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1 VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING, BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT
2 REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 12:06 p.m. on
3 November 12, 2021.

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5 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

6 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson
7 Mr. David Mehl
8 Ms. Shereen Lerner

9 STAFF PRESENT:

10 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director
11 Ms. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director
12 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant
13 Mr. Alex Pena, Community Outreach Coordinator
14 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
15 Mr. Brian Kingery, Timmons Group

16 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

17 SPEAKER NAME:

18 Craig McFarland
19 Joseph Holden
20 Diane Niemann
21 Lyle Aldridge
22 Sherrylyn Young
23 Brandon Martineau
24 JP Martin
25 Thomas Fisk
Shelley Kais
Jean Saballus
Dana Allmond
Sydney Chayes
Tim Faulkner
Tim Faulkner
Lee Stanfield
Levoy Hurley
Briana Ortega
Nancy Goodman.
Margaret Hendrickson
Francesca Pardes
Francis Glad
George McGaughey
Merrill Livesay

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (continued):

2 SPEAKER NAME:

3 Rafeal Ihly
4 Dale Winders
5 David McKibben
6 Amy Gaienne
7 David Williams
8 Tracie Bunker-Metz
9 Robert Abel
10 Amy Maffeo
11 Cheryl Purvis
12 Stephen Kelsey
13 Stan Cain
14 Carole Lindly
15 Nolan Reidhead
16 James Spiegel
17 Jim McFadzean
18 Dee Maitland
19 Ken Zebal
20 Dion Heimink
21 Chris King
22 Connie Williams
23 Anna Clark
24 John Maynard
25 Carolyn Shafer
Karen Wilkison
Mary Keerins
Karen Wilkison
Cameron Toering
Howard Ronald Pulliam
Mary Buckman
Sharon Edgar
Carissa Sipp
Michael Bryan
Steven McEwen

* American Sign language interpreters and
Spanish interpreters are also present.

P R O C E E D I N G

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3 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Good afternoon, everyone.
4 My name is Lori Van Haren, I'm the Deputy Director of the
5 Independent Redistricting Commission.

6 This morning we are joined by the Commissioners and
7 Commissioner Mehl is going to be the chair of the meeting.

8 Our interpreter is having a little trouble getting
9 parking right now, so as soon as she comes into the building
10 we will introduce her to everyone and make sure that she is
11 available and present.

12 So I will turn it over now to Commissioner Mehl.

13 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I now call to order the virtual
14 town hall, Southern and Eastern Arizona. Staff will
15 describe the format of the meeting.

16 There's a transcriptionist who will be recording
17 every word, so please speak slowly and clearly so we have a
18 clear record of your input.

19 At this time we'll introduce ourselves. I'm David
20 Mehl and I'm a Commissioner from Pima County.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hi, everyone. This is
22 Chairwoman Neuberg, I'm from Chandler; and it's great to
23 be -- to be with everybody again.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Hello. I am Shereen Lerner,
25 Commissioner from Maricopa County. Thank you for being

1 here.

2 COMMISSIONER MEHL: And now the staff will describe
3 the format of the meeting and read the rules.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you, Commissioner Mehl.

5 We have allotted time for 60 speakers to speak.
6 We've given preference to anyone who hasn't had the
7 opportunity to speak before. Speakers are given two minutes
8 each and each speaker is timed by staff; three speakers will
9 be unmuted at a time. Please do not begin until your name
10 is called, you will be muted after your two minutes.

11 Staff is timing everyone.

12 In the chat box we will list the names of the next
13 ten speakers. You must be logged in under the name you used
14 to register in order to speak. We cannot decipher first
15 names only or e-mail addresses or user name that are not
16 consistent with what you used as the name to register. So
17 if you did not log in under that name, please log out and
18 log back in under that name -- at least your first name and
19 last initial.

20 The chat box helps us to navigate who is speaking
21 and if anybody is having audio issues. If would like to
22 submit a public comment, do not use the chat box. Please go
23 to IRC.AZ.Gov.

24 In compliance with Arizona's open meeting laws,
25 speakers should confine their statements to the issue on the

1 posted agenda which is before the Commission.

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

8 If you have already spoken or someone has made the
9 same comment you wish to make, you do not need to speak in
10 order to be heard; your comments have all been recorded.

11 Opposing viewpoints may be expressed by the
12 citizens present. As a courtesy, citizens are reminded to
13 address their comments to the Chair and the Commission and
14 not to the audience present. Please show respect for all
15 speakers and avoid personal comments.

16 Remember, the Commission must hear all sides of an
17 issue to make an informed decision.

18 So we'll now read the names of the first speakers.
19 And I believe the first one is going to be Mayor Craig
20 McFarland, then Frances Glad and then Virginia Abel.

21 And if you'll just give us one second to unmute
22 everyone.

23 Mayor McFarland?

24 Yes, please. Can you hear us?

25 SPEAKER MCFARLAND: Can you hear me okay?

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

2 SPEAKER McFARLAND: Okay.

3 Thank you very much to the Commissioners for -- for
4 listening to us, we appreciate it.

5 As far as -- I'm just here to speak on Legislative
6 District 16, which in its current form and after talking
7 with some staff with some changes they've made, I don't have
8 the current map, but I am in favor of that. Just wanted
9 to -- to at least acknowledge that with the IRC.

10 So thank you very much for that.

11 As far as District 6 our -- our CD-6, the -- I
12 think there was some changes that were made also on it, and
13 what I was recommending that they include the city of
14 Maricopa in that district if at all possible; and other than
15 that it would -- and in there I think they made some changes
16 to include Eloy and Arizona City, which makes good sense in
17 terms of that being kind of a Pinal-centric district. I
18 know it also includes some of the -- of the more rural
19 counties so -- like Sierra Vista, Agua Prieto, and all of
20 that.

21 So anyway, I just wanted to add that in there and
22 if they could include the Maricopa piece, Maricopa City --
23 not county, obviously -- that would be my recommendation and
24 appreciate you listening to my comments.

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

1 And we are just searching for our next three
2 speakers, give me just one --

3 And okay, Virginia Abel and then Joseph Holden.
4 Virginia, can you hear us?

5 Virginia?

6 Okay. If Joseph Holden is ready? Joseph, can you
7 hear us?

8 Diane, can you hear us?

9 SPEAKER HOLDEN: Hello?

10 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. I've got it.

11 So Joseph Holden, can you hear us?

12 SPEAKER HOLDEN: Yes. Can you hear me?

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

14 SPEAKER HOLDEN: Okay. I strongly support the
15 Southern Arizona portion of draft map 10 as it relates to
16 LD-17.

17 I live in the Houghton Corridor and I do most of my
18 activities in this area and I associate with people in this
19 vicinity and mostly in Vail; and I -- I like the way that
20 map is configured, I think it -- I think it gives us
21 representation with people with similar interests. And I
22 shop here and I dine out here and so forth, and -- anyway,
23 that's what I support, so.

24 And I've talked to my neighbors and they like it as
25 well. So that's really about all that I have to say.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker will
3 be Diane Niemann and then Virginia Abel.

4 SPEAKER NIEMANN: Yes. Can you hear me?

5 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

6 SPEAKER NIEMANN: Dear Commissioners, thank you for
7 the opportunity to speak here today. I am looking at the
8 stats for the legislative district's draft map and in
9 particular LD-2 in my area.

10 I notice the population is at 250,000, the highest
11 of any other LD and outside of the constitutional guidance
12 of equal population in each LD. I have a proposition to fix
13 LD-2 and correct the disproportionate population, and at the
14 same time support the Voters Rights Act as well as the
15 previous community of interest comment.

16 Now, my proposition is that you move Sunnyslope
17 into LD-1. This move will achieve three things: First,
18 support the Voters Rights Act, a very important federal law
19 designed to allow minorities the opportunity to elect the
20 candidate of their choice. Sunnyslope is mostly minorities,
21 mainly Hispanic. Right now the Hispanic voters percentage
22 in LD-2 is only 19 percent as compared to LD-1 which is
23 27 percent. This will ensure that LD-1 becomes a VRA
24 district and Hispanic voices are represented properly.

25 Number two, this will equalize the 10,000

1 population overage from LD-2 into LD-1. LD-2 would go from
2 250,000 to 240,000, while LD-1 would go from 231,000 to
3 241,000. This is in line with the Arizona Constitution.

4 Number three, it would ensure communities are
5 representative correctly. As I stated before, the
6 Sunnyslope community is very different from the northern
7 communities of LD-2 and would not be properly represented.

8 I want to thank you again for considering --

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

10 And at this time the next speaker will be Virginia
11 Abel.

12 And Virginia, can you hear us?

13 SPEAKER ABEL: Yes. Good afternoon. Can you hear
14 me?

15 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

16 SPEAKER ABEL: Thank you.

17 I am -- well, like you said, Virginia Abel. I live
18 in LD-3.

19 I was raised in Southern Arizona and moved to
20 Tucson in 1975. Since 1978 we have lived outside the city
21 limits and I am in full support of the concerns expressed by
22 my husband that he expressed previously and may express
23 later.

24 I would like to emphasize though my main concern
25 for our family are their abilities to share and participate

1 in common interests, in the education of our child,
2 opportunity and access to worship, and the responsibility
3 and privilege of voting for lawmakers and legislation that
4 would consider all concerns of constituents.

5 We were excluded from voting in city elections and
6 initiatives due to how our district was created.

7 I was employed by the Flowing Wells School District
8 for 19 years as a school teacher and career counselor. We
9 were unable to participate in bond elections and in our
10 respective school districts.

11 Future educational initiat- -- initiatives that are
12 being considered in our community are paramount. I believe
13 that the proposed redistricting map would allow diversity
14 point of view and better represents those living in northern
15 Pima County.

16 Thank you for the time and dedication in serving
17 our community. May God continue to bless our country and
18 the Constitution that allows citizens to participate and
19 self-government through the election of representatives to
20 serve the people with integrity.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

23 SPEAKER ABEL: That's all.

24 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

25 At this time we will have our Spanish interpreter

1 introduce herself.

2 THE INTERPRETER: Good morning. My name is Inez --
3 or, afternoon, sorry -- Inez Camacho (phonetic), I'm the
4 Spanish interpreter.

5 (Spanish language.)

6 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Thank you.

7 The next speaker is Lyle Aldridge, followed by
8 Sherrylyn Young.

9 Lyle, can you hear us?

10 SPEAKER ALDRIDGE: I can.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Please proceed.

12 SPEAKER ALDRIDGE: Yes, my name is Lyle Aldridge, I
13 live in Tucson on the far northeast side of the Tanque Verde
14 area.

15 My concern at the moment is with the -- the current
16 proposal for CD-6 and -7 which have split the city of Tucson
17 into two districts, which is essentially going to be
18 dominated by the voters of the city.

19 The city only has a population of about 600,000
20 people, perhaps less than that, and yet it will be
21 dominating area -- an area with population of two districts;
22 about 1.6 million people.

23 I believe a -- a map recommendation entitled "Fair
24 CD-6 and CD-7" was submitted about a week ago, and I would
25 very much commend [verbatim] it to the Commission for

1 consideration.

2 And that's about all I have to say at the moment.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

4 The next speaker is Sherrylyn Young.

5 SPEAKER YOUNG: Yes. My name is Sherrylyn Young.
6 I've lived for 35 years in the Tanque Verde Valley area.

7 I would like to say that when the Legislative
8 District 9 map came out, we were very upset because our
9 issues had not been addressed; however, the most recent 10.0
10 map seems to be addressing our issues and giving us
11 representation that we have not had for the past ten years.

12 I -- I would like to say that I stand with the --
13 the citizens of LD-17 and very much like this -- this
14 legislative district.

15 I would also like to address the CD-6 and CD-7.
16 Again, I agree with Mr. Aldridge that the city of Tucson
17 should not be divided so that they can contaminate both --
18 both congressional districts of Southern Arizona. As it
19 stands, CD-6 (verbatim) has focal elections that have nine
20 Democrats and no Republicans, and CD-6 (verbatim) has focal
21 elections that show six Democrats and only three
22 Republicans. So the whole of Southern Arizona is going to
23 have 15 Democrats and 3 Republicans in focal elections.

