

Anthem

Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

November 18, 2021

KJ Kuchta Testimony

My name is Kelly Kuchta and my wife, and I are raising our three children here in Anthem. I am a community leader in my North Phoenix area and own a computer forensic company in Peoria.

Thank you in that our LD is no longer included in Yavapai County.

I and my neighbors in Anthem, New River, and Desert Hills use the natural egress of I-17 and the 303 Freeway to the south and west.

Think of our communities of interest in terms of Suburban and Rural areas. Our future community footprint will grow much faster than Wittman, Morristown and Wickenburg areas so please consider the following changes:

The current Congressional District map has us in CD 1 which covers a broad area into the east valley and south into Phoenix and Scottsdale. Instead of those areas, CD 8 which is our current CD, matches our community of interest therefore I ask that our north Phoenix area be included in CD8. See Exhibit "A".

I recommend the area south of Happy Valley Rd. and east of I-17 be removed from CD8 and included with CD1.

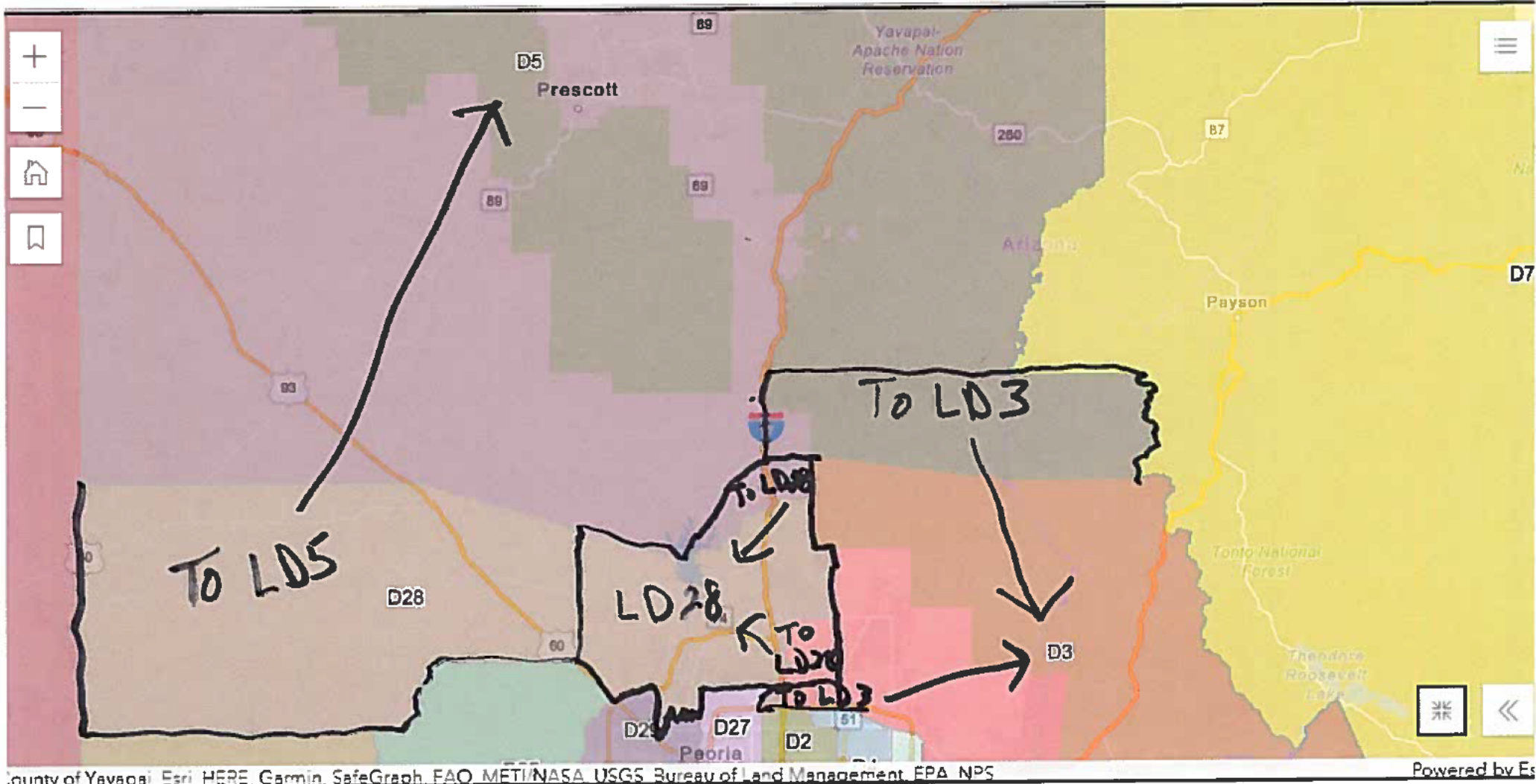
Regarding LD28, my understanding is that the areas of Wickenburg, western Maricopa County, Morristown and Wittman see their community of interest more with Yavapai County than the I-17 corridor. Move these people to LD5 and remove the community north of New River all the way to the Maricopa County line from Yavapai, and also pick up the area south of Carefree Highway along the I-17 corridor that is in LD3. See Exhibit "B".

In essence looking at LD5, LD3 and LD28 in a clockwise manner, the western part of LD28 should be moved to LD5, the Eastern portion of LD5 should be shifted to LD3 and the Southwest corner of LD3 near I-17, moved to LD 28. I think everyone would consider these changes to be equitable and keep communities of interest intact.

Thank you.

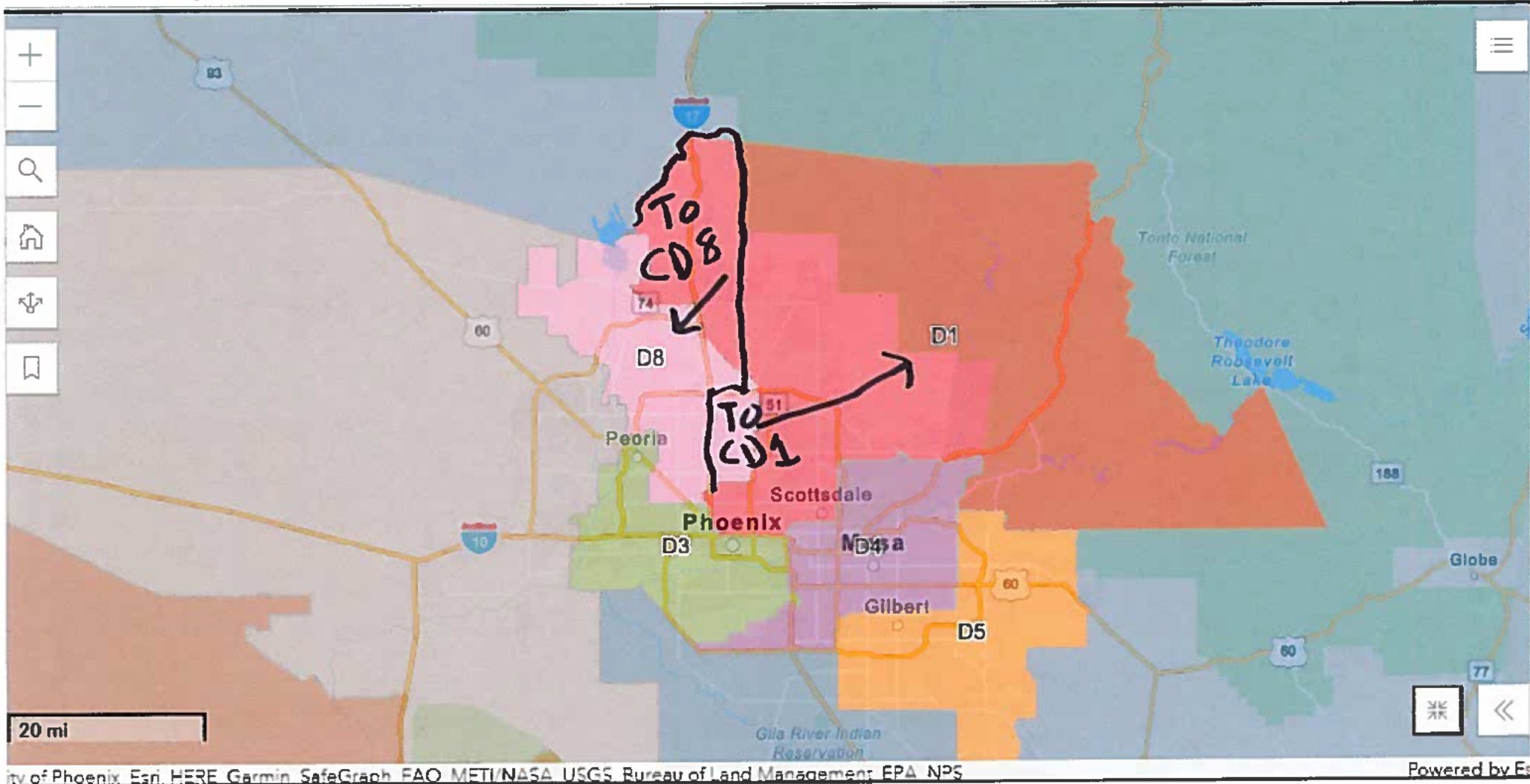
# Exhibit "B"

