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2 COMMISSION convened in Public Session on September 5,
3 2001, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., in Yavapai County at the
4 Prescott City Hall, 201 South Cortez, Prescott, Arizona,
5 in the presence of:

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1 PRESENTATION BY:

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5 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

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7 SUPERVISOR CHERAL BROWNLOW

8 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH - Prescott Valley

9 MAYOR SAM STEIGER

10 LOU SMITH

11 KENTON JONES

12 RUDY BOYDENS

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1 SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC (CONT'D):

2 PAM AYRAS

3 REPRESENTATIVE HENRY CAMAROT

4 JOAN FLEMING

5 LINDA BENDER (Written statement read into the
6 record.)

7 TOM REILLEY

8 MIKE FLANNERY

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10 STAN TURNER

11 CAROLYN FISHER

12 SENATOR KIM BENNETT

13 BART VEEK

14 PHILIP BEESON (Written comments incorporated
15 herein.)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN LYNN: Good evening.
Our host this evening, our host city,
Prescott, has asked we make the following announcement,
that there be no food or drink in the Council Chambers.
Those of us on the dias appreciate no ripe fruit.
That's a different issue.

Let me call the meeting of the Independent
Redistricting Commission to order.

Let the record show all five Commissioners
are present along with legal staff, consultants, and IRC
staff.

I'm Steve Lynn.

First and foremost, and I mean this
sincerely, thank all of you for being here this evening.
This is a journey we cannot take alone, a journey we've
embarked upon to draw eight new Congressional Districts
and 30 new Legislative Districts in the state. This is
journey we cannot make without your help, without your
input, without your thoughtfulness.

We expect this meeting, as with many

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1 others we've had, will produce many ideas for us to
2 consider different from the ideas that have already been
3 expressed, some published in draft map form.

4 We know, for example, if you recall the
5 entire map work in progress, some areas are a little
6 more under construction than others. I'm sure by your
7 presence, you feel Yavapai County is one of those areas.
8 Clearly, ladies and gentlemen, we do to. We want to
9 assure you the draft maps are just that, drafts; that
10 your input is most appreciated; and when we get to the
11 point of having public input this evening, which will be
12 very soon, we would like to hear from you not only what
13 you think is wrong, because that will be fairly easily
14 spoken, what would be most helpful will also help us fix
15 the problem. That means we ask your assistance in
16 coming up with the kinds of solutions that will correct
17 issues and problems as you see them. So we would ask
18 that of you as well.

19 Let me make some initial introductions, a
20 brief Power Point presentation, as we make at all the
21 meetings around the state, and then at that point we'll
22 hear from the consultants. The reason we'll hear from
23 the consultants first this evening is the issue of
24 Yavapai County, how is Yavapai County presented in the
25 Legislative and Congressional drafts, we've asked the

1 consultants to look at different scenarios and options.
2 We'd like you to see some options as well so later in
3 the evening as you present your information to us and
4 make your position known, any reference you can make to
5 any options presented would also be most helpful. It
6 will give us an opportunity to weigh options more
7 effectively and give more credence to some rather than
8 others, which would be most helpful as we go forward.

9 Let me first introduce the Commission
10 itself. On my left, Jim Huntwork from Phoenix; Andrea
11 Minkoff, Vice Chairman of Commission, also from Phoenix;
12 I introduced myself, Steve Lynn. I am from Tucson. To
13 my right, Dan Elder, also from Tucson. On Dan's right,
14 Joshua Hall from St. Johns in Apache County. We are the
15 Commission.

16 Our legal counsel at the far end of the
17 table near the screen, Lisa Hauser and Jose Rivera.

18 Our consultants represented this evening,
19 Dr. Florence Adams and Marguerite Leoni. We have -- and
20 Doug Johnson. Doug is back here.

21 Adolfo Echeveste is the Executive Director
22 for the Commission. Paul Cullor is over here on the end
23 of the table and probably --

24 Lisa Nance is our public stenographer and
25 someone that has traveled around the state with us. We

1 appreciate her help.

2 Augusta Knight is in the back.

3 And now I'm obligated to say:

4 (Chairman speaks in Spanish inquiring if
5 anyone would desire interpreter assistance. No one
6 request the services of an interpreter.)

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We also have an
8 interpreter whose services are apparently not needed
9 this evening.

10 Thank you. With that, I think I
11 introduced everyone I need to.

12 Let's move to the initial Power Point this
13 evening.

14 This evening it will be given by Mr. Hall.

15 Mr. Hall.

16 COMMISSIONER HALL: Is it dark enough that
17 everyone can see it? Need it dimmer?

18 A VOICE: Can you sit down, please?

19 A VOICE: Can you sit down, please?

20 A VOICE: Sit down. Squat.

21 MR. RIVERA: He is sitting.

22 COMMISSIONER HALL: Easy, Jose.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Let's go with what we
24 have.

25 COMMISSIONER HALL: That will be fine. If

1 we turned all the lights off, you guys would agree we're
2 all in the dark.

3 We're grateful to be here with you this
4 evening, and I had the opportunity to come visit with
5 you folks a few months ago. I'm grateful to be back,
6 appreciate the attendance.

7 Let me apologize for the lack of space.
8 We wish there was something we could do about it in a
9 rather rapid fashion, but there's not.

10 We're here for a second round of public
11 hearings to solicit feedback from you. It appears
12 you're here to give feedback.

13 A VOICE: Can you hold the mike closer?
14 We can't hear you.

15 COMMISSIONER HALL: Yes, sir. I
16 apologize.

17 We're here to present to you, and you've
18 probably seen draft maps we've put out for comment,
19 Congressional and Legislative District lines. We're
20 here to have you tell us what you think we can do to
21 improve those and either live with the rationale of
22 where they came from, where we are in our work with the
23 progress, give us ideas of where we need to go.

24 As you know, Proposition 106 was passed in
25 November by a substantial majority of the public

1 establishing the Independent Redistricting Commission.
2 With that passage, we then are under the obligation to
3 follow specific rules and guidelines we must -- that are
4 required of us as we go through this process. The
5 guidelines are as follows: A through F.

6 The first two are federal guidelines. We
7 are required to comply with the United States Voting
8 Rights Act. We're also required to insure that the
9 districts have equal population to the extent practical.
10 In addition, as we discussed in our previous
11 presentation, they must be geographically compact,
12 respect communities of interest, and also respect, where
13 possible, city, town, county, physical geographic
14 boundaries.

15 After those issues are complied with, or
16 items are complied with, we then have an opportunity to
17 test each of these districts for competitiveness and,
18 without providing substantial detriment to previously
19 outlined goals, see what we can do to insure
20 competitiveness among the districts as we prepare for
21 the final draft.

22 We started the process with a grid, equal
23 population grid, as required by Proposition 106. The
24 was grid established utilizing six-mile-square townships
25 as building blocks without dividing Census tracts in

1 only considering equal population. We then drew
2 Congressional and Legislative grids. We knew then once
3 the grid was developed it had to be adjusted to comply
4 with the other requirements and goals as I previously
5 spoke to relative to Proposition 106.

6 You may recall what the grids looked like.
7 My guess is most people in this room liked that.
8 However, as you know, the lines, adjustment of the lines
9 in this grid, several areas throughout the state did not
10 comply with most of the other goals that are outlined
11 within Proposition 106, starting with the Voting Rights
12 Act and moving all down to all other requirements.
13 Therefore, the Commission was challenged with the goal
14 and is still working with the goals of adjusting the
15 grid lines to try and accommodate all of the goals and
16 all of the obligations we must meet.

17 In our process of our first round of 24
18 public hearings, the citizens identified that there were
19 several areas that we should follow, or several
20 principles we should follow in our redistricting
21 process. Those principles were identified as respecting
22 cities, towns, counties, local governments, and we
23 utilized this information and input from the citizens
24 and call that Arizona units of representation, or AURs,
25 as basic blocks for trying to establish areas that has

1 similar interest.

2 Please.

3 There were three major communities of
4 interest identified. They were and are: Native
5 American, Tribal Reservations, Hispanic communities of
6 interest, and the distinction between rural and urban
7 interests.

8 Because Proposition 106 had to follow the
9 mandates as outlined, we then went to our draft plans.
10 And we will show you in a while in an effort to
11 accommodate many of these goals, several strengths in
12 draft plan. While we recognize still some weaknesses,
13 there are several strengths we feel good about in
14 several areas of the state we feel like we're able to
15 achieve the goals to the best extent possible, as
16 Chairman Lynn outlined.

17 If you will, this is a train. As we move
18 along the track, hopefully each and every step of the
19 process we're able to more fully complete the task of
20 complying with all the goals.

21 For example, the existing Congressional
22 Districts split 16 cities and towns. We added two more
23 Congressional Districts and went from six to eight, yet
24 we reduced the number of city and town splits to less
25 than half. The existing Legislative Districts split 39

1 cities and towns. The draft map as it currently stands
2 splits about a third of that, 13 cities and towns,
3 certainly a significant improvement.

4 Some cities cross county boundaries and
5 also tribal reservations. In each of the cases, county
6 lines where they could be split elsewhere, an effort
7 should be made to unite the counties, and that is
8 something we're attempting to do wherever possible.
9 Existing Congressional Districts split five counties.
10 The draft split six counties, again reminding you we had
11 to add two existing Congressional Districts.

12 The existing Congressional Districts split
13 13 counties. The current draft map as it stands only
14 split nine counties.

15 The state major communities of interest,
16 tribal reservations were undivided in many cases and
17 unified with other tribal reservations.

18 Hispanic communities of interest were
19 unified, kept together at this stage of the game. We
20 feel this is a very strong interest in the current draft
21 map.

22 And where possible, rural and urban
23 interests were respected and each area kept together.

24 Most interests, by reason of the first
25 round of 24 hearings, are respected.

1 A VOICE: What are AURs?

2 COMMISSIONER HALL: AUR, Arizona Units of
3 Representation. Those were established by us with the
4 help of consultants, and are what you, as citizens,
5 defined, what you as citizens considered to be your
6 units of representation.

7 Proposition 106 did not allow us in the
8 initial phase to consider competition. We're now in
9 this phase trying to consider competition and complying
10 with the final goals of Proposition 106.

11 Here are the draft maps. I'm sure you've
12 seen them. This is a Draft Congressional map. And for
13 the purpose of the draft map, we have labeled each of
14 these districts by a letter in order to not confuse them
15 with the current existing Congressional Districts.
16 Obviously when we go to the final plan they will be
17 numbered appropriately.

18 This is the Draft Congressional map as
19 it's focused in on the Phoenix Metropolitan area. Let
20 me take a second for you to take a look at that.

21 And here is the split of the draft
22 Congressional map in the Tucson Metropolitan area.

23 We also have 30 Legislative Districts on
24 draft map, and here's how they look.

25 This is a statewide view. This is the

1 draft map for the Phoenix Metropolitan area for their
2 Legislative, and here is a draft Legislative area for
3 the Phoenix area.

4 Back up one slide.

5 If you just look at this district, folks,
6 you'll see an adjustment of one line in an effort of
7 realizing we have to maintain equal population
8 throughout the districts, which is like throwing a rock
9 into a pool, and the ripple effect is something that you
10 can easily see. And the challenge is to comply with all
11 the communities of interest, the Voting Right's Act, and
12 still try and respect all the other goals as previously
13 stated and keep equal population. When you make one
14 adjustment to accommodate or maybe suggestion one
15 hearing, rest assured that adjustment may well affect,
16 may well negate the previous adjustments you made.

17 The effort is to try to balance all input
18 to accommodate all interests statewide.

19 We're going to welcome your input here in
20 just a minute as Chairman Lynn identified.

21 Also in your packet you have a citizen
22 input form. We'd welcome it any time you provide input
23 to us, mail to us, call us on the toll free number,
24 provide input to us over the internet, via our website.
25 The address is www.azredistricting.org.

1 We appreciate being here this evening, and
2 I'll turn the time over to the Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Hall, very
4 much. Now I'd like the consultants, National
5 Demographics, to give us a presentation.

6 You'll see this presentation as we see it
7 for the first time. It's a work in progress. This is
8 an update or progress report on issues we previously
9 identified.

10 The northern part of the state has been
11 and continues to be an area of issue for the Commission.
12 What you will see is a presentation that deals
13 substantially with the northern part of the state,
14 including the northern part of the county.

15 I'd like to ask Dr. Adams to lead part of
16 that.

17 DR. ADAMS: Good evening. I'm always
18 happy to see so many people, community people. It
19 gladdens my heart. Whether angry or not, I'm happy to
20 see you, glad to see you get involved.

21 We do have a presentation for you.

22 I should brief you a little bit.

23 On August 17th, the maps Mr. Hall showed
24 you, Commissioner Hall showed you, drafted by the
25 Commission at that time, charged the consultant,

1 National Demographics, to take a look at areas they
2 considered problem areas in the map. One of the areas
3 they considered a problem area was this area.

4 What we'd like to do, what I'd like to ask
5 our senior mapping consultant Doug Johnson to do, is
6 make a presentation of some of those areas.

7 Doug.

8 MR. JOHNSON: I'll try to move around so I
9 don't block everyone's view of the slides so you get a
10 chance to see things.

11 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we have a
12 complete presentation that runs through all the
13 instructions we've been given.

14 As you mentioned, I'll try to run through
15 the initial eight slides that deal with the northern
16 part of the state, including the Yavapai area, and come
17 back to the others as you desire later.

18 Pardon me as I work with the room setup
19 here.

20 As the presentation starts, a quick slide
21 reminding us, it pencils the criteria, the same as
22 Commissioner Hall walked through, and listed key areas.
23 The areas you'll see you are very familiar with. Too
24 many discussions. We looked each of these as we try in
25 the tests.

1 What we tried to do was address those on a
2 regional basis. Also, as Commissioner Hall mentioned,
3 nothing works unless it works on a statewide basis, in
4 the statewide maps, where it fits in. Each map works on
5 a statewide level, to some degree. At the end of the
6 presentation, what we'll do afterwards, is give
7 additional information on competitiveness.

8 The principles Commissioner Hall covered,
9 I'll skip over these.

10 Key areas we've run into both, I'll slide
11 out of the way here, in citizen comments and
12 instructions from the Commission and in our work on the
13 maps, these are key areas. Most are AURs where they are
14 difficult to incorporate the entire AUR because of the
15 layout of the state, population distribution. Each
16 test, this is the issue we looked at. The Northern
17 District, Kingman area, river AUR, Yuma district, the
18 southern district, often referred to as Tohono O'odham,
19 in some respects the border district. Pinal County is a
20 hot topic, Yavapai, EACO, to the Apache reservations as
21 part of EACO. We looked at that.

22 A VOICE: What is EACO?

23 MR. JOHNSON: Eastern Arizona Counties
24 Organization, an AUR which established considerable
25 public support for that hearing there.

1 Apache Junction, the East Valley is
2 included with Maricopa Districts.

3 Options, you don't see the rest of the
4 list here, I'll run through in more detail later.

5 Let me skip forward to the northern part
6 of the state.

7 Paragraph five, key questions for the
8 northern part of the state we looked at, or key areas:
9 The question of the Navajo and Hopi.

10 Essentially what we found, all tests
11 either include Navajo with Hopi or exclude them. It
12 essentially works the same with each plan, changes the
13 native population in the Northern District, goes down
14 3.8 percent in each case. Rather than presenting 16
15 maps, we're just pointing that out.

16 Kingman, the river AUR; Flagstaff also
17 changes throughout the tests; Yavapai is a key concern;
18 and the effect of changes in EACO, all were looked at in
19 each of tests.

20 With that, I'll show you the first map.
21 This is the same as Commissioner Hall just showed you,
22 the adopted draft maps.

23 The Native American percentage in the
24 Northern District is 66 percent. It does not include
25 non-Reservation portions of the Northern District. It

1 respects the EACO AUR borders. It does not include any
2 Flagstaff in that district, either. You'll see how the
3 test changes throughout test.

4 Kingman, the Northern District, the
5 concern we heard, and Prescott Valley, as everyone is
6 aware, is divided into three pieces. EACO, however, is
7 intact.

8 Let me run through the other scenario.
9 This is scenario number two. Again, it has a slightly
10 higher Native American percentage because this scenario
11 moved the Northern District out of Kingman. We've moved
12 the Kingman area out of the Northern District to make up
13 for lost population, moved down, taken parts of
14 Flagstaff north of the freeway down to the area north of
15 Holbrook, but we've not included the City area of
16 Holbrook. Gets up to 68 percent, percentage of Native
17 American up there.

18 Prescott, Verde Valley, Yavapai County, we
19 succeeded as we united maps in Verde Valley with keeping
20 Sedona intact. We preserved keeping that intact in the
21 state. In this test configuration we also managed to
22 unify Prescott Valley. The two valleys were separate
23 from each other in District C, District D. Each valley
24 was intact within itself.

25 It works with EACO remaining intact,

1 removing Kingman from District A.

2 One thing to note in this test, each of
3 these districts, C and D, do extend down to Maricopa
4 County. In order to reach population numbers, we need
5 to take, in Cs case, the Northern Phoenix and Carefree
6 area and, in D's case, get the Buckeye, Surprise area.
7 So that is one scenario.

8 We would welcome any comments people may
9 have on that.

10 The second test we ran, in this case, in
11 the north. Again Kingman is out of the Northern
12 District. We take a portion of Flagstaff north of the
13 freeway, but we take more of northern Navajo. We take
14 in Winslow and portions of Holbrook. That gets us up to
15 69 percent Native American population in that district.

16 Again, in this case we have another test
17 scenario for Yavapai County.

18 Prescott Valley is intact. Verde Valley
19 is intact. However, Sedona is not with Verde Valley in
20 this case. We do split that AUR.

21 The two valleys are combined and some of
22 western Maricopa is taken in here; however, none of the
23 urban Phoenix area cities are included in this case.

24 In this case, the Flagstaff, Sedona
25 District comes down, takes in Gila County, EACO is

1 divided with Gila coming off, takes off part of Gila and
2 Cochise.

3 You are seeing the trade-offs we face in
4 addressing different phases.

5 COMMISSIONER HALL: We just couldn't see
6 the southern boundaries on previous map.

7 MR. JOHNSON: In the southern region area,
8 I have a map that shows that, very briefly, EACO, the
9 green district picks up rural parts of Cochise County,
10 not Sierra, not Douglas, and continues down into eastern
11 Pinal.

12 This is the fourth version of the north,
13 third test we undertook for the Commission.

14 In this case, similar to one you saw
15 earlier in the Yavapai area, again, Prescott Valley is
16 intact, separate from Verde Valley and Sedona. They are
17 united. Prescott Valley has to come down into Maricopa
18 in this configuration, stays with less intrusion into
19 Phoenix.

20 The big difference in this test we ran, we
21 put the Apache Reservation together with the Navajo
22 Reservation with Southwest Coconino County as the
23 bridge. The two approaches can then take, I'll
24 illustrate one very similar, the EACO wraparound, it
25 still includes Gila County, or EACO, which goes around,

1 includes Cochise, and the urban districts, and they end
2 up together.

3 Let me make sure I covered all the points
4 here.

5 In each of the tests Kingman is removed
6 from the Northern District and put in with the river
7 district.

8 Two things to point out with the river
9 area: Mohave, La Paz, and Yuma almost make two complete
10 districts, about 8,000 people short. So really there
11 are three options to pick up the 8,000: Come into
12 Yavapai County, which you saw in adopted maps; up north;
13 come in further south, take not part of Prescott Valley
14 but western portions of Yavapai and Maricopa; or do as
15 shown in this map where Yuma's district comes across,
16 picks up Gila Bend and the Ajo areas.

