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

“It would be very helpful to us, and it would be – I think, develop a wide interest of community activity to have Yavapai as its only legislative district.” -Johnny Johnson, Pg 26 Ln 15-17

“The truth of the matter is, outside of Maricopa County, Yavapai County becomes somewhat of a poster child for meeting the qualifications – or excuse me – meeting the requirements of 106; as regards tradition and historic boundaries, communities of interest, typical demographic divisions, if you will.” -Kenton Jones, Pg 28 Ln 19-24

“…I cannot think of a division of the State that would work better in regard to this portion of the State, than simply using the boundaries of Yavapai County as a district.” – Jones, Pg 29 Ln 14-17

“I just would – I believe somebody mentioned here, is protect us from the State of Maricopa County. A lot of legislatures, congressional people come up here and campaign in Yavapai County, ‘cause we are so strong a Republican vote up here. And they come up here and as soon as they get elected, they seem to forget Yavapai County.”-Gerald Brownlow, Pg 33 Ln 9-15

“Actually, no, I do want to make the case, in seriousness, that we do look into – into Gila County as far as being part of Legislative District One.”-Stan Turner, Pg 42 Ln 4-6

“…there are many, many, many historical areas of interest that Gila County and Yavapai County have shared.” –Turner, Pg 42 Ln12-13

“Including Mohave, Yavapai county, a large chunk of western Maricopa County; which is – well, basically what I’m going to get here is that I don’t think that this particular grid is going to come anywhere near any kind of equality or near equality between the parties.” –Turner, Pg 46 Ln 3-7

“But looking at your initial congressional map, I can see the Gerrymandering is not completely dead. I was disturbed and glad that you recognized the deficiencies on the congressional map that three Congressional Districts dipped into Maricopa County, the Phoenix urban area. And I think that’s an abomination.”-Sid Moglewer, Pg 49 Ln 19-24

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