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1                   MR. LYNN: Welcome all of you to the first  
2 in a series of public hearings on the draft maps for  
3 congress and the legislature in the first governing  
4 independent redistricting in the State of Arizona.

5                   My name is Steve Lynn. I chair the  
6 Commission. To my right is Dan Elder. He is a  
7 Commissioner and from Tucson as well. We appreciate  
8 your being here.

9                   As is our custom with our public meetings,  
10 there will be a brief power point presentation just for  
11 orientation purposes, but the real purpose of the  
12 meeting today is to hear from the public. We would  
13 like to hear from as many of you as wish to address us,  
14 and if you would, please, if you wish to speak, fill  
15 out a yellow speaker form and hand it into one of the  
16 staff people present so that we may get to as many of  
17 you as we can.

18                   We want to be very respectful of people's  
19 time today, since it is a weekend, but we will stay  
20 here as long as you would like to talk to us. We  
21 would, however, ask that during the public comment  
22 period if you could limit your remarks to approximately  
23 3 minutes, we would appreciate it. If then when  
24 everyone has had an opportunity to speak, if you would  
25 like additional time at the microphone, we would be

1 happy to afford you that time.

2 So, without further ado, let's go through  
3 the power point presentation and begin the public  
4 hearing.

5 This is one of the second round of public  
6 hearings, and the purpose of this public hearing is to  
7 receive comment on the draft congressional and  
8 legislative plans. We welcome you and we are talking  
9 about the requirements of Proposition 106. Last year  
10 the people of Arizona established the Independent  
11 Redistricting Commission to provide a new kind of  
12 citizen conducted redistricting that would follow very  
13 specific criteria. Let's take a look at some of those.

14 Here are the new rules for redistricting,  
15 and as you may know, rules A and B are both federal  
16 requirements. It's important to note that Arizona does  
17 come under the terms of the Voting Rights Act which  
18 requires fair representation for minorities. Before  
19 final districts can go into effect, the Department of  
20 Justice must preclear them.

21 Another crucial important federal  
22 requirement now written into the law by Proposition 106  
23 is that districts must be as equal in population as  
24 practicable. Now, rules C, D, and E establish other  
25 criteria which we have to follow. Compactness,

1 contiguity, respect for communities of interest,  
2 visible geographic features, city, town, and county  
3 boundaries, and undivided census tracts. Those are all  
4 part of the rules.

5           The last of these rules, rule F, is also a  
6 new rule which requires us to make competitive  
7 districts. That is to say, once we've addressed the  
8 other criteria, we need to adjust the districts to be  
9 more competitive so long as those adjustments do not do  
10 harm to any of the above criteria that are listed, and  
11 if you read Proposition 106 very carefully, that is  
12 precisely the way that proposition is worded.

13           Proposition 106 requires the Commission to  
14 begin by designed a grid for use of geometric lines  
15 with population equality as the only consideration. We  
16 decided that we would use townships, which are 6 miles  
17 square, as our building blocks, but we combined those  
18 townships with whole census tracts to provide for equal  
19 population.

20           Here are the equal population grids for  
21 both congressional and legislative districts, which  
22 were developed some months ago. Of course, we knew  
23 these grids would have to be adjusted because they  
24 really only have equal population, and even that is not  
25 exactly as it should be. They are compact, they use

1 undivided census tract, but they fail to achieve many  
2 of the other goals which Proposition 106 speaks to.

3           So after the task of designing those  
4 grids, we then needed to adjust them in order to  
5 address the other requirements. To help us adjust the  
6 grid, we held 24 public meetings around the state. We  
7 invited citizens to come to write their comments in  
8 public input forms, to write us at our website, to send  
9 us snail mail and e-mail, and summaries of this vast  
10 amount of citizen input made it clear that Arizonans  
11 have a firm belief in respecting communities of  
12 interest and respecting boundaries of cities, towns,  
13 counties, local governments. It was clear that these  
14 should be basic principles in our guiding approach.

15           We also learned from the hearings that  
16 other citizen and other citizen input that there were  
17 three major communities of interest, and we should  
18 begin by recognizing Native-Americans, the Hispanic  
19 communities of interest, and the state rural and urban  
20 communities.

21           Citizen input helped us also identify what  
22 we call Arizona Units of Representation or AURs. These  
23 are the communities that citizens identified as  
24 especially important to their own part of the state or  
25 to the state as a whole.

1                   Now, we created new districts and dealt  
2 with the issue of cities and towns in the following  
3 way. We will be showing maps of the adjusted districts  
4 in just a moment, but it's worthwhile to emphasize the  
5 differences between the drafts and the existing  
6 legislative and congressional districts.

7                   Our draft congressional districts split  
8 less than a half the number of cities and towns split  
9 by the existing legislative, pardon me, congressional  
10 districts. Our legislative draft map splits no more  
11 than a third of the cities and towns split by existing  
12 districts.

13                   Much of the same is also true of counties,  
14 and even though the draft plan has to draw lines for 8  
15 congressional districts as opposed to 6, we split only  
16 one more county than the existing 6 congressional  
17 districts. The draft legislative districts split four  
18 fewer counties than the old ones.

19                   Now, how about communities of interest.  
20 Perhaps most important, the draft plans respect  
21 communities of interest. Major communities that we  
22 mentioned earlier are well-respected in both the  
23 congressional and legislative drafts. And the drafts  
24 also pay attention to the communities of interest  
25 identified through the citizen process and the

1 identification of the Arizona Units of Representation.

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3 Now, let's talk about competitiveness.

4 Proposition 106 did not allow the Commission to

5 consider competitiveness earlier in the process.

6 During the grid process, there was no reason to

7 consider competitiveness because the grids were

8 efficient in a variety of aspects.

9 Under Proposition 106 competitive

10 districts should be favored where there's no

11 substantial detriment to the other goals. The work on

12 analyzing competitiveness is in its early stages and

13 will be considered more carefully during the final

14 phases of redistricting.

15 Now, let's take a look at the draft plans,

16 and let's begin with the congressional map.

17 There are 8 congressional districts. Here

18 you see them and for the purposes of discussion, and I

19 apologize if there's any confusion because as we go

20 through these mapping processes, we are using letters

21 as opposed to numbers. Ultimately, these districts

22 will be numbered but only after we have completed our

23 work and we submit them to the Department of Justice

24 will they actually receive a number. For the purposes

25 of our discussion today, they are lettered, and they

1 are lettered A through H.

2 Now, let's take a closer look at the  
3 congressional map in the Phoenix area, and you can see  
4 how the districts come into the Phoenix area or are  
5 contained wholly within the Phoenix area as the map is  
6 shown in detail.

7 Let's now take a look at the Tucson area  
8 map, and you will note that there are basically two  
9 districts in southern Arizona, both of which make use  
10 of Tucson's extensive population.

11 Now, let's turn to the legislative map.  
12 We have designed 30 brand new legislative districts for  
13 the state, and here you can see that map. And again,  
14 these are lettered rather than numbered, and they are  
15 lettered through -- A through I believe DD.

16 And let's take a look at some detail. In  
17 the Phoenix area you can see the legislative districts  
18 as they are currently proposed and then in the Tucson  
19 area.

20 Now, we want further citizen input. This  
21 has been an open process. It will continue to be one.  
22 Our hope is that you will take the opportunity today to  
23 let us know your opinion, whether favorable or  
24 negative, whether in terms of general comments or  
25 detailed. However, we really are looking for detail.



1                   The importance of your comments this time  
2 around is not, "Gee, I like it" or "Gee, I don't like  
3 it." The importance of the comments this time around  
4 are really: tell me what you think should be changed,  
5 tell me why, tell us why it should be changed and tell  
6 us whether or not those changes have any other adverse  
7 impact on districts around the one that you're  
8 discussing at the current time. We need that  
9 information so that we and the consultant can analyze  
10 the efficacy of those changes and decide whether or not  
11 those are things that we can accommodate as we move  
12 forward.

13                   We would ask you to keep your remarks  
14 relatively brief. I had mentioned before that we would  
15 like to at least shoot for a 3-minute time limit.  
16 Again, we won't have a stop watch on you, but if you  
17 could keep your comments relatively brief, and if you  
18 do have written comments that you would like to submit,  
19 we would be more than happy to take them and make them  
20 a part of the record.

21                   We're also circulating to the audience a  
22 form which you may wish to fill out. You can complete  
23 it here, hand it into staff, or you can mail it back to  
24 us. You can also get this form on our website,  
25 [www.azredistrictingj.org](http://www.azredistrictingj.org) and can submit it through that

1 mechanism as well.

2 We also have some citizen kits which have  
3 more detailed information if you still would like to  
4 show us how the congressional or legislative lines  
5 should specifically be drawn. Those, too, can be  
6 submitted tonight or they can be mailed to us or  
7 delivered to us at a later date.

8 Redistricting will determine the kind of  
9 representation that we will have in the state for the  
10 rest of this decade. It is worthy of all the effort,  
11 energy, and goodwill that we can give it. We  
12 appreciate your interest, and we certainly are prepared  
13 to stay here as long as it takes to hear that input  
14 this afternoon.

15 Let me again ask you to fill out a yellow  
16 speaker form if you have not already done so so that we  
17 may get to everyone in an orderly fashion. And again,  
18 if you would limit your comments first pass and still  
19 wish to speak it when everyone has been heard, we will  
20 be more than happy to give you additional time.

21 At this time I would like to turn the  
22 hearing portion of the meeting over to Commissioner Dan  
23 Elder.

24 MR. ELDER: Thank you, Steve. The first  
25 speaker is Validy Lundin.

1                   MR. LUNDIN: Good afternoon. I'm here to  
2 speak today because when I saw in the newspaper the  
3 lines that are drawn up there I was real upset. I live  
4 in legislative District Number 10. I reside at 21st  
5 Street and Tucson Boulevard, and we've lived there for  
6 over 40 years. The Lundin family has lived there and  
7 has resided in that area for over 40 years. We receive  
8 excellent representation. We associate with the  
9 southwest side, and so we are really, really interested  
10 in staying in legislative District 10 and kind of  
11 keeping the lines the way they are already, like the  
12 way they were before instead of the way they're being  
13 proposed.

