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1 LISTENING TOUR PUBLIC MEETING, BEFORE THE
 2 INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, convened at 10:00 a.m.
 3 on November 13, 2021, at Kroc Community Center, 1375 East
 4 Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona; with a satellite location
 5 at Town of Florence Community Center, 778 North Main Street,
 6 Florence, Arizona; and online via WebEx.

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 8 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

9 Ms. Erika Neuberg, Chairperson
 10 Ms. Shereen Lerner
 11 Mr. Douglas York

12 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE:

13 Mr. Derrick Watchman, Vice Chairman
 14 Mr. David Mehl

15 STAFF PRESENT:

16 Mr. Brian Schmitt, Executive Director
 17 Ms. Loriandra Van Haren, Deputy Director
 18 Ms. Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant
 19 Ms. Michele Crank, Public Information Officer
 20 Ms. Marie Camacho, Public Outreach Coordinator
 21 Ms. Alex Pena, Public Outreach Coordinator
 22 Mr. Ryan Regula, Snell & Wilmer
 23 Mr. Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr
 24 Mr. Mark Flahan, Timmons Group

25 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS:

<u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Rich Feely	Phoenix
Tempest Shires	Phoenix
Sarah Fanning	Phoenix
Kevin Brown	Phoenix
Margaret Cawley	Phoenix
Joshua Wells	Phoenix
Paul Weich	Phoenix
Unidentified Public Speaker	Phoenix
Charmaine Roth	Phoenix
Nancy Ordowski	Phoenix
Ruth Denny	Florence

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (continued):

	<u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2	Nola Perkins	Florence
3	Brenda Gifford	Florence
4	Tony Ireland	Florence
5	Matthew Nelson	Florence
6	Bob Allen	Florence
7	Mary Rodriguez	Florence
8	Sherry Mitchell	Florence
9	Jess Bryant	Florence
10	Nancy Hawkins	Florence
11	Brian Schaumlöffel	Phoenix
12	Sandi Bartlett	Phoenix
13	Carol Cherry	Phoenix
14	Karen Garrett	Phoenix
15	Steven Steele	Phoenix
16	Earl Shafer	Phoenix
17	Bruce Fixman	Phoenix
18	Traci Robb	Phoenix
19	Karen Lambourne	Phoenix
20	Mark Prose	Florence
21	Steve Hetsler	Florence
22	Jerry Walker	Florence
23	Arthur Boren	Florence
24	Phyllis Pettijohn	Florence
25	Patricia Peterson	Florence
26	David Palenshus	Florence
27	Kathleen Nowak	Florence
28	Lisa White	Phoenix
29	Bruce Lindquist	Phoenix
30	Deanna Schreckler	Phoenix
31	Janet Bollman	Phoenix
32	Mary Wheeler McFarland	Phoenix
33	Roberta Neil Miller	Phoenix
34	Naura Ibrahim	Phoenix
35	Jawaher Abbas	Phoenix
36	Andrew Adams	Phoenix
37	Henry Manalo	Phoenix
38	Steve Black	Phoenix
39	Lorraine Pellegrino	Phoenix
40	Ayden Young	Phoenix
41	Tomika Brown	Phoenix
42	Akol Akol	Phoenix
43	Tega Maidoh	Phoenix
44	Jeffrey Tucker	Phoenix
45	Tamara Miller	Phoenix
46	Ray Michaels	Phoenix
47	Thomas Sinacek	Phoenix

1 PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS (continued):

2 <u>SPEAKER NAME:</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3 Aula Elniel	Phoenix
Mickie Niland	Phoenix
Rhonda Smith	Phoenix
4 Victoria Grijalva	Phoenix
Luis Falcon	Phoenix
5 Rosa Arellano	Phoenix
Jannah Scott	Phoenix
6 Irma Pacheco	Phoenix

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

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

6 If we could all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
7 (Pledge of Allegiance.)
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9 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Good morning, everybody.
10 Welcome. I now call to order the public meeting.

11 We ask that you follow the Arizona Department of
12 Health guidelines in regards to COVID-19. If you're not
13 fully vaccinated, you should wear a mask in a public space.
14 If you would like to participate from home, each of these
15 meetings is being streamed through WebEx and YouTube and
16 will be posted online at our website IRC.AZ.gov.

17 If you would like to make a public comment you may
18 do so by signing in with the staff and filling out a public
19 comment card.

20 We have an American sign language interpreter
21 joining us virtually who we'd like to introduce now.

22 She is on there.

23 So if you want to introduce yourself?

24 Okay. Do you want to introduce yourself, if you
25 can, American Sign Language interpreter.

1 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, my name is Tiana and my team
2 today is Tiffany Jones, and the two of us are the ASL
3 interpreters for today.

4 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you. We also have a
5 transcriptionist who will be transcribing every meeting.
6 Please speak slowly so we have a clear record of your input.

7 At this time we're going to introduce ourselves.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Hi, my name is Erika Neuberg.
9 I'm the Chairwoman and I live in Chandler, not too far from
10 here.

11 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Good morning. Again, my name
12 is Shereen Lerner, and I am a representative from Maricopa
13 County.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Good morning. My name is Doug
15 York. I'm the representative from Maricopa County for the
16 Republican party.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: And we have Commissioner
18 Mehl.

19 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I'm David Mehl and I'm a
20 representative from Pima County.

21 COMMISSIONER LERNER: And Commissioner Watchman,
22 Vice Chair.

23 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Good morning. I'm Derrick
24 Watchman, the Vice Chairman of the Commission, and I come to
25 the Commission from Apache County and I'm the Democratic

1 appointee. Good morning, everybody. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Thank you.

3 MS. VAN HAREN: At this time we'll read the rules
4 of the meeting.

5 Citizens may only speak when recognized by the
6 chair or the presiding officer of the meeting if the chair
7 is absent or otherwise has delegated hearing administration
8 authority. In compliance with Arizona's Open Meeting Law,
9 speakers should confine their statements to the issue on the
10 posted agenda which is before the Commission. Speakers are
11 also required -- requested to limit their comments to
12 approximately two minutes.

13 Additionally, speakers are required to follow
14 proper decorum. Speakers must use appropriate language.
15 Foul and/or abusive language will not be tolerated. Any
16 speaker failing to follow proper decorum or any other
17 guidelines may be asked to leave.

18 Any breach of the peace or disruption of a
19 Commission public hearing may be the cause of a report to
20 law enforcement.

21 This is a nonpartisan meeting. Please do not
22 distribute political material in the meeting room.

23 Opposing viewpoints may be expressed by the
24 citizens present. As a courtesy, citizens are reminded to
25 address their comments to the Chair and the Commission and

1 not to the audience present.

2 Please show respect for all speakers and avoid
3 personal comments.

4 If you have already spoken at a previous meeting or
5 someone has expressed the same sentiment that you want to,
6 you may say so and your comments will be recorded into the
7 record. You do not need to speak again in order for your
8 comments to be given more weight.

9 Remember, the Commission must hear all sides of an
10 issue in order to make an informed decision.

11 And at this time we'll have staff announce the
12 first name.

13 MS. CHAPPLE: Good morning. My name is Marie
14 Chapple, I'm one of the community outreach coordinators; and
15 between Florence and here in Phoenix, we have about 50
16 speakers. So we'll start with the first ten in Phoenix and
17 I'll call your name out in order.

18 The first speaker will be Rich Feely, followed by
19 Tempest Shires, followed by Sarah Fanning, and then Kevin N.
20 Brown, then Margaret Cawley, Joshua Wells, Paul Weich.

21 Forgive me if I pronounce this wrong, Maico
22 Olivares, Charmaine Roth, and Nancy Ordowski.

23 COMMISSIONER YORK: You have a question, ma'am?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It will be helpful to me to
25 hear the speaker by number so that I can find the name

1 amongst the 50. So when you list the names of the speakers,
2 please say first, second, third, fourth in this group; in
3 the next group: First, second, third, fourth, please.

4 COMMISSIONER YORK: Okay. So noted.

5 SPEAKER FEELY: All right. Good morning, Madam
6 Chair and Commissioners.

7 My name is Rich Feely and I've been a Chandler
8 resident since 2011. My remarks will focus on Legislative
9 District 13.

10 The IRC has the opportunity to create a competitive
11 district in Chandler while maintaining communities of
12 interest throughout the East Valley.

13 Submitted map LDF034 achieves that outcome by
14 modifying the current 10.0 map to make LD-12, 13 and 14 more
15 compact, contiguous and competitive.

16 Eliminating the panhandle of the proposed LD-12 and
17 extending LD-13 northward to the western canal border
18 maintains the downtown Chandler community of interest and
19 combines the Latino precincts in north Chandler into
20 Legislative District 13.

21 Retirement communities of interest in Sun Lakes and
22 Ahwatukee can be combined into LD-12, helping balance
23 populations across Chandler and Gilbert while keeping the
24 Kyrene School District together.

25 Moving eastern LD-13 precincts into LD-14 allows a

1 number of districts in Gilbert to reduce from five to two
2 and also reduces the number of Chandler legislative
3 districts from three to two.

4 Revising LD-13 based on map LDF034 or LD0047
5 encompasses these Chandler communities of interest, allows
6 the IRC to create a truly competitive district in the East
7 Valley, while keeping communities of interest united across
8 Ahwatukee, Chandler, and Gilbert.

9 Thank you for your consideration of this request
10 and I yield the balance of my time.

11 SPEAKER SHIRES: Hello, Madam Chair and
12 Commissioners.

13 My name is Tempest Shires. For 12 years I've lived
14 in the southwest of Chandler below the 202 and slightly
15 north of the Sun Lakes gated communities. My children
16 attended and I volunteered in schools in the Chandler
17 Unified School District. I currently live in one of the few
18 districts in Arizona that is so competitive that I have a
19 Republican and a Democrat as my two House representatives.
20 I'm also lucky enough to live in a district that because of
21 its competitiveness has a higher-than-average voter turnout.

22 Unfortunately the LD draft map makes my area, the
23 proposed District 13, far less competitive, and I'm very
24 worried that this will lead to a decrease in voters over the
25 next decade as some people will wonder why their votes even

1 matter. Although District 13 looks good on paper, being
2 nice and compact, to me it makes no sense why the head of
3 Chandler, its northern part, has been chopped off from the
4 main body of Chandler and instead added to the vast expanse
5 of District 12's panhandle. This boundary also chops off
6 the more heavily Latino areas of Chandler in two. It would
7 make more sense to me if these were added back to
8 District 13, as the people in this area are part of the city
9 of Chandler and can vote in the city council elections.

10 This is not the same of my neighbors to the south,
11 the Sun Lakes retiree community. They make up their own
12 town and though the residents can vote in the Maricopa
13 County elections, they can't vote in the Chandler city
14 council elections because they're not part of Chandler.

15 I urge the Commissioners to make District 13 as
16 competitive as it currently is from my area by adding the
17 head of Chandler back to its body and to balance the
18 population, removing Sun Lakes retirement communities into
19 District 12 which already includes the very similar
20 Ahwatukee Foothills.

21 Thank you for your time.

22 SPEAKER FANNING: Good morning, Madam Chair
23 Commissioners, I'm going to agree with a lot of what the
24 people before me said. But my name is Sarah Fanning and I
25 live in Chandler.

1 I ask that you revisit the East Valley maps and try
2 and keep the cities together as much as possible. I
3 understand that Chandler cannot be kept whole, however it
4 has now been split into three. My family has always lived
5 in Chandler, my husband works in Chandler, and my children
6 attend Chandler Unified School, so right now the way the new
7 districts have been redrawn, my son's school in the northern
8 part of Chandler and my daughter's school in the southern
9 part of Chandler will no longer be in the same LD even
10 though they're in the same school district. This doesn't
11 make sense.

12 I suggest that the proposed panhandle in LD-12 be
13 removed and instead extend LD-13 northward as submitted in
14 map LDF034. To balance, you could consider removing the
15 eastern and northern parts of the LD-13 that extend out into
16 Gilbert and that would maintain the cities and keep them
17 whole; and it would also help maintain the Chandler and
18 Sunshine Valley community of interest, combining the five
19 Latino precincts and make LD-13 more representative of the
20 city of Chandler.

21 Thanks for your consideration.

22 SPEAKER BROWN: Hi, my name is Kevin Brown. I've
23 lived in Tempe for the last 30 years and lived in Arizona my
24 entire life except for my military service. I do volunteer
25 work and am active in my neighborhood association.