## Proposed AZ Leg District Nov 18, 2021 - Kuchta

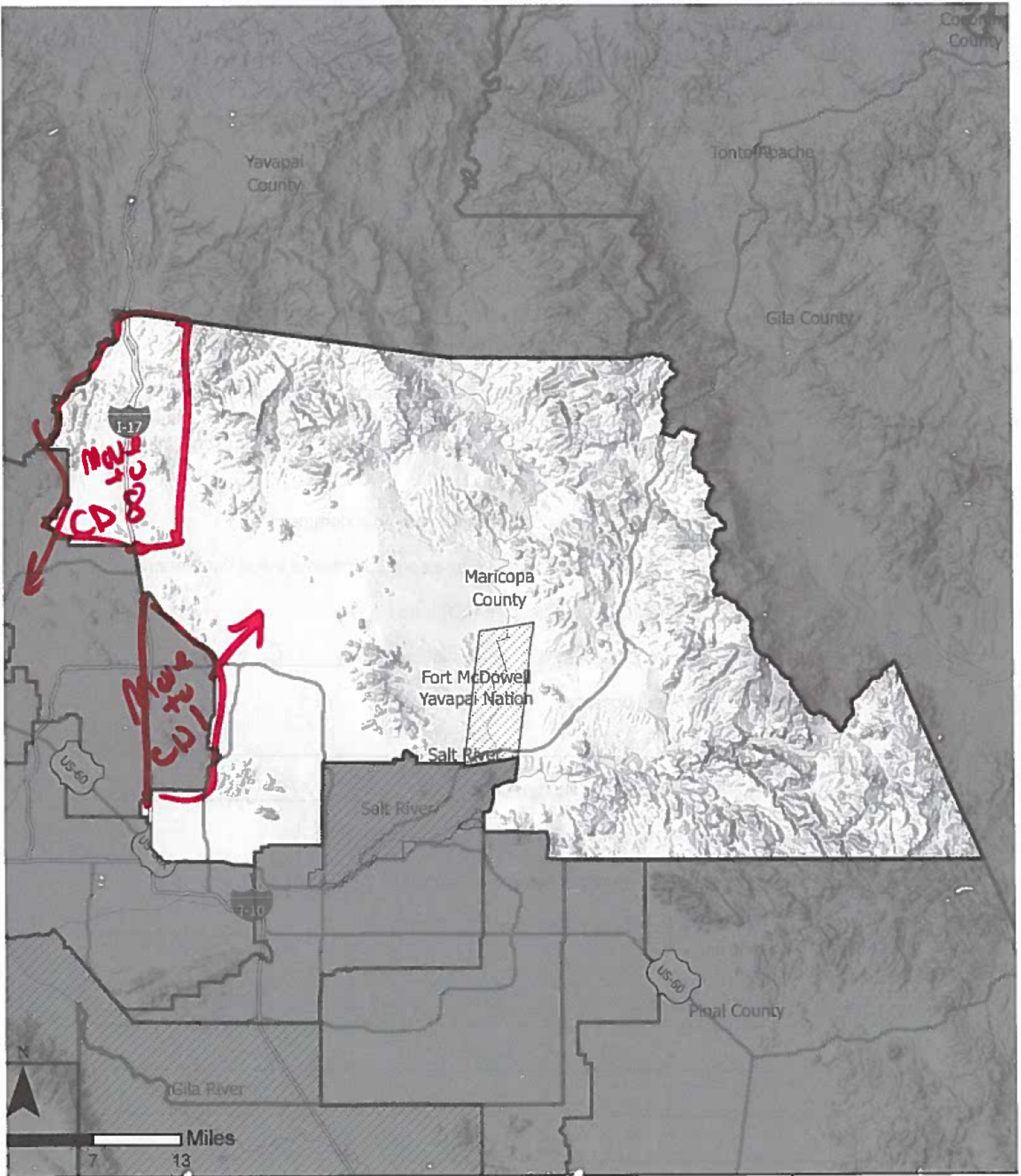


# Exhibit "A"

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My name is Gary Saxhaug, I live in Anthem, AZ Maricopa county and that is Zip Code 85086. My wife and I are a retired couple. I am a Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam era and worked Forty plus year in the field of electronics, first in the military and the last thirty years with General Electric Healthcare Systems.

Our neighbors, friends and most people in our community get their groceries, haircuts, and entertainment locally and I think that area can be defined as including Anthem, Desert Hills, Tramonto basically along the Carefree Highway corridor and I-17 from New River down to Happy Valley Road in the NorTerra area, this is what we would call our communities of interest.

We are Congressional District Eight and are very happy to remain CD-8 as we have been for a long time. Congressional District Draft map has us in CD 1 which has a large area on the east extending down to Phoenix and Scottsdale that is not our community of interest. Consider moving that portion of to CD5. I also recommend the area south of Happy Valley Rd. and east of I-17 be removed from CD8 and included with CD1 so Anthem, New River south to Happy Valley Road Be moved to CD8. I have attached maps indicating changes to consider.

The Arizona State Constitution requires the IRC to respect communities of interest when drawing congressional and legislative district boundaries. I would erg the commission to consider these criteria most important when you draw new lines.

Gary J. Saxhaug

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Anthem, AZ 85086-2348  
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LD 28

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Gary Saxhaug

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia:

~~Phoenix~~ Anthem

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización:

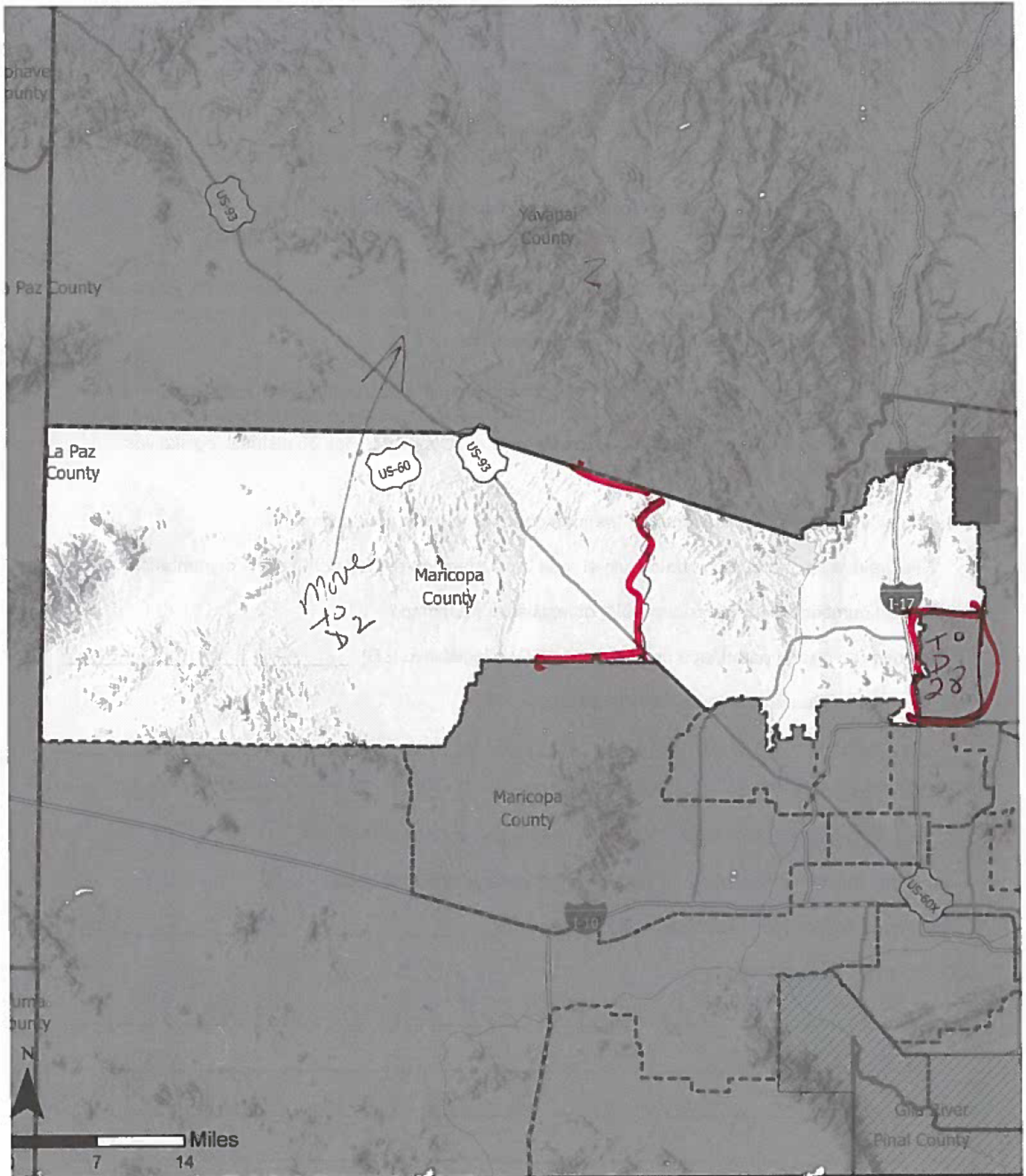
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Comments / Comentarios:

Consider moving Kingman & western area to  
Yavapai, LD 2.