17 I believe that is the last test.

18 Yes.

19 So those are the four scenarios that we
20 have run in an attempt to run, blend different
21 instructions in.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

23 Without objection, we'd like to move to
24 the public hearing portion of the evening.

25 Ladies and gentlemen, this is the portion

1 of the meeting, if I may have your attention, this is
2 the portion of the meeting where we ask for public
3 input.

4 We have a number of people who have
5 already signed up to speak. If you have not yet signed
6 up to speak, I ask you please to do so. Staff will
7 provide you with a yellow sheet that will give us an
8 opportunity to know who wishes to speak, and we can keep
9 the speakers in order.

10 Because we have a tremendous number of
11 people wishing to speak this evening, I ask two things:
12 First, if you have written comments and can share those
13 written comments with us, we would appreciate written
14 comments, making those part of the record, asking you
15 instead to summarize those comments for us, if you
16 would, rather than reading the entire statement.

17 The second thing I ask, in deference to
18 your neighbors that have come this evening to speak, I'd
19 ask, if possible, you keep your remarks initially to
20 about three minutes each, that if. Then, at the end of
21 the evening, if there is additional time and you have
22 additional comments, we would be happy to ask you back
23 to podium to make additional comments at that time.
24 Again, we'll not put a stopwatch on you to keep you to
25 time. In deference to your neighbors, we'll try get as

1 many comments in tonight as we could.

2 The last thing I ask, as I said before, we
3 are still going through a work in progress. As you can
4 see, there are four more tests that have been done on
5 scenarios different from the draft map as you currently
6 see it that involve Yavapai County. To the extent that
7 any or all of those tests serve your needs, meet your
8 needs better than the draft map, and you can refer to
9 those in your comments, specifically one over the other,
10 if possible, we would appreciate those comments as well.
11 It would give us a opportunity to study the ones that
12 make sense more closely.

13 With that, a number of people asked us to
14 speak. Again, I'll apologize for any name I will
15 mispronounce. There will be some.

16 First speaker this evening is Sanford
17 Cohen, President of the Prescott Valley Chamber and
18 Prescott Open Trails Downtown Prescott Association.

19 Mr. Cohen.

20 MR. COHEN: Sanford Cohen, S A N F O R D,
21 C O H E N.

22 Ladies and gentlemen, I want to first of
23 all say there's not one person in this room that doesn't
24 envy the huge task you have in front of you in trying to
25 make this work and trying to please as many people as

1 possible.

2 I would like to give you a very quick
3 geography lesson about the Prescott Valley. Prescott
4 Valley is a separate community from Prescott and
5 collectively we're known as the Prescott Tri-City area,
6 Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley, and the
7 Prescott tribes. If, in the future, maps use that
8 rather than the Prescott Valley area, you won't have as
9 many people snickering when making presentation.

10 There are a couple points I want to make
11 first and foremost. The draft map I see has two very
12 huge liabilities in it. I don't particularly have the
13 knowledge with which to solve the problem. I certainly
14 know how to identify the problem, however. First and
15 foremost, you are, in this draft, you are putting
16 together an area in Mohave County which has
17 traditionally been separate representationwise. In
18 return, you are taking an area that has been united
19 representationwise and breaking it up.

20 Secondly, if you were to look at the City
21 of Flagstaff and the ability to divide that city, the
22 advantage of that is the City of Flagstaff though
23 divided would still have one central city government,
24 and so there will be still some ability to manage the
25 affairs in Flagstaff even though that district may be

1 split up.

2 In Yavapai County, however, specifically
3 the Prescott Tri-City area, you have basically condemned
4 us for the next 10 years to being nothing more than an
5 afterthought in state and federal politics.

6 The way in which we're divided up with
7 Prescott being a small part of a very large Mohave
8 County, Prescott Valley being in a very large Flagstaff
9 district, places like Prescott Country Club and
10 Dewey-Humboldt being swallowed up by Maricopa County, I
11 can't tell you how much that scarce me personally. It
12 Certainly will affect us for the next 10 years, if not
13 for a greater period of time, the efforts that have been
14 undergone here to have a Tri-City strategy here in the
15 Prescott area.

16 I can tell you as president of the
17 Prescott Valley Chamber we have been working with the
18 other chambers to unite and we have developed a lot of
19 dialogue regarding issues that are, you know, similar in
20 nature.

21 The Prescott Active Water Management, if
22 we break up the two State Legislators, have six managers
23 argue over it, we'll die of thirst while they figure it
24 out.

25 What I suggest is as you revise these maps

1 and go forward, keeping the Tri-City area together
2 should be a much higher priority than what you've made
3 it in this draft map.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Cohen, very
7 much.

8 What I'd like to do is continue to call
9 names. To use a baseball metaphor, we'll have someone
10 up and someone on deck, to move along as rapidly as
11 possible.

12 Supervisor Brownlow, following that Mayor
13 Rick Killingsworth.

14 SUPERVISOR BROWNLOW: Thank you, Chairman.
15 I'd like remind you tonight, Prescott was the first
16 capitol in Arizona. Sam Steiger picks up rumors. He
17 probably was there. Thank you.

18 We are a proud community up here, sort of
19 like this map you presented here, like a family fight
20 among themselves. Someone outside attacks them, it
21 pulls them together. That's what you've done, pulled us
22 together. We have a letter here. My thoughts sum it
23 up. We have a lot of publicity on our thoughts. Let me
24 throw out a few things here to the Tri-City area
25 tonight.

1 The Tri-City area was designated as the
2 fastest growing area two years ago. We have so many
3 unincorporated areas, we don't have water
4 infrastructure. Most of the wells in Yavapai County,
5 the rest of state, water is big issue up here.

6 I'd like to tell you in the Tri-City area
7 we've got -- now have been mandated to go to the NPO,
8 Metropolitan Planning Organization. In the Tri-city
9 area, we'll be doing that.

10 This coming Saturday, for the first time,
11 the State of Arizona, the county and state, will be
12 opening up a highway we built together with county funds
13 and state funds. No other county in State of Arizona
14 has done that, connected two of the three Tri-City areas
15 together, Chino, Prescott Valley, and Prescott together.

16 We are holding talks now for a Tri-City
17 communication center where the fire departments, police
18 station, police, sheriffs will try to go together with
19 the -- a joint communication station.

20 As you know, there's five or six AMAs in
21 the State of Arizona. We are the only AMA that got
22 slapped with drawn-down water. As you all know, other
23 AMAs has drawdown legislation, and they haven't jumped
24 up and said that. That has pulled us together.

25 If you look at a map of Prescott, the AMA,

1 I think that would make a great district for us and keep
2 us together to try to work through this AMA situation
3 we're going through right now.

4 With that, I'll leave this over here.

5 Thank you. And I bet you next time they
6 ask for volunteers you won't jump up and raise your
7 hand.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Before you get away, could
9 you essentially give us the boundaries of the Tri-City
10 area?

11 SUPERVISOR BROWNLOW: Yes, sir. The city
12 governments is Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, Prescott.
13 Outlying is Dewey-Humboldt, which is growing by leaps
14 and bounds in the state there.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: All ganging up against
16 Maricopa?

17 SUPERVISOR BROWNLOW: Prescott and
18 Prescott Valley.

19 We do have maps to turn over. We have the
20 most sophisticated MIS department in the state, and we'd
21 be glad to assist you.

22 C H E R A L, B R O W N L O W.

23 We'll tell you, we're showing a drawing up
24 of three areas. We contract with NASA. We have it in
25 the computers, if you'd like to see it.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker is Rick
2 Killingsworth, followed by our host.

3 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: Rick Killingsworth,
4 K I L L I N G S W O R T H. I've been Mayor of Prescott
5 Valley, sat on the Council of Prescott Valley for 13
6 years. For those 13 years I've been a active part
7 working to unite the Yavapai County area, but mainly the
8 Tri-City areas.

9 What you have done with your draft map has
10 taken my 13 years of office and basically thrown it out
11 the door, because now you have taken the Tri-City areas,
12 and you have put us in three districts where none of
13 those districts with any of our towns or cities have a
14 word in the Legislative even where to small of an entity
15 would be important to Maricopa or the larger side of the
16 Flagstaff area you're trying to put Prescott Valley in.

17 We'd ask you really do look at the
18 changing of the maps.

19 I was really encouraged by your counsel's
20 changing of what they did tonight. We really felt that
21 the first map, first time around, really was a map that
22 showed what we were trying to get to. At that first go
23 around, we felt that Yavapai County kind of made a
24 statement by not making too much statements, because we
25 really did like where we were getting.

1 I think what you'll find, Yavapai would
2 first like to stay as an entity by itself. If we can't,
3 if we can't, I'm encouraged by Number 4, or Number 3.
4 And it's amazing that Number 3, and again, I've spent a
5 lot of time with one of my counsel and some of our staff
6 on trying to put together these maps. So for all of you
7 that have been working with us, my heart is out to you,
8 because we got to the point of frustration trying to put
9 everything together into that. So really the job you
10 are doing is a tough job. We just hope you listen to us
11 a little bit in this one.

12 I have a map which is strangely pretty
13 much like Number 3. In this map, if you --

14 Want me to hand it out to you?

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Please. If you have
16 copies.

17 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: In this map, if you
18 can then go back to your Number 3, you'll see this map
19 almost is the same. We have changed maybe a little bit
20 which you have gone further to the south in Number 3
21 than, mainly I think you went more to the south to get
22 to population with it. This map you see allows Sedona,
23 a big part to go with the big park side they openly
24 requested they would like to do. We in that map show we
25 would like to do, pull in Williams. Williams stated

1 they don't have a problem which side they're going to go
2 with. Also, pulling in Wickenburg, you pulled in more
3 of that down to that south side.

4 With the map that you have in your hands,
5 you are going to see that the population there would be
6 1,000 -- 167,962 population, which would be a deviation
7 of minus 1.79. That does pretty much meet what you are
8 trying to get to. With your map of 3, I don't think any
9 of us would have a problem with the further south side
10 because of the likeliness of what we're pulling in
11 there, we can be an advocate for that, too.

12 With the Tri-City side, as you heard from
13 the first two speakers, and you'll hear all through the
14 night, we've worked so hard all through the years to
15 bring about something in Yavapai County that has taken a
16 long, long time. We're now at the threshold of really
17 bringing that about. We hope you as Commissioners
18 recognize the efforts we've put into it.

19 It's the water, but not only the water.
20 You'll find everything going on up here in the Tri-City
21 areas is really groundbreaking from the state. People
22 are coming from all over the state to find out how we do
23 things in the Tri-City areas, not only do them, make
24 them happen, and work for people in our area.

25 I hope you'll look at that as a Commission

1 and keep us together, as much of Yavapai County as you
2 can, with the map I've given you so maybe in future the
3 Yavapai County can truly be a leader for the state to
4 show how something can happen if you unite. That's a
5 key factor for Yavapai. If we unite, if we have to be,
6 we'd accept number 4 in mapping only if that side of the
7 valley, Verde Valley, Cottonwood, in that area, want to
8 fight so hard, want to fight so hard they want to be
9 that way. We'd accept that. It does keep our side
10 intact, does keep that unity we're really working on
11 over here. We'd hope that side wouldn't want to do
12 that. We'd hope they'd want to stay with the efforts
13 they've put into -- efforts we've put into the Tri-City
14 area.

15 When listening to us, I don't think you'll
16 find anybody in this area that, first, wouldn't have a
17 problem going with Number 3. If everybody looked at
18 that map and saw what it was, it's going to unite most
19 of the people in this room you are going to here
20 tonight. Two, I think number four could solve a lot of
21 problems if Number 3 can't work.

22 Again, we would ask that only if that is
23 what that side of Yavapai County would like to do.

24 And I thank you for the opportunity.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mayor

1 Killingsworth.

2 Mr. Elder.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I'd like to ask two,
4 maybe three questions. Is the Cottonwood, Camp Verde
5 area in the AMA here?

6 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: No.

7 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I didn't know if it
8 included Camp Verde as well in the AMA.

9 Second, I look for the glue that holds
10 communities together, a communication system looking to
11 be integrated for the public cities together, Tri-City
12 broad health care delivery --

13 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: The major hospital
14 sits here in town, the City of Prescott. Also, by the
15 year 2006, Yavapai Regional, will be building a new
16 hospital within Prescott Valley and will also hold out
17 and are holding small, little units within all of our
18 towns. So they are our number one.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Educationwise, one
20 big district or separate?

21 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: The Prescott
22 Humboldt District and Chino Valley, with those three,
23 we've found, as we found with others, uniting those
24 together work, to work with other things first and
25 foremost, found with fire departments, found with police

1 departments, when we unite, we save tax dollars, a huge
2 amount of money on school districts when we start
3 together to do that.

4 COMMISSIONER ELDER: I come from TUSD. We
5 like to divide up, if at all possible.

6 MAYOR KILLINGSWORTH: That's where we try
7 to catch people. We think uniting helps.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mayor Killingsworth, thank
9 you very much.

10 The next speaker I think speaking in that
11 chair, the Chair may have been moved, the Mayor of
12 Prescott, Sam Steiger.

13 MAYOR STEIGER: I want to thank you folks
14 for being here. I can say honestly, there was a little
15 unrest before you came up. I also want to congratulate
16 you on being able to acquire the services of Adolfo.
17 I'll tell you, I've known him, I won't say how long,
18 because he's a young man. I always thought he was
19 smarter than that.

20 I'm delighted, feel very comfortable he's
21 where he is.

22 I want to make it, stress what Mayor
23 Killingsworth said. The map he's offered you is a map
24 that I believe everybody in the county can support. And
25 again, it isn't, I recognize you must run into parochial

1 natures all the time. You've Now reached the point
2 where you are sick of hearing them. But, you know, the
3 tradition of Tucson hates Phoenix, Havasu hates Kingman,
4 Verde hates Prescott, that's a given. The fact is, I
5 know you'll find to believe, Mayor Killingsworth and I
6 have occasionally disagreed. But I will tell you
7 absolutely that he hit the nail right on the head when
8 he said, and you need to take this away with you if
9 don't take anything else, "The Tri-City area is a unit."
10 It is truly a unit, a unit not only in the ways
11 Mr. Brownlow shared with you, with communications,
12 common transportation solutions, we're looking, we have
13 a water advisory group that includes the Verde Valley in
14 order to consult on water. This is a genuinely cohesive
15 unit already. You really need to understand that.

16 And the lack of equity -- not lack of
17 equity, but the lack of reasonableness in splitting that
18 group up is really a mark of the fact that you brought
19 in people from California to do the work. I couldn't
20 resist.

21 But I will tell you that you are looking
22 for solutions. I think Mayor Killingsworth and friends
23 have come up with a great solution. Failing that, I
24 agree with completely 4 would serve the Tri-City area.
25 And failing that, no -- 2 would be the number three

1 choice, I believe, of everybody here, if they understood
2 it. But clearly Mayor Killingsworth is offering his
3 one. 3 would be two, Number 3 of yours would be two, 4
4 would be three, and so forth.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mayor Steiger, the
6 frightening thing is I understood that.

7 MAYOR STEIGER: I agree with the speaker
8 that said I assume this job has broken you of
9 volunteering in the future.

10 Again, on behalf of everybody here, I do
11 want to thank you for your service.

12 Again, I think you are a little demented,
13 but I want to thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Having that demented
16 comment come from you, even those that have made the
17 same comments before on your behalf, I take as great
18 compliment. I mean that sincerely.

19 COMMISSIONER ELDER: And he's the
20 independent.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is Lou
22 Smith. Mr. Smith will be followed by Kent Jones.

23 MR. SMITH: Lou, L O U, Smith, traditional
24 way.

25 As a certified voting geezer, I too was

1 lulled into complacency. In the local media, Yavapai is
2 one of the complete ideal units, the right population
3 mix, right geographic. I sat on my blip and didn't come
4 protest anything. And then what happened? I felt
5 blindsided like after a high school football game.

6 I'm very much opposed to anything that
7 breaks Yavapai County up. All I want is everything,
8 Yavapai County.

9 Mayor Killingsworth, just what Gene
10 Dickson said before whatever: Don't giveaway that what
11 isn't yours to give away.

12 Yavapai County, Yavapai County, that's
13 what we need. You indicated, Mr. Chairman, this is in
14 the progress in of construction. As far as Yavapai
15 County, it's in the progress of destruction, being
16 destroyed, hand-tied. Our voice will not be heard.
17 We'll wander for a decade in the wilderness. In the
18 meantime, we'll find out from those, them that be down
19 south have taken all the possibilities for us for future
20 growth.

21 As far as the Congressional District
22 you've saddled us with, good heavens, it's worse than
23 the gerrymandering in Georgia now. We know how horrible
24 the way that is. It isn't logical for a single
25 individual to represent that massive geographic area.

1 It's got to have some reason to that.

2 I look and you say: Oh, well, we have the
3 Indian tribes there. Look back at the proposition,
4 where in there do you find social engineering, one that
5 mandates people voted for the Voting Rights Act? Maybe
6 the Voting Rights Act would have something to do with
7 Congressional seats, but the reality is I'm a believer
8 in the 10th Amendment to the Constitution, since the
9 Constitution didn't give the federal government the
10 right to tell us how to redistrict the Legislative
11 Districts, then, bingo, I don't have to worry about the
12 social engineering which has it's origin.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. SMITH: My wife was to tell me when my
15 three minutes was up.

16 Tying such a large, massive group
17 together, even if you had a private airplane ala
18 Governor Hall, you can't service such a large area.

19 I do appreciate the Commission in the past
20 has been told rural organizations do want to be tied
21 together. To be tied together, to be hung together
22 isn't what we're after. We want to have like thinking
23 things.

24 Last thing. As far as the federal
25 government is concerned, recognizing the demographics of

1 this area, Robert's Road and Highway 69 is considered
2 the exact center as far as the labor pool that is drawn
3 from, as far as the market forces there, and low and
4 behold the people that have given you guidance on this
5 have sort of decided that's the center point for the
6 bomb and we'll split everything apart from there.

7 Yavapai County is my first and most strong
8 desire. Number 3 is the least offensive but is still
9 not palatable.

10 Yavapai County as one unit, por favor,
11 please.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Kenton Jones
13 followed by Rudy Boydens.

14 MR. JONES: Kenton Jones, K E N T O N,
15 J O N E S.

16 Unlike Lou, I didn't sit on my blip last
17 time you were here. I do understand why everyone did.
18 It's oft quoted, we were happy, content, and allowed
19 status the quote to be maintained. I applauded the
20 Commission, referred to us as the poster child for what
21 the IRC should do in creation of redistricting maps.

22 I've decided maybe applauding you wasn't
23 the appropriate thing to do.

24 We heard the issue on the Legislative
25 Districts, and I can't remember, Gerald said you brought

1 a lot different of interests. Families fight united on
2 issues. I'll tell you one thing, you have both the
3 Democrats and Republicans on this end. And that one
4 goes in the record books.

5 I guess for a frame of fairness, to quote
6 a Republican, Paul Eckstein, I'm sorry, Democrat.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I thought you were making
8 news this evening.

9 MR. JONES: I was going to say, I don't
10 think Paul is the one that jumped.

11 I know Paul Eckstein is legal counsel for
12 the Democratic Party in the state and has come out and
13 basically said what Mr. Smith said. And I thank Lou for
14 creating separation between me and our Mayor. One thing
15 Paul was real direct on, it will be an absolutely
16 unmanageable, unwieldy, unrepresentable Congressional
17 District.