1 Tempe is only about 200,000 people and shouldn't be
2 divided up into four different legislative districts. I
3 live close to ASU and consider my area of interest north
4 Tempe, south Scottsdale, east Mesa and east south Phoenix.
5 That area, not Scottsdale north of Thomas Road, is more in
6 keeping with Tempe.

7 Keep our cities together. Please split them less.

8 Divide Tempe into two, one urban where I live and
9 one suburban south of my place of residence, and move the
10 Honda district to District 9 and the Mesa School District,
11 where most of the kids in that district go to school.

12 Also, keep Scottsdale in just two or three
13 districts, not four as you have it now.

14 Make districts more competitive as -- make
15 districts as competitive as possible so we get better
16 representation and not just whatever person gets through the
17 primary. We need competitive districts so we get
18 representatives that actually represent us.

19 Thank you for your time and consideration and the
20 hard work you've done.

21 Kevin.

22 Thank you.

23 SPEAKER CAWLEY: Good morning and thank you for
24 this opportunity to speak.

25 I am Margaret Cawley from Tempe, Arizona, where I

1 have lived for 26 years and have built my community there.
2 Over these years I have been involved in church activities
3 and city committees as well as serving eight years on the
4 Tempe Elementary School Board.

5 I live in the current Legislative District 26 and
6 Congressional District 9, which in your latest drafts are
7 Legislative District 8 and Congressional District 9 -- or 4,
8 excuse me. As a student -- as a student of government with
9 a Ph.D. in public administration, I am proud that Arizona
10 has an Independent Redistricting Commission. I hope that
11 the IRC final product will meet the six constitutionally
12 defined criteria voted into law by its citizens in 2000. I
13 desire that Arizona's IRC be the model for the rest of the
14 country in defining fair and competitive electoral units. I
15 advocate that the Commission avoid appearance of any
16 political gerrymandering. I ask the Commission to look
17 closely at the criticism it's currently receiving for
18 drawing an area in Tucson and one in Coconino County that
19 apparently seem to be favoring one party over the other.

20 I also hope that the Commission is listening to our
21 Native Americans and our Hispanic Latino groups and in --
22 listening to their community of interest and will respect
23 them in drawing the new maps.

24 For my community of interest, Tempe, I'm concerned
25 about how the latest draft splinters the city of Tempe and

1 splinters Tempe Elementary School District. I learned
2 during my years on the school board how closely Tempe and
3 the school district work together. These are strong, active
4 communities that should be whole and together.

5 A specific question I want to highlight is why is a
6 section north of Scottsdale part of LD-8, I think Mr. Brown
7 just mentioned that as well. What is the common community
8 of interest there?

9 Another concern is the appearance of separating
10 retiree communities rather than including them as a specific
11 community of interest. The Commission needs to revisit how
12 they have treated these retired communities in their latest
13 maps.

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Thank you. That's your time.

15 SPEAKER CAWLEY: Okay. Thank you.

16 MS. VAN HAREN: Hey, Marie, do you want to tell the
17 next speaker?

18 MS. CHAPPLE: Sure.

19 SPEAKER WELLS: Hello, Chair, members of the
20 Commission, my name is Joshua Wells. I live on the
21 intersection of 31st Avenue and Encanto Boulevard.

22 Yup, of course.

23 Can you hear me better now?

24 Yeah. Thank you. My name is Joshua Wells. I live
25 on the corner of 31st Avenue and Encanto. I live right now

1 in a majority Latino neighborhood, have lived there for
2 about three to four years now. First came to Arizona back
3 in 2010.

4 My family has experienced a lot of challenges;
5 looking for resources for our family even in terms of
6 housing has been extremely very difficult. When I first
7 came down to Arizona, lived with my in-laws for about a year
8 because the cost of housing was so expensive.

9 And right now, today, I'm asking the Commission to
10 create more Latino majority districts in terms of the state
11 legislative districts. Right now I believe the maps have
12 four of those. Looking at the area in the West Valley,
13 there's an opportunity, especially in those rural areas, to
14 create another Latino majority district. This is extremely
15 important to make sure that my family and many families like
16 ours have proper representation in the state legislature.

17 This could make dramatic changes -- large changes
18 that would allow many families like mine to become more
19 involved, have resources that are crucial for us and really
20 contribute the most to the fabric here in Arizona. And
21 that's all we want to do. We want to contribute, we want to
22 be a part of the state, we want to make our mark here and
23 have a chance to really live out the American dream.

24 So I really appreciate your time today and please
25 create another majority Latino district.

1 Thank you.

2 SPEAKER WEICH: Good morning, Commissioners. Thank
3 you very much, Madam Chair and Commissioners.

4 I -- my name is Paul Weich. I grew up in Arizona
5 and I've lived in the East Valley for 33 and a third years,
6 actually my LP year. I've been active in East Valley
7 organizations for just as long. And I'm here today because
8 our legislative boundaries in the East Valley can and should
9 do a better job of reflecting our cities, identities, and
10 our populations.

11 I testified in August about Kyrene School District
12 and you have made sure that the district stays largely
13 together and I appreciate that, of course.

14 However, I'm mystified by the sudden appearance of
15 a large noncontiguous stretch going through a strip of
16 Chandler and Gilbert -- the -- the panhandle, as somebody
17 referred to it. Tentacle, arm, however we want to refer to
18 it. It needlessly splinters those cities. It breaks up
19 other school districts. Not -- not Kyrene, but it breaks up
20 other school districts needlessly and it divides both Latino
21 and Asian-American communities of interest.

22 It also makes the proposed LD-12 a district that
23 stretches some 30 miles from east to west, and for an urban
24 district I just don't see the sense in that. Obviously
25 rural districts are -- are different, but this is an urban

1 and suburban district.

2 There are much more sensible ways to redistrict the
3 East Valley in a way that keeps cities and communities of
4 interest less divided and it also makes them more -- would
5 make them more competitive.

6 I hope that you will be open to making the
7 necessary changes and I thank you all so much. It's good to
8 see you in person and thank you so much for all your
9 volunteerism, all your time, and the effort that you're
10 putting into this. I really appreciate it.

11 Thank you very much.

12 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Hello, thank you all for giving me
13 an opportunity to speak today. I currently live in
14 Congressional District 1, also Legislative District 1. I do
15 want to make a case for there being a fifth Latino
16 majority-minority community.

17 As you know, many have stated, the panhandle there
18 on -- just above Chandler doesn't really make -- seem to
19 make a whole lot of sense and I do think that if that was
20 drawn in a more correct manner it would allow for more
21 proper representation for the Latino community given the
22 fact that I also feel that there was an undercount when it
23 came to the census last year for reasons I believe that we
24 all know here.

25 I do also want to stress competitiveness in these

1 districts. I feel that when there's competitiveness, as a
2 registered Independent, I do feel that both parties make a
3 greater effort to reach out to everybody and not just assume
4 that they're going to win because there is a majority of
5 their constituents there. And so, again, I just want to
6 emphasize a fifth majority-minority Latino district as well
7 as more competitiveness as well.

8 Thank you.

9 SPEAKER ROTH: Good morning. Little too high for
10 me.

11 My name is Charmaine Roth and I live in Rio Verde,
12 I moved here three years ago. I spend all of my time in Rio
13 Verde, Fountain Hills, and Scottsdale; I do not ever go to
14 Desert Ridge or Deer Valley and never get as far as the 17.

15 So I'm concerned that the current borders are --
16 they are stretched so far that it's not representative of my
17 community. The western boundary of Scottsdale is right now
18 really should be Scottsdale Road, to go beyond that is an
19 entirely different community. Our communities are western
20 and suburban, whereas the other ones are more urban; it 's
21 an entirely different type of people, things that we're
22 interested and things that we do.

23 Their area -- these areas are not the same and the
24 communities of interest are different and should -- and we
25 should all be in the same district.

1 The other concern I would like to express to you is
2 I live in Rio Verde and it took me an hour to get here, and
3 the next meeting I go to is going to be an hour and I would
4 like to suggest that you schedule a meeting in the East
5 Valley that's more convenient for people of my community of
6 interest to come and express their concerns about
7 maintaining our community of interest.

8 So thank you very much and I look forward to you
9 scheduling meetings for us.

10 SPEAKER ORDOWSKI: Good morning. My name is Nancy
11 Ordowski and I've been a resident of Arizona since 1998.

12 District 3 is one of the -- my concerns. There is
13 no community of interest between Anthem, Desert Ridge,
14 Scottsdale, and Fountain Hills.

15 I live in Fountain Hills and I-17 and Anthem is
16 35 miles away, and the only time I'm driving by that is
17 should I go -- be going up to Sedona with family visitor --
18 or families that are -- my family members that are here to
19 visit.

20 The western border of 3, I encourage and suggest
21 that it be Scottsdale Road and south to at least
22 Indian Bend. I know that we have to have compromises and we
23 have to make splits in some of our decisions, but these are
24 the areas where we go to school, our medical treatments, our
25 grocery -- our shopping for clothing and groceries and

1 households and all of those things.

2 We also need to be watching what District 2 and 4
3 are doing and both of those need to be moved north. That's
4 their communities of interest and the areas where they have
5 been in the recent future -- or past.

6 Congressional District 1 is also of concern and I
7 encourage you to look at those maps and move Phoenix out of
8 our community of interest. It has -- it's a totally
9 different community of younger people, people that are
10 living and working in the Phoenix area.

11 And then I ask to please schedule a meeting for the
12 East Valley. Maricopa is the largest county in the state
13 and has the largest population, and it appears that we need
14 to have more meetings so that we can express our concerns
15 and the East Valley both north and south are of that point.

16 Thank you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Is that the first ten?

18 MS. CAMACHO: Yes. Do you want me to do more?

19 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Marie, was this the last?

20 MS. CAMACHO: It was the last of the ten.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

22 MS. VAN HAREN: At this point we're going to send
23 it over to Florence.

24 MS. CRANK: Good afternoon, Madam Pro Tem Chair
25 Shereen Lerner and members of the Commission and the

1 listening audience. With me here in Florence, I have our
2 executive assistant Valerie Neumann and my name is Michele
3 Crank, I'm the public information officer for the
4 Independent Redistricting Commission.

5 Our first five speakers -- and if we can have our
6 speakers line up accordingly to how I call you out on this
7 side.

8 The first speaker is Ruth Denny, second Nola
9 Perkins, Brenda Giffords, Anthony Ireland, Matthew Nelson;
10 and the next five speakers after that: Robert Allen, Mary
11 Rodriguez, Sherry Mitchell, Jess Bryant, Nancy Hawkins.

12 Before we get started with our speakers I would
13 like our Spanish interpreter to introduce herself.

14 THE INTERPRETER: Hello, my name is Angie, I will
15 be the Spanish interpreter here in Florence.

16 (Spanish language.)

17 SPEAKER DENNY: My name is Ruth Denny. Thank you
18 for allowing me to speak today. I am a citizen of Pinal
19 County, Gold Canyon in particular.

20 I only have a couple of things I want to talk
21 about. I'm still trying to understand the entire remapping
22 thing.

23 There's two things I want to hit on. One is,
24 appears that Gold Canyon is going to be put into the new
25 District 7 and if you are looking at the two -- two of the

1 constitutional requirements for remapping, there is -- one
2 of them is called compactness, and moving into District 7
3 for those of us in Pinal County will put us in an
4 enormous -- enormous district. I don't see how there's
5 anything compact about it. So I would like you to
6 reconsider that. The big concern I have is how will we get
7 good representation if our legislator is on the road all the
8 time.

9 The second item I wanted to talk about is
10 communities of interest. Gold Canyon is attached to Apache
11 Junction, we have a lot of common things in -- in -- things
12 in common between the two of us. We don't have anything in
13 common with Flagstaff or some of the other areas, but the
14 two -- the two communities have parks and recreation and
15 many things that I think we want to keep intact.

16 So the new change would put a dividing line between
17 us and Apache Junction.

18 Thank you.

19 SPEAKER PERKINS: Good morning (verbatim). My name
20 is Nola Perkins. I am retired and have since the late '90s
21 lived in Apache Junction, which at this point of time in my
22 life is the center of my universe.

23 I spoke at a previous hearing encouraging the
24 Commissioners to respect communities of interest. They were
25 very courteous and I thought they heard and understood what

1 I was saying, however it appears that I was mistaken.

2 The communities of interest is defined, and I
3 quote: "A group of people in geographical areas such as a
4 specific region or neighborhood who have common political,
5 social or economic interest," end quote.

