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7/27/2021 8:09:53	July 27, 2021	V, C	Jana Lynn Granillo	85282	self	<p>Agenda Item V, C.</p> <p>1.Please put together a one page info graphic regarding listening sessions, that can be easily saved and sent to personal networks. Info graphic to communicate in English and Spanish with links for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•What AZ IRC does</li> <li>•Why important (District Representation)</li> <li>•How to participate – Listening session, survey etc.</li> </ul> <p>2.The survey could use some graphics, at this time it is too text heavy</p>
7/27/2021 8:11:32	July 27, 2021	Listening Tour	Jane Atkins	85737	self	I am very concerned about your lack of a location for the Tucson listening tour. Tucson is a large city and should be heard by the Commission. Thank you.
7/27/2021 8:11:50	July 27, 2021	III Public Comments	M.E. Dunn	86303	myself	Good morning. Look forward to your visit up to Prescott later today. Safe travels.
7/27/2021 8:25:21	July 27, 2021	COI survey	Edgar	86004	self	Is it possible to show precincts and current legislative and Congressional district lines in the mapping function on the COI survey? Thank you.

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7/27/2021 8:30:18	July 27, 2021	IV Discussion of Hearings	Margaret McConnell	85016	Self	I attended the IRC hearing on Sunday at the Phoenix Convention Center. I had hoped that more persons would have attended, but it was a good meeting. I was concerned at the testimony of some folks that asked the IRC to diminish or ignore the Constitutional requirement that districts be competitive. That doesn't fit with what the Constitution says, in my view. Other than the requirements that are federally mandated, the Constitution obligates the IRC (through use of the words "shall" or "should") to factor into their decision four criteria, to the extent practicable, including competitiveness. It doesn't give the IRC the option of starting the mapping process by relegating the competitive factor to the end. While the Constitution states that competitiveness may take a back seat in a specific mapping situation where it creates a "significant detriment" to the other criteria, the IRC can't reasonably know that until it applies all of the factors at once. And, with the Plan Score competitiveness calculation tool that was presented to the IRC recently, which did not exist in the previous cycles, the IRC's work in applying the criteria is easier than it was for the last two IRCs. It's like making a chocolate-flavored cake with ingredients specified but missing the quantities of each. You can't add the chocolate (competitiveness) at the end once the cake is baked. Finally, I was distressed at the hearing to listen to some folks complain about the redistricting process in 2012 as their districts exist today, after the significant population shifts that have occurred since those maps were created. The 2012 maps adopted by the second IRC survived at least five legal challenges, two before the United States Supreme Court. While some of their concerns warrant the attention of the IRC from the standpoint of their community of interest, they misunderstand the constitutionally required process which requires this IRC to start from scratch with all new grid maps based on the 2020 census. The former district lines are not part of the process; complaining about lines that were drawn ten years ago when we are about to get all new census data that will be used to build all new grid maps is beside the point. Let's move forward. Thank you.
7/27/2021 8:32:39	July 27, 2021	IV - Mapping Team presentation	M. E. Dunn	86303	myself	The survey map feature allows you to do ONE map. So i found that it was my priority to do the CD not the LD. And, it sounds like what the Chair is soliciting is the involvement of the politicians. I remember the Commissioners deciding about a month ago that inviting them to participate in the process more directly was not a good idea. In certain Listening Tour venues surely some will participate but their involvement should not be specifically sought.
7/27/2021 8:34:49	July 27, 2021	public meetings	Barbara Tellman	85705	self	Please publish the locations of the 3 Pima County meetings.
7/27/2021 8:38:42	July 27, 2021	Socio-Economic Report Web App	self	86004	self	Can precincts, district boundaries, and tribal boundaries be added to the Socio-Economic Report Web App? Thank you.

