

ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Location

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639 North Grand Avenue

Nogales, Arizona 85621

Attending

Colleen Coyle Mathis, Chairperson

Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner

Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Kristina Gomez, Deputy Executive Director

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1 (Whereupon, the public session commences.)

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good evening. This hearing
3 of the Arizona Independent Redirecting Commission will
4 now come to order.

5 Today is -- I should have set that up first --
6 October 29th, Friday, thank you. The time is 6:13
7 p.m. -- oh, it's the 28th. You guys, I'm not being
8 staffed very well. Sorry. Kidding. Today is Friday,
9 October 28th, and the time is 6:13 p.m.

10 If you would all please rise, we'll begin with
11 the Pledge of Allegiance.

12 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
13 recited)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It's great to see all of
15 you tonight on a Friday evening in Nogales. Thank you
16 for coming tonight and participating in the process.
17 We very much appreciate you being here.

18 I'll go ahead and introduce the people around
19 the table. I'm Chairman Mathis and tonight we have
20 Commissioners McNulty and Stertz. We also have legal
21 counsel -- oh, I should say, first of all, we have two
22 other commissioners, Vice Chair Freeman and Vice Chair
23 Herrera who are not here tonight but they'll be able to
24 watch a recording of this meeting tonight. It's all
25 being recorded for viewing later as anyone can download

1 from our website. And we're all taking turns going
2 across the state to about 26 or 7 different locales and
3 so not all of the commissioners go to all of those
4 hearings but we can watch them later online.

5 Other folks at the table are legal counsel Mary
6 O'Grady, our mapping consultant Willie Desmond. We
7 have a court reporter tonight, Ken, who is here to take
8 an accurate transcript of tonight's proceedings, and we
9 have staff in the room, we have Deputy Executive
10 Director Kristina Gomez and Public Outreach Coordinator
11 Coordinators Liza Schmelling and Kristi Olson, and I
12 think -- oh, we have Buck Forst hiding there behind
13 the -- the hand went up. He's the Chief Technology
14 Officer recording all of this so that it goes up on the
15 internet at a later time.

16 So with that, we also have a translator.
17 Federal law requires us to translate all of our
18 hearings and tonight we have Elsa Gutierrez who will
19 be -- and if Ms. Gutierrez would come up to the
20 microphone and if you could give us some words of
21 welcome in both English and then Spanish, that would be
22 great, thank you.

23 Ms. GUTIERREZ: Good evening, my name is Elsa
24 Gutierrez, I am the English/Spanish
25 interpreter/translator.

1 (Whereupon, Spanish translation was then given.)

2 Chair Mathis, commissioners, ladies and
3 gentlemen, in accordance with the Voting Rights Act, a
4 translator/interpreter will be available at public
5 hearings in order to provide translating/interpreting
6 services that might be needed for those citizens that
7 need translating or interpreting services. Please
8 contact the translator present at this meeting so that
9 she may assist you.

10 (Whereupon, Spanish translation was then given.)

11 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. So the purpose
12 of tonight's meeting is really to hear from you and
13 there will be an opportunity for public comments in
14 just a little while; but if you like to address us
15 tonight, please be sure to fill out a yellow request to
16 speak form, I have a few up here, and I'll be calling
17 these names later and you will come up to the
18 microphone and give us your input on the draft
19 congressional and draft legislative maps that have been
20 posted and approved by the commission and that's why
21 we're out talking to everybody across the state to hear
22 what they like and they don't like about these maps and
23 this is an important part of the process and we're here
24 to listen to you so we are glad that you are here to
25 talk to us tonight.

1 If you don't want to address us at the
2 microphone tonight, if you don't want to speak tonight,
3 there are certainly many other ways to provide input,
4 and Willie Desmond will be going over some of that in
5 his presentation but just to alert you now to your
6 packets that you should have received on the way in,
7 last page has a blue form in it and you can provide
8 written comments to the commission using that form by
9 filling it out tonight if you want and handing it to
10 one of our staff or filling it out later and mailing it
11 to us so there are multiple ways to provide input and
12 we hope you will.