24 I don't think that this is competitive and I think
25 that the city of Tucson should be completely within CD-7.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. VAN HAREN: Next speaker is Brandon Martineau,
3 followed by JP Martin, followed by Tom Fisk.

4 Brandon, can you hear us?

5 SPEAKER MARTINEAU: I can. How are you?

6 MS. VAN HAREN: Good. Thank you.

7 Go ahead.

8 SPEAKER MARTINEAU: Good. Thank you for the
9 opportunity to -- to speak today.

10 I live in Heber, Arizona, the White Mountains, and
11 I see a problem with our -- with the last Redistricting
12 Commission that -- that reaches into our mountain
13 communities and just takes sections of our communities and
14 puts them in with sections in -- in bigger counties like
15 Flagstaff or Gilbert or -- or some of those outlying cities
16 in the valley, and that essentially erases any voice that
17 we -- we have in the mountains.

18 What with the -- what I'm advocating for is to have
19 a true rural Arizona district that would include the White
20 Mountains and down the south/central/eastern Arizona.

21 These communities are communities of interest. We
22 -- our schools interact together, we go to church together,
23 we have similar interests all down from the top of
24 (technical disruption); these are farming/ranching/mining
25 communities that have similar values. And I think like

1 these -- these communities are large enough to represent
2 their own district and not include these areas in the valley
3 that essentially rob us of our voice because of the
4 population difference.

5 And I feel like it's time for rural Arizona to have
6 their voice in -- in the Senate and the Legislature by
7 having a true rural Arizona district that only includes
8 mountain communities, farming communities, and ranching
9 communities.

10 And thank you. Thank you for allowing me to talk
11 today.

12 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker is JP
13 Martin. JP, can you unmute yourself?

14 We've sent you the request.

15 There you are.

16 SPEAKER MARTIN: My name is JP Martin and for one
17 year I was an associate member of SAOC with Commissioner
18 Mehl. I consider them the Southern Arizona laziness
19 council.

20 Chair Neuberg, I come before you today with a
21 sincere concern for the reckless proposed legislative map.
22 If this map moves forward, I will live in District 17 along
23 with some hard right votes in Vail who are incubating the
24 ugliest kind of hate speech. Yes, Chair Neuberg, there are
25 hate groups brewing in Vail.

1 If the Independent Redistricting Commission gifts
2 them a ruby red district, then these extremist,
3 anti-Semitic, and violently antigovernment insurrectionists
4 will try to represent me at the Capitol. This goes against
5 the Commission's values to respect communities of interest
6 for the predictable extent.

7 There are real traditionalists who live 90 minutes
8 from me gathering weekly at a coffee spot; and I could not
9 in good consciousness stay quiet when I found out the intent
10 of Map 9.2 were to create a gerrymandered District 17 so
11 there would be an exclusive Republican district for metro
12 Tucson. These folks are showing up to school districts to
13 arrest superintendents, shut down school board meetings, and
14 continue to evangelize using nationalist language.

15 Please don't let business organizations follow the
16 toxic practice of keeping bad middle managers.

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: The next speaker is Thomas
19 Fisk. Tom, can you hear us?

20 SPEAKER FISK: Yes, I can. Thank you.

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

22 SPEAKER FISK: My name is Tom Fisk and I live in
23 the Quail Creek community in Sahaurita township for the past
24 12 years. I strongly support the Southern Arizona
25 Legislative District 19 as defined in LD map 10.0.

1 Quail Creek is an active adult retirement
2 community, has much in common with the adjacent Green Valley
3 to Rio Rico retirement communities, as well as with the
4 Sierra Vista retirement communities. While we pursue
5 numerous activities within our close-knit respective
6 communities, there's also significant interaction between
7 these retirement communities such as golf, pickle ball,
8 biking, hiking, arts and crafts. Also, we all utilize
9 common food stores, automotive and restaurant services,
10 medical and hospital services, as well as numerous worship
11 locations.

12 Our retirement communities comprise essentially
13 small towns much like the common small towns which make up
14 most of LD-19 in draft map 10.0. Also, we are established,
15 successful, independent individuals not too dissimilar to
16 the ranchers and farmers scattered throughout LD-19.

17 For these reasons it makes sense for the
18 Quail Creek community to reside in Legislative District 19
19 as defined in LD draft map 10.0.

20 Separately with respect to CD, I'm just looking at
21 that, I see much similarity of why Quail Creek and Green
22 Valley areas should be moved from CD-7 to CD-6, which is
23 largely similar to LD-17.

24 Thank you.

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker is

1 Shelley Kais. Shelly, can you hear us?

2 SPEAKER KAIS: Yes, I can.

3 Thank you very much; and, Commissioners, thank you
4 for your time. It is again quite an opportunity to
5 participate in the governance that we're seeing here today.

6 I speak first -- I -- I want to save us some time
7 today, so for everything that Tom Fisk just said: Ditto.

8 I, too, live in precinct 84 in the community of
9 Quail Creek, and Tom has been -- has represented us well
10 with his comments.

11 My major concern, of course, is the congressional
12 map that demonstrates where Quail Creek would be aligned
13 over to Yuma to include some of the -- to include the TO
14 Nation, as well as including us into a VRA community; it
15 just does not make sense on many levels.

16 So I am in support of the legislative district map
17 10 and would request that the -- the Quail Creek/Green
18 Valley area be taken out of the congressional map.

19 I also speak on behalf of the legislative district
20 in -- up in LD-17. I think that that district is drawn to
21 communities of interest.

22 And one of the things -- having attended all of the
23 hearings, one of the things that has become very clear is
24 that the people outside of the city of Tucson do not want to
25 be linked in with the city of Tucson.

1 So if I may just reiterate, I support Tom Fisk's
2 statements for precinct 84 and I support LD-17.

3 Thank you very much for this opportunity.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

5 Our next three speakers will be Fred Milner, Jean
6 Saballus, and Dana Allmond.

7 Fred, can you hear us?

8 SPEAKER MILNER: Yes. Can you hear me?

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, please proceed.

10 SPEAKER MILNER: All right, I just want to thank
11 you for your hard work and diligence in -- in performing the
12 task.

13 I'm coming from Nogales and I'm going to be talking
14 to you about LD-21 draft 10. My family has been part of
15 this community since before statehood, we've been ranchers
16 and businessman with strong ties to the ballot on both sides
17 of the border.

18 From the founding of this Republic of the United
19 States, the voice of "we the people" has been our guiding
20 principle. The House of Representatives combined with the
21 Senate, the Electoral College, ensure that not just the
22 voice of pop- (indiscernible) would be heard, but that each
23 candidate would take into account the less populace
24 communities.

25 And so the reason I'm -- the map that is -- I'm

1 talking about, LD-21, creates a poorly drawn district which
2 seems designed to diminish the vote of our county and
3 people; it also breaks up the unity of our county. I'm not
4 sure who is trying to dilute or diminish our voice.

5 I think more in keeping with our -- with your goals
6 and guidelines would be to combine the entirety of
7 Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties.

8 Southern Arizona border communities have a unique
9 makeup, culture, and history. We have ranchers, cowboys,
10 wineries, communities tied together with culture, religion,
11 and family values. Proximity to the Mexican border and
12 culture draws and keeps many to our sense of family,
13 civility, and vision.

14 So as you think where to draw the lines, I urge you
15 to bolster the strong voice of these border communities of
16 interest, please unite Santa Cruz and Cochise Counties as
17 one block of citizens which hold to very similar values.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

20 Our next speaker is Jean Saballus. Jean, can you
21 hear us?

22 SPEAKER SABALLUS: Yes. Can you hear me?

23 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

24 SPEAKER SABALLUS: Thank you.

25 I would like to thank the Commissioners for serving

1 in this capacity. I think we can be very proud of living in
2 a state that has an independent commission to do the
3 redistricting. So thank you for the tough job you're doing.

4 My husband and I have been full-time residents of
5 Green Valley since 2018. I have been coming to Green Valley
6 since 1978. I have always considered Green Valley and
7 Sahuarita to be one and the same; you can't tell where one
8 stops and the other begins. That's where I do all my
9 shopping, have my hair done, take my pets, get pet food, get
10 gas; that is the community that I feel a part of.

11 And so I would like to ask the Commission to keep
12 Green Valley in with Sahuarita in District 21.

13 Years ago we went to Tombstone and Bisbee as
14 tourists, but I don't consider them to be part of our
15 community. So I would like to stay in District 21 with
16 Sahuarita.

17 Thank you very much.

18 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

19 Our next speaker is Dana Allmond. Dana, can you
20 unmute yourself?

21 And then the next speaker Sydney Chayes. Same
22 thing, Sidney, can you -- oh. We see you Dana.

23 SPEAKER ALLMOND: Thanks for this opportunity to
24 speak today. My name is Dana Allmond and I'm a Marana
25 resident in LD-11. I'm a mother of four children, veteran,

1 retired Army lieutenant colonel with more than 23 years of
2 academic service; I'm a 1994 West Point graduate and
3 life-long veteran.

4 My fellow veterans and I care about redistricting.
5 I totally reject the Independent Redistricting Commission
6 approved draft map for LD-17 which violates the Arizona
7 State Constitution. It is blatantly obvi- -- obvious that
8 this map is designed to prevent competitive districts.
9 Candidates must work for resident votes; voters pick the
10 representatives. Competitiveness is essential to our
11 democracy.

12 This LD-17 draft map is not geographically
13 compact -- compact and contiguous with a mountain range
14 splitting the district. This heavily gerrymandered draft
15 map to ensure a Republican-safe district indicates a strong
16 fear of free and fair elections.

17 I call on the IRC members to reject this draft map
18 and approve the LD-17 map version 9.0, which is in
19 compliance with the Arizona State Constitution.

20 Thank you so much for your attention today.

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

22 Our next speaker is Sydney Chayes.

23 Sydney, can you hear us?

24 SPEAKER CHAYES: (No audible response.)

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

1 SPEAKER CHAYES: Yeah, I'm really new to all this
2 and I -- I'm not very -- oh, boy, I can't throw around the
3 LDs and all that.

4 The thing that most concerns me is it just looks
5 really odd. I live in Green Valley, I've lived here for 20
6 years. I heard someone say we have a lot in common with
7 Sierra Vista and others, but I don't. I don't go over
8 there. This is my community: Sahuarita, South Tucson,
9 Tucson, Nogales. But -- so, my understanding is we want to
10 keep like people -- again, I'm not exactly sure what we're
11 trying to do other than what I keep people -- hear people
12 saying is we need to keep our interests and our communities
13 together. This map looks really odd to me to have Green
14 Valley not be part of Sahuarita, and to have us aligned with
15 Sierra Vista, Tombstone, those are completely different
16 communities than here.

17 And I keep hearing this word "gerrymandering," that
18 they draw odd lines to give an advantage; and I keep
19 hearing: The Republicans are trying to get an advantage.

20 So I just want to make sure it makes sense.

21 So I live in Green Valley, all my work is here. I
22 don't go to Sierra Vista, I don't go to Tombstone, I don't
23 go to Bisbee except as a tourist. This is my community and
24 I want to be with the people that are part of my community,
25 which is Sahuarita, South Tucson; and I want to make sure

1 it's fair.

2 So just on the surface it doesn't look -- it looks
3 odd. It looks gerrymandered.

4 So I just want to share those comments and hope
5 you'll take them into your consideration.

6 And thank you for all your work and service. This
7 is hard work and you've got a lot of opinions. So thank you
8 for your time.

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

10 The next three speakers are Tim Faulkner, Lee
11 Stanfield and Levoy Hurley.

12 Tim, can you hear us?

13 SPEAKER FAULKNER: Yes, I can.

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Please proceed.

15 SPEAKER FAULKNER: Hello. My name is Tim Faulkner;
16 my wife and I live in Elgin, Arizona.

17 The Commissioner, they've done a great job on the
18 LD map by placing Elgin/Sonoita area in LD-19, which I
19 believe most of the residents here will be very pleased
20 with. I also support Shelley Kais and Tom Fisk's assessment
21 also.

