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Kingman, Arizona

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1 LISTENING TOUR PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE  
2 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 5:00  
3 p.m. on July 28, 2021, at Lake Havasu City Civic Center,  
4 2360 McCulloch Boulevard North, Lake Havasu City; with  
5 satellite locations at Suddenlink Community Center, 2380  
6 Suddenlink Way, Bullhead City; Kingman Board Meeting  
7 Auditorium, 700 West Beale Street, Kingman; and online  
8 via Webex.

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10 COMMISSIONER PRESENT:

11 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson  
12 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman (via Webex)

13 STAFF PRESENT:

14 Ms. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director  
15 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant  
16 Ms. Michele Crank, Public Information Officer  
17 Mr. Shawn Summers, Ballard Spahr  
18 Mr. Ryan Regula, Snell & Wilmer  
19 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group  
20 Mr. Parker Bradshaw, Timmons Group  
21 Ms. Ivy Beller Sakansky, National Demographics Corp.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

23 Steven Robinson, Lake Havasu City  
24 Marty Brown, Lake Havasu City  
25 Nana Nicoll, Lake Havasu City  
James Barber, Bullhead City  
Mary McCord Robinson, Kingman  
Kenny Works, Lake Havasu City  
Elaine Downing, Lake Havasu City  
Greg Logan, Lake Havasu City  
Samuel Koblosh, Lake Havasu City  
Nancy Campbell, Lake Havasu City  
David Diaz, Lake Havasu City

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PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

Diane Klostermeier, Lake Havasu City  
Diana Wright, Lake Havasu City  
Jeanne Kentch, Lake Havasu City  
Barbara Pape, Lake Havasu City

P R O C E E D I N G

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3 MS. VAN HAREN: Hi, everybody. We're going to  
4 go ahead and get started here.

5 My name is Lori Van Haren. I'm the deputy  
6 director of the Independent Redistricting Commission.  
7 I am super excited for the attendance we have tonight.  
8 We have satellite locations. We have locations on  
9 Webex.

10 And so at the beginning of this meeting we're  
11 going to ask Steven Robinson from Golden Valley to say  
12 the Pledge of Allegiance. If everybody could please  
13 stand.

14 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you very much, and let us  
15 say the Pledge of Allegiance to the greatest country  
16 that has brought more prosperity to anybody in any  
17 other country in the history of the world.

18 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you so much. And next  
20 we have just a brief welcoming statement from the  
21 mayor, Cal Sheehy, from Lake Havasu City.

22 MR. SHEEHY: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank  
23 you and welcome. I'm so delighted to see such a great  
24 crowd from our region and our area. The Independent  
25 Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw

1 Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to  
2 reflect the results of the most recent census, and so  
3 we're really delighted again to have the committee come  
4 up here to Lake Havasu City to hear from our residents.  
5 Again, I'm so pleased with so many of our citizens  
6 coming this evening, and I look forward to hearing your  
7 testimony. Enjoy your afternoon and evening. Thank  
8 you, and you're welcome.

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you so much, Mayor. And  
10 now we're going to have Chairwoman Neuberg start the  
11 meeting.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you, Lori.

13 With that, we will dive right in. It's just a  
14 delight to be here with your community and continue our  
15 listening tour. It's been a remarkable honor to be  
16 part of everybody's civic engagement, and I just deeply  
17 appreciate your commitment to come out this evening.

18 With that, Agenda Item 1, call to order. I  
19 now call to order the next meeting of the listening  
20 tour of the Independent Redistricting Commission. We  
21 would like to remind the public that COVID-19 is still  
22 prevalent, and we ask that you follow the Arizona  
23 Department of Health guidelines. If you are not fully  
24 vaccinated you should wear a mask in public space. If  
25 you would like to participate from home, each of these

1 meetings is being streamed through Webex. Please note  
2 that if you would like to make a public comment you may  
3 do so by signing in with staff and filling out the  
4 public comment card. If you haven't already done so,  
5 please fill out the community of interest survey.  
6 There is a QR code on signs at the sign-in desk and on  
7 the public comment cards that will direct you to the  
8 link. Please see a member of staff if you have any  
9 questions. We consider this data very carefully. It's  
10 worth the effort.

11 We have an American sign language interpreter  
12 joining us virtually, and we have interpreter headsets  
13 available for those in attendance.

14 We also have a transcriptionist who will be  
15 transcribing every meeting. Please speak slowly and  
16 clearly so we have a clear record of your input.

17 Will the interpreters in attendance please  
18 introduce themselves now.

19 MS. DURAN: Hello. My name is Ruby Duran.  
20 I'm a Spanish interpreter from the Bullhead City area.

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

22 MR. GOMEZ: Yes. My name is Richard Gomez.  
23 I'm a translator for Spanish from Lake Havasu City,  
24 Arizona.

25 MS. MARTINEZ: Wendy Martinez, interpreter for

1 ASLS, Kingman, Arizona.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. I believe we're  
3 set. Thank you so much for your, you know, efforts  
4 with making this accessible to as many people as  
5 possible.

6 At this point I would like to introduce the  
7 members of the Commission. My name is Erica Neuberg.  
8 I'm the independent chair. I represent Maricopa  
9 County, but, you know, I've lived here over 40 years,  
10 so I think I like touch upon every part of the state,  
11 so I can't say I really belong to one. But I believe  
12 we have a fellow Commissioner here, Vice-Chair  
13 Watchman, so please.

14 COMMISSIONER WATCHMAN: Thank you, Madam  
15 Chair, and welcome everybody. I am Derrick Watchman,  
16 Vice-Chair of the Independent Redistricting Commission.  
17 I come to you from Window Rock, Arizona. I am the  
18 Democratic appointee to the Commission. And so it's  
19 good to see everybody in this room and also our  
20 satellite offices, so I look forward to all the input.

21 And so thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate  
22 this time.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you.

24 And with that we'll move to Agenda Item No. 2,  
25 presentation on the process. First is a representative

1 from our legal team. I believe it is Ryan from Snell &  
2 Wilmer. But please introduce yourself properly, and  
3 please take it away.

4 MR. REGULA: Good evening, everyone. My name  
5 is Ryan Regula from the law firm of Snell & Wilmer, and  
6 I'm joined by my colleague, Shawn Summers, from the law  
7 firm of Ballard Spahr, and our firms represent the  
8 Independent Redistricting Committee -- Commission.  
9 Excuse me.

