

MEDIA ALERT

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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Starts 30 Day Public Hearing on Adopted Draft Maps for Arizona's Congressional and Legislative Districts

Added Meeting in Mesa, AZ (East Valley) for In person Comments

Phoenix, AZ- December 2, 2021, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will host an opportunity for in-person public input on the adopted draft maps for Arizona's nine congressional districts and 30 state legislative districts in Mesa, AZ.

The adopted draft maps are posted to <u>adopted congressional draft map</u> and <u>adopted legislative draft maps</u>. There are numerous ways individuals can provide input on these maps:

- 1. Attend in-person meetings to provide comments: draft map hearings (Nov. to Dec) schedule.
- 2. Pre-register for public comment during virtual town hall. Friday, Dec. 3. The virtual meeting starts at 12:00 pm (MST) all pre-registration must be completed by no later than 11:00 pm day of meeting. For Pre-registration visit: draft map hearings (Nov. to Dec) schedule.
- 3. Provide online feedback:
 - a. provide feedback on draft congressional maps.
 - b. provide feedback on draft legislative maps.
- 4. Provide comments from the IRC website "Contact Us" contact us.
- 5. Email us at ircadmin@azdoa.gov

The adopted draft maps are the third of a four-phase process to draw new district boundaries. After a 30-day public comment period, the IRC will meet again to establish final district boundaries. This fourth and final phase is expected to conclude in December 2021.

Thursday, Dec 2 - 6:00 pm (MST) Location: Mesa Public Schools - Community Education 855 W. 8th Ave. Mesa, AZ 85210

All public hearings will provide Spanish interpreters and American Sign Language interpreters.

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

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



Read more on our website: https://irc.az.gov/

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