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10/21/2021 8:15:56	October 21, 2021	Public comment	Laura Huenneke	86004	self	Reflecting on the end of your meeting yesterday (October 20) – I am more and more outraged. You had made mention of a legislative map submission by the Navajo Nation (involving ways of crea ing a VRA-serving district that would truly allow the largest tribal community in Arizona to elect a representative of its choosing), and briefly showed the map on screen. But discussion was quite brief and there was no follow-up. This morning I still do not see that submission as a published plan in the redistricting hub, and I can't see anything in the shared plans in the redistricting system, ei her. This is a huge contrast wi h how carefully you have been discussing and analyzing the legislative districts proposed by the Arizona Latino Coali ion. And then at the end of the day there is a mention of a map submitted by business leaders in southern Arizona and – boom! – hat map is officially now one of the draft versions to be considered today, wi hout any discussion or illustration of its benefits etc. This is a terrible disparity – giving a massive advantage to a map proposed by some business interests while hugely disadvantaging the Navajo Nation's submission by not even making it available for public view and comment (in addi ion to virtually ignoring it yourselves). I realize today is your final day this week for discussion of maps, but I am enormously disappointed in this frankly discriminatory behavior. (Note: I am not a citizen of the Navajo Nation, but as a resident in northern Arizona I am an interested party in any proposals regarding districts in this region. The tribal nations are important participants in the state's future and they must be fairly represented in our legislature over this next decade as we wrestle with water, land use, federal relations, and the like. Your ignoring proposals coming from Navajo is a huge disservice to us all.)
10/21/2021 8:17:21	October 21, 2021	Fairness of the process	Patti Van Tuyl	86004		The Navajo Nation submission should have been published by Tuesday night and given a thorough review using the mapping software on Wednesday. Instead, no demographic comparison was made. No consideration was given to the differences in communities of interest between the pending test map, submitted by a business group (SALC), and the Navajo National alternative. No considera ion was given to he ability of Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice. Where are the Commission lawyers? The treatment of the Navajo Nation's map submission in contrast with the treatment of the submission by a business group (SALC) is wrong and probably illegal
10/21/2021 8:17:30	October 21, 2021	public comments	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Where are the Commission lawyers? The treatment of the Navajo Na ion's map submission in contrast with the treatment of the submission by a business group (SALC) is wrong and probably illegal. Now, Navajo who have traveled hundreds of miles to speak to the Commission have been denied he right to speak while earlier in the week white people from Apache Junc ion and Gold Canyon were given the opportunity to speak directly to the commission because they had traveled "so far," much less far.
10/21/2021 8:17:32	October 21, 2021	Keep me in Tucson.	Steven Marks	85749	Self	Keep my neighborhood in Tucson. I work in Tucson. That is my community.
10/21/2021 8:17:41	October 21, 2021	Maps	Gail Kamaras	85710	Self	The IRC's independence seems to have gone off the rails. Republican Commissioner Mehl seems to be in charge and he Chair follows blindly. The Commission has given short shrift to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected without any considera ion the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in a ethically questionable move Wednesday, the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by he Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. A poten ial conflict of interest also exists since the creation of this district would be of economic benefit to him. Further, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" wi h respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than wi h Marana.
10/21/2021 8:18:44	October 21, 2021	Flagstaff, Sedona, Verde Valley	Patti Van Tuyl	86004		Together, the Verde Valley, Sedona, and Flagstaff function as a community of interest, sharing natural resources, economies (tourism and land use), and jobs. Please keep them together as a legislative and Congressional district.

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10/21/2021 8:18:58	October 21, 2021	Commissioner Mehl	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	The Navajo Nation submitted a legislative map on October 19th that did NOT get much attention from he Commission and is still not published as of this morning, but late in yesterday's meeting, Commissioner Mehl requested that a legislative map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council be given an official version number (LD 6 3) and be considered first thing this morning. This is appalling.
10/21/2021 8:19:02	October 21, 2021	Public Comments on Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	I am very concerned about the process, and about what seems like preferential treatment being allowed for map submissions. The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected he eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6 3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl.
10/21/2021 8:20:18	October 21, 2021	Fair and Equitable Treatment	Julie Pindzola	86301	a concerned citizen	Commissioners, After reading through all 20 pages of comments submitted during Wednesday's mapping meeting, I have to share a few thoughts. Far and away, citizens are crying out for Competitive Districts and a fair and balanced state. I recognize several of the commenters' names as those who worked hard to create and submit maps. How have you been able to take in the best ideas from the slew of map submittals received into the system? There has been no description of how this is being done, or even if this is being done. So please do tell the public how their map submittals are being digested and utilized? For the Commission to disregard the justification for another Latino VRA district was shocking. Even worse was to learn that you rushed right past the Navajo Nation's map submittal giving it no credence. CD District 2 needs to be re hought. The Navajo and Hopi People deserve respect and some accommodation. District 2 needs to be made much more competitive than the current iteration of 46.30 v 53.70 Dem/Rep. This seems to be another VRA slight. Commissioner Lerner asked for a study of some adjustments from Yavapai County via CD5.3, but as drawn the numbers were not enough to make a real difference. I believe I heard it said that the Verde Valley (and therefore District 2) was not worth the ripple changes to the south. That sounds like the work needed to make this right is not worth the commission's time. Please look again. I know you have to make hard choices but this should not be one of hem, honestly. IN CONTRAST, Commissioner Mehl hears from his economic development organization (Southern AZ Leadership Council) and boom, their map gets logged, assigned CD6.3 and goes straight to the front of the line for consideration on Thursday. What gives? Given Commissioner Mehl's business interests in southern Arizona, maybe recusal is warranted. Please reflect on this. Thank you
10/21/2021 8:23:17	October 21, 2021	Navajo Nation Map	Jack Cahill	86001	Coconino County Democratic Party	It is shocking that the maps submitted by the Navajo Nation were not published, not made readily available for viewing, and were essentially cast aside in favor of maps submitted by business leaders in Southern AZ. Redistricting in Arizona is supposed to be a fair and equitable process, where the weight of each interest group is represented and considered in equal fashion. The recent actions in these past few days suggest that the Commission is not interested in that equitable process, and may in fact be losing sight of the VRA; a required thing to consider when drafting maps.
10/21/2021 8:23:48	October 21, 2021	maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	Please respect Navajo Nation maps and all COI. Use the data. Legal challenges cannot be avoided if an obvious disregard for criteria has occurred.
10/21/2021 8:25:51	October 21, 2021	latest LD map An hem area	Ruth Lambert	85086	myself	The latest version of the LD map once again makes the Anthem, New River, Tramonto areas he afterthought of the Legisla ive redistricting process. For 10 years we have been the step child of a legislative district and the 6.0 version would con inue that injustice. The place for Anthem to allow any chance of representation is from the Maricopa border, extending east to Carefree and then sou h heading to the 101. A legislative district including Anthem over to Wickenburg makes no sense to those who live here and are aware of services and o her jurisdictions. Thank you.
10/21/2021 8:25:53	October 21, 2021	maps	Misty Atkins	85737	self	LD 17 is not competitive. Please work harder to ensure competitiveness and use the tools provided to verify.

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10/21/2021 8:26:07	October 21, 2021	Maps	Rita Day	86301	Myself	There are stark differences in how the maps being submitted by various groups are being considered by the IRC Commission. These differences are so stark it seems blatantly discriminatory. For instance, Commissioner Mele submitted a version of a map from the Southern Az Leadership Council, a business group he helped form in the 1990's. shor ly before the end of Wednesday'sIRC meeting, he asked that the map be put on the screen and he asked that the map beTest Map 6.3 for discussion the next day. Everyone agreed!!! Now compare this to the Navajo Nation's map which was previously submitted a few days prior. Their map has yet to be published! So the public has no way to view it, analyze or comment on it. This map hasn't even been considered by the commissioners! Seems like blatant discrimination to me. This is not a fair process, especially when SALC's map has been cherry picked from various submitted maps and is immediately elevated to Test Map Status. Furthermore, Commissioner Mele, who introduced the map from SAKCis one of the founders of SALC in the late 1990's. so IRC Commissioners are giving preferen ial treatment to maps submitted from organizations they are affiliated with. Blatant impartiality.
10/21/2021 8:26:37	October 21, 2021	Navajo Nation Map	Isabel Cerecedes	86315	Self and Family	What happened to the Navajo Nation Map? Where is it and why hasn't it been published, analyzed…did it just get rejected?? Demographic comparisons should have been made. No consideration was given to the differences in communities of interest between the pending test map and the Navajo Nation alternative or the ability of Native Americans to elect candidates of heir choice. Yet the business leaders of southern AZ got their personal map hand selected almost immediately out of the 112-plus maps submitted so far to become an official test map. This is unacceptable and upsetting! Do not disenfranchise Native Americans. (The Latino popula ion accounts for about 61% ofArizona's population increase over the last 10 years. Because of this influential La ino districts should not be limited!) It is a discriminatory practice when the business leaders of southern AZ get their personal map hand selected almost immediately out of he 112-plus maps submitted so far to become an official test map. It' s blatant favoritism! The process must be fair and equitable!! Correct course!
10/21/2021 8:26:39	October 21, 2021	Competitive districts are best for all	Steven Marks	85749	Self	My kids' future depends on the Parties and lawmakers finding common central ground. That was when America was greater. Competitive districts move us to work together. That's what you should support. PLEASE.
10/21/2021 8:26:44	October 21, 2021	V. Disparate treatment of SALC and Navajo Maps	Sallie Kladnik	86004	self	I am very disappointed in your failure to publish and consider the Navajo Nation map, whereas you immediately cherry picked he SALC map as a test map for discussion.
10/21/2021 8:27:52	October 21, 2021	INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTIN G COMMISSION MEETING	Dawn Walker	85755		- Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. - The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. - Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes northern Pima County and Casas Adobes. - Oro Valley and rural Pinal County places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, one quarter of its population is minority, a mixture of housing options, a varied economy, investments in schools and multi-use parks, and urban development. - LD maps should be competi ive and representative.
10/21/2021 8:29:45	October 21, 2021	Legislative Maps	Hyatt Simpson	85749	self	First, I agree with the Chair's comments about balanced vs. compe itive. Our legisla ive seats are very close in number of D & R, and yet the R leadership feels no need to include Ds in decisions. Isn't that a symptom of the lack of competitiveness? On a more personal level, as far as the LD version 6 maps go, I live in unincorporated Pima County on the edge of the City of Tucson. I am ok with where I end up in V. 6,.0 as I'm my daily life as well as vo ing are aligned with the City. In versions 6.1 and 6.2, I'd be in a district that is skewed or very skewed towards Republican registration. Therefore, I urge you to reject versions 6.1 and 6.2.

