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10/20/2021 8:12:54	October 20, 2021	III	Ann Heitland	86004	self	I cannot find the map submitted yesterday by the Navajo Nation. Has it been published? What is its name and number?
10/20/2021 8:13:38	October 20, 2021	LD map	Matt Parrilli	85637	Citizens of Sonoita/Elgin	Madam Chair, Commissioners, There is far too much consideration of "Competitiveness" in your current deliberations. Heed the stipulation that it not cause harm to the other mandates, especially Communities of Interest. Please modify the LD map to have the same boundary between LD19 and LD21 as the approved CD Draft Map (4.2) Consult published plan LD0029 which passed all of the parameter checks. The conservative voters of eastern Santa Cruz County (Sonoita, Elgin et al) have no voice. Moreover, we definitely do not want to have our vote sub optimized during National and State Legislator elections.
10/20/2021 8:18:52	October 20, 2021	Maps	Andrew Flach	85749	Self	I think Arizona needs as many districts that are competitive as possible. Drawing up a map with 15 safe Rep seats and 15 safe Dem seats will just results in each party playing to their base and not much being accomplished. The more competitive districts there are the more politicians who are sensitive to the desires of both parties, and people in the middle, and the more the voters can decide the direction of the state.
10/20/2021 8:20:48	October 20, 2021	V	Trey Terry	85395	Self	Please keep the southwest valley together. Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Buckeye… especially north of the Gila River and west of the Agua Fria River… are all a singular community of interest. Please don't chop us up into pieces. And please don't put us with Yuma. Thank you.

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10/20/2021 8:23:35	October 20, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Jana Lynn Granillo	85282	Self	V. Draft Map decision discussion * Legislative Map Drawing Logic regarding keeping Kyrene District together should hold for Tempe Union High School and elementary school district. Keep Tempe High School and other tempe school districts together. Keep Tempe together. Important to note regarding representation, in LD26, we have not elected to state legislature a representative from Mesa or Salt River Pima Reservation. The current split of Tempe into 3 legislative districts does not serve our community and promotes divisiveness. Agree that communities are different economically north Tempe to South, however, as a city we share core values and have a network of neighborhood associations and city administration structure that unites us. Residents have an infrastructure around city commissions, school districts and other to include community organizations (YMCA Boys and Girls Club, school after care Kid Zone) parks and community recreation centers/programs, charter schools, Tempe Town Lake, restaurants and shopping. There are others who share my view. Also consider the number of Native Americans who live outside the reservation. What is that number for Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa and Phoenix metro? Thank you for your work.
10/20/2021 8:25:34	October 20, 2021	Opportunity for Public Comments	Joanne Keene	86336	City of Sedona	The City of Sedona requests reconsideration of the proposed Legislative District boundaries. We ask that the City of Sedona be kept intact to ensure our residents can continue to speak with one voice as a community. We further ask that our City be kept with its neighboring communities (Village of Oak Creek, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Jerome, and Clarkdale, as well as the Yavapai Apache Nation).
10/20/2021 8:29:40	October 20, 2021	population balancing and partisan balancing	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	You are having a very important conversation about how to improve these balances relative to COIs. I do think that overemphasizing the ideal population numbers while you are trying to achieve the elusive balancing will work against your efforts for now. Please also remember that the LD maps give you more latitude for population deviation for a good reason. You are trying to achieve difficult and vying goals. Thank you for acknowledging this today.

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10/20/2021 8:30:46	October 20, 2021	Legislative Maps: Verde Valley	Jeannine Reno	86351	self	The direct quote from the IRC chair made yesterday "Verde Valley should not control what happens in MarCo - Especially when there is not a unified vision of what their community is." is inaccurate. Many testified in Sedona/Flagstaff to educate the IRC that the Verde Valley is a community of interest. Verde Valley = Camp Verde/Cottonwood/Jerome/Clarkdale/Sedona/Flagstaff. The current LD6 is THE SECOND LARGEST TOURISM ECONOMY IN ARIZONA. A study generated by the Arizona Department of tourism in 2019 completed by Dean Runyan associates demonstrated this fact. Current LD6 Sedona/Flagstaff tourism generated 2.127 billion in spending. Our community has an community of workers, residents, and businesses in common. We need common representation. Link to the study: https: //www.deanrunyan.com/s/AZImp1.pdf
10/20/2021 8:32:29	October 20, 2021	Legislative Draft Maps	Jean Meconi	85737	myself	First off, I'd like to thank you for all the time and thoughtful consideration you are putting in to develop fair and representative maps. I also appreciate the opportunity to comment on map versions which helps me to look at it in its entirety instead of focussing on my Legislative District. LD draft map 5.0 is a balanced legislative map. In Planscore, it gives Repulbican candidates a slight edge but is overall competitive in most districts. It also addresses Latino Coalition districts and gives Native Americans a clear voice. LD draft map 5.0 also puts Oro Valley in a district that is primarily in Pima County, respects Oro Valley as a community of interest by not splitting it between districts and includes Casas Adobes and northern Pima County within district 17.
10/20/2021 8:33:39	October 20, 2021	LDs discussion	M.E. Dunn	86303		Good morning. I continue to be in awe of the enormity of the job you have committed to undertake and your dedication to the process. Guessing not too many hours of sleep each night. I would dare say that your efforts could be eased and made more effective/efficient, if you would set (should have been done from the outset but not too late) some very specific terms on how to proceed when handling the complicated issues you knew you would face, such as inconsistencies (how will you handle joining rural districts to urban areas; do we accept that in some cases it is OK and in others it is not; do we emphasize "finalizing" VRAs and move from there?). Chair has labeled these as philosophical musings but, in fact, they are operational, and agreeing once and for all on some of these will help you move forward after what yesterday afternoon seemed like backward steps. Taking the time to do this will actually save time. And, yes you have aspirational dates for completion but the process should not be rushed just because ..... I know you want the best for AZ.
10/20/2021 8:33:55	October 20, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	Commissioner Mehl has proposed having very small population deviations for the LDs. But doing this for 30 districts is literally exponentially (in a direct mathematical sense) more impactful than doing it for 9. It could make efforts to improve the other criteria, particularly competitiveness, far more difficult. Any change creates ripples throughout the map and any single-minded direction must be balanced by other considerations. A deviation of 500 is about .2% - why move so radically from the court-approved 10% deviation? If you want to reduce the deviations, why not start with a modest reduction in the deviation? This is a delicate balance between the criteria for a large number of interacting elements - please move carefully.
10/20/2021 8:37:23	October 20, 2021	V.	Jana Lynn Granillo	85282	Self	In regards to community of interests and where people live, important to note … The cost of housing is a driving factor of where people live, transportation, schools and infrastructure.