14                   And I looked around and really the way the  
15 old boundaries are, we're like in a community of  
16 interest like the City of South Tucson. And some of  
17 the neighborhoods there are south and east of the --  
18 the City of South are a community of interest. Also,  
19 the neighborhoods north of the City of South Tucson to  
20 Congress, neighborhood south of Broadway to Tucson  
21 Boulevard, neighborhood between Tucson Boulevard and  
22 Country Club, south of Arroyo Chico, and the  
23 neighborhood south of 22nd Street and east of Country  
24 Club. These are all communities of interest. We all  
25 share the same cultural and traditional ties and we're

1 demographically and socioeconomically similar and we're  
2 connected through a major thoroughfare.

3                   And when I looked at these maps, one of  
4 the things that kind of stuck out was Rita Ranch. Rita  
5 Ranch the way it's drawn up really has no community of  
6 interest with the rest of the district. It has no  
7 cultural or traditional ties. It's a brand new  
8 development. They haven't been there that long, and  
9 what you're really looking at out there in the proposal  
10 is you're kind of tearing into the central part of the  
11 city.

12                   And as I stated earlier, we're real happy  
13 with the representation we receive out there. We've  
14 been residents of that district for 40 years, and I  
15 would like you really to reconsider that when you draw  
16 up your final version to try and keep us in legislative  
17 District 10. We're very happy with the service we  
18 receive from our legislators, and we've been there for  
19 a long time. And we really associate a lot more with  
20 the southwest part of town, not only because of our  
21 background, but everything. All of our ties are  
22 associated with the southwest side of town, and we  
23 would like to kind of keep it that way.

24                   Thank you very much.

25                   MR. ELDER: Thank you. The next speaker

1 is Alice Roe.

2 MS. ROE: My name is Alice Roe, R-0-E, and  
3 I live at 2318 East Elm Street. That is in this  
4 legislative District BB. I'm looking at this map, and  
5 I had to go to the website and look very carefully to  
6 find out I was off about 6 blocks or 8 blocks out of my  
7 neighborhood to put us with legislative District AA. I  
8 think this makes no sense.

9 Campbell Avenue is a real barrier on the  
10 west side of our neighborhood. My neighborhood is  
11 three-quarters of a square mile. The area between Elm  
12 and Speedway does not belong, when you have 2 blocks on  
13 the west side there, does not belong in AA where there  
14 is no residences other than student housing directly  
15 across Campbell.

16 So I would request that you put the line  
17 back to Campbell because there isn't a whole lot of  
18 population there. We really like to have them with us  
19 in this central 25 District BB.

20 Thanks very much.

21 MR. ELDER: Walker Smith.

22 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
23 I'm here today to read a letter on behalf of Shirley  
24 Gallegos and Arizona Independent Redistricting  
25 Commission. Dear commissioners, I regret that I'm

1 unable to be with you in person for this important  
2 public hearing. I submit this letter to the Arizona  
3 Independent Redistricting Commission as my comment for  
4 this hearing.

5 My thanks to the Commission for your hard  
6 work on behalf of the citizens of Arizona. In  
7 particular, I appreciate your accommodation of our  
8 request that South Tucson be included in a district  
9 with communities of interest to our south and east.  
10 This is accomplished in District CC on the graph map  
11 under review today.

12 You have stated, and I realize that the  
13 current draft must undergo further changes. It is my  
14 hope that the Commission will be able to keep South  
15 Tucson together with those communities who are south  
16 and east in the final map.

17 Thanks again for undertaking this  
18 important challenging task, and thank you all for your  
19 continuing consideration of South Tucson residents, my  
20 staff, and myself. Shirley Gallegos.

21 MR. ELDER: Thank you. David Ramirez.

22 MR. RAMIREZ: My name is David Ramirez  
23 from the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe.

24 The chairman is out of town today. We  
25 intend to present oral and written testimony because we

1 have some concerns with the boundaries that are being  
2 established. We will present this on August the 29th.

3 Thank you, sir.

4 MR. LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Ramirez.

5 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Tom Ryan.

6 MR. RYAN: I'm going to give my 3 minutes  
7 or whatever time you have to Mary Judge Ryan.

8 MR. ELDER: Okay. Thank you. Daniel --  
9 Mary Judge Ryan.

10 MS. RYAN: Thank you. I also have one  
11 power point slide if I can slip that disk in your  
12 machine.

13 MR. ELDER: If you know how to make it  
14 work.

15 MS. RYAN: And while he readies that, I  
16 can go ahead and start with my comment.

17 I am Mary Judge Ryan. I have lived in  
18 southern Arizona for 32 years, and I live here because  
19 I love this place.

20 I am currently the Chief Deputy in the  
21 Pima County Attorney's Office, and I also am a  
22 candidate for congress in what is now CD5.

23 After review of the Commission process and  
24 proposals, I am saddened, I am angry, and yet I am more  
25 determined than ever. I am saddened by this report.

1                   The people of Arizona voted overwhelmingly  
2 to improve to this system, to build a better mass  
3 tract, if you will. They voted to take the self-  
4 interest of politicians out of the process in the hope  
5 that fairness would be achieved, in the hope that the  
6 dream of democracy, government by the people would be  
7 achieved.

8                   We in Arizona on are the cutting edge. We  
9 have public financing of our elections. We have term  
10 limits, and we have an Independent Redistricting  
11 Commission.

12                   We the people of Arizona are trying  
13 desperately to have real representation, real  
14 government of the people, by the people, and for the  
15 people. We are a hopeful people. We believe that if  
16 the system is set up to make it happen that we can have  
17 real elections where people are encouraged to run.  
18 They are encouraged to vote, and they are encouraged to  
19 serve.

20                   Instead, you have reneged on that promise.  
21 You have maintained the status quo and you have  
22 thwarted the will of the people. Let me be specific,  
23 and I will focus on the congressional districts.

24                   Maybe we are having technical problems.  
25 You got it?



1                   As you know, 8 congressional districts  
2                   have been created. It is not a coincidence that each  
3                   congressional district that you have created in essence  
4                   has only one incumbent in it and has a registration  
5                   edge that favors that incumbent. And you can see as B,  
6                   which is currently Shattock's district, has a  
7                   registration edge of 50 percent Republicans to 32  
8                   percent Democrats.

9                   E, which is currently where Hayward lives  
10                  and would be Hayward's district, 49 percent Republicans  
11                  and 30 percent Democrats.

12                  F, Flake's district currently, 52 percent  
13                  Republicans and 28 percent Democrats.

14                  Kolby, 43 percent Republicans and 38  
15                  percent Democrats.

16                  Stump does not live in his district. He  
17                  runs in District A, but he has never lived in his  
18                  district. Under federal law, you do not have to live  
19                  in your district. 49 percent Republicans, 38  
20                  Democrats.

21                  Pastore, who lives in District D, 52  
22                  percent Democrat, 28 percent Republican.

23                  The two new districts are C, which has a  
24                  41 percent Democratic edge and has 38 percent  
25                  Republican.

1                   G, 56 percent Democrat and 26 percent  
2                   Republicans.

3                   It takes a stretch of the imagination to  
4                   determine how these districts were created so that each  
5                   individual incumbent is in a different district. The  
6                   language of the statute states that you cannot consider  
7                   the residence of the incumbent or the candidate when  
8                   drawing the districts.

9                   It also states that the districts are to  
10                  be competitive as much as is practicable. You must  
11                  show us how creating competitive districts creates a  
12                  significant detriment to the other goals. That's what  
13                  the language of the statute requires. These are not  
14                  competitive districts, and so we need that information.

15                  You must also show us how you created safe  
16                  districts for these incumbents while following the law  
17                  that prohibits you from considering the places of  
18                  residence or the registration of the incumbent.

19                  The proposals of this Commission are not  
20                  for the people. They seem to be in the best interest  
21                  of the parties and of the incumbent. I am saddened but  
22                  I am undaunted because I believe despite this, the  
23                  people will prevail. But we have taken another step  
24                  back with these proposals.

25                  I am a candidate in CD5. My competitive

1 position went from a 1 percent differential in 2000 to  
2 a 5 percent differential in favor of the Republican  
3 candidate under these proposals. I will run and I will  
4 win despite that inherent disadvantage you have created  
5 for me, but this is not what this process was about.  
6 It is about real political debate, real political  
7 dialogue, and you have once again silenced that. The  
8 people deserve better.

9 Thank you.

10 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Is it possible we  
11 can have a copy of your power point presentation?

12 Thank you.

13 Tom Ryan, did you wish to speak now?

14 MR. RYAN: No.

15 MR. ELDER: Okay. Daniel Benadidez.

16 MR. BENADIDEZ: I just want to take a  
17 moment to echo Mary Ryan's comment in hope that you can  
18 respond to those things because I voted for this, I  
19 voted for competitive districts so that people could  
20 participate in the process.

21 I don't think you've done that, and so I  
22 hope that you can change that and go back, look at what  
23 you've done and revisit it and make these districts  
24 what people had voted for, which is in fact competitive  
25 districts so people can participate and feel like their

1 vote actually matters.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Luis Gonzales.

4 MR. GONZALES: Thank you, Chairman Lynn,  
5 Mr. Elder.

6 My name is Luis Gonzales. I'm a former  
7 state senator of the legislative District Number 10.  
8 I'm also a member of the Pascua Yaqui Indian Nation.  
9 And I'm here today representing myself, of course. We  
10 heard from Vice Chairman Ramirez earlier today and we  
11 will give additional testimony at a later date.

12 But my focus today is on your legislative  
13 districts. As we know, one of your mandates here is to  
14 take care and consideration in regards to the districts  
15 which are communities of interest. In this case with  
16 Tucson, you have completely ignored the Pascua Yaqui  
17 Indian Tribe and its people. What you've actually done  
18 with the current map that you have recently revealed or  
19 unveiled is that you have placed Pascua Yaqui people  
20 into four separate legislative districts.