18 We, we are looking at a situation where
19 we'll have single Congressman that represents us, if he
20 goes through three-fifths of the land mass of the State
21 of Arizona.

22 I understand the notion of having a rural
23 Congressional District. But that's almost becoming a
24 euphemism of denying representation.

25 Talking about the need for rural areas

1 becoming -- representing such land a mass, there is such
2 disparate interests, whatever area comes out of that
3 forced area will create a supportive base as a body to
4 continue to reelect him, and will almost do that to the
5 exclusion of the rest of Congressional District. He
6 can't represent that district.

7 Of course, to figure out what in the world
8 anybody was thinking about for a massive district, I
9 went back to 106. 106, creation of Congressional
10 Districts same as Legislative Districts. 106 says
11 geographically compact. Now, three-fifths of the land
12 mass of this state is not geographically compact.

13 What I have to believe is the
14 Congressional District actually should have allowed for
15 representation. That doesn't happen with this.

16 The issue of communities of interest
17 astounds me in the notion you approve this Congressional
18 District stating it met the requirement of 106 for
19 communities of interest. Whatever in the world you were
20 convinced of to think that the towns in the white
21 mountains and the agricultural interests in the eastern
22 part of the state in common with the river and cities
23 retirement parts of the state is astounding to me.
24 Those interests are disparate, different, different
25 issues, different concerns.

1 Like I said before, whatever portion of
2 the Congressional District the person is elected out of
3 will exclude interests on the other, literally the far
4 side of the state they represent as well.

5 It is possible to come up with a map,
6 Congressional District map, that allows for interests in
7 this state to be addressed. It is possible to come up
8 with a district that maintains rural interests, the
9 rural interests of western Arizona, counties of Yavapai,
10 western Maricopa, and whatever remains from the western
11 Maricopa area, the population edge of the rural counties
12 which gives effectively the rural district an urban
13 flavor, creates a manageable Congressional District. It
14 is possible to do that.

15 We know it is possible to do that. That's
16 attested to by no less than our own consultants.

17 The reason the group did not appear,
18 Mr. Hall was good enough to come up and meet with us.
19 We were happy with the consultants' map, the map that
20 started in the center of the state, came down the
21 western edge of the Navajo Nation. That can be done.
22 There is no reason to put this county and this part of
23 the state through the sort of Congressional
24 redistricting that requires they basically forfeit their
25 Congressional representation. It can be done, must be

1 done.

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Jones, one question,
5 sir, please.

6 Granted that it can be done, in fact the
7 current districts do something similar in the sense that
8 for population purposes, Maricopa County is used
9 extensively to populate various districts around the
10 state.

11 MR. JONES: We understand why that is
12 required.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I want to be clear, want
14 your comments clear on the record. If I understood your
15 comments, what you are saying is that a district that
16 has a rural flavor but may not be dominated or
17 influenced heavily by population from Maricopa County in
18 your mind is preferable to the district drawn.

19 MR. JONES: Absolutely, unequivocally,
20 even if you approach the people that have taken the
21 Legislative maps. There are things they can live with,
22 things we can't live with. We'll never have access to a
23 Congressman that is literally clear across the entire
24 extent of the state.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

1 Rudy Boydens is the next speaker, Rudy
2 followed by Paul Pointer.

3 MR. BOYDENS: R U D Y, B O Y D E N S.

4 A couple questions. I'm a property owner
5 along Highway 69. Maybe I don't need to be here. I'm
6 wondering are they going to break up Yavapai County? If
7 I live on the other side of Maricopa, I'm going to
8 become part of Yavapai County?

9 COMMISSIONER ELDER: The County doesn't
10 change.

11 MR. BOYDENS: The County doesn't change,
12 representation changes. I live along Highway 69. I
13 like my representation with the Tri-City area. I own a
14 business there. Whatever happens, I come to this area.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

16 Next speaker, Paul Pointer followed by
17 Dawn Knight.

18 MR. POINTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
19 Honorable Commissioners, staff.

20 I'm excited about the opportunity to be
21 here. I'm here because last March I was asked by
22 Representative Henry Camarot to see if we could figure
23 out districts, rural districts, that were maybe a little
24 competitive. You can see by the short talk why I'm
25 saying that.

1 I appreciate all the effort that went into
2 the maps shown. A lot of people spent a lot of hours on
3 that. I spent a lot of hours on the alternative map I
4 want to submit tonight. I want to present the following
5 objections to the proposed maps: One, Congressional
6 District C, we talked about before, I guess a
7 duplication here. Congressional District C, all of
8 Northern Arizona, most of Eastern Arizona, is too large
9 and geographically widespread for any one person to
10 effectively represent.

11 Number two, no proposed Congressional
12 District contains residents with more than one
13 incumbent. Paragraph 15 of 106 states places of
14 residence of incumbents and candidates shall not be
15 identified or considered. Is this a coincidence?

16 Number three --

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Let me answer that
18 question. Yes. Because they were not considered, have
19 not been considered, and will not be considered. I want
20 to make that clear on the record. That was coincidence.

21 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'd like to also
22 had add I do not believe statement is true. I also read
23 the newspapers. I don't believe it is correct. I
24 believe that there are two Congress people in one
25 particular district currently.

1 MR. POINTER: Thank you.

2 A VOICE: That means you know where Bob
3 Stump lives.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'm not sure Bob
5 Stump knows where Bob Stump lives.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Sorry, sir. I didn't mean
7 to interrupt. If you'd continue.

8 MR. POINTER: Number three, I'd point to
9 objections to the proposed Legislative Districts. They
10 are not geographically compact, do not consider
11 communities of in interest all cases, such as you heard
12 this evening. They are not competitive. Boundary lines
13 do not consider geographical features of rural
14 districts. Do they have to be drawn as proposed?
15 Absolutely not. Everybody has heard about that by now.

16 I'm submitting a map which much more
17 closely meets the goals of 106, at least in my opinion,
18 and combines 11 rural counties, six Legislative
19 Districts, without any districts including any part of
20 the Phoenix area. None are as ridiculously strung out
21 as the Commission's A, from the Four Corners in the
22 northeastern corner, through Nevada in the west. I've
23 submitted the map. It does not divide communities of
24 interest, Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and
25 Maricopa.

1 Yes, the Commission map accomplished
2 uniting Republicans and Democrats in hating the map.
3 Yavapains would like to say it set out numbers of
4 Democrats 1.9 to 1 in this county, and that is not
5 competitive. Combining Yavapai mostly reduces the ratio
6 from one quarter to one, which at least is a lot better.

7 I respectfully request you consider the
8 map hereby submitted.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, sir.

10 May I ask a question about the map? Is
11 the map for only a portion of the state or is it a map
12 of all 30 Legislative Districts?

13 MR. POINTER: 11 counties. The other
14 part, the Tucson Phoenix area, that's not our problem.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.
16 We'll take it.

17 The next speaker, Dawn Knight, followed by
18 Malcomb Barrett.

19 Ms. Knight.

20 MS. KNIGHT: Good evening and thank you
21 for coming and listening to our concerns. Everything
22 said before I agree with, especially Paul Pointer's map
23 and with his remarks.

24 I've been working on that same committee
25 trying to get everything organized so that we will have

1 compatible districts and also competitive districts.
2 Last time you came up to the hearing I did offer a map
3 that had part of Yavapai and part of Gila, or most of
4 Yavapai, most of Gila, made it very competitive. After
5 that, Yavapai County split up.

6 I agree the Tri-Cities should be left
7 together, because we are a working entity, and I have
8 seen so much good come out of all of the Commissions and
9 the meetings that have been done, the water and the
10 roads and all the hospital care and the police men
11 working together, and so forth.

12 I would also like to make a point that we
13 need to have interests. That was one of the goals. We
14 have to have common interests in our districts. And
15 when the one published, not the ones they came up, I
16 didn't really get a chance to study them, but they
17 looked a lot better. But I would like to keep most of
18 Yavapai together and maybe try to get in some of the
19 other areas to make this more competitive.

20 I'm sure when people voted for this
21 Proposition 106, a lot of the people who voted yes for
22 it voted thinking that it would be better districts and
23 more competitive so people would have a chance to run
24 for election and maybe get elected.

25 Thank you very much for coming.

1 MR. BARRETT: I have a transparency to
2 show, a map.

3 Malcomb Barrett. Stand by. M A L C O L M,
4 B A R R E T T, resident of the Tri-City community and
5 owner of a small business, also Chairman, First Vice
6 Chairman of the Republican party.

7 I'll comment first on the Congressional
8 District, some complaints on the district being too, too
9 big, being a relative term.

10 States like Alaska, Wyoming, they never
11 have only one Congressman today. Although the largest
12 CCs, this rural district is rural, keeping with the
13 goals of Prop 106, as much as practical.

14 It is important to note this Congressional
15 District is the most competitive of all the new
16 districts. We have no problems with the Congressional
17 District as it's configured now. I do, however, have
18 great consternation with the Legislative maps which have
19 split into the Prescott Tri-City community.

20 One of the problems is not to use visible
21 geographic features has had no application for this goal
22 in establishing these maps. Tri-City is easily, I'd
23 use, go to the topographical map, use the Mountains
24 East-West North-South to form the boundaries. The Verde
25 Valley, Sedona community can be divided likewise in

1 fashion. These distinctions result in a divided
2 community relating to the Congress transportation water
3 schools.

4 I urge the Commission to reconsider the
5 break-up of the Prescott Tri-City community.

6 Having said that, I do have a proposed map
7 which only involves changing the numbers in the current
8 map and the map to the north. The current map to the
9 south is unchanged. If those in the audience and on the
10 Commission wish to look at the current map you were
11 handed out, I will point out the new map, I'm going to
12 point right here to Prescott, if we follow this District
13 to this point, the old district went up to that point,
14 and that was the extent of this so-called District 29.
15 The new district, as we have outlined it, expands 29 to
16 continue to the west along I-40 across to Bullhead City.
17 It goes south and picks up I-40 here, goes through no
18 man's land here in Yavapai County.

19 The major differences in this map and your
20 maps are that this map includes Prescott Valley with the
21 Tri-Cities, and it forms a new boundary at Bullhead City
22 consistent with the current boundary of Bullhead City.

23 I have two other transparencies to show
24 what I'm talking about, two other boundaries west, our
25 district being I-40 going up to Bullhead City here, the

1 north district, taking this territory, what is in the
2 current map. I show the Prescott Valley.

3 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Mr. Barrett, is
4 Kingman being excluded?

5 MR. BARRETT: Kingman is not touched,
6 doesn't change from the current district. It only
7 involves two districts.

8 Here, the district in the Tri-City areas
9 you see, Highway 89, the airport part incorporated
10 Prescott in the current map, the Chino Valley city
11 limits is also included. Over here, the big change,
12 take in the city limits of Prescott Valley. This would
13 include all Prescott Valley into our district. These
14 changes are consistent with 106: Population,
15 demographic numbers are relatively the same.

16 I'll provide the Commission detailed
17 numeric data and maps.

18 I thank you for your participation. I
19 must say that more than ever you must appreciate the
20 axiom that no good deed goes unpunished.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Barrett, some
23 questions.

24 Mr. Hall.

25 COMMISSIONER HALL: Mr. Barrett, does the

1 Northern District stay the same in your current draft?

2 MR. BARRETT: The Northern District is the
3 one that included Prescott Valley previously? I only
4 changed two districts. The far Northern District has
5 not changed at all.

6 COMMISSIONER HALL: Changed from the
7 existing Legislative --

8 MR. BARRETT: The last proposal. Changes
9 from the latest proposal only involve two districts.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Barrett.

11 Any materials you can make available to us
12 is appreciated.

13 Next speaker is Lucy Mason. I know I'll
14 mispronounce this name, after Ms. Mason, Sidney
15 Moglewer.

16 Then what we'll do after those two
17 speakers, because our public stenographer then needs to
18 get the blood back to her fingers, we'll try to take a
19 brief 10-minute break after the next to speakers.

20 Ms. Mason.

21 MS. MASON: I appreciate seeing all the
22 speakers and the work over the last two months. I'm
23 Lucy Mason, L U C Y, M A S O N.

24 I'm a former councilmember to the City of
25 Prescott. In that capacity I served as the water

1 liaison for Ball State Regional and the water issues to
2 the Council.

3 I'm here to talk to you today about my
4 concerns, my very serious concerns, about water issues
5 within the Tri-City area. I wanted to explain, you
6 already heard a little bit about the AMA, Active
7 Management Area.

8 There are five Active Management Areas
9 within the state. We are the sole, the only Active
10 Management Area in all of Northern Arizona. Now, we
11 were talking about how that, you are looking for the
12 glue that holds communities together. This is, defines
13 glue that holds the Tri-City area together. We have
14 many issues, as you well know, that bind us, not only
15 economic, not only about transportation and roads,
16 education, tourism, but they are about water. The AMA
17 we have here in Prescott area is literally, if you take
18 a geological circle that kind of follows the area,
19 follows lines, geographical, geographical lines around
20 our area, it's almost a circle. And it is geological in
21 nature, almost a circle, and it closes in our Tri-City
22 area.

23 We have very serious ramifications from
24 the divisions that have happened from this Last map.
25 I'm here only using brevity to make my points, and it is

1 by dividing the three economically linked cities and
2 Prescott AMA, it becomes devastating to how we do
3 business, how we conduct education, how our roads are
4 built.

5 Dividing our voices sets up an impossible
6 scenario. I'd ask you to allow this very vital Tri-City
7 area to stay together. I ask you to allow us to be
8 represented together. I ask you to allow us to work
9 together, to solve and find solutions for the sometimes
10 complex issues that we have and sometimes tough issues
11 that we have.

12 Each city, as you understand and tour the
13 area, each of our three cities brings a vital component.
14 We're very different from each other, but we each bring
15 an important component Tri-City area.

16 I'm asking you to please reconsider these
17 divisions. And I do see and just saw you have made some
18 stabs at that. And personally, your version three or
19 four start to address that.

20 So I see you are working for us and trying
21 to come up with a solution. I do appreciate that.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Mason.

23 The next speaker, last speaker for this
24 first session, Mr. Sidney Moglewer.

25 MR. MOGLEWER: Sidney Moglewer,

1 M O G L E W E R, Sidney.

2 I'll talk about Congressional
3 redistricting.

4 The results of the proposed
5 redistricting by this Commission do not meet accepted
6 standards of fairness. The Commission has not
7 adequately recognized that redistricting is a tradeoff
8 between the political interest and the public interest.
9 Instead, the preliminary maps show many safe districts
10 that benefit the political interest at the expense of
11 the public interest.

12 Much analytical work over the past 30
13 years has identified fair division to be composed of
14 three basic elements: efficiency, equitability, and
15 envyness.

16 Redistricting efficiency refers to
17 insuring that districts have approximately the same
18 population and meet the requirements of Prop 106 and
19 federal antidiscrimination requirements. Equitability
20 for the public interest simply means that every
21 citizen's vote has the same power of the vote as much as
22 possible to elect officials. For the entire state this
23 would imply optimizing the total power of the vote
24 across the state.

25 Competitive districts would be necessary

1 to accomplish this since safe districts negate minority
2 party voters and thus they have negligible power. Party
3 registration must be considered in order to have
4 meaningful equitability.

5 And envyfree means that neither
6 Republicans nor Democrats feel they have been taken
7 advantage of by the process.

8 The Commission has focused on efficiency
9 while protecting incumbents. They have failed on the
10 other two measures of fairness. By creating safe
11 districts, the minority party members in competitive
12 districts are in favor of the political interests of the
13 incumbents. And too many political leaders in this
14 state are not envyfree.

15 The proposed districts by this Commission
16 are thus not fair to the degree possible. And fairness
17 is essential for public acceptance. The proposed
18 Congressional Districts by the Commission have seven of
19 the eight districts going into Maricopa County.

20 Attached is my suggestion for a more
21 competitive alignment. There would be three rural
22 districts that do not go into Maricopa County. All
23 three of these districts are competitive. Only two
24 counties outside of Maricopa would be split into more
25 than one district, Pima and Pinal. This alignment would

1 still meet the standards of efficiency and be more
2 equitable than the Commission's proposal. Thus it would
3 be fairer. Legislative Districts could be drawn from
4 completely within these Congressional Districts and
5 avoid the current abomination. This is the State of
6 Arizona, not the State of Maricopa.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We have copies of your
8 material. Thank you.

9 At this point, let's keep to a 10-minute
10 break.

11 Thank you very much.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was taken from
13 7:57 p.m. until approximately 8:17 p.m.)

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ladies and gentlemen, if
15 you'll take your seats, we'll take our seats.

16 Ladies and gentlemen, there has been a
17 request, we have so many speakers, if you'll take your
18 seats, so you can give us the benefit of your thoughts
19 on alternatives as well as the draft maps.

20 Mr. Johnson, if you go through the
21 alternatives again and kind of briefly summarize the
22 features of each.

23 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I believe -- I
24 think they are dimming the lights.

25 A VOICE: There's a light switch right

1 underneath that seat, Mr. Elder.

2 MR. JOHNSON: I believe everyone fairly
3 familiar with the adopted map, essentially number one.

4 Number two, a two-way division of the
5 county, keeps the Verde division, the Tri-City area
6 together. Each of the districts extends southward,
7 takes in a considerable portion of the Phoenix area.

8 Number three, a nearly united Yavapai
9 County, excludes Sedona and takes in, as you see, the
10 rural western portion of Maricopa County, not any of the
11 cities in the Phoenix county.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Doug, excuse me.
13 Two adjacent, are the districts the same color?

14 DR. ADAMS: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Use the laser and
16 outline the boundary.

17 COMMISSIONER HALL: Here.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Here we go. Yeah, the
19 projector blends colors a bit.

20 One district line comes along the dark
21 stripe here. The other district line, right along the
22 county lines going in here.

23 So Mohave, B, extends here into La Paz. C
24 extends northward, takes in a bit of Coconino, takes in
25 the western portion of Maricopa. Sedona with Flagstaff

1 and Gila County.

2 And the last option is number four we
3 presented. This, again, each, Verde Valley and Sedona
4 area together. The Tri-City area is together with the
5 two parts separated, Yavapai County is separated, but
6 slightly different and smaller portions of Maricopa
7 County would complete each of those districts.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

9 The next Speaker is Russell St. Pierre,
10 Vice Mayor of Chino and Mayer. Russell St. Pierre is
11 followed by Glenn right.

12 Vice Mayor, St. Pierre?

13 VICE MAYOR ST. PIERRE: Here.

14 DR. ADAMS: Thank you.

15 MR. PIERRE: Russ, R U S S, St. Pierre,
16 P I E R R E.

17 When Prop 106 passed, I had hoped
18 political machinations would be put aside. This put
19 that, showed those hopes were dashed. It is a coroner's
20 report of rape and disassembly of a community. I won't
21 belabor, we were was out of room, out of the deal.
22 We're certainly out of this deal.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Glenn Wright
25 followed by Don Johnson.

1 MR. WRIGHT: G L E N, W R I G H T.

2 This is election year, of course.

3 Prescott is going to elect a new Mayor, three new city
4 Council People. There are 10 candidates running for
5 office. I've spoken with all 10 of them.

6 I assure you, we speak with one voice,
7 we're very disappointed with the draft map as submitted.

8 Speaking for myself only, I think I could
9 live with Number 3.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, sir.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Don Johnson,
14 then T. McKinney.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Johnson, no T.