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10/21/2021 8:30:06	October 21, 2021	maps	Rita Day	86301	Mysels	Transportation corridors are critical considerations when drawing district lines, especially in Rural Arizona. I-17 and Hwy 89A connect Flagstaff & the Verde Valley. There are no similar connections in the East- West alignment between Apache County & the Verde Valley & Eastern Navajo county. Transportation access reflects he social & economic connections running North-South and the LACK of similar connections (or communities of interest) running East-West. It seems to me that the screenshots of he Map submitted by the Navajo Nation provides well for these differences. While the current test maps for LD6 and LD7 DO NOT! I strongly recommend that the Navajo Nation map be given serious consideration. Sent from my iPad
10/21/2021 8:30:33	October 21, 2021	Mapping the districts	Monica Surfaro Spigelman	85718	Myself, Catalina Foothills resident	I am a Catalina Foothills resident for 15+ years…Today I am away from Tucson helping care for my first grandchild. But I am s ill following the critical redistricting process closely and am very concerned. The IRC must listen to our citizens, not the politicians. Please carefully review the proposed districts as submitted by our state's indigenous nations, including the Dine/Navajo Nation. Please consider the Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. Also, as someone who has worked in Oro Valley, I know Oro Valley shares critical economic and social ties to Tucson, not to Marana. Listen to the people who live here, please, to ensure competitive districts that respond to the needs and wishes of our citizens. Monica Surfaro Spigelman
10/21/2021 8:30:52	October 21, 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.
10/21/2021 8:32:23	October 21, 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.
10/21/2021 8:32:43	October 21, 2021	Competitive districts	Laurie Soloff	85718	Self	Neither Democrats nor Republicans should be packed into districts which dilute their overall voting power. LD mapping should not be heavily influenced by individuals represen ing only Republican interests or are *Not* communities of interest, as we see with Mr Mehl, and members of the Sou hern AZ Leadership Council

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10/21/2021 8:34:01	October 21, 2021	legislative map drawing	Jacqui Bauer	85716	myself	Why do the personal friends of Commissioner Mehl at SALC get to bypass the normal submission process for draft maps by sending him a personal message during the meeting yesterday? And then to have their map prioritized over he map submitted by the Navajo Nation for consideration at the meeting today? The Navajo Nation is a legitimate VRA-relevant community of interest, and their input needs to be considered carefully. While the SALC is certainly entitled to submit maps along with the rest of us, their ability to short-circuit the public process is unacceptable. Can the commission also clarify what their criteria are for "competitive" districts? This is an absolutely critical consideration in he redistricting process, but the standards cited by the chair and others for what is competitive seem to shift constantly. Can we set some clear metrics (e.g. # of elections that swing, % vote split) for what can be considered competitive, and s ick to hem? A critical purpose of the redistric ing policy approved by AZ voters was to increase civic engagement and participation by ensuring competitive elections and responsive representation. The more we reduce compe itiveness, the more we end up wi h extremists in the legislature, he less engaged voters feel, and the less we get done around the real issues we need to address. The IRC has an incredibly important role in determining he direction of AZ's state politics. Please, please, please do all you can to respect the will of AZ's voters. Also, Oro Valley and Marana are not the same community, nor are hey critically linked with each other. Prioritizing these as a community of interest doesn't make any sense.
10/21/2021 8:37:31	October 21, 2021	Public comments	Larry Bodine	85718	self	The maps drawn to date are not fair. They proposed district lines guarantee that Republicans will win in 14 districts, but the proposed maps give Democrats only 9 nine districts. The districts should be compe itive and not favor one party or he other.
10/21/2021 8:37:51	October 21, 2021	LD Maps	Jacolyn Marshall	85737	Self	* LD maps should be compe itive and representative.* Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. * The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. * Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes northern Pima County and Casas Adobes. * Oro Valley and rural Pinal places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, a mixture of housing options, a varied economy, investments in schools and multi-use parks, and urban development.

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10/21/2021 8:39:51	October 21, 2021	IRC mapping	Rebecca Haynes	86327	Myself	The business leaders of southern AZ got heir personal map handpicked -- within minutes of submission -- out of he 112-plus maps submitted so far to become an official Test Map. But the Navajo Nation Map hadn't even - more than 24 hours after submission - been published, doesn't get analyzed, yet does get rejected in less than 10 minutes of Commission hearing time. This is not a fair and equitable process and I'm outraged. The Navajo Nation submission should have been published by Tuesday night and given a thorough look using the mapping software on Wednesday. Instead, no demographic comparison was made. No consideration was given to the differences in communities of interest between the pending test map and the Navajo Na ional alternative or to the ability of Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice. Where are the Commission lawyers? The treatment of the Navajo Na ion's map submission in contrast with the treatment of the submission by a business group (SALC) is wrong and probably illegal. Commissioner Mehl is bulldozing his white-wash onto this redistricting process in a way that will disenfranchise Native Americans. Compliance with the Constitution and he Voting Rights Act is the only one of the six redistricting criteria that is strictly required without the modifier "to the extent practicable." The Commission's actions in the last two days call into question whe her Commissioners are following this criterion. Comment in support of he Navajo Nation map: When considering district lines in rural Arizona, transportation corridors are important. I-17 and Highway 89A connect Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. There are no similar easy connections in the east-west alignment between the Verde Valley and Apache County and eastern Navajo county. Furthermore, transportation access is reflective of the economic and social connec ions running north-south and the LACK of such connections (or communities of interest) running east-west. From what I've seen in screenshots of the map submitted by the Navajo Nation, the Navajo Nation map accounts well for these differences and the current test maps for LD6 and LD7 do not.
10/21/2021 8:41:55	October 21, 2021	LD Maps	Lorene McLaughlin	85737	Self	* Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. * The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. * Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes northern Pima County and Casas Adobes. * Oro Valley and rural Pinal places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, a mixture of housing options, a varied economy, investments in schools and multi-use parks, and urban development. * LD maps should be compe itive and representative.
10/21/2021 8:42:18	October 21, 2021	maps submitted by minorities	Jennifer Dawson	85711		Why is the IRC ignoring the Navajo Nation and Latinos? They both have very specific "communities of interest". However, Commissioner Mehl seems to be getting special privileges, for a last-minute submiission by a group HE founded - the Southern Arizona Leadership Council. Case in point: The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition, but - in an unusual move Wednesday - the IRC has agreed to Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and he Catalina Foothills than with Marana. These actions DO NOT provide "fair and balanced" communi ies, nor are they respec ing he will of the voters. Commissioner Mehl must stop pushing his personal agenda, and the IRC needs to stop indulging him. There are specific nationally-approved guidelines for creating communities, and preventing such obvious bias and favoritism. The IRC needs to stringently follow those guidelines. Please do so.

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10/21/2021 8:44:14	October 21, 2021	IRC Map	Mary Zonakis	86336	self	It is important to keep rural Nor hern Arizona together when considering district lines. The economics and social connections between Verde Valley and Flagstaff are deep. Also, it is not desirable to split a city like Sedona between two districts. Please keep Sedona, Verde Valley and Flagstaff together as one district as they have similar issues and are part of an extended commuity.
10/21/2021 8:44:20	October 21, 2021	Maps	Mike Weingarten	85716	Self	Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 8:44:23	October 21, 2021	LD Test Map 6.2	Andrew Flach	85749	Self	I live in Tanque Verde (85749) and LD Test Map v6.2 cuts Tanque Verde off from the rest of suburban Tucson and puts us in District 19 which is mostly the southeaster part of the state. Tanque Verde's community is suburban Tucson, not Willcox, Safford, etc. Please do not put us in D19.
10/21/2021 8:45:23	October 21, 2021	Concern Regarding Navajo Nation Map Submission	Priscilla Weaver	86514	Self	This is not a fair and equitable process and I'm outraged. The Navajo Nation submission should have been published by Tuesday night and given a thorough look using the mapping software on Wednesday. Instead, no demographic comparison was made. Where is the "Community of Interest" and my "Voting Rights". No consideration was given to the differences in communities of interest between he pending test map and the Navajo National alternative or to the ability of Native Americans to elect candidates of their choice. Where are the Commission lawyers? The treatment of the Navajo Na ion's map submission in contrast with the treatment of the submission by a business group (SALC) is wrong and probably illegal. Commissioner Mehl is showing his true nature by bulldozing his white-wash onto his redistricting process in a way that will disenfranchise Native Americans.
10/21/2021 8:47:28	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Judith Reisman	85737	self	Will this commission continue its biased review or will it recognize that Oro Valley is and always has been in Pima County? Splitting this small city is inappropriate and unconscionable... as is placing its voters into another country. We are not Democrats or Republicans; we are voters who value a chance to represent the interests of our home living area. Thank you.
10/21/2021 8:47:45	October 21, 2021	LD draft maps	Jean Mecoi	85737	myself	I was disheartened to look at your proposed Legislative Draft maps this morning. It looks like the commission took some big steps backwards. Please respect county and city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be entirely in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. It is a unique community and needs to be in the same legislative district. Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes northern Pima County and Casas Adobes. Oro Valley and rural Pinal County places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, one quarter of its population is minority, a mixture of housing options, a varied economy, investments in schools and multi-use parks, and urban development. These characteristics match northern Pima County and Casas Adobes. An issue we especially share is our dwindling water resources and we will need adequate representation to address this. Lastly, LD maps should be competitive and representative. When I upload the shapefile of each version 6 map, all show a marked bias. These maps are not competitive nor are they representative.
10/21/2021 8:48:12	October 21, 2021	Test Map 6.2	Carol L Schloff	85713	LD3 Precinct 21	I live in Tucson, just west of the city limits, in LD3 Precinct 21. I'm about 8 miles from downtown Tucson. The Metropolitan Tucson Area is where my neighbors and I work, play and spend our money. This is our Community of Interest. In draft map 6.2, we are lumped in with Yuma, which is over 250 miles from my home. Yuma is where the Legislative District will have its hub, and we feel our Tucson community interests will not be adequately represented. When considering the draft maps, I urge you to approve maps that respect communities of interest. Keep people together in their home communities, and, near their home Metropolitan Areas.
10/21/2021 8:50:51	October 21, 2021	Input on maps	Joan Thomas	85716	Self	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl.

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10/21/2021 8:53:57	October 21, 2021	V	Derrick Leslie	85941	Self	The business leaders of southern AZ got heir personal map handpicked -- within minutes of submission -- out of he 112-plus maps submitted so far to become an official Test Map. But the Navajo Nation Map hadn't even - more than 24 hours after submission - been published, doesn't get analyzed, yet does get rejected in less than 10 minutes of Commission hearing time. This is not a fair and equitable process and I'm outraged.
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10/21/2021 9:01:08	October 21, 2021	Draft maps	Caleb Hayter	85749		The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:04:57	October 21, 2021	SALC submitted map	Alison Jones	85719	self	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. In an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. THIS IS A CLEAR CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
10/21/2021 9:05:33	October 21, 2021	6.3	Thomas Meconi	85737	Myself	The last minute consideration of a map submitted by a business organization founded by one of the commissioners and the refusal to consider the submissions of the Navaho Nation and other concerned citizens reeks of impropriety and conflict of interest. There is a reason why the word "Independent" is first in the Commission's title and this obvious cronyism is the antithesis of independence.
10/21/2021 9:06:37	October 21, 2021	Oro Valley / Marana as COIs	Alison Jones	85719	self	Oro Valley and Marana are NOT "communities of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:07:16	October 21, 2021	Map s for discussiom	Diane Boman	86303	Myself	I am very concerned and quite angry at the way Mehl is handling the commission. To hand pick a map from SALC above others that have been waiting to be reviewed is unconscionable. The fact that his group, that was created by him, and represents business leaders and not ethnic groups is way out of line. I am even more angry that other members of the commission are allowing him to run the show and giving in to his bullying tactics. It is time for all to play fair at the table.

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10/21/2021 9:08:04	October 21, 2021	Draft maps discussion	Priya Sundareshan	85719	self	I am alarmed by the preference shown by the Commission during yesterday's meeting towards certain outside groups. The Commission allowed a map submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (an outside organization that Commissioner Mehl happens to have been involved with) to receive an official draft map number, privileging its status for consideration by the Commission. Yet other outside groups, representing important VRA constituencies, have submitted maps with far less attention than they deserve. The Navajo Nation's maps and preferences appear to have dismissed during the discussion yesterday without much attention, in favor of drawing lines that others in the White Mountains preferred. And the Latino Coalition submitted maps advocating for the creation of 8 Latino VRA districts in order to reasonably reflect the growth in Arizona's population contributed mostly by the Latino community, yet the Commissioners appear determined to limit the number of Latino VRA districts to 7 as before. This disparate treatment of outside groups does not reflect well on the Commission's deliberations, and could bolster a case of intentional discrimina ion as well as discriminatory impact in the drawing of district lines. I would ask that you consult counsel as to how to fairly treat submissions by outside groups so that it does not build a case for later litiga ion on the basis of discrimination of these important protected minority constituencies.
10/21/2021 9:08:19	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Margaret Vaughn	85715	LD10	The criteria for what is considered a “competitive” district should be consistent. The commission received testimony from national experts on what qualifies as competitive, and ostensibly adopted these guidelines, but have failed to incorporate these standards consistently. Please clarify this criteria and stick to it. We want districts that represent a wide and diverse mix of people. We want representa ives who are responsive to all their constituents.
10/21/2021 9:08:40	October 21, 2021	Oro Valley map	Karen Grinfeld	85737	myself	I am a homeowner in Oro Valley, Pima County – zip code 85737—which he United States Postal Service considers to be Tucson. While it is a separate town, it is most closely aligned wi h Tucson and recognized as such. (property tax, voting records, court system, libraries, postal service, etc). As a retiree from the University of Arizona, supporter of education, the arts, and sciences, I have always considered myself to be a Tucsonan, living within urban Pima County. I don't believe anyone living in Pinal County would view hemselves as Tucsonans. We don't have much in common. According to Wikipedia, “Pinal voters now trend more Republican than traditionally conservative Maricopa County, and it has become a safely Republican county. Donald Trump carried he county by the second-largest margin for a Republican since statehood.” It is hardly fair or appropriate to lump Oro Valley with Pinal County. Pinal County is rural, and strongly favors one political party. tt does not represent my interests, and my interests need representation. Furthermore, Oro Valley should not be split into two different legislative districts. Our voices will not be heard under such circumstances. We will be a minority by committee design. And I certainly hope that outcome is not the intent of he redistricting committee—to silence some voices by limiting their numbers, Currently, Oro Valley is a diverse community, blending populations, age groups, housing arrangements, and a variety of businesses and industries. Oro Valley residents did not choose to live in a rural community; they chose Oro Valley for all hat it offers. And our representation in government needs to reflect our interests. It is shocking to me that the proposed re-districting maps have ignored the obvious---Oro Valley belongs with Tucson—not Florence, not Eloy, not Casa Grande. It is part of Pima County, not Pinal County. Perhaps 10 years ago when the previous district boundaries were drawn, it made sense. As a voter, it has been frustrating these past years to be lumped wi h rural communities with whom I have nothing in common. Oro Valley has grown, attracting a wide variety of individuals who choose the urban lifestyle offered here, with easy access to the City and all of Pima County. We are much more than a handful of people to be ignored, and we deserve fair representation. The proposed map needs to change!