21 By way of a little bit of history here,  
22 you have a Pascua Yaqui Indian Nation reservation,  
23 which is off of West Valencia Road. That is, in fact,  
24 land is in trust acts. You have coupled that with the  
25 Tohono O'Odham Nation in District Y.

1                   The old Pascua Yaqui Indian Village, which  
2                   is Grant Road and 15th Avenue, is in District AA, which  
3                   is the old District 11. There are approximately 500  
4                   Yaqui people who live there. You have another  
5                   community in the City of South Tucson, which is also a  
6                   Yaqui community on 39th Street. You split that one  
7                   over to the district across which currently District  
8                   10. You also have Pueblo, which is a community of  
9                   about 100 Yaqui people who live in Marana right off of  
10                  Moore Road.

11                  As I look at your map, there is a gross  
12                  disenfranchisement of the Yaqui Indian people. It  
13                  makes practical sense to take the Pascua Yaqui Indian  
14                  reservation and move it north into the new district  
15                  that you have created, which is currently District 11.  
16                  It also makes sense to move further up north and bring  
17                  in Pueblo into that district. And it makes even more  
18                  sense to take the entire O'Odham Indian Nation with the  
19                  Pasqua Yaqui Tribe and put that in the same district.

20                  What you will be doing there is you will  
21                  then truly be looking at the need to keep those  
22                  communities of interest together.

23                  So I'm sure that the Pasqua Yaqui Indian  
24                  Tribe will be presenting some written testimony as they  
25                  have testified here earlier regarding those items.

1                   I would also like to echo Mr. Lundin's  
2 testimony in regard to the issue of putting the  
3 boundary straight east on 22nd Street. What that  
4 basically does is removes communities of interest north  
5 of 22nd Street, which for decades have been together  
6 all the way up to Broadway area in the Randolph Park  
7 area. It doesn't make any bit of sense. I don't see  
8 any commonality between Rita Ranch and the City of  
9 South Tucson at all.

10                   So think that you really need to pay some  
11 attention to that issue and particularly the Native-  
12 American community here in Tucson as there are only two  
13 tribes here in southern Arizona, as you well know.

14                   Finally, I would just simply like to make  
15 a note on the district that doesn't include Tucson, but  
16 it goes all the way up from Cochise County to parts of  
17 Maricopa County up to the north. I think that's one of  
18 the most horrendous things I've ever seen, and believe  
19 me, I know that your job is difficult. I know you've  
20 labored hard and long trying to come up with something  
21 that makes sense, but that particular one looks like it  
22 might have been what was leftover and you took a vacuum  
23 cleaner and sucked it all in somehow. I'm not sure,  
24 but at any rate, that completes my testimony, and I  
25 appreciate your --

1                   MR. LYNN: Mr. Gonzales, one question, if  
2 you would. In identifying the Pasqua Yaqui residents  
3 in the northern portion in Marana, the northern portion  
4 of AA, can you be as specific as you can about cross  
5 streets for us?

6                   MR. GONZALES: I believe they're Moore  
7 Road and -- it's right off of Moore Road. That's the  
8 main road that goes across. And then Avra Valley I  
9 believe goes right through the front. Avra Valley  
10 Road, I believe.

11                  MR. LYNN: Thank you.

12                  MR. GONZALES: I'm not exactly sure. But  
13 it's in that specific area. Thank you.

14                  MR. ELDER: George Miller.

15                  MR. MILLER: My name is George Miller.  
16 And I just had to come down here this afternoon because  
17 I actually believe that the Redistricting Commission  
18 can dramatically change Arizona's ranking in several  
19 critical issues.

20                  It seems to me that no matter what your  
21 political bias may be, it must be embarrassing and  
22 disgraceful, to say the least, to know that Arizona  
23 ranks in the lowest 10 percent of the nation in funding  
24 of mental health, education, health benefits, the  
25 working poor, and so on. And we rank high in the human

1 misery that is created as a result of this.

2                   This is not any kind of accident. The 25  
3 to 28 legislative districts as presently constituted  
4 have made it possible, I should say, no, probable, that  
5 the political rank will control primary elections.  
6 They will elect people who support their regressive use  
7 to cease in the state legislature. We will continue to  
8 see the same ugly record, a record of denial of social  
9 service necessities and an unfair taxation system.

10                   The initiative proposed that has set up  
11 this Commission was based upon growing up legislative  
12 boundaries for present and future congressional  
13 districts, as well as boundaries for the 30 state  
14 legislative districts. And these 30 state legislative  
15 districts are at this point my greatest concern. The  
16 way things stand today in these 30 districts, only 3 to  
17 5 in the districts will be engaged in genuine political  
18 contests following the primary elections.

19                   This situation is particularly true in  
20 both Maricopa County and Pima. This situation was  
21 created by the state legislature and practice has meant  
22 that the party controlling the legislature also  
23 controlled redistricting to their own political  
24 advantage in each 10-year period.

25                   The initiative that brought us this



1 Commission was meant to change this one-sided  
2 redistricting, whether pro Republican or pro Democrat  
3 so that the voters could participate in bonafide,  
4 competitive general elections in all 30 districts.

5 I believe that the Commission has the  
6 responsibility to replace the undemocratic and unfair  
7 method of redistricting with a rational, national and  
8 democratic, that's with a small "d," democratic formula  
9 that will change the current approach to the social and  
10 economic problems that we encounter every day.  
11 Anything less than a designation of 30 districts is  
12 just plain political duplicity and gives cynics one  
13 more reason to point on how the electric and vote for A  
14 and get B.

15 I'm aware of the fact that major and  
16 mitigating conditions, such as Federal Voting Act,  
17 Voting Rights Act, geographic compactness, respect for  
18 natural boundaries, and the preservation of communities  
19 of interest makes your mission very difficult, but it  
20 should not deter the Commission from achieving with the  
21 voters require of you in the passage of Proposition  
22 106.

23 No one on this Commission was elected in  
24 the usual sense for this office, nor will any of you be  
25 appointed again. Therefore, you have the unique luxury

1 of doing only what is the right thing for our state now  
2 and for the future. In your special capacity, you will  
3 not be subject to the political consequences.

4 And you, Mr. Lynn, as the sole Independent  
5 on the Commission, are in the unique position to help  
6 produce the result that coincides with the desire of  
7 the voters to implement the law passed as Proposition  
8 106 and to resist impression that would corrupt it.  
9 The Commission has the power to make a better Arizona.  
10 So please don't fail the people of Arizona.

11 In looking at this map that was in the  
12 paper yesterday on the redistricting, it's obvious that  
13 there is some areas that some people, whether they're  
14 elected to office today or would like to be elected to  
15 office today, are not too happy. And I think that's  
16 part of your job.

17 And so I just urge you that this is a  
18 chance to change the ability of the people of this  
19 state to get the type of legislation that they're been  
20 asking for and have been forced to in many cases go to  
21 the ballot in order to get what they wanted. And if we  
22 can have 30 competitive elections in the state for the  
23 state legislature for what I speak about, this would be  
24 what we talked about. That's the only reason for 106.  
25 If you say to us that after redrawing the lines you've

1 ended up with instead of 3 to 5, we've got now 8 to 10,  
2 that's a long ways from 30, and that's not going to do  
3 the thing.

4 Thank you very much for hearing me out.

5 MR. ELDER: Next person requesting to  
6 speak is Solomon Bald Ingram.

7 MR. INGRAM. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr.  
8 Elder.

9 I do want to argue the case that I argued  
10 before, but as I told you if mass anatomy sells  
11 products by repeating things over and over again, maybe  
12 I could sell you my idea by repeating it over and over  
13 to you.

14 I want to argue again the case for the  
15 voter district that we proposed. We submitted to you  
16 an e-map as well as a detailed commentary arguing the  
17 community of interest that the border constitutes. And  
18 District G that you have configured takes in many of  
19 the elements that we argued in our position paper.  
20 However, it does not include the Cochise County area  
21 which truncates the border and we argue the case that  
22 the border does constitute a single unified and viable  
23 and logical community of interest.

24 The issues that I mentioned in my  
25 commentary to you are extensive. There's immigration

1 there that has to be dealt with. There are  
2 environmental issues on many levels, including  
3 enforcement of people and immigrants going through  
4 desert areas. All these scenarios I believe some  
5 issues, we have vantage and culture issues, we have  
6 history, economic activity, there are neighbor reckon  
7 issues, as you know are one of our issues right now  
8 that is dynamic at this moment is that the Tohono  
9 O'Odham Tribe trying to get citizenship for its people.  
10 And so on and so on. There are many, many, many, many  
11 issues that ties this border together.

12                   And we argue very strongly that there is a  
13 need for a unified voice to represent the border. And  
14 also having a single border district I think will get  
15 more clout, more prestige to the people in this area.  
16 And given the many issues that are driving policy right  
17 now around the border, that clout and that prestige is  
18 needed and necessary.

19                   Also, on this notion of competitive  
20 districts and the Voting Rights Act, I mentioned to you  
21 last time when I spoke that when you juxtapose the  
22 notion of competitive districts with the Voting Rights  
23 requirements that you're bound to follow, sometimes  
24 those two are in conflict with each other. And as I  
25 mentioned last time, in those districts where the

1 Voting Rights Act is relevant and important, then the  
2 competitive argument should play second seat to the  
3 notion of having minority representation.

4           So I want to make sure that I put myself  
5 on record as saying that we should not sacrifice the  
6 Voting Rights requirements to be bound to this notion  
7 of competitiveness except those areas where the Voting  
8 Rights Act is not necessary. The Voting Rights  
9 conditions that we're under are constitutionally good  
10 because they speak to mistakes that our country and our  
11 nation and our state have made and they speak to  
12 addressing those mistakes. So I hope that you not mess  
13 with those too much.