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10/20/2021 8:37:28	October 20, 2021	V-Draft Mapping Discussion	Cathy Lee	85209	self	You said you heard loud & clear that Tucson does not want to be part of Maricopa. Have you heard loud & clear that East Mesa does not want to be with Apache Junction? For years we have been in the same district & those of us in Mesa feel very unrepresented and that our voices are not heard. Please expand D10 further east to Signal Butte & South to Guadalupe. I know you will have to shift other things but this is what both AJ & Mesa want.
10/20/2021 8:40:57	October 20, 2021	Public Comment on Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	Regarding LD Maps 5.0 and 5.1. Map 5.0 has my neighborhood (Broadmoor) separated from most of our adjacent neighborhoods, and joined into LD21. The issues and interests of my neighborhood are more in line with the adjacent residential midtown neighborhoods, and should be grouped with them. Our interests and needs do not align well with the southern areas down to Nogales. Map 5.1 resolves that problem and has Broadmoor in a much more logical district grouping. I MUCH prefer Map 5.1. Thank you.
10/20/2021 8:45:19	October 20, 2021	draft maps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	Draft map 5.1 has several problems in northern Pima County; 1. The IRC should respect geographical boundaries. Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The IRC should respect city and county boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. 3. The IRC should also respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split between different LDs. 4. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that include Casas Adobes and Catalina foothills..
10/20/2021 8:45:33	October 20, 2021	LDs	María-Elena Dunn	86303		Chair Neurberg. Thank you so much for not allowing the process to be shortchanged by voting on one Commissioner's favored map without prior discussion or explanation. For the public, it has felt that the focus has been on moving to satisfy completion by certain dates and not allowing conversation and dialogue to flow. Not only do we need to hear the thinking behind a choice (other than this is the one I really feel strongly about) but also the record should indicate these explanations to mitigate potential litigation at a later point. These maps require a significant amount of time to absorb (even if you get them before we do) so ALL commissioners should be allowed at least a few minutes to digest what they see and what they hear. As you well aware, this is complicated process and being railroaded into a choice does not seem like a reasonable or fair approach. Again, thank you.
10/20/2021 8:48:16	October 20, 2021	Public Comments on Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	Regarding the competitiveness of the LD maps, LD map 5.1 seems to be a good and fair map. The Democrats and Republicans seem to be fairly split, and there are more districts that are very close in their competitive vote percentages vs. previous maps. I prefer maximizing districts that could go either way, and reducing the number of safe districts. I believe you have more responsiveness, and less extreme polarization, from our elected officials when we have fewer "safe" districts.
10/20/2021 8:54:02	October 20, 2021	V	Barb Orcutt	86004	self	Why can't we see among the published maps the map submitted by the Navajo Nation yesterday?
10/20/2021 8:55:45	October 20, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	Dr. Johnson said that there are 6 competitive districts in 5.1 . According to the Timmons table and the IRC criteria, there are only 5. This is the same as with 5.0 . I understand that there are many other considerations in the debate between these maps, but it was unfortunate that this oral error preceded much of the discussion.

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10/20/2021 8:59:59	October 20, 2021	Public Comment on Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	I have serious concerns about the version 5.x CD maps. They all seem to tilt to the Republicans, some very significantly. They essentially pack large portions of the Democratic-leaning voters into 2 overwhelmingly Democratic districts, leaving the other districts in the state mostly leaning, or strongly, Republican. This State just voted for the Democratic presidential and Senate candidates in 2020. Constructing congressional districts that make the State's congressional delegation majority Republican is a sign of something wrong.
10/20/2021 9:01:46	October 20, 2021	LDs	María-Elena Dunn	86303	A Latina	Yes, the population growth can easily justify the creation of another VAR Latino district, so staying the same or going backwards does not sound reasonable.
10/20/2021 9:15:43	October 20, 2021	Discussion of legislative district test maps	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	I am strongly supportive of the points that Commissioner Lerner is making. It is extremely frustrating to see the Commission go back on its previous decision not to select v 3.2. Why is the Commission even taking votes to adopt a certain map as a starting point for the next day's work, if you are going to throw that decision out and revert to a previous version? Secondly, because the Latino population is the most significant contributor to population growth in Arizona in the past decade, it does indeed seem quite reasonable, appropriate, and useful for state governmental processes to have one more VRA-relevant legislative district. Thus the fact that map v 5.0 creates one more Hispanic-serving district than our current map makes this a defensible and understandable choice. For these reasons I think the selection of 5.0, rather than 5.1, is to be preferred.
10/20/2021 9:16:01	October 20, 2021	Draft Maps	David Gilliem	85755	Myself	1. The IRC should respect geographical boundaries. Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns. 3. The IRC should also respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. 4. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that includes Marana and Casas Adobes. 5. LD17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a Legislative District that preserves Oro Valley and meets all the IRC's criteria.
10/20/2021 9:17:46	October 20, 2021	Draft Maps	Jacqueline Gilliem	85755	Myself	1. The IRC should respect geographical boundaries. Oro Valley's LD shouldn't extend over the Catalina Mountains. 2. The IRC should respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley was incorporated in 1974 and is unique and unified in shared community concerns. 3. The IRC should also respect Oro Valley's Community of Interest. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. 4. The IRC should respect Oro Valley's larger community of interest that includes Marana and Casas Adobes. 5. LD17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a Legislative District that preserves Oro Valley and meets all the IRC's criteria.
10/20/2021 9:35:46	October 20, 2021	VRA Districts	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Am I correctly understanding that Commissioners Mehl and York are opposed to having eight majority-minority or minority-influence Latino legislative districts because we only have seven now? Arizona's population has increased by 11.9% since 2010. 60.9% of that increase came from Latinos. Over 30% of Arizona's population is Latino. If your legal team is advising you to limit Latino representation, please make that clear to the public. Thank you.