Move circled area in S.E. to LD 28





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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Eileen Nicodemus

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Anthem

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

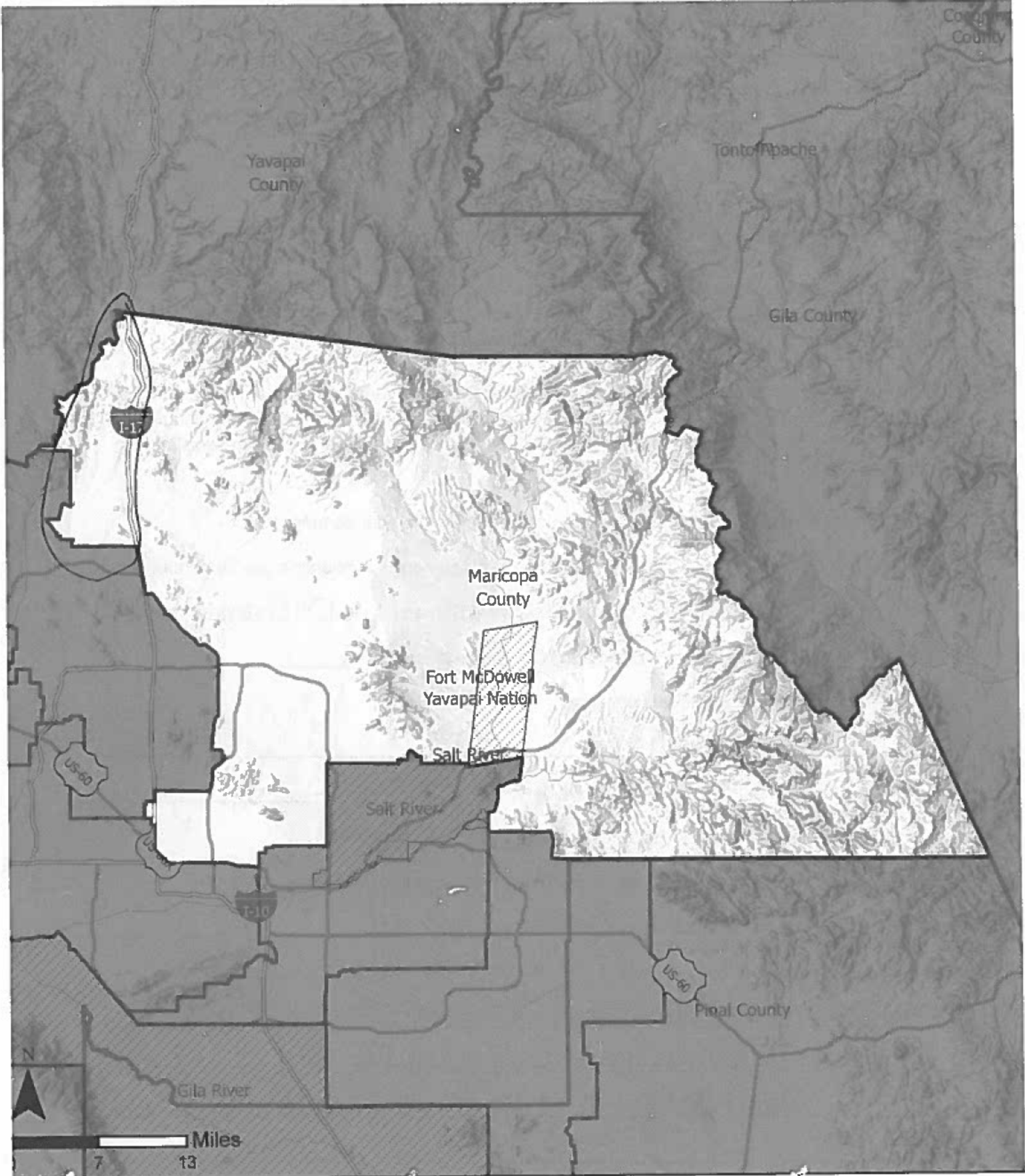
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b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: NA

Comments / Comentarios:

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in CD 8 where we have been previously due to our  
natural Community of interest South along the I-17  
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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) LD28

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Eileen Nicodemus

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia:

Anthem

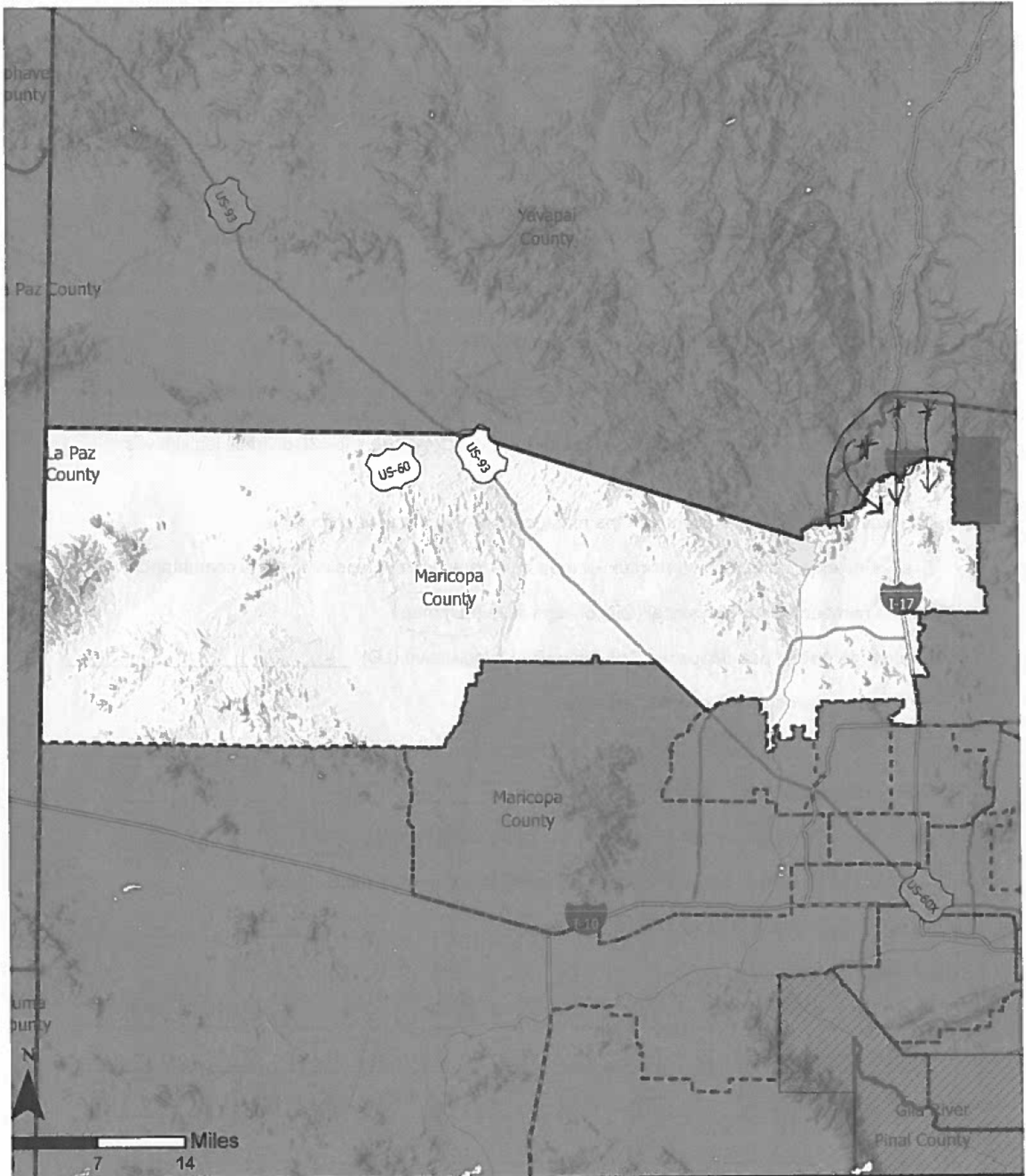
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Comments / Comentarios:

include Maricopa County area north of New River in LD28  
community of interest to be included with Anthem  
and business south along the I-17 Corridor.