13 So with that I think that's covered all the
14 housekeeping items for tonight and we can go ahead and
15 get started with the overview of the process with
16 Mr. Desmond.

17 (Whereupon, Mr. Desmond gave a short PowerPoint
18 presentation.)

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Desmond. So
20 that takes us to the next part of our hearing which is
21 the public comment and so just some reminders, if you
22 haven't done this before, please come up to the
23 microphone and say your name and please spell your last
24 name and that way we'll get an accurate transcription.
25 Also, if you could say where you live, just the city,

1 town or county suffices, you don't need to give us an
2 address, and we prefer actually that you don't.

3 And then go ahead and provide us with your input
4 and on your input to the extent you can be specific
5 with us, please do so, please tell us exactly areas
6 that you looked at that you feel are, if there are
7 certain lines that need to be adjusted in a certain way
8 that you think need to happen, please tell us what
9 those are and if you've thought about the ripple
10 effects that would result from any movement, because as
11 everyone knows, once you move any little line, it
12 affects the whole map. Please tell us how we can
13 mitigate some of those ripple effects. We'd appreciate
14 that.

15 So with that I've got about eight request to
16 speak forms right now. If people could limit their
17 comments to four minutes each. We won't pull you off
18 but just try to be mindful of what everyone -- now we
19 have nine -- so that everyone gets an opportunity to
20 speak and we'll try to keep it at four minutes each.

21 With that, our first speaker is Maddy Urken
22 representing self from Sahuarita.

23 MS. URKEN: Chairman Mathis and commissioners,
24 thank you for being here and agreeing to listen to us.
25 My name is Maddy Urken, M-A-D-D-Y U-R-K-E-N. I do live

1 in Sahuarita and I was going to discuss my community of
2 interest, the I-19/Santa Cruz valley area which clearly
3 includes Nogales on here and as well as parts of
4 Tucson. And some of you may recognize my face because
5 I was there, too.

6 However, because the very legitimacy of the
7 commission is being challenged at the highest state
8 governmental levels, I will simply say that even though
9 the maps presented today are not nearly competitive
10 enough, especially the LD map, and my community of
11 interest is in danger of being split.

12 I value the work of the commission. The
13 commission has been operating under threats of one sort
14 or another while carrying out work as defined by our
15 state constitution as amended by a vote of Arizona
16 citizens. The commission was even created following
17 that constitution. Calls of impeachment is simply out
18 of order. Your work should be respected and valued by
19 our elected officials and not defamed.

20 Although you and I may disagree in fact or in
21 principle, I support and am grateful for your work and
22 I wish that you felt that support and gratefulness from
23 top to bottom. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next

1 speaker is William Maki representing self from Green
2 Valley.

3 MR. MAKI: Madam Chair and members of the
4 commission, my name is William Maki, last name spelled
5 M-A-K-I. I am representing myself. I live in the
6 Green Valley neighborhood and I was originally planning
7 to be at your meeting in Green Valley, I'll be out of
8 town so I come here to Nogales to talk about Green
9 Valley, but let me digress for a moment.

10 Once again, I want to thank you for your work on
11 this commission. In particular, I appreciate your
12 congressional district draft map with its three
13 competitive districts. I hope that you can find a way
14 to increase the competitiveness of the legislative
15 district map as well. If left as it is, I fear that
16 Arizona is destined for another decade of one party
17 rule and that would be a terrible blow in my estimation
18 for democratic processes in our state.

19 As an example, witness the governor's
20 interference in your work. She does not -- she does
21 this not for legal or moral grounds but just simply
22 because she can because of one party rule.

23 Now competitiveness aside, I'm here this evening
24 to make a plea for maintaining the integrity of the
25 community of interest that I'll refer to as the Santa

1 Cruz river valley or the I-19 corridor. Let me start
2 by using myself as an example. Probably a bad idea but
3 my postal address is Green Valley. My physical
4 residence is within the town limits of Sahuarita. I
5 pay taxes in the Continental School District. I
6 frequently shop in Tubac, Green Valley, Sahuarita and
7 Tucson.