6 The size, geography and diversity of the currently
7 proposed District 7 certainly does not meet this criteria
8 and violates the constitutional requirement of communities
9 of interest.

10 "Compactness" refers to the general principal that
11 the constituents within a district should live as near one
12 another as practicable. This is obviously not the case in
13 District 7 which is -- as now mapped covers approximately
14 200 miles north and south and 200 miles east and west.

15 Flagstaff and Sedona are way too far north and
16 completely violate the compactness criteria.

17 "Competitiveness" requires that the state
18 legislative and congressional district lines be drawn to
19 account for political boundaries like counties, cities and
20 towns not in favor of one political party, individual, or
21 constituency over another.

22 Splitting Apache Junction as it appears to be what
23 is note -- become known as gerrymandering. That term was
24 used frequently after the last redistricting and I am
25 certainly hoping it is not a term that will be used after

1 this redistricting is finalized.

2 Thank you for your time.

3 SPEAKER GIFFORD: Good morning, Commissioners. My
4 name is Brenda Gifford, I have attended in person three of
5 these meetings and I have appreciated the degree of respect
6 that we felt at each meeting when we spoke.

7 The thing that is concerning me at this point as I
8 look at the maps dated October 28th is the apparent
9 constitutional violation of the compactness. I'm looking at
10 Legislative District 7 that runs about 200 miles north to
11 south and 200 east to west. We -- I can't imagine
12 representing that district and having to cover that amount
13 of geographical space when someone in Phoenix that
14 represents a district would be able to navigate a ten-mile
15 distance.

16 This is so egregious. There's no way that
17 Flagstaff and Sedona have anything to do with us as far as
18 communities of interest. So I don't understand why you
19 would violate both communities of interest and compactness
20 in the way this map is drawn.

21 I appreciate your time and opportunity to speak.

22 SPEAKER IRELAND: Good morning. My name is Tony
23 Ireland. I'm from Apache Junction and several months ago I
24 was at the meeting here in -- in Florence and I advised the
25 Commissioners to -- to not repeat the mistakes of the past.

1 I was referring to -- to -- to the current Congression
2 District Number 1 and its size. At the time it went from
3 Four Corners all the way down close to Tucson. Well, we
4 have the same thing now with Congressional District 2 and
5 also with Legislative District Number 7.

6 The sheer size of it makes it unmanageable, so I
7 just wanted to express my concerns that it's not a viable
8 district as far as I'm concerned and I will yield back the
9 balance of my time.

10 Thank you.

11 SPEAKER NELSON: Commissioners, my name is Matthew
12 Nelson, I live at Saddlebrooke Ranch in Oracle, Arizona. I
13 have seen many of the IRC meetings and have been, for the
14 most part, pretty impressed by the meetings, however I've
15 got some concerns for what has happened recently.

16 The IRC I do not believe are making decisions on
17 maps that are geographically compact and contiguous as
18 practical and not many of the districts are fair and
19 competitive. Need to make maps fair and competitive so that
20 people when they are voting will vote because of the races
21 will be close.

22 Also, political party registration and voting
23 registration cannot be used to draw district lines by the
24 Arizona law. Arizona law prohibits that, yet on the night
25 before the final day the Commission voted on a new map,

1 there was a map that was drawn up by the -- by clearly
2 people from the -- from another par- -- from a party and
3 they gerrymandered the district that I live in to include
4 Marana; and then also CD-6 where I live was also
5 gerrymandered. So I believe the Commission, when they make
6 their final maps, should take a look at this and the
7 concerns that people have been bringing up and make the --
8 the maps fair.

9 The IRC is -- is something that people in the
10 country wish that they had and we've got to continue to work
11 at it, it's relatively new. This is only the third time
12 that we're using it and can't go back to gerrymandering.

13 Thank you.

14 SPEAKER ALLEN: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,
15 my name is Bob Allen. I live in Saddlebrooke. I've lived
16 there since 2013; I'm a retired broadcast executive who
17 escaped the state of California.

18 I would like to talk for a minute here about
19 Legislative District 17 which it now includes Saddlebrooke
20 and Saddlebrooke Ranch. These are both retirement
21 communities and if you take a quick look at the map, you'll
22 see that the current approved map has been gerrymandered to
23 include those two in a new District 17. In addition to
24 that, there is no geographical connection between
25 Saddlebrooke, Saddlebrooke Ranch and Marana and Oro Valley.

1 In fact they are separated by a range of mountains so I
2 believe this violates the law.

3 In addition, District 6, which is the district that
4 we are now being moved into from District 1, in the past we
5 have been -- we've represented a district that included
6 large parts of Indian country and now those parts are
7 completely gone. We were a rural district and now with an
8 incredibly gerrymandered map which includes an arm that goes
9 all the way up to Maricopa County, we're now part of a very,
10 very urban area. So I believe that that needs to be looked
11 at again.

12 Thank you very much.

13 SPEAKER RODRIGUEZ: My name is Mary Rodriguez, I'm
14 a resident of Casa Grande. Thank you, Madam, Commissioners,
15 thank you for holding these hearings.

16 I've resided in Casa Grande for the last 15 years
17 and I am involved in various volunteer and civic activities.
18 I've been in Arizona since 1977.

19 I retired last year and I have worked and my
20 husband has worked for mining companies, so we've lived in a
21 lot of little mining towns around the state.

22 Casa Grande, Eloy, and Arizona City are a
23 contiguous and compact community and they've been split up
24 in this new CD-6. That needs to be relooked at. Maricopa,
25 which is in Pinal County, our whole county is an area -- a

1 community of interest and that's been carved out.

2 So this new CD-6 needs to be relooked at, they've
3 reached all the way over to the eastern part of the state
4 and grabbed Greenlee County, which is a big mining district
5 and probably is better served being with the other mining
6 communities. Casa Grande is an agricultural -- Pinal County
7 is agricultural, Graham County is too, so those make sense
8 and -- it's just it need to be relooked at.

9 So thank you for allowing me to testify today.

10 SPEAKER MITCHELL: Hi, my name is Sherry Mitchell,
11 I live and work in Arizona City.

12 I attend church in Arizona City. I shop in Casa
13 Grande, go to the doctors in Casa Grande, auto repair
14 mechanics, everything -- everything we do is in Casa Grande.
15 And -- and we need our -- our -- we don't -- I don't have
16 children in school, but I know many home-schooled children
17 that participate in work groups, study groups, in Casa
18 Grande, and the high school for Arizona City is in Casa
19 Grande. We need to be made a part of Casa Grande, period.

20 We do not visit Tucson or -- or south to the
21 border. We are -- we are part of Casa Grande and that's our
22 contiguous community -- community designation.

23 Thank you.

24 SPEAKER BRYAN: Hi, hello, my name is Jess Bryant;
25 I'm from Globe, Arizona.

1 I come to you to speak about the five eastern
2 counties -- the five place eastern counties. We wish to
3 have our rural voice restored for our legislative district,
4 solely rural and undivided, the five eastern counties. We
5 have several cities/towns now that have adopted resolutions
6 to this effect. Those are Republicans and Democrats and
7 Independents and whites and Hispanics and men and women.
8 Our politics are rural, they're not metro.

9 I actually echo much of what has been said here
10 today as I agree from the opposite end of the coin. So
11 please -- please give a voice to us here in rural Arizona.
12 Hopefully you will have the opportunity to hear from us some
13 more. Do not link us to urban, metro, suburban areas.

14 I've heard a lot of these areas that are suburban
15 being called rural and I would disagree with that. We are
16 rural, our small communities across eastern Arizona.
17 Mining, farming, ranching, timber, et cetera, please --
18 please hear our voice and please restore our voice to the
19 legislature without combining us again with any metropolitan
20 or urban areas.

21 Thank you.

22 SPEAKER HAWKINS: Good morning, my name is Nancy
23 Hawkins. I am a native Arizonan. I've lived in Casa Grande
24 for 29 years. I thank you for having these meetings, it's
25 the second one that I've been able to attend.

1 Although you have made great strides I believe in
2 the legislative district that I'm going to be in -- which is
3 16, you were able to connect some of the communities of
4 interest in that one from the regional maps -- I am
5 concerned over the congressional districts because you have
6 literally carved out from Casa Grande and from CD-7 -- or 6,
7 and made Arizona City and Eloy a CD-7.

8 I live in Casa Grande across the street from the
9 city of Eloy and my office is in Arizona City. Those three
10 communities literally border each other on three sides. You
11 walk across the street on any one of them and you are in the
12 next city, they are an integral part to each other. I think
13 it is absolutely -- it makes no sense to have a carve-out
14 there of that small area and not have it be part of
15 Congressional District 6.

16 In CD-7 it is literally probably 80 miles away from
17 the nearest community, we have nothing in common with any of
18 the communities that you've connected us with. Nor is it
19 compact or contiguous.

20 I am also concerned that Pinal County has more CDs
21 in it now than it did when we started. Pinal County is one
22 county, one community of interest for a large part, we
23 extended part of us over into the mining communities. It's
24 my understanding the mining communities wanted to be
25 represented more or less together; and then you have taken

1 the city of Maricopa and put that into another congressional
2 district. We are connected together, we all work together,
3 we shop together, we do things together in Pinal County so I
4 would hope that you would do a better job of maybe
5 connecting and putting Pinal County back whole.

6 Thank you.

7 MS. CRANK: We will now go back to Phoenix.

8 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you. I will call the next five
9 speakers and if you could line up as I call your name, it
10 would be appreciated. Also, please remember it's a
11 two-minute time. If you need guidance for your speaking,
12 the time clock is over there.

13 First is Brian Schaumloffel, Sandi Bartlett, Carol
14 Cherry is number three, Karen Garrett is number four and
15 Steven Steele is the fifth speaker.

16 SPEAKER SCHAUMLOFFEL: My comments are in reference
17 to the legislative districts in the East Valley. My name is
18 Brian Schaumloffel, I have been a life-long resident of the
19 East Valley. I went to school at some time in the Kyrene
20 School District; I went to school in the Tempe Union School
21 District. I've had many jobs across the East Valley, I've
22 worked in many locations across the East Valley, and I think
23 that the current draft maps right now do a poor job at
24 reflecting communities of interest in the East Valley.

25 For instance, the city of Gilbert has a population

1 of 267,000 and yet despite having enough population to have
2 its own legislative district, the city is split in five
3 parts. I think the voices, the community of interest of
4 Gilbert, is completely diluted in the current draft maps.

5 The city of Chandler, despite it having a
6 population of 275,000 people, is split across three
7 legislative districts. The city of Mesa, which has a
8 population of 504,000 people is split across four
9 legislative districts. And even though the city of Mesa is
10 the second largest city in the state of Arizona, there's not
11 a -- there's no legislative district that's entirely
12 contained within the city of Mesa.

13 The city of Apache Junction is split two ways, the
14 city of Queen Creek is split two ways, despite the fact that
15 the cities are small enough to be contained within their
16 own -- to be contained within a single legislative district.

17 I think that the current maps in the East Valley do
18 a poor job at reflecting municipal boundaries within the
19 East Valley. I think that ideally the Commission should try
20 to minimize city splits to two districts and if possible
21 keep cities within a single district to the best extent that
22 they can.

23 I yield my time. Thanks.

24 SPEAKER BARTLETT: Good morning. My name is Sandi
25 Bartlett and I live in Gilbert. I would like to start out

1 first by saying we would appreciate having a hearing for the
2 East Valley, there's none scheduled yet so we're hoping that
3 you will do that.

4 I live in the northwest part of Gilbert and have
5 lived there for 15 years. Our area is the heart and soul of
6 Gilbert. Downtown area is filled with new shops and
7 restaurants that we visit often and that is where the
8 Gilbert farmer's market is, and where the town council makes
9 our laws.

10 However, your maps removed -- well, first you split
11 Gilbert into five districts. Your map removes two blocks in
12 Gilbert and puts them into downtown Mesa which is LD-9, then
13 you remove three more blocks below that and you put them
14 into an area that reaches west all the way to I-10,
15 Ahwatukee.

16 We -- I do not consider those communities of
17 interest and that's one of the top issues that the
18 U.S. Constitution sets forth for you.