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4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Anthem

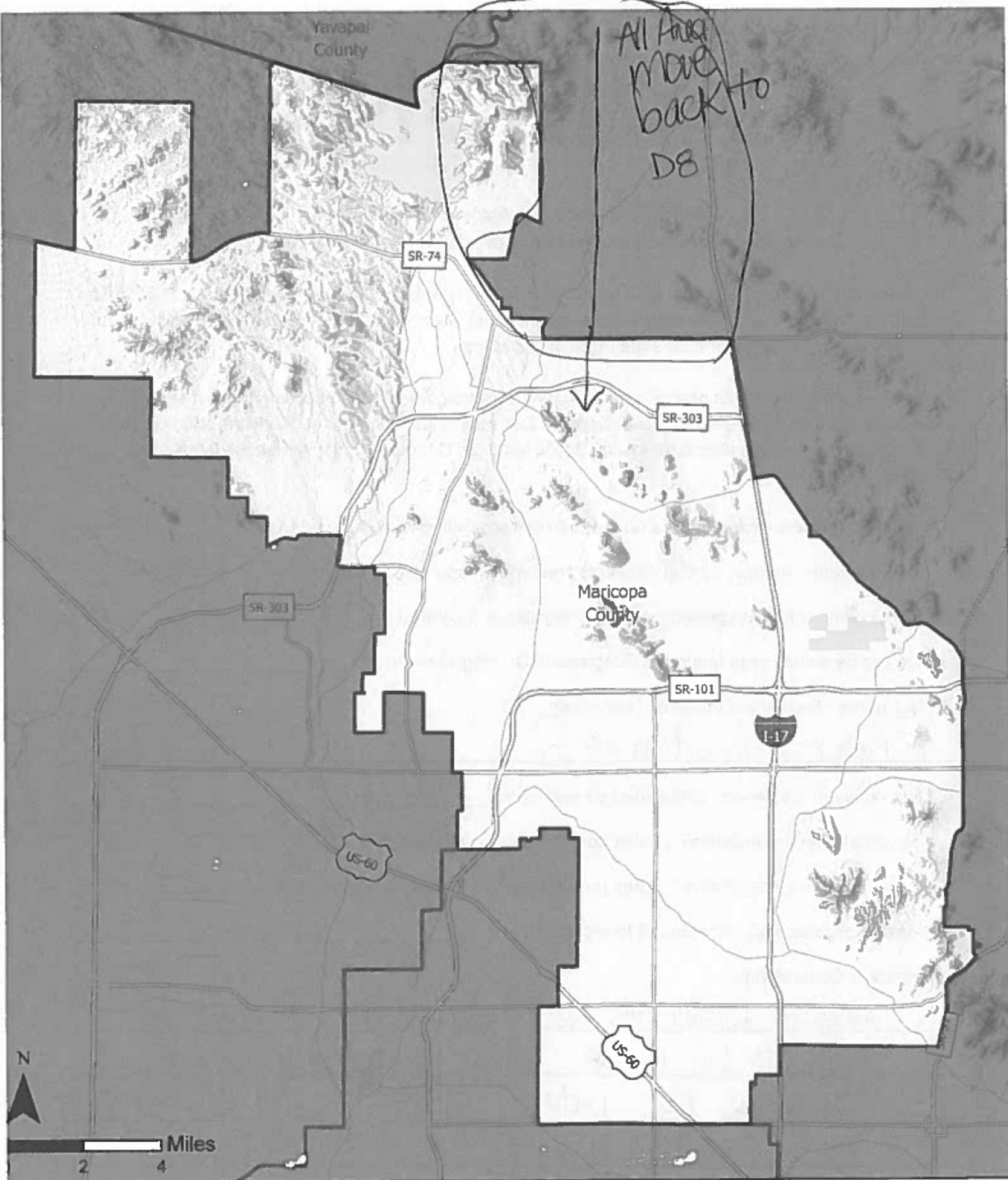
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Comments / Comentarios:

Anthem, Desert Hills, New River, North Phoenix  
needs to be in D8 (where we were previously)  
because our natural Community of Interest  
goes South along the I-17 Corridor.  
Please move from D1 BACK to D8



All Area  
move  
back to  
D8

Yavapai  
County

Maricopa  
County

SR-74

SR-303

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SR-101

I-17

US-60

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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

Lisa Kelley

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Anthem

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

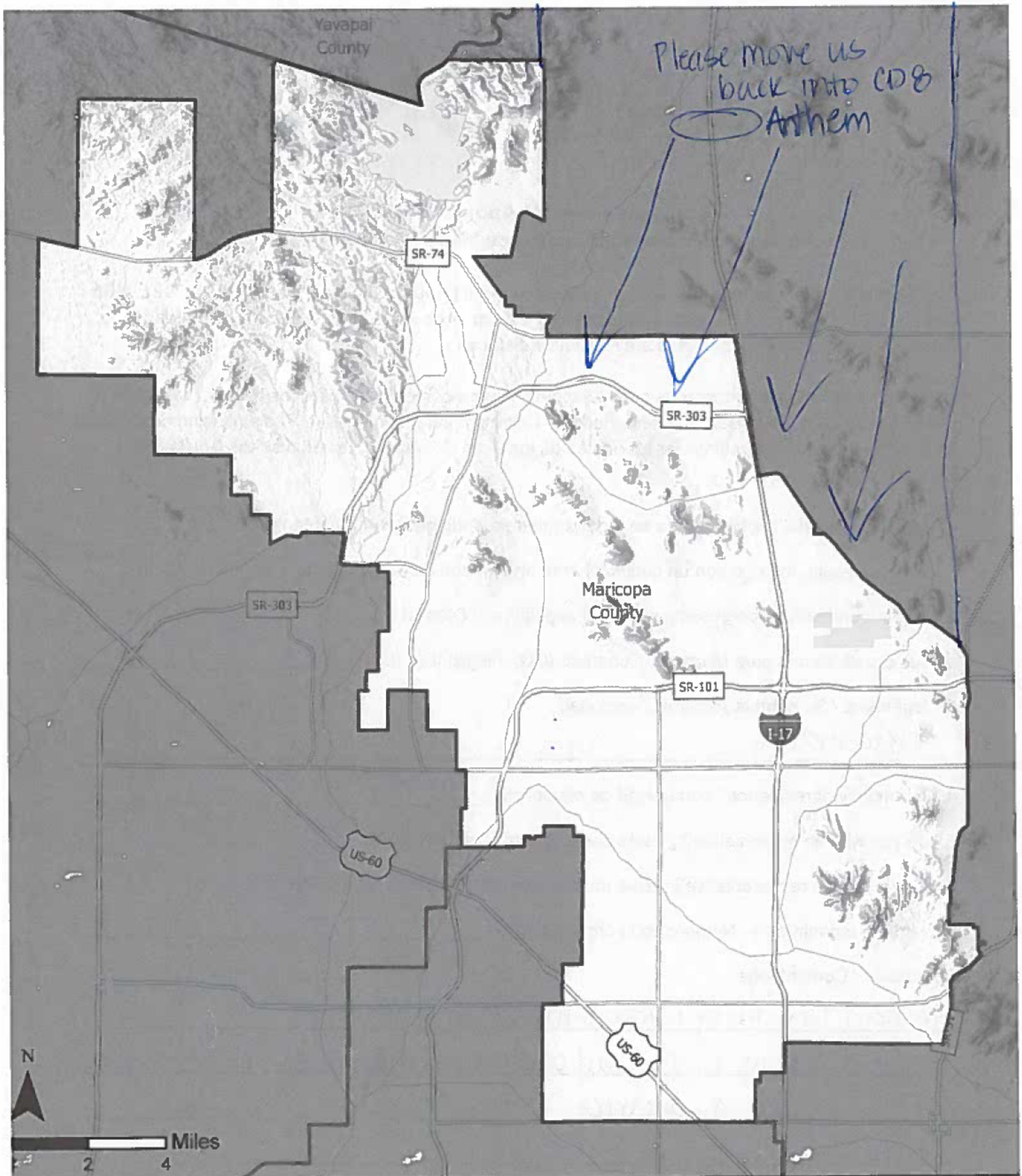
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b. Name of organization / Nombre de la organización: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Comentarios:

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should be included w/ our communities of interest,  
not put into a district with Fountain Hills and  
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Please move us  
back into CD8  
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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

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4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Anthem, AZ