16 Chairman Lynn, Members of the Commission,
17 welcome back, Josh. Good to have you back.

18 We've been advised the Commission was
19 concerned about the lack of citizen input at the last
20 meeting which was held June 24th up here. The reason
21 for lack of participation at that meeting was because we
22 liked the first set of maps. There's agreement
23 expressed by Kent Jones. Myself and Kent Jones were at
24 that meeting. We still like those maps today.

25 The revised second set of maps we have in

1 front of us now, we don't have any real disagreement
2 with the Congressional Districts. We do not like, under
3 any circumstances, the Legislative District map. We
4 believe the Commission has completely ignored the goals
5 which you set up as guidelines for the redistricting
6 process. You've ignored communities of interest.
7 You've ignored natural boundaries, such as city and
8 county lines, and created districts nowhere near compact
9 and contiguous.

10 We have little or nothing in common with
11 the Colorado River communities. They have next to
12 nothing in common with Yavapai County.

13 The second LD map is a complete atrocity
14 and must be completely redone.

15 The Eastern Arizona District was created
16 at the expense of decimating Yavapai County which
17 happens to be the fourth largest county in the State of
18 Arizona. It's not acceptable to the 167,517 residents
19 of Yavapai County the way it is presently constituted.
20 The gerrymandering of Yavapai County in the LD map has
21 the very probability that Yavapai County would not be in
22 a position to elect a single Legislator for the next 10
23 years. In all three proposed LDs, Yavapai County is
24 overwhelmed by districts such as Mohave, Coconino, and
25 Maricopa Counties. We'd become a very small part. This

1 is not acceptable to the residents of Yavapai County.

2 We respectfully urge the Commission to
3 change the LD map put in a compact and contiguous LD
4 district with all of Yavapai County.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next is Mr. McKinney.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney, M c K I N N E Y.
7 I'm a resident, business owner, and property manager as
8 well here in the community. I want to echo and add
9 flavor to it. I will say when I saw first the map,
10 what I saw was reminiscent of the state west of us,
11 gerrymandering and water rights, Mono Lake being drained
12 from a large county. It could not have come at a worse
13 time, trying to work out and hammer out our water
14 situation in our communities as well.

15 But I want to say in regards to
16 competitiveness, the one reason I enjoy this area is
17 that it is very diversified. There's a number of groups
18 represented in here. It is a Christmas community. The
19 state comes here to watch the Christmas tree lighting.

20 The neat thing about it, when I think of
21 all of Arizona, I think of a number of areas that bring
22 areas that I would like to visit. I and my family chose
23 this area because of its diversity, because of its
24 uniqueness.

25 When I think of Kingman, I think of Route

1 66. When I think of Havasu, I think of the London
2 Bridge. When I think of Tucson, which you have a number
3 of members here, I think of the Saguaro National
4 Preserve, and, like it or not, Hillary Clinton and
5 Barbara Streisand, for that area. I know you may not
6 want to impose feelings and the flavor of perhaps a
7 strong NRA backing, strong Republican backing, into the
8 Tucson area. Tucson has a unique flavor.

9 I'd not want to impose my feelings into
10 Sedona or the Navajo Nation. I'd not necessarily divert
11 from their uniqueness or competitiveness. People from
12 all over the world, believe me, come to Arizona because
13 of its uniqueness.

14 If you come to this area, you can choose
15 the area you want.

16 This is not reminiscent of Governor
17 Wallace's, Deceased Governor Wallace's days of breaking
18 up counties, blocking, blacks stuck, entrenched in
19 bigotry, not able to get representatives from a large
20 area into the area. Those days are over. I mean, when
21 we have parades here, it's not unique to see Bob Stump
22 come down riding on a horse and behind him perhaps the
23 local cloggers. There's diversity here.

24 I'd be going for map three, but only, and
25 I see, and caution myself to even agree with that, I see

1 this quite often in school districts, different things
2 being reformatted. I'd throw out something totally
3 ridiculous, then bring in something more palatable. I
4 don't want to give the impression a Yavapai County
5 resident would want Yavapai swept away. If I had choice
6 to see it expanded, left to the surrounding communities,
7 my suggestion is as a board, I'm not totally familiar
8 with the nuances, how you work this thing out, I
9 appreciate the work you put into it, but like our local
10 paper that brought attention to this issue, put that map
11 on the front page and let us see exactly what it was,
12 the counties of Wickenburg may want to come, mentioned
13 Wickenburg may want to join us, let Yavapai expand, let
14 the local communities decide for themselves, Maricopa
15 County, Phoenix. When I think about that area, it's
16 metropolis, much like I left, Los Angeles.

17 Here in the north we're allowed to make
18 decisions on our own, not excluding anybody. I'm not
19 saying they can't come here. It's a growing county.
20 Let the surrounding areas -- publish it in the papers.
21 Let them come speak for themselves. I'd no more go down
22 to Tucson, tell you how I feel your district should be
23 broken up, much more than what I, do I enjoy you coming
24 sharing that what you like.

25 Keep in mind we have a flavor here that is

1 unique. Competitiveness comes with the local
2 sovereignty we have within each county and each city we
3 represent. Tucson has it's flavor. Phoenix has it's
4 uniqueness. Coconino County has it's uniqueness. I
5 enjoy having areas, enjoy coming back to a
6 Representative in my Congressional District that
7 understands the flavor of my area.

8 I'm afraid if you split this up, we're
9 going to get someone who is somewhat schizophrenic.
10 He's going to listen to our concerns in the north, but
11 he also has concerns in the south, in the Maricopa
12 County. How is he going to juggle those two areas with
13 the needs and desires they have with ours as well?

14 Thank you very much.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. McKinney.

16 The next speaker is Pete Jorjensen
17 followed by Beverly Jorjensen.

18 Mr. Jorjensen.

19 MR. JORGENSEN: I'm Pete Jorjensen,

20 J O R J E N S E N .

21 You heard a lot about Legislative
22 Districts tonight. I will not carry on with that theme.
23 I will speak about Congressional Districts.

24 I was heartened to hear Commissioner
25 Hall's comments this evening on competitiveness. I

1 realize how originally established, but competitiveness
2 in representation is something Arizona has not had in
3 the past. The current Congressional Districts divide
4 Arizona in such a way we have one Democratic
5 representative and five Republican representatives while
6 the population of registered voters is very close to the
7 same.

8 Your current maps really only make it
9 slightly better.

10 Given the tables handed out in the citizen
11 packets, four strong Republican districts, two
12 Democratic and two competitive, C is competitive, with
13 inclusion of Yavapai, it's growing rapidly Republican,
14 this district will be Republican, this district needs to
15 be changed so the Democratic voices in the state are
16 more evenly represented. Either districts all need to
17 be redrawn all competitive or we need to create more
18 Democratic districts.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MR. JORJENSEN: I know, it's not a popular
21 view.

22 (Laughter.)

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: You at least have to live
24 here. We aren't not popular, either, but we don't have
25 to live here.

1 I'm sorry, Mr. Jorjensen.

2 MR. JORGENSEN: If you take a portion of
3 Yavapai and add it to District A, it wouldn't change the
4 composition of District A, which is already very heavily
5 Republican. This portion of Republican would continue
6 Republican, but it would give District C -- it would
7 remain Democratic or have an opportunity to stay
8 Democratic, move Democratic, instead of moving in the
9 Republican direction, which it will do in the future
10 given the current lines.

11 I know you spent a lot of time. You have
12 a tough job to do. Your consultants spent a lot of
13 effort, still have a lot more work to do, maybe not a
14 lot, more work to do, make one more provision of the
15 mandate met.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Hall.

17 COMMISSIONER HALL: Mr. Jorjensen, take
18 Yavapai out of District C, place it in District A,
19 Congressionally, you are speaking?

20 MR. JORGENSEN: Not all, west of Verde
21 Valley.

22 COMMISSIONER HALL: Mingus Valley.

23 Where do you suggest we pick up the
24 population to make up for it?

25 MR. JORGENSEN: I'm not an expert. The

1 areas unite. Some facilities, you have District C to
2 bring some Indian tribes, other communities like that,
3 Fort Mohave Reservation, Gila River, eastern Pinal
4 County, northern Cochise, including Willcox, those areas
5 help balance it back out. Bringing more Indian
6 communities helps keep it in line with the Voting Rights
7 Act, keeps the provisions together.

8 I feel that is a place to start. Again,
9 that's for you and your consultants to try to come up
10 with actual numbers.

11 COMMISSIONER HALL: With respect to
12 comments of competitiveness, as you know, certain areas
13 of state are very highly populated with representatives
14 of one party. We happen to be in one of those areas.

15 MR. JORGENSEN: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER HALL: For example, the
17 district now presently encompasses a portion of the
18 eastern valley. If you were to take a map on the
19 computer, have one color represent one party
20 registration, another color represent another, blue and
21 red, that whole valley primarily one color, how would
22 you suggest in light of the comments relative to trying
23 to make these districts more competitive to take that
24 situation, which seems to represent an area of a couple
25 communities of interest, and adjust it to accommodate a

1 more competitive district in light of the very high
2 registration figures in one party?

3 MR. JORGENSEN: I realize you do have
4 somewhat conflicting goals in what you are trying to do
5 there. I'm not privy to all the information you are
6 trying to do there.

7 In your own table, some of your districts
8 are like District A is currently 49 percent Republican
9 and 33 percent Democratic. District B, 49 percent
10 Republican and 32 percent Democratic. It seems to me
11 there have got to be ways to divide these so there is
12 less -- it can be more competitive. If you can't make
13 it more competitive, we need to create districts to
14 offset those.

15 COMMISSIONER HALL: I guess what we're
16 saying, we welcome input as in the consideration phase
17 in light of District F, referring to it in draft form.
18 We'd welcome suggestions. Like Bank One's slogan:
19 Solutions, not problems. We're looking for suggestions
20 of ways to try accommodate that still respect the other
21 goals of 106. We welcome whatever suggestions you have.

22 MR. JORGENSEN: I don't have the adequate
23 input you are asking for. I'm only asking that the
24 numbers you presented, for an opportunity in asking you
25 to try to find a way to make them more competitive.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Jorjensen.

2 Next speaker, Beverly Jorjensen, followed
3 by Rosemary Straub.

4 MRS. JORJENSON: Beverly Jorjensen.

5 I'll also be discussing Congressional map
6 District C. I will be echoing many things Pete has
7 already discussed.

8 I would like to tell you what it's like to
9 be Democrat living in Yavapai County. We've lived here
10 20 years in Prescott. After living here 20 years, we
11 registered as Republicans so we could participate in the
12 election process. I find that unacceptable.

13 I welcome you as an opportunity to
14 equalize the voting in Arizona. If indeed there's less
15 than five percent difference between registered
16 Democrats and registered Republicans, we need to do a
17 better job in Washington, D.C., in reflecting the true
18 demographics in Arizona. It's doing a lousy job. To do
19 that, I echo what Pete was saying about redrawing
20 Yavapai County, the western portion.

21 I believe one of the maps, it might have
22 been two or three you had lining western Yavapai County,
23 western A, fully Republican, taking this Republican
24 portion out of Yavapai County would give us the
25 potential in years to come that District C may,

1 actually, vote Democratic.

2 If the trends continue, and we continue to
3 grow, and we're one of the fastest growing areas in
4 Arizona, and political registration is highly
5 Republican. Within five years we'll be Republican
6 again. You've done a great job in making us
7 competitive, but it won't last.

8 I would also like to suggest, Pete also
9 suggested moving Fort Mohave south of District C, right
10 below Bullhead City, really contiguous to the district
11 you've drawn, move Willcox, the area contiguous to
12 District C, move those areas into District C so you are
13 addressing communities of interest.

14 District C has currently a very large
15 Native American population. Increasing Fort Mohave, you
16 also have Hispanic population, increasing that with
17 Willcox. You know, that's, of course, one of the voting
18 rights actions we need to be looking at. We cannot
19 dilute minority votes. Still leave those two districts,
20 A and H, totally Republican. We have heavy percentages
21 right now Republican vs. Democrats.

22 Okay. This is it. Towards my goals, I
23 appreciate any consideration you may have of my
24 suggestions.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Jorjensen.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Rosemary
3 Straub, followed by Pam Ayras.

4 MS. STRAUB: Good evening.

5 I'm also speaking about the Congressional
6 map District C.

7 Rosemary, R O S E M A R Y, all one word,
8 Straub, S T R A U B.

9 And I live in Prescott. And you look
10 tired, too.

11 Future growth will alter the
12 competitiveness of District C, as I see it. I want to
13 know what will happen as District C grows. Will it
14 remain competitive? Will the voting rights of Hispanics
15 and Native Americans be diminished by growth?

16 Section Two of the Voting Rights Act is of
17 particular importance in this district. Section Two
18 prohibits minority vote dilution. This includes
19 tactics, regulations, or weakened voting strength of
20 minorities.

21 District C includes many minorities'
22 communities of interest.

23 Yavapai County has a very strong growth
24 rate. And the county's growth in the past 10 years has
25 made it more Republican.

1 There are currently over twice as many
2 registered Republicans over Democrats.

3 District C may be competitive right now.
4 In four to six years the district may become very secure
5 for Republicans, if Yavapai County continues to grow at
6 the current rates. Moving Yavapai into District A will
7 insure District C remains competitive into the future
8 and insurance that the minority vote will not be diluted
9 by the growth in that district.

10 10 years ago District Six was created as a
11 minority district, but it grew rapidly into an
12 overwhelmingly Republican District. It is now the
13 largest district in the state. If growth continues in
14 the same manner as it has in the past, District C will
15 become less competitive as it grows more Republican.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Straub.

17 Ms. Hauser?

18 MS. HAUSER: Ms. Straub, one question.

19 You spoke of --

20 MS. STRAUB: There you are.

21 MS. HAUSER: You spoke about Section Two
22 of the Voting Right Act and tied that, I believe, to
23 competitiveness.

24 MS. STRAUB: Yes.

25 MS. HAUSER: I'm not quite sure.

1 MS. STRAUB: Perhaps I --

2 MS. HAUSER: I'm not sure I followed that.
3 If you could elaborate on that.

4 MS. STRAUB: Communities of interest,
5 competitiveness, and the minorities are really the
6 things that I'm most interested in happening, you know,
7 seeing that it isn't forgotten in the map. So -- I am a
8 little tired, too, tonight, so I'm not making a lot of
9 sense.

10 MS. HAUSER: Sure.

11 Let me ask it this way. By taking Yavapai
12 County out of Congressional District C --

13 MS. STRAUB: Uh-huh.

14 MS. HAUSER: -- as drafted and putting it
15 into A, is it your opinion, then, that that increases --

16 MS. STRAUB: Yes.

17 MS. HAUSER: -- the opportunity for Native
18 Americans to elect representatives of their choice?

19 MS. STRAUB: It will not dilute the Native
20 American vote whereas -- I do have just one other thing.

21 The tribal communities in District C
22 include Navajo, Fort Apache, San Carlos, the Havasupai,
23 yeah, right --

24 MS. HAUSER: Haulapai.

25 MS. STRAUB: It seems inequitable to have

1 that many in District C. And by extending over we would
2 have -- I really don't know how. I suggest putting
3 Yavapai County -- no. That's not going to help you.

4 Help, somebody.

5 MS. HAUSER: I guess what we're talking
6 about here is if you take that significant a population
7 out of proposed C --

8 MS. STRAUB: Yes.

9 MS. HAUSER: -- you need to replace it
10 with something else. Are you looking at replacing that
11 with additional Native American populations?

12 I'm trying to understand where you are
13 going.

14 MS. STRAUB: No.

15 MS. HAUSER: No.

16 MS. STRAUB: Keeping Verde Valley, help
17 incorporate as many Native American Tribes as possible
18 into one district also makes District C more compact
19 while keeping it rural and without significantly
20 altering the compactness of District A.

21 Now, if that -- that's just about as clear
22 as I can make it.

23 MS. HAUSER: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Straub,
25 very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker is Pam Ayras,
3 Ms. Ayras, who will be followed by Henry Camarot.

4 MS. AYRAS: P A M, A Y R A S.

5 I've lived in Yavapai County since 1986.
6 I'm a registered voter, vote actively in a little
7 community, unincorporated, Oak Creek, near Sedona, but
8 not in Sedona.

9 One thing that should be perfectly clear
10 to you tonight, I have no political ties. I'm here
11 tonight speaking only for myself. I'm a former elected
12 and appointed city official in the State of California.
13 I have staffed redistricting commissions for elected
14 officials who jointly with me took the heat but mostly
15 praise for the final map. That means doing most of the
16 grunt number crunching. I would like to state that none
17 of those plans that were adopted by those communities
18 were ever challenged in court. I think that that is
19 what your goal, ultimately, should be. That said, I
20 have observations about the commission's state election
21 map. My observations are not intended to be answered
22 tonight, rather, they are intended to be instructive,
23 researched, thought provoking, equal, cohesive.

24 It was not until tonight I saw the
25 alternative maps. I searched the website and could not

1 find any. Other people searched the website and could
2 not find any. I came early for an opportunity hoping to
3 see alternatives on the board, and I did not see them
4 until the presentation started.

5 Your presentation was good, consultants,
6 but, Commission, it's a target in which I have no gun to
7 shoot at. I have no history about the alternatives, no
8 number crunching I can get from the Census Bureau in
9 which to intelligently respond to these tonight.

10 (Ms. Ayras submits a letter.)

11 MS. AYRAS: Many people have given
12 opinions on alternatives. They don't have the numbers,
13 either, to crunch and give you intelligent reaction,
14 meaningful reaction. Based on a map published by the
15 Arizona Republic August 24th, I did some studying, and
16 they don't seem to be, at that point, that moving target
17 didn't seem to be geographically compact.

18 I was asked to comment to you tonight by a
19 member of the community in which I live. I've watched
20 your deliberations and read your transcripts on the
21 internet, which was educational. With that, here's my
22 observations.

23 Has the Commission or its attorneys
24 reviewed the intent documents submitted by the authors
25 of 106 to see if listings A through F are indeed a

1 listing under Section 14 in priority order? That may,
2 that research may give the Commission guiding light in
3 which to work its final presentation.

4 Much work has been apparently concentrated
5 on complying with 14D regarding community of interest
6 and paragraph F, competitive districts. Perhaps these
7 words have been given too much credence. The main
8 thrust, as stipulated in Section 14, which we all voted
9 into creation, was the equal population grid-like
10 pattern across the state. I quote, "The paragraphs are
11 simply goals -- subparagraphs are simply goals in which
12 to accomplish that task."

13 Believe me, I sat there and know how
14 difficult it is to not be trying to go one way or the
15 other when a special interest or variety of groups come
16 to meetings such as this. I just want to make sure that
17 political correct criteria is not part of your program.

18 The other observation or question that you
19 can answer months from now or not, but within yourself:
20 Will the Commission or consultants run voting history
21 numbers under test section 16 regarding party
22 registration, party registration data, have they used
23 test data with Section 14 which is permissive, rather
24 than mandatory? It says "may," which is permissive.

25 I strongly encourage the Commission to

1 direct their consultants to prepare whatever final map
2 or maps given the history test in voting before
3 submission to the Department of Justice, if indeed that
4 is something you intend to do. From my experience with
5 redistricting, again, in the past, in another state, but
6 with the Department of Justice, it is that voting
7 history numbers can clearly point out errors in those
8 wonderfully drawn magical numbered to it to perhaps
9 numbers that relate to population equality. My
10 experience with the Department of Justice is they are
11 willing to bend plus or minus two percent, two percent
12 is a great amount of money, amount of population in some
13 districts. But give that some thought, if you would.
14 Paragraph I believe they accept that as an acceptable
15 range. Paragraph in solution, I would like to comment
16 on the process, again. These are alternatives we would
17 have liked to, as a voter, seen these last month and go
18 on the road with your show in September for us to have
19 time, because I just now, and map it later on own
20 numbers to intelligently give you some feedback. With
21 that, thank you again, everyone complimented you on your
22 time. I've been there and no. I appreciate you on your
23 time.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Ayras.