19 There's no good reason that the northern border of
20 Gilbert is not Baseline and the western border of Gilbert is
21 Arizona Avenue because that is the natural city boundaries,
22 and so I would request that you look at stretching those
23 boundaries out.

24 As far for the congressional districts, I ask that
25 you keep all of Gilbert together with Queen Creek and Mesa;

1 District 5 should follow also the county line and should not
2 go into Pinal County.

3 Your current maps to me make absolutely no sense
4 with the -- the -- Gilbert being split into five and would
5 consider communities of interest or fairness and I ask that
6 you keep Gilbert whole.

7 Thank you.

8 SPEAKER CHERRY: Good morning. My name is Carol
9 Cherry and I live in the infamous Gilbert panhandle.

10 The Arizona Constitution directs the IRC to follow
11 six criteria to create district maps. The proposed map for
12 Gilbert does not follow at least three of those criteria:
13 Number one, districts should be compact. The north Gilbert
14 map looks like a -- oh, I really wish I could see that map
15 of my panhandle.

16 Looks like a Jenga puzzle, it's five different
17 colors. One, we already know that one Jenga piece goes from
18 Val Vista all the way past -- through Chandler through
19 Ahwatukee. This -- that is the opposite of compact and
20 definitely has many communities with vastly different
21 interests.

22 Number two, district boundaries should respect
23 communities of interest. Splitting Gilbert five ways
24 definitely splits up our communities of interest in five
25 different parts.

1 Most concerning is that our heritage district on
2 Gilbert Road is one of the splintered-off Jenga pieces.
3 This is the historic and cultural center of Gilbert. Our
4 Gilbert water tower is a landmark that's been there since
5 1927. This area should absolutely be in a Gilbert district.

6 City and town boundaries, the gentleman before me
7 spoke to that; Gilbert is half the size of Mesa, we're split
8 in five and Mesa is only two big ones.

9 Gilbert is small and I respectfully ask that you
10 just divide us into two districts instead of five similar to
11 Mesa.

12 Regarding Congressional District 5, I would urge
13 the Commission to keep our community, Gilbert, in
14 one district.

15 And lastly, I would like to ask you to hold a
16 hearing in the East Valley because there are a lot of us
17 that drove a long ways today and a lot of people that
18 couldn't drive that far.

19 Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak.

20 SPEAKER GARRETT: Hi, my name is Karen Garrett. I
21 live -- have lived in North Phoenix and Scottsdale for
22 41 years. I have lived near the corner of Pinnacle Peak and
23 Pima for 26 of those years.

24 I would like to speak of communities of interest.
25 I always drive south on Pima and cross the 101 to shop, eat

1 out, and go to church along the 101 corridor.

2 Also, the school district of Scottsdale is split
3 where my children, before they all left my home, used to go
4 to school and many of my friends still are involved in the
5 Scottsdale School District.

6 As far as competitiveness, the districts of 3 and 8
7 are like a 40 point difference and that makes that very
8 disruptive and very not following the -- the rules.

9 The way the LD District 3 is currently drawn, it
10 spans approximately 36 miles east and west from Fountain
11 Hills to Lake Pleasant. I've heard a group of women talking
12 at one of these meetings that they have never been to
13 Fountain Hills; and similarly, where I live, in Lake
14 Pleasant, the only couple times I've been there is to go to
15 the shooting range of Ben Avery.

16 As far as the CDs, I would like to say that in
17 compact Maricopa County, the current map shows a large,
18 expansive district, CD-1, spanning from urban
19 Central Phoenix to suburban cities of North Scottsdale --
20 Scottsdale and North Phoenix to the rural areas of Anthem
21 and New River. I propose that we remove urban
22 Central Phoenix.

23 Thank you.

24 SPEAKER STEELE: Good morning. My name is Steven
25 Steele. I'm from Gilbert, Arizona.

1 This is my second appearance before the committee
2 but the first with any proposed mapping.

3 Gilbert is the sixth largest city in the State of
4 Arizona and it's a thriving community comprised of
5 multiple businesses, industries. Just looking at your
6 proposed mapping right now you've divided it into five
7 different districts. I don't believe that that is concise
8 or compact, nor does it serve the businesses and the people
9 of the city of Gilbert.

10 I believe that the legislative districts need to be
11 compact and need to be focused on serving the people and the
12 industries that they encompass.

13 At the very most I think Gilbert should not be
14 divided into more than two districts. I think the best
15 place to make that division would be Germann Road.
16 Everything south of Germann Road could be combined with
17 Chandler or a district on the south side; everything north
18 of Germann Road could be a stand-alone district for the
19 city, the industry, and the citizens of Gilbert, Arizona.

20 In terms of the congressional districts, when it
21 comes to commonalities it seems to make more sense to me
22 that we combine Gilbert and Mesa. The western boundary of
23 this district could be comprised of either Stapley Drive
24 and Cooper Road or possibly even move another mile to the
25 west and make that boundary Arizona and Country Club Drive.

1 The city limits of Mesa would be the boundary on
2 the north, the east Hunt Highway would be the boundary on
3 the south and they would extend all the way to the Maricopa
4 County line for that congressional district.

5 I would like to thank you for your time and
6 consideration, and I would also like to reiterate my desire
7 for a meeting in the East Valley to make it a little more
8 easy for people in Apache Junction, for east-west Mesa, east
9 Gilbert, all of the other areas out there to attend these
10 meetings because I think you would have a very good turnout.

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just would like to make a
13 comment. First of all, thank you all, you're giving great,
14 very specific comments. If you do have very specific
15 recommendations we do advise you to try to submit a map or
16 submit those in writing in some way as well.

17 We are, of course, taking notes and we are
18 transcribing it, but some of you have referenced some maps
19 that have been submitted, so we encourage you to continue
20 to -- or to consider submitting some of those maps as some
21 of you have already done and we'd like to see some more.

22 Thank you.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKER: Where do you want us to submit
24 these?

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: You can actually turn those

1 into our staff if you have them already drawn, we'll take
2 paper copies of those today. You can always send in paper
3 copies and then you can also send in using our mapping
4 program, so we have lots of options for you.

5 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you, Commissioner Lerner. We
6 will do five more speakers in Phoenix before turning it back
7 to Florence. So the next five in order are Earl Shafer,
8 then number two will be Bruce Fixman, number three will be
9 Traci Robb, number four will be Karen Lambourne, and then
10 number five will be Somia Abdelgadir.

11 Thank you.

12 SPEAKER SHAFER: Hi, my name is Earl Shafer. I
13 live in Gilbert in a community called the Islands. I am
14 retired and I'm a Marine veteran.

15 After looking at the proposed legislative district,
16 the city of Gilbert is cut up in five districts. This is an
17 impractical and an unacceptable division of the sixth
18 largest city in the Arizona. Further, this division of
19 representation of Gilbert citizens does not equitably serve
20 the needs of either the citizens or the industry.

21 I feel Gilbert could -- should be divided in two
22 legislative districts, and I will submit the new maps and
23 the areas but I'll read the borders that I have here.

24 It makes a lot more sense to divide Gilbert at
25 Germann Road, this would unite south Gilbert with Chandler.

1 These two areas have more in common and this combination
2 would benefit voters in both areas. North Germann Road
3 would be second district in Gilbert; this would be a
4 stand-alone district for the voters, citizens and industry
5 north of Germann Road.

6 In terms of congressional districts, when it comes
7 to commonality it makes more sense to combine areas of
8 Gilbert and Mesa. This could be done by the proposing of
9 western boundaries lines to Arizona Avenue, the east
10 boundary would be set at the Maricopa line, the north
11 boundary line would be the Mesa city limit, and the south
12 boundary line would be the line running parallel to east
13 Hunt Highway from the intersection of south Cooper and east
14 Hunt Highway, running parallel to east Hunt Highway ending
15 at the Maricopa line.

16 I, too, would like to see a hearing held for the
17 East Valley. I don't know why it was canceled, it should be
18 on and I'd like to see that started because there's a lot of
19 people out there that would like to talk.

20 I'd like to thank you all for my considerations and
21 recommendations and thank you again for your time.

22 SPEAKER FIXMAN: Hello, IRC. Thank you for your
23 time and consideration. My name is Bruce Fixman; I've been
24 an East Valley resident for 25 years where I also operate my
25 business.

1 My comments are very similar to a group of many of
2 the folks here today so I'll keep my comments brief.

3 The -- the panhandle that we've all been talking
4 about, it does hurt several communities of interest,
5 especially the Latino and the Asian American communities, so
6 I do propose that you re-examine that and remove the
7 panhandle that you have in LD-12.

8 Thank you.

9 SPEAKER ROBB: Hi, name is Traci Robb, I live in
10 northwest Gilbert. I moved there 21 years ago, I raised my
11 children there. I've served on the school board in the
12 Gilbert School District. My kids graduated from the Gilbert
13 School District with honors and very involved in track and
14 golf. My kids even attended Chandler-Gilbert Community
15 College.

16 We attend church in Gilbert and I have a special
17 needs daughter who's involved in SPED programs in Gilbert
18 both through the school district and through the parks and
19 rec department.

20 We love our downtown, we love our historical
21 district; Gilbert is very proud of itself, we have a lot of
22 reason to be.

23 I'm very extremely unhappy with the layout that's
24 proposed for redistricting the -- the redistricting map.
25 Gilbert is divided, as you know, into five areas. The

1 corridor is killing us all. We just really don't understand
2 that one at all.

3 The interest of our community is not being served;
4 we really don't even know what was considered here. No part
5 of Gilbert should be attached to Mesa or Ahwatukee. Gilbert
6 really should have its own legislative district, but I do
7 agree with some of the proposals I've heard where you cut it
8 off from, like, south of Germann Road, that would actually
9 work.

10 Where I live in the northwest part of Gilbert which
11 right now is Legislative 17, you want to put us now with
12 Legislative 9 which breaks us completely off into Mesa.

13 We also want to stay part of legis- -- or the
14 Congressional District 5, and the way it's proposed as of
15 now you have us in Congressional District 4, again with
16 Mesa.

17 As you've heard multiple times today, I have a lot
18 of friends and family and neighbors that want to do their
19 own meeting for East Valley with you guys. We're not scary.
20 We would be kind. But we really do need to hear and --
21 we'd love it to be the person. I'd bring brownies if you
22 want.

23 Thank you for you time. It's really important to
24 us that you really consider the things that we're asking
25 for.

1 MS. VAN HAREN: And before the next speaker, if we
2 can have the Spanish interpreter come up and introduce
3 herself. We want to remind everybody that we have a Spanish
4 interpreter here.

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: I'm the Spanish interpreter,
6 my name is Miriam, last name is Puta (phonetic).

7 If there's a need for an interpreter, if you know
8 of someone, please come and find me, I'll be in the back of
9 the room.

10 (Spanish language.)

11 SPEAKER LAMBOURNE: Hello, I'm Karen Lambourne, I
12 am a resident of Chandler. I live out by Chandler Heights.
13 I recently moved and have lived there 14 years previously,
14 25 years as a public school teacher and then substituting in
15 the Gilbert School District.

16 I wholeheartedly support the proposed LD-13 7.0
17 version of the map that you have up on the screen, the green
18 one, with the Ray Road on the northern boundary, the
19 Greenfield on the eastern, the Hunt Highway and Old Price
20 Road. I support it because with the exception of the
21 correction that were -- we had a problem because you had
22 split our legislative district into Chandler Congressional
23 District 5 and then you cross the street and you're in
24 Congressional District 9, which as I tried to understand the
25 issues to vote and be a participating active citizen,

1 they're so different and it boggled my mind, I couldn't do
2 it.

3 So it's good that you have consolidated into one
4 Congressional District 5, keep it up.

5 This is also a very successful map because it
6 integrates Intel, which is expanding a big industrial
7 complex which we love having; a retirement community,
8 Sun Lakes; regular people with families that are all ages;
9 and is contiguous with the Chandler Unified School District
10 boundaries. We all work together. We're not divided and we
11 love it and with this new map we will continue to be
12 supportive participating Arizonans.

13 Thank you so much.

14 MS. CAMACHO: And our fifth speaker was Somia
15 Abdelgadir. Is she here? Somia?

16 Okay. Okay. That concludes our five speakers,
17 then, here and we will turn it back to Florence.

18 MS. CRANK: Our next eight speakers. Mark Prose,
19 Steve Hetsler, Jerry Walker, Arthur Boren, Phyllis
20 Pettijohn, Patricia Peterson, David Palenshus -- I'm sorry
21 if I pronounce your name wrong, Palenski, Palenges
22 [phonetic] and Kathleen Nowak.