10 I want to thank you all for coming this  
11 evening. The point of this evening is to provide you  
12 with a brief overview of what the Independent  
13 Redistricting Commission does and what the process will  
14 look like, so a good place to start is the  
15 Constitution, the Arizona Constitution. The  
16 U.S. Constitution requires regular reinforcement of  
17 congressional districts, but states are responsible for  
18 creating their own maps. Every ten years a new  
19 redistricting occurs. Historically, from 1912 to 2000  
20 Arizona's legislature controlled redistricting. Then  
21 based upon initiative passed by the voters, the Arizona  
22 Constitution was amended, and the controlling of  
23 redistricting was given to an independent commission.

24 According to Article 4 of the Arizona  
25 Constitution, the Independent Redistricting Commission



1 requires five members. No more than two may be from  
2 the same political party. The current members are  
3 Erica Neuberg, who is the chair and who is an  
4 independent; two Democrats, Derrick Watchman and  
5 Shereen Lerner; and two Republicans, David Mehle and  
6 Douglas York.

7 Under Article 4 of the Arizona Constitution,  
8 six goals are provided for redistricting. Number one,  
9 districts shall comply with the U.S. Constitution and  
10 the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

11 Two, congressional districts shall have equal  
12 population to the extent practicable, and state  
13 legislative districts shall have equal population to  
14 the extent practicable.

15 Three, districts shall be geographically  
16 compact and contiguous to the extent practicable.

17 Four, district boundaries shall respect  
18 communities of interest to the extent practicable.

19 Five, to the extent practicable district lines  
20 shall use visible geographic features, city, town, and  
21 county boundaries, and undivided census tracts.

22 And six and finally, to the extent practicable  
23 competitive districts should be favored where to do to  
24 would create no significant detriment to the other  
25 goals.

1           Of those six goals we're here tonight to  
2           obtain your comments regarding the goal that district  
3           boundaries should respect communities of interest to  
4           the extent practicable.

5           Regarding the projected timeline, from roughly  
6           July to August we're conducting our initial listening  
7           tour. Then in August census data will be released and  
8           processed. At this moment in time we do not have  
9           census data yet.

10           Then roughly in September a grid map will be  
11           drawn and adopted. It's important for you to know that  
12           each Independent Redistricting Commission starts from  
13           scratch. Thus the old district lines are wiped clean,  
14           and the grid map only reflects two of the six criteria  
15           the Commissioners are required to consider,  
16           people/population, and compactness and contiguousness.  
17           Commissioners then modify the grid maps to account for  
18           the other four criteria I highlighted earlier,  
19           including respect for communities of interest.

20           From September to October possible map drafts  
21           are developed. From September to October, possible map  
22           drafts are developed, and eventually an official map  
23           draft is adopted.

24           From October to November there is a minimum of  
25           30-day public comment period on the official draft map.

1           And from December to the project end there is  
2 a revision to the draft map and the adoption of a final  
3 draft plan.

4           Regarding public involvement, as I mentioned  
5 before that's exactly what we're doing here this  
6 evening, but there are three specific types of public  
7 involvement that you should be aware of and that are  
8 available to you. One, Commission meetings are open to  
9 the public. There you can submit public comments at  
10 [irc.az.gov/public-meetings](http://irc.az.gov/public-meetings).

11           Second, initial input on communities of  
12 interest. Specifically, what we're looking for this  
13 evening is information for what geographic areas or  
14 neighborhoods should be considered when drawing draft  
15 maps.

16           Third and finally, input on draft maps. There  
17 you can submit proposed draft maps and comments on  
18 in-progress draft maps prior to the IRC selection of an  
19 official draft map. You can also submit proposed  
20 revisions and comments after the IRC selection of an  
21 official draft map. And, finally, you can submit  
22 comments on near-final maps.

23           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Please, Mark.

24           We'll now have our mapping team come up and  
25 move on with our presentation.

1 MR. FLAHAN: Hello, everyone. My name is Mark  
2 Flahan from Timmons. I'm the project manager on the  
3 Timmons side. I have two other people joining me from  
4 my team. I have Parker Bradshaw, who is a coordinator,  
5 and I have Ivy Beller Sakansky, who is our demographer.

6 So today we want to talk to you guys about a  
7 couple of the tools and empowerment that we have for  
8 you as citizens to be able to provide input. The first  
9 one is our socioeconomic app. It is an interactive web  
10 app that's online that will show you geographic and  
11 socioeconomic data, and we'll talk about that a little  
12 more on the next line.

13 The second thing that we have is our community  
14 of interest survey, and this really allows you to draw  
15 your own community of interest. When you walked in  
16 today you probably saw some QR codes on the stand which  
17 would allow you to easily scan it with your phone and  
18 go directly to the survey.

19 And the last tool that we have is our  
20 redistricting system, which is currently being stood  
21 up, and there you'll be able to draw and submit  
22 proposed map changes.

23 So the socioeconomic report, as I said, it's  
24 an interactive site that's online 24/7 that you can go  
25 to. There is a screenshot on the right side of the

1 screen. And there you can look at demographics for 14  
2 different points. You see an acronym that's CVAP,  
3 which is citizen voting age population, and there  
4 you're able to turn on or turn off all these different  
5 demographics and view them for the entire state of  
6 Arizona, so you can go and start looking at that today.

7 The second thing that we have is our community  
8 of interest survey, which is why we're here today  
9 talking about communities of interest. On the left  
10 side is sort of our introduction there. The community  
11 of interest survey is in both English and Spanish,  
12 available 24/7 online.

13 On the right side of the screen you can see  
14 there is actually a map, so what that allows you to do  
15 is to draw your own community of interest map to submit  
16 to the Commission here. So the map is important  
17 because that way we can accurately represent exactly  
18 what you are talking about when you're describing your  
19 community of interest, so I encourage you to go there  
20 and fill out a community of interest survey.

21 Next up I'm going to bring up Ivy, who is  
22 going to talk about what is a community of interest.

23 MS. BELLER SAKANSKY: One moment, please.

24 Hello, everybody. Good evening. Glad to see  
25 you here.

1           Thanks, Mark.

2           So what is a community of interest? It is a  
3 geographic area of people who share a common story or  
4 connection. That connection can be common social  
5 interests, shared demographic characteristics, similar  
6 impacts from a legislative and/or congressional issue,  
7 or any other connection that leaves people in a given  
8 area to believe that they would benefit from being kept  
9 together, united in one congressional or legislative  
10 district.

11           As you think about your community, think about  
12 the factors, please, that Mark has shown you already  
13 this evening. Those say: Think about you and your  
14 neighbors. Do you have similar jobs? Do you rely on  
15 similar public services? Belong to the same  
16 neighborhood associations? Are you impacted by the  
17 same regional environmental concern? Is your community  
18 defined by regional land use issues, transit concerns,  
19 languages spoken, community celebration or traditions  
20 or other similar issues or characteristics? Any of  
21 these characteristics could define a community of  
22 interest.