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10/20/2021 9:38:04	October 20, 2021	5.0 map	Thomas Meconi	85737		Map 5.0 is far preferable to version 5.1 as the latter is nothing but an updated 3.2 which failed in so many ways. 5.0 keeps Oro Valley as a community of Interest with its southern Tucson and Pima County neighbors instead of dividing it and including parts of it with Pinal County which shares very little with Oro Valley. Oro Valley was the sacrificial district ten years ago and used to settle the last of the map`s discrepancies regardless of the nominal factors. It must not happen again.
10/20/2021 9:49:56	October 20, 2021	Oro Valley Community	Michael Dayton	85737	Oro Valley community	Please keep Oro Valley in Pima County in determining our new Legislative District. It is our community of interest. We are not part of Saddle Brooke and do not want to be. We want to be in a vital, young part of Pima County with common schools, NEWS, politics, sports and friends. Not in some county where we have nothing in common.
10/20/2021 9:50:44	October 20, 2021	Extreme legislative districts	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Thank you, Chairwoman Neuberg, for advocating for fewer "extreme" legislative districts. I would like to see less political divisiveness in our state.
10/20/2021 10:09:38	October 20, 2021	Draft Maps	Anne Wheaton	85755	Myself	IRC should respect county/city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. LD 17 in map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a LD that preserves OV and meets all the IRC's criteria.
10/20/2021 10:20:45	October 20, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	5.0 has been through the Commission's own deliberative process via the 4.0 test series. 5.1 moves back to the 3.0 series, discarding the Commissions deliberations on 4.0

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10/20/2021 10:20:56	October 20, 2021	#5 Draft Map Decision/Discussion	Alex Baker	85281		Writing today as a Tempe resident and recent ASU grad, asking that Tempe not be further split on the state leg. map beyond the existing N/S line along Baseline/US60. I've read that certain commissioners support further splitting north Tempe into "Central" and "Campus" portions, assigning each to a separate LD. I believe that the existing LD-26 lines do a solid job of encapsulating the community of interest I belong to - students, faculty, staff and recent grads of Arizona State University's Tempe campus - and that the proposed district boundaries in that area in LD map 5.0 would remove that COI's ability to elect candidates of their choice. The ASU-related COI can be argued to extend - based on student apartment locations, faculty homes, businesses that target students - south from McDowell in Scottsdale to Baseline in Tempe, and west from SR143/48th St. to SR101. It extends further into Mesa between University/Broadway for some distance along the light rail corridor. This ends up close to the ~215K LD pop. targets. This COI has shown time-and-again its ability to elect younger candidates to office when presented with the opportunity. At the leg. level, all 3 current legislators from D26 were 35 or younger ("U35") when they won in 2020, and all 3 have strong ties to ASU. Prior to the current slate, D26 has had 2 of its other 4 past legislators (Ableser/Sherwood) win election initially when they were also U35 - both ASU grads. This isn't solely limited to Dem. candidates - GOP candidates for D26 have skewed noticeably younger as well, with half of all candidates this decade U35. Current HD26 GOP candidate Caden Darrow is 25 and an ASU grad. This electoral preference also extends downballotl. 2 of the 3 current Justices of the Peace that represent areas encompassing the ASU COI - Judges Kissell and Sears - won election initially when they were U35. Sears won at age 24. Both were ASU graduates. Northern Tempe precincts consistently show stronger support for younger candidates and ASU staff/faculty in elections for city council. These can be seen repeatedly in precinct results for the ex-student candidates (Casey Clowes, Vice Mayor Keating, ex-Councilman Granville) and ASU faculty (Councilwoman Kuby, Mayor Woods). As LD26 currently exists, it's likely one of only a few potential LD's that could routinely elect younger legislators - it would be tragic for diversity at the Capitol if it were to be divided up in the interest of competitiveness. It makes no sense to put ASU in the same district as Fountain Hills. 5.1 is somewhat better, although it splits Tempe 4 times instead of 3. I understand the reasoning behind giving Hispanic neighborhoods east of ASU to :D10 to an extent (at least the ones east of SR-101), but D9 has no business snaking that far west into Tempe. I would hope to see those precincts re-added to 5.1's LD8, and swap areas in SE PHX with those along the light rail corridor heading NW out of Tempe (where other students live).
10/20/2021 10:21:38	October 20, 2021	Maps	Holli Ploog	86336	City of Sedona	Please respect our desire to keep our small city intact and remain with the Verde Valley as a community of interest. In both versions 5.0 and 5.1 the City of Sedona is split by county lines. Thank you.

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10/20/2021 10:32:20	October 20, 2021	LDs	M.E. Dunn	86303	A very concerned consistent listener	Very, very, very discouraged. Chair Neuberg,, the words that you utter give the public the impression that our input is important and valued, but your votes do not demonstrate the same. Every time, you have voted, in my view, against reasoned arguments that reflect what COIs have proposed, in favor of supposedly "shared" assessments by the commissioners Shared? Why then have the votes gone, 3-2, and you have been on one side every time? Very, very worried as to how this is going. Why should we participate in the public hearings on the draft maps? Is our opinion going to be once again dismissed? Expected so much better; much more balance. Saddened.
10/20/2021 10:43:18	October 20, 2021	LD mapping	shanna leonard	85719	self	There are insufficient competitive districts in the LD map just adopted on a partisan line vote - according to the commissioners own standards (7 points) and even fewer highly competitive. The commission is ignoring the will of a very large portion of the public who have repeatedly given reasons their communities of interest benefit from competitive districts.
10/20/2021 10:44:12	October 20, 2021	ES on VRA	David Dunn	86303	An Indepedent Voice	You just conducted a long ES. Justified, likely. However, other than apologizing for it being so long, the public was given no readout of what may have transpired. As has been said in this forum by others, it is understood that the specifics of the conversations might not be shareable (privileged), but at least an idea of what was discussed and what the gist of the recommendations were would be welcomed. Yes, the legal counsel firms are contracted by the IRC but these are public funds, plus, more importantly, what you are receiving advice on is a very public subject, the VRA. Keep that in mind the next time you come back from an ES. We deserve better. We are owed more.
10/20/2021 10:48:30	October 20, 2021	V Draft Map decisions and discussion	Arlene Rheinfelder	86333	self	I'm concerned with the comment which was made that respecting communities of interest could be disregarded if it was for the greater good of competitiveness. This is contrary to the AZ Constitution. Competitiveness is favored ONLY when it "would create no significant detriment to the other goals." AZ Constitution, Art. 4, Part 2., Sec. 1, (14)(F) All 5 of the other criteria have priority over competitiveness. Communities of interest should not be divided simply to promote competitiveness. Thank you all for the difficult work that you are doing.
10/20/2021 10:49:59	October 20, 2021	Item V Draft Map Decision Discussion	Jeffrey Specter	85395		The latest Legislative District test map, Series 4, is unacceptable. The proposed District 2 is not compact as required by law. It extends from the west valley all the way down to Yuma. Don't put us in with Yuma. It also wraps around proposed LD 25 along Northern Avenue. The series 3 Legislative District test map (proposed District 25) does not extend to Yuma or wrap around another District. It is superior to Series 4. Ideally, however, the SW Valley community of interest, including Goodyear and Buckeye, should be kept together. The Series 4 Congressional District test map for proposed District 9 also extends from the west valley down to Yuma. The proposed District is not compact. Don't put us in with Yuma.
10/20/2021 10:53:32	October 20, 2021	redistricting	Judith Reisman	85737	self	Oro Valley is in Pima County. Why in the world would politicians split OV away from Pima County unless it was to influence the outcome of elections for their own purposes. Do not do this! We need full representation for our democracy to work. There is enough distrust and this would only add to it.
10/20/2021 10:55:40	October 20, 2021	V	Cathy Lee	85209	Self	It is disappointing to me that the commission continues to think that East Mesa has communities of interest in line with Apache Junction. AJ does not want to be with us & we do not want to be with them. Please put D10 as close to 3.2 version as much as possible.