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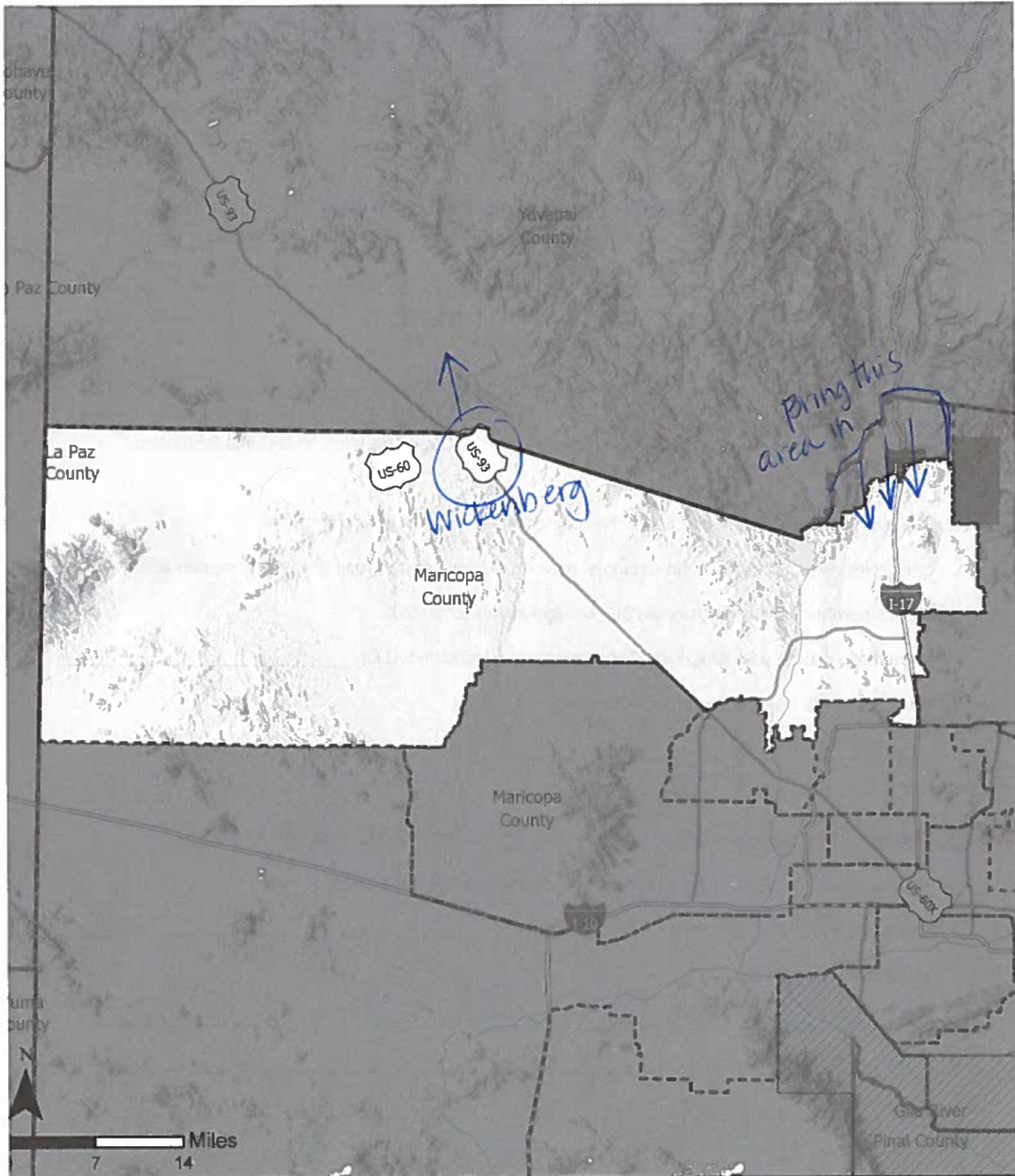
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Comments / Comentarios:



Please have the border extend north to our  
county line to include our community of  
interest as well as our school systems  
match up. It doesn't make sense to put our  
school & part of our community in another district.  
Population offset by moving Wickenburg, etc north  
into District 5.

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3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia: Anthem - New River Desert Hills

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si  No

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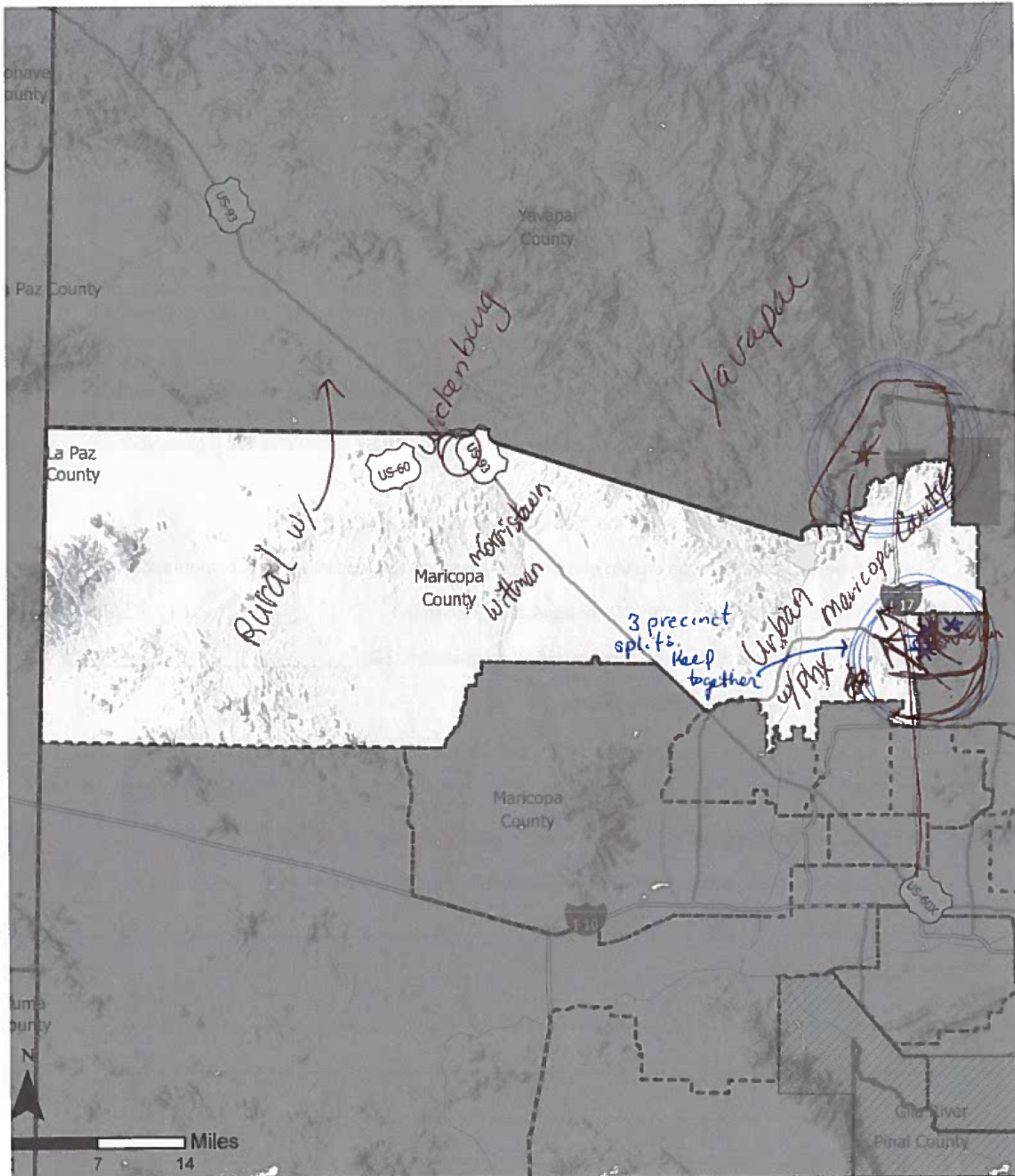
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Número de distrito para Mapa del Congreso (CD) o legislativo (LD) \_\_\_\_\_

