC and its personnel. Given this history, NDC should not be selected as the mapping consultant to the IRC this cycle. I urge all of the Commissioners to read the entire Court order from January 16, 2004 if they are even considering NDC as a candidate to be their mapping consultant.
4/27/2021 10:44:00	April 27, 2021	Vote NO on current contact with gerrymandering business due to political associations.	Coy Cornforth	85122	Citizen of Arizona	Not sure what is expected here.
4/27/2021 10:44:13	April 27, 2021	VIII	M. E. Dunn	86303		The evaluation matrix for the selection of the mapping company should not/not be in ES.
4/27/2021 10:44:39	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq	Nigel Upton	85255	self	Please use an unbiased data AI company, not one tied to Bernie Sanders!!
4/27/2021 10:44:58	April 27, 2021	VIII	Jeffrey Specter	85395	Self	I urge you not to use HaystaqDNA as the mapping consultant. Haystaq DNA is too biased in favor of the Democrat party. The CEO, President and the Project Manager for Modeling worked on the Obama campaign, or the Democratic Campaign Committee.
4/27/2021 10:45:03	April 27, 2021	VII	Cindy Wagner	86301	Self	Thank you Commissioner Lerner for you due diligence. Appreciate your thoughtful, articulate and deliberate considerations.



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4/27/2021 10:45:12	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Jack Williams	86339	Self	With all the hype and concern surrounding 'independence' and/or bias as it pertains to the consultants hired to perform the Maricopa County ballot audit, there is naturally a concern regarding the independence of a firm – HaystaqDNA – whose web site home page touts such close ties to left wing Democrats Bernie Sanders & Barak Obama. To me, this is troubling, and I would posit that it is inappropriate to use what clearly appears to be a biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process, regardless of their 'experience' in AZ. All too often, perceptions become reality, especially in the minds of the electorate. In short, Bernie Sanders and Barak Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like. Thank you for your good consideration to this matter. Lastly, there MUST be total clarity and transparency around any perceived bias. In other words, ALL candidates need to be grilled on this and address any and all perceptions/concerns of bias to the satisfaction of the electorate.
4/27/2021 10:45:24	April 27, 2021	IRC redistricting meeting	Cathleen Clair	85304	District 20	IRC Committee:  I'm writing to comment on agenda item #8. I have deep concerns with your consideration of HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type related to the work of the IRC. I feel that this firm is too partisan and cannot truly be independent due to its extensive work with Democrat politicians like Bernie Sanders, as well as the fact that the company was started by and is controlled by former Democrat political operatives.  Please do not choose HaystaqDNA. We need to keep our independent redistricting commission truly 'independent' so that all legal voters will have confidence in the fairness and accuracy of the new maps.  Thank you. Cathleen Clair Glendale AZ
4/27/2021 10:45:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Vicki Tofte	85085	blueadobe@g mail.com	Please hire a company that's unbiased to do the redistricting. You need to look carefully into who is going to do it they could have no ties to either party
4/27/2021 10:46:06	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Chris Uphoff	85086	Citizen	NO to Haystaq
4/27/2021 10:46:11	April 27, 2021	AIRC	Jeff Zink	85041		Haystaq has ties to the Democratic party (Obama and Sanders) and should not even be considered. Haystaq has bias for the Democrats, they even changed their name from Strategic Telemetry where the redistricting was done in favor of the Democratic party. It is because of that tie that you should not allow them anywhere near our state. Vote NO to Haystaq.
4/27/2021 10:46:14	April 27, 2021	choosing firm to manage redistricting	ken smalley	85711		I don't think it is appropriate to choose a company even remotely associated with one party to manage an independent redistricting process. There is too little trust in government now and this will make it worse.
4/27/2021 10:46:26	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Josephina Alvarado	85382	Myself	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!

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4/27/2021 10:46:33	April 27, 2021	Map drawing	Cora Lee Schingnitz	85365	Yuma County	Please do not compromise the committee's final decisions by hiring Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting in Arizona.
4/27/2021 10:46:40	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Monica Kussmann	85213	Self	I believe it is inappropriate to use Haystaq for the redistricting mapping process. It is my understanding that Haystaq is Obama and Bernie's data company which is funded by them at the national level and any work completed by this company will be extremely biased.
4/27/2021 10:46:49	April 27, 2021	The hiring of Haysatq for Arizona redistricting	William Bodine	85213	Myself	I find it highly partisan and politically unbalance to be considering Haystaq as a possible vendor in the redistricting of the Arizona voting districts. Haystaq and its earlier founded company proudly supported efforts of some of the most liberal, left wing political candidates over the last 12 years. I question Haystaqs ability to unbiasedly suggest the redistricting mapping process.
4/27/2021 10:47:57	April 27, 2021	NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!	Stanley Salsbery	85140		NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be unbiased!
4/27/2021 10:49:22	April 27, 2021	IV. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to today's (April 27, 2021) meeting.	Kendra Alvarez	85701	All On The Line - Arizona	Dear Commissioners,  We appreciate the posting of public comments so that the public is aware of the record. However, the public is also encouraged to email ircadmin@azdoa.gov or mail comments to 1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 105, Phoenix, AZ 85007, and those submissions are not available to the public.  We encourage you to publicly post and share comments or input that is emailed to the general/admin inbox, or mailed to the Commission, just as the public comments are shared when received through the portal.  Transparency is fundamental to a fair process, and all public comments and input shared with the 5 Commissioners should be treated equally to uphold public confidence.
4/27/2021 10:49:58	April 27, 2021	AZ voting fraud	Erleen Tilton	85554	AZ voter fraud	Everyone is looking to Arizona on how they clear up this voter fraud. Hiring a group that is Obama supported will not bring truth, you know it and I know it! This voter fraud needs to be exposed and can only happen through a group who desires an honest outcome!!!
4/27/2021 10:51:37	April 27, 2021	Arizona Election	Sonya Raff	32940		Arizona will be redistricting and the firm that they are considering supposedly associated with Bernie Sanders. Please use company with biased
4/27/2021 10:51:55	April 27, 2021	Why is the company being used affiliated with Obama and Bernie isn't this a clear conflict of interest?	Shbvon Turner	85123		We the people what fair selection company without bias because this impacts all of the people not just democrats.

