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COMMISSION convened in Public Session on August 30, 2001, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Mesa Community College, 1833 West Southern Avenue, Mesa, Arizona, Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room, in the presence of:

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SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

PHIL AMOROSI
COUNCILMEMBER JOE DURBALA
COUNCILMAN MARK MITCHELL
ERIC EMMERT
JERRY D. WALKER
CONNIE THOMPSON
MARK THOMPSON
JOHN McCOMISH
HARRY MITCHELL
KEVIN ADAM
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SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CONT’D):

FRITZ FUFFLI
BILL REGNER
KATHLEEN RAHN
DICK McBLANE
TOM CARLSON
DAVE WELLS
EILEEN FELLNER
CAROL OWENS
TOM MORRISSEY
GARY CHRISTENSEN
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CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'd like to call the meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission order.

I'd like the record to show all five Commissioners are present with the consultants and legal counsel and staff present.

(Whereupon the Chairman asked the audience in Spanish if anyone required the services of an interpreter as the Spanish interpreter stood. No one indicated the need for an interpreter.)

CHAIRMAN LYNN: This evening we're here to hear from the public on the Congressional and Legislative draft maps published. We have, as is our usual custom, to give you a historical view of where we are and how we got there, a Power Point presentation.

We'd ask the Vice Chairman of the Commission, Andrea Minkoff, to present that Power Point presentation at this time.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Would you do the

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introductions?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'd be happy to do that.

I'll start to my far right.

Jose Rivera, legal counsel.

Next is Lisa Hauser, co-counsel to the Commission.

Seated next to me on my far right is Vice Chairman Andrea Minkoff.

On my right is Dan Elder.

On my near left is Jim Huntwork.

And on the far left is Joshua Hall.

I'm Steve Lynn. I Chair the Commission.

At the far end of the table, Dr. Florence Adams and Marguerite Leoni with National Demographics.

Adolfo Echeveste, Executive Director.

While mentioning Mr. Echeveste, he has in his hand speaker slips which you need to fill out if you wish to address the Commission this evening. If you'd raise your hand if you need a speaker slip, Mr. Echeveste will get you one if you wish to be heard later this evening.

Ms. Minkoff.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ladies and gentlemen, I want to add my
welcome to those of the Chairman.
    This is one in the second round of public hearings.
    We were here, many of you may remember, in June. I was at that meeting and I think a many number of you were as well. It's a pleasure to see you back.
    We're holding these hearings in many parts of the state, and we're going to begin with a Power Point presentation.
    Can you all hear me?
    VOICES: No.
    Is the mike on?
    COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I think it's on.
    Does this help?
    Now I can't see my notes.
    We'll work it out.
    Okay. If you can't hear me as it goes along, just kind of wave at me and I'll do something, talk a little bit louder.
    The purpose of these hearings is to obtain your opinions on the draft plans we've developed. We'll be showing examples of the districts we've drawn and explain why we drew them the way we did. There are also maps you may have picked up or you can pick up on the table near the entrance. There are maps up on the wall.
that you can look at after the meeting. And there are
also citizen kits that are in manila envelopes like
this. I hope you each pick one up. They're full of all
kinds of good information.

There are maps in there with details and
it explains each of the districts for you.

If you don't have one and want one right
now, once again, raise your hand and someone from the
staff can bring these in and get one to you.

We would like you to know that after we
hear from you during the public input part of the
presentation, that we are going to stay afterwards. So
if you have individual questions you want to address to
specific Commissioners, we'll be glad to stay here until
they lock the doors on us and answer whatever your
questions may be.

Please remember, the maps they're going to
show you this evening are drafts. We know they can be
improved. Some have already told us ways they can be
improved. We know they can be improved. We believe
they can be improved. We believe they can be improved
tonight and subsequent to this evening.

Last year the people voted by a
substantial majority to establish the Redistricting
Commission. Proposition 106 established criteria for
drawing new districts. These are criteria as stated in
Proposition 106.

The first two criteria listed up there as A and B, right there, are actually federal criteria. We
have to comply with the United States Constitution, and we have to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

The United States Constitution says we have to have districts that are essentially equal in population. The Voting Rights Act says that we have to protect the rights of minorities to elect candidates of their choosing.

We are subject to Title V of the Voting Rights Act. And before our districts go into effect, the US Department of Justice will have to preclear them, will have to approve them.

Rule C says districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable.

D says the same thing about respecting communities of interest, to the extent practicable.

E says that we should use visible geographic features, political boundaries, city limits, county boundaries, and undivided Census tracts.

The last of the rules, rule F, requires us to try to make competitive districts.
Once we've addressed other criteria, we need to address districts so long as it creates no significant detriment to other criteria. I'll address that specific criteria later on.

Proposition 106 had something unique in it. No other state had such a requirement. We had to begin designing a grid with geometric lines as a beginning point with population equality as the only consideration. The only thing we had to create was eight Congressional Districts and 30 Legislative Districts with essentially equal population. In designing the grid we decided to use townships and give you a pretty grid-like pattern of building blocks. We then combined whole Census tracts to combine whole population.

Here are the Congressional and Legislative grids. You may say she said townships and straight lines and grid, all of that, and that doesn't look very grid-like. That's because of the imposition of Census tracts on townships to provide for equal population. Census tracts never cross county boundaries. That's why you see county boundaries as the lines. Census tracts are usually irregular in shape. That accounts for the nongrid-like look of our grid.

New grids would have to be adjusted,
because they don't satisfy all the other requirements of
106. They are fairly compact and contiguous, use
undivided Census tracts, split cities, split counties,
split Indian Reservations.

We do have to take the reservations into
consideration, address the Proposition 106 requirements.

To help us adjust the grid, we had 24
public hearings in the first series of public hearings
across the state.

We invited the citizens to complete the
input forms, write to us, use the website, send us
e-mails. We had an incredible amount of citizen input.

And summaries of the input made it very clear Arizona
had a firm belief in respecting communities of interest,
respecting boundaries of cities, towns, counties, and
local governments. It was clear those should be the
basic principles guiding our approach to drawing these
district maps.

We also learned from this first round of
public hearings what people saw as communities of
interest. And there were three major communities of
interest that came out loud and clear during these
public hearings.

First, Native Americans and tribal
reservations should be respected. Second was we should
respect Hispanic communities of interest. And the third
was that the interests of rural and urban communities
were very different and to the extent possible they
should be separated in the drawing of districts. We
heard this, incidentally, from both rural and urban
residents in input, saw interests as very, very
different and meriting separation of districts.

The people who came to our first round of
public hearings and provided input via mail and the
website also helped us design the Arizona Units of
Representation, AURs, and told us what their units of
interest were, told us what the units of interest were
and who they were, the interests of people around the
state, what they felt were especially important in the
region. These were people we looked at in drawing draft
maps. We'll be showing the maps, districts, in a
minute. We think it's worthwhile to show the
differences between these drafts and existing districts
drawn by the Legislature 10 years ago.

The draft districts split less than half
the cities and towns. The existing districts split 16
cities and towns. Our draft split only six.

Similarly, the existing Legislative
Districts split 39 cities and towns. The draft
districts split a third of that, 13 cities and towns.

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That's also true of counties. I'll give you the county statistics. Keep in mind we're talking eight Congressional Districts. 10 years ago there were only six. The six existing districts included five split counties. We added two, and we now have six counties split.

Existing Legislative Districts included 13 split counties. Our draft map split only nine counties. Two counties, Pima County and Maricopa, would be split under any plan as they are too large to be contained in a single Legislative or Congressional District.

We truly minimized the splits in the draft maps.

The draft plans, as mentioned before, respect communities of interest.

We mentioned three major communities of interest before: Tribal Reservations have been undivided, and in many cases various tribes are combined within the same district. Hispanic communities of interest are kept together in many cases. And rural and urban communities are separated as much as possible.

Many of the other AURs, Arizona units of representation, are also respected by the draft plan. Obviously not all are because some are in direct conflict with one another.
As much as we could, we respected all of
the AURs.

We mentioned competitiveness earlier.
Proposition 106 does not allow us to consider
competitiveness until the first stage of the mapping
process is complete. That stage is now complete with
the publication of the draft map. Under Proposition
106, we're now supposed to adjust the draft maps to
provide competitive districts when doing so would cause
no substantial detriment to the other characteristics we
already talked about, and that's one of the things we're
going to be doing during and after this second round of
public hearings. And that's one thing I'm sure many of
you will have comments about.

We solicit comments, if you have
suggestions as to how we should make districts more
competitive.

Now is time to show you the draft plans
beginning with Congressional Districts.

These are the eight the Congressional
Districts. I'm sure you notice it's very hard to see
them because there's not a lot of contrast on that map.
In the map in the citizen kit, you may have an easier
time seeing these maps. These are the eight
Congressional draft districts that we drew, letters A

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through H. Here is the map for the greater Phoenix Metropolitan area. And here is the draft map for the Tucson area.

Now, let's turn to the 30 Legislative Districts. Here is the draft map. Once again, the contrast isn't really great. You may want to refer to the map in the citizen kit.

The districts are numbered from north to south beginning with the letter A in the northern part of the state.

Here are the draft districts for Maricopa County and the draft districts in the Tucson area. And you'll notice we ran out of letters. There are only 26 of them. We have 30 districts. The last four are AA and DD in the Tucson area.

We hope you'll take the opportunity this evening to let us know your thoughts this evening, whether favorable or negative.

If you like what we've done so far, it's important you tell us that, as well as people who have suggestions for change who will surely tell us what they don't like about districts. If you don't want them to change, let us know. If you do want us to change, let us know and let us know how you want them to change, and be as specific as you can. If you know streets, let us

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know the streets, et cetera. We'd be happy to hear that.

If you've not filled out a speaker slip yet, raise your hand. One of the staff will give you a speaker request form.

We have a lot of people that want to speak tonight. We want to listen to everyone. We ask you to say everything you need to tell us, but to please try to do it as briefly as possible. Please try to keep your remarks under five minutes, if you possibly can. We want to hear everyone, and we want to be as respectful of the last speaker as we will be of the first.

I'd also like to suggest if somebody else has already said what you came here to talk about, if there are a number of you concerned about the same issue, if you get up and just tell us you support the remarks of the other person, that will have the same weight with the Commission as if you begin at the beginning and go through all the criteria again.