25 The next speaker is Representative Harry

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1 Camarot.

2 REPRESENTATIVE CAMAROT: Harry Camarot,
3 C A M A R O T.

4 Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission,
5 at the outset let me compliment you. Before you came,
6 there was an awful lot of rumors about that map that you
7 had issued, the one that showed the Tri-Cities being
8 split up, that it was not going to be changed and no way
9 it was going to be changed, and the Commission had
10 already been set in cement. I think by you coming here
11 this evening and indicating there were other
12 considerations that were being looked at, I think that's
13 a great move forward.

14 In that regard, I have to agree with
15 Mrs. Ayras, the last speaker. The opportunities to have
16 reviewed those maps unfortunately came at the very last
17 moment. I think that we need time, and I'm sure the
18 Commission will accept written comments and written
19 observations in that regard.

20 There's no question from everything I
21 heard maps 3 and 4 seem to be the ones people were
22 preferring. Without agreeing to those maps as yet, from
23 my point of view, let me suggest I think you've heard
24 enough testimony to realize there are two, three
25 criteria most of the crowd wants us to follow, wants you

1 to follow.

2 One, we want to respect Mohave County's
3 view not to be joined with Yavapai. Mohave and Yavapai
4 both agree they should be separated because of the
5 difference of the community of interest, mainly
6 surrounding around water.

7 In that regard, let me note that the
8 community of interest, when we talk about water, which
9 you heard about, there's another factor. I'll avoid
10 repetition. The Prescott AMA is the only AMA that is
11 not in a safe yield as required by law. As a result,
12 efforts are being made to correct that. We also have to
13 work not only together in the Tri-City area, we have to
14 work with contiguous properties surround us in the
15 county. It's critical, I think, you leave us together.
16 That leads me to the important factor.

17 Most people believe it's critical that you
18 leave Yavapai as intact as possible recognizing there
19 may be some variations. We have approximately 160,000
20 population in Yavapai. Take away some, the question is
21 where will you go? I think it's clear most people do
22 not like, from Yavapai, to be incorporated into Maricopa
23 County. Perhaps in Wickenburg, perhaps rural burges,
24 certainly not Maricopa proper. The reason is simple.
25 We'd be overshadowed by population there. That's

1 something important.

2 One other thing to note, as to community
3 of interest, and that's the fact that the three cities
4 work very close together and interact with their people.
5 A example, a good many people that live in Prescott
6 Valley or Chino Valley work in Prescott. The net effect
7 is that interaction is very important to the community,
8 and the roads being built today, we have a good
9 combination of roads, much of which are bringing the
10 three communities together, as I'm sure you've heard.
11 The only other comment I wish to make is with respect to
12 the Congressional map, you've been given excellent
13 information. The one thing with your present map I
14 detect is you have what appears to me only one rural,
15 true, rural Congressman, and it doesn't appear that
16 we're going to have any more.

17 I hope you find a way of breaking up, as
18 you originally did, the two rural potential Congressmen
19 that represent our areas.

20 Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

23 The next speaker is Joan Fleming followed
24 by Phillip King.

25 MS. FLEMING: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,

1 thank you also for coming and listening to us.

2 F L E M I N G.

3 As the current President of the Prescott
4 School Board and Past President of the Prescott Chamber
5 of Commerce, let me follow up what Mayor Killingsworth
6 said about working together. We have four schools
7 districts in the area: Prescott Valley, Chino Valley,
8 Prescott, and Mayer.

9 Although, unlike Commissioner Elder, I'd
10 never talk about consolidation, I don't want to be TUSD
11 or Phoenix Schools, we do have common educational
12 issues, work together, have Prescott Valley students
13 coming in, and vice versa. However I'm not me tonight,
14 I'm District One, Linda Bender. She was not able come
15 here. You probably know I'm not her. I don't have an
16 English accent.

17 She's unable to come tonight. As you may
18 know, she's in Lake Havasu City. She asked me to read a
19 statement from her for the record.

20 "Dear Members of the Commission. I
21 respectfully wish to go on record as the Republican
22 State Representative for District One. I'm truly
23 disappointed in the partitioning of Yavapai County into
24 three separate parts. Yavapai County represents a
25 unified, cohesive, geographic location of significant

1 population. The effect of partitioning disenfranchises
2 members of this community. They deserve better
3 representation.

4 "Sincerely, Linda Bender, State
5 Representative."

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Fleming. I
7 hope you convey she was well represented and hope her
8 husband continues to do well.

9 MR. FLEMING: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker this
11 evening is Phillip King followed by Tom Reilley.

12 Mr. King.

13 A VOICE: Not here. I think he left.

14 MR. REILLEY: Phil King is not here.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Reilley, you then will
16 be followed by -- oh, Lord, I'll guess Mike Flannery.

17 MR. FLANNERY: Yes.

18 MR. REILLEY: Mike is a fine person to
19 follow.

20 I haven't seen the City Council Chambers
21 this crowded, I'm a member of the Prescott City Council,
22 wish Sam was still here, I haven't seen the Council this
23 crowded since the cable company tried to raise its
24 rates. It's nice to see them this crowded.

25 R E I L L E Y. Irish spelling.

1 There's no question the task before you is
2 a daunting one. I know you know you can do it. You've
3 done wonderful things.

4 Others have talked about it being less
5 than perfect. That's a nice way of putting it. The
6 fact the Tri-City area of Yavapai area needs to remain
7 in the same district, that's clear. I'd reiterate a
8 couple things eloquently stated at the beginning of the
9 meeting, areas of concern, interest, we've just starting
10 to work on. Some we have been working on for several
11 years, decades, and yet other areas we need to work on
12 that will be worked on in the future. Those areas are
13 transportation, metropolitan ground organization coming
14 into play, water active management organization, fire,
15 central fire management, several outlying fire
16 departments, those work seamlessly. We built a fire
17 station in Prescott, Central Yavapai, some are in
18 Central Yavapai, occupied in Prescott, the police
19 central dispatch, something we're working on right now
20 as we speak.

21 Open space, growth issues in particular,
22 boundary issues we've just gotten over, the fact we've
23 gotten over boundary issues recently is a tremendous
24 effort.

25 Health care, you've heard about that, the

1 economic congruity of the area, people living and
2 working in other areas.

3 Education, not just K-12 but it goes
4 beyond that, Yavapai Community College, Embry-Riddle.

5 Historic areas extend beyond the Tri-City
6 area, extend to Dewey-Humboldt, Mayer, all the way up to
7 Paulden.

8 Yavapai County needs to remain whole.
9 Verde Valley is part of Yavapai.

10 Working with Verde Valley water, working
11 with the AMA, the Verde River originates up outside the
12 AMA. The AMA impacts the Verde River.

13 Growth issues as well come into play.

14 Legislative issues, please, Number 3, one
15 intelligent comment appears on the surface, appears most
16 coherent in terms of some of the things you've heard
17 this evening.

18 Congressional Districts, very briefly,
19 speaking just myself on this, I think Congressional
20 District C is a little unwieldy. Alaska may have a much
21 more larger area.

22 Representative Camarot made much of a
23 statement, we need one more rural representative from
24 Arizona. Please, if we possibly do that, we'd
25 appreciate that in this area.

1 Thank you very much.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Reilly.

3 I want to be sure as Mr. Flannery comes to
4 the podium, the next speaker is Stan Turner.

5 Wanda Burkhardt was here earlier and had
6 to leave. I believe Ms. Burkhardt had to leave and had
7 to be withdrawn.

8 MS. BURKHARDT: I had to leave. I'm back.
9 There's one thing I could say.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'll ask you to follow
11 Mr. Flannery.

12 MR. FLANNERY: Mike Flannery,
13 F L A N N E R Y.

14 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you for
15 the opportunity to address you this evening. I would
16 like to just, there's been an awful lot of things said
17 this evening. And I don't want to be redundant. I'll
18 spare you. A couple things I will be redundant about.
19 Ms. Ayra spoke to you about the availability of maps
20 and having those available to citizens prior to the
21 meeting. I think that was a very good point. I think
22 that needs to be repeated to you.

23 Secondly, this evening was the first time
24 I think I have been exposed to a definition of
25 "communities of interest." I think that is something

1 that could have been made available on the website. I
2 think that might be a very good point. It could be made
3 available. I was under the impression it was a much
4 loser interpretation, communities of interest. I was
5 going by what you heard tonight, community of interest,
6 talking water, road. Councilman Reilley stated fire,
7 health, all those things make a community. So when I
8 talk of that, that's what I'm talking about. Tonight I
9 heard three definitions applied to communities of
10 interest. I was a little distressed over that
11 definition. That's really tightening belt down on the
12 definition.

13 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Mr. Flannery, I'm
14 lost.

15 MR. FLANNERY: What is AUR?

16 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Arizona units of
17 representation. Another term is community of interest.

18 MR. FLANNERY: Not a separate definition,
19 another term for the same thing.

20 Okay. That's what I thought.

21 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: That's what we're
22 using.

23 COMMISSIONER ELDER: AUR.

24 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Three AURs listed
25 during the Power Point? Those are not separate

1 definitions. Those are three primary AURs identified
2 during the 24 hearings.

3 We had more comments about those three
4 than we did about any others highlighted.

5 MR. FLANNERY: Seemed like you were locked
6 in on those only.

7 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: No.

8 MR. FLANNERY: Good. Glad to hear that.

9 Let me go to the Congressional District.

10 I, like some of the people that have come
11 up here, feel the Congressional District, I know you
12 want a rural district, I just do not feel people within
13 that are going to be served by that large an area.

14 Now, I heard Mr. Jones say two-thirds,
15 two-fifth, I believe, of the state. I do not believe
16 anybody can service that area. I believe serviceability
17 is one of the things you should hold as criteria. If
18 somebody is elected to that, I can't believe out of that
19 area anybody will be serviced except the Coconino and
20 Yavapai area. I think all the other areas are left out.
21 That, to me, you should be concerned with. I would be
22 if I were in one of the outlying areas.

23 I just think that -- when it was drawn up,
24 it looks to me as an observer that the one criteria, one
25 criteria only, numbers, it doesn't seem they met any

1 criteria of interest, doesn't seem like they met any
2 geographic or any other criteria, but just the numbers.
3 That's to me.

4 It seems, in terms of Congressional
5 representation. It seems to me like -- I think the
6 consultants came up with, I think it was the
7 consultants. Northern Arizona came down twice, split
8 west, east, came down a little north. You are shaking
9 your head, thank you, and came down almost mid state,
10 and it meets what Representative Camarot wrote said to
11 be rural, that met that, I have a map that kind of meets
12 that criteria I could enter into, I think that much
13 better serves Arizona. I would like to go ahead and
14 submit that for the Congressional District. And for the
15 Legislative area, I stand with Mr. Killingsworth in
16 terms of -- well, I guess I stand with absolutely
17 everybody, the number one thing I want you to go away
18 with is do not split up the Tri-City areas. I hope you
19 will leave with that number one criteria for the
20 Legislative District. Do not split that.

21 Number two, I would like to see Yavapai
22 County stay whole minus Sedona. I know they are on
23 record for not wanting to be part of that. I know we
24 can get numbers. Map submitted prior to -- submitted
25 prior to, 4, 3 --

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Three.

2 MR. FLANNERY: Those two things,
3 Congressional, Legislative. And thank you for your
4 time.

5 I do know that in terms of getting
6 numbers, the software equipment does that. In terms of
7 community of interest, I know that's the difficult part
8 of this. And also what I've heard from some of the
9 others in terms of competitiveness, that's numbers, too.
10 But communities of interest, you need to get your arms
11 out there and wrap around it. That's a very difficult
12 thing. I don't envy you for that.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Flannery.

15 Please understand, this entire side of the
16 room would have to be comatose to not have heard the
17 messages delivered so eloquently this evening. Please
18 understand we've heard those messages. Please
19 understand we've heard those.

20 Ms. Burkhardt and then Mrs. Turner.

21 MS. BURKHARDT: Wanda Burkhardt,
22 W A N D A, B U R K H A R D T.

23 People have very eloquently said keep
24 Yavapai County together. I had originally wanted to say
25 we don't have anything in common with the river

1 communities. That's been talked about.

2 Prescott doesn't have anything in common
3 with Flagstaff. That's been talked about.

4 One issue, keeping Verde Valley a part,
5 hasn't been mentioned. Verde Valley is not part of the
6 AMA. Prescott does own land in Paulden outside and
7 north of the AMA with pumping rights. A huge, million
8 dollar water line is already in place to bring that
9 water to the Tri-City area because of our exploding
10 population. The Verde Valley says that's in our AMA and
11 you are going to take our water. If the political
12 representative for these two valleys was two different
13 people, they would be obligated to fight for their area
14 against the other one, and you would have a water war to
15 end all water wars. But if one person represented both
16 areas, which would happen if Yavapai County was kept
17 intact, that one person would be obligated to get an
18 amicable agreement about the situation. That's it.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Burkhardt.

20 COMMISSIONER HALL: Ms. Burkhardt, before
21 you go down, I apologize, I had the privilege of being
22 in our last meeting here and last meeting in Flagstaff.
23 In Flagstaff, we had representatives from Verde Valley
24 that expressed the desire to be separate. I'm guessing,
25 I'll go out on a limb.

1 MS. BURKHARDT: Water.

2 COMMISSIONER HALL: I'm guessing when we
3 go to Flagstaff tomorrow, we're going to hear that.

4 MS. BURKHARDT: Uh-huh.

5 COMMISSIONER HALL: Which is an idea, it
6 is indicative of how when we go from one area to another
7 area, we hear exactly conflicting views.

8 MS. BURKHARDT: A daunting task. I don't
9 envy you.

10 COMMISSIONER HALL: To that point, the
11 question is in the event we were to hear that
12 tomorrow -- if we hear tomorrow from Verde Valley we
13 love being with Prescott, we're okay. In the event we
14 don't, what is your recommended resolution for us
15 playing Solomon in that situation?

16 MS. BURKHARDT: I'll have to tell you a
17 bit of information given me, oh, maybe 10 years ago. It
18 was from Camp Verde for a 4-H project about Lake Mary.
19 Lake Mary is the water supply for Flagstaff. There's a
20 hole in the bottom of the lake that drains out
21 somewhere. They didn't know where it went to, so
22 somebody put blue dye in Lake Mary. And that blue dye,
23 I was told, showed up in a well in Humboldt. Now, I
24 said, "I don't believe that. It had to go under Verde
25 Valley to get there."

1 I don't think the geologists really know
2 where all our water is stored, where it goes from and
3 goes to.

4 COMMISSIONER HALL: Well --

5 MS. BURKHARDT: That's geological map.

6 COMMISSIONER HALL: Rest assured, we can't
7 fix water problems, but we are trying to draw lines.

8 To the point if wandering, if you had a
9 recommended solution, we'll have probably conflicting
10 requests regarding the division for different areas. I
11 was wondering if you had different solutions.

12 MS. BURKHARDT: I'm not a geologist. I
13 don't know if geologists know the answer to that. Verde
14 Valley is lower than Flagstaff might be in a drainage
15 area from Flagstaff. If this dye in Lake Mary showed up
16 in Humboldt, Senator Goldwater said, "There's lots of
17 water all over this state. The problem is getting it
18 where the people are."

19 If you look at the -- I have a geological
20 map here. There are little springs all over the
21 mountains. I know of one up in the Bradshaws that has
22 never gone dry. Water from the spring never reaches the
23 river, flows for a while and sinks in the well.

24 I don't know that anybody knows the true
25 geological strata of where the water is.

1 To answer people in Flagstaff, they still
2 might be better off, who could say where they might be
3 better off. I don't know where the water is.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you Ms. Burkhardt.

5 Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner followed by
6 Carolyn Fisher.

7 MR. TURNER: Thank you, and thank you to
8 my daughter for waking me up so I didn't miss my chance
9 to speak.

10 First and foremost, the thought that
11 hasn't been presented yet I want to throw out there,
12 Prescott was the first territorial capital of Arizona.
13 Prescott was a leader, the backbone at the beginning of
14 the Arizona and Prescott district. Whatever you make,
15 it into, it should be Legislative District One, not AA,
16 not C, One.

17 My feelings here are that you, as a
18 Commission, and your advisers, have done, unfortunately,
19 a job, just not an adequate one.

20 There's a four percent difference in
21 registration between the Republicans and Democrats in
22 the State of Arizona, yet given the majority of the
23 state legislative districts to Republicans, the majority
24 of the House, Legislative Districts to Republicans, with
25 a four percent difference, I think the Legislative

1 difference, you can come up with a better option than
2 three competitive districts. Is it three or one? I
3 heard three or one. Basically we're looking for one for
4 sure, two possibles.

5 Again, I'd like to have you go back, start
6 over, come up with competitive districts. That's what
7 the people of Arizona voted for. They didn't vote on
8 all the side issues. They wanted competitive districts,
9 to remove incumbents that had been locked in for 10 or
10 20 years, or a lifetime, as in the case of one local of
11 the representatives.

12 We voted to give it a good shot at
13 competitive districts. We want competitive districts.
14 There are three districts you gave us, and that's not
15 anywhere near competitive.

16 I have to hand you this, two of those
17 districts, you've actually improved our chances, the
18 Democrats.

19 THE REPORTER: Your name?

20 MR. TURNER: Sorry, Stan Turner, Chairman,
21 Democratic Committee, Yavapai Committee.

22 Two districts, you improved our chances a
23 wee bit. One of the districts, you made it more than
24 impossible. We object that it is possible.

25 In district C, the Northern Arizona

1 District, we don't object to that one. It's at least
2 near competitive.

3 You set the standard at five percent
4 difference in voter registration. Was it five, 10? Was
5 it -- what was it, 10?

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We've not set that
7 standard. It was a standard talked about by others.

8 MR. TURNER: Five makes it competitive.
9 10 percent does not make a competitive district.

10 The area up here assigned to us, it's
11 three-fifths of an area. There is a slight Democratic
12 advantage. I'd be happy. The rest of the state
13 suffers. Revisit it as well. Take some from us, give
14 it to them. Eight districts, four percent difference,
15 voter registration, Democrats, Republican, six
16 incumbents protected, depending on where Bob Stump
17 lives. That's astounding.

18 COMMISSIONER HALL: Let me stop and
19 interrupt you. Let me ask you the same question we've
20 heard most of the evening. Combine Yavapai County to
21 the extent possible. That we're getting is a community
22 of interest.

23 MR. TURNER: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER HALL: If we do that, it's
25 clear that district would not be competitive.

1 MR. TURNER: That would be true.

2 COMMISSIONER HALL: A combined Yavapai
3 County.

4 MR. TURNER: I agree with you completely.

5 COMMISSIONER HALL: Community of interest
6 defined this meeting today.

7 MR. TURNER: Uh-huh.

8 COMMISSIONER HALL: Competitiveness today
9 or community of interest, in your opinion, which ran
10 higher?

11 MR. TURNER: Competitiveness.

12 (Booing.)

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ladies and gentlemen,
14 please, be respectful of every speaker.

15 MR. TURNER: This initiative was voted for
16 with the understanding competitive districts had a
17 chance to remove incumbents with perhaps little value
18 and bring in new blood to help the State of Arizona.
19 And I say competitiveness is much more important than
20 most community interests.