8 My athletic pursuits range from hiking in Madera
9 Canyon near Green Valley to attending U of A basketball
10 games. I subscribe to the Tucson Symphony and I attend
11 performances of theaters in Tucson. Although retired,
12 I hold an adjunct professorship at the university where
13 I attend research talks most Friday.

14 Now look carefully. In what I just described
15 there is not one mention of communities to the east.
16 The principal access of the Santa Cruz river valley is
17 north-south along the I-19 corridor. Commerce,
18 recreation and education all flow north-south and not
19 east-west for a good geological reason, the Santa Rita
20 Mountain Range.

21 There is no easy and short route across those
22 mountains. They represent a natural eastern boundary
23 for the Santa Cruz valley. Thus the interest of those
24 of us in the Santa Cruz valley do not match all that
25 well with those of the more rural communities to the

1 east. Placing Green Valley in LD 1 of the draft map
2 fractures a naturally defined community of interest.

3 As a practical matter, that also runs afoul of
4 compactness and continuity. East-west transportation
5 is not direct so Green Valley is functionally
6 disconnected from, say, Sierra Vista. Instead of an
7 unnatural placement in LD 1, I would urge the
8 commission to keep Green Valley together with its
9 neighbors in LD 2 and thus respect the Santa Cruz river
10 valley as our community of interest.

11 Thanks for your attention and, again, I wish you
12 my best wishes going forward with this process.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next
15 speaker is Eduardo Delci, is the last name,
16 representing self from Santa Cruz County.

17 MR. DELCI: Thank you very much, Madam Chair,
18 commissioners. My name is Eduardo Delci, D, as in
19 David, E-L-C-I. I am currently the chair of the Santa
20 Cruz County Democratic party but I'm only speaking on
21 my behalf in this presentation. I have had three other
22 opportunities to address the commission before and I
23 welcome this opportunity and thank you very much for
24 coming to Santa Cruz County to listen to our input.

25 Most importantly, my concern, I'm very pleased

1 with the Congressional District 3 that has been
2 proposed. My concern is with Legislative District 2,
3 and my biggest concern in that is that I argued
4 consistently that Santa Cruz County should remain as a
5 single, quote, political entity and not be divided and
6 Dr. Maki's comments about preserving the values of the
7 Santa Cruz river basin is critical to all of Santa Cruz
8 County.

9 I see that in the Legislative District 2 it may
10 be because of the unfortunate past history of the State
11 of Arizona that it has to go before the Department of
12 Justice in order to clear whatever findings the
13 commission comes up with, that placing the borderline
14 region of Cochise County, which is predominantly
15 Hispanic, and placing that particular vote within Santa
16 Cruz County I think is a disservice to that particular
17 community because it weakens their political vote
18 within Cochise County. Cochise County to me should be
19 an entity tying in with Graham and Greenlee County
20 because of their makeup, they are rural, their border
21 county -- it's a border county of Cochise County is an
22 agricultural based both in cattle and in farming.
23 It has small businesses, small towns and I think that
24 is very critical. I don't know the exact figures to be
25 able to determine what that population base is but

1 because of the geographic division that the Huachuca
2 Mountains makes or developed between Santa Cruz and
3 Cochise counties, it's more natural to have that
4 borderland region that is right now delineated for
5 Cochise County should stay within Cochise County and
6 not Gerrymandered with Santa Cruz County.

7 If in fact we're looking for a population base
8 that would respect a minority community vote, then
9 looking west into the -- to the Tohono O'Odham, the
10 Native American vote and the Hispanic vote that is
11 registered in Santa Cruz County and Santa Cruz River
12 corridor basin is more consistent with a legitimate
13 competitive district that would respect the minority
14 community vote much more so than trying to place the
15 lower end of Cochise County into the Santa Cruz County
16 in order to rationalize that minority vote.