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10/21/2021 9:11:41	October 21, 2021	LD 6.0 vs 6.1	Lee Nichols	85750	Myself	I think 6.0 is a very good map and believe that adjustments to this map are a form of gerrymandering the surrounding areas. If you are working with 6.1, the area below Golf links should be added to LD19 from LD18 and LD18 should be extended west into LD20. The Northern boundary of LD21 should be added to LD20 for popula ion and LD20 can be extended towards LD 19 for additional population. With hese changes LD18 encompasses the City of Tucson and is compact, contagious and a community of interest. However the main problem with 6.1 is that it separates Marana from Oro Valley. This is an acceptable map but I believe strongly that 6 0 better represents the criteria of the IRC and the Arizona Constitution.
10/21/2021 9:15:53	October 21, 2021	Public comment	Sandy Coffey	85712	myself	Please give due consideration to public map submissions. Redistricting should be an open and democratic process. I believe that public submissions, such as those of the Navajo Nation and Latinx groups, have been quickly passed over in favor of submissions such as the one from Mr. Mehl, which benefits his own business, not the community at large. Thank you,
10/21/2021 9:16:27	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Linda Ray	85712	PCT 107, Tucson	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:22:57	October 21, 2021	Draft Map	Teresa Gerschutz	85750	Self	With respect to the panel, Oro Valley shares a plethora of economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:26:49	October 21, 2021	LD maps	Hyatt Simpson	85749	self	LD Map version 5.0 has placed the northeast Tucson area into District 19, where northeast Tucson (in Pima County) has no economic and social ies. However, Version 5.1 has placed the same area of northeast Tucson into District 17, thereby preserving the economic and social ties we share with Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills. For that reason, I would urge the ACCEPTANCE of version 5.1, and he REJECTION of the configura ion of version 5.0.
10/21/2021 9:29:38	October 21, 2021	V Mapping Deliberations	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Making each district as competitive as possible is what he competitiveness criteria is designed for. This definition of competitiveness leads to the election of representatives who are responsive to all their constituents rather than the partisans who elected them. Competitiveness as a balance of 15 Republican districts and 15 Democratic districts will not bring good government to our state. Chair Neuberg at least once expressed the hope that such equal division would force the parties to compromise, but we have seen that does not happen. Instead, our legislature is bitterly divided along partisan lines with Republicans unwilling to compromise for fear of losing their base voters.
10/21/2021 9:31:33	October 21, 2021	V	Sally Harvey	85032	Self	Why was the SALC map elevated to a test map immediately while the Navajo Nation map was dismissed without analysis? This is outrageous and decidedly unfair!
10/21/2021 9:33:05	October 21, 2021	LD Map from Southern Arizona Leadership Council	Garrett Abeln	85748	Myself	This map is a conflict of interest because it comes from the organization that Commissioner Mehl founded. Therefore this map cannot be used because it is par isan and distorts the communities of interest of Southern Arizona. Please draw fair and competitive maps.
10/21/2021 9:34:56	October 21, 2021	Maps	Allison Musvosvi	85711	LD10	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:37:52	October 21, 2021	Navajo Nation non-division	Robert Erickson	85716	Self	As a physician who has provided outreach clinics at numerous sites on the Navajo reserva ion, I feel strongly that the Navajo nation, i.e. the whole reservation, is a community of interest and should not be divided by any representational lines.

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10/21/2021 9:41:21	October 21, 2021	V (5)	Joe Boogaart	85743	Self	The town of Marana's major growth areas are being spit Along I-10. Obviously we are in the same community of interest along with Oro Valley. To put west of I-10, east of the Tucson Mountains in a mostly rural area is out of character. The make up is highly military and Raytheon residential. A major retirement community, Sunflower as well as assisted living facilities, evidence the link between communities west and east of I-10 To keep the Community of Interest together, he map should extend the Ina Rd boarder west to the Tucson Mountain, a natural geographic boundary. Just checking V6.2 It appears that a change was been made. I would support the western boundary of LD 17 to include west of 1-10 north of Ina Rd. Thank you for all your dedication to a mostly thankless task. Joe Boogaart
10/21/2021 9:41:56	October 21, 2021	Test maps -The Navajo Nation map should immediately be elevated to "Test map' status.	Vivian Perry	86329-0595	Yavapai County, Northern Arizona	The Navajo Nation map should immediately be elevated to "Test map" status.
10/21/2021 9:49:44	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Liz Levine	85716-5503		The draft maps have changed dramatically every day this week, which makes it difficult for the public to follow and comment, and prevents the process from moving forward.
10/21/2021 9:50:24	October 21, 2021	redisricting	Liz Levine	85716-5503		We understand that popula ion and voter registration may restrict some districts from being competi ive, as per IRC standards discussed during the 9/21 meeting. However, each CD and LD needs to be drawn as competitively as possible on its own merit.
10/21/2021 9:51:11	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Liz Levine	85716-5503		The criteria for what is considered a “competitive” district should be consistent. The commission received testimony from national experts on what qualifies as competitive, and ostensibly adopted these guidelines, but have failed to incorporate these standards consistently. Please clarify this criteria and stick to it.
10/21/2021 9:51:59	October 21, 2021	Chairwoman Erika Neuberg	Liz Levine	85716-5503		The neutrality and independence of Chairwoman Erika Neuberg is absolutely critical to his process. To date, she has shown excessive deference to Commissioner Mehl, to the detriment of the process and other commissioners. This includes facilitating his requests to return to previous versions of he maps while denying hose made by Commissioner Lerner, and deferring to his unjus ified insistence that Oro Valley and Marana are an inseparable “community of interest” while compromising the more justifiable “community of interest” of he Navajo Nation. Remember that Chairwoman Neuberg is a critical ally in this process so BE RESPECTFUL.
10/21/2021 9:52:33	October 21, 2021	Oro Valley and Marana	Liz Levine	85716-5503		Despite Commissioner Mehl’s insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a “community of interest” with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 9:53:23	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Liz Levine	85716-5503		The process must be fair and accessible to all, not just the well-connected: a map submitted by Commissioner Mehl’s colleagues at the Southern AZ Leadership Council (not a recognized “community of interest”) via personal message at the very end of today’s meeting was prioritized for consideration at tomorrow’s meeting. Meanwhile, he map submitted by the Navajo Nation has not been made available on the website, and not given the deference shown to last-minute SALC map. Will the general public also be given access to IRC members’ personal phone number and emails in order to make direct pleas for prioritization?
10/21/2021 9:54:09	October 21, 2021	Draft maps	Maryann Kenney	86351	self	The accepted draft map for LD5 is an absolute travesty of community interest. This mapsplits Sedona at Airport Road, splits Sedona across Route 179, splits the Village of Oak Creek from Sedona, fails to keep the Verde Valley together, places large parts of the Verde Valley in a district with Prescott, across Mingus Mountain, splits Sedona and the Verde Valley from Flagstaff, with an intervening district between, splits surrounding areas of Flagstaff. If there is any hope for the IRC to represent the people they are charged with serving, this map MUST BE CHANGED.

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10/21/2021 9:56:28	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Please go district by district instead of incorporating the business communty's view wholesale. Why so much weight to the Mayor of Marana while ignoring the Mayors and City Councils of Sedona and Flagstaff? Mehl seems to be trying to backdoor SALC's map after being told his earlier strategy was illegal.
10/21/2021 9:57:12	October 21, 2021	5	Nancy Wexler	85745	Greater Tucson, Pima County	Do not separate Oro Valley and the Catalina foothills, or Marana from Tucson. These function as part greater Tucson, socially and economically and as a community of interest. There is no reason based on valid redistricting criteria to do so.
10/21/2021 9:59:18	October 21, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	I would like to comment on the issue of improving competi iveness. The Commission has established a standard of a 7 point gap between R and D votes (measured as an average from the 9 chosen elections) - there was also the swing election standard, but that usually results in the same determination. I repeat this to point out hat there has been no other standard established for the promotion of the "F" redistricting criterion in the state constitution. Consequently, reducing the partisan gap from, say, 30% to 20% is NOT improving competitiveness, according to the standard you have adopted. And indeed, this corresponds to common sense - an elec ion in a district with either gap is not competitive. Once you get close to even, you could view it as a continuous variable (how competitive is it). But when you are not, it is a categorical variable (yes or no). Imagine that you are assessing rainfall. If it is not raining, it's just not raining. Once it rains, you can describe how heavy it is (though "it's raining" is still accurate). Once the gap is small enough, politicians will need to address concerns of a larger part of the population, which is the goal. Consequently, I request that when you are working on improving competitiveness, particularly at this stage, hat you focus on bringing districts within the competitive range that you have adopted, as opposed to just changing the partisan gap in districts where it will make no difference. Thank you for your efforts.
10/21/2021 10:02:20	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Making each district as competitive as possible is what the competitiveness criteria is designed for. This definition of competitiveness leads to the election of representatives who are responsive to all heir constituents rather than the partisans who elected them. Competitiveness as a balance of 15 Republican districts and 15 Democratic districts will not bring good government to our state. Chair Neuberg at least once expressed the hope that such equal division would force the legislators to compromise, but we have seen that does not happen. Instead, our legislature is bitterly divided along partisan lines with Republicans unwilling to compromise for fear of losing their base voters. Instead, in districts are closely compe itive, representa ives have to go beyond the extreme base that elects them in primaries.
10/21/2021 10:06:32	October 21, 2021	District Maps	Teresa Gerschutz	85750	Self	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition.
10/21/2021 10:07:51	October 21, 2021	LD draft maps	shanna leonard	85719	self	Just because Mehl keeps saying Marana should be with Oro Valley doesn't mean its true. I live in the North Tucson area and we are very connected to the north foothills, Casas Adobes and Oro Valley. SALC does not speak for Tucson ci izens. What about submissions from citizens of Tucson how do we get the same response from a commissioner as a business group which Mehl founded himself.
10/21/2021 10:08:50	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Valerie Edie	85750-1981	myself	all over the country state legislatures are gerrymandering their maps- can we PLEASE do this fairly, equitably and in a non-partisan way?? AZ used to LEAD the country in access to voting and we are destroying our reputation!
10/21/2021 10:09:53	October 21, 2021	Competitiveness for Navajo Nation Citizens	Priscilla Weaver	86514	Self	This morning, representa ives of the Navajo Nation appeared to speak in person and were dismissed/ dissed on procedural grounds. However, under the same circumstances earlier in these hearings, representatives from Apache Junction and Gold Canyon were allowed to speak because Chair Neuberg felt they had traveled "so far" under the impression that hey would be allowed to speak. Commission Neuberg must be fair and non-partisan. We, as Navajos, travel/ travel far everywhere. Today the Navajo representatives at he IRC must be heard because they speak for me. Ahé'hee.

