

Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in Phoenix, AZ: June 21, 2001

“The bottom line is we want to maintain the cooperative diversity we’ve worked so hard to build within the South Mountain Central Phoenix Community.” - Representative Leah Landrum Taylor, Pg 33 Ln 8-10

“My first point, the Baseline Corridor Master Plan. We’ve done a lot to bind east and west.” – Greg Brownell, Pg 36 Ln 14-15

“What we’re trying to do through the Rio Salado project is developing our ties north and south of the river to get people to head north, down to Central Phoenix.” – Brownell, Pg 37 Ln 15-18

“People all developed a common interest, common awakening, worked together with the Environmental Protection Agency, and others. It would be a travesty to try to split us up.” – Steve Brittle, Pg 44 Ln 4-7

“Many of us, many of the residents who live right outside the boundaries of District 23, as probably do a lot who live there, money is not staying there. We’re needing to keep recycling funds to help build economic development to happen in that area. A lot of this can stay intact if you stay within the boundaries which have been presented.” – Donna McHenry, Pg 48 Ln 17-23

“We are working hard to preserve our city, to keep us in a complete unit, and are working together to make it safer and better for all of our citizens.” – Wayne Phelps, speaking for St. Gregory’s Neighborhood Association, Pg 55 Ln 3-5

“Our vision for the future is simple in this historic neighborhood. Those neighborhoods that have achieved more reduced crime share in the lessons learned by other districts, other neighborhoods, that all may become one promoting revitalization and preservation” -Representative Weason, Pg 58 Ln 24-25 and Pg 29 Ln 1-4

“Finally, please, please, keep our historic neighborhoods together and keep our school districts together.” –Bob Rosenberg, Pg 69 Ln 8-10

“It’s been difficult the last 10 years because of the nature of how district 20 is set up to – for representatives to do a good job of representing the communities out there.”-Bill Brotherton, Pg 71 Ln 9-12

“I think in looking at a portion of District 20 I have now, the El Mirage Surprise area, that’s a very different community of interest from the area surrounding it, basically Sun City. I think the Sun Cities are a, based on just CC and Rs, are a community of interest from the standpoint of the types of issues that are important to them.” – Brotherton, Pg 71 Ln 24-25 and Pg 72 Ln 1-7

“I am now living in District 24 and have been for the last 16 years. Our present boundary lines are pretty much like a box with our district meetings being held in the center. And we are able to communicate with each other very well.”-Velma Sudyka, Pg 78 Ln 5-9

“The current configuration, split is amazing, five separate gerrymandered districts, city districts, share representation with Kingman, Lake Havasu City, Tuba City, Window Rock, Globe, Strawberry, and Show Low. It is enough.” –Dave Braun speaking of Phoenix, Pg 91 Ln 18-22

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