17 I think that weakens the position of the
18 minority vote in Cochise County and we want to
19 reinforce the minority vote throughout the state. I
20 don't have a full understanding of how legislative or
21 Congressional District 1 is delineated, it puzzles me
22 that if I'm reading the map wrong, I beg your pardon,
23 but if I read it correctly, it extends Coconino County
24 all the way to Greenlee and Graham and down into
25 Cochise County reaching all the way to a little corner

1 of the state. I don't know if that was intentional to
2 create a third congressional district along the
3 borderline region which is being proposed by that
4 particular delineation and I don't think that that's a
5 good definition for you to be looking at.

6 Thank you very much and I also would like to
7 reinforce, condemn personally the governor's action
8 against the commission and the previous actions by the
9 Attorney General, and fortunately the court found that
10 you are working independently and you're doing a
11 tremendous service for the State of Arizona which as a
12 fourth generation Arizonan, I appreciate your effort.
13 Thank you very much.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next
16 speaker is Barbara Mendoza representing self from
17 Nogales.

18 MS. MENDOZA: Good evening. First and foremost,
19 I would like to thank you for the work that you're
20 doing. I can tell you from personal experience having
21 sat in a similar status that you have that when you are
22 being attacked by your adversaries it's because you're
23 doing your job. Don't be afraid, go forward in doing
24 the same effort that you have put forth so far. The
25 job you're doing is commendable and I greatly

1 appreciate the work that you are doing.

2 I want to thank the commission for listening to
3 the people on the issues. I've come before you, this
4 is the third time now. I appreciate the fact that you
5 listen to the Hispanic coalition interests and that you
6 responded appropriately.

7 Nogales is a community of interest with south
8 and west Pima County. We're culturally, economically
9 and physically bound. The Santa Cruz River and I-19
10 physically bind Nogales and Santa Cruz County with Pima
11 County and Tucson. Nogales and Santa Cruz County have
12 been very happy with our congressional district as
13 we're currently served and hopefully that it can stay
14 that way.

15 When it comes to legislative matters, I do have
16 some concerns. Again, I thank you for preserving the
17 historical and cultural ties that have existed in our
18 state for many, many years, however, I do have concern
19 over what needs to be done for civic participation in
20 elections and your guarantee that there is competition
21 and that it is given a little stronger support.

22 I'm hoping that our legislative map includes
23 more of the I-19 corridor and the community of interest
24 that we have there and I don't quite understand the
25 eastern part of the legislative district for down here

1 but I am hoping that the community of interest in the
2 I-19 corridor continues and I thank you again for the
3 work that you are doing. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next
6 speaker is Rich Bohman from Tubac.

7 MR. BOHMAN: Good evening, Madam Chair,
8 commissioners. My name is Rich Bohman, B-O-H-M-A-N,
9 and I do live in Tubac. I'm currently serving as the
10 president of the Santa Cruz Valley Citizens Council but
11 I'm here tonight just speaking on my own behalf.

12 The first comment I want to make is it's
13 unfortunate that I believe both meetings in the Nogales
14 area have occurred at 6:00 p.m. on a Friday evening and
15 I was unable to make the first one because of a prior
16 commitment and looking here at the room, we've got a
17 few people but certainly not as many as I thought and I
18 don't know who is responsible for setting up the
19 meeting time but it's unfortunate we didn't have the
20 time of Monday through Thursday night versus a Friday,
21 so just a comment.

22 I've looked at the maps. I can only -- can't
23 even appreciate all of the work that you must have
24 trying to get down to the number one in equalizing all
25 the areas. I mean I'm not even sure how you do that.

1 You've got to have a map that's so big to get all the
2 various households in, it's incredible so that in
3 itself is a chore that seems to be very daunting. It
4 looks like you've met that.

