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1           The State of Arizona Independent Redistricting  
2 Commission Convened in Public Session on September 8,  
3 2001, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., at Florence City Hall, 775  
4 North Main, Florence, Arizona, in the Presence of:

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6   Appearances:

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8           CHAIRMAN STEVEN W. LYNN

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PRESENTATION BY:

VICE CHAIRMAN ANDI E. MINKOFF

SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

- ROBERT A. REVELES
- CAROL KINGSBURY
- TOM BEAN
- RON KINGSBURY
- MICHAEL AGOEW
- JOE RIOS
- HELEN NEUHARTH
- COUNCILMEMBER TOM RANKIN (Florence)
- KEN BUCHANAN
- SUPERVISOR MARY ROSE WILCOX (Maricopa County)
- MAYOR BEN CRUZ (Eloy)
- ESTHER DURAN LUMM
- JOHN GEIB
- VIRGINIA RIVERA
- BONNIE BEAN
- SUPERVISOR SANDIE SMITH (Pinal County)
- DANIEL FROETSCHER
- LAURA DEAN-LYTTLE

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

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3             JIM HARTDEGEN

4             SEGURD OVERGAARD

5             COUNCILMEMBER JOE DURBALA (Apache Junction)

6             SUPERVISOR LIONEL D. RUIZ (Pinal County District 1)

7             JOAN KLEIN

8             GAYL OVERGAARD

9             STEVE OWENS

10            JOHN C. FELIX

11            JOSE SOLAREZ

12            ROBERT A. REVELES

13            SUPERVISOR SANDIE SMITH (Pinal County)

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Public Session  
Florence, Arizona  
September 8, 2001  
3:00 o'clock p.m.

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'm Steve Lynn, Chairman  
of the Independent Redistricting Commission.

To my right is Andrea Minkoff. To my  
right we expect will be Dan Elder. If something has  
happened to him, we'll give him, as we always do, a  
transcript of the proceedings so he can read a  
transcript of the proceedings.

Our goal is to hear from you. That's what  
the goal of this afternoon will be devoted to.

If you wish to speak, you should have  
filled out a yellow speaker form. It's not too late to  
do so. Please fill one out. Staff is present. Get one  
in the cue to speak.

(The Chairman addresses the audience in  
Spanish to see if anyone needs a Spanish interpreter.  
No one requests the services of an interpreter.)

CHAIRMAN LYNN: That means the  
presentation this afternoon will be made in English  
only.

1                   To make the Power Point presentation, to  
2 give you an update of where we are, where we next need  
3 to go, I'll ask Vice Chairman Minkoff to do that this  
4 afternoon.

5                   Ms. Minkoff.

6                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you, Chairman  
7 Lynn.

8                   Can you all hear me?

9                   VOICES: Yes.

10                  COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Great.

11                  I want to join the Chairman in welcoming  
12 you. This is one of a number of hearings we're holding  
13 in the second round of public hearings around the state.

14                  There is a hearing going on as we are  
15 meeting at the same time in Kingman, which is where part  
16 of the staff and part of the Commission is and why we  
17 don't have a full complement here in Florence.

18                  I'm going to begin by showing you a Power  
19 Point presentation, provide you with a little background  
20 on how we got to this point in the process.

21                  It's not up.

22                  Mike?

23                  One second.

24                  There it is.

25                  Pardon me for the short delay.

1                   There it is.

2                   The purpose is to get your input. We'll  
3 show draft plans a little and explain why they are drawn  
4 the way they are drawn and also along the wall are maps,  
5 along the back wall and to the side, a map of the state  
6 Congressional Districts, State Legislative Districts,  
7 and then two blow-ups of Pinal County to show the  
8 Congressional and Legislative Districts in this area.

9                   You were also handed a citizen kit when  
10 you came in, a big manila envelope. If there is anyone  
11 here who did not get one, please raise your hand. We'll  
12 have one of the staff bring one to you.

13                  I'd encourage you to look at the citizen  
14 kit. There is a lot of good information. It has all  
15 the maps we're going to be talking about in it. It also  
16 has individual maps of each one of the Congressional  
17 Legislative Districts that tell you a little more about  
18 them.

19                  Please remember all these maps we're  
20 talking about today are drafts.

21                  We are here today to get your help in  
22 telling us how these maps can be improved. We intend to  
23 improve them. We will be changing many lines on these  
24 maps, and we are going to rely on your input to give  
25 guidance how to change those lines.

1                    Proposition 106 passed by the voters last  
2 November by a rather substantial majority to establish  
3 the first ever citizen run independent redistricting  
4 process in the State of Arizona.

5                    It also set out very explicit criteria for  
6 districts we're going to be drawing. These are criteria  
7 are as explained in Proposition 106.

8                    The first two, obviously, are federal  
9 requirements we have to comply with, the equal  
10 protection clause of the United States Constitution  
11 which requires districts be essentially equal in  
12 population, and the Voting Rights Act requires that  
13 whatever districts we draw in no way diminish the  
14 ability of minorities to elect candidates of their  
15 choosing. And those are two requirements we must follow  
16 and that we must have attempts to comply with in the  
17 drawing of draft districts.