We're also circulating a form you may wish to use to indicate your opinion. You can hand it in here, give it to the staff, or mail it in later using one of the prepaid envelopes in the citizen kits.

If you have specific ideas for design for adjustment, use that in making suggestions in your

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citizen kit.

Also, we're pleased to hear from you via regular mail or e-mail.

I encourage you to visit the website. Our address is up there, right up there, www.azredistricting.org. If you want give to use e-mail to send a message, go to that website and leave it through the website.

I'd also encourage you just to visit the website and browse. It's full of information, is very well-organized, very easy to use, and you can visit it at regular intervals.

Whenever there is something new, it's posted on the website. And it will allow you to keep up-to-date on what we're doing.

Redistricting will determine the kind of representation we'll have in the state for the rest of the decade. It's worthy of the effort, energy, and goodwill we can give it and you can give it.

We appreciate your interest and attention in Arizona with the first ever independent redistricting.

That's end of our presentation.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Minkoff.
This evening, as with the bulk of the
time, this is the time for consideration and discussion
of input from the public with respect to the draft
Congressional and Legislative districts. Those wishing
to address the Commission shall request permission in
advance by filling out a speaker slip. Action taken as
a result of public comment will be limited to direction
to staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter
for further consideration and decision at a later date
unless it is the subject of an item already on the
agenda.

We ask as you come to the podium, for the
convenience of the public stenographer, and say or spell
your name for the record. When finished, pause briefly
to see if there are any questions of the Commission or
staff once you've made your presentation.

With that, we'll begin the public hearing.
The first speaker slip I have is from Phil
Amorosi.

Mr. Amorosi.

Since we have a number of people that are
going to speak tonight, I'm going to give sort of an
on-deck hitter kind of approach so the person next to
speak can be moving toward the center and be ready to
speak.

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Again, I apologize for mispronouncing names. I believe it's Joe Durbala.

MR. ECHEVESTE: On deck.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Amorosi.

MR. AMOROSI: Philip Amorosi, P H I L I P, A M O R O S I.

I live in Tempe. I reviewed the latest district map for Tempe. Last time I spoke for a united Tempe, one district. I see Tempe is still split. Now a portion of the south, that portion, those people are split away. This is unfortunate given the community of interest in the new District Q. Mainly Tempe would be fairer in voter registration.

Currently the Tempe district is 47, 44 percent Republican, 34 percent Democrat. The new, 46 Republican, 36 Democrat. All districts should be at least this competitive.

Thank you for is listening at the last meeting. I still don't understand why the district has to jog north-south. Can't it go straight across Osborn and Thomas in the north, southeast, go across Guadalupe or Elliott?

And also, that the district kind of jogs out at 64th Street in the north side instead of going straight up 64th Street? Now, maybe this skews the

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competitiveness too much. I don't know.

Has anyone looked into flopping the two southern portions west so the side drops down to Elliott on the east side of Guadalupe? Does this bring the two major parties closer in competitiveness, even to the slightest things, closer in competitiveness?

On the Congressional side, things are dismal. The difference, five percent in the state, the two parties, I wish every Congressional District were that close. The average difference in the current plan is 19 percent. In Congressional District E, it's 18 percent. Only two out of four, I'd agree, out of eight Congressional Districts, are competitive. That's not fair.

Trying to connect the Hopi Tribe to Lake Havasu by a connector string looks like really bad gerrymandering.

Trying to make all as even and compact as possible, you can do better than the current plan.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Comments or questions for Mr. Amorosi?

Thank you, sir.

The next speaker, Joe Durbala.

Next is Mark Mitchell.
COUNCILMAN DURBALA: Joe Durbala,

I'm representing the City Council in Apache Junction.

We're very thankful you at least took the consideration to keep us in one district. We're a little upset at having to go way down to the Cochise County part of the area. We'd still overemphasize most of the residents attended Pinal County. It's large enough, diverse enough, they have their own agenda, being a rural community, being stuck together instead of being split up. Again, we hope the Commission looks at that. If still short on population numbers, people recommended we look at taking part of the unincorporated part of Maricopa County up to Sossoman, adding that for population into our area.

That's all I have to say.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Elder?

COMMISSIONER ELDER: I didn't catch what, top to what?

MR. DURBALA: Sossoman. That's unincorporated. It still has part of a rural atmosphere. It's not all urban yet.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mark Mitchell, City Councilman with the City of Tempe.

On deck is Eric Emmert.

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COUNCILMAN MITCHELL: Thank you, Chairman Lynn, Members of the Commission.

The City of Tempe's boundaries represent the City of Tempe's interests. The District of Tempe boundaries are geographically compact and also incorporate the geographical features. I'm in favor of keeping Tempe in as few districts as possible.

I appreciate the last meeting, and keeping our interests in consideration. If the Commission recognizes the unique interests of Tempe, you could insure the unique representation of Tempe's population.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Eric Emmert.

On deck, Jerry Walker.

MR. EMMERT: Eric Emmert, E R I C, E M M E R T. I'm Vice President of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce.

The Tempe Chamber is a civic chamber comprised of more than 1200 businesses committed to building an environment that enhances the economic vitality of Tempe. I come before you this evening to offer the perspective of the Tempe business community and suggest how the Commission can best represent our wishes.

First and foremost, thank you for what you are doing. The Chamber supported the passage of Prop
106 and we recognize the difficult task you have in meeting our goals, the requirements of the federal
government, the requirements of Prop 106, and trying to please everyone all at the same time. Your service is appreciated.

Contrary to what the media claims are the wishes of Tempe, the Chamber believes Tempe should be split into two districts. Further, the Tempe Chamber believes the dividing line should be US-60 as the dividing line between the north and south districts.

In an attempt to provide you the best possible information, the Chamber's Government Relations Committee studied Census tracts, the grids you provided, and looked at what best represent businesses in Tempe. Dividing the city at US-60 between the northern and southern district appropriately segments communities of interest within Tempe allowing for the most equitable representation. North Tempe is a historic section of the city encompassing Arizona State University and the Historic area. The State University, South Tempe, they have their own newspaper, has a more established constituency.

Dividing Tempe in half, the population needed for each of the districts, we can provide further specifics the Chamber recommends for the entire

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Ahwatukee Foothills area, southern districts, South
Tempe Ahwatukee Foothills, in addition to sharing the
high school, combined areas, to provide residents the
resources necessary to create one residential district.
Additionally, the district of northern Tempe, East
Phoenix, Thomas Road south to Baseline, and from the
Tempe border west to 32nd Street, or Scottsdale south
from -- Tempe border north to Chaparrall, North Tempe,
either one of the areas share demographic identities
that provide needed population for the demographics of
the district.

Let me reiterate, Tempe should remain
represented in two districts, a northern and southern
Legislative area; however, unlike the current maps,
shift the dividing line to north US-60.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Emmert, not so much a
question, do you have suggestions you have given us in
represented written form or on a map so we don't make
any errors in what you are proposing?

MR. EMMERT: I'd be happy to provide that.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

The next speaker is Jerry D. Walker.

On deck, Connie Thompson.

MR. WALKER: Jerry D. Walker, W A L K E R.

I want to express the great pleasure with

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the district map you've given us for the Legislative
District draft map marked area S. I think it's
extremely appropriate, and we're rather happy with what
you've done. I ask you to please keep it the way it is.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Walker.

Next is Connie Thompson followed by Mark
Thompson.

MS. THOMPSON: Connie Thompson.
Can I borrow him?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Better that you ask than I
do.

MS. THOMPSON: Good evening. Connie
Thompson, C O N N I E, T H O M P S O N.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to
speak to you about redistricting.

I want to begin telling you, I'm slightly
unique, not only an Arizona native but a Tempe native.

There are not too many of us around. If that gives me
any more weight, I'll take it.

Next, what I've provided to you, I'll
speak to you as a resident of South Tempe. What I
provided to you, I want you to see where my community of
interest is.

If you notice, below US-60, I shop at
Arizona Mills Mall, shop south of US-60. If I go north

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of US-60 it's to Fiesta Mall. My friends, family, are
south of US-60. Please don't make the switch
recommended. You'd take away my in-laws, friends,
family, all down in the southern part Tempe. I think
wonderful everyone wants to be with South Tempe. We're
sociable, fun, know where the best restaurants are, but
I wish tonight to pick who I want to hang out with, like
Ahwatukee, South Chandler, who to intermingle with.

I'd really appreciate it if you truly look
at it, not vote politics, keeping everything together,
competitiveness, think about families, friends,
communities of interest. That's the goal, to continue
with the importance and continue to follow the goal.

I really appreciate this tonight.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Thompson, just so it's
clear, you are asking us to split Tempe at US-60.

MS. THOMPSON: Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I wanted to be clear.

MS. THOMPSON: And combined with

Ahwatukee.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker after Mark
Thompson, he'll be followed by John McComish.

Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: Mark Thompson, M A R K,
THOMPSON.

I have lived in Tempe for over 24 years, owned businesses in Las Vegas, Tempe, and support the redistricting lines initially released by the Redistricting Commission dated August 10th which separates Tempe at Highway 60 going north and south. for the boundaries. And eastern boundaries at Price and 101.

I shop and attend church in South Tempe. I live with my wife in South Tempe, which is convenient. And the Independent Redistricting Commission charged with redrawing fair and competitive districts based on the criteria set forth in Prop 106.

I believe the split of 60 does that. The problem is currently these maps released dated August 17th which has the North-South boundaries in the southern part of the district, at Guadalupe and Elliott, our Legislative District southern border lines, some of the areas are dropping far south of Elliott. The northern boundary, Thomas and Phoenix, I'd like to know how that happened.

When reviewing the documents on the website, I noted the NDC summary dated 6-25, the proceedings, the summary of the Commission stated nine speakers argued for varying ways the Tempe community of

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interest was based on the presence of the Arizona State, and speakers urged Tempe be kept whole. Where did this perception come from?

I'd like to know, for the nine speakers, speaking as elected officials of Tempe, I can't give away the farm. I know where they live. I can tell you they are very happy with the currently drawn lines. It seems to me there is something wrong with the picture.

I read the report, the summary of the released articles in the East Valley Trib, about the Commission and many Tempeians that want one Tempe, one district.

