Summary of Public Meeting of the State of Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Location: Lake Havasu City, Arizona        Date: June 11, 2001

In Attendance:

  Commissioners: Steven W. Lynn, Commission Chairman

  Commission Attorneys: Lisa T. Hauser

  NDC Staff: Ralph Rossum

  Others: Marguerite Mary Leoni, Attorney for NDC

Six members of the community actively participated in discussion.

River communities (e.g. Bullhead City) share the same issues, concerns and goals all along the river into La Paz County and Yuma: wastewater and sewer construction. It is better to group these communities rather than including them in districts that extend into the center of the state.

Importance of county boundaries: Mohave County has been divided into four districts for a long time. This division makes it difficult to get representation, especially when one needs to travel to Flagstaff or all the way across the state.

Grouping with other communities was a subject on which divergent sentiments were expressed: on the one hand, La Paz would be a great fit with the Mohave County river communities; however, a La Paz representative noted that La Paz should remain with Yuma because of similar water and farming issues, and the historical relationship between those counties. Another speaker noted that the City of Kingman may not be a good fit with Lake Havasu City and river communities.

AURs: River Communities
      Mohave/La Paz Counties
      La Paz/Yuma Counties

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