23           Now it is your turn. As they travel the state  
24 on this listening tour, the Commissioners want to hear  
25 from you. What do you want the Commissioners to

1 consider as they draft and ultimately adopt their maps?  
2 How do you define your community of interest? Using  
3 the tools that Mark just described and in your  
4 testimony today, we want to hear what brings your  
5 community of interest together and what are your  
6 community's geographic boundaries. Remember, the  
7 Commissioners can only incorporate your community into  
8 their maps if you let us know where your community is  
9 on the map.

10 Thank you so much for being here this evening.  
11 Now I'll turn this back over to the Commission staff to  
12 begin taking your comments.

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you, Ivy.

14 First of all, I'm going to read an advisement  
15 before we move forward.

16 So citizens may only speak when recognized by  
17 the Chair or the presiding officer of the meeting if  
18 the Chair is absent or otherwise has delegated hearing  
19 administration authority.

20 In compliance with Arizona's Open Meeting Law,  
21 speakers should confine their statements to the issue  
22 on the posted agenda which is before the Commission.

23 Speakers are also requested to limit their  
24 comments to approximately three minutes.

25 Additionally, speakers are required to follow

1 proper decorum. Speakers must use appropriate  
2 language. Foul and/or abusive language will not be  
3 tolerated. Any speaker failing to follow proper  
4 decorum and/or other guidelines may be asked to leave.  
5 Any breach of peace or disruption of the Commission  
6 public hearing may be cause of a report to law  
7 enforcement, arrest, and prosecution.

8 If someone has expressed the same sentiment as  
9 you, you do not need to speak in order to have your  
10 comment recorded. As long as you filled out the survey  
11 your input will be received and considered by the  
12 Commission. Everyone is welcome to speak, however,  
13 should you choose to do so. Opposing viewpoints may be  
14 expressed by the citizens present.

15 As a courtesy, citizens are reminded to  
16 address their comments to the Chair and the Commission  
17 and not to the audience present.

18 Please show respect for all speakers and avoid  
19 personal comments.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. And with that we  
21 are looking forward to diving right in with the main  
22 event, public comment, Agenda 3. We'll now begin the  
23 public comment portion.

24 Will staff please read the names of the first  
25 speaker and the one in queue.



1 MS. VAN HAREN: The first speaker is Steven  
2 Robinson followed by Marty Brown.

3 MR. ROBINSON: Good afternoon. Thank you. My  
4 name is Steven Robinson.

5 I do live in Golden Valley. Legislative  
6 District 5 is one of the most expansive legislative  
7 districts. It's dominated by three cities surrounded  
8 by rural areas. You cannot get away from that. The  
9 congressional district we have, CD4, is -- goes all the  
10 way around to the east side of Maricopa County, picking  
11 up Apache Junction, Gilbert, and into Pinal County. It  
12 is one of the most gerrymandered districts in the  
13 nation, I would say. Communities of interest has been  
14 violated in that district. We have very urban areas  
15 added to the predominantly rural areas. If we included  
16 other cities of subsequent size, like, oh, Flagstaff,  
17 for instance, because it's surrounded by rural areas,  
18 then that would be more of a part of district --  
19 Congressional District 4 that would be appropriate with  
20 the rest of the district. But when you go all the way  
21 around and pick up urban areas, it was so unfortunate  
22 that that was done.

23 I need a clock so I can see.

24 But, anyway, so what we need to do is have  
25 districts that throughout the whole district reflect

1 the predominant area. Obviously we're going to have a  
2 lot of very urban areas around that Phoenix area with,  
3 you know, four and a half, almost five million  
4 population. But when you're talking about the rural  
5 areas we need to have them including only those areas  
6 that are more similar to that than having the east side  
7 of the Maricopa County area.

8 On the issue of competitiveness, which is not  
9 officially what we're addressing, when you have  
10 districts that are 60, 70 percent one party or the  
11 other, that's not competitive. And when you've  
12 gerrymandered the districts to where they have urban  
13 areas to creates predominantly one or the other, you've  
14 done a disservice to the voters in those areas. So the  
15 competitiveness of the district, which is the last and  
16 least important point, but I think you should take a  
17 look at that, saying maybe instead of having 70/30 or  
18 60/40, we have a 55/45 district or 52/48. Now, some  
19 people don't want to have a fight on their hands to run  
20 for election or reelection, but that I think is an  
21 important issue for the districts is that, one, they  
22 are truly communities of interest, and, two, they're a  
23 little bit more competitive than what we've had in the  
24 past ten years. Thank you.

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you so much.

1           We are also going to just advise everybody to  
2           turn off their phones or put them on silent in the  
3           meeting room. And then also we have satellite sites so  
4           we'll be throwing it over to them at some point. And  
5           then in this room there is a clock over here so you  
6           should be able to see the timer. It will show green  
7           when your time is present. Okay?

8           So Marty Brown is next and then Nan Nicoll.

9           MR. BROWN: Thank you very much.

10          Before I start my time can I ask a question,  
11          Madam Chair, point of order and just for information?  
12          I notice we have two Commissioners here. Thank you for  
13          being with us, both. Are there any other Commissioners  
14          that are listening in or witnessing what's were having  
15          said that are apparently not here?

16          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The other Commissioners  
17          will receive all data. Unfortunately, you know, many  
18          Commissioners had prior commitments from a year ago  
19          with COVID and rescheduling, and the time commitments  
20          were not such that they could participate, but please  
21          be assured the information, the data, is being  
22          recorded. It's being listened to. It's being very  
23          valued, and this is one of upcoming listening tours.  
24          So with that, please continue.

25          MR. BROWN: Thank you for clarifying that. I

1 appreciate that.

2 Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you for  
3 visiting Lake Havasu and Mohave County, allowing public  
4 comment in western Arizona. That's very valuable, as  
5 you can see from the attendants that are here.

6 My name is Marty Brown. I've lived in Lake  
7 Havasu for 16 years with my wife, Christine. We chose  
8 to retire here after living 48 years in California. We  
9 chose Lake Havasu because of our shared love of the  
10 outdoors and magnificent lake that we have, gorgeous  
11 sunsets, and near perfect climate, a well-managed and  
12 maintained local government, one that reflects our core  
13 Christian and patriotic values. As it turned out, Lake  
14 Havasu and Mohave County have also proved to be a great  
15 place to watch our grandchildren grow up, graduate high  
16 school, and bring -- begin their adult lives. I can't  
17 think of a better place to have lived. I can assure  
18 you that those I've had the honor to meet and work and  
19 play with along my journey here in Mohave County share  
20 a love of our great country and great nation.