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10/21/2021 10:10:38	October 21, 2021	Draft Map Decision Discussion	Miranda Lopez	85712	My community of interest	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 10:10:48	October 21, 2021	Maps	David Williams	85749		The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl.
10/21/2021 10:12:22	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Michael Dayton	85737	Oro Valley Community	It seems the draft maps have changed dramatically every day, thus it makes it difficult to follow and comment. However the most important point to Oro Valley, is hat we remain with Pima County.
10/21/2021 10:12:29	October 21, 2021	5	Nancy Wexler	85745	Greater Tucson. West Tucson/ Pima	What the commissioner is saying about making LDs imbalanced and less compe itive is of grave concern. What is the justification of the configuration to combine OV and Marana other than tilting this toward one specific interest? The commission must uphold the constitutional obligation to retain compe itiveness and VRA
10/21/2021 10:14:10	October 21, 2021	LD for Oro Valley	Paul Marion	85755	Me and my wife, Susan	Oro Valley should be in he Pima County (not Pinal County) LD and should not be split in different LDs. Also, LDs should be competitive and representative.
10/21/2021 10:14:26	October 21, 2021	Maps	David Williams	85749		Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 10:15:32	October 21, 2021	V	David Rublin	86047-2013	Myself	In looking at the latest maps, I've discovered that three neighborhoods of Winslow are in a different legislative district from the rest of the community. The neighborhoods are Ames Acres, 5 Mountain Estates, and Bushman Acres. Additionally, the boundaries of the Navajo Reservation are wrong and appear to include these neighborhoods. I-40 is not he reservation boundary. It's several miles north. Finally, Winslow is a native majority community with a na ive mayor. It belongs in the same district as the Navajo Reservation. David Rublin Resident of Winslow
10/21/2021 10:17:41	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	Great deference was given this morning to the Mayor of Marana and the business leaders of southern Arizona. In contrast, the same deference has not been given to the Mayors and City Council Members from Flagstaff and Sedona speaking for the commercial and public safety of their communities or to the leaders of the Navajo Nation. Please revisit LD 6 and LD 7 wi h this thought in mind. 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. When considering compactness and communities of interest, transportation corridors are important. I-17 and Highway 89A connect Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. There are no similar easy connections in the east-west alignment between the Verde Valley and Apache County and eastern Navajo county. Furthermore, transportation access is reflective of the economic and social connections running north-south and the LACK of such connections (or communities of interest) running east-west.
10/21/2021 10:18:20	October 21, 2021	Legislative District Mapping	Teresa Gerschutz	85750	Self	Keeping the Districts Competitive is most important. Competitiveness is what maintains a strong, healthy community. A 10% deficit is unacceptable, return he maps to within 2%.

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10/21/2021 10:18:31	October 21, 2021	V	Darrell Boomgaarden	86005	Self	The business leaders of southern AZ got heir personal map handpicked -- within minutes of submission -- out of he 112-plus maps submitted so far to become an official Test Map. But the Navajo Nation Map hadn't even - more than 24 hours after submission - been published, doesn't get analyzed, yet does get rejected in less than 10 minutes of Commission hearing time. This is not a fair and equitable process and I'm outraged.
10/21/2021 10:18:42	October 21, 2021	Map	Craig Swanson	86336	Self	I strongly believe hat the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and the surrounding communities should be in the same district. We are a community of interest, and should be able to be represented by the same voice.
10/21/2021 10:19:56	October 21, 2021	5	Nancy Wexler	85745		Glad to hear the Chair expressing concern about loss of representation balance and competitiveness by overemphasizing the Marana/OV COI and over he other COIs that have expressed their needs and concerns, especially those of people of color
10/21/2021 10:20:36	October 21, 2021	Draft maps discussion	Priya Sundareshan	85719	self	Chair Neuberg has been discussing the relative importance of competi iveness compared to other criteria. However I think there may be a misunderstanding of what commenters are asking for in asking compe itiveness be given more importance, which in fact agrees with what Chair Neuberg says that a 15-15 split in the Legislature may still lead to extreme results. Commenters agree and are asking hat EACH DISTRICT be drawn for competitiveness wi hin itself, not simply a balance in the overall Legislature, because it is only when every district itself is competitive that we will be able to elect representatives that listen to all constituents and are not extreme. Chair Neuberg, we are in agreement in seeking that we should not enable the election of extreme representatives - and the way to do hat is to draw each district to be independently competitive and within close margins.
10/21/2021 10:21:21	October 21, 2021	V	Salil Deshpande	85719		I hope the chair and the Commission will listen to all Tucson-area stakeholders rather than just deferring to one partisan Commission member just because he happens to live in the area. It would be sad if our *Independent* Redistricting Commission were to let one partisan member gerrymander Tucson while ignoring Latino groups, tribal nations, and other stakeholders.
10/21/2021 10:22:48	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	shanna leonard	85719	self	I want to see polarization and extremism in politics reduced in AZ. We do his with highly competitive districts. Commissioners should be consistent with the terms they use. The commission has defined "competitiveness" as a spread between 4 and 7 points and "highly competitive" as a spread of <4. With these ranges an election can be meaningfully contested by more than one party. A 10 point spread is not compe itive or the same as a 2 point spread because it is extremely difficult for the minority party to win in that case. thank you.
10/21/2021 10:22:56	October 21, 2021	LD map discussion	Matt Parrilli	85637	Sonoita/Elgin	Commissioners, let us not go down the road of "vote rigging" under the guise of Competitiveness. The way Com. Lerner is pressuring is baldly about preserving Democrat primacy, and in the process is neutering Communities of Interest. That is explicitly counter to the AZ Constitution as amended byProp 106.
10/21/2021 10:25:25	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	I am concerned that Commissioner's Mehl's pushing the business interests of S. AZ are being given so much more consideration than he Flagstaff/Sedona/Verde Valley/Tribal communities of interest in Northern Arizona. Do not rush the LD map.
10/21/2021 10:25:44	October 21, 2021	5	Nancy Wexler	85745		Commissioner Mehl is not providing specific reasons for the arguments about why this map is presumably an improved vison and representation of the people of the Greater Tucson/OV/Foothills/Marana communities, especially as it sacrifices underrepresented communities
10/21/2021 10:26:58	October 21, 2021	redistricting, Southern Arizona	Kalyanraman Bharathan	85711	myself	I think it is important to point out that Oro Valley and Marana are not a “community of interest” wi h respect to the redistricting process in the same sense as, say the Latino or tribal communi ies are. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana. I would strongly suggest is that Commissioner Mehl's persistence on linking hese is not supportable.
10/21/2021 10:29:33	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Great deference was given this morning to the Mayor of Marana and the business leaders of southern Arizona. In contrast, the same deference has not been given to the Mayors and City Council Members from Flagstaff and Sedona speaking for the commercial and public safety of their communities. Please revisit LD 6 and LD 7 with this thought in mind.
10/21/2021 10:31:37	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted] m	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	So much time is being given to the concerns of the business community interests in southern Arizona. Northern Arizona's business and environmental interests need to be given as much attention with as much deference to the civic leaders in Northern Arizona.

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10/21/2021 10:32:08	October 21, 2021	LD 28	Mary Ann Bushard	85087	Self	The northern I-17 corridor should be kept toge her. Wickenburg and Wittman have nothing in common with that area and is about 50 miles away. Residents of New River and Anthem live, shop, attend school, and recreate along the I-17 corridor.
10/21/2021 10:32:26	October 21, 2021	aubrey.[redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	When considering compactness, transporta ion corridors are important. I-17 and Highway 89A connect Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. There are no similar easy connections in the east-west alignment between the Verde Valley and Apache County and eastern Navajo county. Furthermore, transportation access is reflective of the economic and social connections running north-south and the LACK of such connections (or communities of interest) running east-west.
10/21/2021 10:38:29	October 21, 2021	Mapping	Mitzi Cowell	85711	self - citizen	The IRC has either ignored or rejected several district maps submitted by the Navajo Na ion and the La ino Coalition. These are, respectively, actual communities of interest with shared heritage, priorities, and economic ties, and their districting proposals seek to preserve sensible neighborhood cohesion. In contrast, SALC's "citizen submitted" version 6.3 puts Oro Valley and Marana together as a "community of interest," despite their distance, and Oro Valley's economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills. SALC is not a "citizen;" it is an organization, founded by Commissioner Mehl himself. The conflict of interest here is breathtakingly clear. Please give serious consideration and review to submissions by true communities of interest, and reject biased submissions like SALC's. Thank you.
10/21/2021 10:39:41	October 21, 2021	tchabin@me.com	Tom Chabin	85715	Myself	Chair Neuberg: Your determination to disregard the position of Vice Chair Watchman's proposed LD 7 boundaries threatens he Federal Constitutional viability of the entire maps subsequently drawn from your decision. Should the Na ive American Nations bring suit because you ignored Mr, Watchman's most respected posi ion, the entire final map will be litigated in federal courts. The LD 7 fails any logic. Why? Because you diluted Native American voting streng h in his proposed LD 7 and LD 6 Because you ignored he Az constitutional standard of compactness Because you ignored he Az constitutional standard of competitiveness And you ignored the Az constitution standard of community of interests (what is the common community interests between the mining community of San Manuel along the San Pedro River and the City of Williams, the gateway to the Grand Canyon?) The only logical conclusions to your decision?: you intend to draw Republican districts at the expense of the standards outlined above or you are totally disengaged with your responsibility and a truly "Independent" chair. It is not unprecedented that the Federal Courts could force Arizona to continue with the 2010 maps for years while this map is litigated to the Supreme Court of the United States. Remember, we are in the 9th Circuit of the Court of Appeals…. THE COURTS WILL TAKE YOUR ILLOGICAL DECISION SERIOUSLY. Don't let your name be associated wi h a claim of discrimination. Respectfully, Tom Chabin
10/21/2021 10:39:50	October 21, 2021	Public comment	Chris ina Early	85705	Myself	The current maps have moved my neighborhood into a district that is made up of a lot of the Foothills area in Tucson. My neighborhood (Amphi) has NOTHING in common with this area of upscale homes, dinning & shopping. We will be ignored by representatives because we are not going to be interested in a low income working class mostly democratic community when they can be supported by rich republicans if the foothills. This is not fair and impartial redistricting. AND how can 14 mostly Republican districts to 7 mostly Democratic districts be fair?? Please redo these maps.

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10/21/2021 10:41:38	October 21, 2021	LD Map	Matt Parrilli	85637	ALL citizens of Eastern Santa Cruz County	Commissioners, as you entertain options for modifying LD 6.1 map, you must consider the option of including Eastern Santa Cruz County in LD 19 as recommended by LD0031in your deliberation.
10/21/2021 10:43:01	October 21, 2021	Disparate treatment of Navajo Nation map and SALC map	John Watts	86514	SELF	The IRC's recent ac ions demonstrate they are violating the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. The commission failed to publish the Navajo Nation map, did not analyze it, and rejected it. There was no opportunity for the public to view, analyze or comment on it. Instead, Commissioner Mehl pushed through his own group's version of a map sponsored by the SALC, a business group. Why was the Republican Commissioner's map selected while the Navajo Nation's map was rejected out of hand. Why aren't the views of the Navajo people being given their fair and lawful hearing? This illegal voter suppression must be stopped immediately.
10/21/2021 10:43:31	October 21, 2021	V	Virginia Dotson	85902	Self	Your actions yesterday in choosing a "Test Map 6.3" are truly appalling. Failing to even look at or publish the map submitted by the Navajo Nation, and choosing instead a last-minute map submitted by a southern Arizona business group directly opposes the "Fairness" standard required by the Arizona Constitution. Extremely biased decisions like this one are just begging for legal intervention. I strongly support the request of my Navajo Nation neighbors in nor hern Arizona to have their "Community of Interest" boundaries respected, and to have strong representation at all levels of government. This representation is protected by the Voting Rights Act, and your actions appear to be a flagrant violation of the Act. If one of the Commissioners is unable to understand this basic principle, he should resign immediately. One more point: A number of paper maps were submitted by northern Arizona residents. How do you have the right to disregard the comments made by Arizona citizens who do not have access to a computer?
10/21/2021 10:43:38	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Meredi h Aronson	85716	self	A balanced and transparent redistricting process that reflects the higher ground on voters and less on na ional and state politics is essen ial, and I have concerns with the current process. •The criteria for what is considered a "competitive" district should be consistent and based on the input of na ional experts. Please clarify this criteria and stick to it. •The process must be fair and accessible to all, not just the well-connected, and input should be visible and public, not embedded in personal emails to Committee members.
10/21/2021 10:48:21	October 21, 2021	Draft maps for LDs and CDs	Francesca Pardes	85711	Francesca Pardes	Significant changes to draft maps daily impede the citizenry's ability to comment and move he process forward. Criteria from national experts on the qualifications for a "competitive" district that has been received by the IRC needs to be incorporated and applied consistently. Draft maps from the Navajo Nation (1)and he Latino Coalition (8) need to be given due consideration and made available on the IRC website. Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest"; they have more economic ies to Tucson and Casas Adobes. The process needs to be fair and easily accessed by everyone. A map submitted by Comm. Mehl's colleagues at the Southern AZ Leadership Council is not a recognized "community of interest". It is most important that he IRC be neutral and independent.
10/21/2021 10:48:43	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Patricia Kelly	5716	myself	Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana. I am concerned that the phrase "communities of interest" is being used to carve out all white/minimal minority/minimal heterogeneity of districts.
10/21/2021 10:48:53	October 21, 2021	Districts in North West Pima county	Elizabeth Packard	85737	Oro Valley	Viewing the most recent map of this area, I believe the dividing of Oro Valley into two separate districts is unnecessary and inconvenient. If the northern boundary was extended to the boundary of the town of Catalina, that would prevent neighborhoods in Oro Valley from being separated and allow a more natural geographic boundary between Oro Valley and Catalina.
10/21/2021 10:50:44	October 21, 2021	Treatment of hand drawn maps	John Watts	86514	SELF	Hand drawn redistricting maps should be treated the same as maps created through the mapping tool. I submitted a hand drawn redistric ing map to he IRC, but then I learned that the commission was not treating these hand drawn maps equitably. This is a violation of he rules that the commission must abide by in order to follow he law, and this practice must be stopped now. All maps should be give equal priority and to do otherwise is to invite lawsuits and to undermine the democra ic process.