I may be wrong. I don't believe all Tempe got here, South Tempe, in the last presentation. Many live in South Tempe, Ahwatukee.

Redrawn Legislative maps of August 17th has it with a northern border somewhere near Thomas.

Half of the initial testimony from Tempe on redistricting boundaries are from personal and professional interest under the current plan. Lines between what truly benefits citizens of Tempe and what is gerrymandering.

With respect to gerrymandering, I'll use a quote from Vice Chairman Minkoff. "Both parties do it. Both parties are equally guilty. It does dilute votes.

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Voters of Arizona wanted to clean things up, prevent things like this from happening, so it created a new entity, the IRC."

Please listen to your own words. Don't let the voters of Arizona get short changed and put in the hands of a handful of officials.

Incumbents are virtually guaranteed tenure in one district of Tempe. Let us have, my interest truly lies with my neighbors in South Tempe.

Consider the lines of August 10th.

Tempe's interests are south of highway 60, west of 101.

June 25th, three individuals argued Scottsdale and Fountain Hills should not be included as Mesa or Tempe. It's interesting to note all stated you can't get there from here. You can't get here from there. As a South Tempe resident, I have to agree. In the past few years, on many occasions, I said the same thing: I can't get there from here. You can't get to North Tempe from South Tempe.

Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you Mr. Thompson.
The next speaker is John McComish followed by Harry Mitchell.

Mr. McComish.

MR. MCCOMISH: John McComish, J O H N,

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I'm the President of the Ahwatukee
Foothills Chamber and Ahwatukee Foothills Planning
Committee.

You asked earlier if we were happy with
anything, to please say that. And speaking for
Ahwatukee, the Foothills Committee, our primary goal was
to remain whole. We are a community of interest. So
far in the various iterations I've seen on maps, you
have kept us whole. We're very pleased with that.
We're in what is labeled District T on the map. I have
only one suggestion for refinement. That is if any
changes are to be made in District T, I ask you to
consider the Kyrene School District.

Right now, as the maps are drawn, it comes
close to encompassing the Kyrene School District. I
think that's a good thing. If the maps are to change, I
ask you to consider moving the line, the Tempe line
north so it would be somewhere north of Guadalupe, which
would then require the Chandler line to be moved a
little west which would be around Price Road, which
somebody earlier spoke of as the 101 Freeway.

Education is clearly the -- obviously a
number one issue in terms of funding that the state
Legislature deals with. It is very important to our 350
some independent small business people in the Ahwatukee chamber, paying taxes to the Kyrene School District.

Again, to repeat, if it is necessary to make those changes, please keep that district in mind. I know you can't with hall districts. You almost have it right in this one. That would be a big plus. We want to conclude by saying thank you for the openness of these proceedings, everything you are going through. It certainly appears you are seeking the input of the residents around the state. I thank you for that.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Comments or questions for Mr. McComish?

Thank you, sir.

The next speaker is Harry Mitchell followed by Kevin Adam.

MR. MITCHELL: Harry Mitchell, H A R R Y, M I T C H E L L.

When I came here to the very first meeting, one of the things I thought important was to keep Tempe whole. I'm a long-time resident, former Tempe official. I thought this was in the best interests of the community of interest, Tempe.

Looking at the maps you've done, I think one of the more important elements of the charge you
have is the idea of competitiveness.

If Tempe is to be split, as I believe it will be split, I think probably the arrangement you have now fits the bill of all the criteria listed in your charge of responsibility as a result of this initiative.

The idea of competitiveness, I think this is really important to keep in mind. When districts are skewed so bad they always put one party at a complete advantage over another, that means very few people end up controlling the whole process. People get discouraged, don't vote. What difference does it make?

When city councils, for example, most city councils, most of them, run at large, run nonpartisan, what that really means is there's an opportunity of competitiveness, complete competitiveness.

If you look at what happens in the way cities are run, I firmly believe this, compared to the way sometimes a state is run, you'll find it's done in a much more civil manner, a manner which includes probably the interests of more people, and complete public interests.

I think what happens when you have districts skewed so much to one part or another you find ideologic interests overriding community interests.

I urge you to look at the maps. You've
done a terrific job so far. There are some districts,  
some could be rearranged because of competitiveness,  
which I think is important. I think, as Vice Chairman  
Minkoff said, what you are doing will take over for the  
next 10 years. What we want for the next 10 years is  
competitive races where people feel they have a choice  
and chance to be heard.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Mitchell, if you would  
be so kind, we hear competitiveness spoken about clearly  
as one of our charges. We struggle with a number of  
definitions in terms of doing what we do. Community of  
interest is undefined and we asked the communities of  
the state to define it for us.

What is your definition for us?

MR. MITCHELL: I think there are a number  
of them. Where either party running a very vigorous  
campaign has a chance of winning a particular race. I'm  
thinking Legislative race, and it also applies to a  
Congressional race.

I think anywhere where there is a four,  
five, six percent difference in voter registration,  
either in size, I think that makes those truly  
competitive.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

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The next speaker is Kevin Adam followed by Dale Despain.

Mr. Adam.

MR. ADAMS: Members of the Commission, I'm Kevin Adam, K E V I N, A D A M. I represent the City of Mesa.

Thank you once again for coming out to Mesa and giving the residents of East Mesa and others an opportunity to share their comments on the Commission's process. I also acknowledge the admirable job the Commission has done sharing the City of Mesa's boundaries with the draft map. Our hope is the final product doesn't stray significantly from what you have in place now, at least in regards to the districts Mesa is in.

As population, 400,000 is reasonable for us to expect to be placed in four districts. What we were concerned about, if we were to be placed in four or more, we didn't have a situation where we were specifically drawn up where there was a small sliver of the city, a relatively insignificant population, that was located in another district which we currently have in Legislative District Six, where there's just a tiny portion of Southwest Mesa involved in that district.

With the proposed districts you have

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drawn, the smallest population that we have in any given
district is 38,000. And we are very comfortable with
that being the smallest population in any given
district.

It's our hope if there are, again, aren't
major revisions done, if there are, the major concern is
the population of 38,000, proposed District U, as well
as 40,000 in District V, aren't diminished any.

If you are going to make any changes, it
would be our desire those are increased slightly,
possibly at the expense of the Mesa population, and
that's where we have a very strong majority. The same
could be said for the Congressional Districts as well.

We are very satisfied with the lines that
were drawn for that.

We are currently represented by two
Congressional Districts. And with the explosive growth
we've experienced in Mesa, it was our concern that our
influence wasn't diminished. In fact, we continue to be
located in two Congressional Districts, E and F. If any
adjustments are needed to be made there, we would share
a similar concern that E, with the population of
100,000, again, if adjustments were to be made, the
population of 100,000 isn't diminished.

Once again, thank you, and I hope the

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final product is very similar to what you have proposed for Mesa.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Questions or comments for Mr. Adam?

Mr. Despain, you are next followed by Evelyn Ensminger.

MR. DESPAIN: Dale Despain, D A L E, D E S P A I N.

Chairman Lynn, Members of the Commission,
I want you to know I'm highly impressed so many of you are here this evening. I think it's amazing you can go to all of these meetings.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: This is all we have.
There can't be any more of us.

MR. DESPAIN: That's impressive you are all here.

I have a record in the Tempe Elementary School District for government relations. The board has discussed this matter and have a consensus that the Tempe School District should be in one Legislative District. Legislative District Q, as you have defined this, does this very well. There has been some discussion of the Kyrene School District and Tempe School District, the border between those two districts is Guadalupe Road. If you were to make divisions in
Tempe, Guadalupe Road would be the road to sever the elementary districts, I believe. So we would hope you would consider that as you make your decisions. If you were to move up the freeway, then that would split the elementary district and put us into two separate districts and we would not be able to have the support that would be necessary within the Legislature.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any comments or questions for Mr. Despain?

Thank you, sir, very much.

Next speaker is Evelyn Ensminger followed by A. J. LaFaro.

MS. ENSMINGER: Evelyn Ensminger,

I want to thank you so much for the work that you've done. I've been very impressed with the website and the ease in being able to follow the changes you've been making.

I spoke last time about the district that you had. The legislative district you included us in, East Mesa, up to north Scottsdale and Fountain Hills. I actually drove that area to see how easy or how difficult it would be to continue the work I do. I'm just a citizen but I do a lot of work for the community,
and I thought it was impossible. Now I watched you contract that, watched you cut it off at the river, watched you expand it again, and think you've done a good job. Leave it the way it is.

As far as Sossoman, the comment about Sossoman being more a rural area, I think that may have been true. It's building up so much, you can't call much of that except Chrisman to Meridian rural anymore. I appreciate extending this S all the way from Meridian to the county line.

I worked with the Census as a crew leader. I feel I know it very well. It's a good, concise area I feel I can comfortably work in.

Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

A. J. LaFaro followed by Laura Knaperek.

MR. LaFARO: A. J. L a F A R O.

I'm a citizen of Tempe, live in South Tempe, and I don't envy you with regards to your task, all right?

The maps that were proposed back in the June time frame where you were showing Tempe in two unique districts I felt was an excellent suggestion. As the Tempe Chamber of Commerce mentioned tonight, some of my neighbors, Mark and Connie Thompson, do have unique

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communities of interest, North and South Tempe.

Please don't think the City of Tempe is all harmony.

I'm also Chairperson of the recall of Giuliano. All right? And let me assure you, that it's an issue that has absolutely created a lot of interest in our city. Unlike the great civil war of this great nation, where the it was north and south, it absolutely is all over the city with regards to what is going on. But please don't be misled by what a few politicians, self-serving politicians presented to you the first time. I was here the first time and chose not to speak the first time. I felt you needed to be able to do your work, needed to be able to come back with iterations of compromise you needed to do. I was very encouraged when I saw US-60 dividing the City of Tempe into unique districts, because that absolutely represents what the City of Tempe is all about.

Again, thank you. I hope you bring the line back up to US-60.

Last June I was surprised, as Mr. Thompson was, that for some reason maybe some people had input or scheduled a different meeting with the Commission. I ask and plead you raise the line back up to US-60.

Thank you very much for all your work.

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CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, sir.

The next speaker is State Representative Laura Knaperek followed by Connie Shekerjian.

I hope I was close.

MS. SHEKERJIAN: That's great.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Representative Knaperek.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEK: It's L A U R A, K N A P E R E K.