5 I am concerned and some other people that spoke
6 tonight voice the same concern I have and with me it's
7 both within the congressional as well as the
8 legislative districts. Santa Cruz valley, which
9 basically runs from Nogales up through Tucson, but from
10 the perspective of keeping in mind the population
11 constraints, I'm going to use the areas south as the
12 Nogales border up to maybe where the South Tucson city
13 limits start. I would like to see the entire Santa
14 Cruz valley, both sides of the I-19 communities of
15 interest be in the same congressional and legislative
16 districts.

17 Looking at the congressional district, I don't
18 think our area here has a whole lot in common other
19 than that we live in Arizona and like each other with
20 Yuma. They are an agricultural area, they have, I
21 think they should be maybe part of the area that's
22 including La Paz County which I believe is not very
23 populace and move that boundary line further to the
24 east.

25 And then I look at the congressional, I'm

1 getting a little different perspective but if I were a
2 candidate, and looking at the geographical areas that
3 some of these candidates have to oversee, I mean
4 there's some very big disparities in what their
5 knowledge and interests have to be of those districts
6 or those areas that they have to cover.

7 But to get back to my real concern, I would like
8 to see the map change slightly to include all of the
9 Santa Cruz river valley, and I think one gentleman
10 outlined the mountains to the east and keep the I-19
11 corridor and the communities of Nogales, Rio Rico,
12 Tumacacori, Tubac, Sahuarita, Green Valley in the same
13 congressional and legislative districts. Thank you
14 very much.

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Doug
18 Holler representing self from Nogales.

19 MR. HOLLER: Hello. My name is Doug Holler,
20 H-O-L-L-E-R, and I'm here representing myself. I'm a
21 fourth generation Nogales resident and I believe we're
22 up to six for sure. And I'm here representing myself.
23 I say that again because I am the treasurer for the
24 Santa Cruz County Democratic Central Committee. I'm a
25 precinct committeeman for Precinct 19 here in Santa

1 Cruz County.

2 I would like to start with saying that in
3 regards to the Congressional District 3 that I'm happy
4 with the current proposal as it stands. And in regards
5 to Legislative District 2, I have mixed feelings
6 because I think it's great for a Democrat from Santa
7 Cruz County, which is here, but I think it's -- would
8 be tad unfair for a Democrat from Cochise County to
9 have that division and I ask the commission to maybe
10 have another look at that and I trust that the
11 commission will do that.

12 Doing a very good job which leads me to I want
13 to thank all of the commission, I know you're doing
14 volunteer work and it's hard work and I think you have
15 done a very good job and I know the governor and others
16 have been critical and interfering but from my past
17 experience, that just tells me that you're doing a good
18 job. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Our next speaker is Cesar
22 Parada from the city council in Nogales. I probably
23 didn't say your name very well so it was probably hard
24 to hear or recognize I should say.

25 MR. PARADA: Hi. My name is Cesar, C-E-S-A-R,

1 last name Parada, P-A-R-A-D-A. I'm presently a city
2 councilman for the City of Nogales.

3 First of all, thank you for coming to our city
4 and state, from Nogales and Santa Cruz County and I
5 would like to congratulate your staff and your
6 volunteers, workers to bring this forum to Nogales so
7 we could have a good input into the legislative
8 district and the congressional.

9 I think that Nogales and Pima County, we have
10 sort of a great bunch together with those cities. Most
11 of our people go for medical, most of our kids go for
12 education so I believe that I'm very confident and I
13 really think that you guys made a big job, it takes a
14 lot of time, I know that talk about a lot of effort and
15 a lot of input you're getting, I really feel confident
16 for what you have done both legislative and
17 congressional and the good thing about it, it still
18 opens -- the doors are still open for improvement so it
19 gives everybody a chance to appear in groups.

20 I would like to thank you for being here in
21 Nogales.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next
24 speaker is Rudy Molera, Santa Cruz County Supervisor
25 District 2.