21 I bring an up example. We talk so much
22 about community of interest in the Tri-Cities. Let's be
23 honest here. The Tri-Cities have been fighting each
24 other for 20 years. There's some agreement here, some
25 agreements there. For the most part, it's rezoning

1 where Prescott Valley and Prescott wanted to annex that.
2 We fought the whole thing out.

3 It's not so much community of interest,
4 there are three communities of interest. Each wants to
5 grow. Each wants to build on its own terms.

6 Put anyway they want to, the developer's
7 interests, the fact of the matter is this is not so much
8 a community of interest problem.

9 My point four, on the Republican scene, as
10 we speak here today, some are running for office. Some
11 high muck-a-muckers in the state party and county party,
12 what I'm actually bringing up here, not water, community
13 of interest, job security for the Republicans in the
14 Legislature and state government.

15 Again, there's four percent difference
16 between Republicans and Democrats.

17 Point five, point five, talking about the
18 glue. Somebody spoke about the glue. Again, I'll bring
19 up there isn't that much glue between Prescott, Prescott
20 Valley, Humboldt, on and on, certainly not over into
21 Verde Valley. It's more individual needs for individual
22 growth. The glue isn't there. The solution is the
23 Republican party continues to control this area --

24 (Laughter.)

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Excuse me a minute.

1 Please, let me say something. Mr. Turner
2 has much right to speak here as anybody in the room.
3 Please give him the attention and treat him courteously.
4 If you disagree, come up to the microphone. Tell us.
5 If you don't have a speaker slip, raise your hand. Get
6 a speaker slip and rebut anything he's said.

7 We've heard speakers before Mr. Turner
8 that disagreed. We heard them. We will hear what
9 Mr. Turner has to say. Please give him the courtesy of
10 listening quietly and we'll listen when it's your turn
11 to speak.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. TURNER: I'd like, on my own behalf, I
14 scratched off nine-tenths of what I was going to say.

15 Beyond that, let's go on a bit further.

16 I support, officially support the proposal
17 of Paul Pointer in adding Gila County to most of Yavapai
18 County to create a district. I don't think the
19 Republicans will have much trouble. The voter
20 advantage, they have a fair, decent voter advantage, not
21 quite as large as now the community of interest of the
22 Gila County Mining and Logging, many other areas. The
23 only difference would be voter registration is a little
24 more competitive and it will also keep the Tri-Cities
25 together. I think this is a compromise we can actually

1 work with.

2 I did indeed try to contact the Republican
3 party chairman. He has yet to get back to me on any
4 phone calls. We don't know how he feels.

5 Number six, Supervisor Brownlow and Lucy
6 Mason spoke earlier tonight, both of them, and at the
7 last meeting they had encouraged us to split the
8 district, not to just have a single Yavapai County, but
9 they wanted the district split. They've done a 180
10 degree change from that, done a 180 change.

11 My point is that if we have three
12 districts in Yavapai County, there's three times the
13 amount of people to represent us in Yavapai County.
14 Instead of three people fighting what's right, we have
15 nine.

16 I'd like to make that point. Strength
17 only grows with those numbers.

18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Turner.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Hauser.

22 MS. HAUSER: Mr. Turner.

23 MR. TURNER: Sure.

24 MS. HAUSER: Mr. Turner, hi. Just a
25 question for you. I think it's something the Commission

1 has struggled with.

2 MR. TURNER: Uh-huh.

3 MS. HAUSER: It goes to your point about
4 competitiveness and passage of 106.

5 Our primary obligation is to look at the
6 words of 106, what it says, very clearly. And the first
7 thing that it tells us, with respect to making
8 adjustments to the grid, is that we shall comply with
9 the US Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. That's
10 one where the proposition gives us no wiggle room. It
11 tells us we absolutely have to do that. Then it goes
12 into a number of other criteria, such communities of
13 interest, respecting geographic boundaries, and the
14 like. I know many of those you disagree with. After
15 those criteria are listed it gets to competitiveness and
16 says that it should be favored wherever possible insofar
17 as practicable but not to the significant detriment of
18 the other criteria. And it is a balancing act that the
19 Commission is trying to go forward with.

20 My question to you is recognizing that
21 those other things are in the proposition, how do you,
22 specifically, suggest that competitiveness be achieved
23 without causing significant detriment to the other
24 criteria, in particular, the criteria of the Voting
25 Rights Act about which we have no option?

1 MR. TURNER: You can't get around the
2 Voting Rights Act and Department of Justice. They have
3 our state on probation, as it should have, for
4 violations of human rights and rights of minorities that
5 took place years ago. I might add, just for fun, that
6 the Chief Justice of the United Supreme Court happened
7 to be one of the people that was demanding literacy
8 tests at polls in South Phoenix. Because of those sorts
9 of actions, DOJ ruled when we redistrict has to go
10 through DOJ.

11 The community of interest, wide
12 interpretation, a developer can say community of
13 interest is here. People want to protect the
14 environment. It's here. People want logging, gold
15 mining. That's a different community of interest. It's
16 pretty open to interpretation here.

17 In this case, you've seen pretty much a
18 development-oriented community that wishes to call
19 themselves a community of interest. That's for you to
20 decide, more important type than others. As far as,
21 again, the Hispanic community, traditionally they have
22 been targeted or districted against, and it is the only
23 right thing to give them fair representation now that
24 they are 40 percent of the community.

25 Democrats are only four percent less than

1 the Republican party.

2 When you look at those 17 guaranteed seats
3 in the State House and State Senate, and what is it, one
4 to three competitive seats, that's leaving 13, 12
5 Republican held seats, is not at all equitable, not at
6 all fair, simply not right.

7 If you tell me, again, there's a four
8 percent difference in the State of Arizona and five of
9 the Legislative seats are safely in the hands of
10 Republican incumbents, how can you believe that's
11 possibly right?

12 MS. HAUSER: I don't -- I don't really
13 want to argue that particular issue. But what I would
14 like to ask, and I know from the last time we were here
15 in a conversation with you that you are very involved in
16 these kinds of issues. I think you even told me you
17 "Live, eat, breathe and sleep these kind of issues." I
18 think it would be helpful to the Commission for you to
19 give some thought to coming up with some very specific
20 suggestions with respect to improving competitiveness
21 with keeping an eye toward not causing significant
22 detriment to the community of interest type information
23 that we have heard.

24 MR. TURNER: I believe you will find --

25 MS. HAUSER: I think that the

1 Commissioners would benefit from that. Because, you
2 know, it is difficult to do. It is something they hear
3 a great deal about throughout the state as far as
4 communities that want to be kept together, or divided,
5 or whatever. It does have an impact on the
6 competitiveness issue. And hearing, seeing your
7 perspective on that might be helpful.

8 MR. TURNER: I might tell you, for a
9 second time, our committee submitted a map to your
10 Commission. The map creates at least an acceptable
11 competitive edge, and Republicans have that. It shows
12 all areas of interest. It fits all the criteria as an
13 AUR. They've done that. Neither have people that spoke
14 in here. They basically talk about -- that's the
15 problem -- jiggle over here, wiggles over here.

16 For our area, we do have a definite
17 proposal. Know the State of Arizona Democrats have a
18 definite proposal, the three, four areas they go. I'd
19 be glad to go over those for any of you that have not
20 received them or have questions about that.

21 MS. HAUSER: Well, that -- taking it
22 through the whole state is where it gets a little
23 trickier. Take a look at that.

24 MR. TURNER: We're a county committee with
25 27,000 people in the county. Certainly we can't look

1 into what is going on in Cochise County or with that
2 beautiful dragon's head with the Hopi Reservation.
3 That's your job. And I'm asking you to look at it and
4 consider it as you were asked. Look at it and consider
5 competitiveness, and give us a fair shot. With a four
6 percent difference, I'll say again, four percent
7 difference in Republicans and Democrats in the state, we
8 can do better.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Huntwork has a
10 question.

11 MS. HAUSER: Thank you for your answer.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Huntwork.

13 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: I have a question
14 for you, Mr. Turner.

15 MR. TURNER: I'm sorry?

16 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: I hope you are
17 aware the Commission does intend to take competitiveness
18 into consideration to the extent we can and still comply
19 with the requirements of Proposition 106. The questions
20 being asked were just to get your thoughts on how you
21 interpret it so we can weigh that with everything else.
22 But once we do focus on competitiveness, there are some
23 other questions that really address how we do that.

24 I want to ask you kind of a hypothetical
25 question to get your thoughts on the subject.

1 As I understood what you were saying
2 correctly, the notion of competitiveness was in front of
3 the voters when it approved 106 was to eliminate safe,
4 bullet-proof districts.

5 MR. TURNER: Absolutely.

6 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: If that's the
7 case, would you say in making adjustments we should
8 never move -- never make one district less competitive
9 in order to make another district more competitive?

10 MR. TURNER: I knew there would have to be
11 some areas that would have to be taken into
12 consideration, as in the case of East Mesa, where you
13 can't find enough Democrats to fill a bucket, true
14 enough, and places like Tucson, and Southwest Arizona.
15 In Southeast Arizona, you can't find Republicans enough
16 to fill a bucket. That will happen at times.

17 There are enough here, considering the
18 various interests in Central and Northern Arizona, we
19 could do a little better job. I'm not saying they have
20 to be equal. I'm not saying they need to be five
21 percent. An improvement would make, however, help
22 people from feeling disenfranchised.

23 If I could add one more thing. If this is
24 something we feel very strongly about, there is only one
25 universe, and the community even feels this way, I'll

1 say this: If you can't make it more competitive, and,
2 after we've looked at the maps which we haven't had a
3 chance to digest here what showed up a few minutes ago,
4 I would stand on the maps last drawn. Not the one last
5 submitted. Nine different state legislators
6 representing the area is much stronger than three.

7 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: One other
8 follow-up question.

9 To be specific, some of the earlier
10 speakers suggested we take heavily Republican areas of
11 Yavapai County and move them out of District C.

12 MR. TURNER: Into Mexico, perhaps?

13 COMMISSIONER HUNTWORK: Not quite. Into
14 District A. The effect, the two districts would be less
15 competitive. It would make District A even more
16 Republican than it is already and make District C even
17 more Democrat than it is already.

18 MR. TURNER: We're talking about District
19 A being Prescott and the Colorado River area? I don't
20 necessarily disagree with that. The Colorado River area
21 has been overshadowed by the Prescott area for some time
22 now. Those people, Republican or not, the majority are
23 Republican, right to have a say and right to elect their
24 Representatives as well. So we don't -- Democrats don't
25 have to win every district.

1 I'd like to see it another way, to look at
2 things so the same people are not running for the same
3 offices and controlling all of the government and we
4 have a Central Arizona. I don't object to that.

5 As far as Democratic growth being
6 possible, in the Flagstaff, Prescott Valley area, it
7 could happen, you know. I won't object to that. That's
8 a fight we can fight. We're willing to fight it.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Turner, one last
10 question from Mr. Rivera.

11 MR. RIVERA: One of the reasons for doing
12 this, to come out here, is to ask questions about
13 competitiveness from a local level. The questions may
14 be different from what you see in Yavapai, than Pima, or
15 Maricopa.

16 Your testimony is five percent for Yavapai
17 or statewide?

18 MR. TURNER: Yavapai. Not the Great State
19 of Maricopa, also not the Great State of Yavapai.

20 MR. RIVERA: Five percent statewide also
21 applies to Yavapai or a different standard in Yavapai?

22 MR. TURNER: Up here, we're so used to
23 expecting the dirty end of the stick as Democrats, we
24 just hope for it to be a tiny bit less dirty now.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is

1 Ms. Fisher. Ms. Fisher will be followed by Kim Bennett.

2 MS. FISHER: I actually live in Verde
3 Valley.

4 I would like to say we feel it is
5 important to maintain the integrity of the entire Verde
6 Valley, which includes Sedona and a piece of Oak Creek
7 Canyon below the switchbacks.

8 We've done a lot of work throughout the
9 Verde Valley land to use open spaces, water,
10 transportation, and we have a very strong sense of
11 integrity.

12 I live in an unincorporated area known as
13 Big Park, actually I'm the President of the Big Park
14 Regional Council formed with volunteer activity.
15 There's a tremendous level of involvement throughout
16 both the unincorporated areas and incorporated cities
17 within Verde Valley. I'd not like to see us split up.
18 I can appreciate what is being said this evening about
19 the Tri-Cities area. We'd rather see us split into two
20 rather than to be split up in the Verde Valley.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Fisher.

22 Next is Mr. Bennett.

23 SENATOR BENNETT: Thank you for coming up
24 late enough to have to stay up in the hotels and feed
25 the economy.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I think, considering what
2 time we started, we'd have spent the night regardless.

3 SENATOR BENNETT: Thank you.

4 If we had to do this at the Legislature,
5 as you cannot take the politics out of the political
6 process, all the frustrations would be magnified many
7 times over with 90 doing it as opposed to the five of
8 you.

9 Let me address several areas. Let's start
10 with water. In Arizona and Yavapai County, water and
11 sex have two things in common: Everyone likes to talk
12 about them, and everyone else is concerned someone else
13 is getting more than their fair share.

14 We talked about the AMA, Prescott AMA.
15 There is a boundary even more important than the
16 Prescott AMA, that's the Verde watershed. The Verde
17 watershed boundaries, if you look at it, are very much
18 aligned with the majority of Yavapai County.

19 I believe if you split Yavapai County into
20 Legislative Districts based on Mingus Mountain, we will
21 rip the county apart within five, six years, probably
22 based on one issue alone, that's water.

23 We tried very hard, I tried to work very
24 closely with both sides in the formation of a County
25 Water Advisory Committee to keep people at the table

1 among Yavapai County, much of what I think we've seen in
2 the work so far, or latest proposals, even some
3 alternative proposals tonight, quite honestly, is an
4 element from the EACO plan, Eastern Arizona Counties,
5 wanting to keep five counties together over there.

6 If it's important to keep five counties
7 together on the eastern part of the state, which it very
8 well may be, but if it's important to keep five counties
9 together, it's five times as important to keep Yavapai
10 County together, in my opinion.

11 Obviously there may be a divergence of
12 opinion within the county, but I don't -- Mr. Hall here
13 questioned about Solomon. Let us remember Solomon did
14 not split the baby. That's why Solomon was Solomon,
15 because he did not split the baby. He found a solution.

16 I think Yavapai will find a solution in
17 the areas of water, if we're going to be talking about
18 water. If you divide us up, we're going to be having
19 problems.

20 Schools, Mr. Elder talked about schools.
21 It was brought to my attention by two former students,
22 and talked about here in Tri-City, the current proposal
23 divides the three major school districts multiple times.
24 Each end up in a multiple of the three. Chino Valley is
25 divided in two districts. Prescott is divided in two

1 Legislative Districts. And poor Humboldt would now be
2 in three districts.

3 There has been a lot of testimony why I
4 think we can improve. I'm encouraged by what I'm
5 hearing from all of you, why we can improve on the
6 latest proposal.

7 There's transportation issues. Councilman
8 Reilley talked about fire. Saturday the City Council in
9 Prescott suggested the Fire District for Central Yavapai
10 County and Prescott Fire Department think about
11 consolidating, getting together. You'd think it was
12 sent in from a left elbow or something. I mean I was
13 not thought of very highly for a while among the
14 districts until idea began to sink in. Now we have the
15 Central Yavapai, Prescott, Yavapai, using each other's
16 building, staffing each other's building, a common
17 maintenance building. There is a tremendous community
18 of interest in the area.

19 I respectfully disagree with Mr. Turner.
20 I disagree with Mr. Turner. I think there are
21 communities of interest.

22 Geographic compactness, respecting the
23 communities of interest instead of competitiveness, do
24 the best with the first five, let the other fall as it
25 may.

1 It wasn't too many years ago Yavapai
2 County was almost a Democratic district, county. In
3 fact, I think Sam Steiger was the first Republican many,
4 many decades. Prior to him --

5 MR. TURNER: And then what.

6 SENATOR BENNETT: See what happened now.

7 I suggest Yavapai County wouldn't be
8 competitive, the incumbent legislators in Yavapai, two
9 Republicans, Democrat, even almost to one advantage. It
10 comes down more to quality of the candidates that run.
11 Republican or Democrat can be elected almost anywhere in
12 the state based on their own qualities.

13 (Applause.)

14 SENATOR BENNETT: To close, there are so
15 many things already said I agree with, Chairman Lynn.
16 You said earlier you want as much as possible to be said
17 about hearing potential solutions of ones presented
18 tonight. I have to believe that Number 3, which keeps
19 most of Yavapai together, is the best alternative. I
20 understand there's going to be some other opinions that
21 maybe come out of Verde Valley.

22 I visited with the Mayor of Sedona last
23 week. He pointed out Sedona's usually thinking about
24 Flagstaff before Prescott when it comes to shopping, and
25 things like that. There will be tough battles there.

1 Maybe carve out Sedona and Oak Creek.

2 I prefer, however, again, Yavapai County
3 be kept together.

4 Few people remember, obviously, when this
5 state started, we had four counties: Yavapai, Mohave,
6 Yuma, and Pima. From Yavapai County, the mother of
7 Arizona counties, was created Coconino, Navajo, Apache,
8 Gila, Graham, Greenlee, most of Maricopa, and part of
9 probably Pinal, I think it is. Those are years ago when
10 this county probably looked like the Congressional
11 District we're probably talking about. And as
12 communities in other parts of the state grew up and got
13 enough population base, counties were created and county
14 seats were done.

15 But I feel very strongly and encourage you
16 to do everything you can to keep as much of Yavapai
17 County, if not all of it, together. Otherwise we'll rip
18 ourselves apart over other issues. If you leave us
19 together, I have to disagree. If you break us up now,
20 there will be nine legislators fighting battles.

21 One thing, now currently, you have the
22 Legislator for Bagdad ends up fighting over Bagdad, for
23 better 28, or Sedona better 22, one thing that far
24 reaches, geographically compact. Another thing, come in
25 and put the heart in one place, lungs one place, and

1 stomach another, and I won't say which community is
2 which. That's a very different scenario than what we
3 have right now, small pieces. Those pieces are
4 important parts of Yavapai County as well.

5 I encourage you, as much as you can, to
6 keep us together.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Senator.

8 In deference to the court reporter, we'll
9 take Mr. Veek, Brad Veek's comments, and then take
10 another 10-minute break and then continue on with the
11 rest of the speakers.

12 MR. VEEK: Brad Veek, B R A D, V E E K.

13 I'm not totally a-political. I'm
14 registered to vote with no party affiliation. I'm so
15 pleased we have Senator Kim Bennett representing our
16 district.

17 I applaud him and agree with his remarks
18 as with the remarks that started this evening and have
19 gone on through, and particularly those, I guess, of Pam
20 Ayras. I have much in common with her, including
21 working on demographic assignments, and so forth.

22 We've gone over just about every facet but
23 one. I had a former life as sailor, submarines.
24 There's a saying in the Pacific submarines: Think deep.
25 I don't think the committee has had enough guidance to

1 think deep enough.

2 There's nice structure, turmoil,
3 conflicting, the structure of Sam Turner to have enough
4 Democrats elected as possible. Two admitted Democrats,
5 one of them, I believe Mr. Jorjensen said, "The only way
6 I get anywhere round here is to register as a
7 republican." Hint, hint, we have an awful lot of crypto
8 Republicans. The so-called 1.9 to 1.1 ratio, Henry
9 ratio, by the way, Democrat, how you get elected in a
10 two-one ratio, as pointed out by Senator Bennett, and
11 others, I think quality always counts regardless of
12 party affiliation, not party hubristics.