Let me start out saying I'm a little uncomfortable even coming before you, under the circumstances, with new lines that divide Tempe about 80/20. I just need to bring to your attention one issue, and that is where you actually divide on the south side at Rural, you have divided three different schools. So if you are looking at communities of interest, I think those communities around those schools, and I have talked with some of those folks, they are concerned they'll be in different Legislative Districts.

I wanted to point out to you and encourage you again to keep in mind the mandate of communities of interest.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Knaperek, if I may, I heard about keeping it whole, dividing US-60. It seems to me, if Tempe is divided at US-60, went back to

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something they previously had, lower the district, move
south, move south to both sides of Rural, it seems to
me, one option, which would, sounds like it's a problem
with what you just raised.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEK: Mr. Lynn, I
believe it would. I don't want to comment too much.
I'll just tell you this particular issue I think stands
out so much, I felt I needed come out and tell you about
that.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Elder.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: Yes, Representative.
The three schools, three elementary schools or
districts?

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEK: Two elementary
schools, one middle school. Want me to name the
schools?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Yes. Use attendance
areas.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEK: Kyrene Del
Ninez, Kyrene Del Norte, and Kyrene Middle School.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Representative
Knaperek, I have a question also about moving that line
further south, actually based on information I heard
from previous speakers. If we move the three schools
which are all in the same school district, all in the
Kyrene School District?

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Basically Kyrene School District is in District T, as well as District Q.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: I apologize, I
cannot read --

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Q includes most of Tempe and T, Tempe and Chandler.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Yes. Separating that.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: If moved it up to US-60, have we united the entire school district or go up to US-60 --

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Except what goes to Price, south and the Chandler area, Chandler is the Chandler school district.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Doing that then appears prior the speaker in Tempe --

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: The line isn't Guadalupe. The line is Tempe and --

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: A small part of District Q, one little area.

REPRESENTATIVE KNAPEREK: Current lines.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: East of Rural and

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south of Guadalupe.

REPRESENTATIVE KNA PEREK: That's correct.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Again, the next speaker is Onnie Shekerjian.

On deck is Dean Anderson.

MS. SHEKERJIAN: I had my husband phonetically spell it for me before I allowed him to date me.

I'm Onnie Shekerjian, O N N I E, S H E K E R J I A N.

I wanted to start by thanking you for taking on the numerous community meetings across the state in order to get a wide range of views. It's a real successful way of being as fair as possible.

I read today, I'm an avid newspaper reader, and read today some elected officials spoke last time and were interviewed in the Republic.

I was really concerned about what the Mayor said regarding Tempe, that was a quote that "Tempe has a lot of like-thinking people."

I've got to tell you, I've lived in Tempe now for 14 years. We are very diverse. In fact, we're most diverse probably in diversity of thought. I was very surprised to see us represented that way.

I have lived in South Tempe for the last

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14 years and have been specifically active, having served on the Kyrene School Board. I call it south Tempe because I never felt connected with the Northern part of the city. I shop south of 60. My children attended Kyrene, and my interests are very much part of Tempe. The South part of city is very suburban, the northern part of the city is focused on downtown issues, older neighborhoods, and ASU dominates a lot of it. I don't mean that as a criticism, it's just that we're different.

We do have different issues than South Tempe. One proof we have a different community of interest is North Tempe has a great resistance by the citizens to unify the two elementary districts with the high school in the past. It has come up many times, three times I can think of, in the past 14 years. There is a strong desire to keep those communities of interest, even fit meant dollars would be saved and a better continuity of education for students from kindergarten through high school created. This is a fact many of us who actually would like to see a unified school district and have unfortunately had to accept children south of Guadalupe go to the Kyrene School District and those north go to Tempe.

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more equal size in Tempe along boundaries along the
school districts or South 60 as the Commission
recognized, two very distinct school districts exist in
Tempe.
This proposed boundary respects the great
boundary Tempe enjoys.
The northern and southern part of the
state has different issues. They shop in different
locations. School children are under different
leadership. We are two different communities. We feel
a large respect for the different issues that are best
represented and addressed in the two Legislative
Districts as originally drawn in the plan as of August
10.
Please keep the boundary as you have
originally drawn them.
With respect to Tempe, this will better
serve all citizens of Tempe.
Thank you for letting me have this
opportunity to express my views. It's really nice to
know we live in America and can stand up and say what we
think.
CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Shekerjian.
Dean Anderson is the next speaker followed
by Fran Emerson.

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MR. ANDERSON: Good evening.

I'm Dr. Dean Anderson, D E A N, A N D E R S O N.

I'm a member of the Chandler City Council.

Tonight I'm speaking more prospective, long-term, and as a long-time educator and resident of the community.

I'm here to express my support for the Legislative draft and ask you to try to keep them as they are currently shown for Chandler.

The Commission will be making decisions soon about changes to Legislative Districts in other areas of our state. I hope that these changes will not cause you to alter the proposed districts in Chandler.

The Commission has found an excellent solution to the very difficult problem of dividing our community.

First, we are the -- we first, we are only in two districts. That is the best option for a city the size of Chandler.

Next, in this proposal, our population has been distributed between the two districts so that we have one that is clearly Chandler's Legislative District and the other one where we will still have significant influence.

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Finally, you have a way of dividing the central area of our city which has its own unique characteristics.

Just a couple comments, and actually, just singly, to refute some of the previous testimony.

The City of Chandler is a community with five school districts. And it is impossible to address and accommodate all the school districts in this state and at the expense of Legislative competitive balance.

I hope that you will continue to use these concepts to guide any changes that may occur as you finalize your drafts.

Thank you, again, for your efforts on this very critical issue.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Dr. Anderson. Next speaker is Fran Emerson followed by Fritz Tuffli.

MR. EMERSON: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission I'm Fran Emerson, F R A N, E M E R S O N. I'd like to thank the Commission as you set off for your hard work and effort. I know you'll hear from many people unhappy with your proposal. It's just as important you hear from us, we who are happy with what you've presented us.

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I don't think anyone will be a hundred percent happy with your districts, but each change you make will only trigger a need to shift boundaries in another community.

What makes the map good for one person or area could have very serious negative impacts on others. And I don't want to changes in other parts of the state to negatively impact Chandler. Both the Congressional and Legislative maps will serve Chandler well, will provide residents of this community with fair representation.

I hope you will maintain the proposed districts as you finalize the redistricting plan. If you do have to make changes, I hope you will not push the dividing line between our eastern and western Legislative Districts back to the Price freeway. That wouldn't put enough Chandler residents in the western district.

The Legislative District boundaries in the draft plan work well for Chandler.

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening, and keep up the good work.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.

MR. EMERSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Fritz
Tuffli. I'm sorry about that. Hopefully it's semi
close. Followed by Bill Regner.

MR. TUFFLI: Actually, you've given the
correct Swiss pronunciation. It's a Swiss name.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I knew that.

MR. TUFFLI: Tuffli, T U F F L I, first
name Fritz, F R I T Z. The Americanization of it is
Tuffli.

First of all, I'd like to compliment you
on the tremendous improvement in the map from the first
one. I came to a previous meeting at this location. I
think you listened to the input and have taken into
account the human interests and made good decisions in
terms of changes.

I live in area of Tempe represented by Q
in this area. I used to live on McKellips in north
Tempe. I currently live in middle Tempe on Broadway,
pretty much in the middle of this area. This unites
communities of interest much more so than the original
map, no question about it. We're much more closely
associated in demographics, language, income levels, and
everything else.

I did see, actually didn't see it, saw on
the map, according to a person I spoke to on the
Redistricting Commission about the August 8 version
rather than August 10th version, didn't see it, just
heard about it, my understanding was it was divided at
60 and instead of going further north than the current
map Q does, it went further north than Mesa,
predominantly north of Southern.

I think the whole City of Tempe is a
community of interest. I hate to tamper with something
that was much better than the original version, there's
almost no words to describe. How I would suggest you
make it better, more closely, communities of interest,
if you took the area north of McDowell, added the
 corresponding area on the south side of Q, that would
pretty much take in the whole City of Tempe and you'd
have it fairly closely united in terms of a number of
issues, the area, in that means. If you have to divide
Tempe, and of course I hate to see that done, because I
think that's a mistake, I think that a more logical
dividing point, rather than state route 60 is Baseline.
I say that because the areas that are on either side,
north and south of 60, are a community of interest very
much united, very much united by the freeway expansion
issue, and on the issue of expanding the other freeways,
in lieu of expanding the freeway and 60. And rather
than add an area on the north, if you are intent on
splitting into the area north of the current boundary of
Q, I think it would be more closely related to the area of interest to add it back into Mesa as the August 8 version of this map does. Those would be my suggestions.

Also, I hate to phrase this in terms of a complaint. You've all done an excellent job. I do have a little bit of problem with even a temporary representation of these areas with letter designations rather than numerical designations. I know they're not going to be the same as the current numbers, even for areas in similar areas. You have to do it in a systematic way not related to the way the old numbers are. I have to point out that does create a problem for potential candidates that would like to begin getting signatures not having numeric designation to put on a petition form. And I say that telling you that the area that I'm in, of five different versions I've seen or heard about of for the area, I've been in the same one all five times, and it hasn't changed. If I were a candidate, say, running for state office in that area, the precincts I already targeted would not have changed in the five permutations of the map and I could have quite a few signatures by now. This doesn't affect nearly as much candidates that are incumbents who have primary recognition, but it does dramatically affect
candidates who are not, not incumbents, that need the advantage of an early start to make up for the difference.

I understand the areas are still subject to change and it is somewhat problematical. There is no reason to put letters in for any reason. You might as well start off with numbers.

My suggestion would be, whatever the systematic plan is for putting numbers in, do it in the proposed areas now so people can get at least get an idea where they want to be. Some might want to get an early start. Otherwise I think you are unwittingly giving an advantage to incumbent candidates and candidates with high name recognition. I'm sure you don't intend to do that. Some might construe that as election erring. If you give a systematic plan to predict what the numbers might be, that would be helpful.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

The next speaker is Bill Regner.

The following speaker is Kathleen Rahn or Rahn.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Rahn.

MR. REGNER: Thank you.

My name is Bill Regner, R E G N E R.