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10/20/2021 10:57:09	October 20, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Steve Zipperman	86305	Yavapai County Republican Committee	Requested Changes to Pre Draft Map 4.1 For CD pre-draft map - We like the fact that the map follows county lines and Yavapai County is kept as a whole. For LD pre-draft map - We respectfully request that the entire city of Sedona be part of what is currently identified as District 5. We do not want Sedona divided since Sedona is part of the Verde Valley Communities, and it should be kept together. Also, Sedona is an incorporated municipality and residents of Sedona in Coconino County would still be with their representative government if they are included as part of District 5. Finally, the town of Wickenburg is rural and it shares many characteristics with the rest of District 5. The area and the lifestyle of it's people have more in common with Yavapai County than they do with Maricopa County. The people who live in Wickenburg are important to the District, and should be included in what is now identified as District 5. Thank you for consideration of these changes!
10/20/2021 11:36:36	October 20, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	In a previous comment I pointed out that 5.1 has only 5 competitive districts, not 6. I'm thinking that Dr. Johnson may have been using an "OR" rather than the "AND" I have been using. That is, I assumed that to be competitive, the vote spread must be within 7 AND there should be a swing in election wins; perhaps Dr. Johnson is using the criterion that the vote spread must be within 7 points OR there is at least one swing election, which would bring LD5.1 to 6 competitive districts. Perhaps I missed it but I was unaware of that definition. Could that be made explicit, so that we can be comparing apples to apples, so to speak? Thanks.
10/20/2021 11:40:28	October 20, 2021	Redistricting Maps	Cynthia Schwartz	85395	Precent Committeewoman (PebbleCreek)	Legislative District test map, Series 4, is unacceptable. The proposed District 2 is not compact as required by law. It extends from the west valley all the way down to Yuma. I live in Goodyear, AZ. We should not be grouped with Yuma. It also wraps around proposed LD 25 along Northern Avenue. The series 3 Legislative District test map (proposed District 25) does not extend to Yuma or wrap around another District. It is superior to Series 4. Ideally, however, the SW Valley community of interest, including Goodyear and Buckeye, should be kept together. Thank you.
10/20/2021 11:42:10	October 20, 2021	Redistricting	Indy Rebhun	85395		The latest Legislative District test map, Series 4, is unacceptable. The proposed District 2 is not compact as required by law. It extends from the west valley all the way down to Yuma. Don't put us in with Yuma. It also wraps around proposed LD 25 along Northern Avenue. The series 3 Legislative District test map (proposed District 25) does not extend to Yuma or wrap around another District. It is superior to Series 4. Ideally, however, the SW Valley community of interest, including Goodyear and Buckeye, should be kept together. The Series 4 Congressional District test map for proposed District 9 also extends from the west valley down to Yuma. The proposed District is not compact. Don't put us in with Yuma.
10/20/2021 12:07:57	October 20, 2021	Redistricting of Maricopa County	Linda Kesselman	85395	Goodyear	Why should the the SW Valley be extended and become part of District 2? What is the necessity of this redistricting? We should remain in the same district as Buckeye, this redistricting makes no sense.

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10/20/2021 12:08:57	October 20, 2021	Draft Legislative District Map 4	Thomas Schoaf	85340	City of Litchfield Park	The previously approved Draft 3 legislative district placed the City of Litchfield Park in its community of interest with portions of the City of Goodyear, the City of Avondale, and the City of Buckeye with which it shares common issues such as schools, fast growth, transportation, and quality of life, thereby respecting its citizens' community of interest. Draft 4.1 legislative map creates legislative district 25 in which the City of Litchfield Park is separated from its communities of interest and placed at the western edge of an urban district. The City is isolated from the communities with which it shares common issues such as schools, fast growth, transportation, and quality of life, thereby violating the criteria of respect for communities of interest. To protect the best interests of Litchfield Park residents and preserve Litchfield Park as a community of interest, I opposes the draft map 4.1 approved by the Independent Redistricting Commission and urgently request that the Commission revise the map prior to adopting a final legislative map and that the final map place the City in in a district with communities which share a community of interest and historical interests with the City of Litchfield Park such as Draft 3.
10/20/2021 12:10:10	October 20, 2021	LD 5.1 Map	Cathy Schwanke	85086	LD1 Republicans in Maricopa County	My name is Cathy Schwanke and I am the present LD1 Republican Chairman. My LD1 Democrat counterpart agrees. We want to be kept together along I-17. The LD3/28 boundary line splits my Deadman Wash Precinct along Carefree Hwy east of I-17. Please extend the LD28 line south to include ALL of Deadman Wash precinct, and even more south to Sonoran Drive to include all of (new) Sleepy Ranch Precinct and Dove Valley Precinct. The north-south LD3/28 boundary splits these precincts. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors changed these precinct lines but this map does not seem to address this. It's important. Please keep Anthem/New River/Desert Hills and Phoenix to our south together along I-17. It looks like we are now in LD28. It was mentioned to add Black Canyon City. That's fine. Move Wickenburg into Yavapai County. But LD28 goes too far west. Thank you so much! ~Cathy Schwanke
10/20/2021 12:21:09	October 20, 2021	mapping of Marana and Oro Valley	Susan Bickel	85718	self	Combining Oro Valley with Casas Adobes is very natural due to the transportation flow north and south on Oracle, La Canada and La Cholla Roads. Whereas Marana is very much an interstate corridor and an agricultural city, many residents of Oro Valley work in Tucson (UofA, Raytheon, etc.) The OV city council are working hard to develop clean industry such as the UofA Veterinary School and Ventana Medical Systems. Marana residents live south or west of the interstate, whereas most businesses such as a retail outlet mall are located on the north or east side of the interstate. It makes far more sense to combine the Marana population into District 20 and to combine the two COIs of Oro Valley with Casas Adobes into District 17. For a good visual of what this could look like, please refer to the redistricting hub LD17 Oro Valley Casas Adobes Foothills map, IRC Plan Name: LDF021.

