

Excerpts From the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing at Nogales High School in Nogales, Arizona, June 19, 2001

“But it seems to me that most importantly, even more important than your grid, which was a good way to start, are the points of rivers, roads, mountains, and access. I don’t know what you can do about the area in northwestern Arizona that’s above the Grand Canyon. There’s no way to really bring them in the east district. I do know we have good communication from here to the east to Cochise and going up to Tucson to the west with Highway 8 down to Yuma. And as I look at your charts, it would seem to me that it makes a great deal of sense to emphasize increased Hispanic representation by doing as much as you can, and I sometimes refer to it as Okino, so I don’t know who prefers what.”-Cloie Meyers, Pg 31 Ln 7-21

“So if I were under a commission, I would be taking the county maps and probably take the Indian communities, the Navajos, the Apaches, Coconino, and come down with my grid and pick up as much as I could of Gila and maybe even the northern part of Graham so that you could have a nice compact northeastern district.”-Meyers, Pg 32 Ln 7-13

“I think that the Santa Cruz County area would be best served if communities of like thought and lifestyles were represented.”-Speaker from the audience speaking on behalf of Jim Maynard, Pg 34 Ln 22-25

“...we would be better served if Nogales, Rio Rico, and Tubac were aligned north with Pima County and if we were to set aside Patagonia and the Sonoita area with the Sierra Vista or Cochise County district.” – Speaker from the audience speaking on behalf of Jim Maynard, Pg 35 Ln 3-6

“I-19 really connects us with Tucson and obviously the port of entry and th growth that’s going to take place in Tucson. The port of entry is here in Nogales, and the growth that will correspond to that takes place in Tucson.”-Speaker from audience, Pg 36 Ln 12-17

“Rio Rico is very much an Indian transition...Right now I would say it’s pretty split. There’s a number of retired folks there, but there’s a growing, increasing pollution of young families in Rio Rico.”-Speaker from the Audience, Pg 39 Ln 4-11

“What was the thinking or what was the community of interest that was considered in having the district run all the way up to – I looks like two-thirds the way up Apache County, if I could ask that. Because it seems to me that the community of interest in Santa Cruz County, at least at the congressional level, would be further south and further west. If you move it, you will have much more of a community of interest.”-Jim Salta, Pg 40 Ln 20-25 and Pg 41 Ln 1-2

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