22 Though, the CD map needs some work. First, the
23 Elgin/Soniota need to be placed in CD-6 to align with the
24 proposed LD-19 map. Second, remove the areas inside the
25 city limits of Tucson from the proposed CD map -- CD-6 map.

1 Eastern rural Pima County outside the city limits would be a
2 fine addition in CD-6.

3 Thank you.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker is Lee
5 Stanfield. Lee, can you hear us?

6 SPEAKER STANFIELD: Yes. Can you hear me?

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

8 SPEAKER STANFIELD: Okay.

9 The IRC is legally mandated to create fair and
10 competitive congressional and legislative districts, that's
11 the wording, quote. So legally the IRC cannot choose to
12 implement either map 9.1 or 9.2 since both violate the
13 fundamental legal mandate for precisely why the IRC was
14 created.

15 It was publicly expressed that the reason for
16 creating what was drawn as District 17 on 9.1 and 9.2 maps
17 was to create a safe Republican district. That's -- so the
18 goal of making a district safe for any political party is
19 the exact opposite of the IRCs legal mandate, because safe
20 means noncompetitive. Therefore, maps 9.1 and 9.2 are in
21 blatant violation of the IRC's mandate.

22 In addition, 9.1 and 9.2 also divide up Santa Cruz
23 County in such a way that it will allow the Patagonia
24 mountains and the Coronado forest to be part of LD-19. This
25 will allow the strongly pro-mining LD legislators to give

1 the go ahead to the mining interest's plan to remove
2 1.6 billion gallons of groundwater every year for four years
3 just to uncover the minerals below the groundwater for
4 mining.

5 Now, this is the watershed that serves all of
6 Santa Cruz County and Green Valley.

7 So please pass map 9.0, which keeps
8 Santa Cruz County and also Pima -- Pinal County whole and
9 undivided.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker is
12 Levoy Hurley.

13 SPEAKER HURLEY: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

15 SPEAKER HURLEY: Thank you for your time.

16 My name is Levoy Hurley. My wife and I live in the
17 unincorporated areas of the Tanque Verde Valley.

18 I support version 10.0. Ten years ago the
19 Commission gave a disservice to Southern Arizona and we've
20 had no representation in Phoenix for the last ten years.
21 Version 9 will simply continue that failed experiment.
22 Version 10 gives us a balance of somebody -- a
23 representation in Phoenix no matter who is in charge.

24 I also want to say that I do not want to be part of
25 Tucson.

1 A couple of years ago my wife and I returned from a
2 vacation driving up Bear Canyon Road, and suddenly the road
3 got quiet; the next day I went out and saw a brand-new road,
4 asphalt, courtesy of the county on Bear Canyon Road. It
5 stopped at the city line.

6 Last year in COVID, my neighborhood, county again,
7 got brand-new streets. Two blocks away, my friends who got
8 conned into an annexation of the city five years ago on the
9 promise of new streets, better fire, better police, still
10 don't have new streets -- they're terrible; and if you've
11 been paying attention I think you know about the problems
12 Tucson has had with the fire and police.

13 Ladies and gentlemen, the folks of Saddlebrooke all
14 the way down to -- to Vail, I have friends all over the
15 place, please, we want to stay out of Tucson and we want
16 representation regardless of who is in Phoenix.

17 Thank you.

18 MS. VAN HAREN: Three speakers will be Rodney
19 Carlson, Briana Ortega, and Nancy Goodman.

20 Rodney? Looks like you're unmuted.

21 Okay. We will come back.

22 And then Briana Ortega, can you hear us?

23 SPEAKER ORTEGA: Yes, I can hear you. Can you hear
24 me?

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

1 SPEAKER ORTEGA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
2 name is Briana Ortega. I'm an attorney who lives in Tubac,
3 I work in Nogales, and I also grew up in Morenci and
4 Clifton, Arizona, in Greenlee County.

5 Today I'm urging the Commission to keep
6 Santa Cruz County whole. At the very least, the Commission
7 needs to ensure that Tubac is kept within the same
8 legislative district as Nogales and Rio Rico. As an
9 attorney I represent people and commercial entities
10 throughout Santa Cruz County. Several times a week I drive
11 to Nogales; I also travel to Patagonia and Sonoita to meet
12 clients there who own businesses or private land.

13 However, I have never represented people in
14 Greenlee and Graham Counties. Ever. First, it will be
15 geographically infeasible for me to do so because those
16 areas are separated by large mountain ranges and to get
17 there would take a significant amount of time. Second, the
18 legal issues and the policy issues that face the communities
19 in Graham and Greenlee County and those that face in
20 Santa Cruz County are entirely different.

21 Greenlee and Graham Counties have a lot of federal
22 land and a lot of legal disputes arise from that publicly
23 owned land. In Santa Cruz County legal disputes largely
24 involves the border, the community there, the
25 private-commercial disputes between real estate developers

1 and produce companies throughout Rio Rico; they're entirely
2 different issues that these communities face.

3 More importantly, the communities themselves are
4 different. I grew up in Morenci and Clifton throughout my
5 childhood, those communities are blue-collar workers and
6 families who work for the mines, rent their homes from the
7 mine; Tubac on the other hand is populated by people with
8 white-collar jobs and has a significant retirement
9 community.

10 Since moving out of Morenci in 2007, I've returned
11 to the area only on one occasion. The communities are
12 entirely different, they are not the same, they are not
13 similar.

14 Therefore I'm urging the Commission to keep
15 Santa Cruz County whole or at the very least ensure that
16 Tubac is kept within the same district as Rio Rico and
17 Nogales; because as a person who lives in Tubac and works in
18 Nogales, I see those --

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. And before we move to our
20 next speaker, which will be Nancy Goodman, I just wanted to
21 let the Commissioners know that Rodney Carlson was having
22 trouble with his mic on his computer but he did submit a map
23 under his name on the IRC's website. So he just wanted to
24 let the Commissioners know that there is a map there for you
25 to review.

1 So the next speaker is Nancy Goodman. Nancy, can
2 you hear us?

3 SPEAKER GOODMAN: Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

5 SPEAKER GOODMAN: Awesome.

6 My name is Nancy Goodman. I've lived in Oro Valley
7 for eight years. I'm speaking in favor of LD-17 draft map
8 9.0 and in opposition to map 10.0.

9 Draft map 9.0 creates a fair and competitive LD-17
10 in keeping with the voter-approved and constitutionally
11 required criteria for creating legislative maps. LD -- each
12 LD must have at least close to equal population, map 9.0
13 will have a 4.85 percent deviancy, well below the 10
14 percent. Map 9 is geographically compact and contiguous,
15 it's essentially a rectangle and even includes some sparsely
16 populated areas of the Catalina mountains.

17 Draft map 9.0 represents -- respects communities of
18 interest which include Oro Valley, Marana, Casas Adobes,
19 Rillito, and the Catalina Foothills. Each is classified
20 urban-suburban and they share water sources and development
21 concern, as well as transportation corridors of I-10 and
22 Route 77 Oracle Road. Oro Valley and Casas Adobes are in
23 the same Amphitheater School District.

24 LD-17 map 9.0 utilizes visible geographic features
25 and city boundaries with the majority of the LD in Pima

1 County. It also follows the Catalina Mountains and Rillito
2 River as the border with another LD. It respects municipal
3 boundaries and does not split towns. LD-17 draft map 9.0
4 would be very -- would be a very competitive district with a
5 1. -- 1.1 voter spread.

6 According to the Pima County Recorder's Office, the
7 Oro Valley's party registration mirrors the state.
8 Oro Valley should be in a competitive district. Proposed
9 draft map 10.0 does none of these things and is not in
10 accordance with the IRC rules.

11 Ten years ago Oro Valley and not -- and not even
12 the entire town was stuffed into a gimme for Republicans as
13 a noncompetitive gerrymandered LD-11. Draft map 10 is
14 another shameful attempt to create yet another
15 noncompetitive district, and it's the express responsibility
16 of the IRC to put a stop to this.

17 Draft map 9.0 is fair and competitive and should be
18 adopted.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

21 Our next speakers are going to be Margaret
22 Henderson -- Margaret Hendrickson, Francesca Pardes, and
23 then George -- I'm sorry, then Francis Glad.

24 Margaret, can you hear us?

25 SPEAKER HENDRICKSON: Yes. Can you hear me?

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proc- --

2 SPEAKER HENDRICKSON: So this is Margaret
3 Hendrickson; I've been living in Green Valley since 2004.

4 And I'm not going to some of the concerns related
5 to Green Valley that I have heard from a couple other
6 speakers, and that is that Green Valley, Sahuarita, and
7 Quail Creek are a unit that functions together in many walks
8 of life in many ways. We worship, play, work, serve, shop
9 together in that area.

10 As I have been sitting listening to other speakers
11 and looking for maps, I've become increasingly disturbed
12 because I do travel to those areas in District 19, you know,
13 for camping trips or to view mountains or to see wildlife.
14 That area is not -- has nothing to do with where we live
15 here in this populated area that's a community and much more
16 related to Tucson than to any of the wilderness frontier
17 areas to our -- to our east.

18 So I would just really ask the Commissioners to
19 take a look at that more closely. We cannot be separated
20 from our real community, which is not only defined by -- by
21 boundaries, but also by physical mountain ranges. It's kind
22 of a separate area and -- and should be held together.

23 So thank you very, very much for listening to my
24 comments today.

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

1 Our next speaker is Francesca Pardes.

2 Francesca, can you hear us?

3 SPEAKER PARDES: Can you hear me?

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

5 SPEAKER PARDES: I thank you for an opportunity to
6 participate in today's event. I appreciate the time and
7 effort put forth to create fair and competitive LD and CDs
8 to the extent practicable, but I do have a problem with map
9 10.0.

10 In 2008 the Supreme Court ruled that the goal of
11 competitiveness cannot be ignored, and in the proposed LD-17
12 draft map it is -- I believe it is ignored; and it's also
13 not compact nor contiguous, and it separates suburbs from
14 opposite ends of Tucson by a mountain range and a long
15 drive.

16 As a result of proposed LD-17, I now live in LD-21
17 which is different than LD-10 which I had been, and it's
18 been gerrymandered and it separates core central Tucson
19 neighborhoods from the rest of the city.

20 It also shares much of this area from a previously
21 competitive LD-10, and I believe that competitiveness
22 promotes engagement.

23 And LD-21 goes south to within miles of the border,
24 encompassing many rural towns and cities in a large swath of
25 Southern Arizona that have little in common with Tucson and

1 I believe vice versa. It is also not geographically compact
2 and it does not use city, town and county boundaries. It
3 also does not respect community of interest to the extent
4 practicable.

5 In central Tucson community of interests included
6 established neighborhoods and their associations that have
7 shared economic, educational, cultural, and historical
8 interests. I believe it's best for the areas of central
9 Tucson to be included in what was District 18 on the last
10 map, because I think it's -- as a citizen of Tucson for
11 several decades, I believe we have more in common with the
12 Tucson area than we do with that rural. That's what --

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

14 Our next speak is Francis Glad.

15 Francis, can you hear us?

16 SPEAKER GLAD: Yes. Can you hear me?

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, we can. Please proceed.

18 SPEAKER GLAD: The weight of having to think of
19 every single Arizonan in a fair and balanced way feels to be
20 a difficult task, but I have all the confidence that you
21 will be successful.

22 My name is Francis Glad and I am a Native, too, and
23 current resident of Santa Cruz County. I have two sons, one
24 is seven years old; I have two granddaughters, and am
25 fortunate to have a close-knit extended family of 65 in and

1 spread out through Santa Cruz.

2 So our roots are deep here. We are part of the
3 majority-minority district.

4 Santa Cruz is a community of interest. I mentioned
5 before, dividing Santa Cruz would be like dividing a
6 household because most everyone knows each other; if not in
7 person, at least by name. Our home is rich with art
8 history, nature, areas that need to be protected; businesses
9 big and small, trade routes, entrepreneurship, schools,
10 clubs, religion, strong family values and a unique culture.
11 We depend on each other. We care about the quality of life,
12 clean air, water. We care about having a booming economy,
13 therefore we truly understand the importance of the
14 symbiotic relationship that exists between Mexico and
15 Santa Cruz. The relationship that continues through the
16 I-19 corridor through Green Valley and to Tucson.