*See my testimony  
paper*

3. Your name / Su nombre (optional / opcional):

4. Community of residence / comunidad de residencia:

Anthem-NewRiver-Desert Hills

5. Are you with an organization? ¿Estás con una organización? Yes/Si -  No

a. Are you a paid representative? ¿Eres un representante pagado? Yes/Si -  No

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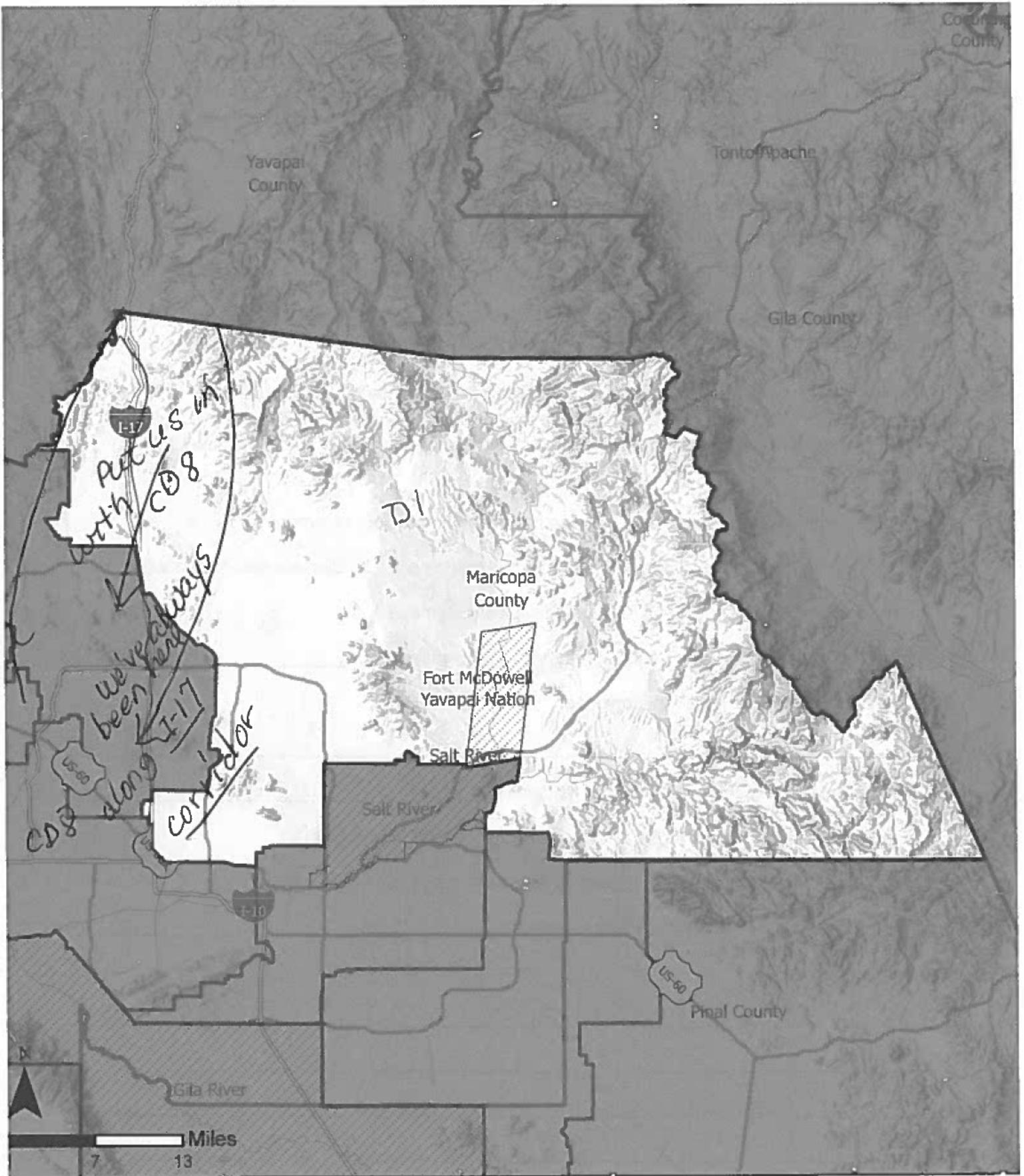
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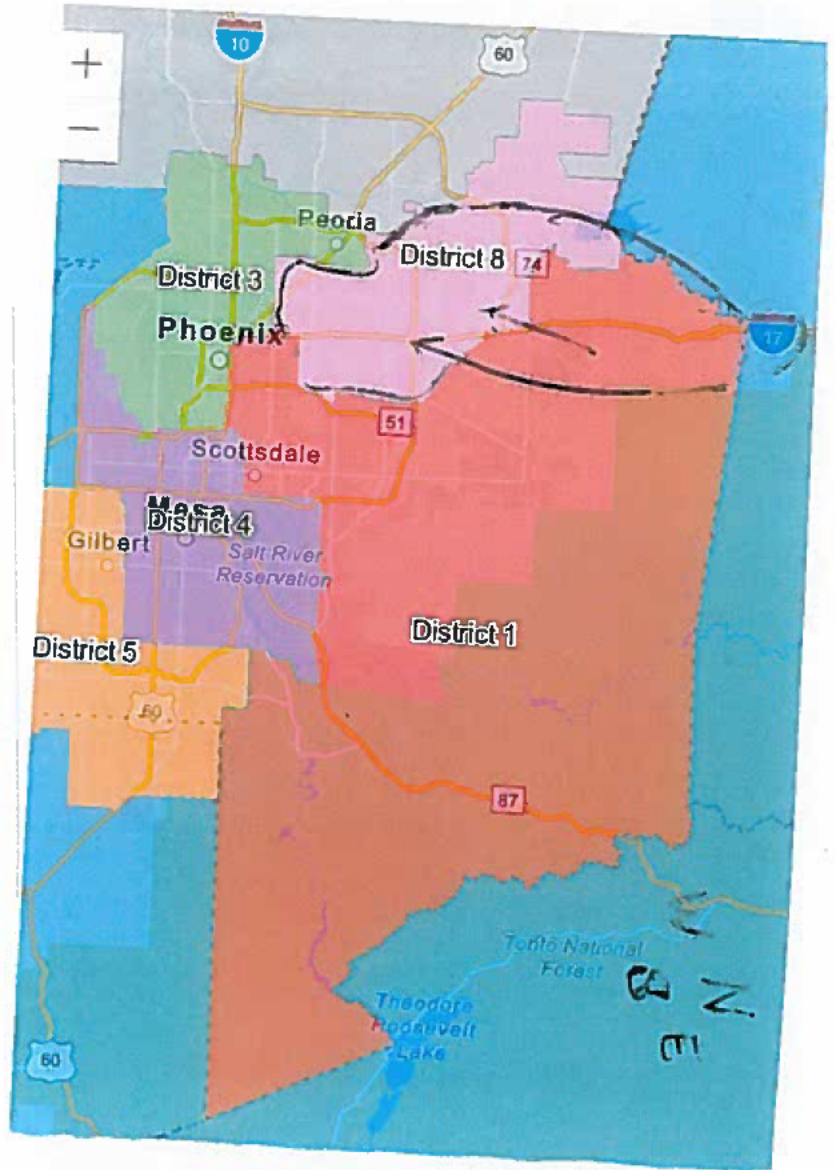
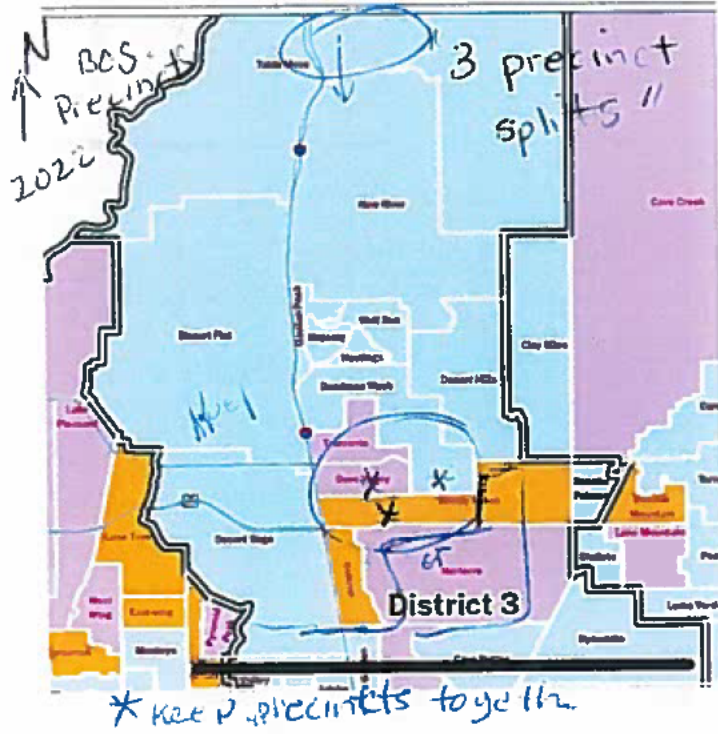
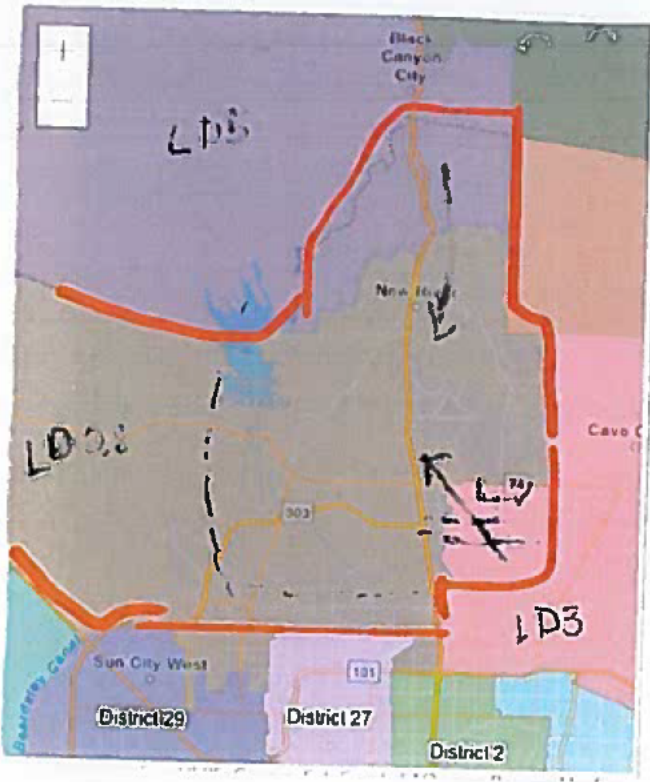


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Our Anthem-New River-Desert Hills-North Phx is a growing urban community and shares only one school district, here on the west side.