18                    Then there are additional criteria talking  
19 about compact and contiguous districts, respecting  
20 communities of interest, not dividing cities, counties,  
21 and towns, to the extent practicable.

22                    As we go along, you'll see there are times  
23 when some criteria conflict with one another.

24                    We may have a community of interest that  
25 cuts through city or town boundaries, and the only way

1 we can put a community of interest in a particular  
2 district is by dividing cities and towns that we're told  
3 not to divide if possible, so we have to weigh these  
4 criteria and balance them. And the phrase "to the  
5 extent practicable" allows us to do exactly that.

6 The last of the rules, which has another  
7 "extent practicable" in it, says that "competitive  
8 districts shall be favored where to do so would create  
9 no significant detriment to the other goals."

10 We'll be talking about that a little bit  
11 more later on, but basically, that criterion was not to  
12 be addressed until after the draft maps were drawn, the  
13 draft maps we're talking about today.

14 Proposition 106 has a requirement which,  
15 to our knowledge, is unique in Arizona among the 50  
16 states. It required us to begin by designing a grid, a  
17 regular geometric grid across the state that takes into  
18 account only population ignoring all the other criteria  
19 of Proposition 106. And once it was developed, gridded,  
20 to be adjusted to adjust other criteria.

21 One of the things the grid did is forced  
22 us to start over. We couldn't begin with the existing  
23 Legislative District and just say let's move this line a  
24 little here, this line a little there. We had to begin  
25 all over again, and we did use a grid to do that.

1                   These are the grid maps. And you must be  
2 saying: Well what is she talking about, because she  
3 just said "grid, straight lines, regular lines, even  
4 spacing. This doesn't look very grid like to me."  
5 Well, we had to superimpose Census tracts on top of  
6 townships, use townships as the building blocks for the  
7 grid.

8                   A township is six squares miles, six  
9 square miles, and in order to get the population right,  
10 we had to impose Census tracts on top. Census tracts  
11 are not straight. Census tracts had county boundaries  
12 as their boundaries.

13                   These were grid maps we drew. We  
14 recognized they violated virtually every other single  
15 criteria in 106: Equal population, divided cities and  
16 towns, divided Indian Reservations, did not respect city  
17 and county boundaries. We knew they had to be changed.  
18 We did change them.

19                   We changed them by going around the state  
20 in the first round of public hearings and got a lot of  
21 input from the citizens in the State of Arizona. And  
22 they made it clear to us that they wanted us to respect  
23 communities of interest in drawing district lines and  
24 also wanted us to respect the integrity of local  
25 governmental boundaries. They also identified

1 communities in the region they wished to preserve.

2                   We talk about communities of interest, but  
3 another word I'm going to be using today is essentially  
4 synonymous with communities of interest, Arizona units  
5 representation, or AURs. You defined for us what your  
6 units of representation were, and to the extent  
7 possible, we incorporated them into our draft plan.

8                   There were three major communities of  
9 interest, or major AURs, identified during the first  
10 round of public -- that first round of public hearings.

11                   The first was Native Americans and tribal  
12 reservations. This was pointed out not just by Native  
13 American speakers, but other people that came to us  
14 saying "We recognize they are a community of interest  
15 and they deserve to have their integrity respected and  
16 maintained in the districts you draw." We've tried to  
17 do that.

18                   The second community of interest that was  
19 identified for us was the Hispanic community of  
20 interest. There were some people who explained to us  
21 commonalities of interests and issues that the Hispanic  
22 community shared as a result of common interests they  
23 wished to have recognized as a unit of representation,  
24 and to extent possible we did that as well.

25                   The third major community of interest was

1 a very clear differentiation between rural and urban  
2 communities, both among rural residents and urban  
3 residents. People around the state said "Please deliver  
4 us from the State of Maricopa." To the extent possible,  
5 we did that. And even people in the cities, major,  
6 Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas, said we recognize  
7 that we could easily dominate rural districts, and  
8 that's not appropriate, please respect rural areas and  
9 give them their own districts.

10 Because we followed the mandate of 106,  
11 the districts developed are very, very different. One  
12 of the major differences is respect for political  
13 boundaries.

14 Our current Congressional Districts split  
15 16 cities and towns in the State of Arizona and  
16 remember, there are only six Congressional Districts  
17 currently. We have drawn eight districts in our draft  
18 map that only split six cities and towns, and one of  
19 them, Phoenix, would be split at any rate because it's  
20 too large for a single Congressional District. So we  
21 only split five additional cities and towns.

22 The existing Legislative Districts split  
23 39 cities and towns in the 30 districts. We have split  
24 a third as many, only 13 in the draft Legislative map.

25 The same thing is true for counties. The

1 six existing Congressional districts split five  
2 counties. Once again, Maricopa, I believe, and Pima  
3 would have to be split because of their size. Of the  
4 eight districts we drew, we split only six counties.