17 I fear that our minority voice has been nullified
18 and that we want our -- and what we want for our home and
19 how we want to be represented cannot be achieved with the
20 map that you have chosen for us.

21 Please reconsider, please keep all
22 Santa Cruz County and the I-19 corridor together within
23 one district. Thank you for your time.

24 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. The next three speakers
25 are George, Peggy, and Marrell.

1 George, can you hear us?

2 SPEAKER McGAUGHEY: (No audible response.)

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, please proceed.

4 SPEAKER McGAUGHEY: Good morning, Commissioners.

5 I'm here today to encourage you to adapt (verbatim)
6 map LD 0055 placing Green Valley in District 21.

7 My name is George McGaughey and I live here in
8 Green Valley in District 19 where I shop and then go to
9 church in Sahuarita, District 21, splitting our communities
10 in half.

11 I believe District 19 in the legislative map 10.0
12 is concerning. Its design disregards some of the goals of
13 redistricting set out in the Arizona Constitution, instead
14 serves the goal of creating a safe Republican district in a
15 predominantly Democratic county; the goal is not in our
16 Arizona Constitution.

17 District 19 is not compact and contiguous to the
18 extent practicable. It is made up of select
19 Republican-leaning suburbs from opposing ends of the Tucson
20 area that's separated by a mountain range and a long, long
21 drive.

22 Designing District 19 to create a safe Republican
23 district violates the constitution requirements that to the
24 extent practicable competitive districts should be favored
25 where to do so would create no significant deterrent to the

1 other goals.

2 Democrat Commissioner Lerner proposed an
3 alternative version of District 17 that was highly
4 competitive but it was rejected on the grounds that it
5 failed to create a safe Republican district.

6 Many of the constitutional points about the
7 proposed LD-17 can be said of Green Valley's position in
8 LD-19 in the map's version you support. I'm here today to
9 encourage you to adopt the Map LD 0055 placing Green Valley
10 in District 21. I thank you for your time and your hard
11 work and services.

12 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Peggy Pena. Peggy, can you
14 hear us?

15 SPEAKER PENA: Yes. Can you hear me?

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

17 SPEAKER PENA: Okay. My name is Peggy Pena and I'm
18 a retired letter carrier. I moved to Arizona in 1969 to go
19 to ASU and moved to Cochise County in 1997; I mainly carried
20 mail in Wilcox and my husband worked for the National Park
21 Service.

22 Like many people in Cochise County, we live in an
23 unincorporated area on a number of acres with animals. My
24 television channels are from Tucson; I go to Costco, major
25 stores, and the movies in the Tucson area. Many of our

1 friends either live or eventually moved to the Vail or
2 eastern Tucson area, which is also known as the bedroom
3 community for Cochise County.

4 Because of the above community interest in Cochise
5 County, I would like to see the Commission adopt a map for
6 Legislative District 19 similar to LD draft map 9.0. This
7 map keeps Santa Cruz County intact and includes areas going
8 north of that county line that have similar rural
9 residential areas as Cochise County, including Vail and the
10 Saguaro National Park areas.

11 I would also like the Commission to adopt a more
12 compact Congressional District 6 map. Our area has nothing
13 in common with Casa Grande and Eloy for they are tied to the
14 Phoenix area.

15 I have submitted a map, CDF001. It keeps Cochise
16 County intact and like the legislative maps, start to add
17 the Santa Cruz County border moving north to include similar
18 communities of interest in eastern Pima and southern Pinal
19 County. It keeps Fort Huachuca in the same district as the
20 Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. It also keeps the Saguaro
21 National Park with the parks in Cochise County.

22 I have voted in every election since 1969. I would
23 appreciate it if the Commission would create competitive
24 districts so that my vote counts.

25 Thank you for your time.

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

2 The next speaker is Merrill Livesay. Merrill, can
3 you hear us?

4 SPEAKER LIVESAY: Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

5 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, thank you.

6 SPEAKER LIVESAY: Hi. I'm here to voice my support
7 for LD Map 10.0. I believe this map meets the goal of
8 uniting communities of interest.

9 I live in Picture Rocks and we are in District 16,
10 which is -- unites us with a lot of other rural areas and I
11 think that's a good fit for us.

12 I also find that most of my friends and people with
13 common interests live in, like, Green Valley, Tanque Verde,
14 Marana, and I think it makes absolute perfect sense the way
15 you created District 17. And I also know that people in
16 Green Valley, my friends and family do not want to be in
17 with Tucson.

18 So I thank you very much for 10.0 and I hope that
19 will be the final map.

20 As far as the CD maps, I think it's horrible the
21 way -- the last one I saw where you split Tucson in half and
22 Tucson is going to rule everybody. Picture Rocks and Avra
23 Valley, its separated from Marana in this map; and that's
24 where our kids go to school, where we shop, where we eat,
25 where we have friends, and I really hope that you will make

1 some -- some changes to the congressional districts maps so
2 Tucson doesn't dominate all of Southern Arizona.

3 Thank you very much.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next three speakers
5 are Rafeal Ihly, Robert Abel and Shirl Lamonna.

6 Rafeal, can you hear us?

7 SPEAKER IHLY: Yes, I can hear you. Can you hear
8 me?

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Please (technical/audio
10 disruption).

11 SPEAKER IHLY: Okay. I would like to say version 9
12 of the draft LD maps is terrible. Communities of similar
13 interest are separated; please don't use it. Version 10
14 maps are good for southern Arizona, satisfying legal
15 requirements and representing well the various communities
16 of interest. Please make no changes other than requested
17 minor line shifts between districts.

18 Partisan competitive districts are not needed
19 because communities of interest can and must be kept
20 together. Therefore, I would say keep Marana Oro Valley,
21 Tanque Verde, and Vail together in LD-17. Geography and
22 ease of travel matters little; having like interests
23 represented in the same district is all that matters.

24 The approved CD map 7.1 looks reasonable for
25 Arizona as a whole but there are problems with CD-6 and CD-7

1 in southern Arizona. Splitting the city in half has the
2 unfair effect of putting large city populations in each --
3 the only Tucson minority communities and Native American
4 reservations are represented. Suburban and rural
5 communities are unrepresented. This is done by putting them
6 in the same districts with urban minority and Native
7 American interests that outnumber them.

8 Tucson has only 543,000 people in the census, and
9 Native American and Hispanic communities like South Tucson
10 and Yuma adds up to less than 800,000 people, less than one
11 CD. Today these communities are controlling two CDs and
12 getting double representation. It is logical and fair to
13 keep these protected, like-minded communities together in
14 only one CD, the western CD-7.

15 Likewise, it is logical and fair that the remaining
16 suburban rural communities be placed together in one CD,
17 CD-6, with the southeast and north of Tucson with nearly
18 800,000 people.

19 I submitted a map called "Fair CD-6 and -7 plan,"
20 meeting these and all legally required criteria. Please use
21 it as it represents a better alternative to what we
22 currently have.

23 Thank you for all your service to the people and
24 the state of Arizona. Good luck in completing your
25 difficult task.

1 Thank you very much.

2 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

3 The next speaker was going to be Shirl Lamonna, but
4 we got a message she's a call-in user. Unfortunately, we
5 can't distinguish based on telephone, we don't get the
6 information from WebEx if someone logs in as a call-in user.
7 In order to speak, you have to be registered under the
8 name that you used -- or you have to be logged in under the
9 name you used to register.

10 We'll move to the next speaker which is Dale
11 Winders. Dale, can you hear us?

12 SPEAKER WINDERS: Yes. Can you hear me?

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

14 SPEAKER WINDERS: Okay, great.

15 Thank you, Commissioners, for all your hard work.
16 Again, my name is Dale Winders. I'm a registered voter who
17 owns my home in unincorporated portion of Pima County just
18 north of Oro Valley.

19 I'm attending this meeting to let you know I
20 strongly support final draft map 10.0 Legislative
21 District 17 because it's fair, competitive, and truly
22 represents my community of interest.

23 Many years ago my wife and I very deliberately
24 choose to live outside of the city of Tucson because we love
25 the rural lifestyle and because politically we have nothing

1 in common with ideology of the overwhelming majority of the
2 voters in the city of Tucson.

3 Just one of many examples, the fact that during the
4 looting and rioting last year by Antifa and Black Lives
5 Matters across America, many Tucson voters were loudly
6 beating the drum to defund the Tucson Police Department. In
7 direct contrast, the overwhelming majority of those of us
8 who live outside of Tucson, would just love to give our
9 beloved law enforcement heros a big, fat raise in pay rather
10 than defunding their heroic efforts to protect we, the
11 people, from criminals.

12 Unincorporated Pima County and the smaller towns
13 need a voice in our elections during the next ten years. So
14 please, please approve final draft map 10.0 Legislative
15 District 17 which will provide my communities of interest
16 with that voice.

17 Thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns
18 with you.

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

20 Our next three speakers are David McKibben, Amy
21 Gaiennie, and then Bonnie Haymore.

22 David, can you hear us?

23 SPEAKER MCKIBBEN: Can you hear me?

24 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Thank you. Please proceed.

25 SPEAKER MCKIBBEN: Thank you.

1 I strongly support the Southern Arizona portion of
2 draft map 10.0 that relates to Legislative District 17.
3 This district combines Marana, Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke, the
4 Tanque Verde Valley, and the Houghton Corridor. Although
5 these communities are separated by a mountain, they share
6 more in common than they do with the city of Tucson. Other
7 legislative districts are separated by mountains and even
8 state lines, but they're combined by their common
9 communities of interest.

10 Like Marana, Tanque Verde and the Houghton Corridor
11 prefer a more rural and family-friendly lifestyle. In my
12 neighborhood of Hidden Vista Hills, which is located on the
13 east side of Tucson, my family enjoys their hobbies and
14 outdoor adventures on the east side of the city, and we
15 usually avoid Downtown Tucson or the more urban areas of the
16 city.

17 Legislative District 17 provides a check and
18 balance politically in Tucson and a fair representation in
19 Phoenix.

20 Thank you very much for your time today.

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

22 The next speaker is Amy. Amy, can you hear us?

23 SPEAKER GAIENNIE: Yes, I can. Thank you.

24 Hello. My name is Amy Gaienne; I've been a Tucson
25 resident for more than 37 years, and I want to thank you for

1 giving me the opportunity to speak today.

2 My husband and I live off Speedway between Fontana
3 and Kolb and have easy access to many businesses and
4 restaurants. My husband can walk to his doctor's office.
5 We have family members, friends, and neighbors we can easily
6 get together with for socializing, for volunteering, and so
7 importantly for care taking.

8 In the current draft map V10 my community will be
9 LD-18 which stretches to the edge of Oro Valley and cuts off
10 everything east of Harrison. I only occasionally drive to
11 Oro Valley, it's 45 minutes to an hour away depending in
12 traffic; I use the Houghton Road corridor much more
13 frequently.

14 Draft map V9 strengthens my community of interest
15 and provides boundaries that are more compact, contiguous,
16 and competitive.

17 My busy sister is a teacher in Vail. As Vail has
18 grown she can conveniently shop there, but she does need to
19 travel west to Tucson to meet her larger needs. She would
20 never consider driving to Oro Valley or Marana for errands
21 because it's at least an hour or more away; and, yet, the
22 currently proposed draft map V10 places Vail, Tanque Verde,
23 Oro Valley, and Marana in one huge district divided by the
24 Catalina Mountains. How does this proposed district adhere
25 to the constitutional requirement of being a community of

1 interest, compact, or contiguous?

2 In creating a safe haven for one political party,
3 how does it fulfill the requirement of being a competitive
4 district?

5 Proposed draft map V9 much more closely adheres to
6 IRC's constitutional requirements by creating districts that
7 more closely represent communities of interest and are more
8 compact, continuous (verbatim) and competitive than current
9 map V10.