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7/27/2021 8:42:17	July 27, 2021	med4others@g mail.com	María-Elena Dunn	86303	myself	You are absolutely right, Commissioner Lerner. Please do harp on it. You have to agree on a standard way to weigh the constitutional criteria. Not having an agreement will allow too much subjectivity. It cannot be, like so much more that has not materialized in this process, aspirational.... This is a very science based process and empiricism should be part of it. The risk, so far, has been going into earlier decisions w/out an agreed-to standards for judging candidates, contractors, etc. and coming out short. Keep on pushing for this, pls.
7/27/2021 8:46:16	July 27, 2021	IV. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to today's (July 27, 2021) meeting.	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	I was surprised that there were not any comments of significance about public comments this week (outside of the important listening tour). In particular, two of us submitted a long email letter after a significant amount of analysis of your process; we were making numerous suggestions. I appreciate that you are quite busy with the listening tour. But I do hope that you can read our letter and consider our constructive remarks. It is also publicly available at <a href="https://swingleftmaricopa.org/letter_to_redistricting_committee.html">https://swingleftmaricopa.org/letter_to_redistricting_committee.html</a> .
7/27/2021 8:52:04	July 27, 2021	V. Update from the mapping Consultants, Timmons/NDC. A. Travel schedule/meetin gs update	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	The discussion about rubrics, and Commissioner Lerner's interest in them, was very interesting. Of course having a good understanding of any measures of the individual components (e.g., competitiveness, compactness) is critical. And any rubric will require some decisions, and I can see that there will be multiple perspectives about any such decision. That should not rule out the use of any broad objective evaluation, of course to be refined by the human perspectives of the Commission and the public. One approach might be to have a candidate rubric and then to perturb it in various ways, and see how much it changes. A stable global criterion will be one that does not generate radical changes if the rubric changes.
7/27/2021 8:56:50	July 27, 2021	mapping survey and comments	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	Thank you for the survey submittal tool for COI. I have written and mapped my thoughts for your consideration. I do know, however, that for some the requirement to submit a map in order to submit their thoughts is a big hurdle. Not everyone is tech or spatially oriented.  Will you give as much credence to COI input submitted via your already established public comment formats? I hope this is the case. Thank you
7/27/2021 8:58:14	July 27, 2021	Listening Tour - Cancelled Locations	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Please explain why there is only one public hearing location for Navajo County and it is not on the Navajo Nation. Hopi and Kayenta satellite locations were on the schedule, but disappeared without explanation.  Several weeks ago, Executive Director Schmitt said he hoped to be fully staffed before the tour started, but that did not happen. It is unfortunate that you did not have a competent Community Outreach Coordinator hired to help organize the "listening tour."

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7/27/2021 9:01:04	July 27, 2021	IV	M. E. Dunn	86303	myself	Excellent suggestion, Comm Lerner. I think the public would be greatly helped by such a presentation re options for drawing (dense areas and out, corner and out....). Thank you.
7/27/2021 9:04:49	July 27, 2021	v.	Janell Hunt	85143	Myself, as an interested Arizona citizen	Commissioners; Thank you so much for your attention to our citizens on your Listening Tour in Pinal County this past weekend. We trust you felt you were well received; we do respect the role you have in this important process. In that regard, I ask you to continue to reach out and to schedule more public input sessions during the grid map review period and the draft map review period. We realize you can do this via online procedures, including reviewing maps as individuals might want to see them drawn, but I do hope you will hold at least as many trips around the state as the last Commissioners did. As pointed out again this morning, there will be difficult choices, and with that, I do encourage you to make sound decisions based on the six criteria you have as your foundation. A rubric may sound like a good idea, but I certainly ask you to listen carefully to your legal team and other experts, and be sure you weigh these essential items equally. Again, thank you for taking on this duty on our behalf, and I continue to wish you well as you move on this week to hear from more Arizonans in your public hearings. Janell Hunt, San Tan Valley
7/27/2021 9:07:37	July 27, 2021	Listening Tour	Suzanne Mead	85331	Self	<p>Compliments to the listening tour staff. The two sessions I attended were welcoming and well run, with the exception of some technology challenges in the Glendale session.</p> <p>A suggestion in planning future hearing: Please consider the logistics related to the venue, such as accessibility and parking. The recent meeting in downtown Phoenix was in an area of the city that was disrupted by construction and required parking in a lot that cost an exorbitant flat rate of \$15. The meeting also was on Sunday in the morning. These are potentially serious disincentives for many people who might have wanted to attend. You should be looking to encourage the broadest possible spectrum of attendees. Otherwise, you are hearing only from a select demographic group which limits the quality of your public input.</p>
7/27/2021 9:09:23	July 27, 2021	IV - Mapping	David Dunn	86303	myself	Is the proposed timeline that NDC just mentioned on the website? Does that "aspirational" schedule allow sufficient time for public input after each of the phases? And, yes, the populations of many areas have really grown (we can see it/feel it) BUT were those people counted? The enumeration was really hurt by both the virus and the issue around the citizenship question as well as the controversy about it created by the former president. Data will be enlightening.