14           District G, going back to District G,  
15 adding to the Cochise County area to the border would  
16 also enhance the Hispanic representation in that area.  
17 As you know, it's 44 percent Hispanic but that's a high  
18 figure because that includes, total population figures  
19 include the many undocumented workers who are here and  
20 their families. It also includes people who are housed  
21 in the INS holding facilities. And those people are  
22 counted for total population, but obviously they are  
23 not viable political populations.

24           So that 44 percent I think is artificially  
25 inflated, and to give a better cushion and to be more

1 compatible with Voting Right requirements, I think  
2 including Cochise County would serve that purpose.

3 Finally, I want to associate myself with  
4 the comments of Mr. Lundin and Mr. Walker with respect  
5 to South Tucson. I think that South Tucson -- I talked  
6 to you about South Tucson last time, and I thank you  
7 for having responded to the comments that I and others  
8 made about South Tucson.

9 However, in correcting the wrong or the  
10 issue that we were responding to last time, in your  
11 good-faith attempt to do that, you may have created  
12 another monster by putting South Tucson with Rita  
13 Ranch, and those two are just two different worlds. I  
14 don't know if there's any -- there's no community of  
15 interest there, and the comments made by Mr. Lundin and  
16 Mr. Walker I think are the ones that I think you should  
17 consider when you redraw that district, which I think  
18 is CC. I think you call it CC. But you know what it  
19 is. You know what it is.

20 But anyway, I think you should reconsider  
21 that and South Tucson is a viable, continues to be a  
22 very viable part of our community, and I believe very  
23 firmly that keeping it in an area that is so, so  
24 disparate in demographics, political affiliation, the  
25 physical aspect of it, South Tucson is very much of an

1 urban area. Rita Ranch is way out in the boons.  
2 There's just so many differences that I think that  
3 those two are incompatible on many, many differences,  
4 many, many levels.

5 And I would urge you to take the comments  
6 of Mr. Lundin, Mr. Walker, and others who will speak  
7 later on South Tucson. And we compare that district to  
8 make South Tucson -- not associate South Tucson with  
9 such a district as Rita Ranch.

10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Even with my  
12 glasses on, I'm having a hard time reading it. I  
13 believe it's Anne Murray.

14 MS. MURRAY: Yes, good afternoon. Thanks  
15 for the opportunity to speak, Mr. Chairman and  
16 Commissioner Elder.

17 First of all, I would like to say that I  
18 spent a good deal of last Thursday and Friday in the  
19 meeting that we had here, and I left that with the  
20 feeling of real appreciation and an admiration for the  
21 kind of job that you're doing and the fact that you  
22 have been -- my whole experience in working with this  
23 Commission has been that you've been very open to  
24 hearing people's comments, and you've heard a lot of  
25 conflicting requests, and my observation personally is

1 that you have done a tremendous job in trying to  
2 accommodate a lot of competing kinds of interests.

3 And I want to speak again to the issue  
4 that I spoke to last Thursday evening. And I think  
5 you've become aware that there is some disagreement  
6 with -- it is a very micro kind of issue involving  
7 specific streets within the neighborhood. But I want  
8 to ask you to look again at the neighborhood on the  
9 north side and the south side of Broadway as being a  
10 community of interest. The comments that several of us  
11 made last week we still feel very committed to those  
12 concerns and that we were correct in identifying those  
13 concerns.

14 Broadway corridor represents a very  
15 dominant feature in the City of Tucson. And on the  
16 north side and the south side there are some very  
17 important commercial interests, neighborhood interests,  
18 historic district interests, and as I said last week,  
19 those of us who are in neighborhoods on the north side  
20 and the south side of Broadway do have a long history  
21 of working together.

22 There are about 28 of us of neighborhoods  
23 in what is called the Central City Leadership Network.  
24 We are all organized around the Broadway corridor  
25 issues and we work together on those issues. So you



1 have heard some testimony, and I believe you'll hear  
2 more that the CC District should have its northern  
3 boundary at Broadway. Right now you have the northern  
4 boundary of CC at 22nd Street.

5 And BB, which is the central city  
6 district, has the southern boundary at 22nd Street. We  
7 feel that that's appropriate. That the neighborhoods  
8 on the south side of Broadway but north of 22nd Street  
9 are part of the central city and we function together  
10 as Central City Leadership Network. We have a long  
11 history of doing so and to make any other kind of a  
12 division would be very disruptive and divide this  
13 cohesiveness that we have.

14 So thank you very much again for letting  
15 me present these observations.

16 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Dave Erchull.

17 MR. ERCHULL: Good afternoon, Mr. Lynn.  
18 First of all, I would like to thank you and your fellow  
19 commissioners for what I think is probably one of the  
20 most thankless jobs in the state. I've watched and  
21 admired the way you've gone about it knowing full well  
22 you're not going to make everybody happy, but I do  
23 appreciate your efforts.

24 Specifically I would like to address  
25 direct legislative District AA. There is a strip of

1 homes in the northeast corner of that draft district  
2 between Camino Del Sero and Ina Road. It's a group  
3 that has more in common with Oro Valley, Casas Adobes,  
4 and Marana than with the rest of the draft district.  
5 Indeed in the congressional draft districts, we are  
6 lumped with those other groups in draft congressional  
7 District H.

8           While draft legislative District AA is  
9 geographically contiguous, it is not demographically  
10 contiguous in that to the southwest of that strip  
11 between Camino Del Sero and Ina. There is nothing  
12 there but park. And then you get to a population, as I  
13 say, we have more in common with the population to the  
14 northwest of us than to the south or to the -- than the  
15 population to the southwest of us, more in common with  
16 the population to the northeast.

17           My specific recommendation would be to  
18 move the boundary along Camino Del Sero west to the  
19 national park boundary. From there follow the trace of  
20 the national park boundary to the northwest until  
21 you've reached the northernmost point of the draft  
22 district. That would put that strip of residences in  
23 draft District Z, again, a population with which we  
24 have much more in common.

25           Thank you very much.

1 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Pete Davis.

2 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon, gentlemen. I  
3 did see a lady here, but I guess she snuck off out of  
4 here.

5 My name is Pete Davis, D-A-V-I-S. And I  
6 live in the lovely area of Green Valley, and quite  
7 frankly, after listening here, I came to sing praise to  
8 you, not to bury you. I want to thank the Committee  
9 and the staff for doing a difficult and tedious job and  
10 doing it quite well.

11 I've been reading the newspaper that we're  
12 the opponents or unworthy opponents, depending upon  
13 your political persuasions, at trying to put the  
14 Committee in unneeded pressure to consider its main  
15 focus competitiveness.

16 I would like to state for the record that  
17 Proposition 106 was very clear that competitive  
18 districts should only be considered if they are not  
19 detrimental to other criteria. I am more concerned  
20 with being represented by a legislator or a congressman  
21 who shares my values than having a manufactured  
22 competitive race that impacts local communities and  
23 compact boundaries.

24 Talking about all the communities with  
25 compact boundaries, I was shocked and surprised that

1 the Committee had separated Green Valley and the City  
2 of Sahuarita. Actually those two communities have a  
3 tremendous amount in common, and I strongly urge the  
4 Committee to put the City of Sahuarita into the  
5 congressional and legislative districts along with  
6 Green Valley.

7                   Green Valley and Sahuarita are really  
8 sister communities with many common interests, such as  
9 schools, chamber of commerce, churches, and I could go  
10 on and on, but I employ the Committee to grant this  
11 request, and I will send a letter to save time for the  
12 boundaries, and I will send it to you and hope you will  
13 honor it.

14                   Again, I want to state that I am concerned  
15 that fabricating competitive districts where they don't  
16 naturally exist will violate the Voting Right Act and  
17 may lead to lengthy litigation. This will only cause  
18 confusion and chaos going into the next election.

19                   I would also like to point out to Mayor  
20 George and Mrs. Ryan that part of a competitive  
21 district is also the Independent voters. We seem to  
22 have completely forgot about them, but almost every  
23 district, if you look at, they're bringing Independents  
24 into play. They will decide who is going to be  
25 represented, the Republican or the Democrat.

1                   And I want to thank you for granting me  
2                   the time to express my views, and may God continue to  
3                   bless you in your difficult task. Thank you.

4                   MR. ELDER: Thank you. So that everybody  
5                   knows, we're going to take a break at about 4:30 to  
6                   give our court reporter a 15-minute break to ease up  
7                   his fingers. Until that time, Mr. Paul Newman.

8                   MR. NEWMAN: I imagine when you announce  
9                   Paul Newman, people are expecting Paul Newman to come  
10                  up to give a dance. But it's not. It's the other Paul  
11                  Newman.

12                  Mr. Chairman, Mr. Elder, if I may address  
13                  the floor.

14                  I wanted to come forward today to present  
15                  an idea, really a conceptual idea that comes from  
16                  Cochise County, and I heard another speaker today bring  
17                  it up. I'm proposing an alliance, a border district  
18                  alliance between Cochise County, a good part of Santa  
19                  Cruz County, including all the population of the  
20                  Nogales, and it encompasses the O'Odham Nation all the  
21                  way over to the Pima County line, and I believe that  
22                  such a district, and I don't have a calculator, I'm  
23                  sorry, but I can show it to you right now and I'm going  
24                  to present it to you and I will show it to the  
25                  audience, but the black area, that opaque black area is

1 what I'm proposing.

2                   It's a borderlands district. It includes  
3 an alliance between Cochise, Santa Cruz, and Pima  
4 County, and the O'Odham Tribe and the Yaqui Nation. I  
5 believe it's a beautiful district. It would be a  
6 minority -- majority/minority district of 53 percent  
7 minority that's 10 percent Native-American and 43  
8 percent Hispanic. It would be not an overabundant of  
9 Democratic votes there but it would be a swing  
10 district.