10 Please support V9 and thank you for listening.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

12 Our next speaker is Tracie Bunker-Metz. Tracie?

13 It looks like we lost Tracie.

14 After Tracie will be David Williams. David, can
15 you hear us?

16 SPEAKER WILLIAMS: Yes. Can you hear me?

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

18 SPEAKER WILLIAMS: Okay.

19 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is David
20 Williams; my family and I have lived in the Tanque Verde
21 Valley area of Tucson for more than 20 years. Thanks for
22 the opportunity to address you today about District 17 as it
23 appears in your adopted draft legislative map.

24 I'm very much against the proposed design because,
25 first of all, of its sprawling, noncontiguous shape, but

1 most importantly because of its lack of competitiveness.
2 I'm sure that you would agree that successful democracy is
3 based on energetic competition of ideas and candidates.
4 And, if so, then in our Arizona system of organizing
5 democracy into districts, if we favor one party over another
6 to create a safe district we're, in effect, working against
7 democracy. Ideally all 30 districts would be competitive,
8 but we're way beyond that.

9 In the past we created what you might call "legacy
10 of fiefdoms of perpetual empowerment." Of the 30 districts,
11 24 are now considered safe.

12 The problem with that is that winning candidates in
13 safe districts can be more relaxed, less worried and less
14 responsive. How does that serve us well? I want my
15 representatives to feel accountable and concerned about the
16 well-being of our district all the time. That's their job.

17 So I'm requesting that you reject the safe district
18 rationale of the adopted map in favor of actual democracy by
19 adopting Commissioner Lerner's LD test map version 9.0.
20 It's much more compact, contiguous, and competitive.

21 Thank you very much.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

23 Our next speaker is -- it looks like Tracie is
24 back. Tracie, can you hear us?

25 SPEAKER BUNKER-METZ: Hello. Can you hear me?

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Tracie, go ahead.

2 SPEAKER BUNKER-METZ: Hi. I live up here in --
3 in -- well, what would be LD -- or, what is it? I'm sorry.

4 In LD-17 if the -- if the 10 map is adopted. Dale
5 Winders spoke very eloquently. I agree and support
6 everything that he said, also along with Tom Fisk. You
7 know, those two men being more eloquent than I can be at
8 this point in time, I -- I would like to use their words to
9 express my opinion on the -- the draft map for 10, and if
10 you could support the draft map for 10, that would be great.

11 We, my husband and I, moved up here in -- into
12 Catalina just a year ago to get further away from the
13 influences of the city of Tucson. I don't want -- I really
14 don't want to have anything to do with Tucson besides
15 driving along the outskirts of it.

16 So, you know, the community of interest up here I
17 think is, you know, people who like the rural areas, who
18 like being away from the cacophony of chaos and crime that
19 is in the city of Tucson, the disrespect that is shown to
20 the citizens of Tucson from the -- from the city council.

21 Like I said previously, I would like to stay away
22 from there and be -- and have the map 10 adopted, please.

23 Thank you for your time.

24 MS. VAN HAREN: -- is Robert Abel.

25 SPEAKER R. ABEL: Can --

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, Robert. Go ahead.

2 SPEAKER R. ABEL: Okay. Thank you for letting me
3 speak.

4 My name is Bob Abel and I strongly support the
5 southern Arizona portion of draft map 10.0 that relates to
6 LD-17.

7 Our families lived in Rancho Del Sol subdivision
8 for 35 years. Our beautiful rural subdivision borders
9 Sweetwater Preserve in Pima County, but our neighborhood
10 kids go to Tucson schools which makes no sense at all.

11 The kids in subdivisions north of us go to
12 Flowing Wells and Marana schools. Most of the churches,
13 hospitals, and restaurants and other amenities that support
14 our lifestyle are in Marana and Oro Valley, not the city of
15 Tucson.

16 The last 30 years we could not vote on initiatives
17 and candidates that are supposed to be representing our
18 community based on the old map. We cannot vote in any
19 Tucson elections. This is clearly taxation without
20 representation.

21 Our neighborhood has not been equitably
22 represented, with dissimilar communities in LD-3. In my
23 opinion the last redistricting map violated the Voting
24 Rights Act by not respecting communities of interest.
25 Because we live outside the city limits of Tucson, we can

1 not even get our candidate on the ballot to oppose an
2 18-year incumbent that cares more about the inner city and
3 south Tucson than communities to the north and east.

4 In conclusion, with this new proposal for LD-17,
5 our interests with our neighbors and rural areas of Pima
6 County will finally be represented.

7 Thank you for this opportunity.

8 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

9 It looks like Shirl Lamonna was able to log in. We
10 just sent you a request to unmute. Can you mute yourself,
11 Shirl?

12 SPEAKER LAMONNA: Can you hear me?

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER LAMONNA: Sorry. Thank you.

15 Good afternoon. My name is Shirl Lamonna; and I
16 live in Oro Valley. And thank you so much, Commissioners
17 and Chair, for endeavoring to ensure fair maps that are
18 based solely on competitive -- not based solely on
19 competitiveness.

20 Many of us in southern Arizona have been denied a
21 voice for the past ten years since the last gerrymandered
22 redistricting occurred, so we appreciate -- we really do --
23 that you are taking the time to listen to us.

24 I strongly support the current LD-17 map. Those of
25 us who live in Oro Valley, Marana, Saddlebrooke,

1 Saddlebrooke Ranch, and the Houghton Corridor can be
2 suburban communities for the common reasons. We wanted a
3 peaceful lifestyle with public safety, good schools,
4 convenient shopping and restaurants, views and open space,
5 well-maintained roads and good medical care, and we can find
6 all of this within these communities; we have no need or
7 interest to go into Tucson or other urban areas.

8 The city of Tucson doesn't share these interests
9 and priorities. As has been said before, we've got nothing
10 in common with them and we don't belong in the same LD or CD
11 with them. And that's why it's so important to align our
12 communities of interest as you've done on the LD-17 version
13 10 map. Geography and other arguments that you've heard
14 today shouldn't sway you to make any changes to it. Our
15 similar interests must be the deciding factor. We're
16 entitled to the voice we've been denied so long and
17 appreciate your efforts to make that happen.

18 Thanks so much.

19 MS. VAN HAREN: Next speaker is -- or next three
20 speakers are Amy Maffeo, Cheryl Purvis, and Stephen Kelsey.

21 Amy, can you hear us?

22 Amy?

23 SPEAKER MAFFEO: Yes. Thank you.

24 Good afternoon. I would like to speak in favor of
25 draft map 10.0 as it relates to LD-17. Combining regions

1 like Saddlebrooke, Saddlebrooke Ranch, Oro Valley, Marana,
2 Tanque Verde Valley, and Houghton Corridor due to their
3 similarities is sensible.

4 We -- my neighbors, my husband, my family and I, we
5 shop, we recreate and worship in these districts and,
6 frankly, we deserve better representation.

7 Also, these unincorporated regions of Pima County
8 are home to those of us who have purposefully chosen to live
9 outside of a large urban area. Many of us fled midtown
10 Tucson to seek refuge from the city of Tucson. I see LD-17
11 as a place that residents like me can find a voice.

12 Thank you for your time and your consideration.

13 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

14 Our next speaker is Cheryl Purvis. Cheryl?

15 SPEAKER PURVIS: Hello, can you hear me?

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

17 SPEAKER PURVIS: Thank you.

18 I'm Cheryl Purvis, a resident of Broadmoor, a
19 midtown Tucson neighborhood; I've lived there since 2019. I
20 moved from a suburban area in Nevada to a midtown in order
21 to enjoy the amenities of a city.

22 District 17 of the currently adopted legislative
23 map violates the guidelines under the Arizona Constitution
24 with respect to at least three goals. It violates Goal C,
25 districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous;

1 Goal E, district lines shall use visible geographic
2 features, city, town and county boundaries and undivided
3 census tracts; and F, competitive districts should be
4 favored.

5 This proposed district is neither compact nor
6 contiguous and the visible geographic boundaries are not
7 respected. The almost 57,000 acre Pusch Ridge Wilderness
8 area and Santa Catalina Mountains separate the northwestern
9 from the southeastern part of the district.

10 The district as proposed would be highly
11 noncompetitive and has been proposed specifically with the
12 unconstitutional goal of being noncompetitive. On the other
13 hand, the map proposed by Commissioner Lerner as LD test map
14 version 9.0 is much more competitive and also respects the
15 constitutional roles of being compact, contiguous, and
16 respecting visible geographic features; and, therefore, that
17 map, Commissioner Lerner's map, should be adopted as the
18 proposed draft map for District 17.

19 With respect to my midtown neighborhood, Broadmoor,
20 Commissioner Lerner's map is also superior to the currently
21 adopted legislative draft map.

22 In the currently adopted map, my neighborhood is
23 part of proposed Legislative District 21 which stretches at
24 least 70 miles to the Mexican border, a largely rural and
25 sparsely populated area, which is unlikely to have much in

1 common with the neighborhood concerns we share with other
2 Tucson midtown neighborhoods; and, therefore,
3 Commissioner Lerner's map should also be adopted with
4 respect to the placement of the Broadmoor/Broadway Village
5 neighborhood in her District 18.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

8 The next speaker is Stephen Kelsey. Stephen?

9 SPEAKER KELSEY: I assume you can hear me.

10 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please pro- --

11 SPEAKER KELSEY: Good.

12 So I live at the corner of Harrison and East
13 Broadway in Tucson; and I first want to just second all that
14 Shirl just said. I agree that the proposed Legislative
15 District 17 is not a good choice, the one in 9.0 is the one
16 I would support.

17 I'm concerned because for where I live this map of
18 LD-17 as proposed would cut us off from our immediate
19 neighbors in the most impractical way; and it is as you --
20 as I look at it, really a blatant gerrymandering to carve
21 out a safe district for Republican candidates and that does
22 undermine the goals of redistricting as set forth in the
23 Arizona Constitution.

24 I want to look at this, though, from a slightly
25 different perspective perhaps, and this is from my

1 background in church planning, designing that -- for
2 Episcopal churches over the years in different places where
3 what we have done is identify centers of activity, which is
4 really looking at neighborhoods where the building of
5 community and new congregations will be encouraged and
6 likely.

7 Center of activities, that's been said, a natural
8 gathering place for people who live in a given area, where
9 they already meet and worship, socialize, recreate and so
10 on.

11 The purpose of this is specifically to build a
12 sense of consensus, mutual trust, unity of purpose -- and
13 this essential for democracy to have a place --
14 neighborhoods that are grounded in irenic relationships
15 which encourage an open exchange of ideas, experiences, and
16 sentiment as opposed to dismissive and mistrusting
17 relation- --

18 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

19 Our next speaker is Sandi Eghtesadi. Sandi, can
20 you unmute yourself?

21 After Sandi is Stan Cain and then Carole Lindly.

22 Stan Cain, can you unmute yourself?

23 SPEAKER CAIN: I was wondering, can -- can you hear
24 me okay?

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

1 SPEAKER CAIN: Okay. Thank you very much.

2 My name is Stan Cain. I'm a resident of Pima
3 County where I raised my children in the public school
4 system. I'm currently spending most my time having
5 face-to-face conversations with residents and businesses in
6 the current Legislative District 9 with whom I've shared the
7 following fact in respect to your draft map version 10
8 legislative district and version 7 congressional district.
9 The consensus from conversations with members of the current
10 LD-9 community is not in support of the proposed map
11 (technical/audio disruption) as submitted; they need minor
12 changes and work towards a new draft proposal. Although
13 nothing is perfect, we simply can and must do better.

14 We need to remember the statute is likely
15 (technical/audio disruption) to these maps; that they need
16 natural barriers that is enumerated, including visible
17 geographic features, city, county boundaries and undivided
18 census maps. The combined city/county areas not only do not
19 represent communities of interest, they both share
20 differences in demographics and in the representation of
21 (technical/audio disruption) taxation district.

22 It seems to be more than just an adjustment when
23 communities that are distinct just in terms of city versus
24 county and compactness is the grossly (technical
25 disruption).