21 Likewise, we're fortunate to have elected officials who  
22 truly share our appreciation of our unique community  
23 values, our patriotism, and our governing principles.

24 I'm concerned that the 2012 congressional  
25 legislative districts approved by the prior

1 redistricting committee did not adhere to the  
2 principles outlined in the Arizona State Constitution  
3 as we just talked about. Specifically, Item C and D:  
4 Districts shall be geographically compact and  
5 contiguous to the extent possible. And Item D:  
6 District boundaries shall respect communities of  
7 interest to the extent possible.

8 Our state legislatures, especially in District  
9 5, were drawn well. However, Congressional District 4,  
10 not so much. It includes parts of Pinal County, which  
11 are a long ways away. This is western Arizona. We  
12 have some very unique values and interests here. I  
13 don't think that that district and plan necessarily met  
14 state and constitutional goals. Western Arizona is  
15 uniquely situated topography. We're separated by miles  
16 of desert from the rest of the state populated areas.  
17 Not like in other areas of Arizona, tourism is primary  
18 industry in Mohave County. Visitors flock to our  
19 valley from as far away as Canada, Wisconsin, and  
20 Washington to enjoy our open spaces and the ideal  
21 weather. In summer months visitors from California,  
22 Nevada, and Central Arizona enjoy the Colorado River  
23 and lakes.

24 Water and land issues are common bonds in  
25 western Arizona. In the geographical region we are

1 actively invested in all land and water issues.  
2 Additionally, services such as tourism has taxed our  
3 communities. We share the increasing challenges of  
4 retaining skilled labor, maintaining adequate public  
5 safety, and providing affordable housing and ensuring  
6 quality schools.

7 Not unlike other parts of Arizona, we have  
8 specific unique interest in the management and  
9 preservation of Colorado River ecosystem, plus the  
10 surrounding desert landscapes. In short, we're the  
11 playground of much of the western United States and  
12 beyond. Our livelihood and quality of life depend on  
13 solid governance and sound representation.

14 The uniqueness of -- I'll be brief. The  
15 uniqueness of western Arizona, specifically Mohave  
16 County, must be maintained and represented in both  
17 federal and state government. Mohave County and La Paz  
18 County share a common community of interest which  
19 should be accurately reflected within our  
20 representative government. I would implore the  
21 Commissioners to follow the state constitutional goals  
22 under Article 4, Part 214, A through E, while  
23 considering federal and state representations. Please  
24 don't allow the mistakes of the 2012 redistricting to  
25 linger into 2022 redistricting plan.

1           Thank you very much for giving me this  
2 opportunity to be here.

3           MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

4           The next speaker is Nan Nicoll, and then we're  
5 going to throw it out to Bullhead City.

6           MS. NICOLL: Good evening, everyone. My name  
7 is Nana M. Nicoll. I have lived and currently live in  
8 Fort Mohave in Mohave County for over 22 years as a  
9 full-time Arizona resident.

10           I'm here to give you information about my  
11 community of interest. My community works in tourism,  
12 mining, many small businesses, and agriculture. Many  
13 of our residents work in Laughlin, Nevada, and Needles,  
14 California. We are a close-kit -- excuse me, a  
15 close-knit community that abounds in neighbor helping  
16 neighbor through schools, churches, and many small  
17 organizations that support our generous veteran  
18 population, caring for animals, feeding the hungry, and  
19 clothing the less fortunate. We love our community,  
20 our river, and our local Avi Macav reservation. We  
21 recreate using our beautiful river in Lake Mohave,  
22 offroading, hiking, and we go across the river to  
23 Laughlin, Nevada, for gaming, entertainment, and  
24 restaurants. Many of us are senior citizens that meet  
25 at various attractions and locations for socializing,

1 such as church, senior centers, restaurants, and  
2 shopping centers.

3 It is critical for our area to have the Lake  
4 Mead recreation area stay as a recreation area for  
5 boating, fishing and other sports that are so important  
6 to our economy. In fact, that was why this recreation  
7 area was formed originally, and it's really critical it  
8 stay that way.

9 Our local shopping areas comprise of Mohave  
10 Crossroad Shopping Center, Riverview Mall, et cetera.  
11 We have a lot of small businesses that are the heart of  
12 our community. We also have several food banks. We  
13 have Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, many local  
14 churches that we all use as socializing and supporting  
15 our community.

16 I want to be clear that I want my community of  
17 interest to remain whole. In the last redistricting we  
18 were divided into two separate supervisor districts,  
19 one for Bullhead City and another for Fort Mohave and  
20 Mohave Valley and northern Lake Havasu City, which is  
21 35 miles away. So I really think it's a problem when  
22 we have our supervisor in Lake Havasu -- though he's an  
23 honorable person; don't misunderstand me -- but I don't  
24 think the community of interest is the same, so I just  
25 want to make that clear. And, also, my CV4, which is



1 not in my community and not all of it's in my community  
2 of interest, and I call outside the counties of Gila,  
3 Maricopa and Pinal are all part of this, and they have  
4 nothing in common with us that I know of. In fact, I  
5 rarely go to any of these places. So I just think that  
6 that is an issue, and I think it was well addressed by  
7 other speakers.

8 So essentially I want to thank you for giving  
9 me the opportunity to talk about my community and  
10 community of interest. I didn't really spell out what  
11 that is, but essentially for me it's Bullhead City,  
12 Fort Mohave, and Mohave Valley, and, of course, Lake  
13 Havasu is really part of our area as well as Kingman.  
14 We all operate as one community of interest in my  
15 opinion. So I just want to know -- or I want to tell  
16 you that matters to many people I know that we have the  
17 right come to speak to you folks about how you are  
18 redistricting our voting centers or districts, so I  
19 thank you very much for this opportunity.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you very much.

21 And as we welcome new speakers I would like to  
22 ask for some specific feedback about one issue, which  
23 is population and the size of districts, so, you know,  
24 just looking at population growth in Arizona, and there  
25 is still nine districts, so districts will go up in

1 population. We still have the same 30 legislative  
2 districts with increasing population. I just ask that  
3 as you speak to your interests and your needs to  
4 consider that roughly speaking -- and my math may be,  
5 you know, a little bit off -- but with our population  
6 you're looking at about 8,000,000 plus for a  
7 congressional district. You're looking at 200,000 plus  
8 per legislative district. So speak not only about, you  
9 know, who you want to stay with and your -- you know,  
10 what's comfortable, but when you're wanting to  
11 differentiate, please share where else you would like  
12 to be included, because that data is very important to  
13 us. We're required to adhere, as you heard, to the  
14 Constitution.