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4/27/2021 10:52:20	April 27, 2021	8	Maria Mlcunescu	85085		<p>I want to comment on agenda item #8. I have deep concerns with your consideration of HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type related to the work of the IRC. I feel that this firm is too partisan and cannot truly be independent due to its extensive work with Democrat politicians like Bernie Sanders, as well as, the fact that the company's was started and is controlled by former Democrat political operatives.</p> <p>Please do not choose HaystaqDNA. We need to keep our independent redistricting commission "independent" so that all voters can have confidence in the fairness of the new maps.</p>
4/27/2021 10:52:44	April 27, 2021	The hiring of Haystaq to manage map creation for redistricting	Marc Chazen	85351		I don't think it is in the best interest of the people of this state to have a company associated with Obama and or Sanders to do anything to effect any change in my state
4/27/2021 10:53:25	April 27, 2021	VII.	Karyn Riedell	86001	Myself	I am highly concerned that NDC/Timmons has a history of so many major legal challenges.
4/27/2021 10:53:43	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Joe Borzacchiello	85206	Concerned AZ citizens	<p>The AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq, Obama and Bernie's data company to manage map creation for redistricting.</p> <p>This is HIGHLY inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.</p>
4/27/2021 10:53:47	April 27, 2021	HayStaq	Leah DeLong	85202	Maricopa County, City of Mesa	Do not use biased sources for districting. Do not use HayStaq
4/27/2021 10:55:19	April 27, 2021	VIII.	Stratton Hickcox	85331		HaystaqDNA would cause the impression that redistricting was done in a partisan fashion, whether fair or not, no matter the outcome. Their website highlights the work they've done for the Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama Campaigns. They are a nakedly partisan firm that should be avoided for the non-partisan, independent redistricting commission.
4/27/2021 10:55:19	April 27, 2021	28	Troy Smith	85361	Myself	As an independent arizona resident, I do not feel comfortable with a more left leaning consulting group overseeing the map process in Arizona. We need an independent group in the process. Please consider that implicit biases will only hurt the outcome of this process and could set a dangerous precedence for everyone. Thank you.
4/27/2021 10:55:41	April 27, 2021	AIRC hiring Hatstaq	Tanya Howell	85215		It's inappropriate to use such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process in AZ.
4/27/2021 10:55:46	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq redistricting	Arthur Fesler-Butts	85936	Real Americans for Freedom	We are opposed to using haystaq company to draw the redistricting lines for AZ.
4/27/2021 10:55:56	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Adrienne Johnson	85383	Myself	It is inappropriate to use such a biased company for the Redistricting mapping process.

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4/27/2021 10:56:45	April 27, 2021	District Remapping	Allen LeBaron	85381	AZ Citizen	<p>Hello, My name is Allen LeBaron and I am very concerned that Haystaq DNA is even being considered as a company to re-map the AZ districts when they have clearly indicated they are affiliated with the Democratic Party, and carefully remapped the districts 10 years ago to solely benefit the Democrats, which was immediately seen in the results.</p> <p>Arizonans deserve a non-partisan organization that follows fair and honest re-districting guidelines, which Haystaq DNA (previously Strategic Telemetry) did not follow 10 years ago. They clearly remapped the districts in a partisan matter, tweaking in a dishonest matter the representation of the will of the Arizona people. We as honest ethical people, don't deserve that.</p> <p>Taking this facts into consideration, I hope the AIRC makes a righteous decision.</p> <p>Allen LeBaron</p>
4/27/2021 10:58:04	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Gary Bolognese	85138	Myself	<p>Do not use Haystaq for any redistricting.. They are biased. What the hell is going on in this once conservative state!!</p>
4/27/2021 10:58:51	April 27, 2021	Mapping Companies	Jamie Mariee	85132		<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I hope you are doing well today. I am contacting you today because I wanted to say that I am opposed to the hiring of a partisan company to do the mapping of our state. I am specifically opposed to the hiring of HaystaqDNA because I think this company has partisan conflicts of interest. The re-districting of our state should not be partisan whatsoever. It is the right of Arizonans to live in a state which has been fairly mapped. The mapping of our state should not benefit one party over the other, and the districts should comply with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. Again, as an Arizonan, I ask you to NOT hire a company with partisan conflicts of interest. Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Regards, Jamie Mariee</p>
4/27/2021 10:59:02	April 27, 2021	NO to Haystaq	Joyce Mansur	85120	Joyce Mansur	<p>The company is a huge NO- as this company has ties to Obama and Bernie. This is not good for voter integrity</p>
4/27/2021 10:59:30	April 27, 2021	Agenda Item #8	Shoushana Kaprelian			<p>I wanted to contact you about agenda item #8 and my concern about HaystaqDNA working with the IRC in ANY type of way, as a vendor or otherwise.</p> <p>Due to the fact that this firm was started by former Obama staffers and has been controlled by Democrats, as well as the fact that they have worked extensively with Bernie Sanders and other Democrat politicians, it seems to me that this firm will be too partisan and will not be able to be truly independent.</p> <p>It is crucial that we keep our "Independent Redistricting Commission" independent so that all voters, regardless of party or ideology, can trust the fairness of our new maps.</p> <p>Please DO NOT choose HaystaqDNA</p>
4/27/2021 11:00:49	April 27, 2021	VIII. B	Jeanne Hughes	85614	Myself	<p>I have researched the mapping consultants under consideration. I believe it is entirely inappropriate to consider using a company that is inherently biased for the redistricting mapping process. Haystaq openly touts their responsibility for the victories of one party's candidates for national offices and appear to continue to be funded by these politicians. Therefore, I believe Haystaq should not be considered for the contract. The other two consultants appear to have the capabilities required, but I would assign a slight preference to Timmons Group as they have a local office in Phoenix.</p>