23 SPEAKER PROSE: Good morning. Mark Prose, I'm from
24 Saddlebrooke Ranch.

25 To the board and your staff, I want to thank you

1 for all your hard work in drawing up the proposed districts.
2 Thank you for -- I spoke in August and requested that
3 Saddlebrooke Ranch be made part of the community to the
4 south of us, which is -- actually includes Saddlebrooke,
5 Catalina, Oro Valley, Marana, the Catalina -- or the
6 Catalina, Casas Adobes, and Catalina Foothills and you did
7 that. So thank you very much.

8 I'm very satisfied, and I speak for a lot of people
9 up in Saddlebrooke, that CD-6 and Legislative District 17
10 looks like you hit the target.

11 Thank you.

12 SPEAKER HETSLER: Hi, I'm Steve Hetsler. I lived
13 most of my life in Arizona before moving to Gold Canyon
14 early last year.

15 When I spoke at last week's virtual town hall I
16 expressed my concerns about my community being placed in a
17 far-flung LD-7 but I'm equally concerned about being placed
18 in equally far-flung CD-2.

19 When I listened to most of the 200 speakers, I saw
20 two patterns emerge. While others didn't share my specific
21 concern, many others shared similar concerns about the
22 failure to pay proper attention to communities of interest
23 and respect for city and county lines. Calls for
24 competitive districts included lively chat discussion
25 whether this need was on equal footing with the other

1 requirements.

2 The language of Prop 106 answers that question. Of
3 the six requirements, the only unqualified one is adherence
4 to the Constitution and Voting Rights Act. The other five
5 requirements have a qualifier: To the extent practicable.
6 Only section F, the additional qualifier on competitiveness,
7 says "where to do so would create no significant detriment
8 to the other goals." That is the only objective that has
9 that additional qualifier.

10 So while there's -- some are -- see competitiveness
11 as desirable, it cannot be used to split towns, counties and
12 other communities and create far-flung gerrymandered
13 districts. This is not what voters authorized this
14 Commission to do. Every time you hear the word
15 "competitive" you need to attach "secondary" or
16 "subservient" to it.

17 Over half of Pinal County is outside the city
18 limits and county government is there to meet needs that
19 most people get from cities. Pinal County doesn't need to
20 be split into four legislative and three congressional
21 districts.

22 I'd like to see Apache Junction kept intact and,
23 along with neighboring Gold Canyon, be placed in
24 Pinal-focused districts. We can be flexible on how this is
25 done, but putting us in legislative district spanning

1 200 miles and congressional districts with points 400 miles
2 away is not what voters gave you the authority to do.

3 Thank you.

4 SPEAKER WALKER: Folks. My name is Jerry Walker
5 and I'm a resident of Apache Junction, Arizona. Prior to
6 that I lived in Gold Canyon, Arizona; and before that I
7 lived in Mesa, Arizona. I've been in Arizona 22-plus years
8 now and before that I had 28 and a half years in the United
9 States Navy as a combat medic for the Marine Corps most of
10 the time. I'm currently a member of the Central Arizona
11 College Board and before that I was a member of the Maricopa
12 College Board.

13 I'm interested in education, I'm interested in
14 communities of interest and I don't know if any of you have
15 ever attended an LD-16 meeting, LD-16 is considered Maricopa
16 County and Pinal District 5 is completely segregated from
17 them. If you want to destroy a community of interest,
18 you've done a real good job of it because we are in CD -- in
19 Pinal District 5 are completely separated from the Maricopa
20 folks. They have nothing to do with us and they have
21 completely a different mind-set orientation.

22 Most of us who live in Apache Junction and
23 Gold Canyon moved there to avoid the kind of configuration
24 that occurs in Maricopa County and we're not being allowed
25 to be who we are by being in the districts the way you've

1 got them divided.

2 I would truly appreciate your soul-sought
3 consideration and looking at a better way of doing things
4 than this is currently configured.

5 Thank you.

6 SPEAKER BOREN: Hello, my name is Arthur Boren and
7 I live in Eloy.

8 We shop there and my family shops there; my wife
9 and I, our doctors are there. Just about everything we do,
10 we do in Casa Grande. We live on a contiguous community
11 right now -- it's Casa Grande, it's Eloy, and it's Arizona
12 City.

13 Excuse me. We have no lectern here.

14 While our community right now is contiguous,
15 compact and we have common interests -- I'm talking about
16 the communities of Casa Grande, Eloy, and Arizona City, we
17 border each other. You can take a triangle and put a point
18 on each one of those communities: Arizona City borders
19 Eloy, it borders Casa Grande; Eloy borders Casa Grande and
20 Arizona City; and the same with Casa Grande, it borders Eloy
21 and it borders Arizona City, okay.

22 You could probably take a radius in the center of
23 those things that's about 20 miles and incorporate most of
24 those three little communities.

25 When I took a look at your map here I'm saying,

1 gee, why did you take us and rip us away from Casa Grande?
2 The nearest other communities are the Tucson area, which is
3 about 120 miles to the southeast; and the other community is
4 Yuma, which is about 160 miles to the west. And between all
5 of those is the Tohono O'odham Nation. We have nothing in
6 common with those communities, no ill intent, and they're
7 all so far away.

8 Thank you.

9 SPEAKER PETTIJOHN: Good morning. My name is
10 Phyllis Pettijohn, I reside in an active adult community
11 within Pinal County, area code 85623 (verbatim).

12 Like many Americans we routinely function fairly
13 close to home. Our community of interest lies on a 16-mile
14 north-south stretch of Highway 77 between Oracle and
15 Oro Valley, Arizona, and northwest to Florence and Eloy --
16 Eloy, Arizona. All our goods and services are in these four
17 areas which include cultural, educational, religious, as
18 well as social venues.

19 We prefer to have our community of interest remain
20 whole without being sliced up when drawing these district
21 maps. We have absolutely no interest to be lumped in with
22 part of Tucson. Had we wanted -- had we wanted to be part
23 of Tucson or Pima County, we would have purchased a home
24 there.

25 We are very happy, however, with Legislative

1 District 17 as it is in version 10.0. Thank you for that.
2 It includes Oracle, Oro Valley, Marana and Tanque Verde.
3 However, the map for Congressional District 6 has included a
4 portion of Tucson, which we do not want at all. Instead it
5 should include Florence and Eloy, Arizona.

6 As a relative newcomer to Arizona, only three
7 years, I have learned sadly that the previous Commission was
8 too focused on competitiveness, resulting in nearly half of
9 our residents being underrepresented -- represented. In
10 drawing these maps I respectfully ask each of the
11 Commissioners to adhere to the six criteria laid out by the
12 Arizona Constitution.

13 Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns.

14 SPEAKER PETERSON: My name is Patricia Peterson; I
15 live and work in Casa Grande, Pinal County. I have lived in
16 Casa Grande since 1988.

17 I think the concerns here are -- I agree with the
18 Eloy, Casa Grande, and Arizona City issue, with the dividing
19 of that, that that's not right and I think I would ask you
20 to please follow the Constitution and that is the -- the way
21 to resolve a lot of these concerns.

22 So please follow the Constitution.

23 SPEAKER PALENSHUS: My name is David Palenshus, I'm
24 a retired Naval officer -- make this taller -- I live in
25 Oracle, Arizona, in a community called Saddlebrooke Ranch.

1 I would like to start out with some good news because all
2 I've heard with rare exception is complaints. We strongly
3 favor Legislative District Number 17 map 10.0. That's for
4 many residents I've talked to in Saddlebrooke Ranch.

5 Congressionally, and I'm giving you the executive
6 summary here, we recommend the city of Tucson, as
7 Ms. Pettijohn just said, be removed from District 6 in terms
8 of representation. We don't do Tucson. That's why we're
9 out where we are.

10 We'd suggest that you consider the city of Florence
11 and Eloy be included in District 6 in terms of congressional
12 districts.

13 We were rural, we're now urban; we don't want to be
14 urban, it's not why we moved here. So please, I ask for
15 your consideration.

16 I yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER NOWAK: My name is Kathleen Nowak. I
18 reside in San Tan Valley in Queen Creek. That -- those are
19 basically my communities of interest, where we shop and go
20 to the doctor and have our car fixed and everything else.

21 I'm going to speak particularly to LD-15. That
22 area while currently under your maps will have an area of
23 approximately 80 miles east and west and 130 miles north and
24 south and it also includes a small area of Maricopa County
25 at the north end.

1 This portion as it is in Maricopa County would make
2 more sense to go to LD-10 or 14 because of communities of
3 interest.

4 A more logical approach, in my opinion, would be to
5 move the area west of Meridian and north of U.S. 60 to
6 either District 10 or 14. Expecting a representative to
7 address issues in Maricopa County while most of us have a
8 focus in Pinal County would be very illogical.

9 I thank you for the opportunity to speak and I hope
10 you'll consider my views.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. CRANK: That concludes with our speakers in
13 Florence. Back to Phoenix.

14 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you. The remaining 26 speakers
15 are here in Phoenix and so I will call you up five at a
16 time; and if someone should come back to Florence, then we
17 will break at some point to go back to them.

18 So the next five speakers are: First person is
19 Lisa White, second is Bruce Lindquist, third is Deanna
20 Schreckler, the fourth is Janet Bollmann, and the fifth is
21 Mary Wheeler.

22 SPEAKER WHITE: Good morning, Commissioners. Lisa
23 White.

24 (Navajo language spoken.)

25 I always actually make sure that I introduce myself

1 properly as a Native American.

2 My name is Lisa White. I live in the South Phoenix
3 representing the Native community as well. We need more
4 representation for our communities who are struggling. It's
5 representations for our communities who are struggling, it's
6 hard for those who are -- it's hard for those who are
7 struggling to make the right decision when we are not
8 respected or understood.

9 We lack many resources to help our low-income
10 communities become successful, and when that happens
11 unfortunately many make the wrong decision and end up
12 incarcerated and there is almost no help when it comes to
13 supporting the incarcerated community.

14 For once I would like to see candidates who are
15 serious about giving us the tools to succeed and also to get
16 serious about the mass incarceration issue that too many
17 politicians choose to ignore.

18 These people are still humans and deserve a chance
19 to succeed after doing their time because -- 'cause Arizona
20 doesn't believe in second chances.

21 I also am asking for the fifth majority-minority
22 district because we still do not have enough representation
23 and not enough people in government trying to give us the
24 right tools.

25 Thank you.

1 SPEAKER LINDQUIST: Good morning, my name is Bruce
2 Lindquist. I'm an architect and a planner; I've been
3 involved in Arizona since 1956. Got drafted in the Marine
4 Corps in 1969, came back, worked very hard, shortly after
5 that and became an architect and as a planning director of
6 our firm, I overlook the relocation of the Hughes helicopter
7 facility in Mesa, Arizona. I'm redoing all of this because
8 I'm going to get to some points that are important here.

9 When we started working with Hughes helicopter they
10 were very interested in having one identity to work with.
11 They had five sites: Four sites owned by Summa Corporation
12 and one was in Mesa, Arizona, Falcon Field. I remember
13 distinctly that they didn't want to have to deal with a
14 whole lot of other issues if they only had one city.

15 I -- I'm leading to this because it's very
16 important that you combine the cities, look at the school
17 districts; the people that live in Arizona that are
18 residents, the first district they know is school district;
19 second district they know is where they live in a community,
20 whether it's a county or a city because they see that on
21 their tax bill and it's very important that the cities and
22 the communities stay together.

23 I'm in LD-27 soon to be LD-11. I want to lodge a
24 complaint that we're losing three casinos, two Indian
25 tribes, and the state capitol. That's my only complaint.

1 Other than that I think we're -- we will remain
2 pretty much intact in South Phoenix and Laveen.

3 Also, be careful, we are the fastest growing
4 community, Maricopa County, in the United States and have
5 been for the last 25 years. Laveen, I believe, is the
6 fastest growing area in the state right now. Thank you.

7 Good luck.

8 SPEAKER SCHRECKLER: Good morning, Madam Chairman
9 and IRC members. My name is Deanna Schreckler and I have
10 lived in Ahwatukee for 17 years.

11 Currently in LD-18.

12 After reviewing the maps I have just a few
13 suggestions that I would like to share today. Our current
14 LD-18 has some urban parts of Chandler in it and would like
15 to unite downtown Chandler as well. Major businesses along
16 the Price corridor and employees would also be together.