11                   I think it's the confluence of community  
12 of interest between the border communities of Douglas  
13 and Bisbee, which I represent as Cochise County  
14 Supervisor from District 2, and Nogales, which I  
15 represented as the state legislator for 6 years in the  
16 state legislature, and the respect for the O'Odham  
17 Tribe and the Yaqui Nation. I believe that it will  
18 create a beautiful district for the Choculas to  
19 Bobikebri.

20                   And I think it's a proposal that will also  
21 include Pima County interest because I know from  
22 experience in the legislature we work in unison with  
23 Pima County delegation. This would create another Pima  
24 County district. It would give force and strength to  
25 the border communities of Nogales and Bisbee and Naco

1 and Douglas, the mayors -- Willcox. Many of the mayors  
2 in Cochise County support this plan. I cannot speak on  
3 behalf of the entire board or supervisors. There are  
4 still some probably about this, but it will also allow  
5 a portion of Cochise County, a small portion of Sierra  
6 Vista to be in with the Green Valley area of Pima  
7 County, to go up into eastern Tucson.

8 Mr. Chairman, I bring this to you just as  
9 a concept. It will have a lot of support on Monday  
10 night in Sierra Vista. I wanted to give the community  
11 of Pima County and you a preview of this because this  
12 is going to be the border plan.

13 I've personally spoken to the Santa Cruz  
14 County Board of Supervisors, and I believe that they  
15 will approve this plan. The Border Alliance Group of  
16 Tucson with Mr. Keene will support this plan. And I  
17 think it is a true solution to the quandary that the  
18 Commission is in now that it threw that very, very  
19 strange district that goes from Douglas all the way to  
20 Fountain Hills.

21 The Cochise County Board of Supervisors  
22 had a very strong resolution that was passed last week  
23 at our meeting urging the Commission to reconsider what  
24 it's done to Cochise County, and I believe that you  
25 will get a similar resolution from the Santa Cruz

1 County Board of Supervisors when you appear in front of  
2 them in Nogales on Tuesday.

3 So I believe that there is an alliance  
4 here. I've heard really promising words from people in  
5 the Pima County community that have come suggesting a  
6 solution. I can guarantee you that wasn't a  
7 coordinated. That was just I think good people looking  
8 at a solution that I think will do well for the people  
9 of the bordering area for the next 10 years.

10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Bill Dupont.

12 MR. DUPONT: My name is Bill Dupont.

13 Thank you for this time.

14 I just want to reiterate that I would like  
15 to see the south end boundary of District BB to stay up  
16 22nd Street. As I did a presentation earlier last  
17 week, I have told you that as a organizer of the  
18 Central City Leadership Network that I have worked with  
19 all these neighborhoods that are on the south side of  
20 Broadway as well as the north side of Broadway. We  
21 discuss such issues as the Broadway corridor, the Tip  
22 funding, the Rio Jueva corridor.

23 Rio Jueva corridor incorporates both sides  
24 of Broadway. It incorporates district as far as  
25 businesses and unfortunately in my neighborhood it took



1 up residential areas. Now you're going to try to split  
2 those into two different area.

3 As far as Reed Park in my neighborhood, we  
4 are a historic area and have been sine 1928. We follow  
5 under the neighborhood plan with our council which is  
6 two again to the north of us. We're also with the  
7 Alvernon plan which incorporates areas from 20 -- I'm  
8 sorry, 22nd, Country Club, 5th, all the way over to  
9 Columbus and Swan area.

10 So these are areas that work as one unit.  
11 And that's why I requested you keep the boundary at  
12 22nd, not over to Broadway. Again, we are looking at  
13 historic reference. You would be splitting a historic  
14 neighborhood if you started to divide that.

15 The water tower that exist on Randolph Way  
16 and Broadway was built for the El Conquistador Hotel.  
17 So as you can see the short reference there is that  
18 there is one unit. Reed Park is actually Randolph Park  
19 which currently Randolph donated to the city and has a  
20 historic reference.

21 As the neighborhood president, I worked  
22 with the Broadway Neighborhood Association, El Conte  
23 Neighborhood Association, Nearmonte and Sacramente for  
24 funds and grants to improve Randolph Park. So those  
25 are neighborhoods, as I said, we've always worked

1 together on both sides of Broadway. So therefore, I am  
2 requesting that that boundary be kept at 22nd.

3 Thank you for your time.

4 MR. ELDER: One quick question from the  
5 Commissioners. What is the northern boundary of this  
6 Silver Central Collaborative Group?

7 MR. DUPONT: Northern boundary?

8 MR. ELDER: Right.

9 MR. DUPONT: Probably we go up to Grant in  
10 that area but that's basically kind of a ward district.

11 MR. ELDER: Thank you. The next speaker  
12 is Pedro Gonzales.

13 MR. GONZALES: Gonzales, my name is Pedro  
14 Gonzales. I'm president -- or chair, not president. I  
15 don't like that name. Chair of Barrio Juevo  
16 Association, and this is my first time actually really  
17 looking at this, but I really have a concern.

18 I would like to say to the audience that  
19 for a long time there's been other people, other  
20 interests that have spoke for us. But now Barrio Juevo  
21 people, the people from the Barrios are here to speak,  
22 and, you know, you're actually sitting where a lot of  
23 our families used to live, and, you know, there's still  
24 that anger because of that, and looking at this  
25 proposal, I don't know how many of you are on this

1 Commission, but what I see is nobody representing me,  
2 Latino.

3 But one of the things that I'm concerned  
4 is that the old district, the legislative District 10,  
5 the old one, that's the one that benefits us. That's  
6 the reason why, you know, Mr. Valadez and Mr. Sotero  
7 were elected because we have something in common, our  
8 tradition, our culture traditions.

9 I'm not sure about east, but it has to go  
10 to Broadway for us. Right now you have it cut off at  
11 22nd, and I guess we are under AA, but, you know,  
12 Barrio Juevo is just, I mean, just one block from here,  
13 and the old district is the one we want to stay in  
14 because that represents us. That represents -- that's  
15 why they're elected because they represent us. They  
16 have something in common with us, and I'm concerned  
17 about diluting the Latino vote.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. ELDER: Mr. Gonzales, one question.  
20 How far to east if it came up to Broadway, how far to  
21 keep that community intact would you want to go?

22 MR. GONZALES: Well, it seems like here  
23 you have it up to Campbell. I would have to discuss  
24 that with, you know, the people that I -- because I  
25 just would be able to talk about, you know, he wants it

1 all the way to Broadway, but that's up to Campbell. So  
2 I want to discuss this with some of them, but we want  
3 to stay in District 10, and for the same reason also,  
4 we're also -- the concern that they brought up earlier  
5 was the Rita Ranch neighborhood. I mean, there's  
6 nothing in common there. I mean, not to say anything  
7 bad about them, but, I mean, let's be realistic about  
8 this.

9 MR. ELDER: Thank you.

10 MR. GONZALES: Thank you.

11 MR. ELDER: Angie Queros.

12 MS. QUEROS: Good afternoon, I'm Angie  
13 Queros, and I'm here to speak to the proposed District  
14 CC.

15 Earlier it was mentioned that the need for  
16 fair representation, the minority vote, and taking into  
17 account the Hispanic community of interest. The  
18 proposed District CC is anything but. I live and I am  
19 publicly active in our District 10. That includes  
20 several inner city neighborhoods.

21 I lived for about 2 years in the east side  
22 of the proposed District CC, and I will tell you that  
23 the cultural and socioeconomic issues are different.  
24 They're quite different. I was not living my culture.

25 We have traditionally and historically

1 tied together through our deep rooted families, our  
2 institutions, my church, our schools in our current  
3 District 10 and have absolutely nothing in common with  
4 the far east of the proposed district.

5 It will most definitely dilute the  
6 Hispanic vote, and I am proposing instead that the  
7 boundary be moved to Congress/Broadway on the north all  
8 the way east and cut off at Tucson Boulevard, I-10 to  
9 the west.

10 And I know Mr. Dupont had mentioned  
11 earlier about the Tip Financing off Broadway, but to me  
12 Tip Financing is about financing. It's about money in  
13 support of Barrio Juevo. Barrio Juevo is also our  
14 neighborhoods, and this district, current District 10  
15 is very much about families, not financing.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. ELDER: Let me ask you one question.  
18 In the boundary descriptions you gave, it looks like  
19 you were splitting CC diagonally along I-10; is that  
20 correct?

21 MS. QUEROS: I-10. Currently I believe  
22 it's I-10.

23 MR. ELDER: Would you include CC with one  
24 of the other districts like the AA or something around  
25 it? In other words, where would you pick up the

1 additional population that would be compatible with  
2 this community of interest?

3 MS. QUEROS: That's on the west. That's  
4 our barrios that are currently there. Well, the  
5 barrios immediately west of I-10.

6 MR. ELDER: Oh, so it would be -- I  
7 thought you said the --

8 MS. QUEROS: I'm sorry. Immediately east  
9 of I-10.

10 MR. ELDER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. QUEROS: Excuse me. Thank you.

12 MR. ELDER: Belinda Gillion.

13 MS. GILLION: My name is Belinda Gillion.  
14 I live at 1344 Calle Del Ciedor in the town of  
15 Sahuarita, Arizona.

16 After the 1990 election -- excuse me, the  
17 census, it was necessary to have the congressional and  
18 legislative districts redrawn here in southern Arizona.  
19 In 1990, Sahuarita was a small, quiet, unincorporated  
20 town. Our area concerns were addressed by a group of  
21 elected citizens known as the Sahuarita Arizona  
22 Council.

23 I was elected to and and served on that  
24 council. During the state's last redistricting, I was  
25 upon it and served as chairman of the redistricting

1 committee for the area council. Ten years ago I argued  
2 against Green Valley and Sahuarita being split into two  
3 separate congressional and legislative districts.

4 The proposed redistricting was like a  
5 tight pair of shoes, it just didn't fit. As I stated  
6 before, I argued at that time against Sahuarita and  
7 Green Valley being split. The time was not right for  
8 Sahuarita and redistricting for our area was not  
9 beneficial to Sahuarita.