The CD draft map shows us in D1 but even Scottsdale testified that the CD1 western boundary near I 17 is **not** part of their community. They see their western boundary as Scottsdale Road **not** I 17. Our Anthem community runs **South** along the I 17 Corridor.

Please add our Anthem area with D8 where we have always — it's where our school district is, JP and BOS districts, airports, shops, hospitals are, ...**NOT** Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, and Paradise Valley way over on the **east** side.

The LD draft map shows a very small population of our Maricopa County community still in with Yavapai. Please put these few voters north of New River back with their Anthem neighbors.

Also there are 3 precinct splits we ask you to fix **now** before it's too late:

#1. The LD28 border along Carefree highway splits my precinct putting that small population south of Carefree Hwy in with Scottsdale with whom they have **no** community of interest. They can't even access south of their own area because of mountains, so they go **west** to I 17.

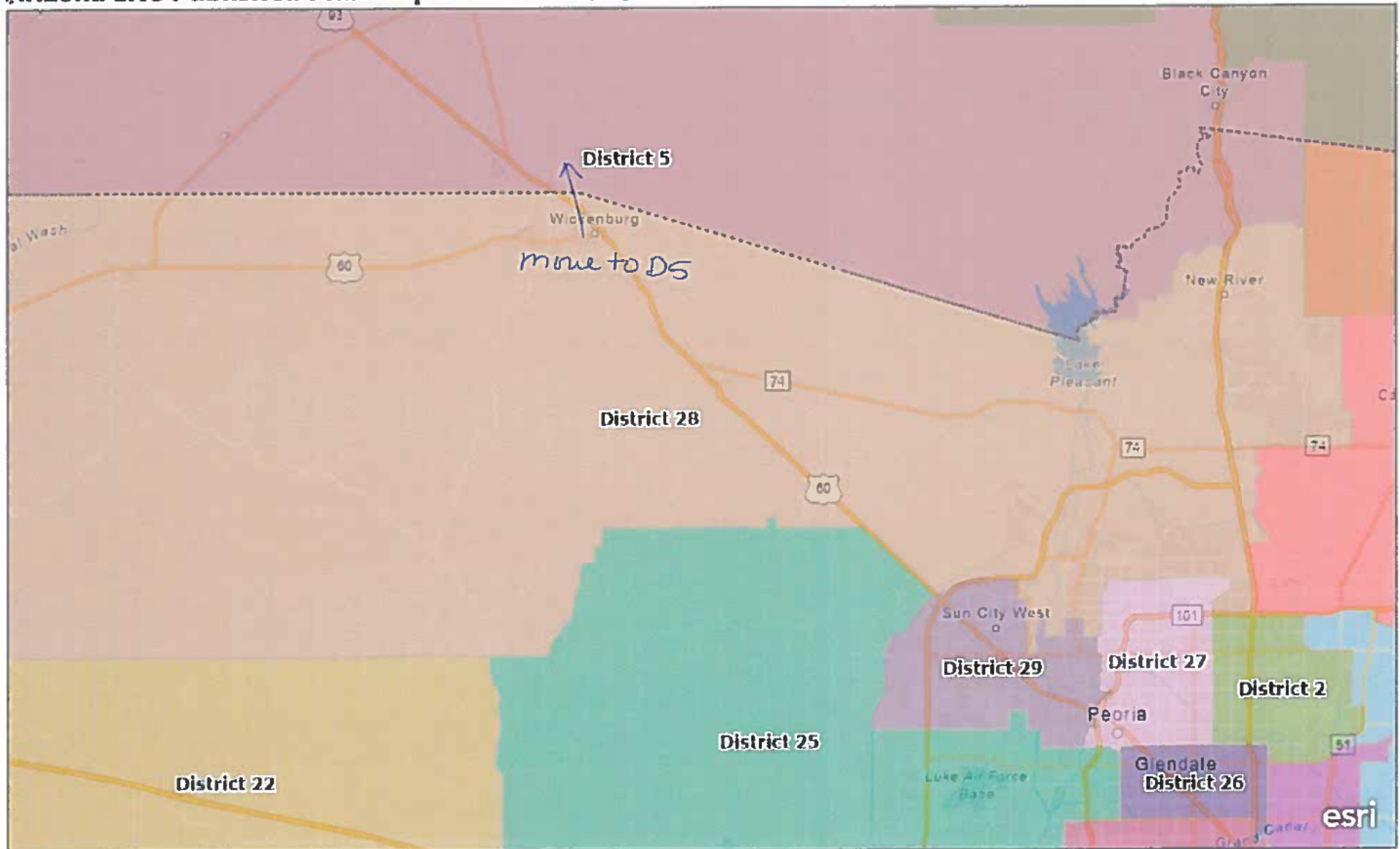
#2. & 3. The squiggly border of south-eastern D28 splits two more precincts of small populations, cutting them off from their neighbors with whom they share access to I 17.

Easily fix **all** three splits by extending the LD28 border along 28th St. **straight** south, and **then** west on Jomax Road or Sonoran Blvd.

Balance these population **additions** by **removing** Wickenburg and southern LD28 areas in Peoria, and also areas west of the 303 b/c

WE are **urban Phoenix** with nothing to do with **Rural Wickenburg, Wittman, and Morristown** who'd rather be in **rural Yavapai, not urban Phx.** :) Thanks! (Cathy Schwanke, Desert Hills 85086)

# Arizona IRC Published Plan Map Viewer - LDZ8

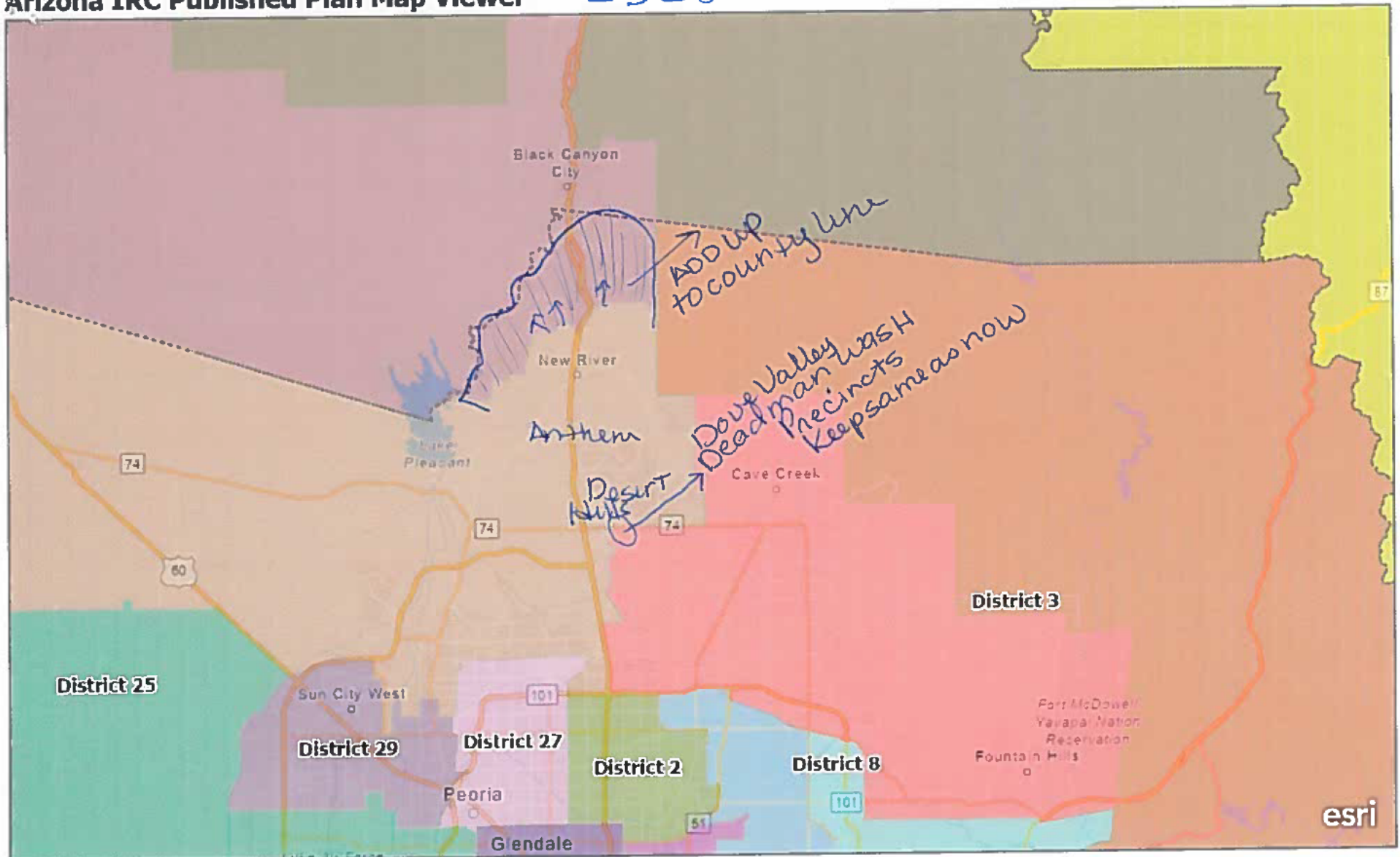


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From  
Tracy Martin  
Anthony M

