

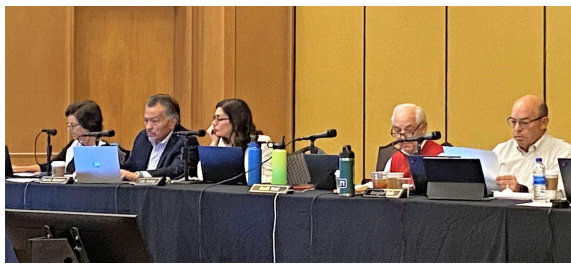
# ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

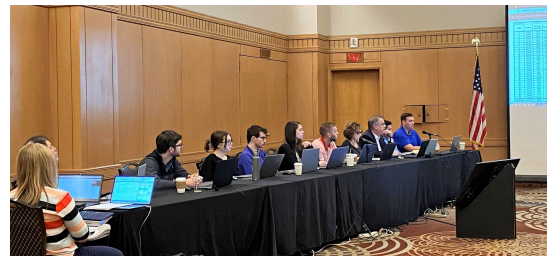
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## Commission Continues Decision-making to Adopt Draft Maps



*Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, Commissioners  
Draft maps discussion, Oct. 20, 2021*



*Timmons mapping team, day 4 of draft map discussion. Oct. 20, 2021*

**Phoenix, AZ** - The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission continued with its decision-making process on draft maps during the week of October 18, 2021. Using the [six criteria mandated by the Arizona Constitution](#), the commission directed its mapping consultants through a series of draft maps in an effort to create the adopted draft maps for Arizona's congressional and state legislative districts which will be available for public review and comment. Arizonans are encouraged to watch the live proceedings [as the maps are being adjusted](#).

During the mandated 30-day comment timeframe, staff and commissioners will hold public hearings around the state. The commission has solicited recommended locations from various communities, cities, towns and groups. Once the schedule is finalized, information on dates, times and locations will be posted to [public meeting notices](#). The public can attend the meetings to comment in person or watch them live streamed on YouTube and Webex and provide comments electronically.

## DID YOU KNOW?

An easier method to submit a map to the commission is to use the [Published Plan Viewer](#). Individuals or groups can access the series of Draft Maps by searching the [Viewer](#) and create their own from a published map. The map of choice can be duplicated, changed and submitted. Another method is to use the [Redistricting System](#).

## IN THE NEWS

### Community Outreach Continues

- **League of Arizona Cities and Towns webinar about redistricting presentation:**  
City, town and county boundaries are important considerations when drawing new lines for Arizona's congressional and legislative districts. More than 120 representatives from Arizona's municipalities and counties tuned in for an October discussion on redistricting hosted by the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. IRC Deputy Director Lori Van Haren and Community Outreach Coordinator Marie Chapple Camacho talked about the redistricting process and mapping consultant Mark Flahan demonstrated the mapping software. [Redistricting topic at League of AZ cities and town](#)
- **Black population growth and redistricting topics of Greater Phoenix Urban League meeting**  
With Census numbers showing Arizona's African American / Black community growing at 40.1 percent since 2010, demographic shifts and redistricting were topics of interest on a recent Greater Phoenix Urban League's [Meet The Leaders](#) live streaming town hall series. IRC Community Outreach Coordinator Marie Chapple Camacho informed the audience about the redistricting process.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, IRC regular business meeting agenda will be posted [Public meeting notices](#) [Watch LIVE on YouTube](#).

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Access the Arizona IRC [Published Plan Dashboard](#): See how many maps have been published. Open each individual plan. Provide feedback on each plan.
- Individuals can access all Draft Maps in every Draft Map series with the [Published Plan Viewer](#). Simply search or find the Pre-Draft Map of choice and add to the map. There is no need to login to the Redistricting System using this method.
- [Audit Log](#): The purpose of the audit log is to track changes made from the initial Grid Map to Draft Maps to Final Maps by the mapping consultants at the collective direction of the Independent Redistricting Commission.
- Arizona IRC 2021 Redistricting mapping system training series: groups. How do we [create a group](#)? How do we add content to a group and how do we accept a group invitation if you are an end user and someone is inviting you to collaborate with them inside their group? Learn more: <https://bit.ly/IRCGroupSharing>
- Arizona IRC 2021 Redistricting mapping system training series: [submitting a single district](#). We've created focus templates that will allow individuals to draw a single district with a maximum population deviation of up to 100%, which will allow individuals to draw a single district without having to work the entire statewide grid map. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/IRCHowToSubmitASingleDistrict>
- Arizona IRC 2021 Redistricting mapping system training series: learn how to [export a redistricting plan](#) from a third party software and import into the IRC Redistricting System. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/IRCImportTextFile>

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

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



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