15 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Thank you so much. The  
16 next speaker will be over with Valerie Neumann in our  
17 other location.

18 Alex, I think they're muted.

19 Why don't we go to the next speaker here.

20 MR. BARBER: Okay. I'm un -- I've been  
21 unmuted.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Can we ask to  
23 please have silence so we can hear our satellite  
24 location. Thank you.

25 MR. BARBER: Okay. My name is James Barber,

1 and I live in Mohave Valley, Arizona. And I understand  
2 that the districts are going to be about 800,000  
3 people, and I figured that much because some states  
4 like Rhode Island they don't get -- they have almost a  
5 million people but didn't reach the threshold of about  
6 1.3 million to get two districts. And I've seen some  
7 gerrymandering. I once saw a gerrymandered district so  
8 they could keep two communities of color together, and  
9 that gerrymander happened from east -- east Kansas City  
10 along the I-70, which gathered no people all the way  
11 over to the west side of St. Louis to keep communities  
12 of color together, and that was a congressional  
13 district that had been done back in the '90s.

14 Now, when it comes to our district, we need  
15 900,000 people. Well, the one thing that's really  
16 important is you're going to have people who are going  
17 to fight against this here, this redistricting, because  
18 quote, unquote, you're going to start separating  
19 communities of color. Well, I'm an American. There is  
20 no color. You're either an American or you're not. I  
21 happen to be -- I happen to be African American or  
22 Black or whatever, but my first -- my first allegiance  
23 is that I'm an American, and we should not be trying to  
24 separate our communities based on some geographical or  
25 skin color. We're Americans, and we don't need that

1 type of division, and that's, you know, that's what I  
2 saw in the last -- the last redistricting, that there  
3 was a whole bunch of we're going to keep this group  
4 together and we're going to keep that group together.  
5 Well, the first question is: Are they Americans? Yes.  
6 Then they can be in any district they need to be in.  
7 And that's my -- that's my comment. Thank you.

8 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you, Mr. Barber.  
9 We will throw it off to Michelle in Kingman.  
10 Thank you.

11 MS. CRANK: Good evening, Madam Chair, and  
12 members, Vice-Chair Watchman, and listening audience.  
13 We are coming to you from Kingman, Arizona, and I have  
14 one speaker for this evening, Mary McCord Robinson.

15 Good evening, and thank you very much for  
16 coming and listening to us. I've been a resident of  
17 Mohave County now for 16 years, and I'm here tonight to  
18 ask you to keep Mohave County district lines as they  
19 are today. Making any changes would be disruptive to  
20 the progress that we've made by bringing our three core  
21 cities together and working together and having the  
22 common goal and achieving those goals. Our economic  
23 status has improved, and its trajectory is on course to  
24 continue.

25 While we definitely are not all like-minded in

1 Mohave County -- we don't all agree on the education  
2 platforms, infrastructure, party politics -- we have  
3 built relationships, and those relationships take  
4 commitment and time and could be detrimental if they  
5 were to make significant changes. As a rural community  
6 of interest, please consider keeping the rural counties  
7 along the Colorado River as one. I would also see no  
8 reason to not keep the northern part of our county  
9 intact: Colorado City, Beaver Dam, Scenic.

10 In regards to our Native lands and population,  
11 color does matter, and it matters for them. And while  
12 I am not here to represent them, I would ask that you  
13 really listen to them here, what their needs are,  
14 before you finalize any of those maps.

15 Our Legislative District 5 works, and most  
16 that know me know I rarely ever agree with Steve  
17 Robinson because we don't agree on anything. But I  
18 will agree and support everything that he said  
19 regarding CD4. It is absolutely gerrymandered. It  
20 does not represent our rural communities, and if we  
21 need to expand the number of participants within our  
22 district then we should look to the east to those that  
23 are more rural and have more communities of interest  
24 and take into consideration our communities of color.  
25 I absolutely think that's important.

1 I appreciate your time this evening, and I  
2 look forward to seeing your draft maps. Thank you.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

4 I believe that's the last speaker over there  
5 so we're going to come back here to Kenny Works, and  
6 after Kenny is Elaine Downing.

7 MR. WORKS: Kenny Works from Yucca.

8 The reason I wanted to speak is because I  
9 don't want to see what happens the next -- the next  
10 redistricting and the last one. When I moved here I  
11 was in District 3, La Paz County and Mohave County,  
12 pretty simple. (Audio distortion) vouch for a few  
13 others, but mostly Native American communities was  
14 carved out of District 3 for the -- to be part of  
15 District 2, which represents mostly Native Americans.  
16 That was previous to our last redistricting. At least  
17 I knew what my district number was because they gave me  
18 a map. The map was Citizens Clean Election Commission  
19 2008 Statewide and Legislative Candidate Statements,  
20 Primary Election. All of these pamphlets had maps in  
21 my district. I always knew who my fellow district  
22 people were, who I needed to talk to and try and  
23 convince. I've never seen a map of this district I'm  
24 in now, District 4. Never seen a map of it. One has  
25 never been printed and put in this form so I can see

1     what district I'm in. I'm guessing probably because  
2     they weren't proud of the results. I would like to see  
3     that changed when the next redistricting is done. I  
4     want -- I want something simple I can look at, not  
5     something scattered out across the state. I hope that  
6     my messages get through, and I thank you for the  
7     opportunity to talk to you and try and convince you of  
8     my concerns. Thank you very much.

9             MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you very much. Elaine  
10     Downing is next, followed by Greg Logan.

11            MS. DOWNING: Hi. My name is Elaine Downing.  
12     I've been a resident of Mohave County since 1990. I  
13     appreciate the opportunity to speak tonight. I am a  
14     retired federal employee with the Bureau of Land  
15     Management and was an outdoor recreation planner. When  
16     I moved here I didn't know much about living in the  
17     desert, but I have to say that Mohave County has been a  
18     wonderful surprise, from the Grand Canyon to Hoover  
19     Dam, all the public lands, and the one thing that it  
20     all has in common is the water. People from all over  
21     the country come here to enjoy western Arizona, the  
22     waterways and the public lands, the casinos, the  
23     wildlife, everything. This is a great place for my  
24     husband and I to raise our children and to retire,  
25     camping, fishing, driving less than an hour and being

1 able to see a billion stars at night because there is  
2 no light pollution. I don't know anybody that doesn't  
3 enjoy a campfire out there.