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4/27/2021 11:00:54	April 27, 2021	8	Diana Powles	85253	Myself	I have concerns with using HaystagDNA as a vendor. This process needs to be impartial and non partisan. This vendor has done work in the past with progressive politicians and was initially formed through party affiliations. All Arizonans deserve a independent vendor selection without political ties.
4/27/2021 11:01:04	April 27, 2021	Independent redistricting commission meeting	Moakley	85304		Self
4/27/2021 11:02:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping process	Susan Niemier	85749	PCRWC member	I'm totally against (Redistricting Mapping Process) using this biase company!!
4/27/2021 11:02:38	April 27, 2021	8	Dawn Meinhardt	85048	Maricopa County	I am a native Arizona resident, living in Maricopa county for 44 years. Bernie Sanders consulting group should not be redrawing maps for AZ.
4/27/2021 11:04:29	April 27, 2021	#8	Mike Hoffman	85310	Self	Please do not consider using HaystaqDNA for any work regarding the IRC. EVERY American deserves a fair election, not political game playing. HaystaqDNA is too partisan.
4/27/2021 11:04:54	April 27, 2021	INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING	Anna Sherry	85083		I do agree or approve to hire Hastag to manage map creation for redistricting.
4/27/2021 11:06:19	April 27, 2021	NO to HAYSTAQ redistricting	Paula Thomasson	85085		NO to Redistricting company HAYSTAG
4/27/2021 11:06:49	April 27, 2021	#8	Valerie Miles	85383		If HaystaqDNA is affiliated with the Democratic Party (started by them, and also affiliated and working with a Bernie Sanders) and prone to partisan as I have heard I do not want them to work with the IRC in any way. Independent venders should be used. Fair and honest work is expected. Please act accordingly and chose with integrity. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
4/27/2021 11:07:07	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jan Dubauskas	85255		Do not use Haystack! They are biased and only an unbiased source should be used.
4/27/2021 11:07:24	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Anna Brennan	85016	Myself	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 11:07:46	April 27, 2021	VIII	Cindy Wagner	86301	Self	Mappers need to be experienced. While the software and programs are amazing - redistricting is not accomplished by an algorithm. Experience and people matter. Timmons has no mapping experience. NDC has previously failed to deliver on contracts in AZ. Douglas Johnson of the National Demographics Corporation has a terrible track record with previous maps. The maps created in 2001 FAILED the Department of Justice preclearance standards and had to be redrawn.

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4/27/2021 11:09:08	April 27, 2021	We do NOT want this company funded personally by Obama to have anything to do with the redistricting here in Arizona!	Leela Fazzuoli	85250	The city of Scottsdale.	This company is completely biased and not a good choice to conduct any business here in Arizona, let alone be in charge of something as critical as voting districts!
4/27/2021 11:10:44	April 27, 2021	8 Mapping Consultant	Jim Kais	85614		Please consider qualifications and competence in your selection of a mapping company. As a resident of Legislative District 2, Precinct 84, I have spent the last 10 years with no representation in a district which was mapped as neither competitive nor a community of interest. Encapsulated in a community that is captured by the boundaries of South Tucson and Nogales created an opportunity to cut off one of the largest Republican precincts in Pima County which was nothing more than a political move. Haystaq is a spin off of Strategic Telemetry. Strategic Telemetry did not have the competence or qualifications to quantify the demographic data provided by the census in 2010 and were politically motivated to favor the State political alignment rather than the Arizona citizens and their communities. They did not demonstrate quantitative analysis skills or critical thinking in the alignment of communities of interest and left many communities underrepresented in the State Legislature. The focus of the last redistricting was nothing more than political maneuvering and Haystaq will not do better. Please consider past performance as well as carry-over personnel as you make these critical decisions which affect the citizens of Arizona, the State, and our Country.
4/27/2021 11:10:59	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Mary Brooks	86315	Prescott Valley AZ	No Haystaq for redistricting!!'n
4/27/2021 11:11:53	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Naomi Kruse	85053	Myself	In your consideration for mapping consultants (contractors), HaystaqDNA should be excluded from consideration due to their perceived bias of working for several partisan organizations and candidates. As the IRC is supposed to be "independent", hiring such a firm will lead to partisan disputes. I strongly urge you to disqualify HaystaqDNA from consideration.
4/27/2021 11:11:53	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA	Kim Pear	85142		Concerning agenda item #8. We need a firm that is totally independent. HaystaqDNA seems to have been started by Democratic operatives. In order to insure trust in the process, please choose a vendor that is bipartisan. Thank you
4/27/2021 11:12:04	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Commission Meeting	Linda Wright	85085		NO Haystaq! Redistricting should be completely unbiased!
4/27/2021 11:13:18	April 27, 2021	IV	Nancy Mock	86046	Voters	I want to state that I think it is VERY inappropriate it is to use a biased company like HaystaqDNA for the redistricting mapping process. I deeply resent that Bernie Sanders and Barak Obama would have ANY say in what our maps look like. Having helped both Sanders and Obama with their campaigns means to me that they will have ABSOLUTELY no independent thoughts in mind toward the good of the majority of Arizona's people. PLEASE do NOT hire them!!!