1 MR. MOLERA: Good evening, my name, Madam Chair.
2 Commission. I, too, want to thank you for coming down
3 to our community of Nogales and especially on a Friday.
4 Actually I have my own personal criticism coming down
5 on a Friday, game seven. I'm missing the World Series.
6 But all kidding aside, we really, really appreciate it.

7 Getting back to my name is Rudy Molera,
8 M-O-L-E-R-A, and I, too, want to thank you because
9 obviously you have a major challenge, you have had a
10 lot of criticisms and a tough job and I, too, support
11 your efforts. I believe you guys have done a real good
12 job.

13 Santa Cruz County -- first of all, the
14 Congressional District 3, I personally live in that
15 district and it didn't change and I agree with -- I
16 want to echo some of the thoughts that were expressed
17 earlier, Santa Cruz River valley is critical
18 culturally, physical and economical. We have a bond
19 with Tucson and the whole river valley and I believe
20 that it's good that it's kept together.

21 The legislative, I am going to also critique a
22 little bit and I do agree with the earlier comments
23 where the people in Cochise, Douglas, need to stay in
24 Cochise and we need to maintain our district with our
25 own in Santa Cruz and hopefully the commission can

1 listen to these minor critiques that we've made today.

2 I do understand that you guys have a very
3 challenging job as I mentioned earlier and we do thank
4 you for coming down here and we thank you for your
5 efforts. It is a tough job and keep working hard.
6 Thank you very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. Our next
9 speaker is Marshall Magruder representing self from
10 Tubac.

11 MR. MAGRUDER: Good evening, Chairman. My name
12 is Marshall Magruder, M-A-G-R-U-D-E-R. I live in Tubac
13 and Santa Cruz County. And I'm looking at your, first
14 at your congressional district and I know you've worked
15 hard. This is not easy to play games with these
16 numbers and try to come up with something that makes
17 everything balanced but looking at your grid map for
18 the congressional districts, I actually like it better
19 than your actual congressional draft map and whatever
20 you did in your 26 meetings, you sure Gerrymandered a
21 lot in the meantime.

22 But looking at the one that you are working from
23 now I'm a very strong believer that the I-19 corridor,
24 I-19, us in the Santa Cruz Valley, as you know history
25 Santa Cruz broke away from Pima County. They are our

1 mother county so if there's any place that we're
2 closest to county-wise is Pima County.

3 In fact, we're a fairly small county. As I
4 think you know only 47,000 people. Lots of time our
5 county will hire Pima County people to be our coroner
6 and various jobs that we just can't support a full-time
7 staff position so our county does work very closely
8 with Pima. We also work very closely with Green Valley
9 and Sahuarita.

10 And sort of the border, the San Xavier
11 Reservation border below that is all the same
12 community, all the same community and to make this
13 happen, looking at your map, what I would sort of
14 suggest is to take the eastern boundary of Santa Cruz
15 County and extend it north to I-10 and then put all
16 that into our county, into this same legislative
17 district but to compensate for that I would then
18 combine Yuma into one district and take La Paz and
19 above La Paz as far as you needed to go to the west and
20 make that all into Congressional District 3 on the map.

21 Now I really think we worked hard to draw those
22 little things around Naco and some of those other
23 places down to the south in Cochise County, that county
24 should be the same. That county is the same. It's
25 like Santa Cruz County working with Pima County and it

1 works very closely with Greenlee and Graham County and
2 those three would be a nice grouping together because
3 they are very rural because this big one gigantic rural
4 district you have is absolutely impossible for some one
5 congress person to represent.

6 That person -- thin of their mileage. To make a
7 talk on any of your constituents, I'm not running in
8 that district or anything, but that's a terrible place
9 to represent and to make it a little bit smaller what I
10 would do is take District 4, which is the green
11 district and move it over to the boundary of the Navajo
12 Nation which cuts up through Yavapai County into
13 Coconino County so you keep the Navajo, the Hopi
14 nations together but the other Indian organizations on
15 the Colorado River would stay in the four and not in
16 the large, the world's largest congressional district
17 which is probably what that would be and I really think
18 it's, just size-wise, it is absolutely impossible.