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10/21/2021 10:51:24	October 21, 2021	draft maps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	Mr Mehl's map submitted by a business group doesn't respect the communities of interest of Oro Valley, Casa Adobes, and northern Pima County. It has a contorted LD17 district that circles the Catalina Mountains down to Tanque Verde and Vail, and up to Mammoth. Oro Valley has little to nothing in common with those communities. I ask that he communities of interest of Oro Valley, Casa Adobes, and norther Pima County be honored by the Commission and be placed in the same district
10/21/2021 10:52:16	October 21, 2021	Maps	Nubert Boubeka	85730	LD10	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl is a conflict of interest by him bringing this forward. Plus, by separating the Oro Valley and Catalina Foothills from Tucson is just wrong. The Foo hills has most of its employees and employers as the City of Tucson and it will be wrong for them to be taken away while they use most of its resources. At the same ime, I don't see the reason of taking away Catalina Foothills as of now, the district give a perfect balance of legislative houses up and down, connecting the neighbors that make up the City of Tucson. The University of Arizona has played a centerpiece of all the Eastside of the Tucson and Foothills. I think the Commission needs to make sure that Foothills stay within its current boundaries, separating the foothills from Tucson is nothing different to taking away Mount Lemmon from East of Tucson and Tucson altogether.
10/21/2021 10:53:18	October 21, 2021	LD test map 6.1 - Ds 3, 5, and 28	Crystal Bazarnic	85085	I-17 North Corridor COI	More work needs to be done on the north Phoenix I-17 area. We don't need to be with Wickenburg and Wittman and the rural area northwest of Phoenix. We need to be with our I-17 north corridor. Area Republicans and Democrats agree with this. It's not about partisanship/competitiveness, but about keeping a true community of interest together. Also the west boundary of D5 near I-17 has that sec ion of jagged edge that doesn't quite butt up to I-17. These boundaries were based on precincts, which have been changed with Maricopa's latest reprecincting maps. Those precincts go all the way to I-17 now.
10/21/2021 10:54:47	October 21, 2021	draft maps	Eve Shapiro	85718	myself	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. This is an inappropriate abuse of power.
10/21/2021 10:56:01	October 21, 2021	Polarized Voting Report	Jay Simpson	85016	Myself	The IRC is relying on a Polarized Voting Report from Dr. Lisa Handley to comply with the Voting Rights Act. All of the IRC's discussions about this issue have been in executive session. The constant use of executive session is not transparent in the least. Dr. Hanley is well respected and made a presentation to the IRC and he public. She has apparently completed her report. Her report is not privileged. Doug Johnson said the report would be made available to the public. So far, he report has not been made public. Dr. Handley's report should made public and she should be invited to make a presentation to he public to explain it and answer questions about it.
10/21/2021 10:56:04	October 21, 2021	Oro valley	Kay Schriner	85755	Myself	I respectfully urge the Commission to integrate input from minority representatives in planning new districts. For example, the Navajo Nation and the Latino Coalition have submitted maps that they feel would provide meaningful representation for their communities. The commission has an opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to hearing minority voices. It's the fair thing to do. Also, please understand that Oro Valley shares a community of interest with Casas Adobes and the Catalina Foothills. We shop, use services such as health care, and socialize with these communities much more than Marana. Please include Oro Valley in its natural community of interest. Thank you for considering my comments. Kay Schriner

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10/21/2021 10:58:15	October 21, 2021	IRC Maps	Golda Velez	85716	Tucson constituent, self	Hello, please listen to folks here in Tucson. Commissioner Mehl does NOT represent my concerns from here in Tucson. We need consistent standards for competi ive districts and to prioritize building competitive districts because that way our representatives have to listen to us! Having safe districts is bad for two reasons: 1) safe representatives don't have to listen 2) concentrating people of one side into a district reduces their overall influence, it produces inequalities Communities of interest should be contiguous where possible. I share interests wi h and know many people just across River rd to the North. I don't share interests with people in Marana. Having people near me who I can talk to and share a representative is important in lobbying for our interests. I would like to see he maps that Commissioner Lerner proposed up for discussion. It is very important for us to have confidence in this process that Chairwomen Neuberg demonstrate an equitable process based on open standards that are consistent, so we can all understand exac ly why decisions are being made and have some basis for accepting or challenging them. The top standard should be competitiveness, and the second continguity Arguments for non-contiguous communities of interest need to have a high bar for consideration as those are more subject to manipulation for disingenuous reasons. I do NOT think that income levels should be considered as a community of interest!
10/21/2021 10:59:55	October 21, 2021	V	Sally Harvey	85032	Self	Competi ive districts are not just good government, they are required by the AZ constitution. Quit trying to stack he deck!
10/21/2021 11:01:02	October 21, 2021	agenda and access - unfair access	Golda Velez	85716	self - Tucson	It just came to my attention that Southern AZ Leadership Council was able to submit for the commissions attention by a private message! That is unfair access - can I also have access to IRC members' personal phone number and emails in order to make direct pleas for prioritization? ALL the public should have equal access to this process. This really undermines the legitimacy of this process.
10/21/2021 11:01:16	October 21, 2021	Neutrality and Independence of Chairwoman	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	Critical to this process is the independence and neutrality of the chairperson. I can understand that Commissioner Mehl may seem to be more informed about real estate in Tucson, but, in this process it should be assumed hat all voices are competent to participate since we all live here and personally experience he changing demographics and societal implications.
10/21/2021 11:04:17	October 21, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Nelson Morgan	85054	Self	In keeping with my previous comment (that compe itiveness means moving districts into the established compe itiveness range), I hope that in particular LDs 12, 16, and 25 can be adjusted to put them in he compe itive range, without moving any districts out of his range. This is because these are the ones that are close enough that a radical redesign of the map would not be required. I make these suggestions while being fully aware that I am ignoring all of the many other issues and criteria, and impact on the whole map - but it is an aspirational statement. I note in passing that making these competitive would move 2 of these in a D direction and 1 in the R direc ion.
10/21/2021 11:08:55	October 21, 2021	Maps	Margaret Lacey	85712	myself	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. He stands to gain financially by this map.

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10/21/2021 11:09:16	October 21, 2021	V	Cathy Lee	85209	Self	From my recollection AJ does not want to go further west into Maricopa. I am with the current LD16 and during our meetings the members that are in Pinal County have expressed that hey do not want to continue to be with Maricopa. As you are shifting the maps and making 9 &10 vertical instead of horizontal you will be able to accomplish that goal by moving 10 further east to encompass East Mesa to either Signal Butte or Meridian and South to Guadalupe Rd. You then might be able to pick up population by incorporating SanTan into one district.
10/21/2021 11:09:31	October 21, 2021	Mapping districts for Cochise County	Peggy Pena	85643	Self	I am concerned that the proposed Congressional District and Legislative District that represents Cochise County keeps get ing gerrymandered to benefit one party and other communities of interest. In each case the districts have a weird arm including one with a strange finger. Cochise County keeps being combined with other areas that are completely different communi ies of interest. As I've indicated before Graham/Greenlee is more tied to the Phoenix area and unlike Cochise are mining communi ies. Cochise is tied to Tucson for shopping/highway/media and not at all with the Green Valley area (In the current to be analyzed LD map). Also yesterday some of the commissioners including the chairman seemed to be more concerned with popula ion differences and competitiveness. Today with complete changes to the districts in the southern Arizona LD maps its back to communities of interest are more important. Also days have been spent talking about the southern Arizona LD maps and all of a sudden in one foul swoop the districts are completely changed ignoring he prior communities of interest and competitiveness already done.
10/21/2021 11:09:51	October 21, 2021	VRA	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Do Commissioners Mehl and York really have the power to limit the number of VRA districts? Please provide Dr. Handley's Polarized Voting Report. Thank you. Also, the legal team hired Stephen Ansolabehere of Harvard and Sean Trende of The Ohio State University to assist on VRA compliance during map creation, yes? Are they providing VRA analysis by district as new maps are created? Please share this information.
10/21/2021 11:11:54	October 21, 2021	Maps	David Williams	85749		I like LD 17 v6.1 and v6.2 maps because they are competitive. I don't like v.6.0 and v 6.3 because they are non-competitive. I like CD6 v6.0 and 6.1 because they are both competitive. I don't like CD7 v6.0 because it is very non-compe itive. Overall, we must make all districts competitive above all else, if we value democracy. Otherwise we all lose.
10/21/2021 11:14:54	October 21, 2021	Equal Accessibility to the Process	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	AZ is gifted with an Independent Redistricting Commission whose aim is to represent all interests in he state equally. Please keep this in mind when drawing districts which may be comprised of groups which are not well connected to Commission members.
10/21/2021 11:18:32	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Anne Wheaton	85755	Myself	IRC should respect county/city boundaries. OV is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. LD 17 in the map plan LD0028 is a possible example of a LD that preserves OV and meets all IRC's criteria.
10/21/2021 11:22:07	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Terry Tinney	85755	myself	IRC should respect county/city boundaries. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. LD17 in Map Plan LD0028 is a possible example of a legislative district that preserves Oro Valley and meets all of the IRC's criteria.
10/21/2021 11:22:18	October 21, 2021	Mapping Decisions	Brent Kleinman		AZ La ino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coali ion for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/21/2021 11:22:27	October 21, 2021	Voting Rights Act Districts	Mary Keerins	85750	Citizen Submitted	The Latino Coalition submitted legislative district maps for eight Voting Rights Act districts. This is justified by the increase in Latino popula ion since he last census. The IRC should not ignore this submission just because one vocal Commissioner doesn't like it.
10/21/2021 11:22:41	October 21, 2021	Oro Valley & Marana	Karen Wilkison	85718	Myself	Oro Valley and Marana do not share the economic and social ties that would make them a community of interest with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley is more connected to Tucson, Casas Adobes and the Catalina foo hills. Please clarify the criteria for what is a "competitive" district, (per na ional experts) and s ick to it.