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4/27/2021 11:14:19	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Sam Churing	85338		<p>Good day:</p> <p>I am contacting you today because I want to respectfully express my opposition to the hiring of Haystaq DNA. I would be grateful if the members of the IRC did not hire Haystaq DNA because I think this company strives to help Democratic and other left-leaning candidates to get elected. When our maps are created, which is an important process as it will affect our state for the next ten years, the process should be conducted in as impartial and proper a manner as possible. Again, as a person who cares deeply about fair representation for Arizonans, I ask you to NOT hire a company with partisan conflicts of interest. Thank you for your time in reading this message.</p> <p>Respectfully, Sam Churing</p>
4/27/2021 11:14:37	April 27, 2021	Discussion and Possible Action on Public Information Officer and other potential hires, and duties of all IRC staff positions.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	<p>The proposed organization chart shows the Executive Assistant reporting to two persons: the Executive Director, and the Deputy Director. While I understand that the Assistant is likely to be helping both, it seems odd to me to have him or her officially reporting to two. I'm not sure how it works in Arizona governmental administration, but in my experience in other types of organizations this is viewed as a bad idea, potentially leading to conflicts.</p>
4/27/2021 11:14:37	April 27, 2021	REDISTRICTING	Stanley Peterson	85395	Stanley Peterson	<p>ARIZONA REDISTRICTING SHOULD BE PERFORMED ONLY BY A BI-PARTISAN FIRM WITH NO SPECIFIC TIES TO EITHER PARTY. TIES TO OBAMA AND SANDERS SHOULD BE A DISQUALIFYING FACTOR.</p>
4/27/2021 11:15:01	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultants	Deborah Howard	85308	Self	<p>How are comments made through ircadmin@azdoa.gov and through the Irc website made public?</p> <p>Chairwoman Neuberg made reference to the intensity and extent of comments made regarding the mapping firms. I've read every comment posted on the web site - and there is a remarkable consistency. Please provide a portal so that all comments made to the IRC are as public as those made in this manner. This is transparency.</p>
4/27/2021 11:15:29	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Constantinos Eliades	85226		<p>I kindly ask the IRC to not hire HaystaqDNA as the state's mapping consultant.</p> <p>The mapping consultant's past clients include Bernie Sanders and Tom Steyer. This doesn't show the company's ability to be fair and neutral. The mapping firm should be one that has their best interest to the voters and not their clients <a href="https://haystaqdna.com/clients/">https://haystaqdna.com/clients/</a></p> <p>Thank you.</p>
4/27/2021 11:15:47	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	James Naumann	85048		<p>Please find an organization who will approach this critical matter of redistricting independently - not the political hack organization Haystaq that has been selected. Thank you</p>
4/27/2021 11:16:02	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Steve Buell	85207		<p>Please don't employ Hatstaq. They are biased. We do not want Bernie and Obama deciding our boundaries. They are Obama and Bernie's data company. This should be unbiased.</p>
4/27/2021 11:16:36	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Patricia Peterson	85194	Myself	<p>No to Haystaq for redistricting</p>