1 Again, I'll continue to work out the minor changes
2 needed and I thank you for hearing my comments.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. Thank you.

4 The next speaker is -- I don't know if -- okay.
5 Carole Lindly, can you -- can you hear us?

6 SPEAKER LINDLY: Yes, I can. Can you hear me?

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

8 SPEAKER LINDLY: Thanks. Good afternoon.

9 I'm Carole Lindly and I live in LD-10. I'm a
10 native Arizona -- Arizonan and I now live very close to
11 where I grew up.

12 For the last ten years people like me have not had
13 sufficient representation in Pima County. One of the most
14 populace counties in the state of Arizona really deserves
15 fair and equitable representation of our interests.

16 Draft map 9.0 does not accomplish that and I
17 believe it's disingenuous to say otherwise, it's simply the
18 status quo and I respectfully ask that you reject that map.

19 I strongly support the southern Arizona portion of
20 draft map 10 that relates to LD-17 and represents my
21 community of interest. When considering communities of
22 interest for these areas, there's no doubt that we have far
23 differing concerns and issues and have made different
24 lifestyle choices. This is where I cultivated friendships,
25 do the vast majority of my shopping, go to church, and take

1 advantage of the excellent recreational areas.

2 Due to their rural aspect, interest, and community
3 alignment, Saddlebrooke, Marana, Oro Valley, the Tanque
4 Verde Valley, and the Houghton Corridor should be kept
5 together. It's no accident that people choose these places
6 to live rather than in the city of Tucson. Please keep
7 rural and suburban areas together rather than combining us
8 with urban areas.

9 Additionally, a check and balance on the city of
10 Tucson needs to be implemented and the unincorporated areas
11 of Pima County along with the smaller town provide for that
12 through LD-17. Additionally, I totally agree that the city
13 of Tucson should be kept in one congressional district, not
14 split.

15 For the first time in ten years LD-17 provides all
16 southern Arizonans a voice. Please allow us this
17 opportunity.

18 Thank you very much. Appreciate your help and all
19 of your work.

20 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

21 The next speaker is Nolan Reidhead. Nolan?

22 SPEAKER REIDHEAD: Yes. Can you hear me?

23 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

24 SPEAKER REIDHEAD: Yes, I want to appreciate the
25 Commission for all the hard work that you're doing, it's a

1 difficult task and -- and we appreciate your time and
2 effort.

3 I live in unincorporated Pima County next to Oro
4 Valley and have so far about 23 years now, and I want to
5 continue to support you in your proposed map of 10.0.

6 I'm hearing a lot of talk that legislative -- the
7 proposed Legislative District 17 is not -- is not according
8 to the Constitution because it's not competitive. Well, as
9 you -- as you the Commission know, the competition is only
10 to be considered where there is no significant detriment to
11 the other goals. So these -- these corridors that you're
12 talking about: Oro Valley, Marana, Saddlebrooke, the Tanque
13 Verde Valley, the -- the Houghton Corridor, they do share
14 these similar values with respect to security, proper
15 representation, election, schools, police force, so I would
16 encourage you to support these -- that map LD -- 10.0.

17 And I'm hearing a lot that it should be more
18 competitive. Well, L- -- the proposed LD-17 is only plus 9
19 for Republican. Whereas if you look at LD-20 and LD-21,
20 LD-20 is plus 52 for Democrat and LD-21 is plus 33, but
21 we're not hearing anything about -- about that lack of
22 competitiveness there.

23 So competition is the last issue. I think those
24 other factors have been met and so I would encourage you to
25 continue to support 10.0; and I think it meets all factors

1 of the Constitution.

2 And, again, I really appreciate your time and thank
3 you for the opportunity to speak today.

4 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

5 The next three speakers are James Spiegel, Jim
6 McFadzean, and Dee Maitland.

7 James, can you unmute yourself?

8 There he is.

9 SPEAKER ZEBAL: And I want to --

10 MS. VAN HAREN: I'm sorry, Ken. Ken? I'm sorry,
11 we're calling James Spiegel now.

12 James, can you hear us?

13 SPEAKER SPIEGEL: Can you hear me?

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

15 SPEAKER SPIEGEL: Okay. Great. Thank.

16 First of all, I would like to thank you for the
17 opportunity to speak. What Carole Lindly and Nolan Reidhead
18 just said is exactly my sentiments exactly.

19 I strongly support recent legislative draft LD-10.0
20 specifically for LD-17 and also for LD-19. My wife and I
21 live in Saddlebrooke Ranch, we lived in Saddlebrooke before
22 that. Both -- both communities have much more in common
23 with the residents of Oro Valley and Marana than we do with
24 the nor- -- with northern Pinal. This is where we shop and
25 go to restaurants, have all our service -- most of our

1 services come from there, service providers and utilities as
2 well.

3 We also believe that Marana, Tanque Verde, and
4 Houghton Corridor residents chose a rural lifestyle and
5 they've chosen not to live in midtown Tucson, which has
6 nothing in common with the larger urban areas. And as Nolan
7 said, the unincorporated Pima County areas and the smaller
8 towns do not need a check and balance and LD-17 provides
9 that. It does give conservatives a voice where we haven't
10 had in the past and in 9.0 is an all-Democrat map stifling
11 that voice.

12 For LD-19, which includes rural southeastern
13 Arizona, it give strong represe- -- representation to
14 ranching, mining, and agricultural interest in the area,
15 which is why we like that. It keeps Cochise County
16 together, which is where our son-in-law grew up, and
17 combines this area with ranching communities in Sonoita and
18 Patagonia.

19 So I'd urge the precinct committee members to
20 support LD map 10.0 specifically for LD-17 and LD-19. And,
21 again, thanks for the opportunity.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

23 The next speaker is Jim McFadzean. Jim, can you
24 hear us?

25 SPEAKER MCFADZEAN: I can. Can you hear me okay?

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, please proceed.

2 SPEAKER McFADZEAN: Okay. Thank you.

3 Good afternoon, Commissioners. I wanted to
4 personally thank you for your time, as your charge is one
5 that has consequences on all Arizona citizens for the next
6 ten years. Your -- so your task is one without -- with a
7 lot of merit, thank you.

8 I wanted to express my strong support of Southern
9 Arizona portion of draft map 10.0 that relates to LD-17 as
10 drawn. I feel it fairly represents my community of interest
11 such as shopping areas that my wife and I frequent for
12 groceries, household needs, et cetera. Our favorite
13 restaurants are in the area between Oro Valley and Marana
14 with few exceptions. Our church is in the area LD-17 as
15 drawn; our medical care, hospital, and doctors are all in
16 LD-17 as drawn.

17 And more importantly, while I -- while my kids are
18 grown and I do reside in the Marana Union School District, I
19 am a PC, precinct committeeman, and I've been very active in
20 school board issues and Marana -- Marana Union School
21 District is one which I have attended and, therefore, it's
22 something that I really want to keep within LD-17 as drawn.

23 My wife and I both love to hike. Everything --
24 every -- every trail, every trailhead that we want to hike
25 is in LD-17 as drawn. I'm a swimmer, the swimming

1 facilities are all in the same LD-17 as drawn.

2 So, in conclusion, everything that you have put in
3 LD-17 satisfies what I feel is necessary for the area and I
4 want to thank you for your time and consideration and I urge
5 you to keep LD-17 intact as it's currently drawn.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

8 Our next speaker is Dee Maitland. Dee, can you
9 hear us?

10 SPEAKER MAITLAND: Yes. Can you hear me?

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

12 SPEAKER MAITLAND: Very good.

13 Thank you for doing this. My name is Dee Maitland
14 and I live in Marana in the Dove Mountain area that was
15 developed by Commissioner Mehl.

16 I'm asking you to please create a legislative map
17 that has more competitive districts. Competitive districts
18 ensure that the political parties advance their best and
19 their brightest, they assure candidates run on solutions and
20 completions not political affiliations, and they assure that
21 elected officials could be held accountable for their bad
22 acts.

23 Safe districts on the other hand produce candidates
24 like Paul Gosar who thinks it's fun to create a video
25 showing him stabbing and killing a female colleague. Safe

1 districts like the one I'm currently in produces a
2 representative that follows tutus, support of the Fry
3 (phonetic), is a no keeper and will have the insurrection.

4 Safe districts allow the safely elected to ignore
5 the will of the voters and close their competitors out of
6 deliberations. How many times have 60 or 70 percent of
7 voters been in favor of something only to see it never
8 advance because it challenges the power or inclination of
9 the party elected by a slim majority, as is currently
10 happening?

11 I submitted legislative map LD 0028 for the sole
12 purpose of keeping Pima County as intact as possible and
13 assuring Marana and Oro Valley were not in Pinal County. I
14 ended up with a competitive district by accident. Surely
15 you could do better on purpose.

16 If you must gerrymander, please gerrymander
17 competitive districts, not a district like LD-17 as it
18 appears on your map 10.0.

19 Thank you so much for hearing me, and you're
20 doing --

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

22 The next speakers will be Ken Zebal, Diane Dvoskin,
23 and then Dion Heimink.

24 Ken, can you hear us?

25 SPEAKER ZEBAL: I'm Ken, and like many of the other

1 people, I support map 10.0 and I congratulate you on a job
2 well done for that; and I also support LD-17.

3 Map 10.0 as proposed and LD-17 go a long way to
4 ensuring my wife Liz and I as well as our family and friends
5 here in Saddlebrooke and neighbors (technical/audio
6 disruption) get fair, equitable, and sufficient
7 representation. Something we haven't had.

8 The center of my universe, so to speak, is northern
9 Pima County and southern Pinal County. That includes
10 Catalina, Oracle Junction, Saddlebrooke, Saddlebrooke Ranch,
11 Oro Valley, and Marana. We shop locally, we see the local
12 medical professionals, and we belong to the Vista Church in
13 Catalina, church of about 325 people. We do need your
14 support making sure that we get adequate representation.

15 One of the things that I want to do is be sure that
16 you know that we are currently very underrepresented and we
17 need the IRC's strong support on map 10 and LD-17 to ensure
18 that we will finally get fair and equitable representation.

19 Thank you so much.

20 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

21 Our next speaker is Diane Dvoskin. Diane, can you
22 hear us?

23 We'll move to Dion Heimink. Dion, can you hear us?

24 SPEAKER HEIMINK: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

1 SPEAKER HEIMINK: Good afternoon, Commissioners,
2 and thank you for your time.

3 I want to speak about the recent district draft map
4 drawn by the Independent Redistricting Commission. I
5 strongly support map 10.0. My wife and I have lived in
6 Oro Valley for the past 29 years. We chose to move to this
7 community after escaping New York in 1992.

8 My wife and I chose Oro Valley because of the
9 excellent schools along with its stunning beauty and the
10 safety this community provided me and my family. The people
11 of Oro Valley really love their police.

12 I support the southern Arizona portion of the map
13 that would create LD-17. It would combine Saddlebrooke,
14 Saddlebrooke Ranch, Marana, Oro Valley, the Tanque Verde
15 Valley, and Houghton Corridor.

16 Residents of these areas have long believed they
17 have much more in common than -- than the urban areas. We
18 shop here, we recreate here, we use the exceptional
19 hospitals and medical facilities this area provides.

20 Much like Marana and Oro Valley, the residents of
21 Tanque Verde enjoy a rural lifestyle, as does the
22 Houghton Corridor. These residents chose not to live in the
23 city of Tucson because they wanted a more rural and peaceful
24 lifestyle. I feel -- okay. And -- and they mostly feel
25 that they don't have anything in common with the larger

1 urban areas.

2 Unincorporated Pima County and the smaller towns
3 really need a check and balance on the city of Tucson and I
4 believe that LD-17 would provide that.

5 LD-17 gives Republicans in Southern Arizona a fair
6 and balanced voice, in contrast with some of the maps like
7 9.0, which would create a Democratic-controlled area
8 stifling, you know, conservative representation.

9 So I would appreciate your support of map 10.0. I
10 thank you for your time and consideration and your hard work
11 to the people of Arizona.

12 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker is Chris King. Chris, can you
14 hear us?