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10/21/2021 11:23:19	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Bonnie Heidler	85749	Self	The Navajo Nation proposed a district, which was not given enough weight by the IRC. The IRC has also rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. However, on Wednesday the IRC agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3, which was an unusual move. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl and has the appearance of a partisan action, as well as ignoring two groups who voices need to be heard.
10/21/2021 11:23:25	October 21, 2021	Mapping Decisions	Sandra Ferniza		AZ La ino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coali ion for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/21/2021 11:24:54	October 21, 2021	Mapping Decisions	Devin Del Palacio		President, Tolleson Union Governing Board / AZ Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting	I am supporting the AZ Latino Coali ion for Fair Redistricting map as an individual.
10/21/2021 11:25:52	October 21, 2021	Navajo Nation District	Mary Keerins	85750	Self	The Navajo Nation submitted a district proposal that included the White Mountains area. While I am a Tucson resident I spend four to five months in the White Mountains each year. The tribal communities are very much a part of the White Mountains community. Tribal members live and work in Show Low, Pinetop, Lakeside, and the surrounding areas. Please review the submission of the Navajo Nation district.
10/21/2021 11:29:02	October 21, 2021	Oro Valley and Marana	Mary Keerins	85750	Self	IRC Commissioners seem intent on lumping Oro Valley and Marana together as a community of interest. This is not true. Oro Valley is much more suburban with large retirement communities. Marana is more farm land and rural. Oro Valley has many more ties to Tucson and the Catalina Foothills. Keep Oro Valley wi h the Tucson Foothills districts. Marana fits better with Casa Grande type district.
10/21/2021 11:34:49	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Roger Voelker	85730-1662	myself	We understand that popula ion 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.
10/21/2021 11:36:49	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	The Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon corridor represents he second-largest tourism economy in Arizona, with over $2 BILLION in spending in 2019, as cited to you by Jeannine Reno on Wednesday. Prescott has no part in this commercial activity. Prescott is geographically separated from this area by natural barriers such as Mingus Mountain. This means Prescott should be in a separate Legislative District and in a separate Congressional District. Prescott has historically been in a Congressional District with the Colorado River areas
10/21/2021 11:38:37	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Suzanne Dovi	85716	self	I am very upset about making Oro Valley and Marana a "community of interests." This plan strikes me as a blatant partisan manipulation of district lines. Preserving competitive elec ions is essential to having a well-functioning democracy.
10/21/2021 11:40:24	October 21, 2021	Maps	Eloise Gore	85750	Myself, a voter in Pima County, currently LD 9	I want to emphasize the importance of Compe itiveness as a factor in he redistricting process. Only by maintaining Competitiveness can we avoid extremism at either end of the spectrum. Looking at he Maps under consideration, for my communities of interest (currently LD 9, 10, 11), it appears that version 6.2 would maintain or improve Competitiveness along with Compactness. In general, I am concerned that you are not giving sufficient consideration to the districts proposed by the Navajo Nation and he Latino Coalition. However, it appears you have already agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider an LD map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as a "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. It seems a serious conflict of interest to make this decision given that the Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. More specifically, I strongly disagree that Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest." Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana. Thank you for your hard work and consideration of my comments.

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10/21/2021 11:42:31	October 21, 2021	Fair redistricting	Steve Robinson	85755	Oro Valley	The efforts to link Oro Valley with Marana to the west and Pinal County to the north fly in the face of balance, diversity and competitiveness. The communities just to the north of the Tucson city limits have much more in common with the diverse neighborhoods in the city proper than with the rural and semi-rural areas in Marana and Pinal. Voting districts need to reflect this reality, not an artificial jigsawing of districts that encompass only white, affluent neighborhoods.
10/21/2021 11:48:54	October 21, 2021	Redistricting	Nohl Rosen	85390	Self	After seeing your draft maps, I s ill have to wonder why the commission insists on putting us in LD28 and in CD9. Wickenburg has more in common with Congress which is in LD5 and CD2 than putting us in 9 and split ing us up. Morristown, Wickenburg, and Congress should all be in the same district as we have common interests including roping and are western towns and rural areas. We have nothing in common with Anthem or any city you have us lobbed in with on those maps.
10/21/2021 11:50:46	October 21, 2021	CD Map - CD6	Thomas McConnell	85704	Self	In all of your recent draft maps, CD6 is a blatant Republican gerrymander. Red flag #1 is, if one excludes Cochise County, its terrible compactness score. Red flag # 2 is the fact that it incorporates parts of SIX counties. While he largest counties will necessarily spill over into a neighboring county, six is hopelessly excessive. CD6 also isolates the Tohono O'odham community from its commercial, political, and social ties to the urban Tucson metro. It links them to Santa Cruz County, where they have no relevant linkages.
10/21/2021 11:53:25	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Bonnie Heidler	85749	Self	Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process, as Commission Mehl tries to insist. To the contrary, Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ies to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 11:54:18	October 21, 2021	Congressional and Legislative Districts	Randy Gold	85653	self	* All Congressional and Legislative Districts need to be competitive, fair and representative. * Neither Democrats nor Republicans should be packed into districts which dilute their overall voting power. * Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County Legislative District. * Oro Valley shouldn't be split into different Legislative Districts. * Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes northern Pima County, Marana, and Casas Adobes. * Oro Valley and rural Pinal County places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, one quarter of its population is minority, a mixture of housing options, a varied economy, investments in schools and multi-use parks, and urban development.
10/21/2021 11:55:22	October 21, 2021	Communities of Interest	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 11:56:19	October 21, 2021	CDs and LDs pertaining to merging Prescott and he Verde Valley	Jack Cahill	86001	Myself	The Verde Valley and Prescott are separate communities of interest and therefore should not be merged. The preservation of these communities of interest is a crucial component of redistricting, be it for LDs and CDs, and a merger would compromise that.
10/21/2021 11:57:30	October 21, 2021	maps	Margaret Lacey	85712	myself	The draft maps have changed dramatically every day this week, which makes it difficult for the public to follow and comment, and prevents the process from moving forward. Some maps are considered, while others are not. This is supposed to be a fair process.
10/21/2021 11:57:55	October 21, 2021	redistricting	Teresa Zimmerman	85718	self	SALC is not a legitimate "community of interest" and it's inappropriate for Mehl to be prioritizing their (his own?) map over those of legitimate communities of interest. Neuberg has a responsibility to remain independent and needs to stop showing Mehl such undue deference. When he is exer ing inappropriate influence over the proceedings, she should be the one reining him in, not kowtowing.
10/21/2021 11:58:05	October 21, 2021	V - CD maps	Barb Orcutt	86004	self	For the last 10 years, Prescott has been in a Congressional District wi h the Colorado River areas and it should remain so; this configuration also gives more opportunity for the Native American Tribes to elect Congressional representatives of their choice by making CD 2 more competi ive.
10/21/2021 11:58:25	October 21, 2021	Draft Maps	Bonnie Heidler	85749	Self	It was disappointing to hear that Chair Neuburg voted, once again, with the Republicans at yesterday's meeting. The draft maps are leaning more Republican and not taking into account VRA, as much as they should, discounting the Navajo Nation and Latino Coalition voices. If this situation isn't resolved, there will be law suits.

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10/21/2021 12:01:57	October 21, 2021	Northern AZ	Ellen Ferreira	86336	Self	I lead a group called After The March Verde Valley. We have approximately 40 members. We firmly believe that Sedona and the Verde Valley are a Community of Interest with Flagstaff, NOT Prescott. Please do not lump the VV together with a community that we have no hing in common wi h.
10/21/2021 12:03:15	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	The Chairwoman stated on Wednesday "there is not a consensus on keeping the Verde Valley separate from Prescott;" however, a review of the testimony and public comments will show that those advocating for the separation base their requests on commercial, environmental, and geographic reasons for defining the community of interest. Those advocating against separation either don't state reasons, state reasons that are not based on constitutional criteria or are confused in thinking that you are redrawing the county lines.
10/21/2021 12:03:46	October 21, 2021	Claimed "Community of Interest" with Oro Valley and Marana	Donald Klein	85704	Myself	As a 33+ year resident of an unincorporated area of Pima County on he borders of the Town of Oro Valley and the City of Tucson, I am surprised that the Commission may be considering that there is a greater "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Marana than there is between Oro Valley and Tucson. Let me give 2 examples that show there is a greater "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Tucson. I retired about 2 1/2 years ago. Before re iring, I worked in he Tucson. Likewise, most of my neighbors previously worked in Tucson. Indeed, I don't know anyone among my neighbors and friends who worked in Marana. I suspect hat there is Census data to show that far more residents of Oro Valley work in Tucson than in Marana. In addition to the economic "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Tucson, there is also a very strong education "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Tucson. The public school district that covers Oro Valley is the Amphitheater School District. The Amphitheater School District includes schools in Oro Valley, Tucson and unincorporated Pima County. None of the Amphitheater schools lies within Marana. These are just 2 examples illustrating the closer ties between Tucson and Oro Valley that justify rejecting the idea that there is a "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Marana. I urge the Commission to draw legislative maps reflecting he "community of interest" between Oro Valley and Tucson.
10/21/2021 12:04:50	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	The Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon corridor represents he second-largest tourism economy in Arizona, with over $2 BILLION in spending in 2019, as cited to you by Jeannine Reno on Wednesday. Prescott has no part in this commercial activity. Prescott is geographically separated from this area by natural barriers such as Mingus Mountain. This means Prescott should be in a separate Legislative District and in a separate Congressional District. Prescott has historically been in a Congressional District with the Colorado River areas and it should remain so; this configuration also gives more opportunity for the Na ive American Tribes to elect Congressional representatives of their choice.
10/21/2021 12:06:11	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	When considering compactness, transporta ion corridors are important. I-17 and Highway 89A connect Flagstaff and the Verde Valley. There are no similar easy connections in the east-west alignment between the Verde Valley and Apache County and eastern Navajo county. Furthermore, transportation access is reflective of the economic and social connections running north-south and the LACK of such connections (or communities of interest) running east-west.
10/21/2021 12:07:11	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [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.
10/21/2021 12:13:45	October 21, 2021	commnities f interest	marlene bluesein	85718	self	I live in an area in the Catalina Foothills that is aligned with the city of Tucson and Oro valley but no connection to Marana. Yhe commission should be taking hat into consideration
10/21/2021 12:14:31	October 21, 2021	aubrey. [redacted]	Aubrey Sonderegger	86004	Myself	Giving equal weight to unsubstantiated demands hat Prescott be joined wi h Flagstaff and the Verde Valley compared to thoughtful comments advocating for separa ing these communities based on shared commercial, environmental, and geographic reasons is feeding a false narrative. Please consider constitutionality and communities of interest when discussing the Legislative and Congressional districts in Northern Arizona. It is NOT a con iguous voting block and our different communities deserve a FAIR chance at representation.

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10/21/2021 12:15:51	October 21, 2021	Mapping	Karyn Riedell	86001	Self	This morning, representa ives from the Navajo Nation appear to speak in person and were denied on procedural grounds. Under the same circumstances, Chairwoman Neuberg had allowed representatives from Apache Junction and Gold Canyon to speak, arguing hat they had traveled "so far" thinking that they would be allowed to speak. This double standard is unfair.
10/21/2021 12:25:27	October 21, 2021	Competitive districts	Michael Dayton	85737	Oro Valley Community	Each CD and LD needs to be drawn as competi ively as possible and be representa ive. Remember Oro Valley needs to be wi h Pima County, not Pinal County. Also Oro Valley and Marana are inseparable "community of interest."
10/21/2021 12:35:45	October 21, 2021	Mapping	Karyn Riedell	86001	Self	The Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon Corridor has he 2nd largest tourism economy in Arizona, wi h over $2 billion in spending in 2019. Prescott has no participation in his area's tourism economy. Fur hermore, Prescott is geographically separated from this area by natural barriers such as Mingus Mountain. Clearly, Prescott should be in a separate legislative district and congressional district.
10/21/2021 12:41:34	October 21, 2021	Maps	Tamar Rala Kreiswirth	85718	myself	When I hink of redistricting, I think of the process in scientific terms like: variables, controls, hypothesis, independence – as in when one factor doesn't influence another. And as in any science experiment, it takes a few go-arounds before coming to a conclusion. So, we all know that there will be stumbles along the way to a fair map. It helps to have a star ing point, right? There are experts in the field of redistricting that provide guidelines and standards to follow. Because this process can be so easily manipulated – history proves that gerrymandering is contrary to the goals of fair maps but, done all the ime; It is imperative hat the AZ IRC incorporate the standards consistently and I am currently unsure if that is happening right now. There is a vocal group that have made their opinions clear to the IRC…people who, in my opinion, harbor resentments that our country is not monolithic society… in skin color, race, creed, religion. The concept of 'separating' yourself from the rest of the community breeds mistrust and hate and not only is harmful in the redistricting process but, does damage to our society as a whole in perpetuity…and we don't want Arizona to add to this division in our country. For example: Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson han Marana but, as of yesterday, there appeared to be more weight given the S AZ Leadership council founded by Commissioner Mehl. What about the Latino Coalition or the Navajo Na ion? Please, please apply consistent measures to this process so that no one can ques ion whether the results are fair or not.
10/21/2021 12:42:22	October 21, 2021	3	Brian Bickel	85718	Self	Commissioner Mehl's attempt during yesterdays meeting to subvert protocol and push a business think tank derived map on the Commission was totally inappropriate. Then to have the gall to state his morning that from the beginning the Commission has agreed to accept citizen maps. I have submitted a revision of the LD6.1 map that addresses several issues however it must sit in the queue to be assigned a number before coming to the attention of the Commission, unlike the SALC map which went from zero to let's adopt this map overnight. In order to level the playing field please consider making he Commissioner's personal cell phone numbers available to everyone so we all have the same advantage as SALC. After all, fair is fair.
10/21/2021 12:42:45	October 21, 2021	V	Bertrand Campbell	86336	Myself	Elected officials in the Verde Valley communities testified and submitted commentary to keep the Verde Valley in one legislative and congressional district. There is no contention among these communities. They include Sedona, Cottonwood, Camp Verde, Jerome, Clarkdale, Village of Oak Creek and he Yavapai Apache Nation. I heard some Commissioners dismiss our unanimity stating we are a divided community. We are not. Other communities of interest are being given great deference but we are being divided, depending on what version of he map being considered at any given moment, into two or three separate districts. Why? We are 77,000 people strong and our voice matters as much as hose of the southern, eastern and western communities which have been your primary focus. This morning you spent three hours (with the exception of recess and exec sessions) discussing these communities and almost no time addressing northern communities.
10/21/2021 12:43:23	October 21, 2021	V	Charlie Silver	86001	Self	I am commenting in support of keeping Prescott separate from the Verde Valley.
10/21/2021 12:44:24	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	The Chairwoman just said the west Valley retirement communities were a community of interest because of he retired people and how they do their budgeting. That characteristic would put them in common with much of Lake Havasu and Kingman where their are many retired folks on tight budgets.