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4/27/2021 11:18:16	April 27, 2021	Redistrict	Shannon	85383	Myself	How many of the people who are participating in the redistricting are from Arizona? How many of you are NATIVE Arizonans? How long have any of you lived in our state? I vote NO to the use of companies such as Haystaque to do the redistricting. Haystaque has very obvious bias and questionable ties to governmental officials. It would not be equitable to the state of Arizona to have ANY COMPANY with any ties to any political party making this decision. Arizona was doing fine, will do fine and does not need anything from people who have ZERO stake in this state and want their political agenda pushed on the citizens of this state. My questions to the board are not rhetorical and I would like a response. Thank you.
4/27/2021 11:21:38	April 27, 2021	Selection of Mapping Consultant	Elizabeth Lyons	85716	Self	During this shortened IRC session, the importance of selecting a skilled and unbiased mapping consultant cannot be overstated. For that reason, the IRC's consideration of NDC as mapping consultant is highly concerning. NDC has a long, clear history of drawing and defending maps that do not meet legal standards and are discredited in court. If NDC were to be selected, Arizona risks lengthy and costly court battles that would result from poorly drawn and/or biased maps. We needn't take on the cost, delay, or damage to institutional reputation. Arizonans deserve fair districts that best reflect the current demographic landscape of our State, and NDC is not qualified to define those districts. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.
4/27/2021 11:22:26	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Valerie Ellis	86303	RWOP	It is very inappropriate to use such a biased company such as Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the national level.
4/27/2021 11:24:31	April 27, 2021	Haystaq is a biased company and should not be used for AZ redistricting	Pamela Mayo	85396	self and spouse	Only unbiased, nonpolitical companies should be used for redistricting purposes
4/27/2021 11:25:06	April 27, 2021	NO HAYSTAG - REDISTRICTING	MALONIE ABBOTT	85086	SELF	REDISTRICTING SHOULD BE UNBIASED! NO HAYSTAG! THEY ARE NOT AN UNBIASED ENTITY.
4/27/2021 11:25:17	April 27, 2021	VII	Tammy Ryan	85041	Myself	I urge you to delve into the answers provided by your three proposers. Ask for specific examples of the mapping work they have successfully completed, who it was for, who the actual mappers are and their backgrounds and training.  Taylor English Decisions does not appear to be anything more than a Republican lobbying firm. Nothing on their website indicates anything different and I suspect if you select them, it will be akin to the selection of Cyber Ninjas, a firm pretending to have experience in areas they do not. So far, the selection of both the legal team and the Executive Director was biased toward those with relations to the Republican Party. If this committee wants any appearance of independence I encourage you to select a mapping firm that is actually a mapping firm, not a partisan political player.
4/27/2021 11:26:56	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Brittany Shaw	85013		It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!



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4/27/2021 11:27:24	April 27, 2021	Redistricting mapping	Rocky Singh	85295		How inappropriate it is to use such a biased company for the redistricting mapping process. Bernie and Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like and these guys are funded by them at the National level
4/27/2021 11:30:02	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Luisa Pear	85142	Myself	I want to comment on agenda item #8. I have deep concerns about the realignment of the districts. I do not believe this is a fair thing as it could alter another political parties gain or disadvantage. Let's keep it the same to allow equality and fairness. Thank you!
4/27/2021 11:30:45	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Jeanne Evans	85207		Please do not hire HaystaqDNA. It is inappropriate for them to do our redistricting as they have proven that they are biased
4/27/2021 11:32:40	April 27, 2021	Consulting firm RFP	Kathy Williams	85602	Voters of LD14	Please look for references for each of the redistricting consulting RFP respondents Beyond those provided in the RFP responses. The goal is to find people who have experience with each of the firms who have not been prepared by the vendor to give only positive feedback. You do want honest, real, and unrehearsed feedback. Thank you for taking on this thankless work.
4/27/2021 11:33:01	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Robert Mock	86315	Self	Independent means with bias or the appearance of bias. It is inappropriate to select a firm with known connections to a particular political party or politician. Keep it neutral!
4/27/2021 11:34:12	April 27, 2021	Fair District Mapping	Sam Hoffer	85354	Freedom loving citizen	<p>Hello my name is Sam, and as a freedom loving citizen of Arizona, I am concerned about one of the mapping companies being considered to be selected to re-map Arizona's districts in the near future. This company is Haystaq DNA, previously known as Strategic Telemetry, and they have openly advertised in their websites and advertisement campaign to "helping to level the playing field by providing individual-level micro-targeting, data analysis, strategic consulting and other services for Democratic candidates and progressive organizations". In advertising their services, they stated, "It's about time our side [the political left] had a secret weapon!"</p> <p>I am completely convinced that "the secret weapon" was to manipulate the remapping in any way they could find to benefit the Democratic Party and their progressive agenda, because shortly after their unfair re-mapping the very consistent representative selection of the Arizonian People changed in favor of the Democratic Party.</p> <p>I consider myself a libertarian, pretty non-partisan, and I am convinced its not a good idea to select any company that does not follow FAIR and HONEST mapping rules laid out by your organization which are 1) Comply with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights ACT 2) Be of Equal population 3) Be compact and contiguous 4) Respect communities of interest 5) Use visible geographic features, city town,, and county boundaries, and undivided Census tracts 6) Be competitive when not a significant detriment to other goals. Haystaq DNA in their own words and actions, do not represent a company that is capable of being non-partisan and would undoubtedly tweak the mapping to benefit their political agenda. I strongly suggest this company to be scrubbed off the table and not be ever considered to re-map Arizona. The honest and fair Arizonian People deserve a company that will not act against their interests.</p> <p>Thank you for reading. I hope to hear back from you, and I hope to see a good decision made putting all this into consideration.</p> <p>Sam Hoffer</p>
4/27/2021 11:36:08	April 27, 2021	#8	Jill Winebarger	85382	Myself	Do not use HaystaqDNA as a vendor of any type to do with the work of the IRC. I feel they are too partisan with the Democratic Party. Thankyou
4/27/2021 11:36:48	April 27, 2021	8	Parker Edwards			It concerns me to see the consideration of HaystaqDNA as the vendor for anything relating to the doings of the IRC. To me this firm is too partisan and would be an unhealthy "independent" choice for everyone in the state.