13 Down by the high school, regional medical
14 center, is a bench. The bench, I forget who put it
15 there, says "Democracy fully implemented is anarchy."

16 We've gotten carried away with party
17 hubristics.

18 I heartily endorse one unit, the
19 overriding issue you choose for yourself.

20 I think water really is important.

21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much
23 Mr. Veek.

24 Let's take a 10-minute recess.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was taken from.

1 9:56 p.m. until approximately 10:16 p.m.)

2 (The following is a written letter
3 submitted by Philip Beeson, Past Mayor, Prescott Valley,
4 Arizona:

5 "Independent Redistricting Commission:

6 "Forthwith is some of my reasoning for
7 emphatic objection to your proposed redistricting of the
8 guidelines that you are charged to consider I here refer
9 to "districts must follow geographical visible features"
10 and "districts must represent communities of interest."
11 Also geographic distance in mileage should be
12 considered. Your proposal, as well as the present
13 district, present a hardship, as to visit the
14 constituents by 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. for meetings,
15 campaigning, it requires overnight expenses or crack of
16 dawn travel or late night travel. It is impractical to
17 "walk about" and know the local citizens, their local
18 interests, concerns, and business problems. The most
19 obvious and practical visible geographic district lines
20 are the Mingus Mountain Range and the Bradshaw Mountain
21 Range. They strongly determine and impact the
22 communities of interest. The Tri-Cities have obvious
23 and proven common interests: easy communication and
24 travel; recent history of working together to accomplish
25 things unable to do alone, beginning in the mid '80s

1 with Mayors Jerry Wagner, Prescott; Herb Voss, Chino
2 Valley; and Phil Beeson, Prescott Valley; along with
3 John Olson, Yavapai County, and the Yavapai Indian
4 tribe. Note: Even the Indian tribes are different --
5 Yavapai in the Tri-Cities and Yavapai Apache in Camp
6 Verde separated by Mingus Mountain range. Camp Verde,
7 Cottonwood, Clark's Dale, Jerome and Sedona have more in
8 common then with the Tri-Cities. Flagstaff is peculiar
9 to itself being a college town. Having little common
10 interests with Yavapai County, it could blend with
11 Sedona maybe. As an admonition: Academics have a
12 reputation of "taking overcontrol" of things that they
13 are part of.

14 Colorado River communities E, G, Bullhead,
15 Lake Havasu, et cetera, have little to no common
16 interests with the Tri-Cities, and in fact tend to split
17 up representation of district interests. Without
18 different representatives elected, one or the other
19 would not be truly represented.

20 Due to geographic mileage separation, at
21 present there is a grievous campaigning problem.

22 Two include any communities north of the
23 Bradshaws is to surrender any effective representation,
24 becoming subservient to Maricopa metro concerns.

25 Summary: The proposed redistricting is

1 another nail in the coffin of rural or nonmetro
2 influence, say so, or true representation in any
3 statewide or federal legislation as promulgated by the
4 "law" as enacted, (imposed) close paren, US Supreme
5 Court under the Chief Justice Warren via the "Baker vs.
6 Carr" ruling March 26, 1962, so-called "one man, one
7 vote, i.e.," all Legislative control by high populous
8 metro areas. Leaving the rural control "out in the cold
9 - looking in." Signed "Philip Beeson, Past Mayor,
10 Prescott Valley, Arizona." Dated "September 5, 2001.")

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The Commission will come
12 to order.

13 The next speakers, it may be the speakers
14 left us. That certainly is fine. I didn't mean it
15 that way. Maybe I did. No, I wanted to hear anybody
16 that wanted to talk to us.

17 If not here, raise a hand. It's getting
18 late --

19 A VOICE: Keep it to three minutes.

20 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'd love to keep it to
21 three minutes.

22 We'd remind you of the three-minute sort
23 of custom, and see how we go.

24 Dan Main is the next speaker. Mr. Main
25 followed by Ann Patrell.

1 MAYOR MAIN: Dan Main, Mayor of Chino
2 Valley. We're in no position, in an elected position,
3 we have an elected Board of Governors, all the way to
4 the beach grounds, all the way to the middle, and said
5 "Don't know," all the way to the heart of Prescott to
6 heart Prescott, in a position and different perspective
7 focused on community.

8 Part of what I do, I've been on the board
9 now eight years, college, you have to the whole county,
10 Past President of the Arizona Association of Community
11 Colleges. Take into consideration those issues across
12 the state, disparity sophistication in some areas as
13 opposed to others.

14 Looking at the county as a whole, we have
15 to do living on an every day basis. There are issues of
16 growth, issues in the college. Look at the communities
17 as cultures. I represent the different, various
18 cultures. Seligman is different from Ash Fork.
19 Cultures are different. Populations are different. Ash
20 Fork is more aligned with Williams, the Grand Canyon,
21 joined the Grand Canyon School District. Ash Fork for
22 years back, looking at cultural collections we have
23 here. Sedona identifies itself with Flagstaff, no
24 doubt. Verde Valley, Sedona don't see eye to eye all
25 the time, all the way to Camp Verde, they're more with

1 Prescott, Prescott, Verde Valley, primarily out of
2 Paulden, a watershed up on I-40 through Verde Valley
3 down to Phoenix. And we're dealing with that now.

4 The concern I have is this, the concern of
5 communities. What I mean by that is this: If you split
6 Verde Valley off the Tri-City area, you'll have
7 problems. What essentially Kim Bennett did, you have to
8 sit at the table and talk. We're doing that now on
9 water. The whole community is talking. The Sedona
10 water issue, we're not involved in discussions, not
11 involved, not in the same area we are.

12 That primary issue is not in 10 years,
13 five years, that issue must be decided right now with
14 communities on the other side. Verde Valley, the
15 mountain over here, Verde Valley understand the concepts
16 Prescott has of a water budget. Prescott Valley has a
17 water budget. Chino Valley is drawing one up. Verde
18 Valley is starting to understand it. If you split us
19 up, you'll set us back 10, 15 years. You'll not hurt us
20 as much as the Verde Valley folks who are just now
21 getting the concepts down with help on this side of the
22 mountain to get what they need long-term to solve their
23 growth problems as they are growing up. That's the
24 water issue. The other issue is areas and communities.
25 We literally have a mountain between us, no doubt about

1 it. On other side, they have dry land where you get up
2 to Cornville, all those areas. The middle valley, as
3 far as culture communities.

4 Looking at culture, Sedona, those, Ash
5 Fork is more aligned with Chino Valley, that's where
6 they come to doctors, food, where those things happen.
7 Looking at culture, Cordes Junction is on this side of
8 mountain, Northern Paulden and Ash Fork, that's the
9 community base. The community runs the whole base of
10 the mountain range. That's the culture we deal with on
11 the college board as well as the Mayor's job.

12 When the map came out, the Mayors got
13 together and said: Hey, what is going on? Three city
14 councils came together. We need a solution, not to
15 yell, rant and rave. Prescott Valley fits our personal
16 needs. Number 3 is the closest we get. To split Chino
17 is powerful. We'd sure take out everyone in Maricopa,
18 literally cut the community in half.

19 Mr. Barrett's map great, a month and a
20 half away, going 40 square miles to the east, 40 square
21 miles annexed were few months ago, literally cut us in
22 half.

23 Looking away to way growth patterns, I
24 have to do, as a college member, decide how take care of
25 needs in the future. As a four-year college doing

1 studies, demographics, what is going to happen here,
2 pulling the center out, started building the Chino
3 Center. Maricopa is something we're not addressing at
4 this point in time. Those demographics are at the
5 Yavapai College Master Plan for the whole Yavapai
6 County. Looking at the whole issues, if you go to map
7 three, you'll be great. It will be tweaking corners,
8 everything else. Sedona right now culturally is not
9 part of the community. It's part of the community, not
10 part of the issues addressing Verde Valley and the
11 Tri-City area.

12 The two major parts, the Tri-City area and
13 Verde Valley, are the other side of the issue. Other
14 issues are the Tri-City area alone, we have how many
15 groups? The Yavapai Hospital district doesn't serve
16 much. The police, fire thing, there is a fresh study
17 right now, study where there is a joint center, Yavapai
18 center involved, police training center, central
19 location, dispatch center, fire, police, ambulance,
20 working, spending money. The Chamber is great, school
21 district, drawing boundaries between Humboldt, Prescott,
22 and Chino Valley.

23 Right now the school district drop-outs
24 all put resources into support of that community at this
25 point in time.

1 Going into the municipal planning
2 organization, Prescott Valley is all voting literally
3 this month that it is going to be done. The Central
4 Valley Transportation Road Organization, all three, when
5 it comes to water for the tribes, the Prescott Valley
6 Tribe is involved. Roads connecting across property
7 joint with all three cities, county, and the tribe, a
8 community basis, are being built. Not recently. In the
9 last decade. Even though Mr. Turner is not in the room,
10 I understand that the ongoing transportation planning
11 organization has done wonderful work for years,
12 technicians, not politicians, in a regional area with
13 local governments. It will be a regional valley in a
14 couple years.

15 The three councils sitting down, tribes,
16 were invited, and always, what are issues that we have
17 to deal with? What need do we have to get to and how do
18 we get it done?

19 We have the Tri-City areas, Safeway area
20 from FLAME propane, Reynolds Aluminum, Olson's Verde
21 Valley. We don't look at the area Prescott Valley,
22 Prescott, Chino Valley, it is not. Dewey today, Dewey
23 worked with me as a customer. I go back to work in
24 Chino Valley. This is one area where we don't
25 differentiate between the three of them.

1 A good portion my folks work in Prescott
2 Valley and Prescott. A lot of folks moving in my area.
3 We have large acreage, if did you start splitting things
4 apart, it would now disenfranchise everything we'd do.
5 Water, that's the biggest thing I've got, big fear,
6 concern, right now is the work on this water issue out
7 among both sides of the mountain right now.

8 If we don't do that, we'll be in court for
9 many years to come and there has to be a Legislative
10 solution. We'll have to have a Legislature sponsor a
11 bill to solve the problem permanently for both sides of
12 the problem.

13 If there are two legislators down there, a
14 lot of money and lot of lawyers don't need to do. We
15 can't afford do it.

16 Growth factors, 100 something percent. 60
17 percent Chino Valley. My market, not Chino Valley,
18 Paulden is my district. I picked up the paper. This is
19 the area of Chino Valley: Central Yavapai Rodeo.
20 Tri-City, between now Prescott and Chino Valley.

21 The second one, Paulden. We are one
22 community. Verde Valley is on our side on other issues.
23 Chino Valley is afraid of Prescott. Paulden folks are
24 afraid Paulden. Ash Fork folks don't like Ash Fork.

25 Go Verde Valley, say want get out of that?

1 No way.

2 Do that. Fine. End up doing that and you
3 destroy the whole county, period. They are not forcing
4 us to do issues. It's too easy to go. The court can't
5 afford that any more. The growth factors are so fast,
6 if we do that, we'll have a nightmare on our hands.

7 Please, whatever you do, hold the county
8 together as much as you can so we solve the water once
9 and for all for the whole area. I envision once and
10 before one water issue, the Tri-City area AMA Verde
11 Valley, this side with a separate elected board out of
12 the court's hands, without this being one district for
13 the next 10 years.

14 Forget it, will be not happen. In court,
15 you fight for new representation, try to hire people,
16 just because of drawing a line.

17 Three is the best bet. If we have to take
18 one, we'll take that.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Main.

20 Next speaker, Ann Patrell, followed by
21 Lanny Lambert.

22 Is Ms. Patrell here?

23 Mr. Lambert?

24 MRS. LAMBERT: Mrs., thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: It is wrong?

1 MRS. LAMBERT: Yes and no. Lanny Lambert,
2 L A N N Y, L A M B E R T.

3 I would like to start out with the fact I
4 don't envy you guys at all, the loss of sleep or job you
5 have to do. Number two, I would love to walk up and
6 tell you I have the cure, the perfect plan, because it
7 would do me a lot of good, tonight I'd be hero and
8 tomorrow the King of Arizona. I can't do it. But what
9 I can do is speak from my heart.

10 I don't, haven't had enough time to know
11 all the things you know. Maybe I'm not smart enough to
12 know everything I should know about the problems we
13 face. I know what is here. I will say one thing about
14 Mr. Turner. He was wrong. We got glue.

15 I'm going to read this because people that
16 know me know I wax poetic.

17 The greater Tri-City area is a family of
18 communities. Like all families, each community wants
19 its independence, its own style, and in many cases its
20 bragging rights unfettered. Like all families, we have
21 disagreements. We have a bit of competition. And we
22 even have some misunderstandings. Beyond that is the
23 truth of what family is.

24 Family is unity. To divide the greater
25 Tri-City area is to turn a -- sorry about that, let me

1 try that again.

2 To divide the Tri-City area is to turn
3 complicated accomplishments into unavoidable failures.
4 We have or are solving problems of transportation,
5 communications, borders, open space, and water, and
6 more. We challenge the redistricting according to this
7 grid. It puts us at the mercy of those whose interests
8 need and vision conflict with our own by the very nature
9 of the geography and populations involved. There is no
10 common ground.

11 The hard work that we've done. I'm going
12 to do this. The hard work that we've done and the
13 common interests we hold will be compromised beyond
14 repair by those who have no concern for our individual
15 communities beyond the numbers they can count and the
16 influence they can discount.

17 In your goals are the words geographically
18 compact and contiguous. There is little doubt that. We
19 meet the criteria "to the extent practicable." More to
20 the heart, common sense and justice of the matter.

21 Respect communities of interest. That
22 respect is the essence of this family of communities.
23 It is what we have come to learn. It is what we have
24 been wise enough to practice. And it is what we are
25 blessed enough to appreciate. I ask you, please, do not

1 farm us out to foster families that don't really want
2 us. Please, try again.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Lambert.

5 The next speaker is Donald Gooder, if
6 Mr. Gooder is here.

7 Next speaker then is Arthur Marcome.

8 Mr. Marcome?

9 Okay.

10 We have a speaker David Summer, who
11 submitted a written comment, and we'll take that.

12 The next slip I have is Allison Scott.

13 Mike Bluff?

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mike Bluff followed by
15 Terry Sapio.

16 MR. BLUFF: It paid to stick around.

17 B L U F F.

18 I'm from Verde Valley, Clarkdale. I want
19 to speak to that, not necessarily what is going on up in
20 Prescott. I agree with just about everything said so
21 far about Verde Valley and staying a part of Yavapai
22 County.

23 Sedona, I had lunch the Mayor of Sedona
24 today, talked to him about why they want to be aligned
25 with Flagstaff. What he said made lot of sense. They

1 feel there's a community of interest, feel their
2 community of interest is with Flagstaff, that they shop
3 there, work there. It just makes a whole lot of sense
4 for them to be there.

5 Sedona has been part of the Verde Valley
6 and all the things we try to do with Verde Valley a long
7 time. The fact they'll be split off, might be split off
8 don't seem like a problem for us. We can still work
9 together.

10 The water issue is really our key request
11 for us in Verde Valley. I agree with what has been said
12 completely about us and Verde Valley being a part of
13 Prescott up here so we can solve that problem together.
14 Splitting us apart doesn't solve that problem for us.

15 You asked a question, said you can't solve
16 water problems. I appreciate that. You said you'll
17 hear things tomorrow night, gee, don't want to be part
18 of Prescott, and how do you split that baby. And you
19 asked Mrs. Burkhardt, I guess, about how to solve that
20 problem. My solution would be that you really need to
21 test why want to be part of Flagstaff, why other elected
22 officials feel they are part of Flagstaff. If you press
23 them, the answer is water.

24 Well, you can't solve that water problem.

25 I don't think there's a way to carve up

1 Verde Valley and make folks happy.

2 You've done a good job keeping us
3 together. Except Sedona, simply keeping on this side,
4 not sending us up toward Flagstaff. Tomorrow night when
5 hear all the folks from Verde Valley say they want to be
6 part of the Flagstaff community of interest, ask
7 questions about why they want that community of
8 interest. I tell you, people in Verde Valley work here,
9 shop over here. That's why they have a community of
10 interest here.

11 Legislative map Number 3 is one fits the
12 best. I think that's really -- I'll shut up.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Bluff.
14 Appreciate it.

15 Terry Sapio and Al Bradshaw. I know
16 Mr. Bradshaw is here.

17 MR. SAPIO: Sapio, S A P I O. I'm not a
18 politician, not a businessman. I'm not a developer.
19 I'm an airline pilot. Most importantly, I'm an
20 interested member of this community, have been so for 14
21 years. And we've heard back and forth tonight
22 discussions about competitiveness vs. community of
23 interest. And as an airline pilot, I see what kind of
24 daunting task you have here in Arizona.

25 When I fly over the State of Arizona at

1 night, especially, you see where population is,
2 especially. Flying over the state of Arizona at night,
3 there's many thousands of miles of blackness. With this
4 Congressional district, you almost need an airline pilot
5 with their own airplane, it's so big.

6 One thing, also, I have noticed during the
7 last 14 years of living here in Prescott, number one,
8 the people that live in the area and communities in this
9 area are fiercely independent. And you've heard some of
10 that independence of people in the community going back
11 and forth tonight.

12 At the same time, what I've seen as an
13 airplane pilot flying over Arizona at night, and also
14 people in this community would agree, that we are united
15 in spite of our independence geographically and
16 economically.

17 14 years ago, Prescott, Prescott Valley,
18 and Chino Valley were three distinct clumps of light.
19 You could barely make out the lights of Dewey, Humboldt,
20 and Mayer. Now when I fly over the areas at night,
21 Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino, Mayer, Dewey, in fact
22 Chino and Paulden has grown together. Prescott Valley
23 and Dewey lights have grown together. In fact, now
24 flying over Arizona at night, I can make out the entire
25 Highway 69, Prescott all the way to the Interstate at

1 Cordes Junction. I never could do that 14 years ago.
2 In spite of that, that large growth in this area, this
3 area has got a tremendous number of square miles of
4 total blackness separating it from the valley in
5 Phoenix, Maricopa County.

6 And the suggestions that Prescott should
7 be part of this Congressional District A, which would be
8 part of Maricopa County, it doesn't work. Whether
9 politics are city politics, or county politics, or state
10 politics, or federal politics, I'm sure you've heard the
11 expression, all politics are local. And definitely,
12 when it comes to a choice of competitiveness versus a
13 community of interest, all politics are local. And you
14 really have to consider the community of interest first.
15 For that reason, even though this Congressional District
16 here, C, is gigantic and it's nice to have two rural
17 Congressmen here in Arizona, I can see that at least for
18 the Congressional District map, even with the Dragon's
19 Head mentioned earlier tonight, there are communities of
20 interest. And it's very important that you try to
21 maintain the communities of interest. For that reason,
22 Yavapai County has to be kept as intact as possible, and
23 especially the Tri-City area, actually the Metropolitan
24 service area now of Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino
25 Valley.

1 The latest Census officially designated us
2 as the metropolitan service area.

3 USA Today pointed that out several years
4 ago Prescott Valley was designated as a MSA service
5 area, and the Census was making it official.

6 On the Legislative District map, the
7 Prescott area has to be reworked. The Tri-city area has
8 to be reworked. In spite of our fierce independence as
9 individuals and communities, we are united as a
10 community of interest. Geographically and economically,
11 we have to be together.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Sapio, very
13 much.