17 Also please continue to keep Ahwatukee together and
18 it has communities of interest.

19 It would be a good to include urban areas of Tempe
20 and Chandler, this would include the area of shopping around
21 the Chandler mall which most of us do quite often.

22 Also, as being an educator, I would also like -- I
23 think it is important to keep the Tempe Union High School
24 District together as well. The schools have been an
25 integral part of our community for decades and our students

1 have had fun school rivalries, competition as well.

2 Thank you for your commitment and long hours of
3 serving the great state of Arizona.

4 SPEAKER BOLLMAN: Good morning, Madam Chairman and
5 Commissioners. My name is Janet Bollman and I have lived in
6 Ahwatukee for over 32 years.

7 I was looking at the proposed map for my area,
8 which would be District 12, and I feel that there should be
9 some things to consider on your redistricting. Ahwatukee
10 may be part of Phoenix but Ahwatukee residents, we have our
11 own community of interest. We are an urban not a rural
12 community, and we attend churches and shop along the
13 Chandler corridor which includes the Chandler mall. Also
14 another consideration which was just brought up is the Tempe
15 High School District which should be kept together, which
16 makes sense.

17 We are a cohesive and distinct community. It
18 follows logic that the 60 should be a natural boundary line.

19 I want to thank you for hearing everyone's concern,
20 especially the concerns of gerrymandering; and we must
21 remember that all elected officials and all public servants
22 serve everyone, and trying to do lines based on racial
23 demographics arguments are just therefore moot because
24 everyone represents -- you represent all of us.

25 And remember that the IRC must adhere to all six

1 criteria as laid out in the Arizona Constitution.

2 You have a tough task and I appreciate all the
3 hours you are doing and all the hours that you have yet to
4 do.

5 Thank you so much. Bye-bye.

6 SPEAKER McFARLAND: Hello, my name is Mary Wheeler
7 McFarland. I'm currently a member of Legislative District
8 18 and I'm addressing the Arizona draft map for Legislative
9 District 12.

10 I think you've had a lot of eloquent speakers here.
11 I'm new to the Ahwatukee area, I've only been here about
12 three and a half years, however I have a son who serves with
13 distinction as a captain in the Army military intelligence,
14 he was at Fort Huachuca for a while, and I believe that the
15 map as proposed with the panhandle -- I'm going to address
16 that area -- it does a disservice to Gilbert by dividing it
17 into five dis- -- legislative districts. I don't think
18 those citizens can be adequately represented that way. The
19 schools are broken up, the businesses are broken up, the
20 communities broken up. We don't have a commonality of
21 interest with that area.

22 I believe that some of the proposals that have
23 previously been made, changing Guadalupe to 60, putting in a
24 certain business corridor, things of that nature, would make
25 the map cleaner and would represent our interests better.

1 And so I'm also asking that we have more hearings on this
2 matter.

3 Thank you for your time and I yield back my time to
4 another speaker.

5 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you very much. We have another
6 five speakers, I'll call them in order. Number one is
7 Roberto Miller; the second one and forgive me if I get your
8 name incorrectly, looks like Noura Ibrahim; next person is
9 Jawaher Abbas; and the fourth person is Andrew Adams; and
10 then the fifth person is Henry Nantalie (phonetic).

11 MS. CAMACHO: Roberto Miller.

12 SPEAKER MILLER: Roberta.

13 MS. CAMACHO: Roberta Miller.

14 SPEAKER MILLER: Good morning, Madam Chair and
15 Commission members. My name is Roberta Neil Miller, which
16 is probably why our -- the person -- I'm sorry -- she got my
17 name wrong. I go by Roberta or by Neal and I would like to
18 first really thank you for your service on this Commission.
19 This cannot be an easy job balancing all of these competing
20 interests. What you're performing is a -- is a civic duty
21 and again we really appreciate that.

22 I have a huge interest in the city of Tempe. I
23 went to ASU, undergrad, graduate school, college of law; I
24 practiced law for most of my career in the East Valley,
25 beginning as a prosecuting attorney with the Maricopa County

1 Attorney's office, prosecuting violent crime; and more
2 recently in civil private practice in the city of Tempe.
3 I'm the chair of my neighborhood association, I've lived in
4 the same house for the last 28 years, built in 1967; I live
5 about one mile south of ASU.

6 So I am in legislative -- current Legislative
7 District 26 and I am part of that community of interest of
8 ASU and the surrounding neighborhoods.

9 Let me tell you first of all that I really
10 appreciate the fact that you have kept together the north
11 Tempe ASU surrounding neighborhood community of interest. I
12 think that is very appropriate, we definitely constitute a
13 community of interest, and having lived there for 28 years
14 and being the chair of a neighborhood association for the
15 last ten years and practicing law there, I think that's
16 something I can tell you with a fair amount of authority.

17 What I do not like, respectfully, is the fact that
18 you have carved Tempe up into four separate legislative
19 districts. Now, I understand that the constitution or
20 Proposition 106 as incorporated in the constitution talks
21 about observing and respecting city boundaries to the
22 extent --

23 MS. CAMACHO: Time.

24 SPEAKER MILLER: -- practicable.

25 I'm sorry, my time is up. I talk too much. Thanks

1 very much.

2 SPEAKER IBRAHIM: Hi, I'm new to this, but my name
3 is Noura, and I'm a high school student from Hamilton High
4 School in Chandler, having changed schools from Metro Tech
5 to Hamilton.

6 Metro Tech is located in Phoenix, I believe
7 South Phoenix. I noticed that there was a big difference
8 when it came to equal opportunity. For example, I noticed
9 that Metro Tech lacks many of the resources and programs
10 that higher-income communities get, like Hamilton, since
11 it's surrounded by those of higher income and I would like
12 to see candidates do a better job of fixing the school
13 systems in Phoenix by giving the students the same
14 opportunities and programs I now get to take advantage of.
15 And I think that one way to do so is by making sure that we
16 draw these districts in a fair, competitive way that forces
17 parties on both sides to fight harder for our families'
18 votes and not forget about lower-income communities that
19 still matter and desperately need equal opportunity.

20 Thank you.

21 SPEAKER ABBAS: Good morning, everyone. Thank you
22 for this opportunity to be sharing for the redistricting in
23 Arizona, and my name is Jawaher Abbas and I am representing
24 the refugee community in Chandler District 13.

25 First, I like how the -- the Asian community and

1 Latino communities designed there and I support more
2 competitive district because currently I don't feel that
3 anyone is forgetting from our vote and we -- we feel that
4 small business in refugee community are neglecting and not
5 getting any support, any strong support like other large
6 corporation do, and we need more competitive district where
7 candidates will asking my community what we need because we
8 believing in American dream and successful life and right
9 now we feel lost and forgetting.

10 That is why I want to see more competitive
11 district, so candidates and representatives will ask
12 everyone what we need and not just some people.

13 Thank you.

14 SPEAKER ADAMS: Hello, everyone, my name is Andrew
15 Adams. I'm a homeowner in Gilbert and a small business
16 owner and I'm currently in what is now Legislative
17 District 12. I just have a couple of concerns about the new
18 Legislative District 12 as drawn.

19 A lot of people have brought up the panhandle, I'm
20 going to bring it up again. In my current legislative
21 district, I'm able to get to everyone or everyone's location
22 within about 30 minutes; with the new proposals, I'm seeing
23 times of about 30 to 40 percent more travel time to reach
24 other ends of the district.

25 I would also like to see Gilbert not split up into

1 more than two districts. I've heard that from other people.
2 I don't think it's very fair that Mesa, which is a much
3 larger city, is broken up into less districts while Gilbert
4 is broken up into five.

5 So I -- I conducted a poll of people in the local
6 area to try to figure out what -- where people went for work
7 and where they commuted. If you look at the panhandle that
8 brings Legislative District 12 towards the 10, out of the
9 about a hundred people that I talked to, only about two to
10 three of those people commuted in that direction or had
11 business in that direction on a weekly basis, so I just want
12 to bring that to the attention -- I heard someone from
13 Ahwatukee bring up the point that we don't share communities
14 of interest. Well, I'm the other side. I agree.

15 So thank you for your time, I know it's a public
16 service that you're providing and I do really appreciate
17 everybody's time and -- and thoughtfulness on these issues.
18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER YORK: I have a question.

20 SPEAKER ADAMS: Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER YORK: So they commute north-south?

22 SPEAKER ADAMS: What I found most is, as you see
23 Legislative District 12 as drawn now, most of the people
24 either come from San Tan Valley or Queen Creek either go
25 north like you said and if they're going to go towards

1 Phoenix, they'll go north and then -- and then take the 60
2 and go that route. I didn't really find anybody that
3 went -- that took the 202 all the way out that way. So I
4 just didn't think -- and owning a business, too, I have
5 business in all, you know, what is Legislative District 12
6 now, but really nothing out that way and didn't find anyone
7 that has that as well, so. Appreciate that.

8 SPEAKER MANALO: Hi, my name is Henry Manalo. I've
9 been looking and reviewing the congressional districts as of
10 the moment. I do believe that when you place District 9
11 it's really closing into -- encroaching into the actual
12 city, I don't think they actually represent the full
13 capacity of that district as being rural and set as more as
14 a urban and it also misrepresents us as, you know, as an
15 urban city. When you sit down and you look as far as to
16 Buckeye, a lot of -- a lot of communities out there are set
17 semirural, but also as well as semiurban. A lot align
18 through, you know, the I-10 as coming in.

19 As well as when if you look at the congressional --
20 at the LD I believe -- LD District 11 as coming in, that's
21 all kind of weird in the percents, that can be a fifth
22 Latino district and it can be -- it can help a lot -- a lot
23 of people.

24 You know, I live in district currently what's
25 representative of as to the draft as District 11. We have a

1 hard -- we -- we don't have a lot of resources and as I've
2 seen so far, all the way to Thomas and Indian School, it's
3 literally we still considered South Phoenix.

4 The only reason why is because a lot of -- a lot of
5 small Latino communities in that district, okay, still
6 propagated (verbatim), move, go to work in all that
7 low-district (verbatim) area so that would be the best
8 represented.

9 Thank you.

10 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you. I will call the next ten
11 speakers. The first is Steve Black, second will be Loraine
12 Pellegrino, third will be Ayden Young, fourth will be Tomika
13 Brown, fifth will be Akol Akol, sixth will be Diane Hirsch,
14 seventh will be Tega Maidoh, eighth will be Louise Huber,
15 ninth will Jeffrey Tucker, and then Tamara Miller will be
16 the tenth speaker.

17 SPEAKER BLACK: Thank you for inviting me, Chair
18 and everybody on council. My name is Steve Black, I live in
19 Maricopa County, I'm here today giving you information about
20 my interests.

21 I'm near 48th Street north of Ray Road in Ahwatukee
22 area, a long-time native of Phoenix, born in St. Joe's
23 Hospital. I've lived in North Phoenix, I've lived in
24 Peoria, I've lived in Mesa, I've lived in Tempe area and I
25 live now in Ahwatukee.

1 Very familiar for a long time a lot of community in
2 Arizona as well as I built over 150 commercial building
3 projects, I have a background in construction and
4 technology, I am very familiar with most of all the
5 communities in Arizona as well as the Ahwatukee area.

6 My biggest concerns is this and one of the most
7 important is my community is basically made up of families,
8 middle class, homeowners, college professionals, small
9 business, retail, commercial, long-time native residents of
10 Phoenix. Some are homeowners that are retired along with
11 many professionals that live in our community and work
12 around the Chandler, Tempe, as well as Phoenix area.

13 The whole areas and the people in terms that live
14 there, a lot of them commute back and forth between schools,
15 jobs, the chambers that are part of them, all act as kind of
16 one. And I'm talking about the Arizona City, the west
17 Chandler areas, the north Chandler areas, the south Tempe
18 areas.

19 The leg that which represents from 101 east in that
20 area towards Mesa really doesn't have any part of those kind
21 of communities and the growth of Arizona, and I don't think
22 they should be included in that from a congressional
23 standpoint nor from a standpoint of legislative as far as 12
24 is concerned. They should not be into the cities of
25 Gilbert; Pinal should take on downtown Chandler because it's

1 similar in community of interest and a lot of people do a
2 lot of shopping, Phoenix, back and forth on those areas.