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10/21/2021 12:50:01	October 21, 2021	Public Comment - IRC Proposed Map to Date	Maria Hidalgo	85750	Myself: Voter/Resident of Tucson (Catalina Foothills)	It is my observation the IRC is not providing sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has also rejected the 8 Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. However, in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6 3. Now, we come to discover The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. I implore the IRC, to please put an end to the preferential treatment of Commissioner Mehl interests and listen to the voices of regular voters, such as myself, who have no-special interest group.
10/21/2021 12:52:40	October 21, 2021	V.	Maria Lynam	86301	Self	Please keep the Verde Valley and Sedona area separate from the rest of Yavapai County. I have given public testimony twice and sent quite a few comments on this issue, as have many others.
10/21/2021 12:54:34	October 21, 2021	Maps	Chris DeYoung	85745	self	I live west of I-10, and combining Marana and Oro Valley seems to make little sense to me. Oro Valley is more closely linked to Tucson and the Cataline foothills than it is to Marana. Oro Valley and Marana are very different communities, and combining them really does a disservice to both.
10/21/2021 13:03:33	October 21, 2021	V Mapping Deliberation	Linda Guarino	86004	Self	Cities and towns from Grand Canyon through Flagstaff and Sedona and into the Verde Valley share common commercial, environmental, heal hcare, and public safety features and they should be represented by one LD. Prescott is not a tourist town and should not be included. In addition, I am concerned about proposals to separate the City of Flagstaff from its surrounding unincorporated popula ions. These rural areas are suburbs of Flagstaff and we share the same concerns. This includes Doney Park, Fort Valley, Mountaineer and Kachina Village subdivisions (the areas directly south on I-17 and north on Highways 89 and 180.
10/21/2021 13:05:51	October 21, 2021	Communities of Interest	Michael Geddis	85719-3226	myself	•The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. •Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to he contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foo hills than with Marana. Where you get your nails done and eat dinner is not a community of interest whose legislative representation is needed.
10/21/2021 13:19:29	October 21, 2021	Public comment	Brenda Wexler	85719		Please consider each LD and CD on competitive grounds while applying consistent criteria to all.
10/21/2021 13:24:59	October 21, 2021	Public comment	Brenda Wexler	85719		According to friends in Oro Valley, they say they have an affinity with Tucson, Casas Adobe and Catalina Foothills. They do not see themselves in any way connected with Marsna.
10/21/2021 13:25:31	October 21, 2021	Redistrciting	Steven Linder	85741	myself	The number of competative districts should be equal for both parties. Neither should have an advantage
10/21/2021 13:37:47	October 21, 2021	Map 6.2 districts 16 and 18	RICKY SAGE	85715	Current ld10	I can't see the surprise map 6.3. But after reviewing maps 6.0 to 6.2 I am very disappointed in the trends I see. As a current resident in LD10, near Udall Park in NE Tucson I see that my region has been gerrymandering into an abomination proposed district 18. This district winds to the Mexican and New Mexican borders to include the military base at Sierra Vista the mining regions of Safford and the tourist/mining regions of bisbee, Douglas, and tombstone. And yet my community of interest is Tucson and the Catalina Foothills. This is a not very sub le maneuver to bury democratic voters in a vast disconnected district. I am not privy to the competitive analysis of registered voters but I bet it strongly favors one party. There is no need to move ther catalina foothills region to join oro valley and Marana. Furthermore district 16 in map 6 2 is a warped disgrace _ splitting Yuma in 2 and then stretching halfway across the state to include oracle and catalina.
10/21/2021 13:41:46	October 21, 2021	Agenda V	Allan Gerston	86001	myself	Please, in keeping mapping for Arizona's congressional districts as well as state legisla ive districts, keep Verde Valley, and Prescott separate from each other. Prescott does not play any economic role in terms of he community of interest that is shared by Verde Valley, Flagstaff, and the Grand Canyon. Aside from that, Prescott is physically separated my Mingus Mountain from the COI mentioned above. Thank you.

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10/21/2021 13:41:59	October 21, 2021	Pima County maps and COIs	Lynne Hudson	85704	myself	Regarding Oro Valley and Marana: I have been monitoring the IRC mee ings for months, and I am puzzled. At the Listening Tour meetings in Tucson, several speakers from Marana were adamant they wanted nothing to do with Tucson, saying "we have nothing in common with them." The same sentiments were expressed by residents of Saddlebrook. Several longtime residents of the Tucson area have agreed, saying Marana is much more closely aligned with the I-10 corridor going north than with Oro Valley. Yet we have all heard Commissioner Mehl say repeatedly that these areas are a community of interest and belong together. Personally, I have lived in the Casas Adobes area for six years, and while I feel aligned with Oro Valley, I am no more connected to Marana than I am to the Houghton Road Corridor to the East. Before you decide to include Marana , I hope you will take another look before you put Marana and Oro Valley together.
10/21/2021 13:51:40	October 21, 2021	V	Cathy Rutherford	86336	Myself	The voices in Nor hern Arizona need to be listened to with the same focus of those of southern Arizona. It is obvious that he points made by business leaders in Southern Arizona have been incorporated into your thinking. This is not so for Northern Arizona, where it seems that those voices have been muted and have not affected your thinking. Rural Northern Arizona's concerns and interests need to be equally weighted with hose in the south. The voices of the residents in the Verde Valley and Sedona seem to have been dismissed despite he fact that there has been strong testimony put forward regarding the Community of Interest that exists which included the Verde Valley, Sedona, and Flagstaff. The fact that all of these communities combine to form the 2nd largest tourist economy in Arizona alone speaks to our similarities. The people who testified hat edona and the Verde Valley should be put wi h Prescott, had no firm reasoning to support this concept. The fact is and will remain that the ties that exist between Sedona, he Verde Valley and Flagstaff are strong and mul ifaceted. They include the common bonds of tourist economies, common healthcare facilities, common environmental concerns and challenges and common public safety concerns to name a few. These connections do not exist with Prescott. Lastly, but also equally important, competitiveness should be an unlining tenant in your decisions. By creating competitive districts, you create a situation where the candidates need to be able to speak to members of every party and commit to represent their interests. The elected officials are then held to the same level of commitment to all of their constituents.
10/21/2021 13:52:07	October 21, 2021	Mapping	Gene Fisher	85718	Precinct 237	A map submitted by the So. AZ Leadership Council (SALC) was submitted to he IRC. Not so strangely, the IRC accepted a request by Commissioner David Mehl to consider a map by the SALC as a "citizen submitted" map. Why not so strange? Commissioner Mehl was a key player in organizing he SALC. Despite the conflict of interest, the IRC accepted the so-called citizen-submitted map as LD version 6.3. Commissioner Mehl argues that Pro Valley and Marana are communi ies of interest. I travel to both locali ies almost daily and I have to say that Oro Valley is more dependent on the Catalina Foothills, Casas Adobe and Tucson economically, socially, and recreationally than with Marana. I don't see how Marana would be considered a greater community interest with Oro Valley than the other 3 localities.
10/21/2021 13:54:22	October 21, 2021	Navajo Nation Legislative Map	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	Has the Navajo Nation's legislative map that was submitted on October 19th been published yet? I've seen Brian Kingery display it during meetings, but I cannot find it in the Redistricting System.
10/21/2021 13:57:35	October 21, 2021	Map	Carolyn Kavanagh	86351	Self	Sedona, which includes the Village of Oak Creek, Flagstaff, and the Verde Valley are connected communities with mutual interests that need to remain as a district.
10/21/2021 14:02:27	October 21, 2021	legislative	Paul Weich	85044	self	I really appreciate the difficult public service you Commissioners are putting in – especially this week. As an Ahwatukee resident, I am especially interested in how the East Valley puzzle pieces work together in the legislative map. The intersections of 3 maps submitted by Neighbors Forward AZ – LDF024, LDF028 and LDF027 – tie in well with some of your discussions I heard this morning. I think that stretching what you have as D12 to the North a bit would be good – the large retirement communities between Guadalupe and Southern roads are a much better fit with D12 than the adjacents. That should help D8 be more of an urban-based district (Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa). It would also seem to permit D9 to strongly represent Mesa's Latino community – and create a very competitive district. I think that he Neighbors Forward maps do a very good job with the VRA, Communities of Interest AND compe itiveness. Thanks again! --Paul

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10/21/2021 14:02:46	October 21, 2021	Competitiveness	Lynne Hudson	85704	myself	Arizona is quite evenly divided among Republicans, Democrats and Independents, so partisanship is inevitable. But gridlock is not inevitable-- provided both parties support candidates who (1) are more interested in solutions than power, and (2) are committed to working across party lines to find common ground and enact legislation that benefits all Arizonans. There are legislators from both parties in he Arizona Legislature who exhibit these qualities, but we need many more. Unfortunately, candidates with these qualities are less likely to run, let alone get elected, in districts that are overwhelmingly Democrat or Republican, what are referred to as uncompetitive districts or "safe seats." In such districts, the winning strategy is to say as little as possible, keep it simple, and avoid alienating the most extreme members of your party. This discourages civic engagement and limits opportunities to better inform and educate voters. THE DILEMMA: What it takes to get elected is not what it takes to be an effective legislator. THE SOLUTION: Competitiveness must be addressed WITHIN districts so that tolerance for differing perspectives and disposition to compromise are reinforced wi hin par ies. The best way to do that is to draw as many competitive district "as is practicable." If we can elect more legislators committed to working together, then maybe other legislators will become more inclined to do so as well. A POSSIBLE STRATEGY: Since we know many areas of Arizona are so red or so blue that drawing compe itive districts is impossible, the IRC might use voting history data to pinpoint geographical areas where it is at least possible, draw those districts, and then draw he rest focusing on the other criteria-- COIs, compact and contiguous, etc.
10/21/2021 14:10:31	October 21, 2021	Map	Tisha Taylor	86336	self	Do not divide our area. We are one community and this is a grotesque use of power to 'divide and conquer' our needs as a community.
10/21/2021 14:12:58	October 21, 2021	LD0011 map is the only acceptable map	Brian Steiner	85337	LD4	LD0011 map is the only acceptable map that does not violate the Arizona Constitution. The Constitu ion is the sole binding agreement between the people of Arizona and the public servants which includes this commission in setting up new legislative district map. This commission is bound by what the constitution says regarding setting up a new map. Eleva ing competitiveness to a higher level han the least and ignoring the clear and precise language and instructions on how to set up the new map could amount to Maladministration of duty and potentially create cases in court arguing the fact that the Arizona Constitution was not followed.
10/21/2021 14:15:51	October 21, 2021	Voter Polarizaion Report	Hope Busto-Keyes	85743	Self	Dear Commissioners, When will the Polarized Voting Report from Dr. Lisa Handley be presented? The public has an interest in the report. Thank you.
10/21/2021 14:18:31	October 21, 2021	Congressional and Legislative Draft Maps	Monica Schiessl	85737	Self	Congressional districts need to be competitive and fair. Neither Democrats nor Republicans should be packed into districts which dilute their overall voting power. Oro Valley is in Pima County and should be in a Pima County LD. The Town of Oro Valley shouldn't be split in different LDs. Oro Valley's larger community of interest includes nor hern Pima County and Casas Adobes. Oro Valley and rural Pinal County places do not belong in the same district. Oro Valley is diverse by every measure. It has a balanced population by age, one quarter of its population is minority, a mixture of housing op ions, a varied economy, investments in schools and mul i-use parks, and urban development. LD maps should be competitive and representative.
10/21/2021 14:19:13	October 21, 2021	Draft Map - Legislative Map Drawing	Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer	86324	myself	It is very disturbing to continue to see the Verde Valley including all of Sedona not in the same legislative district. Preferably to be located in he same district as all of Flagstaff. But most importantly, he whole Verde Valley needs to be keep together in one district.