10 Today I speak as a citizen of Sahuarita.  
11 The 2000 census is complete and redistricting is upon  
12 us again. Sahuarita is no longer that quiet little  
13 town. In 1994, Sahuarita was incorporated by a narrow  
14 margin, but nevertheless did incorporate.

15 We are now self-governing. Since  
16 Sahuarita has incorporated, the town has grown at what  
17 I believe is a rapid rate. Sahuarita continues to grow  
18 with housing developments always seeming to be in a  
19 planning and/or building stage. Residences then soon  
20 follow. I believe additional businesses are expected  
21 in the near future. We will soon be holding our own  
22 with Nogales and the southern part of Tucson.

23 Nogales, the south part of Tucson, and  
24 Sahuarita are communities of common interests and  
25 should be included in the same districts. I support

1 the proposed congressional District G and I support the  
2 proposed legislative District Y.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Ted Prezylski.

5 MR. PREZYLSKI: My name is Ted Prezylski.

6 I live at 6965 East Brewlake Drive, and just to note in  
7 the previous when I checked the website for comments, I  
8 was listed as Jed, and I'm not a cast member from the  
9 Beverly Hillbillies.

10 So, anyway, a couple of things. One thing  
11 is on competitiveness. There was a comment earlier  
12 that competitiveness was not a -- shouldn't be a major  
13 factor in this. My understanding of why the people  
14 voted for this and why it was presented to us in the  
15 first place was exactly for competitiveness. And in  
16 the last -- in the current districts, we have somewhere  
17 between two and five competitive districts depending on  
18 how you rate them. And I think in the current scheme,  
19 we have probably between two and five competitive  
20 districts. So I'm not sure if competitiveness was  
21 achieved or why it wasn't fully considered.

22 Now, I understand that in certain areas we  
23 have, you know, voting rights, concerns, particularly  
24 with the tribes and with the Hispanic community and  
25 there are geographic realities that you're dealing



1 with, but I'm not sure why we couldn't find more  
2 competitive districts, and I'm wondering if in this  
3 next phase if we can make more of an effort to look for  
4 that.

5           The other thing that concerns me on the  
6 map isn't so much where populations are now but where  
7 population projections are going. I'm not sure if  
8 you're able legally to consider that or what, but  
9 particularly with the, you know, there were two cases  
10 that I'm looking at with the district that includes  
11 Cochise County, which is a, you know, we're looking at  
12 how we can get rural communities represented, and then  
13 also the district that's the south side of Tucson. I  
14 know a lot of people have addressed we're trying to see  
15 if we can make sure that Hispanic communities are  
16 represented.

17           In both of those districts, you have very  
18 high growth areas. In that Cochise County district  
19 with the funny R line, you have Apache Junction, which  
20 is projected to grow a lot. That's going to really  
21 affect the way that those communities of Bisbee and  
22 Mammoth and those places, they're going to be  
23 represented by someone basically out in Phoenix if  
24 those growth projections happen.

25           The other in the south side district, Rita

1 Ranch, I'm concerned not so much for the community of  
2 interest problem but the problem is that that area  
3 around Rita Ranch is projected to have somewhere  
4 between 75,000 and 80,000 people over the next decade.  
5 Now, that includes areas that your didn't draw into  
6 that district, but still, you can understand where the  
7 growth is. And that will severely dilute the Hispanic  
8 representation in that district. So that's something  
9 that I think maybe should be looked at, so. That's it.

10 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Evan Elstein.  
11 This will be the last one before we take a 15-minute  
12 break, and then we will go on for another hour, hour  
13 and a half.

14 MR. ELSTEIN: Thank you for this  
15 opportunity, Mr. Chairman, and in respect for those  
16 people that haven't had a chance to speak yet, I will  
17 try to adhere to the 3-minute limit here.

18 I want to echo Mayor Miller's comments in  
19 regards to education being underfunded in the State of  
20 Arizona. I live on the far northwest side of town.  
21 I'm here as a parent of three kids in the Marana School  
22 District. I've noticed that the congressional maps  
23 that the Marana School District is geographically  
24 divided right in half. And I guess when I looked at  
25 the map further a couple days ago in the paper, it was

1 alarming because it seems like with all the other small  
2 districts, all the other small school districts in Pima  
3 County, most of them are located within the same  
4 congressional district. The Ajo School District,  
5 Tanque Verde, Foothills, Vail, Sahuarita, Amphi,  
6 Flowing Wells.

7                   So it seems like proportionately, you  
8 know, most of these school districts were located in  
9 the same congressional district, except for the Marana  
10 School District in District 1. You know, District 1  
11 I'm not overly concerned with. The teachers and the  
12 parents in that school district, when they get their  
13 congressman's attention, he will return their phone  
14 calls.

15                   The Marana School District is not that  
16 large, and so to dilute our political base by  
17 geographically dividing the school district in half  
18 between two congressional districts very severely  
19 dilutes our political power.

20                   You know, again, this is a brand new  
21 process. I'm not here to scold anyone or to bawl  
22 anyone out or to get into an argument with anyone, and  
23 I'm sure that this was an oversight. I know that  
24 there's not a conspiracy or anything involved here, and  
25 I'm sure no one on the Committee has any kids in the

1 Marana School District, so I don't think this was  
2 anyone's -- intentional for this to work out this way,  
3 but that's the way it's worked out.

4           The southern boundary of the Marana School  
5 District would be Ina Road. The northern boundary is  
6 pretty much Pinal County. The eastern boundary of the  
7 school district is around Shannon Road, and the way you  
8 have congressional District G, the eastern boundary is  
9 right around Silverbell Road, which again technically  
10 it geographically divides the Marana School District  
11 right in half.

12           And the concern that I have as a Marana  
13 School District parent is the northwest side of Tucson  
14 is pretty much the fastest growing part of town. The  
15 way things stand right now, our schools are grossly  
16 underfunded. And as far as population growth goes into  
17 Tucson, there's not going to be that much as far as the  
18 school districts located within the Tucson city limits  
19 go. You know, there's not that much open space to  
20 build more homes. On the far northwest side, there's a  
21 ton of space being utilized right now, and we're going  
22 to see a ton of population growth over the next 10  
23 years as we have the last 10 years.

24           So as severe as our educational spending  
25 is right now as far as, you know, not spending enough

1 to take care of our kids in that part of town as it  
2 goes, it's going to get even worse over the next 10  
3 years. And for the Marana School District to be the  
4 only small school district because it gets  
5 geographically divided in half between two  
6 congressional districts I think is unfair.

7                   Again, I want to acknowledge on your part  
8 this is not a conspiracy. I'm sure it was an  
9 oversight, but I hope this will be an oversight that  
10 will be corrected.

11                   I thank you for your attention this  
12 afternoon.

13                   MR. LYNN: Mr. Elstein, a question. And  
14 I take your point about the congressional map dividing  
15 the district. Have you had an opportunity to look at  
16 the legislative map, legislative District Z?

17                   MR. ELSTEIN: No, I have not looked at it  
18 yet.

19                   MR. LYNN: I wonder if during the break  
20 you take a look at that.

21                   MR. ELSTEIN: Sure.

22                   MR. LYNN: At least on an informal basis,  
23 if not formal. It seems that a quick look that Marana  
24 is included within one -- or most of the Marana School  
25 District is included within that legislative District

1 Z. I would like you to take a look at that, and I  
2 would appreciate your comments on that as well.

3 MR. ELSTEIN: Okay. Yes, I briefly did  
4 take a look at that. As far as the state legislature  
5 goes, it appears as though most of the Marana School  
6 District was located within one legislative district.  
7 So I didn't have any major complaints there, but as far  
8 as the congressional district was concerned, there was  
9 a major discrepancy. It just seemed like the district  
10 was like almost geographically divided right in half  
11 and that was not true with the other smaller districts  
12 in Pima County.

13 MR. LYNN: Thank you.

14 MR. ELSTEIN: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. ELDER: And with that, we will take  
16 the about a 15-minute break. If you would all be back  
17 by that time, we will get started. Thank you.

18 (Recess taken.)

19 MR. ELDER: Thank you. Our next speaker  
20 is Octavio Barcelo.

21 MR. BARCELO: I live at 2702 East  
22 Melbourne Street, which currently is in the proposed BB  
23 district.

24 As far as I can recall growing up in this  
25 city having lived all my life in Tucson, my area had

1 always been part of District 10, traditionally and with  
2 the same common and community interests to the area of  
3 the south and to the west.

4 I think it's only a right idea that the  
5 boundaries be moved back to the original place of being  
6 Broadway. I think that the areas that we mentioned  
7 have more congruency with the areas to our south and to  
8 our west. I heard one of the speakers mention  
9 churches, community schools, and parks, and I would  
10 echo that sentiment.

11 As somewhat of a compromise perhaps, I  
12 also made a map to the Commissioners, I would like the  
13 Commissioners to consider moving the north boundary  
14 perhaps in my area on Melbourne Street to Arroyo Chico,  
15 which right now is a natural boundary in my  
16 neighborhood, the Broadmoor/Broadway Village  
17 neighborhood, which I'll say that I served as president  
18 for two terms of that association and for the last 7  
19 years served on its executive board.

20 The areas that I speak, as I said, there  
21 is community interests. Traditionally with our elected  
22 officials and even with the proposed congressional  
23 District G, that area would remain intact. With the  
24 proposition, with the proposal now, area BE is almost  
25 excluded from congressional area G, and because of the

1 cooperation of our elected officials, I would like to  
2 say at least that remain the same.

3 I don't see a difference with the city  
4 officials that have worked so well with our  
5 neighborhood that addressed some of the issues I had  
6 when my neighborhood elected me as its president, and I  
7 would just like to reiterate some of the comments that  
8 were said with respect to the communities of interest.

9 With the area south of where I live on  
10 Melbourne Street and then to the west, and what I would  
11 like to do is submit this to the Commissioners.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. ELDER: Thank you. It looks like  
14 Charlyse Salaz Carlos. It's Carlos Salaz.