3 There's going to be more growth happening in terms
4 of the future there but I think those are more stable
5 communities the way they are now. Interests should be
6 about --

7 Thank you for my time.

8 SPEAKER PELLEGRINO: Good morning. My name is
9 Loraine Pellegrino. I've been a resident of Ahwatukee for
10 26 years. My husband and I are very active citizens in our
11 community. My remarks today concern the proposed LD-12.

12 Our immediate neighbors in Ahwatukee strive to be a
13 close-knit community within our district. We organize block
14 parties, support local charities, and the annual Ahwatukee
15 festival of lights. Although we're a part of Phoenix, the
16 residents of Ahwatukee and the few miles surrounding us have
17 enjoyed a reputation of having a neighborhood feel.

18 People stay connected through social media and our
19 hometown paper, the Ahwatukee Foothills News. Our children
20 primarily attend the Kyrene and Tempe Union School
21 Districts. Ahwatukee must stay together and would be well
22 suited to include urban areas of Tempe and Chandler only.

23 This would keep our school districts the same and
24 include the area of Chandler mall where most people from
25 Ahwatukee shop.

1 For decades residents have considered the
2 national -- the natural southern boundary of our community
3 to be Pecos Road or what is now the 202.

4 Not surprisingly, I am against the current 10.0 map
5 which has our district boundaries extending to Gilbert,
6 which is split into five legislative districts. The
7 community is spread out more than 20 miles end to end, I'm
8 convinced that overexpansion would interfere with the common
9 interest of our residents. It is impossible under the
10 current configuration to create and maintain the community
11 of interest which is so desired.

12 Please consider taking the long east finger out to
13 condense our district.

14 One of the most important criteria that the
15 Commission is required to adhere to is the creation of a
16 district that accurately represents communities of interest
17 who live and work together.

18 Thank you for your time and for volunteering.

19 SPEAKER YOUNG: Hi, my name is Ayden Young and the
20 town of Gilbert has been my home for more than 24 years.

21 I would like to speak about the boundary issue
22 you've established for legislative districts that include
23 parts of Gilbert; and as you may have heard, pieces of
24 Gilbert have been broken up into five separate legislative
25 districts.

1 My own home has been assigned to District 12 which
2 generally covers east and north Mesa. When I think of
3 Gilbert, I think of the Riparian Preserve, the library, my
4 children's school, Bashas, Home Depot, Sam's club, Joe's
5 Real BBQ and the Gilbert water tower. I think about my
6 church and my friends. None of these are in the district
7 for which my home has been assigned.

8 The icon of Gilbert is the water tower. I have no
9 idea of what Mesa residents consider iconic. You've
10 assigned our water tower to a district covering Ahwatukee,
11 District 12. Other parts of what I would consider the
12 greater Gilbert downtown area are in Districts 9, 10, and
13 13. Makes no sense and is inconsistent with your high
14 priority requirement to consider communities of interest.

15 You have a section on your website aggregating data
16 received from the public on communities of interest. For
17 Gilbert there's a high -- rated high level of the community
18 association that generally extends to the U.S. 60 on the
19 north. Respectfully suggest that you extend District 14 to
20 that line or at least to Baseline Road, which is Gilbert's
21 town boundary. My family and I belong in District 14.

22 For congressional districts, the southeast corner
23 of District 4, which includes north Chandler and Gilbert,
24 combines these areas with Ahwatukee and Tempe. It makes
25 much more sense to include that area with their communities

1 of interest in District 5 which includes the areas to the
2 south and west.

3 Thank you.

4 SPEAKER BROWN: Hi, my name is Tomika Brown. I
5 live at Indian School and 33rd Avenue right now. I have had
6 to move around a lot due to the housing crisis, however, so
7 I don't identify with one area of Phoenix.

8 I do think, though, that we need five majority
9 Latino state districts in Maricopa County without dividing
10 our communities so that we can have better representation.
11 It is important to me that we are able to let folks that
12 know what we are going through because the housing crisis
13 has become a lot worse since the pandemic and also
14 overlooked and we need our voice heard.

15 Thank you for your time.

16 SPEAKER AKOL: Good morning, Madam Chair and
17 members of IRC. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.
18 My name is Akol Akol, South Vietnamese American. I'm
19 representing -- representing the refugees community in
20 South Phoenix and Laveen. I living in District 11 since
21 2006 and 19 years old in Arizona.

22 I want to express that we need someone who will
23 understand the struggle that comes with relocating to a new
24 country and that we need more refugees resources center that
25 can help us with learn -- learning and understanding

1 English, understanding the different culture here; and also
2 ways to be able to help ourself become more successful and
3 self -- selfness, we cannot do that if no one reaches out or
4 makes an honest effort.

5 I want to ask that there be another
6 majority-minority district so that we can give the refugees'
7 community in South Phoenix proper representation and our
8 hard worker people better opportunities.

9 Also we have a lot of elders who need help, hard
10 workers, and (inaudible/beeping) and English.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you, sir.

13 Our next speaker was Diane Hirsch, is Diane still
14 here?

15 SPEAKER HIRSCH: I'm not going to speak.

16 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you. Then it will be Tega
17 Maidoh.

18 SPEAKER MAIDOH: Good morning, Commissioners. I am
19 Tega Maidoh. I'm a resident of Tempe in the Rotary Park
20 precinct, so my comments are going to be about the LDs
21 particularly in the East Valley.

22 I believe Tempe should be divided into two
23 districts only, D-8 and D-12, and the borders should be
24 around Baseline -- around Baseline and Southern around the
25 Rotary Park precincts and the Hollis precincts. I believe

1 that will be a more of an appropriate border.

2 I also believe that the parts of D-4 that are east
3 of Scottsdale Road should be moved into D-8. I also support
4 the Salt River Reservation being part of D-9 because of
5 the -- the common interests in regards to school districts.

6 In regards to D-12, I'm -- I'm thankful for how you
7 put all of the Kyrene School District in that district but
8 changes that can -- should definitely be made should be to
9 remove the panhandle; and I support the city of Sun Lakes,
10 Friendship, Tempe, and the Ocotillo neighborhoods of
11 Chandler being put into D-12 because they are communities of
12 interest with the Ahwatukee area in terms of retirement
13 communities.

14 Next, I would say -- I'd suggest that Gilbert also
15 only be split into two districts, but the northwest Gilbert
16 district be ordered into D-13 as -- as it's currently is in
17 the current -- the old LD-17.

18 And, finally, I also support the addition of a
19 extra majority Latino seat in Maricopa County. I believe
20 that's the right thing to do based on Latino growth and that
21 will be all.

22 Thank you.

23 MS. CAMACHO: The next speaker was Louise Huber.
24 Is Louise here?

25 Then we will follow with Jeffrey Tucker.

1 SPEAKER TUCKER: Hi there and thank you for the
2 opportunity to speak. My name is Jeffrey Tucker, I am also
3 a resident of Tempe and I actually kind of echo the last
4 speaker's comments so I'm going to cede my time and get us
5 out of here a little bit sooner.

6 He really stated everything very accurately in
7 terms of what I feel. My big argument is really keep our
8 cities together. Keep us together and try not to split us
9 up as much.

10 Thank you so much and thank you for all the work
11 you do.

12 SPEAKER MILLER: Hello, my name is Tamara Miller.
13 And my comments can be found online as well, I wrote them
14 out.

15 Thank you for your time and dedication to the task
16 of redistricting and for your reception to our community
17 comments.

18 I'm a retired public school teacher and have lived
19 in south Tempe in close proximity to Chandler for over
20 30 years. I feel compelled to speak up regarding the good
21 things and concerns I have about the approved LD draft map.
22 I have three asks. I feel that the aim should be to keep
23 like communities more together within one district and
24 reflect the shared interest of the communities.

25 For example, it appears that the approved LD draft

1 map does a great job of keeping the Kyrene School District
2 whole within a single LD, LD-12, so thank you for that.

3 If you must divide Tempe, please consider dividing
4 it not into four districts, that just seems overdone, and
5 perhaps you could divide it more into two districts using
6 Southern Avenue as the dividing line between the northern
7 part and the southern part.

8 And next I ask that perhaps you can keep the Latino
9 population and community in Chandler together. The proposed
10 new LD map divides the Latino community, which has more
11 shared interests, into halves between two districts, LD-12
12 and 13.

13 To this end, please consider extending the new
14 LD-13 northward and please consider removing the extending
15 arm -- otherwise known as the finger, otherwise known as the
16 panhandle -- along the 101 that was created in LD-12 that
17 stretches east to Val Vista Drive, cutting through the
18 cities of Chandler and Gilbert.

19 So in conclusion, thank you for allowing comments.

20 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you. We have nine remaining
21 speakers for today. And I'll call you in order. The first
22 is Ray Michaels; followed by the second, Thomas Sinacek; the
23 third speaker is Aula Elniel; fourth speaker is Mickie
24 Niland; fifth speaker is Rhonda Smith; the sixth speaker is
25 Victoria Grijalva Ochoa; the seventh speaker is Luis Falcon;

1 the eighth speaker is Tony Halaf; and then the final ninth
2 speaker is Rosa Arellano.

3 SPEAKER MICHAELS: Hello, good morning, my name is
4 Ray Michaels and I'm a native here in Phoenix.

5 I'd like to thank you all for your service as well,
6 for the volunteering, and I'd like to thank everybody here
7 also who is very, very passionate about these legislative
8 districts and congressional districts that have come up.

9 I actually came here this morning simply to listen,
10 to listen to what everybody had and I can encourage everyone
11 here that we would really like you to listen. Because
12 that's what's so important.

13 Everything that is being decided in these districts
14 affect everybody on an intimate and personal manner, and
15 it's so very important for your ears to be open and we know
16 that you've worked very hard to put these together but
17 there's still a lot of issues that need to be addressed; and
18 hopefully with the notes that you're taking and the
19 recording that is being made here and down in Florence as
20 well, is that everybody can really take that to heart and
21 carefully consider what everybody has invested their time
22 and their effort to come in and to tell you. They're not
23 wasting their time. This is something that is very, very
24 important to them and they hope that it becomes very, very
25 important to you as well.

1 And as servants of the public, we acknowledge and
2 we appreciate what you're doing here, but we also know that
3 you live up to a higher standard and what everybody here
4 today is asking for is for you to listen and to know that
5 this is very, very important to them.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 SPEAKER SINACEK: Good morning, Commissioners.
8 Thank you for your great efforts. You know, it's so hard to
9 spend basically all year working on this, I appreciate it.

10 My name is Thomas Sinacek. I live in Ahwatukee
11 which is a part of Phoenix separated actually from Phoenix
12 by the South Mountains. To get here I had to drove through
13 Chandler and Tempe, I really couldn't go too much through
14 the Phoenix.

15 I would like to have some comments. My biggest
16 comment is I think we would like to keep the Ahwatukee
17 community together which actually is on these maps, it is a
18 very tight community, residential. On the other hand the --
19 we are tied up with the Chandler and south Tempe. Whenever
20 they ask me where I live I kind of say, you know, around
21 Chandler; and as far as I like people in Gilbert, I see that
22 they are split in five ways and they are kind of far away
23 from us, so it would be probably better to take that
24 infamous panhandle away from us and we would like to rather
25 extend farther into Chandler or even to Maricopa County on

1 the south.

2 I guess that's about it. Thank you very much for
3 your efforts.

4 Respectfully, so much.

5 SPEAKER AULA: Hello. My name is Aula and I'm a
6 resident of South Phoenix.

7 I want to say that the refugee community does not
8 have enough representation and that we're often forgotten
9 about. We worry about things like our safety here and
10 sometimes feel that no one makes an effort to help us. Many
11 times we have to just depend on ourselves to help each
12 other. It is time that we acknowledge as a community and
13 that we get some public funding to help us succeed in this
14 country.

15 I'm also asking for another majority-minority
16 district so that we can elect someone who will properly
17 represent all of our refugee communities and understand that
18 we -- that we need more resources like English classes and
19 public schools, more community centers and more access to
20 job opportunities and higher education.

21 By providing another majority-minority district we
22 will have a better chance of electing someone who will help
23 us succeed.

24 Thank you so much.

25 SPEAKER NILAND: Thank you for your time. I

1 appreciate your service, Madam Chairman and Commissioners
2 and staff.

3 My name is Mickie Niland, I live in Gilbert and I
4 am -- I'm encouraging you to also come to the East Valley to
5 do a hearing, I'll help the lady make brownies.