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I want to start off by thanking you for the tremendous job you are doing, tremendous job, a thankless job. You've done, I think, a tremendous job. There are a couple areas I want to thank you for, one is the treatment for the Hopi Reservation. I appreciate that very much, and secondly the consideration of Tempe.

I spoke at the last hearing. You had a hearing and I appreciate very much that you listened to the comments from many, not elected officials, though I do serve as Chairman of the Tempe Design Review Board, and I also serve as president of my neighborhood association, which I live in, of course.

What my community of interest is, I hear that being asked, why Tempe is a community of interest, what case can we make to you about that is, I want to try to give you why I think it is. And why, what evidence I think there is of that, at least a couple points.

In district, currently District 27, which you know well what the boundaries are, one party holds a majority of registered voters over the other party. However, two of the three elected representatives in our Legislature are from the minority party. This is a new occurrence in Tempe, in District 27, and first time that
has happened, to have two in power. Four years ago, we
had not had a member of a minority party in District 27
since it was designed. So what does that mean? How
does that happen in a community like Tempe? I think it
happens because the two individuals of that minority
party who were elected were elected because they are
known to be of good character, known to be dedicated to
the community known to be Tempe.

The voters of District 27, which Tempe is,
probably, makes up a majority of that district, voted
for individuals who they felt had the interests of that
community as their highest priority. That's a community
of interest. And I would ask that you consider that as
evidence of that community of interest.

It is not a part -- it is a nonpartisan
choice of this community, if you will, to do that.
Their presence here, and it has been commented that
those people came to speak, and that they came to speak
in a self-serving manner, I would suggest to you they
came to you, they came to speak in a community manner as
people elected.

The two maintain existing plans that you
have now may allow the company to continue to have -- be
able to elect people who have a strong Tempe identity,
which I think is very important. To change it back to

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the original plan that came out, or some suggestions you
heard tonight, which divide Tempe, likely will result in
reverting to a fairly partisan election result and,
likely, that the representatives who are -- the people
who are elected, you know, it's very possible they would
not have any strong Tempe association as either a
resident or somebody who works in the community. That
is a major concern of those of us who feel there is a
community of interest here.

So it's -- I encourage you to look beyond
the statements about where we socialize or where we shop
or if the area of a school happens to be cut through by
a Legislative District. I'm not sure how that makes a
difference. I'm not sure how that applies to those
things. I'm not sure how those are impacted in the
designs.

I live in the north part of Tempe. I go
shopping and to restaurants and have a lot of friends in
the south part of Tempe. I don't understand how this
matters in this situation. What it will do, though,
possibly, is take us back to partisan politics.

If you can, drop the southern boundary to
Warner Road. If you can, or if you must, not if you
can, lower the northern boundary no lower than McDowell.
If you can't do that, don't do anything else, leave it
the way it is, the way you have it now. It's not
perfect, but it certainly, you know, gives us a lot more
as a community of interest than the previous plan that
was being proposed.

Again, I thank you for the efforts you
made. I appreciate them as a Tempeian and encourage you
to maintain that community of interest.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Questions for Mr. Regner?

Ms. Hauser.

MS. HAUSER: You mentioned you appreciated
the treatment of the Hopi Reservation. In one plan the
Hopi are separated from the Navajo, the Congressional
plan. In the Legislative plan they are combined with --

MR. REGNER: I was referring to the
Congressional. If you'd like to work on the other one,
that would be good, too.

MS. HAUSER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: As is custom, we take a
break every hour, hour and a half, for the public
stenographer.

Ms. Rahn, I'll take your testimony and
then break, take a break for about 10 minutes. We're
trying to respect everyone's time. We'll start in 10
minute's time.

Ms. Rahn.

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MS. RAHN: Kathleen Rahn, R A H N.

I'm speaking as a citizen, parent, and educator.

My main concern I want to address is the idea of competitiveness and choice in the districts. My husband and I moved here in 1994. We live in what is currently referred to as Congressional District 21. And it was not until the 2000 election we had an opportunity to have a choice and a candidate for the state Senate or the state representative position. That is because our district, and as it remains, is still heavily skewed, 26 percent difference between registered Republicans and Democrats. The result of that is that it was not until the 2000 election that any, there was any dialogue, any debate about what our district wanted to do about education, priorities about transportation. All those things were denied two citizens that happened to be Democratic in that area, because there was such a skewed difference.

So I would encourage you, when you look for your final plans, to think of citizens like myself and many others who want to make sure we're in a district where there is dialogue, candidates running, because there is opportunity for success.

I think what Senator Mitchell said about a

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four to six percent, that is totally understandable.

But districts with 17 percent, or 20 percent one way or
the other I don't think adequately represent the
citizens.

Secondly, as a parent, I also have two
children that have either graduated or currently are at
the University of Arizona. And I certainly think our
universities are major areas of interest. I don't live
in Tempe, don't live in Tucson. I certainly believe the
major universities need a friend, need a representative
in Congress, in the Legislature, that represents their
interests.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Rahn, one question.

Let's look at District S in its current configuration on
the map as proposed.

MS. RAHN: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you were to go about
making the district more competitive, how would you go
about it?

MS. RAHN: I think because did I volunteer
for one candidate that ran for several years that I
lived here, if you notice where the district goes up to
east Broadway, kind of, I can't see which road it is,
east Power and the road to the east, to bring -- I don't
know where all the registered, where the registration is

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more fair. I know basically around the corridor of
US-60, I think it tends to be more -- the demographics
show more registered Democrats. I'm not -- I don't know
that for a fact. But I do think there's a major
difficulty for citizens that want to see dialogue when
denied a candidate because the district is so skewed.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

We'll take a 10-minute recess and
reconvene at 8:10.

(Recess taken from 7:57 p.m. until
approximately 8:15 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'll ask everyone to take
their seats and we'll reconvene.

Ladies and gentlemen, if I can ask you to
take your seats, we'll reconvene.

For the record, all five Commissioners are
present along with legal staff and the consultants.
And gentlemen, two announcements as we
move forward. If I may have your attention in the back.
Thank you very much.

A cellphone was found at the rear of the
Hall.

A VOICE: It's mine.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: If someone lost a
cellphone, we might be able to hook you up; but you'll
have to tell us who you were last talking to, because we did a star 69 and found out who it was.

If anyone lost a cellphone, we may have it.

The second thing I wanted to mention tonight, I would like to, on behalf of my fellow Commissioners, we discussed this during the break, but only in groups of two -- you have to know the open meeting laws to appreciate the joke -- this group has been extraordinarily succinct in their points this evening, and we appreciate it more than we can tell you. The number of speakers we've had this evening and number of input that has been right on point in telling us exactly what you think and how you think it ought to work is not only refreshing, it gives us an impression of how we ought to be doing this job. We appreciate it more than we can tell you.

If anyone has come in late, has not filled out a speaker slip, would like to and has not done so, please do so to tell us you want to speak.

Next two speakers, Dick McBlane.

On deck, Mr. Tom Carlson.

Mr. McBlane.

MR. McBLANE: Dick McBlane.

D I C K, M c B L A N E.

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I could be short and say I don't want to change anything in Chandler; we're happy; but I won't. I'd like to thank everybody on board here for taking on a difficult task. You all should be commended for the hard work and good job, the unbelievable work you guys have put in.

I do realize the work was not finished yesterday. I know some changes need to be made to accommodate the issues that have been raised throughout the state. Changes -- I hope the Commission will avoid making any changes, like I said, to Chandler.

I'm extremely pleased with how Chandler has been divided into two Legislative Districts. One district where I live is predominantly Chandler residents. I think that's important for a city our size. We deserve that representation. I'm talking about the district in the east part of Chandler. The other district has enough Chandler residents in it to insure our voices will be heard by whoever is elected to represent them. And I understand we're too large to be a single district.

I initially was concerned we would be divided in a way that would dilute our influence completely and disenfranchise some segments of the community. I always believed the dividing city as close
to Dobson Road as possible helps achieve redistricting
goals for our community. The current district, dividing
the line along Dobson Road and Alma School, works real
well. The plan creates an acceptable compromise, and I
urge you folks to keep it as is.

Again, I thank you and appreciate your
hard work.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. McBlane.
Next is Mr. Carlson followed by Dave Wells.

Mr. Carlson.

MR. CARLSON: Tom Carlson, C A R L S O N.
Again, I want to thank you for the
opportunity as a citizen of Chandler and being
interested in politics, it concerned, some information I
read about in previous proposals. At one point I read
Chandler would be divided into four districts, which
would not be good for the community. Chandler should
not be put into more than two districts. I'm glad to
see the latest map does that. I'm happy with that
latest map. I suppose you want to hear that. I
probably should have started with that.

I understand enough about this process to
know maps may change, especially hearing some of the
talk tonight. I want to point out some of the concerns.
And hopefully when you make changes, you'll keep in those mind.

First, the west Chandler district, please do not go any further east. As the previous speaker mentioned, we have a solid neighborhood there, a core neighborhood. We hope that district doesn't go any more east.

Next we heard mention about the Price Freeway, again, Chandler is split in two districts. Using the alignment would not give enough people in the western district. I believe Chandler is better off having more influence and leave it alone with the Dobson line you have now.

Finally, please make sure one district continues to be made up mostly of Chandler residents. We should have two made up mostly of Chandler residents. Hopefully you won't have to go far as far as Chandler is concerned. Chandler is good. The current proposal does that. The population does that between the two districts. I think again, letting us have a slim majority in whatever that district is we're lined up with, it could result in a weak representation in the city community.

I hope you keep these issues in mind. The main thing is I'm happy the way the lines are drawn up.

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CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Carlson.

Next, Mr. Dave Wells.

MR. WELLS: Dave Wells, W E L L S.

And I appreciate the opportunity to speak before the Commission tonight.

Just a couple things. One, I wanted to make sure the Commission is aware, as you probably are, your audience isn't necessarily representative of the people you are drawing the districts for.

I know I live in District Q, as you've drawn it. I know that district has 15 to 20 percent Hispanic population. I don't think they are accurately represented tonight, and that's probably true of other districts. Just because we're talking tonight doesn't mean you are hearing all the voices.

I think you've done a very good job in District Q, because it's so competitive. It means people of either party can win the race. I'm disappointed in looking at the breakdown of other districts. Most don't share that.