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4/27/2021 11:36:51	April 27, 2021	8. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant:	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	<p>It makes sense to have the mapping consulting applicants respond to comments. Hopefully they will be given last week's relevant comments in addition to this week's - while all are a public record, it would be good to have them all easily available for them to respond to.</p> <p>That being said, particularly in case this is not done, I want to succinctly summarize my points from last week. Taylor English appears to lack relevant experience; litigating districts is not the same as mapping them. The same is true for Timmons, but they are teaming with a firm that does have this experience: NDC. That being said, NDC has not delivered on deadlines for the Yuma county redistricting, and when Doug Johnson of NDC served as an expert witness in several North Carolina redistricting cases, the courts rejected his analysis in each of them. The third group (Haystaq) does not have either limitation. While I imagine that all three applicants have staff who are very capable of having impressive interviews and of putting together impressive proposals, I would hope that they would respond to these points.</p>
4/27/2021 11:37:24	April 27, 2021	Use of haystaq	Jerry taylor			I object to using haystaq. A firm I understand is influenced by Presidents Biden and Obama would be unfair to Arizona voters.
4/27/2021 11:37:26	April 27, 2021	AIRC redistricting	Sig Fry	85260	Self and pardner	Do not hire Haystaq to redistrict AZ because they are biased! We want nothing to do with Obama and Bernie in AZ's redistricting!
4/27/2021 11:38:39	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>Extending the public comments period so that the firms can respond to the points raised in them is extremely irregular and highly objectionable. It seems completely contrary to any attempt to make the selection process fair and equitable -- especially to the public.</p> <p>According to your plan, there will be no opportunity for the public to respond or refute any 'clarifying' points made by the firms. Not only will the public be unable to see what the firms have said in response to us, we will also not have an opportunity to hold them to the truth. They could simply say that all of the objections raised by the pubic are false or they could cite some already-debunked articles, statements, or positions that appear on the surface to discount the expressed concerns of the public and instead support their firm but which actually obfuscate the reality behind them. The public will NOT have a chance to rebut their assertions, regardless of their veracity. This is highly objectionable, especially considering that one of your stated objectives in handling it this way is to make it possible to finalize your selection of a firm at the next meeting -- before anyone can object to the process before it plays out.</p> <p>The public is NOT served by this maneuver and it not only works contrary to your efforts to hire the best firm to consult for the benefit of all Arizonans, it strikes at the notion that you value the public's input or it's confidence in your processes.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
4/27/2021 11:39:33	April 27, 2021	NO Haystag	janet bollmann	85048	citizen	No Haystaq contract for redistricting. Totally socialist biased. This shouldbe a no brainer for those that follow the constitution.
4/27/2021 11:40:09	April 27, 2021	Redistricting in Arizona	Ellen Prentice	85541	Arizona's concerned citizens	<p>I am writing as a concerned citizen about the redistricting in Arizona. I think it is extremely inappropriate to use such a biased company such as Haystaq for the Redistricting mapping process! As representatives of the people, please hear us!</p> <p>Bernie and Obama should have NOTHING to do with Arizona Redistricting! We do NOT need a biased, socialist, agenda interjected into what is supposed to be a non-partisan procedure.</p>

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4/27/2021 11:40:43	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq	Barbara Medal	85282	We the people	Bring back common interest not 3-4 cities in each district
4/27/2021 11:40:48	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Robert Mock	86315	Self	Correction: Independent means without bias or the appearance of bias. The remainder of the comment stands. Thanks
4/27/2021 11:47:01	April 27, 2021	NO to Haystag!!	Joe Ford	85254	Myself and family	NO to Haystag!
4/27/2021 11:47:32	April 27, 2021	HaystaqDNA	Kim Pear	85142		Concerning agenda item #8. We need a firm that is totally independent. HaystaqDNA seems to have been started by Democratic operatives. In order to insure trust in the process, please choose a vendor that is bipartisan. Thank you
4/27/2021 11:47:42	April 27, 2021	Redistricting using Haystaq	Michael Pfeifer	85087	Myself	It is unacceptable and biased that the AIRC is considering hiring Haystaq to manage map creation. This company is highly connected to Barak Obama and Bernie Sanders, neither of which have any business doing Arizona redistricting. Please drop Haystaq from consideration for this project.
4/27/2021 11:49:16	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultant	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	I am happy to hear that the Commissioners are reading our public comments. Thank you. I am a bit concerned to hear that we are providing information about the mapping consultants that the Commission is NOT getting from paid staff in the State Procurement Office. Doesn't their vetting process include previous redistricting experience and court challenges to the maps they provided?
4/27/2021 11:50:11	April 27, 2021	No to Haystaq	Heather Hatfield			No to Haystaq! Find a non-partisan company.
4/27/2021 11:50:28	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Barbara Kamm	85295		It is completely inappropriate to use a consultant to Obama/Biden/Sanders for your redistricting work. That is such a blatant attempt to skew the results. I'm sure there are other candidates who at least have a semblance of non-partisanship. Shame on you for even considering a hyper political firm!
4/27/2021 11:51:12	April 27, 2021	No!!	Deirdre McKinley	85653	Arizona	I say NO to Haystaq!! Redistricting should be unbiased!!
4/27/2021 11:52:35	April 27, 2021	No to Haystack DNA! To biased.	William Murphy	86005	Myself	Lines must be drawn without political bias in anyway!
4/27/2021 11:52:48	April 27, 2021	Redistributing with haystag	Chris Vuctor	85142	Me	NO TO HAYSTAG
4/27/2021 11:53:27	April 27, 2021	Website Improvements	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Executive Director Schmitt's proposed organizational chart does not include the mapping consultant. Shouldn't it?
4/27/2021 11:53:39	April 27, 2021	Haystaq	Amy Nichols	85383		Please do not approve Haystaq to be part of the redistricting process. Having worked with both Obama and Sanders, Haystaq will not be impartial. Only unbiased, independent entities should be involved. Thank you.
4/27/2021 11:54:10	April 27, 2021	It is inappropriate to use a totally biased company for redistricting like Haystag. Find another company.	Craig Bennett	85262	Me	See above.
4/27/2021 11:55:00	April 27, 2021	No to utilizing Haystack	April Marquez	85296		Please do not use Haystack for redistricting purposes. Thank you.