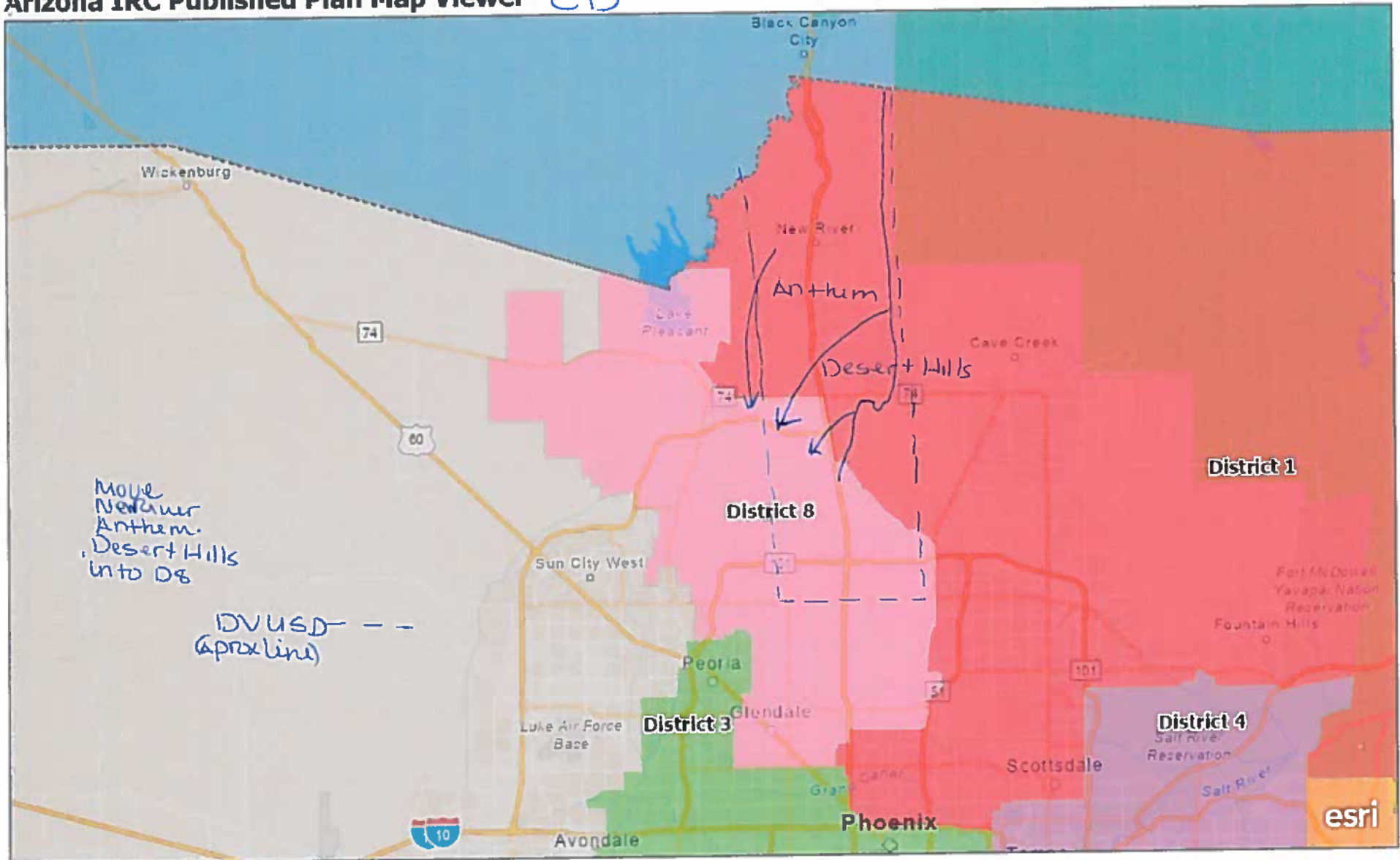
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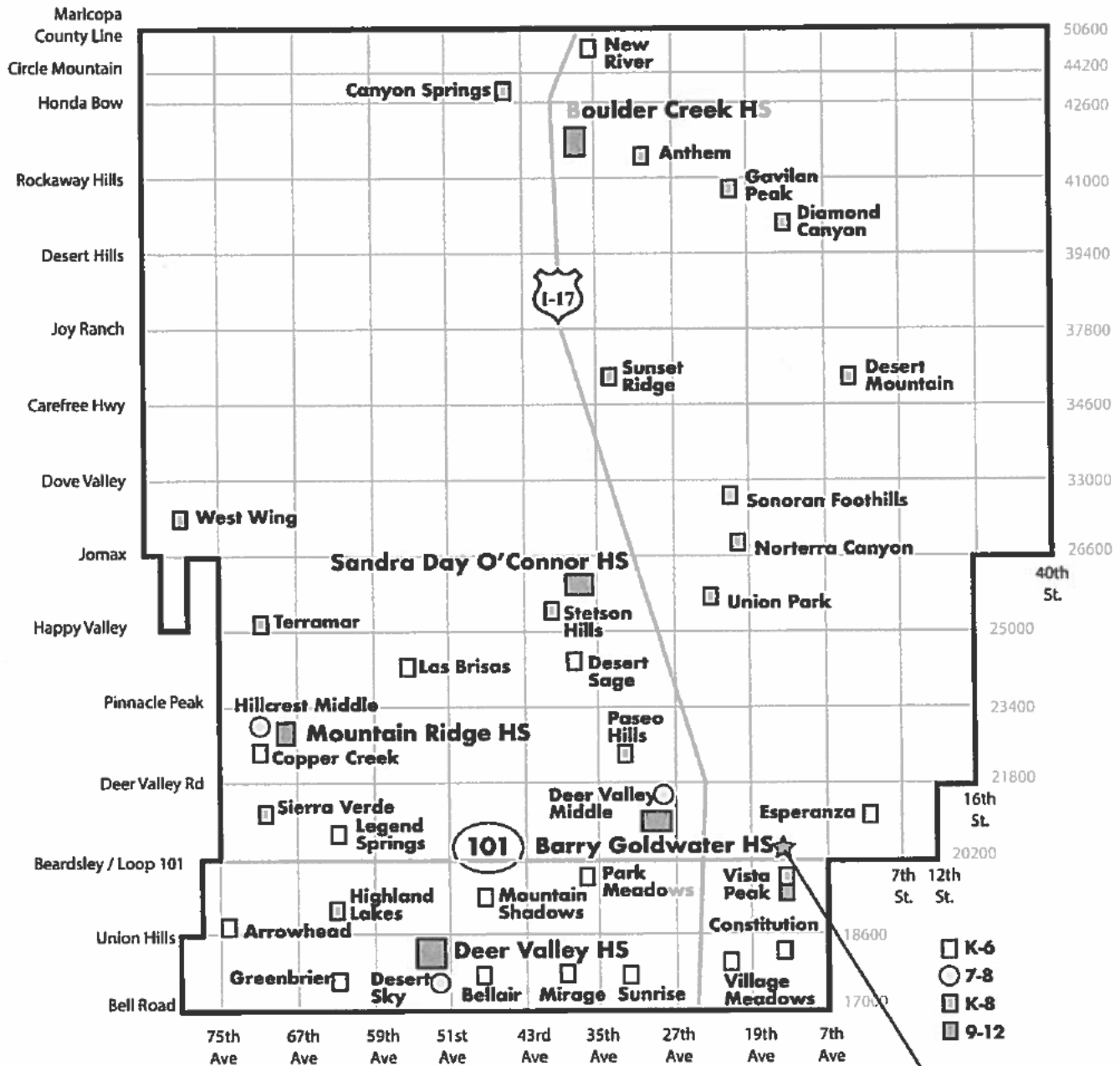


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# Deer Valley Unified School District



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**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
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 623.445.5010