4 It's my hope that wherever the lines are drawn  
5 and whomever is elected to represent us in the future  
6 will realize that a true democracy is full of people  
7 who have different ideas, experiences, strengths, and  
8 weaknesses. We come from different paths, different  
9 parts of the country, and some are actually from other  
10 countries that live here. Things should not be black  
11 or white or red or blue. We need a balance in our  
12 districts as much as we need a balance in our elected  
13 officials we elect to represent us. After all, they  
14 are supposed to represent all of us. I found the  
15 balance in Mohave County, and I hope we can continue to  
16 call this place home and feel at home every day. This  
17 conflict the last five years has been horrible, but I  
18 hope we come together. Thank you.

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. The next speaker  
20 is Greg Logan, followed by Samuel Koblosh.

21 MR. LOGAN: Thank you.

22 Hello. My name is Gregory Logan. I live in  
23 Lake Havasu City, Mohave County. I'm retired from the  
24 Navy, and I also draw Social Security. I was born and  
25 raised in California, but while in the Navy have been



1       stationed around the world and even Philadelphia. When  
2       I retired -- when I retired I chose to become part of  
3       Arizona. My community of interest is made up of my  
4       fellow veterans; a community of escapees from the  
5       destructive policies of California; U.S. citizens who  
6       came to work and perhaps build a business in an  
7       affordable environment with opportunities to live,  
8       grow, and raise families; a community of both older and  
9       younger new friends from which I have learned and  
10      absorbed many new and wonderful ideas, and, yes, some  
11      ideas that had to be rejected because they were just  
12      plain dumb. It's also a community that likes plain  
13      speaking, law and order, practicality, government  
14      efficiency and openness, and just plain, good old  
15      common sense. My community is Lake Havasu City and  
16      Mohave County, in that order.

17                 We know this board has a difficult mission  
18      ahead, but we urge you to make that task easier by  
19      following the six Constitutional requirements for  
20      redistricting, but just noting to emphasize communities  
21      of interest. This board deserves kudos for taking that  
22      guideline seriously, and you have my thanks. But  
23      making districts more competitive, we know you have to  
24      follow it when it doesn't create a detriment with the  
25      other guidelines, but in my opinion it's just

1 boneheaded. I have sympathy for your assigned task,  
2 but I believe the competitiveness angle should be the  
3 individual candidate's problem, not the Commission.  
4 When drawing the new districts please be respectful of  
5 Mohave County and its environment and communities  
6 within. Thank you for hearing my testimony.

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Next speaker is Samuel  
8 Koblosh, and then Nancy Campbell is after that.

9 My name is Daniel Koblosh, K-O-B-L-O-S-H, as  
10 it says here to state. My wife, Joy, and I purchased a  
11 home here in Lake Havasu City here in 2015 and moved  
12 here permanently in November of 2016 after living in  
13 Redondo Beach, California, for most of my life. Many  
14 people have asked why you would move from the temperate  
15 sea breezes of Redondo Beach where it's 70 degrees most  
16 of the time to the 120-degree Arizona desert. The  
17 short answer is that gerrymandering by corrupt power  
18 hungry California politicians robbed us of any genuine  
19 political representation, and we literally fled  
20 California.

21 When I purchased my Redondo house in 1980 I  
22 was represented in Congress by a man named B1 Bob  
23 Dornan, because he was a strong, pro-defense  
24 conservative. By redrawing my district to become one  
25 of the most tortured shapes in American congressional

1 history, snaking along the coast from San Pedro Harbor  
2 northward to encompass West Los Angeles, carefully  
3 including only leftist voters, I became a  
4 disenfranchised voter, never to be represented again,  
5 and made to suffer under unseen and unresponsive  
6 political cronies who were guaranteed reelection cycle  
7 after cycle. But we owned our own home free and clear  
8 and could have stayed there forever.

9 We moved to the free state of Arizona because  
10 these are my people, and we are represented by men and  
11 women who live and reflect our values, something we  
12 clearly lost in California. We have transformed from  
13 multimillion city dweller people, living amongst a  
14 hoard, to small town people in record time, and we love  
15 it.

16 Upon your shoulders, the Commission, is the  
17 responsibility to redistrict Arizona based upon new  
18 Arizonans, like my wife and me and thousands of others,  
19 who moved here specifically because we desired genuine  
20 political representation and a small town. Your  
21 ability to cut and paste to form districts to mold  
22 Arizona to become something it isn't and hasn't been  
23 throughout its history, in other words, what they did  
24 to California, should weigh heavily on your souls. I  
25 implore you to do the right thing and redistrict this

1 fine state honestly and not in a naked, cynical,  
2 partisan manner. Thank you very much.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Next is Nancy Campbell followed  
4 by David Diaz.

5 MS. CAMPBELL: Yes. Dear Commission, thank  
6 you for the opportunity to address you in what I  
7 believe to be the extremely important issue. I look  
8 forward to assist in this process to ensure Arizona  
9 maps are fair for all citizens. I recognize and  
10 believe previous maps had many inaccuracies, including  
11 population sizes. I call for the current districts to  
12 be drawn as close to or equal population as possible.  
13 I'm a Lake Havasu City council member who has been a  
14 long-time resident of Mohave County. I'm proud to say  
15 my husband and I have raised three children here, and  
16 they are raising their children here. Like many in my  
17 community my husband and I have worked in many  
18 businesses, including construction, mining, retail,  
19 hospitality, event planning, and more. Our community  
20 has a strong tourism base, bordering California. The  
21 Californians fleeing for safety, lower taxes, and a  
22 better way of life, is changing the demographics of our  
23 community daily. We need to be heard, allowing to  
24 assist with the growth. Many of the cities and the  
25 county are left with no affordable housing, lack of

1 infrastructure, deteriorating roads. Many in the  
2 community believe Maricopa County overlooked many rural  
3 communities, leaving many counties struggling to keep  
4 up with the much-needed demands of our citizens.

5 As an elected official I enjoy the time I  
6 serve on my local boards from the hospital, Partners of  
7 Economic Development, Patient Advisory Council, Board  
8 of Ethics, Tri-City Council, Mohave County Water  
9 Authority, and more. The lessons I have learned  
10 through these boards continue to enforce the need to  
11 follow the Constitution, which redistricting is an  
12 important part of. I've witnessed neighborhoods,  
13 communities, and counties become divided for the sake  
14 of incumbents and party favorites. This process must  
15 be 100 percent bipartisan and transparent, giving the  
16 voters of Arizona the confidence they will be heard  
17 across all of the state of Arizona. Thank you so much,  
18 and thank you so much for this opportunity.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you. And if you  
20 don't mind, and whether it's a question to you or to  
21 somebody else thinking through this, can you share a  
22 little bit more with us about what your needs are?  
23 We're hearing your ethos, your culture, what you want.  
24 I would like to hear a little more specific data about,  
25 you know, what specifically in the lines didn't work,

1 what specifically in the future of the lines will work.  
2 That's just helpful data for us to be able to listen to  
3 the comments and actually transcribe it into meaningful  
4 work.