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4/27/2021 11:55:41	April 27, 2021	NRC is not an acceptable for mapping consultant	Leslie Hunten	85716	myself	Dear IRC, I want to register my objection to the hiring of mapping consultant NRC. This company has proven to be biased and discredited in other states. Why are we considering them? This will not build public trust in the redistricting process. The commission should reject NDC/Timmons Group and search for a higher quality firm with true integrity.
4/27/2021 11:57:38	April 27, 2021	Redistricting commission	John Lotka	85018	Myself	I strongly object to the AIRC's consideration of Haystaq as a vendor on the project. They are overtly partisan based on their own promotional copy on their website. This must remain a non partisan process.
4/27/2021 11:59:09	April 27, 2021	Please vote not to Haystaq!	Michael Parker	85140	Self	Please vote NO to Haystaq!
4/27/2021 12:03:25	April 27, 2021	AIRC	Richard Nord	85044	Self	Please do not use Haystaq to manage the redistricting. Some one non-biased should be used.
4/27/2021 12:03:34	April 27, 2021	Please do not use Haystack Telemetry. They are biased.	Craig Ray	85204	Mesa	I prefer a more independent company that does not have ties to Obama.
4/27/2021 12:04:14	April 27, 2021	Redistricting meeting	Melanie Hutchings	85028		No on Haystaq
4/27/2021 12:06:21	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Anna Brennan	85016	Myself	It is inappropriate to use an obviously biased company for Arizona's redistricting mapping process. Bernie Sanders and Barack Obama should have zero say in what our maps look like, and these companies are funded by them at the national level. We want you to hire the National Demographics Corporation – Douglas Johnson in order to assure Arizonans of fair representation and elections. The "Independent" Review Council should make amends for ten years of incompetence and corruption. The commissioners met as many as five times at the home of the AZ Democratic Party's Executive Director!
4/27/2021 12:11:03	April 27, 2021	Website Improvements	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	I appreciate Executive Director Schmitt's list of website improvements. Please consider adding the following functions: 1. News clippings 2. Letters to the editor 3. Links for meetings, public comments and agendas. (Right now, links for watching meetings and submitting public comments change every week and are only available in that week's agenda. There could be direct links right from the website.) 4. A searchable data base of all public comments and "contact us" comments
4/27/2021 12:13:49	April 27, 2021	Redistricting Arizona	Tamela Latta	85541	Concerned Arizona citizen	I am writing to comment on the redistricting in Arizona. I believe this procedure should be unbiased, representing the will of all Arizonans. Bernie and Obama should have nothing to do with Arizona redistricting. NO on Haystaq!
4/27/2021 12:14:28	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultants	Jenna Worden			Of the mapping consultants being considered, two seem extremely problematic. Timmons Group would work with NDC, which has a history of unfair and unjust mapping practices, including in Arizona. Why is this firm being considered at all? Another firm, Taylor English Decisions, has clear ties to the Republican Party and is inherently not independent. HaystaqDNA seems to be the only firm that will be able to remain truly independent while delivering fair maps.