6 Our Legislative District, the 10.0 map, fractures
7 Gilbert into of course five pieces. I served on the parks
8 and recreation board for six years and I know that we are
9 too big to be in one, I understand that we will have to be
10 split. But I would -- we're a community of family and faith
11 and we deserve to stay together in a maximum of two.

12 Our heritage district and our civic center,
13 although they're only two miles apart, are in two separate
14 legislative districts, they haven't even been kept in one.

15 And I would encourage you to move Legislative
16 District 13 up to the border of Baseline on the top and
17 Legislative District 14 up to the boundary of -- the Gilbert
18 boundary of Baseline Road, just extend both of those up and
19 that way we'll cut out three of the districts that are the
20 problem, it will be a very simple fix just to move that up
21 that way.

22 I also live in south Gilbert and so I'm in the
23 "below Germann Road" that's been mentioned before. I shop,
24 go to places in Gilbert and in Queen Creek, they're both
25 part of my community of interest, so I do recommend

1 following the county line on the west -- on the eastern
2 boundary and keeping Queen Creek part of one of these
3 Gilbert boundaries.

4 And regarding the congressional map, I encourage
5 you to keep Mesa and Gilbert whole together to follow the
6 county boundary on the east and to extend to Stapley
7 possibly on the west, but to keep us together with -- with
8 Mesa.

9 There's a large park in south Gilbert where -- we
10 built it there, it's a regional park and we do a lot of
11 things there across from Queen Creek and -- and the southern
12 part of Chandler there so we are definitely a community of
13 interest.

14 Thank you.

15 SPEAKER SMITH: Hi. Thank you so much for all your
16 work that you're doing with this redistricting process, I
17 really greatly appreciate it. And good morning, my name is
18 Rhonda Smith, I live in Ahwatukee and have been a resident
19 there for 19 years.

20 When looking and reviewing the proposed maps, it
21 shows that our present Legislative District 18 has urban
22 parts now, Chandler, that are split. I would like to see
23 Chandler united.

24 I propose that our area extend to the Price
25 corridor east of Frye Road and include the Chandler

1 hospital. This would provide our heros, the hospital staff
2 and other employees, to live close to their workplace. This
3 would also include the Chandler mall for dining, shopping,
4 and entertainment. The Chandler mall is the closest
5 shopping mall and the only shopping mall in the area for
6 Ahwatukee residents and the many people of Ahwatukee who
7 work there.

8 I would also like to see on a second proposal is I
9 would like to see Gilbert united. Right now the current map
10 10.0 shows that -- our district extending to Gilbert which
11 is split into five legislative districts. I recommend that
12 you condense our district and remove that each -- that --
13 well, I called it the east branch but people are referring
14 to it as a panhandle or the finger, I like that -- this
15 makes our district and Gilbert's district more compact.

16 If Gilbert stays in five legislative districts,
17 businesses, constituents, and school leaders will have to
18 meet with ten state representatives and five state senators
19 instead of four state representatives and two state senators
20 if the Gilbert split -- or when it's split. It is not fair
21 to separate Gilbert into so many districts. They need to be
22 unified.

23 Thank you for your time and your efforts.

24 SPEAKER GRIJALVA: Oh, I am quite a bit shorter.

25 Hi, my name is Victoria Grijalva. I'm a life long

1 Arizonan, fully expect to stay in my home state forever,
2 which is why it's so important for me to participate here.
3 I've spoken on behalf of an organization before but speaking
4 before you today as an individual.

5 I also want to start by noting appreciation for the
6 Commission for actually hosting a hearing here in
7 South Phoenix. After a lot of community input, having a
8 hearing that is just five minutes from my home is incredibly
9 helpful and ensures that we're actually able to be here.

10 Speaking directly on the draft maps, I want to
11 speak about Congressional District 3. The current
12 configuration of the district includes racially polarized
13 voting areas and at the same time removes some of the Latino
14 areas that the Commission had originally included in earlier
15 mapping sessions. That particular configuration adds Peoria
16 which doesn't really have a lot in common with the rest of
17 the district and it's not a predominantly Latino city.

18 On the topic of predominately Latino areas, it's
19 incredibly important that the maps the Commission finalizes
20 include a Latino ability to elect districts; the fifth one,
21 as many of you have mentioned here, is likely going to be in
22 Maricopa County. People of color have led population growth
23 here in this state and in particular here in Maricopa
24 County, and there's no reason that the Latino community,
25 that's a constituency protected by the VRA, shouldn't have

1 an additional ability -- ability to elect district.

2 And then while fair representation is incredibly
3 important, that doesn't mean that the Commission shouldn't
4 also ensure a greater number of competitive districts.
5 Having 24 safe districts is too many safe districts. Our
6 communities are much better served when candidates are
7 basically forced to engage with our communities and talk to
8 our communities instead of expecting an assured elected
9 office.

10 That's all I have for you today. Thank you all so
11 much.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: I have a follow-up question.
13 Thank you so much for coming.

14 SPEAKER GRIJALVA: Yeah.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: We've heard quite a bit about
16 the number of majority-minority district for the Latino
17 community, what we haven't heard -- what -- what I would
18 like to learn more about is in the draft maps that we have
19 available today, just as a reference point, are there school
20 districts that are in important heavily Latino areas that
21 are not being empowered?

22 You know, the data is showing that the Latino youth
23 in particular has struggled with the, you know, effects of
24 the pandemic, so -- so barring the number of districts, are
25 there, you know, ways to build, you know, from what we have

1 to empower the school districts?

2 And second to that, we heard also again, barring
3 the number of districts, empowering burgeoning Latino and/or
4 Asian minority communities such in that Chandler area. Are
5 there improvements that we can make, you know, that's not
6 just the number?

7 So we'd like that specific information. You don't
8 have to answer now, but in -- in our ongoing dialogue over
9 the ensuing weeks I'd love that information.

10 SPEAKER GRIJALVA: Yeah, absolutely. Thanks so
11 much.

12 SPEAKER FALCON: Hi, Luis Falcon. Currently live
13 in Maryvale and work in Avondale.

14 Thank you for hosting the meeting here in
15 South Phoenix; grew up in South Phoenix but would definitely
16 love to see a meeting in Maryvale which as you guys know is
17 a predominantly largely Latino community.

18 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Just so you know, we will be
19 in Maryvale in a couple of weeks.

20 SPEAKER FALCON: Thank you.

21 To your follow-up question. That -- that is an
22 area that has been a -- largely hit by the -- by the
23 pandemic. As somebody who currently lives in -- in Maryvale
24 that -- that area has school districts, you have Cartwright,
25 you have also Head Start programs such as the west side --

1 Westside Head Start program that I work with and am -- am
2 part of their policy council and are currently struggling
3 with -- with getting parents to even get their students
4 enrolled. So that -- that is something that would
5 definitely be helpful to see.

6 But as far as the draft maps, my concern is with
7 Congressional District 7. I would definitely like you guys
8 to revisit that congressional district. I'm not sure why
9 the congressional district just cuts off, looks like just in
10 the middle of the desert; currently the district does reach
11 into the West Valley up into Avondale, Tolleson, as well as
12 the Goodyear area.

13 Currently the -- there are some draft maps that
14 have been proposed that -- oh, well, thank you. My time is
15 up. Thank you.

16 MS. CAMACHO: And is Tony Halaf?

17 SPEAKER HALAF: I will pass.

18 MS. CAMACHO: You will pass? Thank you.

19 Then Rosa.

20 SPEAKER ARELLANO: Good afternoon. My name is Rosa
21 Arellano. And I live in the area of 7th Street and Baseline
22 in a set of apartments that host -- or, where the community
23 there is the elderly and disabled. I feel that the elderly
24 such as myself have been abandoned or forgotten. And at
25 this point I feel like it's negligence because these

1 apartments needs attention.

2 And this way I feel that we are in the need of more
3 or smaller -- smaller districts in the -- in the bigger
4 districts of minority -- in the Maricopa County. Because
5 the Latin population has grown dramatically. So we need
6 more districts to have a more precise Latin presence.

7 That's all. Thank you.

8 MS. CAMACHO: And we had two more late submissions,
9 so the next speaker will be Jannah Scott followed by Irma
10 Pacheco.

11 SPEAKER SCOTT: Well, good afternoon. My name is
12 Dr. Jannah Scott. I'm representing the African American
13 Christian Clergy Coalition today. We did submit written
14 comments but just wanted to stand here with the people
15 today.

16 Although we have churches across Maricopa County
17 with affiliates in Tucson and Flagstaff, our biggest concern
18 is that you maintain competitiveness as you draw these
19 districts. You know, in our faith tradition, one of our
20 leading passages of scripture talks about what the Lord
21 requires of you. And I know as you are people who come to
22 public service and want to do the right thing I would just
23 leave you with that, that you do justice, that you love
24 mercy and walk humbly before your God.

25 Justice is the key here because this is an issue of

1 justice. The way you write these lines, the way it's
2 finalized, will determine the ability for some people to be
3 able to have representation in our democracy and we want
4 that competitiveness because as Victoria said, we want our
5 people in our communities to be able to actively choose,
6 actively participate, so what you do can actually help to
7 generate civic engagement, civic participation.

8 I happen to live in a district that is not
9 competitive and so whoever goes up for the primary, they
10 pretty much get it, and that's -- that sort of like takes us
11 out of the feeling that our vote really counts. So to give
12 people that sense, that not only do they count but active
13 participation in our democracy is key, is something that I
14 think you can help to generate in our communities. So
15 please remember with me that passage.

16 What does the Lord require of you? That you do
17 justice, love mercy and walk humbly before your God.

18 Thank you.

19 SPEAKER PACHECO: Good morning, Commissioners. My
20 name is Irma Pacheco. I live in the 19th Avenue and Roeser,
21 Arizona, for 20 years and I think we need five Latino
22 majority state legislative districts in Maricopa County, a
23 state legislator, because there is all these issues in our
24 community and we need more people to address them.

25 For example, housing has become a big crisis right

1 there in South Phoenix. There is no affordable housing and
2 the little -- there is no longer affordable prices. Have
3 speak up a lot, we have also use more green spaces like
4 parks and no more pollutions. The Latino population has
5 grown dramatically so we need more districts that can
6 accurately represent Latino communities.

7 I want others in my community to have their voices
8 hear (verbatim) and by having a deep representative I feel
9 there will be more representations.

10 Thank you for your time and thank you for your
11 effort to hear us. Thank you so much.

12 MS. CAMACHO: And that concludes our speakers for
13 Phoenix and for Florence. Thank you.

14 MS. VAN HAREN: Chairwoman, if I could just make a
15 couple of announcements before you adjourn the meeting.

16 We just wanted to announce a couple of our upcoming
17 meetings. So on Mondays we have Mapping Monday with Mark so
18 if you have any questions about submitting your map, Mark
19 can be online and you join us virtually on that and ask
20 questions through the chat box and Mark can navigate how to
21 submit maps or any other questions that you have about our
22 mapping hub.

23 We have our business meeting on Tuesday,
24 November 16th, at 8:00 a.m., and that's on virtually. And
25 then that night at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16th, we

1 are going to Cottonwood and North Phoenix.

2 On Wednesday, November 17th, we're going to be in
3 San Carlos, Sun City, and Wickenburg; and those meetings,
4 both the Tuesday and Wednesday, are at 6:00 p.m.

5 On Thursday, November 18, we're going to be at
6 Scottsdale Community College on the Salt River-Pima-Maricopa
7 Indian community, and then in Anthem; and, again, at
8 6:00 p.m.

9 And then Friday, November 19th, from 12:00 to 2:00,
10 we have another virtual meeting that is focused on the
11 northern and western parts of Arizona, so you can register
12 online and log in virtually and be heard that way.

13 And then Saturday, November 20th, we're going to be
14 in Prescott Valley, Kykotsmvovi on the Hopi reservation.

15 And just to reiterate the point that was made
16 earlier, we will be in Maryvale on December 4th at
17 10:00 a.m.

18 Thank you so much and I'll send it to over to you,
19 Commissioner Lerner, to adjourn the meeting.

20 COMMISSIONER LERNER: I want to thank you all for
21 your civic engagement by being here and being participants
22 in the process. We appreciate it. We do listen and we are
23 hearing you.

24 So thank you for being here; and please, if you
25 have any questions, you can go to our website IRC.AZ.gov.

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And with that we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourns at 12:15 p.m.)

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