19 I do think keeping the Southern Arizona voting
20 population have some representation with three people
21 in Tucson is very important because we sort of are a
22 minority group compared with the rest of the state.

23 Looking at the legislative district, I think
24 keeping them -- I also like the grid map better than
25 the Gerrymandered one at the bottom, and when you look

1 at Santa Cruz County and Cochise County, I would get
2 all that pink stuff out of District 2 and put it into
3 District 1 with Cochise County and combine it with
4 Greenlee and Graham County again and again take the
5 eastern boundary of Santa Cruz County, extend it to, up
6 to I-10 and cut across, because those people in
7 Whetstone and Vail and those communities are actually
8 closer to us than they are to Cochise County.

9 And if we need some more people because we're
10 going to lose a couple, I don't mind the Tohono O'odham
11 Nation joining in with our county because we're good
12 friends with those people, too.

13 So those are just some comments. Keep I-19 as
14 one community and make all of Cochise County one border
15 county. Santa Cruz County, maybe including the Tohono
16 O'odham Nation as the second border county and Yuma,
17 again you might want to combine with La Paz.

18 Those are my comments. I don't have the
19 numbers and I know you guys get a chance to play games
20 with moving the numbers around but I think keeping the
21 communities together and acting as a community is what
22 we're all about. Thank you very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you. That was my
25 last notice -- I have one more. This is Pat Fleming

1 representing herself from Cochise.

2 MS. FLEMING: Good evening, Madam Chair, members
3 of the commission and staff people. Thank you so much
4 for being here. My name is Pat Fleming,
5 F-L-E-M-I-N-G. I live in Sierra Vista -- well, just
6 south of Sierra Vista in Cochise County and I'm here
7 this evening to advocate for good government, true
8 legislative representation and my community so that I'm
9 claim here on the southeastern border.

10 I'm grateful for the opportunity to express my
11 support for the process that's been presented at the
12 beginning of the meeting where you were showing the
13 public who might not know all of the details of what
14 happened in November 2000 when the people of Arizona
15 voted by way of Proposition 106 to create the
16 commission you are sitting on.

17 It seems to me like many people don't understand
18 or just don't recognize that you all were appointed by
19 the legislative leadership; that is, two of you from
20 the majority party and two of you from the minority
21 party. You all set a great example by electing an
22 independent chairwoman. I think many us of here in
23 Arizona can take that as evidence of a democratic
24 process that many of us really need to be reminded of
25 and may be put better into practice. Your

1 bipartisanship efforts really have set a great example
2 for the rest of us and I appreciate that very much.

3 The process beginning with a clean outline of
4 Arizona has made a lot of progress from them. I'm
5 hearing people talking about the grid maps. I think
6 maybe I need to go back and look at those grid maps
7 again myself. But the lines are drawn without the
8 consideration of sitting incumbent legislators and I
9 think that's very, very important.

10 Each of you have been under constant attack and
11 I personally find that appalling when you should be
12 commended for your efforts as citizen volunteers for
13 assuming a huge task.

14 I'm very pleased to hear the support that comes
15 from the people of this community. Please know that
16 those who are attacking you with disrespect are
17 disrespecting the will of the voters but there are as
18 many of those who do appreciate what you're doing and
19 respect the commission and the work and your efforts.

20 Now this is not to say that I agree with all the
21 distribution of the legislative district lines you've
22 already created in this approved map. They are way too
23 few competitive districts in the entire current map.
24 For example, my concerns are about Legislative District
25 2 here where you're sitting now created as a

1 minority/majority district, but it has a lot of merit
2 itself except that the district apparently has been
3 packed to create that super majority giving a 26 point
4 advantage for the Democrats.

5 I ask that you make some minor changes that
6 would not change the Democratic leaning district. By
7 moving the Democratic leaning precincts of Bisbee,
8 Naco, Douglas, portions of Hereford and Palominos that
9 are sitting in Cochise County and move those back into
10 LD 1. It certainly wouldn't make LD 1 much more
11 competitive but I believe you could pick up some of
12 their numbers of population along I-19 corridor.