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4/27/2021 12:16:26	April 27, 2021	VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for mapping consultant	Daniel R. Ortega Jr.	85004	Self	<p>IRC Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to emphatically ask that you not hire Timmons Group, which in reality is driven by National Demographics Corporation (NDC). NDC and their President, Doug Johnson, have a history of under-representing Latinos in election mapping.</p> <p>First, NDC drew county districts in Kern County, California, that under-represented Latinos. The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund sued Kern County over their draft maps because in those proposed districts Latinos would be unable to elect a person of their choosing to represent them in the county. NDC President Doug Johnson submitted unabashed testimony defending these obvious gerrymandered maps. Though it was clear that the proposed maps were legally unacceptable, he forged ahead in order to preserve his own political agenda. The U.S. District Court Judge ruled that the redistricting plan unlawfully denied Latinos the ability to elect candidates of their choice. This type of conduct should not be acceptable to any map-drawing body that is charged with ensuring fair and equal representation.</p> <p>Similarly, in Redwood City, California, NDC was also accused of gerrymandering when they failed to create a second Latino-majority city district. The uproar from community advocates about the obvious inequity compelled NDC to reverse their biased map-drawing and created second Latino-majority district. This about-face occurred after NDC's first set of proposed maps were adopted. It forced the City Council to restart the process that led to the second district.</p> <p>These two examples should be concerning to all of you because Latino representation is critical to ensuring equitable elections in Arizona. It is clear that in NDC's prior mapping contracts they failed to protect the voting influence of communities of color. These cases demonstrate the callous political disenfranchisement of communities. Clearly, hiring NDC would not be in the best interests of the state of Arizona. The Commission should certainly be concerned - not only of preventing costly lawsuits, but also of the importance of protecting voting rights for all Arizona communities.</p> <p>Sincerely, Daniel R. Ortega, Jr. Attorney at Law</p> <p>Sources: Luna County court case documented that Johnson was the demographer: <a href="https://casetext.com/case/luna-v-cnty-of-kern-4">https://casetext.com/case/luna-v-cnty-of-kern-4</a>; Luna County case summary; <a href="https://www.maldef.org/2019/03/kern-country-voting-rights/">https://www.maldef.org/2019/03/kern-country-voting-rights/</a>.</p> <p>Redwood City docs noting that NDC was their demographer: <a href="https://www.redwoodcity.org/home/showdocument?id=17969">https://www.redwoodcity.org/home/showdocument?id=17969</a>; Redwood City case + activism: <a href="https://climaterwc.com/2019/03/20/latino-group-decries-lack-of-representation-in-redwood-city-district-election-map/">https://climaterwc.com/2019/03/20/latino-group-decries-lack-of-representation-in-redwood-city-district-election-map/</a>.</p>
4/27/2021 12:16:44	April 27, 2021	Audio Quality	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	<p>Can sound quality and connection reliability be improved? Watchman obviously had trouble joining the meeting today and Lerner's line dropped momentarily several times. Also, there is often painful feedback noise when Executive Director Schmitt and a Commissioner both have their microphones on.</p>

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4/27/2021 12:20:12	April 27, 2021	Redistricting	Amanda Carlson	85331	Myself - My Cave Creek neighbors	Redistricting should be unbiased - do not allow Haystaq to be in charge of our mapping process. If anything, assign this to a committee of mixed affiliations to keep it as unbiased as possible - we have the right to have vendors that are for ethical, trustworthy and honest work. This company is not that company.
4/27/2021 12:24:49	April 27, 2021	VIII: Mapping consultant Haystaq	Arvind Shenoy	86303	self	It is imperative that an unbiased mapping consultant without current or FORMER ties to political parties/advocacy groups be used for the mapping process. Does Haystaq have a hidden "agenda" based on their founders and investors?
4/27/2021 12:29:15	April 27, 2021	Mapping consultant	Chandler Brow	85379	Self	I urge the commission to find a different redistrict mapping consultant. HaystaqDNA has a history of mapping rooted in political ideology and bias. We do not need a company drawing district lines that is partisan in nature, from either side. We need a nonbiased, fair, and ethical entity to draw our districts based upon fairness and equality, not one based in partisan politics. Please find another source to map our legislative districts.
4/27/2021 12:34:26	April 27, 2021	Vii	M. E. Dunn	86303		Is the public ever going to see, BEFORE the end of public comment on such (Thu at 5pm) what the evaluation criteria for selecting a mapping firm is? We need to know in order to opine intelligently.
4/27/2021 12:36:48	April 27, 2021	Independent Redistricting Commission	Lori Spath	85086	LD1	I have serious concerns about hiring the company Haystaq to manage the map creation for redistricting and oppose it. This company has connections to Obama and Bernie Sanders, and thus the Democratic Party. This redistricting should be completely unbiased. I don't believe that's possible with use of this company and it's completely inappropriate to use them.
4/27/2021 12:38:35	April 27, 2021	Mapping Conaultant	Peggy Pena		Self	It appears that NDC has a history of producing maps are in violation of The Voting Rights Act or which dilute minority votes. Examples of this are 2002 Az IRC first approved map, 2018 & 2019 Redwood City redistributing, and 2019 West Contra Costa Unified School District. In addition Doug Johnson's(NDC) testimony in defense of redistributing maps in violation of the Voting Rights Act have not been successful (Common Cause v Lewis 2019-North Carolina)( Luna v Kern County 2018 California). DNC has also produced maps take did not take into account competitiveness (2004 AZ IRC decided approved map).
4/27/2021 12:41:59	April 27, 2021	XI	María-Elena Dunn	86303		Very unfortunate that the complaint has been dismissed. Could not agree more with Ms Guzman's comments. It is not the fact, per se, that you went into ES for the discussion immediately prior to the ED selection but, more importantly, that despite the comment by Commissioner Lerner re candidate Schmitt's major - and very consequential - omission in his submitted CV, the subsequent ES seems to have produced a questionable decision (split one at that) which makes the public wonder what was said in ES which brought about such a result. This is a reasonable concern that should not have been so quickly dismissed.

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4/27/2021 12:42:17	April 27, 2021	Eight	Kim Hochschuler	85262	I am very opposed to using any consulting company associated with or owned by current or past politicians. i.e. Haystaq	See above
4/27/2021 12:42:19	April 27, 2021	Mapping Consultants	Norma Bliven			Please choose an EXPERIENCED mapping consultant firm.
4/27/2021 12:44:42	April 27, 2021	Redistributing process	Sally Forster	85253	Myself	No Haystaq because redistributing should be unbiased. Do not use a biased company in the redistrict mapping process.