15 SPEAKER KING: Yes, ma'am. Can you hear me?

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

17 SPEAKER KING: Okay. I want to show my support for
18 the current map of -- or, the current map 10.0, as a 17-year
19 resident of the Houghton Corridor and the Vail School
20 District, of which I'm also a member of the Vail School
21 District governing board.

22 Map 17 is the most representative of our area. It
23 provides -- while the Vail School District will still be
24 broken up in the three separate legislative districts as it
25 currently is now, this provides more of the district area to

1 a -- basically two of the districts, the Vail School
2 District will sit majority in District 17 and I believe it's
3 19, the one that encompasses Cochise County.

4 The -- keeping this together, this
5 Houghton Corridor together, is part of the reason we bought
6 our house here. It was outside the city of Tucson when we
7 bought it and then incorporated into it. It's part of the
8 Houghton Corridor and Tanque Verde Valley moving up to
9 Marana, which is where we do most of our -- most of our --
10 our life. It's school, it's church, it's friends and family
11 and keeping that there.

12 Tucson, the Democrats that have sat here and talked
13 about competitiveness today are all well and good to talk
14 about competitiveness unless it gets inside the city of
15 Tucson where they have fought for decades for keeping Tucson
16 noncompetitive by keeping -- or keeping ward-only voting off
17 -- voting off of the ballot. If they truly want competitive
18 districts, then I want them -- I implore them to bring
19 ward-only voting to the city of Tucson.

20 Thank you for your time, thank you for the effort
21 and work that you have put into making the maps. We
22 appreciate everything that you do and we look forward to
23 what you guys come up with.

24 Have a great day.

25 MS. VAN HAREN: Our next three speakers are Anna

1 Clark, John Maynard, and then -- I'm sorry. Excuse me.

2 Connie Williams, Anna Clark, and then John Maynard.

3 Connie, can you hear us?

4 SPEAKER WILLIAMS: (No audible response.)

5 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

6 SPEAKER WILLIAMS: Yes. My name is Connie
7 Williams. I've lived in Santa Cruz County for 30 years,
8 retired from the Tubac Rio Rico School District, and serve
9 on boards or otherwise activity engaged in six community
10 groups in Patagonia, Green Valley, Tubac, and Nogales. I
11 think civic engagement is important.

12 I follow the IRC proceedings, testified at the
13 Nogales listening tour, and submitted a draft map that
14 offered a workable solution for Sonoita and Elgin. I
15 respect the challenges you-all face to create fair maps.

16 I'm testifying today because I am deeply concerned
17 that small Santa Cruz County has been split into two
18 legislative districts.

19 Two years ago U.S. Congress designated the Santa
20 Cruz Valley as a National Heritage Area to celebrate our
21 valued history and its unique natural and cultural identity.
22 The Santa Cruz Valley runs from the border with Mexico
23 north, parallel the I-19 corridor through Tucson. Slicing
24 out Tubac and Tumacacori removed two significant historical
25 and cultural points, the Tubac Presidio and the Mission in

1 Tumacacori, from cohesive legislation in the heritage area.

2 Patagonia and the Patagonia Mountains are part of
3 the heritage area. The Patagonia and Sonoita Creek Preserve
4 is a featured highlight, and southeastern Arizona is
5 headwaters of the Santa Cruz River. Absorbing all of
6 northern and eastern Santa Cruz County into LD-19 is without
7 merit and geographical or community of interest terms, our
8 economic ties, or our historical identity.

9 Please respect our wishes and the boundaries of the
10 Santa Cruz River watershed to keep Santa Cruz County whole
11 in LD-21 and link via the Santa Cruz Valley and I-19 through
12 Green Valley and Sahuarita.

13 Thank you.

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

15 Our next speaker is Anna Clark. Anna, can you hear
16 us?

17 SPEAKER CLARK: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

18 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

19 SPEAKER CLARK: Thank you.

20 Good afternoon, Commissioners, and thank you for
21 your time today and letting us voice our opinions.

22 I'm a long-time resident and a very active member
23 in the Oro Valley community. Today I would like to voice my
24 support for the Southern Arizona portion of LD map 10.0.

25 LD-17 specifically combines Saddlebrooke,

1 Saddlebrooke Ranch, Marana, Oro Valley, the Tanque Verde
2 Valley and the Houghton Corridor. Residents of
3 Saddlebrooke Ranch and Saddlebrooke are part of our
4 community. They have much more in common with us in
5 Oro Valley and Marana than they do in northern Pinal; they
6 shop here in Oro Valley, get medical treatment here, go to
7 church here and their friends are here.

8 Just like Marana, the communities of the Tanque
9 Verde of the (technical disruption) in a rural lifestyle, as
10 does the Houghton Corridor. As residents of these
11 communities we have actively chosen not to live in the city
12 of Tucson and have nothing in common with these urban areas.

13 Like others that have already said before me,
14 unincorporated Pima County and the smaller surrounding towns
15 need a check and a balance on the city of Tucson, LD-17
16 provides that.

17 Finally, LD-17 gives Republicans in southern
18 Arizona -- in south Arizona a voice. In contrast, maps --
19 LD map 9.0 creates an all-Democrat map silencing that voice.
20 I strongly support map 10.0 and would like to see it adopted
21 as our final map.

22 Marana, Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke,
23 Saddlebrooke Ranch, the Tanque Verde Valley, and the
24 Houghton Corridor belong together.

25 Thank you for our time.

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. Our next speaker is
2 John Maynard.

3 SPEAKER MAYNARD: -- very much, Commissioners. I
4 appreciate the hard work, obviously you put a lot of work
5 into drafting the maps as we've gone along.

6 I'm going to strongly support draft map 10.0 as
7 drawn and in particular LD-17. It is absolutely my
8 community of interest. It's where four of my children and
9 eight of my grandchildren live; it's where I work, it's
10 where I worship, it's where I shop, two of my favorite
11 restaurants are nearby, my favorite coffee shop; it's where
12 my grandchildren go to school, where my older daughter
13 teaches school and my younger daughter works. I have
14 friends and neighbors that have similar lifestyles,
15 interests, educations, and background. I belong to and
16 attend meetings of business and civic organizations in the
17 area.

18 I routinely attend school board meetings in the
19 area. By the way, I'm not a domestic terrorist. It's
20 absolutely perfect. Please adopt it as-is.

21 Thank you so much for your time.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

23 The next speaker is Carolyn Shafer. Carolyn, can
24 you hear us?

25 SPEAKER SHAFER: Yes. And you can hear me?

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes.

2 SPEAKER SHAFER: Thank you.

3 And thank you for the opportunity to speak today
4 about the redistricting process. I have not only resided in
5 the Santa Cruz County for 26 years, I have lived an actively
6 involved life in working with many people across the county
7 who are focused on protecting and enhancing the true wealth
8 of this county, our public lands and urban (technical/audio
9 disruption) and our cultural history. As the owner of a
10 retail business for 15 years in Patagonia, I know firsthand
11 that this area is a world-wide destination for nature-based
12 activities.

13 Santa Cruz County is the smallest county in Arizona
14 based on geographic size and is one of the smallest based on
15 population and per capita income. It is also reported that
16 Santa Cruz County has the highest quality of life. I
17 believe that quality of life reflects the residents being
18 actively engaged in cocreating a thriving community for all.

19 Based on my experience I implore you not to divide
20 Santa Cruz County into different legislative districts. All
21 of Santa Cruz County is a community of interest with visible
22 geographic features. The headwaters of the Santa Cruz River
23 is in San Rafeal Valley, and the Sonoita Creek watershed is
24 a major tributary to the Santa Cruz River.

25 A significant part of Santa Cruz County is

1 identified as a global biodiversity hotspot recognized by
2 many scientists as one of the top regions in the world most
3 in need of protection for species survival. The Patagonia
4 Mountains on the southeastern Santa Cruz County border are
5 key to Santa Cruz County's future well-being.

6 In order to best protect this community of
7 interest, it is critical that all of Santa Cruz County be in
8 one district rather than being divided in two and assigned
9 to other districts.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

12 The next speaker is Karen Wilkison. Karen, it
13 looks like you have two different devices there and you're
14 going to want to mute one so we don't get that echo.

15 SPEAKER WILKISON: Can you hear me?

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes, Karin. You've got to mute
17 your other -- other device that you're on.

18 SPEAKER WILKISON: Well, I turned it off.

19 Is it okay now?

20 MS. VAN HAREN: Karen, we're still getting a pretty
21 bad echo.

22 SPEAKER WILKISON: Okay.

23 I -- I -- I --

24 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay, Karen. We'll come back to
25 you.

1 So the next speaker is Mary Keerins. Mary?

2 SPEAKER KEERINS: Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me?

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

4 SPEAKER KEERINS: Thank you. My name is Mary
5 Keerins. I moved to Arizona in 1985. I spent 23 years as a
6 successful employee benefits insurance consultant working
7 with large employers in southern Arizona, including Tucson
8 Electric Power, Tucson Medical Center, El Rio, Tucson
9 Airport Authority and more. I am now retired and I live in
10 the Catalina Foothills near Sabino Canyon.

11 I'm here to object to the draft map 10.0 for
12 LD-9/17 district. This district does not meet the IRC
13 criteria in several ways. As drawn, LD-17 map is not
14 compact and contiguous, you would have to leave LD-17 and
15 cross other LDs to drive from one part of the district to
16 the other; this map does not represent communities of
17 interest being kept together. The Foothills area has little
18 in common with Vail or the far northern section of this
19 district; and it is clearly not competitive according to the
20 mapping specialists' reports.

21 All three of these are specific requirements for
22 the IRC. At the last meeting in October, it was
23 specifically stated that this map was drawn to create
24 another Republican district in Pima County. This is
25 unconstitutional. This goes against the IRC regulations and

1 should not be permitted. I urge the entire Commission to
2 return to LD test map version 9.0 as proposed by
3 Commissioner Lerner.

4 Return LD-17 to a compact district recognizing
5 communities of interest and making it a competitive
6 district.

7 Thank you.

8 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

9 Our next speaker will be Karen Wilkison. I think
10 we fixed it. Can you hear us, Karen?

11 SPEAKER WILKISON: Thank you. Can you hear me?

12 MS. VAN HAREN: Yep. That sounds great.

13 SPEAKER WILKISON: Great. Okay.

14 I'm Karen Wilkison and I live in what is now
15 Legislative District 9. It has been a competitive district
16 that has worked well for 10 years.

17 I'm concerned about the proposed map of LD-17
18 because it does not comply with the requirements for
19 redistricting set out in the Arizona Constitution. It is
20 not compact, it is not contiguous or competitive.

21 By circling around the parameters of Tucson from
22 Oro Valley to Vail, it connects disparate communities that
23 have very little to do with each other.

24 The result of this odd-shaped district would be a
25 disservice to all voters -- Republicans, Democrats, and

1 Independents -- because it favors one party. When one party
2 is obviously dominant, politicians don't have to work for
3 votes, voters don't get involved, and the outcome is
4 predetermined. Competitiveness in every district makes
5 politicians more responsive and encourages engagement.

6 In coming up with the new map, please don't make
7 competition less important than the other criteria.

8 I urge you to use draft map LD-9.0 that
9 Commissioner Lerner proposed.

10 Thank you for your work.

11 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

12 And the next speaker is H. Pulliam. Can you unmute
13 yourself? We've sent you a request to unmute.

14 There we go.

15 All right, we'll move on to Cameron Toering.

16 Cameron?

17 SPEAKER TOERING: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
18 members, my name is Cameron Toering. I'm a previous
19 nonpartisan legislative staffer and a current certified
20 limited practice student under Rule 39(C) of the Arizona
21 Supreme Court.

22 I'm here today to voice my concern regarding
23 District 17 and its major conflict with the case law under
24 Arizona Minority Coalition for Fair Redistricting versus the
25 Arizona Redistricting Commission. I have great respect for

1 Vice Chairman Mehl (verbatim) and his dedication to grouping
2 together Marana, Oro Valley, and Saddlebrooke; I think it's
3 a fantastic idea.