13 I believe, too, that doing such, bringing as
14 you've already heard, bringing those smaller areas back
15 into the folds of Cochise County itself is truly being
16 respectful of the communities of interest we have there
17 and certainly the Cochise County residents as many of
18 you heard the other night, but thank you for being
19 citizen volunteers, thank you for your attention and
20 thank you for considering all the comments that have
21 been made to you this evening.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Is there anyone else who
25 would like to address the commission or anybody I

1 missed?

2 Okay. I very -- I'll let my fellow
3 commissioners speak, too, but thank you very much for
4 being here tonight on a Friday evening and I apologize
5 that the scheduling worked out the way it did. I
6 didn't realize that we had a Friday evening the last
7 time, too, but it's impressive that all you of came out
8 and joined us and took time out of your life to do this
9 so thank you.

10 And I also appreciate your comments. We heard
11 them all and I also appreciate your professionalism in
12 delivering them. You were all very respectful and we
13 appreciate the support.

14 With that I'll turn it of over to Commissioner
15 McNulty?

16 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you. Thank you for
17 coming on a Friday night. Thank you very much for your
18 support. This has been a long and difficult process.
19 It's fascinating at the same time and it's really
20 gratifying when fellow citizens come out and spend time
21 and give us detailed comments and are able on the one
22 hand to say they support the process and on the other
23 hand tell us very directly what they disagree with on
24 the maps and how they would like to improve them. I
25 really appreciate that. I will ask Willie if he knows

1 what the score is. Sometimes he -- well, okay. I
2 can't get you an update. Sorry.

3 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, again thank
5 everybody for coming out tonight. If there was a
6 Packer game on, Willie would know the score.

7 The I-19 corridor, Santa Cruz corridor, is
8 incredibly important. We understand it, we've heard
9 that and I want to give a compliment to Pat Fleming.
10 This is the third time this week that we've seen you.
11 I didn't see you in person last night but I saw your
12 testimony online. So I wanted to say that you're
13 putting some miles on as well making sure that you're
14 getting your testimony heard to the commission as you
15 were in Thatcher last night and you were in Sierra
16 Vista two nights before and then tonight here in
17 Nogales.

18 And I like to say too say that we're not coming
19 down to Nogales, that we're coming up to Nogales
20 because I remind all my friends in Phoenix they are
21 coming up to Tucson and now we're coming up to Nogales
22 so thank you very much for coming out tonight, we
23 really appreciate it. All of your comments were
24 extremely thoughtful, they were well thought through,
25 they were comprehensive and they gave great testimony

1 and a great basis for us to be able to move forward and
2 make our decisions as we contemplate the changes going
3 forward on the maps. So thank you and have a great
4 time watching the game tonight.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: And I would just note that
6 the tour continues. Tomorrow we'll be in the City of
7 Yuma, 1:00 p.m. at Yuma City Hall. So if anyone wants
8 to make the trek to Yuma, you're welcome to join us or
9 you can watch online. I hope it will be streaming. If
10 it's not streaming, it's because there is some
11 technical difficulty with bandwidth. We have had that
12 issue. But it will be recorded and it will be uploaded
13 if for some reason we're not streaming live.

14 After Yuma on Tuesday is our next meeting,
15 November 1st, and that's at South Mountain Community
16 College in Phoenix. So you can check our website for
17 future meetings. We'll continue these on through
18 November 5th and with that I think we will adjourn.
19 The time is 7:11 p.m. Thank you.

20 (Whereupon, the public session adjourned.)

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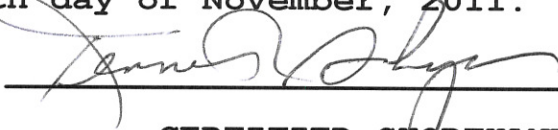
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3 COUNTY OF PIMA)

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