15 MR. SALAZ: Good afternoon. My name is  
16 Carlos Charni Salaz. I represent SWOTR, stands for  
17 Skill Workers Organization of Traffic Retirees.

18 I met you guys last week at the Doubletree  
19 Inn. I had no information, no mapping. I appreciate  
20 for the presentation today and the mapping. I will  
21 study it. I will get back to you on the 29th, have  
22 more to say about what you're doing. I've been hearing  
23 a lot of pros and cons, more cons than pros on this  
24 redistricting, but I will have more comments on the  
25 29th. But I appreciate for the information and the



1 presentation.

2 Thank you very much.

3 MR. ELDER: Sally Ann Gonzales.

4 MS. GONZALES: Good afternoon, members of  
5 the Commission. My name is Sally Gonzales, and I'm a  
6 member of the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe.

7 I'm here not only representing myself as  
8 an individual, but my husband who sits on the Tribe  
9 Council. He had to leave prior to your 15-minute break  
10 for another commitment. I usually don't speak for him,  
11 but he asked me to speak for him as well.

12 I know you've heard testimony today  
13 already on how the Yaqui community is being split into  
14 three districts, AA and what is it? I didn't bring my  
15 maps up here, but --

16 MR. ELDER: CC and Y, I think.

17 MS. GONZALES: Yes, CC and Y. As you  
18 probably have heard and I might repeat some of the  
19 things that have already been said, but I think because  
20 I wasn't here earlier, I'm not sure, so I will just say  
21 it anyway.

22 I would agree with Mr. Pedro Gonzales who  
23 spoke before that sometimes people tend to speak for us  
24 without asking what we would like or what is in the  
25 best benefit to the Tribe. I think those attempts have

1       been made. I was happy to hear that Vice Chairman  
2       David Ramirez was here today, that they will respond to  
3       what is happening with the Yaqui Nation, with the  
4       current draft maps. And so I would like to repeat some  
5       of those issues that we had.

6                   As you may or may not know, the Yaquis  
7       have a very different culture, language, and history  
8       from the Tohono O'Odham Nation as well as the Hispanic  
9       community. While we have a lot of things in common, we  
10      are very -- we're a different tribe. We're a different  
11      people. And so we deserve to be together to have a  
12      chance to have representation at least in the state  
13      government. I'm only speaking to the legislative map  
14      right now. I'm not sure, I haven't had the opportunity  
15      to study the congressional map, so I'm not commenting  
16      on that one right now.

17                   And so I look forward to working, you  
18      know, as far as what the maps propose, draft maps are  
19      right now, I will probably can guarantee you that they  
20      go against the Voting Act law. And so I would be  
21      lobbying, the tribe, myself, personally, to -- if this  
22      would not change, if you do not keep us together that  
23      they sue because we need to be intact in order to be  
24      able to have representation in the state government, in  
25      the state legislature.

1                   And so I will -- that's all the comments  
2                   that I have, and you will probably see me again on the  
3                   29th.

4                   Thank you.

5                   MR. ELDER: Thank you. Richard Fimbres.  
6                   Okay. Thank you. Robin Soltero. Or Roman, excuse me.

7                   MR. SOLTERO: Honorable Committee Members  
8                   of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission,  
9                   my name is Roman, Roman Soltero. That's R-0-M-A-N.  
10                  My last name is S-0-L-T-E-R-0.

11                  And I come before you today in two  
12                  different capacities, one as a teacher at Carrillo  
13                  Intermediate Magnet School, which has always been, at  
14                  least to my knowledge, in District 10. And under the  
15                  proposed change, it's a historic site in a historic  
16                  part of town, and I believe Mr. Gonzales already made  
17                  mention about the cultural ties it has with District  
18                  10, and if these plans come to fruition, that school  
19                  will no longer be in District 10, which has always been  
20                  a district with a strong culture, a strong tradition  
21                  with the Hispanic community.

22                  I also come before you today as a  
23                  councilman representing the City of South Tucson, and I  
24                  would like to just touch for a minute on the  
25                  communities of interest with the City of South Tucson,

1 neighborhoods south and east of the City of South  
2 Tucson, neighborhoods to the north of the City of South  
3 Tucson to Congress, neighborhoods south of Broadway to  
4 Tucson Boulevard, neighborhoods between Tucson  
5 Boulevard and Country Club, south of Arroyo Chico,  
6 neighborhoods to the south of 22nd Street and east of  
7 the Country Club. They have cultural and traditional  
8 ties. They are demographically and socioeconomically  
9 similar. They also have similar social services needs  
10 and historically, I stress that that word  
11 "historically" has been tied together as Tucson has  
12 developed.

13 Now, under the proposed new redistricting,  
14 Rita Ranch has no community of interest with the rest  
15 of the district. There is no cultural or traditional  
16 ties with the rest of the district. There never has  
17 been. There probably never will be. Demographically  
18 and socioeconomically, it is totally dissimilar with  
19 the rest of the district, the current District 10.  
20 Historically, there is no connection whatsoever to the  
21 rest of this district. And also it has little or  
22 nothing in common with the rest of the district.

23 And I just present these concerns to you  
24 and I ask you to take them under advisement and just  
25 remember that I think it's very important to keep that

1 strong connection that the areas that under the new  
2 proposal would not be in District 10 no more. They  
3 really need to stay with District 10 because they have  
4 those ties. They have something that you just cannot  
5 measure in terms of the culture and the tradition and  
6 the history.

7 And that is all. Thank you for your time.

8 MR. ELDER: Thank you. D'Paco.

9 MR. D'PACO: My name is Jerry D'Paco.

10 D'P-A-C-0. I reside at 3922 North Stone Avenue. And I  
11 editorialize and I present comments through access  
12 channel, the public access station in the bilingual  
13 manner to educate and empower our Hispanic community,  
14 and I'm actually addressing the process. There's not a  
15 lot I would like to speak about the boundaries.

16 But at one time or another my  
17 understanding when I first -- I would like to mention  
18 that we still have an objection to the lack of  
19 commissioners and representatives from the Latino  
20 Mexican or Hispanic community, whichever you might want  
21 to call your commissioners, and I believe your one  
22 Hispanic is a Republican. So there's a concern of mine  
23 that there's a bias that should have been addressed.  
24 The bilingual community is a community that needs to be  
25 informed and needs to be empowered. So this is one of

1 the issues that I have with the process itself.

2                   And then when we get to another phase of  
3 what has happened with the redistricting is that the  
4 word Gerrymandering was something that has not been  
5 used and has not been necessarily applied to this  
6 process, but in fact there are certain circumstance  
7 that actually make it seem apparent that there has been  
8 some Gerrymandering. When we look at the Kolby and  
9 Pastore via the associated press speaking and in  
10 agreement that they were in agreement with the  
11 districts that they were going to be representing 3  
12 weeks ago as reported in the Star, which gives us very  
13 little information, but at any rate, 2 or 3 weeks ago  
14 when this was still not even concluded or in process,  
15 Kolby and Pastore are already making comments to  
16 Associated Press that they are in agreement with their  
17 districts. This seems like maybe they were consulted,  
18 and that seems like that is a form of Gerrymandering.

19                   When we look at Green Valley having three  
20 attempts at being moved from Sahuarita and then being  
21 accommodated in another area and then being  
22 accommodated on the east side, then you might look at  
23 legislators and again bring up the word Gerrymandering  
24 because I know that you're supposed to move these areas  
25 of concern, but it seemed like Green Valley was not

1 satisfied indeed where they were until they were on the  
2 east side.

3                   So outside of that, Mr. Lynn, the last  
4 time I was at Amphi, it was very difficult to find the  
5 location of Panther Auditorium. It's hard to find.  
6 There was no indication of where this was located. And  
7 this has happened before with the Civil Rights  
8 Commission before, and it just makes it a very low-  
9 attended type of a meeting. So there should be a way  
10 to at least let us know where this is. Fortunately, I  
11 live there and I know how to get there.

12                   But also when I overheard or I thought I  
13 overheard how the process, how these consultants were  
14 picked, I thought I heard that you asked around the  
15 capitol who the consultants were, and I guess -- I know  
16 you must have investigated and found out who you might  
17 want as consultant, but it seemed like the consultants  
18 were picked from who was available and who do we want.  
19 I don't know if that was intentional or if they were  
20 the only ones available, but this just sets not very  
21 well with me. I don't know how you picked your  
22 consultants.

23                   The other that I address is that I've seen  
24 every time there is a move of numbers, that you refer  
25 this to the consultants and the consultants come back

1 with their information for you to either digest or look  
2 at, but it seems like the consultants are really much  
3 more in control of the way the numbers are moved around  
4 because you instruct the consultants to look at and  
5 come back after a month with new numbers and then you  
6 go to your consensus.

7                   So I don't know that I am talking only to  
8 the process. This is the only thing I can't address,  
9 the boundaries, the lines, I'm not that well acquainted  
10 with it, but I'm just not really satisfied with the  
11 process.

12                   This is about all I really do have to say.  
13 I didn't come with notes. I didn't come prepared. But  
14 what I am speaking is what I do editorialize with the  
15 public access television at the bilingual level, and it  
16 is concerned that we do not have the right  
17 representation or Hispanic/Mexican representation that  
18 we have, and the one Hispanic or Mexican, it happens to  
19 be a Republican. I don't know that that is very fair.

20                   So that concludes what I have to say, but  
21 it's just a comment on the process. Gerrymandering  
22 seems to be something that came into this process,  
23 although it might be not intentional, but it seems that  
24 there was some type of Gerrymandering involved in this  
25 process.



1 Thank you.

2 MR. ELDER: Thank you. We had a speaker  
3 request from Mr. Keith Bangor, and he had to leave, and  
4 he left notes, and it will be entered into the record.