14 Mr. Bradshaw and then Mr. Martinez.

15 Mr. Bradshaw.

16 MR. BRADSHAW: B R A D S H A W.

17 I own Bradshaw Public Relations Company,
18 and I'm speaking this evening as the President of the
19 Prescott Economic Council.

20 The areas of the Legislative boundaries as
21 they currently exist leave much to be desired when it
22 comes to creating a cohesive district for
23 representation. The Redistricting Commission had an
24 opportunity to improve the situation. The Commission
25 missed the opportunity, however, and the new proposed

1 boundaries, if implemented, would only make things
2 worse.

3 With that said, it's good to show up this
4 evening, see you are continuing to work on other
5 alternative plans. It seems the consensus plan Number
6 3, and I'd concur with that.

7 About four years ago we focused on a
8 future program, developed a future development plan for
9 Prescott. Most other rural communities have their own
10 similar programs. In recent weeks the Prescott Economic
11 Council held a day-long retreat to revise and update a
12 plan for economic development. One message came through
13 loud and clear by the end of day which was in order to
14 be successful, we need to begin taking a more regional
15 approach in many areas, such as available work force,
16 job training opportunities, available land and housing,
17 to mention just a few.

18 Also, the new Census told us that the
19 Tri-City area now has a population large enough to
20 consider establishment of a metropolitan planning
21 organization.

22 As a result municipalities are having
23 discussions about ways they can additionally join forces
24 to work on specific projects.

25 During the current campaign for Mayor and

1 City Council here in Prescott, the common theme has been
2 the need for greater regional cooperation. So it seems
3 clear the last thing we need are new Legislative
4 districts that would weaken the positive effects of our
5 region in which communities are trying harder to work
6 together. We do not need to have a region represented
7 by multiple legislative districts which could possibly
8 result in politicians competing for advancement of their
9 own areas at the expense of the region.

10 On behalf of the Prescott Economic
11 Council, I'd encourage everyone drawing new Legislative
12 boundaries to take advantage of the common interests
13 that exist in Yavapai County and especially here in the
14 Tri-City area.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Bradshaw.

16 Robert Martinez, and I know I'll foul this
17 up, Michael Beisch.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: Martinez, M A R T I N E Z.

19 I'm vice president of the Dewey-Humboldt
20 Community Organization.

21 I thank my kids tonight, it's past their
22 bedtime, for holding up the signs. These signs are for
23 you, the Commission, and points you brought across
24 tonight, put on website here, representing
25 Dewey-Humboldt.

1 We're always overlooked. It's always
2 Yavapai County, the Legislature. We're always
3 overlooked. That concerns me.

4 The new redistricting lines for
5 legislators definitely diminish our voice in state
6 government.

7 I've heard a lot tonight about Prescott,
8 how Prescott was the first capitol, a bunch of other
9 stuff.

10 Let me tell you about the small community
11 of Humboldt. Humboldt was a thriving city at one time
12 in this area, economically held the most jobs in the
13 area, at one time. It was home of the first movie
14 theater in the State of Arizona and is home of the
15 oldest Little League in the State of Arizona. And we're
16 very proud of that.

17 One thing I'd like to make clear, and I
18 think this is a nonpartisan issue, it's not about
19 Republicans, not about Democrats, it's rural communities
20 having a voice in state government.

21 The current lines you have up there, we
22 didn't get to see maps, other ideas you had. One
23 printed showed up and puts us with communities in the
24 northern, northeastern Maricopa.

25 Now, I listened to Mayor Dan Main of

1 Chino, how it so powerfully split them. Again,
2 Dewey-Humboldt is so small, you had to stick us in two
3 cities, urban cities, our Legislative voice.

4 There have been a lot of issues brought up
5 tonight, water and everything else.

6 If you think we have anything in common
7 with the cities of Sun City, Buckeye, Glendale, all
8 those other big urban communities, I know one thing
9 about redistricting, it's supposed to help rural
10 communities get a bigger voice. I didn't see that
11 happen at all.

12 I have been working in other communities
13 down in Cordes Lakes, talking to some community leaders
14 to find out how to help you change the districts.

15 One thing we're concerned about is --
16 I keep losing the line here.

17 One thing is losing our voice at a
18 Legislative level. That's a big topic at that level.
19 We have been circulating petitions, will have petitions
20 to the office before September 30th in the hopes of
21 working with a new plan to come up with.

22 One thing we're very interested in is
23 staying with the Tri-City area, even though Tri-City
24 barely mentions Dewey-Humboldt, we're the corridor.
25 Most people work in Prescott Valley or Prescott and

1 commute.

2 We have the same interests.

3 We'd ask you guys again, not only what you
4 guys had on the screen, what my boys are holding up.

5 What do we have in common with the urban
6 communities of Maricopa?

7 I think that's pretty much all I have to
8 say.

9 One thing I would like to comment on.
10 There's been a lot of talk about one legislator being
11 better than three and having took out of the hands of 90
12 folks in State Legislature and put in the five we have,
13 are we better off. I'd ask you consider that.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Martinez.

15 Mr. Elder.

16 COMMISSIONER ELDER: Is Cordes Lakes the
17 same as Cordes Junction?

18 MR. MARTINEZ: That's spring valley.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: You didn't have an
20 opportunity to see the alternatives presented. One of
21 the alternatives seems to be relatively popular, the
22 Tri-City alternative, essentially, with the exception of
23 Sedona, which rejoined most of Yavapai County within the
24 same Legislative District. It does use some of rural
25 Western Maricopa County to add additional small amounts

1 population, nothing significant in the Maricopa area.
2 Given that description, is that something you would
3 support?

4 MR. MARTINEZ: Probably.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: As we move forward with
6 that, that alternative becomes part of the website,
7 other material we put forth, I'd ask you take the
8 opportunity to review that and have a reaction to that.

9 MR. MARTINEZ: Absolutely.

10 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I'd ask one thing,
11 provide us citizen input, Pete.

12 MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: The sooner we get
14 that, we're hoping to have citizen input shortly after
15 that, and we're examining alternatives, talking about
16 moving lines. The earlier we get it, the better to
17 integrate into the process.

18 MR. MARTINEZ: I took a form letter I had
19 in the packages, received a couple days ago, and took it
20 upon myself to make a couple hundred of those, fax them
21 in rather than mail them in, and visit the website.
22 We'll do it online, fill out the form. We also read
23 something put out on website to contact legislators, let
24 them know how we feel about it. We gave out Henry
25 Camarot's e-mail address all over the community as well.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you for being here
2 and bringing your family. I know it's past your
3 bedtime. This is a very important step, and we
4 appreciate you being involved.

5 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

6 I need notes for the boys to excuse them.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Official excuses from
8 school. Not sure they'd do any good. Better get some
9 rest.

10 Thank you, gentlemen, all of you.

11 The next speaker, Michael Beisch, followed
12 by Jim Buchanan.

13 MR. BEISCH: Esteemed Commissioners,
14 ladies, I'm Mike Beisch, B E I S C H, a resident of
15 Prescott. I lived in Arizona since 1966. This is a
16 change of pace.

17 Tim Wakefield, premier knucklefielder for
18 the Boston Redsocks, someone once asked how he pitches.
19 "I throw in the general direction of the plate."

20 I think there's a knuckleball present here
21 this evening.

22 I'm a former employee of the Salt River
23 Project, collection counting division. James
24 Brassfield, I remember they gave us a very sophisticated
25 tour of the Salt River system, Horseshoe Dam, Apache,

1 Lake Roosevelt, and it's probably one of most
2 sophisticated water reclamation districts in the world.
3 Without the Salt River Project, Phoenix would not be
4 possible.

5 What I'm leading up to, the gentleman that
6 spoke right before the break, and there's been several
7 other people that touched on this, the issue here,
8 really, is water. I remember, this is something I've
9 never forgotten, Mr. Brassfield, in the late 1950s,
10 Arizona had a draught. I'd say 1957, 1958, the SRP in
11 its system, which included Apache, and the whole, all
12 the wells being pumped into the SRP canals, and so on,
13 they have 48 hours of domestic drinking water in the
14 system. Water is the issue.

15 What you do with this redistricting will
16 first affect the distribution of water.

17 Now, in the Tri-City area, you could not
18 have the Tri-City area without the Chino Valley aquifer.
19 If you split up the Tri-City area, the City of Prescott,
20 the City of Prescott Valley, City of Chino Valley,
21 possibly Dewey, all the cities will lose Legislative
22 control of the Chino Valley aquifer. This was a
23 principle repeated over and over again at Salt River
24 Project: The water belongs to the land.

25 Now, the Verde Valley would be a unifying

1 principle. The Chino Valley aquifer would be another
2 unifying principle insofar as how these districts are
3 drawn up.

4 I know Flagstaff depends a lot upon Lake
5 Mary and that well.

6 What I'm leading up to is I think if,
7 primarily, the Tri-City area is split up, I think it
8 will all but destroy Yavapai County. I think it will
9 tear it up, and probably result in expensive lawsuits,
10 because some of these communities will be forced to --
11 they will be forced -- the SRP used the Sanaros
12 (phonetic) and ditch riders, in the early days of the
13 Arizona territory, and a little after the Arizona
14 territory, Out Riders armed with thirty-thirties for
15 guarding Arizona canals. And at times in the state, the
16 water situation has been pretty grim.

17 If you don't think -- well, about a year
18 ago I worked for a well driller, Jay Bigalow, in the
19 Prescott area. Wells in Chino Valley were going dry,
20 there were fording park water problems, Diamond Valley
21 Indian water problems. They are on again, off again.
22 I've lived in many cities in Arizona, and believe me,
23 the Sonoran Desert exacts a toll on our water. An
24 engineer could probably figure this out, but out
25 there, the Central Arizona Project, all those canals are

1 open. Can you imagine how much water is evaporating
2 going through Nevada into Arizona, how much water is
3 just evaporating by the time it gets to Tucson or to
4 Phoenix and --

5 The issue is water. And if these states,
6 these cities --

7 Oh, one other point I wanted to make. I
8 was talking to an engineer here one time, and the pull
9 on water supply in the Prescott area is especially heavy
10 around 4th of July. And this individual said to me,
11 these are not things published in the newspapers. This
12 individual said to me that there was one 4th of July
13 when the Prescott water system was down to 100,000
14 gallons. And that's getting pretty low. And the issue
15 will always be water and the manner in which water is
16 handled.

17 You are seeing more and more golf courses
18 going into the state. Golf courses take an enormous
19 amount of water.

20 Well, to wrap up my comments, I think if
21 the Tri-City area is divided up, you are going to see --
22 you are going to see a tremendous amount of pressure put
23 on this area to get the necessary water. And that Chino
24 Valley aquifer, that's the unifying principle of this
25 area. And this area has to have that Chino Valley

1 aquifer.

2 Well, that's just about what I came to
3 say.

4 One other thing. I've been looking at
5 this map, and there's no Prescott Valley on this map. I
6 guess somebody made a mistake.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Beisch.

8 The next speaker is Jim Buchanan and
9 following Mr. Buchanan is Lydia Chapman.

10 Mr. Buchanan.

11 MR. BUCHANAN: Jim Buchanan,
12 B U C H A N A N .

13 I want to thank you all for your service
14 to us and the opportunity to speak to you.

15 I'm a 55-year resident of this area, and I
16 guess I could say my life has been substantially
17 dedicated to community service in many, many ways.

18 Nine years I spent on the Yavapai County
19 Planning and Zoning Commission as a Zoning Commissioner,
20 and I chaired that Commission for two years. In that I
21 had a great deal of experience dealing with water,
22 growth, transportation, zoning, building codes, and all
23 of the other issues that relate to Yavapai County.

24 We are a very cohesive and united county
25 in many, many ways, and in many ways, as has been

1 expressed here tonight, all those areas are very unique
2 and different and have their own identities and deserve
3 their own respect. But the unity is very, very
4 critical. And of the options that you've presented to
5 us here tonight, option three is certainly the best of
6 the options that I've seen. And I hope that you will
7 reconsider the draft proposal.

8 Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Buchanan.

10 Next speaker, Lydia Chapman, followed by
11 the last slip I have at the present time, James
12 Crockett.

13 MS. CHAPMAN: L Y D I A, C H A P M A N.

14 I'm also from Humboldt, which I didn't
15 notice on the maps. All my friends say "Where the hell
16 is Humboldt?" If you hadn't heard it tonight, you'd
17 have said: "Where the hell is Humboldt?"

18 We're unique in our culture. We're
19 hillbillies, hicks, mountain people. That's okay. We
20 have wells, most of us, and septic. We're very
21 concerned about water. It isn't just us, though, it's
22 people in Dewey, people in Blue Hills, people in Cherry,
23 on Orme, Spring Valley, and people in Cordes.

24 When people talk about the Tri-Cities, we
25 don't feel very represented. The AMA ends in Humboldt.

1 It's very important to us to be part of the AMA. We
2 depend on Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino for jobs,
3 for our shopping, but we don't want to be forgotten. We
4 don't feel that we would be represented by being in the
5 North Phoenix area. We don't have interests in common
6 with Sun City. We don't think someone would protect our
7 water, our land, if they are involved with a
8 municipality so far from us.

9 I think Marty pretty much, well, very
10 eloquently, represented our needs. I just wanted to add
11 that, to remember us.

12 There's a lot of people that can't be here
13 because they live so far, maybe Crown King people,
14 Bumblebee people. We're out there. We are there.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Chapman, were you able
17 to see the alternatives earlier in the evening?

18 MS. CHAPMAN: I haven't had time to study
19 the maps. I feel like the other people, getting all the
20 data, the information is really new to me. But what can
21 I answer for you?

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you are not comfortable
23 evening, I'd ask the same question would ask of
24 Mr. Martinez, if you would look at the alternatives as
25 they make their way to the website, give you the benefit

1 of thinking, either through e-mail.

2 MS. CHAPMAN: We'll do the forms. Come to
3 the meeting on Tuesday. I'll urge people, plus myself,
4 to get those in.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The last speaker slip I
6 have, James Crockett.

7 Are there others that wish to submit a
8 speaker slip?

9 Mr. Crockett.

10 MR. CROCKETT: You guys have seen a lot
11 beautiful country in Arizona.

12 I'll take a minute, I guess, to comment on
13 the remarks made earlier today, I guess, about, I guess,
14 the numbers in Yavapai County, whether it be the numbers
15 of voters registered, particular parties, or not.

16 I want to suggest maybe I represent a
17 bigger minority tonight, if you look around at the
18 demographics, I'm going to assume I'm by far the
19 youngest that stood up here tonight. I'm also going to
20 tell you I'm a registered Republican, and Mr. Camarot
21 here tonight is in office probably because I feel I was
22 an informed voter. I went to polls and voted for him.

23 I'm a little offended, I guess, that
24 people would suggest we're not informed voters in
25 Yavapai County. We take those matters very seriously.

1 When the right candidates are there, they're put into
2 office.

3 I have a two-year-old daughter and
4 eight-year old daughter. I've lived in Prescott 25
5 years, I guess longer than a lot of people in here. I
6 want to say 25 years. Money is not easy to come by,
7 money is not as easy as in the valley. People that move
8 here move here for one reason, because they enjoy the
9 area and the people.

10 I don't believe we need to try to
11 redistrict the area in order to meet certain voter
12 numbers. But rather, the people that move here, if we
13 vote a particular way, it's because we believe in a
14 particular way of life. That's why we come together.
15 That's why we're all big together, Prescott Valley,
16 Prescott, Chino Valley, friends from Humboldt, we want
17 to stay together.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Crockett.

19 Are there other members of the public that
20 wish to be heard at this time?

21 If not the Commission has other business.
22 I suggest a five-minute break, quick break, to allow
23 others wishing to doing do so, others that need to go to
24 do so. We'll take up the rest of the business up
25 following the break.

1 I want to thank you all for coming, those
2 that stayed. Thank you for staying for the entire
3 presentation. We really do appreciate it. I know I
4 speak for all the Commissioners. We knew it would be a
5 lively discussion, but it was very civil, and more than
6 anything else, helpful, and the comments are
7 appreciated. They will be duly considered.

8 I think you can see from some of the work
9 already shown this evening we are certainly interested
10 in considering a number of alternatives.

11 Thank you very much for coming.

12 (Whereupon, a short recess is taken from
13 11:05 p.m. until approximately 11:11 p.m.)

14 (The following is a written submission
15 from the Humboldt Unified School District dated
16 September 4, to all the Commissioners:

17 "We, the Governing Board of Education for
18 the Humboldt Unified School District, vigorously oppose
19 the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's
20 current approach to redistricting the Arizona
21 Legislative Districts. We respectfully request that the
22 Legislative District boundary lines be redrawn to
23 preserve a significant "community of interest," the
24 Tri-City area of Western Yavapai County, which entails
25 Prescott Valley, Prescott, and Chino Valley. The

1 current redistricting configuration would locate all of
2 Prescott and part of Chino Valley in one Legislative
3 District; part of Chino Valley and part of Prescott
4 Valley in a second Legislative District; and part of
5 Prescott Valley in yet a third Legislative District. We
6 believe this arbitrary separation of our Tri-City area
7 would be disruptive and extremely detrimental to our
8 future success. In addition, these current boundary
9 lines flout two of the Commission's stated goals:
10 Paragraph D: District boundaries shall respect
11 communities of interest to the extent practicable;
12 paragraph E: To the extent practicable, district lines
13 shall use visible geographic features, city, town, and
14 county boundaries and undivided Census tracts.

15 "The Tri-City area is interconnected and
16 interdependent on numerous essential levels that need to
17 be respected by Legislative boundaries, including the
18 following:

19 "The Tri-City area creates a triangular
20 formation that is located within a fiscal corridor
21 fringed on the northeast by Kaibab National Forest and
22 on the southeast by Prescott National Forest.

23 "Within it's 20-mile radius, more than
24 110,000 persons live in the Tri-City area.

25 "Yavapai College has a campus center in

1 each Tri-City community.

2 "Yavapai Regional Medical Center serves
3 the Tri-City area through a full service, not-for-profit
4 hospital located in Prescott and another one planned to
5 open in Prescott Valley in 2006; there are also branch
6 medical facilities located in each Tri-City community.

7 "The local governments in the Tri-City
8 area work closely together on cooperative projects
9 covering issues such as transportation, water (through
10 the Prescott Active Management Area), and resource
11 sharing (e.g. public safety dispatch, transit vouchers,
12 animal control, library materials).

13 "The school districts in the Tri-City area
14 also closely together to enhance their services, and
15 they present themselves collectively in their
16 advertising as Tri-City schools.

17 Based on this evidence of the close
18 relationships among the Tri-City communities, we
19 respectfully reiterate our request that the Arizona
20 Independent Redistricting Commission redraw the
21 Legislative boundary lines to recognize and support the
22 collaborative efforts and distinctions of the combined
23 region of Prescott Valley, Prescott, and Chino Valley.

24 Sincerely, Craig Sorenson,
25 S O R E N S O N, board president, Belinda Wofford,

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1 W O F F O R D, board member, and Barbara Jernigan,
2 J E R N I G A N, vice president, and Ladawn,
3 L A D A W N, Dalton, D A L T O N, board member."

4 (Whereupon, the public outreach portion of
5 the meeting concluded at 11:05 p.m. The Public Hearing
6 began at 11:11 p.m. and is contained in Volume Two.)

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BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing hearing was taken before me, LISA A. NANCE, RPR, CCR, Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Arizona, Certificate Number 50349; that the proceedings were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my direction; that the foregoing 156 pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of all proceedings had upon the taking of said hearing, all done to the best of my ability.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related to any of the parties hereto, nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 21st day of September, 2001.

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