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10/21/2021 14:30:22	October 21, 2021	Public Comment	Leonard Gorman	86515	Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission	The Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission is very disappointed that the public is not allowed to speak when hey are in the meeting in-person. The October 21, 2021 agenda item says public comments. While the condition for public comment, as pointed to on the online portal, is to submit the comments electronically. This method of communication is very exclusive and unfair to those hat do not have the ability to communicate with he commission electronically. The line of communication is exclusive to those hat have internet accessibility. The vast majority of the Navajo public are excluded from making public comments in this discriminatory manner. I understand that three non-Native Americans were allowed to speak in person to the Commission during one of the Commission meetings earlier this week. It was indicated during the Commission meeting at the time that the three persons traveled long distances (individuals were from Apache Junction) and hey should be provided the opportunity to address the Commission in person. Navajo Nation representatives traveled from Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ) - over 4.5 hours drive - but prohibited to speak in person to the Commission. Navajo Nation participated in the 2001 and 2011 AIRC meetings; never was the Navajo Nation prohibited from speaking to the Commission in person.
10/21/2021 14:37:57	October 21, 2021	Map	Marie Helt	86005	Self	I STRONGLY feel that the Verde Valley, Sedona, Flagstaff and surrounding communities should remain together in ONE district. I am alarmed and dismayed at the fracturing of these communities in such an artificial way that the city of Sedona is split into several different districts and illogical groupings, as is Flagstaff. This cannot stand as representing "communities of interest!" Please listen to the majority of comments from the people who live here!!
10/21/2021 14:38:59	October 21, 2021	7	Lee Nichols	85750		This version has cut Tucson unto hree separate LDs that separates communities of interest. Vail is not connected to Oro Valley
10/21/2021 14:39:07	October 21, 2021	III. Opportunity for Public Comments.	Mary Mallory	86305	Yavapai County	As Vice Chair of Yavapai County Board of Supervisors, it is important for our constituents to be in the same Congressional and Legislative Districts. Currently our county is split between CD4 and CD1, and LD1 and LD6. Splitting county efforts on issues at the Congressional level will dilute quick and reasonable solu ions to problems requiring the need of a Federal response. This can be corrected by ensuring that all of Yavapai County becomes its own LD, and creating a new CD that does not splinter Yavapai County. Thank you.
10/21/2021 14:39:37	October 21, 2021	Id maps	Hyatt Simpson	85749	self	I can't see the map detail, but based on what Com Lerner is saying, YES Tanque Verde needs to be in a Tucson district! that is where our social and economic ties are!!!
10/21/2021 14:45:08	October 21, 2021	Legislative Districts Deviation	Leonard Gorman	86515	Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission	While the Navajo Nation is in the audience at the October 21, 2021 commission meeting, Commissioner Watchman requested that the Commission discuss the 10% deviation, as pointed out by the Navajo Nation, regarding the Legislative District that goes onto the Navajo Nation to have a more than -5% deviation. Navajo Nation submitted a -7% deviation, which has a 57% Na ive American Voting Age Population. In addition, the Navajo Na ion submitted a white paper from its consulting lawyers (Sacks Tierney) discussing the case laws regarding the use of 10% deviation. On December 8, 2011, during the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission mee ing, he Navajo Nation was offered by the Commission the opportunity to have Legislative District 7 go beyond -5% deviation. However, the Commission is not giving discussion on the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as it pertains to special circumstances that justifies going beyond -5% deviation. However, the Commission has gone into executive sessions several times to get legal advice on the Voting Rights Act. The public, especially the Navajo Nation, needs to know what the Commission's views are as they pertain to VRA special circumstances. Commissioners, explain to the Navajo Nation why not or why it can exceed the -5% deviation.

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10/21/2021 14:52:21	October 21, 2021	Draft maps discussion	Priya Sundareshan	85719	self	Chair Neuberg, please stop being overly deferential to Commissioner Mehl regarding Southern Arizona. Commissioner Lerner, thank you for identifying the problems with how he LD maps have been trea ing Southern Arizona as you make numerous changes. As you stated, all of these concerning changes occurred because you were trying to make a change to Marana and Oro Valley. As a Tucsonan who grew up in he Catalina Foothills, please rest assured that there is no reason that Marana and Oro Valley must be kept together; Oro Valley is also very close to the other suburbs of Tucson including Casas Adobes, Catalina Foothills, etc. There is no "community of interest" that needs respecting such that it messes up the rest of the map. Ultimately, these problems have occurred because the Commission and Chair have been overly deferential to Commissioner Mehl regarding southern Arizona and allowing him to dictate many changes to satisfy him and his friends. Commissioner Mehl is making par isan changes and can not be trusted to make fair and independent recommendations. The *Independent* Redistricting Commission must not allow the process to be driven by one Commissioner.
10/21/2021 14:58:51	October 21, 2021	LD Maps 7.x	Andrew Flach	85749	Self	I live in Tanque Verde and I really do not want to be in the LD v7.0 District 17 wi h Marana and Oro valley. Putting Tanque Verde in that district would cut us off from the east side of Tucson and the Catalina Foothills which is where many of us work and live. It's a 40+ minute drive from Tanque Verde to Oro Valley
10/21/2021 15:00:10	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	I believe Commissioner York is incorrect. 4.1 was adopted on the record on 10/19 - Tuesday
10/21/2021 15:04:04	October 21, 2021	V. Draft Map decision discussion	Betty Bengtson	85718	League of Women Voters of Arizona	It is deeply concerning to the League of Women Voters of Arizona that a map for congressional districts in southern Arizona from a business and economic development group, received at the end of yesterday' s meeting, was quickly added to he Commission's draft map versions as CD 6.3. That this was allowed to happen is surprising. Other maps from better defined communities of interest such as the Navajo Nation have not been made public on the IRC website. To be trusted the IRC must use equitable and transparent processes to produce your final draft maps. While the final draft maps will be subject to a public review and comment period, they will come to the public with the imprimatur of the IRC and should be fair and meet the six criteria to the best of your ability.
10/21/2021 15:04:35	October 21, 2021	Communities of Interest	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	Myself	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina foothills than with Marana.
10/21/2021 15:09:56	October 21, 2021	IRC	Luci Messing	85749	myself	The IRC has not given sufficient weight to a district proposed by the Navajo Nation, and has rejected the eight Voting Rights Act districts proposed by the Latino Coalition. But in an unusual move Wednesday the IRC has agreed to Republican Commissioner Mehl's motion to consider a legislative district map just submitted by the Southern Arizona Leadership Council as "citizen submitted" LD version 6.3. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council was founded by Commissioner Mehl. Despite Commissioner Mehl's insistence to the contrary, Oro Valley and Marana are not a "community of interest" with respect to the redistricting process. Oro Valley shares many more economic and social ties to Tucson, Casas Adobes, and the Catalina Foothills than with Marana.

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10/21/2021 15:10:13	October 21, 2021	mapping	Susan Bickel	85718	self	Thank you Commissioner Lerner. What the Tucson area looks like in LD7.1 is exactly the message that Mr. Mehl, SALC and the chairwoman of the Republican Party advocated for during three different public hearings in Tucson. This group of people clearly stated that they want a white, Christian crescent, which is now accomplished with Districts 17 and 19, and 18 right in the middle. The last piece of this model was to pull in Marana/OV/Saddlebrooke. This serves the personal self interest of Mr. Mehl, sadly a huge conflict of interest for a member of this commission. This model has changed a formerly competitive area of Tucson to a troubling trend of becoming more conservative by packing Democrats into the remaining districts in central and west Tucson. They are attempting to assure themselves a silo where there is no diversity, and no respect for "others" who are people of color or religion. While their numbers continue to decline, this is their last gasp effort to keep the power that the Republican party has managed to hold in Arizona for the past 40 years. Your perspective is spot on and it looks like they have managed to shove their desires down the throats of all other people who live in this area. I would not consider this "working in good faith" as Chair Neuberg so often says. It is definitely transparent however. Always believe what you hear, because this group of people have not been shy in communica ing heir desires. I appreciate you standing up for us.
10/21/2021 15:10:37	October 21, 2021	V	Ann Heitland	86004	self	It sounds like there is plenty of reason in the Tucson area to not lock in a draft LD map today, but I'd also like to remind the Commissioners that very little time has been spent on northern AZ LDs.
10/21/2021 15:11:42	October 21, 2021	ld maps	Hyatt Simpson	85749	self	Once again, Tanque Verde needs to be in a district that is aligned with Tucson. 6.0 and 5.1 did that. I don't think 4.0 or 4.1 did. Please do not put us with a rural district to which we have no economic or social ties!
10/21/2021 15:13:18	October 21, 2021	?	Patricia Hale	85704-2723	Self	Your new CD-06 Tucson is not a community of Interest with rural Graham, Cochise and Greenlee Counties, Nor is it a community of interest with Casa Grande or Coolidge. Tucson is split at the freeway, setting neighbors between Oracle Rd and the freeway in separate districts. This was a swing district you have turned into a Republican district by adding rural counties. Terrible lines. The district is contiguous un il you added hat Tucson Arm on the west side of the district. Keep Tucson whole, and don't include 3 rural coun ies.
10/21/2021 15:13:19	October 21, 2021	map	Kathy Kinsella	86336	self	Please keep the City of Sedona intact and with our neighboring Verde Valley communities of interest as well as with Flagstaff. Please do not split Sedona into districts along County lines. We are one city and we deserve an intact voice in electing our representatives. We also need to be kept with the rest of the Verde Valley and Flagstaff as our interests are intertwined. Those interests include: business (retail and service industries) tourism, healthcare (we are in one system), education (NAU is our four year college opportunity), transportation (I-17 corridor and public transportation), history, natural physical features, and natural resources (Oak Creek and the Verde River.) Please do not seperate us from the things that make us one community.
10/21/2021 15:13:30	October 21, 2021	Communities of Interest	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	The draft maps have changed dramatically every day this week, which makes it difficult for the public to follow and comment, and prevents the process from moving forward. Neither Democrats nor Republicans should be packed into districts which dilute their overall voting power.
10/21/2021 15:13:43	October 21, 2021	Rushing through the mapping process	Julie Pindzola	86301	concerned citizen	Why are you rushing to adopt the new SALC map? The IRC team needs to respect the concerns of its members to the fullest degree possible. Please do not rush and continue to tells us that it will get ironed out in the 30day public review period. We want decent maps hat provide balance and fairness for our Arizona communities. Having this going into the public review period is what is needed. Thank you, sincerely
10/21/2021 15:14:57	October 21, 2021	Competitive Districts	Patricia Wiedhopf	85715	myself	The draft maps have changed dramatically every day this week, which makes it difficult for the public to follow and comment, and prevents the process from moving forward. Neither Democrats nor Republicans should be packed into districts which dilute their overall voting power.

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10/21/2021 15:16:47	October 21, 2021	draft maps	Evelyn Lathram	85742	myself	I live in Oro Valley and feel strongly: 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..
10/21/2021 15:19:08	October 21, 2021	LD Test Map 8.0 - Anthem, New River, I-17 north	Crystal Bazarnic	85085	I-17 north corridor - north gateway community of interest	For LD test map 8.0, I am again noting that the I-17 north area in Maricopa County is divided unnecessarily at this point. Our area does not need to be wi h Wickenburg/Wittman, nor does it need to be with Fountain Hills/Tortilla Flat. We are a Phoenix suburb and should be together down I-17 from Anthem to the north Loop 101 or beyond. Area Republicans and Democrats agree that our community should be kept together. Please revisit this area. Thank you for your continued work.
10/21/2021 15:19:17	October 21, 2021	Process Suggestion	Sharon Edgar	86004	self	I have a process suggestion. The Commission just decided to provide map changes to the mapping team on Tuesday and vote on final maps on Thursday. Please provide the updated maps to the Commission and the public before Thursday morning. Can the Commissioners and public can see updated maps on Wednesday for a Thursday meeting? Thank you.