5 So with that, please move forward.

6 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. The next speaker is  
7 David Diaz followed by David Burnett.

8 MR. DIAZ: I didn't come with data. I'm sorry  
9 that I'm not going to do what you just said.

10 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: That's okay.

11 MR. DIAZ: I didn't come with data. But a  
12 couple of statements. First of all, we live in a  
13 democratic republic, not a democracy. I wanted to say  
14 that.

15 I also agree with Mr. Barber from Bullhead  
16 City. He is African American, but he identifies as an  
17 American. I am a Mexican American, and I identify as  
18 an American.

19 I am a citizen here of Lake Havasu City. I  
20 started coming here in the late '70s, bought a home  
21 here about five years ago, and moved here full time  
22 about 18 months ago. I'm on the board of directors for  
23 the Republican Men's Club, really involved in the city  
24 here. I'm going to sit on the planning and the zoning  
25 commission. And with all due respect to the lady that

1 spoke from Kingman, keeping communities of color  
2 together mean people that supposedly can't get a fax  
3 machine, can't get a copy machine, can't get IDs --  
4 quit coddling communities of color. You don't need to  
5 do that.

6           So my goal -- let me get my eyeballs out here.  
7 I want to read it. Because you started the meeting  
8 with your goal, so here is my goal. It's the opposite  
9 of what Webster says gerrymandering is, which I hope  
10 you guys do. Manipulate -- that's the key word --  
11 manipulate the boundaries of an electoral constituency  
12 so as to favor the party or class -- one party or  
13 class; achieve a result by manipulating the boundaries  
14 of an electoral constituency. We want that not to  
15 happen. That's our goal.

16           So if you're fair and if you're transparent, I  
17 would love to see -- I would love to be a fly on the  
18 wall when you guys gather all this data from your road  
19 trip and decide yay, no, yes, no, who makes that  
20 decision, why, and be very, very transparent on that.  
21 I think that will go a long way in making people see  
22 that you made the decisions based on fairness and not  
23 political party. That's it.

24           MS. VAN HAREN: The next speaker is David  
25 Burnett followed by Diane Klostermeier.

1           MR. BURNETT: My name is David Burnett. I'm a  
2 president of the Republican Men's Club here in town.  
3 And I was looking at the map there, and I see where for  
4 some reason we wrap all the way down around Maricopa  
5 County, and what I was proposing is (audio distortion)  
6 western Arizona. I was thinking maybe like Mohave  
7 County we have (audio distortion), and with all due  
8 respect Maricopa County doesn't have a clue what  
9 western Arizona and Mohave County rural priorities and  
10 challenges the population faces. We are strong  
11 patriots, Christians, and conservatives, with an  
12 overwhelming number of military veterans and retirees.  
13 We are mostly Republicans and celebrate traditions,  
14 American holidays. We are also heavily off-road and  
15 boating communities.

16           The reason I think western Arizona ought to be  
17 is because we're all river communities: Bullhead,  
18 Havasu, Kingman, Fort Mohave, Yuma. We all depend  
19 heavily on the river. It's basically part of our life.  
20 We swim, fish. There is a lot of fishing tournaments  
21 that go on there and, you know, we depend on tourism,  
22 and it's just part of our daily life. We're either in  
23 boats or running around the desert in a four-wheeler or  
24 Razors or something like that. And if somebody is in  
25 this Maricopa, this western Arizona, and they're going



1 to represent us, they ought to be from rural country,  
2 and they ought to represent us from that viewpoint.  
3 That's it.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Next speaker is Diane  
5 Klostermeier, and after that we're going to go back to  
6 Bullhead City. I think we can go to Bullhead City.  
7 Here comes Diane.

8 MS. KLOSTERMEIER: Hello. My name is Diane  
9 Klostermeier, and I'm sorry. I didn't quite hear my  
10 name called. I've been a resident of Lake Havasu City  
11 for over 30 years and a registered voter for quite a  
12 few years more than that. I'm here to respectfully  
13 request that you honor our State Constitution with  
14 regard to developing our voting districts. In 2012 the  
15 Commission failed to follow the State Constitution and  
16 gerrymandered Arizona voting districts in favor of the  
17 Democrats, in my opinion. We lost seats in Congress,  
18 seats in the state legislature as a result. This  
19 cannot stand for the election in 2022.

20 I'm here to defend our elections in Arizona  
21 and defend our great country by demanding voting  
22 integrity and developing these districts so as to  
23 provide us with fair, honest voting policies and  
24 elections, thereby preventing any misrepresentation of  
25 our district, our voting rights, our values, our

1 elections, and our future election results as well. I  
2 want to thank you for your kind attention. I think a  
3 lot of others have stressed a lot of the things that we  
4 all stand for, our values, and I think that this  
5 community -- I've been very proud to live here because  
6 of the values. I want to thank -- I want to thank you  
7 for your kind attention and your future efforts in this  
8 serious matter. It is a serious matter.

9           May God bless you, and may God bless America.  
10 I remain respectfully yours, Diane Klostermeier. Thank  
11 you.

12           MS. VAN HAREN: Our next speaker is actually  
13 going to be here, Diana Wright, and then we'll do  
14 Jeanne Kentch.

15           Diana Wright?

16           MS. WRIGHT: I'm a little bit more shy than  
17 anything. So I sort of stumbled into this, and I --  
18 you guys are traveling, finding out this Commission,  
19 but who pays for this? Did we elect you guys? Did the  
20 Democratic party pay for you guys to do this? Where is  
21 that --

22           CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: It's a state commission  
23 that was authorized by a ballot proposition, 106, and  
24 because it was a state-approved Commission, the state  
25 government funds it, and --

1 MS. WRIGHT: And who supported the ballot,  
2 though, the ballot that you just said?

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh, the ballot 106,  
4 twenty years -- how many years ago? I have no idea who  
5 funded that.

6 MALE VOICE: It was passed in 2000.

7 MS. WRIGHT: And who funded it?

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh, who knows who funded  
9 it. I don't know. We are now the third -- just for  
10 clarification, we are now the third iteration of this  
11 Independent Redistricting Commission that was passed by  
12 that ballot.