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7/27/2021 9:19:45	July 27, 2021	Mapping Training/Access by Commissioners	María-Elena Dunn	86303	myself	Excellent comment, Comm Lerner. If you use the mapping software, then you certainly can have a much better sense of what it is you are evaluating. Not to be hands-on will limit your ability to make judgements on what is presented by both the mapping company and the public. All of you should opt to participate in the training. Doing this does not mean you are doing anything behind the public's back, it is something you are doing to enhance your ability to be an educated and involved commissioner. Thank you.
7/27/2021 9:20:51	July 27, 2021	V. Update from the mapping Consultants, Timmons/NDC. A. Travel schedule/meetings update B. Grid maps and progression	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	One bit about the Commissioners getting a sense of a map from any measures of satisfaction of any of the criteria: it will be critical to have an explanation of how each of those measures were achieved. As an example, some measures of fit or of probability of fit can be fairly obscure (for instance, the use of a neural network); while methods like decision trees provide ready explanations of the numerical outputs.

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7/27/2021 9:21:29	July 27, 2021	V. Update from the mapping Consultants, Timmons/NDC	William Bowlus-Root	85365	Myself	<p>I'm dismayed by the comments about the Listening Tour meetings. On the one hand, you celebrate the attendance and comments you've received, but on the other hand you're asking about how to encourage people who are satisfied with their current legislative districts to supply feedback.</p> <p>First of all, the current legislative district should be irrelevant. Your task is to create new ones. If you're considering trying to keep the boundaries of the current districts in tact, you're incorporating a criteria that is not appropriate to consider when drawing the new boundaries. (Among other issues that arise from this, remember that you're not supposed to take into consideration the address of incumbents, which could be seen as ensuring they have an advantage in future elections. If you consciously or unconsciously keep current district boundaries in tact, you're introducing a bias in favor of incumbents.)</p> <p>Second, while I salute the people who have attended the hearings and offered their perspectives, I am disappointed at the lack of diversity of the groups that surely must have viewpoints to offer but have not presented. The problem of how to get this input stems from the fact that you haven't hired an Outreach Coordinator yet. You put the cart before the horse. The position should have been filled right away so he or she could have had time to set this tour up. This whole tour SHOULD be under the direction of that person. He or she should already know the range of groups who would be affected and would want to have input, and would also know who to contact at each of these groups to ensure they are prepared to provide the commission with the kind of information that would be helpful to your task. Similarly, he or she would be familiar with suitable venues for these hearings and would be able to make the necessary arrangements. But you don't have that person in place, so you're stuck with trying to wing it with the resources you have at hand. None of you has the perspective or knowledge to do this right on a state-wide basis. And it shows. You're getting a paltry level of input so you aren't getting the information you need (or that would be useful), and worse you believe you're doing a good job at this but you're unaware that you're not.</p> <p>You don't know what you don't know.</p> <p>William Bowlus-Root A concerned citizen</p>
7/27/2021 9:34:35	July 27, 2021	COI survey comments and map	Julie Pindzola	86301		I'm trying to see how to print off my map and comments from your survey form site. Is that not available?



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7/27/2021 9:44:06	July 27, 2021	Public Hearings	Suzanne Mead	85331	Self	For the next round of public hearings, please add a northern Phoenix location. This will take into account the growing population in the areas east, north and slightly south of the 101, from east of the McDowells to Interstate 17 on the west. These would include the central and eastern section of LD1 Maricopa, LD15 and LD23. The earlier sites of Glendale, Central Phoenix and Mesa are not convenient or overly relevant to our communities of interests. Thank you.