5 The next speaker is Rita Toland.

6 MS. TOLAND: Good afternoon. I'm Rita  
7 Toland. I'm representing Broadmoor/Broadway Village  
8 Neighborhood.

9 And I wasn't going to speak. I'm here  
10 today mostly as an observer. I'm here with a friend of  
11 mine who is at the opposite end of the political  
12 spectrum than I am, but we agree on one thing, that  
13 redistricting transcends political interests and it's a  
14 community interest, at least it should be.

15 There are some in our neighborhood who  
16 identified with the proposed District CC. But it means  
17 that they have to split our neighborhood. Our  
18 neighborhood would be split to accommodate these few  
19 people, and I don't believe that splitting a  
20 neighborhood is the right thing to do.

21 It was mentioned that Arroyo Chico is a  
22 natural boundary and should be a dividing line. Arroyo  
23 Chico is a natural boundary but it's the central  
24 gathering point for our neighborhood. We have our  
25 neighborhood cleanup at Arroyo Chico where people on

1 both sides of Arroyo Chico gather at the Arroyo to  
2 cleanup the neighborhood, to cleanup the Arroyo. It's  
3 just a beautiful part of our neighborhood that we  
4 preserve, and the whole neighborhood has an interest in  
5 it.

6 We also start our 4th of July parade at  
7 Arroyo Chico and Melbourne. So the argument that  
8 Arroyo Chico should be a dividing line I don't think is  
9 a good argument.

10 Until 1990 our neighborhood was in  
11 District 13, and after the 1990 census, that's when our  
12 neighborhood became split. Our neighborhood currently  
13 is split between districts, and it's caused a lot of  
14 problems, and it causes a lot of confusion in that --  
15 it's a funny story, but I offered to take a neighbor to  
16 voting to vote. An elderly neighbor could not get to  
17 the voting place. I offered to take them to vote. And  
18 I took them to my polling place, which was not their  
19 polling place. That's how divided our neighborhood is  
20 currently, and we would like to remedy that.

21 We believe that we have a lot in common  
22 with our neighbors north of Broadway, even some south  
23 of Broadway. Now, maybe 22nd is not the ideal dividing  
24 line, but certainly we're here to ask you not to split  
25 our neighborhood, Broadmoor/Broadway Village

1 neighborhood. It identifies closely with other  
2 neighborhoods that are similar that are on the north  
3 side of Broadway.

4 And as an aside, I'm not really familiar  
5 with Rita Ranch, but it sounds like CC doesn't want  
6 Rita Ranch in their district. But my question is then  
7 why is they want Broadway and Columbus and Swan in  
8 their district.

9 So the argument that Broadmoor needs to be  
10 in the proposed District CC isn't consistent. If they  
11 don't want Rita Ranch there, why is they want Broadmoor  
12 and Columbus and Swan in that district.

13 Again, thank you for your time. I think  
14 you guys are doing a great job. I'm certainly glad I'm  
15 not sitting in your chair.

16 MR. ELDER: Thank you. This is the last  
17 speaker slip I have. As we started off with the  
18 meeting, if there's anybody else that would like to  
19 speak, there are yellow slips for your access at the  
20 table as you entered, and if you don't want to take the  
21 time to do that and still want to speak, we will take  
22 further speakers after this.

23 The last speaker that I have slip for is  
24 Walker Smith.

25 MR. SMITH: I'm back, gentlemen, with a

1 little bit different hat. You said at the very outset,  
2 you asked if we had some detail to show you how a  
3 change might be made and related to the districts that  
4 would be affected by it. It kind of seems to me it's  
5 kind of a circular going from here to here to here.

6 I mean, let me make a -- it's not  
7 necessarily perfect, but you're heard a number of  
8 people talk about the area from 22nd to Broadway, east  
9 of the freeway. Mr. Elder, you asked what would be an  
10 east boundary. We have a suggestion. Obviously, each  
11 of the details, there can be endless variations, but  
12 the portion that we're suggesting with Broadway as a  
13 northbound, the freeway east. You heard Mr. Gonzales,  
14 Ms. Queros and others talk about that area eastbound  
15 Broadway to Tucson Boulevard, south to Arroyo Chico,  
16 and east to Country Club, and back down to 22nd Street.

17 You heard conflicting testimony just  
18 before, but this is a suggestion. We believe it has  
19 some balance and give you a good starting point at  
20 least to look at this.

21 We would then suggest that a portion of --  
22 let's see. We've just taken from AA. So there's a  
23 piece of Flowing Wells, and I'm going to hand these  
24 maps to you. It's an area that runs between the  
25 freeway and La Cholla and roughly Sunset and Gardner,

1 and it's an area that we believe demographically would  
2 have some balance it be moved into AA. Okay.

3 Then we would have taken out of BB by that  
4 action. And so we would suggest that you might change  
5 the boundaries there where BB and CC and DD meet, and  
6 extend BB a little kind of north of east boundary, east  
7 go up Broadway to Camino Seco, and then south on Camino  
8 Seco to Spanish Trail and then east along Spanish  
9 Trail. Then the piece of Pantano Wash would be a  
10 western boundary, Golf Links a southern boundary.  
11 There would be a little piece between Golf Links and  
12 Escalante and just east of Harrison that then would go  
13 from DD to CC.

14 And then, of course, Rita Ranch and  
15 there's many people who have said we don't have  
16 anything against Rita Ranch, but we've heard people  
17 from Rita Ranch that were interested in being in DD,  
18 and that from Valencia, Old Vail Road forms the south  
19 and west and Houghton forms the east boundary, and that  
20 portion would be moved into DD.

21 I will submit these maps for you. I hope  
22 they're helpful and show you at least one way that this  
23 might be addressed.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. ELDER: Thank you. We appreciate

1 that. Is there anybody else at this time that would  
2 like to speak? You're closest. Why don't we start  
3 here, and then you come on up and be ready and we will  
4 go from there.

5 MR. LYNN: If you would, Mr. Davis, state  
6 your name again for the record.

7 MR. DAVIS: My name is Steve Davis, and I  
8 live in Green Valley, Arizona. I'm legislative chair  
9 of District 9. And I am so happy that Rita Ranch has  
10 turned into offer. We will be happy to accept Rita  
11 Ranch in DD, believe me. We were very disturbed that  
12 it had been cut out. We thought there wasn't a chance  
13 that so many people were upset. That would be a line  
14 from Houghton Road north to Old Vail, Old Vail west of  
15 Valencia, then back east to Houghton Road again, and I  
16 will put a letter form to you, but we would be happy to  
17 accept them back in DD and legislative District 9,  
18 which will be whatever number they name it later. And  
19 also, again, Sahuarita.

20 Thank you.

21 MS. MURRAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
22 Commissioners. I know I've already spoken.

23 MR. LYNN: Your name again for the record.

24 MS. MURRAY: I'm Anne, A-N-N-E, Murray, M-  
25 U-R-R-A-Y. And my residence is in the

1 Broadmoor/Broadway Village Neighborhood. And I asked  
2 to speak again because I do have with me a map which  
3 illustrates the issue that we've been discussing about  
4 boundaries being at Broadway or boundaries being at  
5 22nd Street, and I would like the opportunity to submit  
6 this map to accompany the testimony that I've given  
7 because the map clearly shows that Broadmoor/Broadway  
8 Village is a small neighborhood, not more than 400  
9 homes, something less than 400 homes. It lies between  
10 Tucson Boulevard and Country Club, and on the southern  
11 boundary is north of the Citation Wash. The streets  
12 like between like a horseshoe shape. And none of the  
13 streets exit to Country Club or Tucson Boulevard. At  
14 the southern end, Stratford goes down into another  
15 neighborhood. At the northern boundary, you can go out  
16 to Broadway, and on Arroyo Chico, you can go out to  
17 Tucson Boulevard or Country Club.

18           Otherwise, all of these streets, including  
19 my street that's two streets south of Arroyo Chico, and  
20 all the streets north of Arroyo Chico going up to  
21 Broadway, this compromises one neighborhood.

22           Making Arroyo Chico a boundary in this  
23 tiny self-enclosed neighborhood just doesn't -- it  
24 doesn't make any geographic sense. It doesn't make any  
25 demographic sense. And when I realized a few years ago

1 that for some reason this neighborhood had been divided  
2 between District 13 and District 10, the old districts.  
3 I've lived in this neighborhood for more than 30 years.  
4 It's going on 31 years. We were all based in the old  
5 District 13 until 10 years ago when some of the  
6 streets, which have been referred to by a group of  
7 people here today, moved these certain streets into  
8 District 10 and the rest of the neighborhood is in  
9 District 13. It doesn't make any sense.

10 So if I may submit this map also to  
11 clarify my statements.

12 MR. LYNN: Ms. Murray, before you -- we  
13 would be happy to take the map. I want to ask you a  
14 question, and this is question in the nature of the  
15 questions that we're dealing with.

16 Given the choice, do you feel from your  
17 perspective, not necessarily speaking for the entire  
18 neighborhood, but your point of view, is it more  
19 important to keep the neighborhood that you spoke of  
20 intact or is it more important to connect it to the  
21 neighborhoods north of Broadway? Which is more  
22 important?

23 MS. MURRAY: Boy, that's a tough one.

24 MR. LYNN: No kidding.

25 MS. MURRAY: Because -- well, certainly



1 keeping the neighborhood intact but that divides us  
2 from our natural -- I mean, if all our neighborhood was  
3 kept intact and put in a legislative district different  
4 than our neighbors to the east and our neighbors to the  
5 north of Broadway, we would still be experiencing an  
6 artificial division. I know you've heard testimony on  
7 both sides, but --

8 MR. LYNN: That's why I asked the  
9 question.

10 MS. MURRAY: Yes. Yes, it's a tough one.  
11 My personal feeling is that they are of equal  
12 importance.

13 MR. LYNN: Thank you.

14 MR. ELDER: Is there anybody else that  
15 would like to speak this afternoon?

16 All right. With that, I will close the  
17 formal hearing, and we will stay around and do some  
18 informal talking or sketching on the maps, whatever you  
19 would like to do. Thank you.

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