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10/20/2021 12:59:15	October 20, 2021	V	Barb Orcutt	86004	self and my Native American friends	Watching the abrupt dismissal of the Navajo Nation's submission yesterday and the short shrift given to it today has been extremely troublesome to me. Mr. Gorman said at the Flagstaff Grid Map hearing that they were struggling with the mapping system -- as many of us are, it is way to complex. The map was apparently submitted into the system midafternoon yesterday but as of now, it still has not been loaded for the public to view, analyze, and comment upon. At the very least, the Commission should wait for that process before dismissing the map out of hand. Commissioner Mehl is loud and insistent in his claim that eastern Navajo County and the white areas of Apache should be included in a district with parts of Yavapai. Loudness apparently winning this one rather than careful, reasoned analysis. Please take a look at LDF 008 and LD0023 as well as the Navajo Nation submission.
10/20/2021 12:59:57	October 20, 2021	Legislative Districts	Linda Morenz	85750	self	I live in current LD 9. I work on main campus, U of A, Tucson. I shop in Tucson. I attend concerts, plays, etc. in Tucson. The same is true for the majority of my friends who live in LD 9. Our community of interest is Tucson, not Marana, not Saddlebrook. Please keep us with our community of interest. Also, it is of concern that on most votes so far, Commission Chair Neuberg has voted with the Republican commission members. More evidence of impartiality is needed if the results of this commission are to be accepted as "independent".
10/20/2021 13:20:08	October 20, 2021	mapping	Susan Bickel	85718	self	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 13:39:40	October 20, 2021	draft maps	Jean Meconi	85737	myself	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive; however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit. The draft version of the legislative and congressional districts that are under discussion today (LD 5.1) and all of the CD series 5 versions are not competitive.
10/20/2021 13:40:08	October 20, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit. Competitiveness was included in Prop 106 for very good reason. Districts where candidates must compete to win or keep their seats have representatives who are more responsive to their constituents and who must find ways to lead competing groups to compromise on issues, which leads to good government for all.
10/20/2021 13:41:50	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	Eve Shapiro	85718	my community (current LD 9)	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.

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10/20/2021 13:42:02	October 20, 2021	Maps	Dana Offerman	85737	myself	As a resident of Oro Valley and Pima County, I opposed any newly created districts in which we would be included in Pinal County and be the minority of voters. We do not identify with Pinal County; we are residents of Pima and in terms of our culture and community with identify with Pima County. Putting us in districts with Pinal county would diminish our representation. And a district including Oro Valley, Marana and Saddlebrook with Pinal County would not be competitive.
10/20/2021 13:45:56	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	Golda Velez	85716	myself, Tucson constituent, Rio Vista neighborhood	Communities are contiguous. I am right on the river pathway on the S bank. I have a common interest with those on the N bank, to preserve our beautiful rillito river parkway. Putting those people instead with Marana just because they are higher income is to me, extremely harmful to my community of interest. People who live in the same place have a community of interest. It is not based on income level. Its based on community. Please do not sever me from my neighbors in order to connect them to some others up in Marana over 10 miles away. Whoever is suggesting this does not represent me, here in Tucson and Pima County.
10/20/2021 13:57:24	October 20, 2021	Redistricting maps	Steve Robinson	85755	Oro Valley	It is absolutely imperative that district maps be drawn to reflect diversity and competitiveness within each district. The aim of the Commission should not be to divide up the state into a jigsaw puzzle of homogenous districts--quite the opposite, in fact. Districts should reflect the diverse population of contiguous areas and the common values of all people, regardless of their background, ethnicity, race or political party.
10/20/2021 14:00:19	October 20, 2021	Test Maps LD 20 and 23 borders	Barbara Tellman	85705	self	Re: LD In July I submitted two Communities of Interest maps, (SURVEY ID 202107270906 and SURVEY IS 202107270921 asking that people in these two communities kept together. One contains 4 precincts continuous with the City of Tucson, yet its representation according to the latest map will be Yuma and Maricopa,, while neighbors across the street will be with Tucson. The other group is a rural (rapidly developing) area 15 minutes away from the Tucson Metro Area, where all it affinities are. The latest map divides this community into two parts, again one with Tucson Metro and the other with Yuma. Please correct this small problem. This makes no sense for either party. We have reiterated our plea several times since July, yet it goes ignored.
10/20/2021 14:03:02	October 20, 2021	Competitiveness	Alison Jones	85719	Democracy lovers	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 14:07:31	October 20, 2021	Competitiveness	Garrett Abeln	85748		Please draw fair and competitive districts. While not every district can be made competitive, a 3-3-3 split of 3 Dem / 3 Rep / 3 Competitive Districts would be fair for Arizona.