13 MS. WRIGHT: And why would Maricopa County be  
14 considered part of this district? What is in common --  
15 what is -- would be the goal of that? I mean, that's a  
16 city. It's -- the crime rate is higher than what we  
17 have. It's a completely different lifestyle. As many  
18 have said they leave California as I did to come -- I  
19 was in a rural community in California. It no longer  
20 exists. So we're here, and then where do I move next  
21 if we make this a metropolis and make it some big city?  
22 How do we -- why would Maricopa County be part of our  
23 redistricting?

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, you know, first of  
25 all, please understand that the districts are not yet

1 drawn. We start all over, and this is our deep desire,  
2 to collect data in order to draw those districts, so --

3 MS. WRIGHT: Right. It's not answering my  
4 question.

5 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: But in terms of  
6 understanding how districts are drawn, you must  
7 understand that there are Constitutional criteria.  
8 They must be relatively equal population sizes,  
9 contiguous. And so when you balance all of those  
10 requirements and you look at our state population and  
11 break it into the different geographic locations, our  
12 mapping team can attest from a statistical just  
13 algorithm perspective all of that, it's remarkably  
14 difficult. We are doing our best. If you have  
15 Constitutional questions, you're welcome to submit, you  
16 know, comment. We'll have our legal team respond to  
17 that. But with --

18 MS. WRIGHT: You're making it sound like,  
19 though, we are required to live in a big city; we're  
20 not allowed to live rurally.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: You are allowed to live  
22 where you want to live --

23 MS. WRIGHT: For now. For now.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: -- with representation  
25 that is dictated by the Constitution of Arizona and the

1 United States.

2 MS. WRIGHT: Well, I guess, like I said, I  
3 kind of stumbled into this, but what I listened to  
4 before it seemed like the last redistricting didn't go  
5 according to Arizona Constitution, so I would ask that  
6 you honestly do that, and if you don't know what it is  
7 exactly or you manipulate words to mean other things  
8 that you check with people who might know better.

9 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We are observing the  
10 Constitutional requirements for redistricting to the  
11 best extent --

12 MS. WRIGHT: Nancy Pelosi says that all the  
13 time, and it's not true.

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. With that, we'll  
15 move on, please.

16 MS. NEUMANN: Here in Bullhead City we have  
17 Barbara Pates.

18 MS. VAN HAREN: Jeanne Kentch, and after  
19 that -- I believe Steve Robinson already spoke so  
20 Jeanne is our last speaker. We have another speaker in  
21 our satellite.

22 MS. KENTCH: Thank you. Thank you for having  
23 me. My name is Jeanne Kentch. You know, I heard a lot  
24 of -- I don't want to repeat a lot what's been said so  
25 my speech is going to be a lot shorter than I expected,

1 but we have some great speakers here tonight.

2 My family moved to Mohave County in 1982. I  
3 raised a family, opened multiple businesses, and I'm  
4 now representing property owners as the Mohave County  
5 assessor. I have spent the last 30 years of my life  
6 advocating for citizens of the city, Lake Havasu, the  
7 county, Mohave, and within my beautiful Arizona state.  
8 I've advocated for roads, water, land use, and now it's  
9 time to advocate for the voters.

10 Mohave County's current Congressional and  
11 legislative voters divide Mohave County by a very small  
12 area that creates a lack of representation for a select  
13 few voters in the northern portion of Mohave County.  
14 For example, currently the Arizona district line has  
15 legislative district (audio distortion) at over  
16 92 percent of Mohave County and less than 8 percent out  
17 of Mohave County so why (audio distortion) just include  
18 it in Mohave County. (Audio distortion) carving such a  
19 small amount of Legislative District 5 and  
20 Congressional District 4 leaves some of Mohave County  
21 voters with little continuity. These areas that  
22 include rural areas are just Peach Springs and portions  
23 of the Hualapai Indian reservation deserve inclusion  
24 with Mohave County. Many of these residents pay taxes  
25 in Mohave County, and they are represented through

1 their county board of supervisors -- their county  
2 assessor is me -- the recorder, the treasurer. They  
3 should also have the same legislative and congressional  
4 representatives as well. The carve out, as it is,  
5 alienates those Mohave County residents and should be  
6 represented as all other Mohave County residents are.  
7 So I urge you to please carve back in, carve out that  
8 little 8 percent, and thank you for considering this  
9 alteration and allowing for more continuity within all  
10 of Mohave County, so thank you.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: And I believe we have a last  
12 speaker with Valerie Neumann.

13 MS. NEUMANN: Here in Bullhead City we have  
14 Barbara Pape, who would like to speak.

15 MS. PAPE: Hello. What I'm asking is to keep  
16 the mapping to the guidance--

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Can't hear you.

18 MS. PAPE: What I'm asking is to keep the  
19 guidance -- keep the mapping to the guidance of our  
20 Constitution, and our founding fathers, who have  
21 established three freedoms --

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Hey, Val, we can't hear them.  
23 There we go. We can hear you now.

24 MS. PAPE: You can hear? Okay. Sorry about  
25 that.

1           Okay. My name is Barbara Pape, Bullhead City.  
2           Keep the mapping to the guidance of our Constitution  
3           and founding fathers who have established three  
4           freedoms: freedom of prosperity, freedom of advancing  
5           through the classes, freedom of religious tolerance,  
6           and comply to our freedoms. That is all we have asked  
7           here in this region.

8           MS. VAN HAREN: I believe that was our last  
9           comment of the night. Thank you so much.

10          At this point we'll send it back to Chairwoman  
11          Neuberg to close out the meeting.

12          CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. Thank you,  
13          everybody. We're going to close out the meeting. It's  
14          been a remarkable display of civic engagement. As  
15          you've seen today, on our website we have easy to use  
16          tools for learning about and for sharing information  
17          about your community of interest. Rather than relying  
18          on purely our interpretation of your comments today, we  
19          encourage you to go online and submit a map to us.  
20          This will ensure we correctly understand the definition  
21          of your community. Please encourage your friends and  
22          neighbors to share their thoughts, too. Anyone can do  
23          so online any time. There is no requirement to attend  
24          one of these meetings to be heard.

25          We look forward to your continued involvement,



1 and with this we will adjourn the public hearing  
2 tonight. Thank you for everybody's participation.

3 (Meeting concluded at 6:09 p.m.)  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings had upon the foregoing meeting are contained in the shorthand record made by me thereof, and that the foregoing 48 pages constitute a full, true, and correct transcript of said shorthand record, all done to the best of my skill and ability.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 10th day of August, 2021.

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