I encourage you, to the degree you can play with Census tracts around the edges of districts, see if there are ways the computer programs, or so on, can improve that, or at least get more districts at

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least below 10 percent, if that seems to be feasible.

Unfortunately, it appears a lot of Democrats and
Republicans live together. It appears hard to do that.
Things might change.

Then, in respect to Tempe, I do want to
reiterate some of the reasons why I happen to live south
of US-60. I live south of Baseline, north of Guadalupe,
and we were on a citizen Commission with the City of
Tempe recently to work with our neighbors north of US-60
about building a bike pedestrian bridge across US-60,
something the Council approved in April. It was
important to join up with them. We were happy to work
with Arizona University, go up past north US-60. I
don't consider myself in any way distinctly different
from them. Our neighborhood, the house was built in
1974. There are a number of houses north of US-60 that
have the same characteristic of the neighborhood, the
age of the houses, yet go much north, the houses get to
be built in the fifties. We do draw a demographic line
in terms of income, and so forth. I bicycle, and so
forth. Elliott is the point, and south of Elliott, the
home values increase tremendously, home sizes, garages,
and so forth. They get much larger. There are even
horses down there.

Those are a couple of recommendations.

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Finally, looking to 2011, unfortunately you probably won't be on this Commission,

COMMISSIONER ELDER: Not unfortunately for us.

MR. WELLS: Because Tempe is landlocked and won't grow as fast as the rest of Arizona, just as seen this time around, we're trying to have districts somewhat consistent in the next 10 years, somewhat consistent with Q, consistent with Tempe, one district, and Q will be a good setup for 2011. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

The next speaker is Eileen Fellner followed by Carol Owens.

Ms. Fellner.

MS. FELLNER: Eileen Fellner, E I L E E N, F E L L N E R.

I, Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, I would like to congratulate you on a very, very noble effort. I cannot imagine how much time and effort went into this. I feel it would be a real shame if after all this work, the work that went into passing Proposition 106, which I was very active in getting that passed, and all the work the Commission has done, that the state will not be in a much better position than it
has in the last decade after the 1990 redistricting.

I would keep this very short because I can say that I agree very strongly with Senator Mitchell who talked about competitiveness, Senator Mitchell from Tempe and Katherine Rahn from Mesa, who also talked about competitiveness.

I know you are charged with taking care of other things before you take care of the competitiveness, but there is a huge, hundreds of thousands of people in this state who are disenfranchised because they have no competitiveness in this district. This is particularly true in the East Valley, other than Tempe.

So I would like to say that keeping the minority districts unified has its advantages in some way, but protecting minority voting rights is not going to have an effect on the overall direction the state will go, because just those areas that have minority majorities, there's not enough of them to have real clout on a statewide basis. So it would be as much in the interests of the minorities to have more competitive districts as it would for the state as a whole.

I thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Fellner, if I may ask you a question, I'd like to pose three concepts, and

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from your own perspective if you'd rank order them in
terms of importance, if you would: compliance with the
Voting Rights Act, respect for communities of interest,
competitive districts.

MS. FELLNER: I know that's your problem.
If I knew the answers, I would have gotten in touch with
the Redistricting Commission a long time ago.
I personally think competitiveness will --
it's good for the communities for the community of
interest and good for the minorities. How exactly you
do that, I hate to say I don't have the answers, but I
certainly hope you can do something, because it's
been -- I mean we live in an area that is ruled by --
well, let me not get into that.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I appreciate your candor.
Thank you very much.
Carol Owens is the next speaker followed
by Tom Morrissey.

Ms. Owens.

MS. OWENS: Carol Owens.
C A R O L, O W E N S.
I also worked getting signatures for Prop
106 to get on ballot, hoping it would help with
competitiveness if nothing else. I echo much of what
Ms. Fellner said. Also, Mr. Durbala of Apache Junction
suggested moving Legislative S west of Sossoman. I disagree with that. Since I live in the area, I feel any shift, if made, should be to the east and include Apache Junction LD S to make the area more politically competitive. And we're dealing with politics here.

One of the catch phrases when we were circulating petitions for the redistricting petition was trying to get rid of the ameba in the heat. We still have some out there getting it on. There is some strange gerrymandering in it.

Congressional District F, no sane person would entertain running in it.

In the interest of putting politics in it, we've been stuck with Bob Horne, far too long.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Owens.

COMMISSIONER HALL: It's no secret I'm one of the Democrats on this Commission. I speak for all the Commissioners. We also desire for each of the districts to be as competitive as possible.

Speaking specifically to District F, since you reference that district, as you know, if you take the map, we have that capability, color the party registration of one party, color another party, East Mesa, color the Republican party blue in the area of F, that is about the color of the sky. So the question is,
it refers back to what Mr. Lynn asked the previous speaker, how do we accommodate communities of interest and issues relative to the Voting Rights Act and where there are areas that there are significantly high concentrations of one party registration and still make those areas competitive? I'm asking the question not rhetorically but sincerely because we are seeking solutions to challenges we see that are just extremely difficult.

MS. OWENS: I'm afraid some of us have to be in lopsided districts. Overall registration in the state is not all that different. What is it, 100,000 difference between Ds and Rs, something like that? Some of us are going to be, I'd like to see it be at least enough competitiveness we don't offer up a sacrificial lamb. We feel like the ugly stepchildren in the East Valley. I'd like see competitiveness. I feel it serves the other two issues as well.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

The next speaker, Tom Morrissey followed by Gary Christensen.

Mr. Morrissey.

MR. MORRISSEY: I appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission.
Tom Morrissey, MORRISSEY.

I live in Ahwatukee. My community of interest is more horizontal than it is vertical. I look to South Tempe as part of my community. I don't know anybody except for the people here this evening speaking about it that really is in Ahwatukee, particularly South Tempe, really interested in one district for the City of Tempe, and that's the north and south except for -- there are a few, of course, few exceptions to every rule.

You can tell from my accent I come from New York City. I do not go to north Tempe. I avoid it like the plague because it reminds me of New York City. I pay exorbitant monies to park, find a parking spot. People think me a little different than they do in South Tempe. I feel that the word competitiveness is thrown about here. I think it's no secret to anybody competitiveness is truly from their own perspective. They all have their own agendas. They all have their right to their own agenda. Everyone else does.

I enjoy living in the East Valley. I enjoy the fact I enjoy people, living with people who are like-minded. They are good people. There's nothing wrong with them. I just don't think like some of other people who spoke here tonight. I enjoy that.
I'd like to translate that into what I feel is a good line drawing for the map. I don't -- I like the first maps you had where it was South Tempe and Ahwatukee. I don't agree with going north of I-60. And I feel that it -- it just feels more natural. That is not the natural flow between South Tempe and North Tempe because of traffic. It's not a natural flow even in shopping areas. When you look at Elliott Road, Elliott Road spills over from Ahwatukee into South Tempe as does Ray Road which is now beginning to have a minority in Chandler. That's the natural thing.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Morrissey.

Next is Mr. Gary Christensen.

MR. CHRISTENSEN: Gary Christensen, G A R Y, C H R I S T E N S E N.

Competitiveness is good. It's number three, to answer your previous question.

I can't understand why anyone interested in the well-being and prosperity of Tempe would want to have one Legislative District when they can have two and have twice representation at the state level. It sounds like a conflict of thinking, somehow. As a matter of fact, if you want to split it and make it four, just a
thought.

I do agree US-60 should be the dividing line. I point out while I fall on the Q side south of Baseline, therefore I share several districts, V, S, and R. In particular, I'd have very minor changes where US-60 and Baseline seem to be kind of be convoluted there. There's quite a disparity when you are just across the freeway and you are the only three blocks that are in a district that -- on the north side or south side of the freeway and to move the line to the freeway just makes more sense. It's a natural geographical barrier that divides the neighborhoods and interests. There may be other overriding considerations. I personally agree with US-60 to consider as a division. The majority of Tempe north, activities revolve around the core of the city and the core of the ASU campus.

Interests, housing styles south of the US-60 dividing line have similar interests.

I've lived in the East Valley, lived in Tempe for 16 years now. I've lived in Arizona, the Phoenix area, for over 45 years.

A comment was made regarding S, that there was quite an imbalance in one party in that competitive situation. I guess I would comment, with no offense

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intended to that person, if they moved into the neighborhood and thought they liked the neighborhood and what they found there, it's kind of like marrying someone and hoping to change them after the marriage.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you,

Mr. Christensen.

The next speaker, Mr. Brisco, followed by Kirk Adams.

MR. BRISCO: Jerry, J E R R Y, Brisco,

B R I S C O.

I live in South Tempe.

First of all, I congratulate the Commission for a good job very well done. Any changes you make like I'd like to see the districts be more competitive I think are pie-in-the-sky thinking.

I keep looking all night and I say 30 districts, competitive, others way up and way down, I don't know how -- I'm not a statistician, mathematician, but I've been playing with figures a long time, and I don't know how you do it. Even though I rank competitiveness one, I think community of interest is a good compromise. You won't get competitiveness. I don't see how you do it.

I disagree strongly with the speakers that say South Tempe are different people. Three
communities, North Tempe, people are the same. I moved
from South to North Tempe. I have friends in North
Tempe. They still spoke to me. In fact, I moved back
to South Tempe.

Harry Mitchell assures he'll still speak to me.

A lot of people in South Tempe lived in North Tempe and haven't changed stripes.

I don't have a different wardrobe when I've move back and forth. It is very similar.

There are a lot of people in South Tempe, including Mr. LaGuardo's wife at ASU, a lot of professors. Tempe is an extremely fine town, one of the best in the country, and I've lived a lot of places.

I'm glad you've kept us in the district.

I think probably what happened is more Tempe people were here at the first hearing, were very happy with the lines you had then, probably thought it was a done deal and didn't come back.

I hope you leave as much of Tempe together as possible.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next is Kirk Adams, then Deborah Thomas.

Mr. Adams.

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, Members of the

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Commission, thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I've had the opportunity also to attend a couple meetings, comment to the Commission, staff, also the consultants on the professional manner everybody has conducted themselves. It's rife with landmines, and you've done a very good job with a difficult task. And a task, I might add, you've done on a volunteer basis, which I think admirable. I express my thanks to you.

I'm sure many, many fellow Arizonians might do the same.