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10/20/2021 14:11:47	October 20, 2021	V. Afternoon ES	M.E. Dunn	86303	myself	Good afternoon. Welcome back. Yes, I am going to mention it again. I am now not only left wondering why the need of yet another ES for legal consultation on the VRA but also anticipating, at its end, no feedback whatsoever as to the broad strokes of where these discussions are leading the commissioners....closer to VRA goals or further away, among other things. A lot of lip service is given to the involvement of the public and how valued we are and how we are an important component of the process, but yet, we are frequently left befuddled as to why decisions are being taken because we are kept in the dark. If you would just give us some general ideas as to what you are hearing, maybe then we could come on board some of these decisions, many of which we find ill advised. But, maybe it's not important that we come on board? Thank you for your consideration.
10/20/2021 14:13:21	October 20, 2021	5	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	I am outraged that the commission has dismissed the Navajo Nation's map submission, especially since the Commission's discussion came before the map was published and available for public analysis and comment. This utter disregard seems like blatant disrespect for our Native peoples and the Voting Rights requirements.
10/20/2021 14:15:04	October 20, 2021	5	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Compliance with the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act is the only one of the six redistricting criteria that is strictly required without the modifier "to the extent practicable." Our communities of color must have representation.
10/20/2021 14:18:05	October 20, 2021	2021 redistricting	Roger Voelker	85730-1662	myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 14:18:43	October 20, 2021	aubrey. sonderegger [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	The corridor from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon through Flagstaff and Sedona into and including the Verde Valley share common commercial, environmental, healthcare, and public safety features which should be represented by one LD. This allows for a relatively compact district with clear shared communities of interest. A district that spans most of northern Arizona east-west does NOT adhere to requirements for compact districts, communities of interest, consideration of the Voting Rights Act, or competitiveness.
10/20/2021 14:19:33	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 14:21:40	October 20, 2021	IRC districts	M. Sylvia Gonzalez Andersh	85749	self	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit. Please fulfill the standards and do not subvert democracy. It is your duty to a representative democracy.
10/20/2021 14:21:46	October 20, 2021	Navajo Nation Map Submission	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	I cannot find the Navajo Nation legislative map in the Redistricting System. I saw Brian Kingery display the map in the meeting today, and I thought he said it was available to the public. Commissioner Watchman said it was submitted yesterday, October 19th. I am surprised that the Commission dismissed the map so quickly when the public has not had a chance to study it and comment on it.

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10/20/2021 14:21:49	October 20, 2021	aubrey.sonderegger@gmail.com	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Separating the City of Flagstaff from its surrounding unincorporated populations is wrong. While Mountainaire, Kachina Village, and Bellemont are not within City Limits, they are integral parts of the community of Flagstaff. They house much of Flagstaff's workforce, shopping population, and service providers/consumers. I repeat, separating Flagstaff from surrounding populations is WRONG.
10/20/2021 14:22:27	October 20, 2021	public comment	Mary-Jeanne Fincher	85253	self	The chair made comments this morning "addressing" public frustration with Executive Sessions and zero transparency as to what is discussed or concluded. She seemed to be saying "trust us, this is for everyone's benefit so we avoid litigation." Sorry, trust needs to be earned. How can the public be assured that what is said in Executive Session is evenhanded and is respecting the interests of all Arizonans, when there is an obvious 3-2 split on virtually every vote of significance (no, motions to approve the minutes or to adjourn don't count.)
10/20/2021 14:24:09	October 20, 2021	Maps	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on its own merit.
10/20/2021 14:28:50	October 20, 2021	IRC	Luci Messing	85749	Myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 14:33:07	October 20, 2021	maps	Margaret Lacey	85712	myself	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I please request that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 14:33:09	October 20, 2021	Navajo Nation Map	Ryan Anderson			I am writing to express my shock that the Navajo Nation's map has been dismissed without the chance for the public to see and comment on it. How can we trust the redistricting process when maps from an important group of voters are simply ignored?
10/20/2021 14:34:27	October 20, 2021	Legislative map drawing	Jacqui Bauer	85716	myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on its own merit. I am also confused by the heavy emphasis on separating Oro Valley and the Catalina foothills, and to some extent Marana from Tucson - these areas are clearly tied historically, economically, and socially to Tucson. The insistence that somehow their ties to each other surpass their clear ties to the Tucson metro area is inconsistent with the preservation of communities of interest and competitiveness criteria articulated in the IRC's governing rules.
10/20/2021 14:37:11	October 20, 2021	"V"	Allan Gerston	86001	myself	I understand that the map presented by the Navajo nation was dismisedd by the IRC before being published for the public to see. As a concerned citizen and hopeful that the IRC is truly independent I believe that the public is owed and explanation of the IRC's behavior concerning this matter. I am in shock over this in that it seems that the Navajo Nation is not to be heard and this presents very poor optics for the Independent Redistricting Commission. Is there an explanation to this?

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10/20/2021 14:39:51	October 20, 2021	IRC public comments	Leslie Hunten	85716	myself	The whole point of an Independent Redistricting Commission is to be independent, free from partisan politics. Your guidelines say to draw the districts so that they're competitive; in other words, that all parties are represented equally. But the current maps you've drawn are obviously partisan. They are gerrymandered! This means they are designed for only Republicans to win, in a state that is almost perfectly 1/3 Republican, 1/3 Democrat and 1/3 Independent. 2/3 of Arizona will not be fairly represented. We're watching this process to see whether the Commission will hold to its rules, or give in to partisan pressure. Please fulfill your mission and produce maps that represent the population fairly and equally.
10/20/2021 14:41:10	October 20, 2021	V	Allan Gerston	86001	myself	I understand that the IRC has chosen to dismiss the redistricting map presented by the Navajo Nation before the public had an opportunity to comment on it as it as not published. This paints a very poor picture of the IRC, certainly insofar as transparent is concerned. The public is owed an explanation to this matter as it presents very poor optics for the IRC.
10/20/2021 14:41:15	October 20, 2021	competitive congressional districts	Frank Bergen	85749	self	I don't want to sound like a broken record but I continue to be concerned that as many districts, both congressional and legislative, be competitive. What I see so far in the work of the AIRC is that two majority/minority districts which have historically been able to and actually have elected Latino Members of Congress, are so top-heavy with Democratic voters that once can only surmise they are intended to bleed Democrats from surrounding districts. In southern Arizona District 7's Democratic overload comes at the expense of District 6 which is currently the most competitive district in the state. This southeastern district has been competitive since the retirement of the late Rep. Morris Udall thirty years ago and I fear it is intended that it become much less so this time around.
10/20/2021 14:41:46	October 20, 2021	Navajo Nation	Don Howard	86004	Myself	Commissioners, I live north of Flagstaff off of Highway 89 approximately 20 miles form the Navajo Nation. As an educator in the Flagstaff Public Schools I had the opportunity to work with many Navajo young people. As the fire chief of the Summit Fire District I worked frequently with the Navajo Nation Emergency Services, including responding as a part of an Incident Management Team. The Navajo and Hopi Nations have been regarded by many as second class citizens. It now concerns me that I don't see any mention of either of those nations when discussing mapping. I'm not sure if this was an oversight or if I've missed something but it is essential that these two nations, with a population of more than 265,000 are heard from. Please allow discussion on their maps and their ideas of Community Interest. Respectfully, Don Howard
10/20/2021 14:43:38	October 20, 2021	Legislative Redistricting	Tega Maidoh	85282		I think it is best that the commission honor the voting rights act and include an extra majority Latino seat in the legislative maps. The only reasons that somewhat justify not doing that are concerns about competitiveness and communities of interest. The VRA is a federal law and supersedes the other constitutional requirements from Prop 106 which are state law. As a resident of the south east valley, I also advocate that Tempe be only split into 2 legislative districts, and minority communities in West Mesa not be split up. I support submitted maps LDF024, LDF025, and LDF026 as maps for legislative districts for the Kyrene school district, Chandler, and Gilbert.
10/20/2021 14:47:17	October 20, 2021	Tucson area	Melissa Westbrook	85704	myself	I know that it is difficult to draw maps to make everyone happy AND have competitive districts. But that doesn't mean you don't try. Tucson appears in many maps to be chopped up especially to the north. If Tucson was kept together including South Tucson and north to Catalina Foothills and Casas Adobes, you would get a competitive district.

