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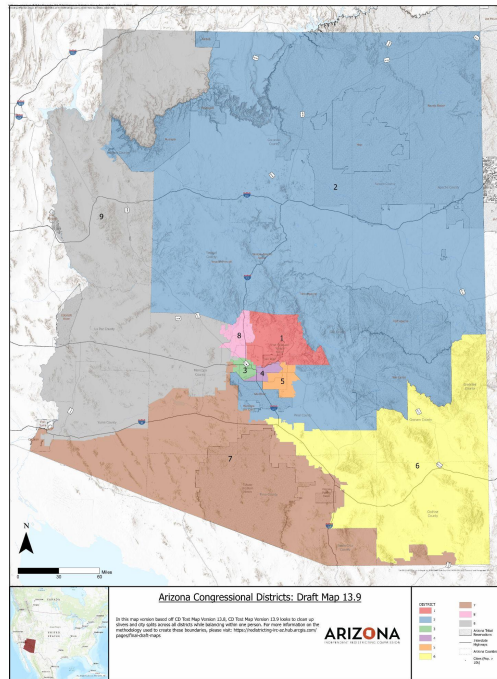
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Approved Congressional District Final draft Map.

## Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Final Decision Maps

*After 9 Days of Deliberation*

**Phoenix, AZ** - Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission has made a decision on the Congressional and Legislative Maps that will last Arizona for the next 10 years. The final phase of the map-making process was completed after nine days of deliberation. Congressional District Map 13.9 vote 5-0 and Legislative District Map 16.1 vote of 3-2 were approved today Dec. 22, 2021.

The five volunteer members of the Commission chaired by Dr. Erika Neuberg, have spent the last seven months listening to in-person public comments

from over 1700 in person and online comments recorded. There were also thousands emailed and mailed comments, about 17,000 comments submitted through the website portal and maps submitted by online and paper submissions. The Commission held 68 statewide sessions over the past 5 months inviting Arizona residents to provide input into the redrawing of the maps. These meetings were in all 15 counties from remote locations to large cities, municipalities, tribal communities attended by over 4,000 residents, city mayors, council members, tribal government

officials, latino community members and various organizations.

The creation and redrawing of the nine Congressional and 30 Legislative districts is an enormous undertaking for five commissioners. Pursuant to Article IV, part 2, §§ 1(14)–(17) of the Arizona Constitution, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) is responsible for drawing final Legislative and Congressional electoral maps for the State of Arizona and providing certification to the Arizona Secretary of State. Arizona’s county election administrators have traditionally been invited, near the end of the process but before final certification, to suggest minor, mostly technical changes intended

solely to facilitate election administration in the counties. Once the IRC does vote, each county will have seven calendar days to provide to the IRC any suggestions for minor accommodations for election administration purposes.

“From day one this has always been a very organic process,” stated Erika Neuberg, Chairwoman of the Independent Redistricting Commission.

The final maps can be viewed on the link: <https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/final-draft-maps>



Commissioner Shereen Lerner, Vice Chair Derrick Watchman, Chairwoman Erika Neuberg, Commissioners David Mehl and Douglas York holding adopted Congressional District final draft map.

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*IRC Mission: The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.*

*A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.*



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