I'll admit being confused tonight with words like disenfranchisement being thrown around. For a moment I thought I was in palm beach Florida.

Also learned something new tonight. I was under the impression Proposition 106 was all about taking the redistricting out of the hands of the Legislature and giving it to a citizen panel like yourself. What I learned is it's about giving the minority party a helping hand. That's what I would like to address tonight. I think it's also interesting to point out each one of us in this room has constitutional guarantee of a right to vote. We do not have a constitutional guarantee the person we vote for will win or even get very many votes.

One final note on that. To turn a district, Legislative District S, into a competitive
district is equivalent to turning water into wine. It's just not going to happen. But my intention tonight is to encourage the Commission to continue to stand by the goals outlined in Prop 106, that is I ask you to disregard, I'd ask you not to give into those that would have you disregard the clearly-stated priorities of 106 and thus submit to intimidation of one self-interested set of voices.

Prop 106 is clear. Districts must be clear on the Voting Rights Act. They must be careful and must comply with equal population, be geographically compact when possible, reflect communities of interest when practicable, and also when possible use visible geographic lines, city boundaries, town boundaries, and county lines. And last, and I quote, competitive districts should be favored where to do so create would create no significant detriment to other stated goals. No significant detriment.

So I urge you not to be swayed by the ranking editorials, belligerent threats of lawsuits. Your job is to draw the lines, not to artificially politicize the landscape. Those that elevate the competitiveness to highest factor in the process are not interested in the law or welfare of the process but are interested in their own self-interest and in gaining

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more power.

In essence, these critics are asking you for a handout. They simply want you to give it to them, to guarantee their political success. Unfortunately, they forget grass-roots politics is all about precinct men women meeting in greener neighborhoods, discussing with them their ideas and registering them to vote in their column instead of participating in hard work politics with the weapon of choice being lawyers who parse words and threaten and intimidate.

I urge you to continue to protect the process, the integrity of the Commission, as you've done thus far. Stick to the law as written, not as some wish it was written. And finally to those that may disagree with me on the other side, I simply say you can gain the desired number of seats, but do it the old-fashioned way: Earn it.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Adams.

Any questions for Mr. Adams?

Thank you.

The next speaker, Ms. Thomas, followed by Dennis Cahill, I believe.

Ms. Thomas.

MS. THOMAS: Hello. Thank you for having the meetings, and thank you for the work and time you've
I'm Deborah Thomas. I live in Chandler.

When I looked at the Congressional map, specifically District F, I recommend you move the line at State Highway 87 over to Price Road, include all of Chandler into that district. And then on the, the opposite side, move Apache Junction over to Pinal County District, like you did over on the Legislative District, moved to the north, toward M O U E R, make it just like that, so moving -- to one side.

My other issue is regarding competitiveness. As the previous gentleman said, it's supposed to be earned, but you can't earn it in a monopoly society. And the way the maps, the numbers are drawn up, you have one party that's going to run the state.

In District A, you are talking about 163,325 Republicans to 108,491. That's a monopoly.

Look down at the rest of people, various parties. It's very small. Then come over to District B, 17.33 difference, 176,000 -- excuse me 176,068 versus 113,894. How are you supposed to earn that? If another party wants to run, how are they supposed to earn that?

If you come over to District E, you have a skew there. You're talking 190,271 Republicans,
118,650. I know you are saying cultural differences, 
community differences are key, and they are important. 
And did you that when you did it with Hispanic 
districts. You gave them two large districts. And I'm 
sure they are quite grateful for that. At the same 
time, democracy was based on people having a choice and 
being able to be heard. 

I do not want us to go through what we did 
in the presidential election when everybody was not 
heard and votes were not all counted. And it doesn't 
matter what color the sky happens to be in F. It 
doesn't matter what color it is. The thing is I would 
be happy to ask what community of interest did you take 
in in District F?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Thomas.

THE REPORTER: How do you spell Deborah?

MS. THOMAS: D E B O R A H.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker, Dennis 
Cahill, followed by Bob Bogle.

MR. CAHILL: Dennis Cahill, Dennis with 
two Ns, C A H I L L.

I live in Tempe. It's pronounced Cahill 
in Ireland. I'll give the background on how I describe 
myself as a Tempeian.

When I was going to grade school, I called
myself a Tempeian. I actually lived in the county in South Tempe. When I was in high school, my family lived in South Tempe. When I raised my family, started to be in business, I lived in Central Tempe. Now, almost 50 years later, I live in North Tempe. But I've always lived between Broadway in the south and University on the north. I've always lived in that strip. And I have family that lives in Tempe south of Elliott. I have friends all over Tempe.

My brother, who lives in South Tempe, belongs different political party than I. We have this in common: We're very proud to be Tempeians. Arguments tonight have changed numerous times.

I applaud the Commission and Chairman. You have a rough job here. But I've thought about what is the most important. Community of interest? Competitiveness? I believe if you have competitiveness, you will rely on community of interest to elect your officials. I believe that strongly. If I had my way, and I realize that in this world we have to make compromises, I would like the district I lived in almost 50 years to be the boundaries of Tempe. And I feel that very strongly. But knowing that that is not entirely possible, and almost feeling guilty to turn my back on many of my friends of all political parties active in

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sister cities, and we have one of the best Sister City
Programs in the world, we sent over 30 children
throughout the world this summer to exchange Tempe
values for worldly knowledge, and I mean that in the
most positive manner, if I have to turn my back on some
of my friends who live in South Tempe that work so
strongly for the Sister City Program, I would say that
the boundaries that you have right now in Q are pretty
good. They are definitely competitive, will work on the
community of interest, and I believe that we would have
a, a community, where a person of either political
party, and the other one that one of my brothers belongs
to would still have a chance to serve the community.

Thank you for your efforts.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Cahill.
The next speaker is Bob Bogle followed by
Betty Bogle.

I'll say to the audience I have one
additional slip in the cue. If anyone else wishes to be
heard, they need to provide a slip to me fairly quickly.

MR. Bogle: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Bob Bogle, B O G L E. I'm from Chandler.
Like most of the Chandler people that talked to you
tonight and talked to me, we like Chandler the way you
have it done and applaud you for your hard work and

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excellence.

I know that if you make some changes some folks asking for, it's a little like taking a Rubik's cube and turning it around to make theirs right. Now ours is all wrong.

Leave it alone. We like it that way.

If I get onto a little history you may already know, I've lived in the City of Chandler for well over 50 years. And I can remember back in the '80s when the folks doing the job you are doing now put part of Sun Lakes with Ajo and made the people in Ajo really mad because people in Sun Lakes always outvoted them.

Now, in the '90s, when I believe Mr. Rios was president of the Senate, he took my family out of District 30 and put us in District 7. If any folks want straw Democrats, we're two and a half to one straw Democrats and we'll be glad to give them some of ours.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: The community or your family?

MR. Bogle: Nightingale precinct, which is where I live in, it looks like a parade of inch worms going along. So I'm very pleased with the relative new map, and I know it's not the boxiness we originally talked about. I'm in an area with people around me who have lived in area for a while, and I know, and know the
way I think, and that sort of thing. We're in
Legislative District U and Congressional District F, and
we like it there, and we thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Bogle.

Next speaker, Betty Bogle, followed by
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny.

MS. BOGLE: Good evening, Chairman Lynn.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you.

I hope I'm not too repetitive. I signed
up first. You called on him.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I apologize.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: His wife is hear.

He'll hear about that.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Please take all the time
you need to set record the straight for the Bogle
family.

MRS. BOGLE: I'm currently a member of
Legislative District Seven, Maricopa County. We need to
stipulate that our district, Maricopa County alone, is
Tortilla Flat to Avondale to where I live near Sun Lakes
in Chandler and then extends on up through Pinal County
and Kearny and several other spots. I have been living
in a district which was designed to be a community of
interest. And, however, whenever you design a community
of interest as strict, you may find, like myself, you're
not part of a community of interest that's never going
to be one community of interest residing within an area.

I believe that you have done very well in
your job, in following the law; that Proposition 106
designed in Chandler very comfortably with the changes
made. I've now been returned to my local area in
Chandler. Not only is it comfortable as far as my
friends, the people I know, but also in driving, just
the logistics of driving from one end of the state to
the other as I conducted business in the Legislative
District was ridiculous. We're very pleased with what
you have done.

Again, I would reiterate what my husband
stated. You make changes in one area, of course you are
going to have to make changes in another. We hope
you'll not change the Chandler area.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Bogle, very
much.

Now the Mayor of our host city. Mayor

Tibshraeny, the Mayor of Chandler.

Sorry. See what I know?

Pardon me, we're in Mesa, the neighboring
city.

MAYOR TIBSHRAENY: Neighboring city to the
south, one of the sister cities.
I want to thank you, the Commission, all five Commissioners. We're very impressed, all of us in the East Valley here.

Not to belabor the point you've heard all night long, long evening, you've been on that side of the dias, you've already heard several valley residents tonight. I've had the privilege of serving as Mayor for the last several years. One thing, their community, my community, I believe my citizens have spoken to tonight, are familiar with, have spoken about community, and I understand the needs of the community.

I agree with the majority of the remarks made by my constituents and support their remarks. You've been very open, very -- very open to listening to what my citizens had to say to you.

We're personally pleased with the Congressional Districts if they stayed as presented in the plan you put in. If any changes have to be made, I hope you consider the remarks made tonight by the residents of Chandler. We'd not like to see changes made to neighboring districts that adversely affect Chandler citizens.

Thank you for the diligence and all your work. We support the maps as you've drawn them. We're glad to offer any input if you may need that.

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CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any further members of the public wishing to be heard? If not, we'll close the public input portion.

If not, is there anything we need to hear from counsel?

Anything we need to hear from the consultants?

DR. ADAMS: I was hoping to discuss possible changes to the schedule and did present you with a memo on the possible changes.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Commissioners, we have been presented with a memorandum on proposed schedule changes.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I have one. I lost mine.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: One. September 21st, NDC report on hearings, tests, and options. Is that a summary of the first?

DR. ADAMS: Summary all hearings, all tests, and all options. What we envision is two interim sessions where we canvass some of the options we come up with as we've gone through the process, and then that final report would summarize all options and tests and information from the hearings.