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10/20/2021 14:48:31	October 20, 2021	Competitiveness in all CDs and LDs	Dana Allmond	85658		I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting; however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit. In a democracy, voters choose public servants. Public servants don't get to choose their constituents so it is easy to win. Their duty and responsibility is to protect the life, limb, health, and welfare of all their constituents.
10/20/2021 14:53:53	October 20, 2021	IRC	Sally Brandon	85749	Self	It is imperative to draw every LD and CD district to be competitive on its own merit to be fair.
10/20/2021 14:54:08	October 20, 2021	IRC redistricting	joy Fischer Williams	85718	myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on its own merit. I am also confused by the heavy emphasis on separating Oro Valley and the Catalina foothills, and to some extent Marana from Tucson - these areas are clearly tied historically, economically, and socially to Tucson. The insistence that somehow their ties to each other surpass their clear ties to the Tucson metro area is inconsistent with the preservation of communities of interest and competitiveness criteria articulated in the IRC's governing rules.
10/20/2021 14:57:51	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	Julianne Hurst	85711	Myself	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict EVERY district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on ITS OWN MERIT. Thank you
10/20/2021 14:58:56	October 20, 2021	competitive maps	Jennifer Dawson	85711		I understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting. However, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on its own merit. Thank you.
10/20/2021 15:02:59	October 20, 2021	legislative map drawing	Jacqui Bauer	85716	myself	Further thoughts on efforts to link Oro Valley with Marana - this seems like an artificially created agglomeration that has little to do with actual conditions on the ground, and is certainly less defensible than Oro Valley's connection to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills. Oro Valley is a foothills community, more like the other areas of Tucson's northern foothills, and is linked directly to Tucson and areas south via Oracle Rd, with little western connection to Marana as they are physically separated by Dove Mountain. Portraying these two areas as somehow bonded together as a community of interest is inaccurate, and immaterial to the redistricting process.
10/20/2021 15:06:17	October 20, 2021	Maps	Mark Knecht	85718	Self	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 15:10:19	October 20, 2021	legislative district maps	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	I'm extremely confused and disappointed that I cannot find the map submitted by the Navajo Nation in either submitted or published maps. I know tha it was shown briefly earlier today but I've looked several different times since then and cannot locate it. From a VRA perspective I think the quick decision not to accept components of that proposal will be hard to justify; and it is impossible for those of us who are trying to track and contribute to this process to engage if we don't get a timely look at their submission. Please provide the same opportunity that you did with the Coalition of Latino Voters submissions, and make the Navajo Nation plan more easily discoverable for the public.

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10/20/2021 15:15:55	October 20, 2021	CDs	María-Elena Dunn	86303		Be a broken record, Com Lerner, because that is what the people of Graham and Greenlee have been saying. And, I object to the fact that the push-back to your suggestions - no matter where in AZ - seem to always be in connection to how they will affect Com Mehl's districts and how unmovable he seems to be with his positions. Compromise has not been evident. Real shame. Expected more of this process to be a give and take. There has been a lot of giving by one side and a lot of taking by the other.....
10/20/2021 15:17:01	October 20, 2021	CD Maps	Wes CRew		ACE	Too much of Tucson in the Western CD suggestion will threaten to overwhelm the voices of Latino voters in that district.
10/20/2021 15:18:03	October 20, 2021	using CD 5.3 v 5.1	Julie Pindzola	86301	myself	The draft CD5.1 shows to be 2/4/3, whereas CD 5.3 is 2/3/4 Dem/Rep/Competitive per your measures. Strive for a fair balance - we ask again. Chair Neuberg we need you to show your INDEPENDENCE and stop aligning all your votes with your R colleagues. This is becoming a serious trend.
10/20/2021 15:22:55	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	L A Soloff	85718	Myself- I am an AZ Voter	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 15:24:26	October 20, 2021	Competitiveness	Bonnie Heidler	85749	Myself	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive. I also understand there are Commission standards, as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 15:26:03	October 20, 2021	Congressional Districts, drafts	David Dunn	86303		Trust that the commissioners took note of who had to compromise on the CD drafts 5.3, 5.1 dialectic. AZ has the 5Cs; the IRC should abide by these 3Cs: Collegiality, Collaboration, Compromise. We will only move forward in the best interest of the state and its citizens, if that is the order of the day.
10/20/2021 15:33:14	October 20, 2021	Maps	Eloise Gore	85750	myself, a voter in Pima County	I want to emphasize the importance of Competitiveness in every CD and LD. This is such a key component of your challenging assignment as Commissioners. I do appreciate that population and voter registration can make it difficult for some districts to be competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during your 9/21 meeting. But I ask that you keep foremost the goal of drawing each CD and LD to be as competitive as possible. Thank you for your service and attention.
10/20/2021 15:37:29	October 20, 2021	Legislative district test maps	Karyn Riedell	86001	Myself	Compliance with the VRA is strictly required. The IRC should start by identifying 2 LDs for Native Americans and a minimum of 8 for Latino communities.