4 Further, I have grave concerns that grouping
5 together members of the Houghton Corridor like myself who
6 actually live within the Tucson city limits may be a
7 violation of the communities of interest case law.
8 Communities of interest -- as you guys I'm sure have heard 7
9 trillion times, you guys are much more patient than I -- are
10 very important to making sure we comply with both Arizona
11 court law and Supreme Court law in designing proper
12 districts.

13 The residents of Vail, Tanque Verde, and the
14 Houghton Corridor live most of their life and spend most of
15 their time within metro Tucson. This drawing of LD-17 with
16 Oro Valley, Saddlebrooke, and Marana raises concerns about
17 the geographic features and the exclusion of communities of
18 interest.

19 By excluding residents of Tucson proper from metro
20 Tucson I worry about limited voter disenfranchisement.

21 With that, I'd be happy to take any questions. And
22 thank you, Commissioners, for putting up with all the public
23 comments. I have to say, you are all much more selfless
24 than I would be in your position.

25 Thank you again.

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

2 Our next speaker is H. Pulliam.

3 SPEAKER PULLIAM: Yes, as I got unmuted now, can
4 you hear me?

5 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

6 SPEAKER PULLIAM: Can you hear me?

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

8 SPEAKER PULLIAM: Can you hear me?

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. We can hear you.

10 SPEAKER PULLIAM: Okay. Good. Thank you.

11 My name is Howard Ronald Pulliam, Ron Pulliam, I go
12 by the middle name; I live in Patagonia and I moved to
13 Arizona in 1971 and I lived in Patagonia, Arizona.

14 So many points have been made and I appreciate the
15 willingness of the Commission to listen to -- to the voters
16 and our concerns. Most of everything has been said, so I'll
17 just simply say I strongly favor map 9.0 for a variety of
18 reasons, one of which, of course, is we've heard over and
19 over again, don't split Santa Cruz County. We are a
20 cohesive unit that we -- we -- we need to work together.

21 I want to bring up something that hasn't come up,
22 and that is as many of you may know or some of you may know,
23 that in 1890 John Wesley Powell proposed that political
24 subdivisions in the west should be based on watershed basis,
25 and that's certainly true for our community, the headwaters

1 in Sonoita to the Santa Cruz River. The Sonoita Creek is a
2 community that shares a water resource that needs to be
3 protected, we need to work together, and it's a logical way
4 to -- to organize our government.

5 I want to thank you for your -- listening to me and
6 urge you very much to support keeping Santa Cruz County
7 together and map 9.0.

8 Thank you very much.

9 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

10 The next four speakers will be Mary Buckman, Sharon
11 Edgar, Matt Parrili, and then Carissa Sipp.

12 Mary Buckman.

13 SPEAKER BUCKMAN: Hello. I know that Florence is
14 going to be having an in-meeting person tomorrow, but I'm
15 not able to go to that. Can I go ahead and give my comments
16 today?

17 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

18 SPEAKER BUCKMAN: Okay. So I live in Coolidge and
19 the communities that are part of my daily life and
20 connections are mainly Florence, Casa Grande, Eloy, and
21 San Tan Valley somewhat.

22 So these are increasing in population because the
23 home development, but most of those might be involved with
24 going to Tucson/Phoenix metro area for jobs. We're
25 primarily agricultural and rural. So because of that, I

1 would like to propose the recommendation for redistricting
2 of LD-16 and CD-6.

3 So for CD-6 I would recommend Eloy and Florence and
4 southern San Tan to be added. It's very important that our
5 rural communities do have communities of interest held
6 together.

7 And then for LD-16 I believe Pima County should not
8 be a part of it at all. Again, keeping Pinal County
9 separate from Pima County is also adhering I believe to the
10 community of interest criteria.

11 So my other concern is the proposed map -- of the
12 proposed map goes all the -- that goes all the way to Gila
13 Bend in Maricopa County. Instead, I would suggest adding
14 San Tan Valley, which would be a natural fit, more of a --
15 the rural Pinal County and again part of the community of
16 interest criteria.

17 So just to recap that, I'd like to keep both LD-16
18 and CD-6 in Pinal County only, not in Pima County or
19 Maricopa County.

20 Thank you again for listening to my concerns and
21 the work you're doing for endeavors.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

23 The next speaker is Sharon Edgar. Sharon, can you
24 hear us?

25 SPEAKER EDGAR: Hello. I'm from Coconino County.

1 I would like to talk about the draft map version of CD-2.

2 If I'm reading the map correctly, it has Ak-Chin,
3 Gila River, Havasupai, Hopi, Haulipai, Kaibab-Paiute,
4 Navajo, Pueblo of Zuni, San Carlos Apache, San Juan Southern
5 Paiute, Tonto Apache, White Mountain Apache, Yavapai,
6 Yavapai Apache, Yavapai Prescott Tribe, they're all in CD-2.
7 I'm very concerned that you've diluted their votes by adding
8 in Prescott and that part of Yavapai County to make CD-2 a
9 noncompetitive Republican district.

10 Prescott is highly Republican and that area of
11 Prescott will be in a Republican district; whether they're
12 in a district with the Navajo Nation or they're in a
13 district with Mohave County, they will be represented either
14 way, but not so much for the Navajo Nation. The only reason
15 to put Prescott in a district with the Navajo Nation and a
16 dozen other tribes is to dilute the Native American vote.
17 Please don't do that.

18 Please make CD-2 a highly competitive district.

19 Thank you for listening to my concerns. We
20 appreciate your service to this state.

21 MS. VAN HAREN: Our next speaker is Carissa Sipp.
22 Carissa?

23 SPEAKER SIPP: Hi. I'm here today to talk about
24 the constitutional bound objectives and the Commission and
25 how they are being disregarded in the draft maps for

1 southern Arizona, specific to the LD-17 creation at the
2 bidding of a partisan map submitted to legally disguise as
3 public submittal.

4 The creation of the politically safe district for
5 the party submitting the map unfairly impacted other
6 districts: LD-21, LD-10, and CD-2.

7 The objectives of the draft maps are as follows in
8 no particular order: Districts shall comply with U.S.
9 Constitution and Voting Rights Act; congressional districts
10 should have equal population to the extent practicable and
11 state legislative districts shall have equal population;
12 districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous;
13 district boundaries shall respect communities of interest;
14 district lines should -- shall use visible geographic
15 features, city, town and county boundaries and undivided
16 census tracts; competitive districts should be favored where
17 to do so would create no significant detriment to the other
18 goals.

19 These criteria absolutely all matter.
20 Competitive -- competitiveness as ruled by the Arizona
21 Supreme Court in 2008 is absolutely critical to the survival
22 of -- of the democratic practices and choices of the
23 leaders. The Court rules that the competitiveness goals
24 cannot be considered less mandatory than the other goals,
25 ignored, nor regulated to a secondary role. Yet, in

1 shifting LD-17 from a competitive to a noncompetitive
2 district in service of partisan outcomes, the Commission is
3 doing exactly this, drawing this district for a safe
4 district for one party, the party that submitted the map.

5 As a result of this noncompetitive party-leaning
6 southern Arizona mapping of LD-17, you have impacted LD-21
7 into a gerrymandered district that separates core Tucson
8 neighborhoods from the rest of Tucson; and it also shifts
9 much of this area from a previously competitive district
10 into a safe Democratic district and makes LD-17 a safe
11 Republican district.

12 We need competitive districts that are drawn
13 responsibly in accordance with the Constitution and not
14 across party lines. The best way to represent voters is to
15 give them a competitive --

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

17 Our next two speakers and our last two speakers
18 will be Michael Bryan and then Steven McEwen.

19 Michael?

20 SPEAKER BRYAN: Thank you, Commissioners, for being
21 here and thank you for your attention.

22 My name is Michael Bryan, I'm an attorney residing
23 in central Tucson for the past 20 years. I would like to
24 emphasize to the Commissioners that the IRC was created by
25 Arizona voters primarily to generate more competitive

1 districts than when the current legislature continued to
2 control the process.

3 To quote the Arizona Constitution regarding the IRC
4 commission: "To oversee the mapping of fair and competitive
5 congressional and legislative districts."

6 But far too many of the maps currently under
7 consideration fail to provide the vast majority of Arizonans
8 with competitive districts at either the federal or state
9 level.

10 I therefore urge the Commission to reevaluate how
11 that has prioritized their mission away from striving to
12 provide some minimal number of competitive districts and
13 towards maximizing competitiveness in as many districts as
14 mathematically and constitutionally possible.

15 I also remind the Commissioners that political
16 party affiliation alone does not and cannot define community
17 of interest. Therefore using party ballots primarily and
18 explicitly to ensure GOP majority districts in Pima County
19 and especially to provide an oft-quoted check and balance of
20 metro Tucson is not a constitutionally sound basis for
21 mapping district in southern Tucson.

22 If your goal is to minimize the legal risk to your
23 final maps, adopting maps to slight other criteria,
24 especially ethnic and cultural minorities, to favor the
25 creation of a safe Republican district in Pima County would

1 certainly fail that goal.

2 Thank you for your time.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: Okay. And our final speaker is
4 Steven McEwen.

5 SPEAKER McEWEN: Can you hear me, ma'am? Can you
6 hear me?

7 MS. VAN HAREN: Yes. Please proceed.

8 SPEAKER McEWEN: Thank you.

9 Good afternoon, Madam Chairman and members of the
10 Committee.

11 My name is Steve McEwen, I'm a resident of Rio Rico
12 and the chairman of the Republican party of
13 Santa Cruz County. By overwhelming consensus I've been
14 asked to speak for the conservative citizens of
15 Santa Cruz County.

16 We'd like to begin by addressing the approved map
17 of proposed LD-21. In many ways dictated by constitutional
18 guidelines, this map is a total failure. Although numbers
19 may imply we are Democrat in numbers, we are first a voter
20 community in a very rural -- and very rural along with the
21 city of Nogales. We have a unique culture and our own
22 values, principles, and morals that we live by. Urban
23 society does not share these principles and have proven it
24 in the last ten years of failed representation as a result
25 of the gerrymandering from the last IRC.

1 We strongly suggest that our little county not be
2 split up and that the Committee considers we have large
3 ranches in this region and a very rich mine, South32.

4 We would respectfully argue we have much more in
5 common with proposed LD-19. We would suggest that you add
6 Santa Cruz County in whole with LD-19. This change would
7 put Santa Cruz County in compliance with all six guidelines.

8 We feel your efforts in creating congressional
9 districts is nearly success; we do have some concerns about
10 proposed CD-7. Once again, we would emphasize that we are
11 rural area and have little in common with community interest
12 in urban society.

13 Understanding that CD-7 will not be created in a
14 Republican majority, we would ask that competitive numbers
15 be within 20 percent so that our issues on the border are
16 represented by the people and not by the politics who watch
17 NBC.

18 As with our culture on the border, the issues here
19 are ours to manage and suffer with. It is our fences that
20 are being torn down, our mines that are being sequestered by
21 special interest groups, our families that are being forced
22 into drug trafficking, our women and children that are being
23 stolen and sold in human trafficking, and our schools and
24 hospitals that are being overburdened with nontax paying
25 people when they come here illegally --

1 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you.

2 That was the last speaker. I want to let everyone
3 know again that you can -- if you didn't get a chance to
4 speak today or if you aren't able to attend any of the
5 in-person meetings, that you can submit your comments for --
6 at several different locations on the mapping hub at IRC.GO-
7 -- I'm sorry, IRC.AZ.Gov.

8 And I'll turn it back over to Commissioner Mehl to
9 adjourn the meeting.

10 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Today was very interesting and
11 we had a lot of very -- very good comments, so we appreciate
12 that.

13 Please go online and submit a map using our mapping
14 software at IRC.AZ.gov.

15 Our next in-person public hearing is tomorrow,
16 Saturday, November 13th, at the Croc Community Center in
17 South Phoenix and in Florence at the Town of Florence
18 Community Center.

19 And with this, we hereby adjourn the meeting.
20 Thank you.

21 (Whereupon the meeting is adjourned at 2:02 p.m.)

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