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COMMISSIONER ELDER: Follow up to that where you say tests would we use, I guess the down and dirty competitiveness for this run and then wait until we have a final plan to do the one week or whatever length of time it is for competitiveness?

DR. ADAMS: When I speak of tests, I'm speaking of testing different concepts coming out of public hearings. We would be testing concepts, testing options, and those are things we'd present to you, also tests that come to us, or recommended tests and options that come from the Commissioners. So I'm not talking about tests of competitiveness tests.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: Let me ask the question: Do we have the capability or time on each one of these tests or options to run some competitiveness to know whether we're getting better or worse?

MS. LEONI: Commissioner Elder, if I may address that, currently the data base is set up so the data base runs automatically, registration will come up with every single test. I believe we also have it hooked up now, I'll have Dr. Adams address this, so it also runs the down and dirty, or the quick and dirty, along with the registration. So you will have two measures that come out with every test automatically.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: Great.

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MS. LEONI: We're hoping by that time to
have an additional tool for you, which will be the
thematic maps, so you can visually see registration.

And then I believe by the 5th I'll be able
to give you a date certain for presentation of the
formal report. But you will have the tests.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Can you tell us
when the Judge It analysis will be available and when
that analysis will be able to be done on the options or
changes we may have?

MS. LEONI: Commissioner Minkoff, my rough
estimate now, I can be more definite next week, the
Judge It analysis will be ready the week after next.
The Judge It analysis is -- doesn't run on tests. It
analyzes -- it predicts election outcomes in districts.

It is, right now, the study is structured
so it runs on current districts, the draft districts,
and then once again on your final plan. Now, we have
not designed the program or requested assistance with
every single test that would come up. But if you would
like, I can explore how quickly that can be done with
tests and other relevant factors like the cost of doing
it by test.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I am concerned. I

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understand it's a very strong analysis. I'm concerned
if we get an analysis of the draft analysis, if we don't
get anything until we've already approved final
districts, it's really not going to help us. It would
tell us, perhaps, we need to make changes.

If we want to address competitiveness, it
won't tell us if we're moving in the right direction or
wrong direction as to making changes.

I think we have to have some way of
determining what the effect on competitiveness is of any
changes we make for the draft maps. And we need to know
not only how much it would cost but how quickly it can
be done. If we can't do it quickly, it won't do any
good.

MS. LEONI: I'll get that information.

COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: For something
specific, I make a motion we adopt the schedule.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Second.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: It's been moved we adopt
the schedule.

COMMISSIONER HALL: Second.

MS. HAUSER: Chairman, would you like to
hear from counsel on the schedule?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Sure.

MS. HAUSER: Well, I regret to say Jose

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and I have talked about this and we are uncomfortable with this schedule for a couple of reasons. We don't have a problem with adding meetings early on to update with tests of options, but this particular draft leaves counsel no time to work without attending meetings in order to prepare the final legal analysis of the districts that you are likely to be considering, will be considering during the final end of the meetings. That's our concern.

We got this memo when we arrived this evening. We've been trying to talk about it during breaks and have yet to arrive at a suggestion as an alternative. But we do have concerns about it. One of the things that we tried to talk to you, one of the things we presented in Tucson at the conclusion of the last meeting was a schedule that allowed for that time, allowed a great deal of time for NDC to work and allowed us to work. That's the only thing we're asking for at this point is to have --

Some individual dates here, the problem, let me turn it over to Jose.

MR. RIVERA: More than that, we also have concerns in terms of the analysis, whether -- whether the analysis, the racial voting block analysis will be done next work, and the competitiveness. We still
expert, what I understand, it still does not, there's
some information she needs to analyze, voting block
analysis, as of today, which makes it difficult how to
understand how she can get that and review that by the
5th of next week. I don't understand how that's
possible. She still hasn't reviewed the ballot
composition. She still does not have the data breakdown
of 1996 elections which is crucial for her analysis, the
way we understand it. Those same things, 1996, county
wide elections, have also not been conducted for the
Judge It. Luckily there's more time on the
competitiveness.

There are two major constraints we have to
start facing at this point in time. I think the
Commission has to look at those two aspects before you
can answer some crucial questions you are asking right
now. You know, the major concern we have at this point
in time, making sure the plans go up to Justice
Department to meet the Section Five standards. I worry
about it in terms of schedule timing being done. I'm
not sure we can deal with the information. And I'm
concerned with whether the Commission will have
sufficient information to make the decisions they need
and counsel will have sufficient information need to
give you.

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CHAIRMAN LYNN: Given the concerns of counsel, I wonder if we might -- the only date critical seems to me, for this evening, is to notice properly the September 5th meeting for a review of some of the options of the early rounds of the public hearing. I wonder if I might ask the maker and seconder of the motion to either withdraw or table the motion on the remainder of the schedule rather just adopt the September 5th portion of this properly notice meeting.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: We already have.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Not all issues this would impose, I don't think.

Is is properly noticed?

Then just take that, either withdraw the motion, or table the motion until such time as counsel and NDC can workout an accommodation in terms of schedule. I don't think we can consider it tonight.

Mr. Huntwork?

COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: I'd be happy to withdraw the motion. I'm not comfortable if our counsel aren't comfortable.

I do want say in the process, the timing here, the concept seems like a good one, if we can do it. I like the fact of meetings earlier so there's an opportunity to respond to questions we have and fill
them in and get the professionals together. That idea is a good one. I'd like to work to that, if we can. But let's give our counsel the opportunity to work out some of the details. So I'm happy withdrawing it.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'll withdraw the second as well.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: I guess I'm dense or don't know what I'm looking at.

Let me ask questions of NDC or legal counsel. The two interim presentations on the 5th or 17th, I didn't know we were looking for racial block voting on those two. I thought what was what being done was at the end of the meeting on the 17th of August, it was, NDC was to test or let's give us information as to how they might modify some of the districts we have on the maps right now and give us an idea where it fits in with either minority-majority districts have we gained, lost ground, whatever, then heard in the first five meetings, we've been presented with alternatives we wanted to also have tested, see how that fits in, what ramifications are around the state on districts around state might be. I thought that's what it was all we were getting. First two testing what NDC was to look at, and give us general criteria using the 90-minute run on competitiveness rather than the seven-day run on

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Now, am I missing something? Is that what we were trying to do?

MS. HAUSER: Mr. Chairman, there are.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Hauser.

MS. HAUSER: There are things that can be presented with respect to options I believe that do not need to get into the need to have the more advanced responses on racial block voting and on competitiveness. But there's at least somewhere the Commissioners will more likely than not not feel comfortable making a call on some options until they have some more information. So, I mean, there's no reason not to go ahead and have NDC present options September 5th. But wherever there are those ramifications, we're not at a point where we can tell you whether a particular district will hold as a majority-minority district if it is eroded, for example. Not there.

COMMISSIONER ELDER: One follow-up for NDC. Were you asking us to make decisions on the 5th and 17th or receive information?

DR. ADAMS: Commissioner Elder,

Commissioners, receive information, have that in hand as we move through process, present more information on the 17th, and then for final hearings, or for the whole
series of hearings, if anything else comes up as a result of those two presentations, anything else that you want to be tested, that come out in that final report. If you want further testing of any of these options, as counsel is suggesting, certainly there will be once you will simply eliminate and you will be able to at least eliminate some of the options before we get to the final set of meetings.

My concern, just so you are aware, is the concern that was expressed by Commissioner Huntwork, and that is that I would like to see us have those individual meetings earlier on. I'm not certain that they even need to be complete when the full report comes out. I would like to just see that we have those meetings a little bit earlier in the process. Because I think that information that might come out of those meetings will be helpful to us as we go into those final meetings.

The way we're presently scheduled, individual meetings on Friday, Monday, and immediately go into session on a Tuesday, I don't think that that worked terribly well last time. I would like to see it — I think there were a number of issues that came up at that time that required further exploration, and I think it would be important however we can reach an
accommodation with counsel to have those individual
meetings earlier on and allow us some time between the
individual meetings and the public sessions.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff and then
Mr. Huntwork.

COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Mr. Chairman, it
was my understanding we're not really going to move any
district lines or approve any changes from the draft
maps until the meetings the week of October 2nd at which
point we will have all the analyses we're waiting for.
So if what we're doing on the 17th is just looking at
things saying yeah, that seems to make some sense. Work
on it a little bit more. Or no, that seems to be worse
than what we have now, let's not go forward with that
one, I'm having trouble understanding what the problem
is.

We're not going to change district lines
on the 17th is my understanding. We're not going to say
we'll move this from here to there, just say: Examine
what was happening. If we move this from here to here,
and that gives them time to incorporate all these
analyses into the questions that we would ask. My
concern is the meetings we have scheduled the week
October 2nd to 6, I hope we'll be able to finish in
those several days. Knowing how long took to draw draft

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draft districts, if we do not finish that week, then
we'll have to wait until November, and then Justice
Department doesn't get it until December. And that
becomes a real, real problem for the state.

So I think we have to work with the plan
adoption meetings with IRC October 2nd through 6
allowing us the time to cushion if we can't finish in
the last several days we have the next week we can go
into, push them back a week, or we don't have another
following week to go into.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Huntwork and then
Ms. Hauser.

COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Mr. Chairman, I'm
very mindful of the fact it's late. If we have hearings
tomorrow, there are a number of Commissioners with long
distances to travel still tonight and nothing here
requires a decision tonight. We have a meeting
scheduled on the 5th. We can resolve these issues on
the 5th. By that time our counsel and the consultants
will have ample opportunity to consider this. And I
just feel we should -- there's no motion on the floor.
I feel we should let it sit where it is, give them the
opportunity to discuss it. At this time no motion.

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Hauser, do you want to
be heard on this issue?
MS. HAUSER: All I want to be heard on in response to Commissioner Minkoff, the September 5th and September 17th dates, I have no concern about that. After that, how the rest of it plays out, recognizing Commissioner Minkoff's concerns, if we proceed with the notion to do the 5th and 17th as proposed, you know, we just need time to work with NDC to come up with workable --

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Commissioner Huntwork's point is well-taken. You and the consultants get together and work out the tail end of the schedule. Any further business to come before the Commission this evening?

COMMISSIONER ELDER: Will we have a presentation on the 5th?

CHAIRMAN LYNN: The Commission is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the hearing concluded at approximately 9:20 p.m.)

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