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10/20/2021 15:38:48	October 20, 2021	Compactness	Hope Busto-Keyes	85743	Self	I read this piece on compactness and wanted to share it with the Commission: "'Scholars have proposed more than 30 measures of compactness, each of which can be applied in different ways to individual districts or to a plan as a whole. These generally fit into three categories. In the first category, contorted boundaries are most important: a district with smoother boundaries will be more compact, and one with more squiggly boundaries will be less compact. In the second category, the degree to which the district spreads from a central core (called "dispersion") is most important: a district with few pieces sticking out from the center will be more compact, and one with pieces sticking out farther from the district's center will be less compact. In the third category, the relationship of housing patterns to the district's boundaries is most important: district tendrils, for example, are less meaningful in sparsely populated areas but more meaningful where the population is densely packed." SOURCE: https://redistricting.lls.edu/redistricting-101/where-are-the-lines-drawn/
10/20/2021 15:41:46	October 20, 2021	Legislative district test maps	Karyn Riedell	86001	Myself	Sedona and Flagstaff are popular tourist destinations and are only 28 miles apart. Thus, they are communities of interest and should remain together.
10/20/2021 15:43:29	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	marlene bluestein	85718	myself	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 15:44:35	October 20, 2021	CD map discussion	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Wow! If 71% of CD9 on 5.0 is in Maricopa County, not really a rural district, is it. To get two rural districts, let's put Prescott in CD9 where it has been historically. Also, that will allow our Native Americans to have a voice in Congress.
10/20/2021 15:48:44	October 20, 2021	Map Drawing	Aaron Marquez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/20/2021 15:49:57	October 20, 2021	Map Drawing	Natacha chavez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/20/2021 15:51:56	October 20, 2021	Map Drawing	Samuel Alfredo Gutierrez		AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/20/2021 15:52:19	October 20, 2021	ED's report/Draft maps public hearings	María-Elena Dunn	86303		I am unable to stay on much longer (I know, you are disappointed), so I am hoping to see on the website tomorrow that the ED announced today the LOCATIONS, that go with the dates offered yesterday, for the draft maps public hearings. The general public needs time to plan their attendance and the first one is currently scheduled for a week from tomorrow! Thank you.
10/20/2021 15:58:40	October 20, 2021	competitive redistricting	John Seck	85710	LD10	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 15:59:10	October 20, 2021	mapping	Susan Bickel	85718	self	Thank you Commissioners Lerner and Watchman, for your continued attention to the 6 different criteria specified by Prop 106. Arizonans voted for fair and competitive maps with the goal of eliminating extremism and encouraging representatives to be responsive to all of their constituents.

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10/20/2021 16:03:42	October 20, 2021	Maps	Tamar Rala Kreiswirth	85718	myself	I am sincerely confounded on to how to comment in a way that strikes a nerve of every person on the Independent Redistricting Committee to see clear their role in creating fair maps. The newspaper had an article recently that stated that the maps at the time were found to be inconsistent with the task given the IRC. Is there something unclear about the process or maybe it is just too difficult a task to be accomplished by only 5 people? When given the distinguished honor to take such a large role in our democracy, it is imperative that partisan politics take a back seat to being honest, fair, reasonable and in the case of redistricting; paying attention to COMPETITIVE CD and LDs As I discuss the maps with my peers, it is evident that no one I know thinks that Oro Valley and the Catalina Foothills nor Marana and the city of Tucson should be separated. So far nothing makes sense with this plan. It appears that more deference is given to Mr Mehl's ideas on the committee and that doesn't settle well. Please take a step back and look from the outside in…like you would tell a dear friend in a time of trouble, and see your role 'unlinked' from anything other than the task at hand. Please see clearly your responsibility to ALL people who live in AZ. It is to create opportunity in our democracy for everyone to have a voice. If you create maps so that either the Republican or the Democratic candidates have a built-in win score, then we have gone terribly off-task. Please take care with the job you are responsible to complete.
10/20/2021 16:05:01	October 20, 2021	legislative district test maps	Charlie Silver	86001	Citizen	How is it that the commission dismissed the Navajo Nation's submission, especially in view that the Commission's discussion came before the map was published and available for public analysis and comment? I am disheartened by this unfair situation. Please rectify it.
10/20/2021 16:07:53	October 20, 2021	Public Comment-IRC Meeting, Oct 20, 2021	Maria Hidalgo	85750	Myself - Tucson Voter/Resident	We in Tucson, understand that population and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competitive, per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's OWN merit. It is imperative for Arizona's electoral maps to reflect the make-up of ALL its voters, which is one-third/Independent, one-third/Democrat and one third/Republican. Arizona is PURPLE. The maps I've reviewed to date (10/20/2021) are NOTCOMPETITIVE.
10/20/2021 16:08:31	October 20, 2021	Redistricting	Marcy Albert	85716		We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 16:15:25	October 20, 2021	V	Cathy Lee	85209	Self	You didn't show a map of what Comm. Lerner asked to make 9 & 10 vertical instead of horizontal. Again it seems like you're catering to the requests of Comm. Mehl and not Comm. Lerner.
10/20/2021 16:19:11	October 20, 2021	District maps	Tom Broderick	86004	self	The map submitted by the Navajo Nation was apparently dismissed today, before it had been published or allowed to be subject to comments from that published copy. Their map should continue to be considered through a process that exposes their map to review by anyone who wants to comment on it. They submitted on paper, I suspect due to problems with internet access or with the submission process. They are a large population that is protected under VRA, so this is a premature action.

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10/20/2021 16:19:23	October 20, 2021	Competitive districts	Ricky Sage	85715	Ne Tucson	I understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on it's own merit.
10/20/2021 16:20:21	October 20, 2021	competitiveness	marlene bluestein	85718	self and pct 210	We understand that population and voter registration may restrict every district from being competitive, as per Commission standards as discussed during the 9/21 meeting, however, I ask that you draw every CD and LD district to be competitive on its own merit. 2) Main point: Marana has little in common with Oro Valley and the Foothills areas of Tucson. Overall Point: please re-word - There is no reason Marana needs to be joined to Oro valley. Oro va ley has much more in common with the Foothills than with Marana Some Specifics to pick from or choose your own. - Oro valley is connected to Casas Adobes and North Tucson by the main commercial artery of Oracle road - Oro valley as a foothills community of the Coronado National Forest has more in common with the Catalina foothills than with Marana - North West and North Tucson have traditionally closer ties with our North foothills area, (Catalina foothills, Sabino & Bear canyon, Catalina highway and Oro valley than Marana does. - Tucson Mall at the edge of the Catalina foothills serves all of North Tucson and the Catalina foothills.
10/20/2021 16:21:03	October 20, 2021	LD Map Discussion	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Let's make the Southern AZ Leadership Council's map a formal alternative but we've discarded the Navajo Nation submission without a thought. This is NOT the way to do business.