5 Legislative Districts, currently they  
6 split 13 of the 15 Arizona counties. Our draft plan  
7 split only nine of the 15 counties.

8 We've also attempted to respect  
9 communities of interest in drawing our draft maps.  
10 Three major communities of interest, or AURs, I  
11 mentioned earlier, tribal reservations undivided, not a  
12 single reservation has been split. There are some cases  
13 where tribes are in more than one location, and they are  
14 far apart from one another, in some cases not the same  
15 district, but individual reservations are not split.

16 Hispanic communities of interest, to the  
17 extent we could, are kept together.

18 And rural urban communities are separated  
19 as much as possible.

20 Many other AURs that were explained to us  
21 by the people in Arizona and we also tried respect them  
22 in drawing the draft plan. However, once again, there  
23 were times when AURs were developed in conflict with  
24 each other. One would say this is our community of  
25 interest, and these are the boundaries of my community

1 of interest, and we'd like to be in one district.  
2 Another group would come along and identify a separate  
3 community of interest that overlapped the first one. So  
4 there was a balancing act there as well.

5                   Proposition 106 did not allow to us  
6 consider competitiveness until first stage of the  
7 planning process was completed. We had to develop the  
8 draft maps you see today. Under Proposition 106,  
9 however, competitive districts should be favored where  
10 there's no detriment to other goals. We hope that today  
11 by your comments you will help us deal with this very,  
12 very important issue. The draft maps do not have a lot  
13 of competitive districts. Proposition 106 tells us that  
14 we should try to create more competitive districts. And  
15 if you have any ideas or suggestions, we would love to  
16 here from you in this area.

17                   The Commission has designed the following  
18 draft plan for Arizona eight Congressional Districts.  
19 This is the plan. You may actually be able to see it  
20 better by looking at the map in your citizen kit or if  
21 you picked up one of the larger maps on the table  
22 because the contrast isn't as good as we would like it  
23 to be on the Power Point presentation.

24                   If you notice, the green district, very  
25 bright and easy to see, if you look at that, that

1 doesn't look very compact to me. That district was  
2 drawn the way it was in respect of a community of  
3 interest. The Hopi Reservation asked to be in a  
4 district separate from the Navajo. It's a community of  
5 interest, the Hopi from Navajo. Here we decided to  
6 respect that.

7 Here's Phoenix.

8 These are the boundaries of the Tucson  
9 Metropolitan area.

10 And here is the Legislative draft map of  
11 the 30 districts.

12 Once again, you may be able to see this  
13 better in the map in your citizen kit.

14 These are the draft Legislative Districts  
15 in the Phoenix area. These are the draft Legislative  
16 Districts in the Tucson area.

17 We hope you'll avail yourself of them.

18 First of all, we're here to hear your  
19 testimony at this public hearing. Let me repeat what  
20 Chairman Lynn told us. We encourage you to tell us what  
21 you think of the draft maps. If you like them, please  
22 tell us that. We're definitely here to have people tell  
23 us if there are changes they'd like. If there are  
24 things you'd like, tell us you want them to stay the  
25 same, tell us that. If you want changes, tell us the

1 things you want changed and be as specific as you can.

2                   If you can give us specific boundaries,  
3 you can suggest streets, county lines, highways, however  
4 you think it appropriate for a district boundary, please  
5 let us know.

6                   In addition to the testimony at today's  
7 hearing, I also remind you, you do need to fill out one  
8 speaker form any time during the meeting. Even at the  
9 beginning of the meeting, if you think I'm not saying  
10 anything, then somebody else may say something and you  
11 decide that you want to talk as well, just raise your  
12 hand. We'll get a speaker slip to you. We'd be happy  
13 to hear what you have to say.

14                   There is also a form in the citizen kit, a  
15 very simple form. You can fill it out very, very  
16 quickly. If you want to, fill it out, hand it in today,  
17 or mail it in. There is an envelope in the citizen kit.  
18 Or go online to the website. The address is there,  
19 [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org). You can fill it out there. Go  
20 online, fill it out electronically. Write to us, send  
21 us an e-mail at the website. I assure you, every single  
22 Commissioner is copied on every bit of citizen input we  
23 have.

24                   So if you contact us, we will all see it  
25 and all read it. And your thoughts and ideas will be

1 known to all of us.

2 I'd also encourage you to visit the  
3 website just to see what is going on. It's a very user  
4 friendly website, has a lot of good information. Maps  
5 are there. Zoom in on them. Whenever we have a press  
6 release, we put it up on the website.

7 If you want to know what people in other  
8 communities are saying at other public hearings,  
9 summaries of public hearings are posted on the website  
10 within a few days of each public hearing. You can see  
11 what they said in Tucson, Prescott, Kingman, whatever  
12 you might be interested in. Go to the website, visit  
13 it, visit often. You'll find it very, very informative.

14 Now it's time for us to hear from you.  
15 Give us your comments.

16 We thank you for coming.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mrs. Minkoff,  
18 very much.

19 The rest of the afternoon will be devoted  
20 public to comment, your comments for us.

21 I'd ask a few things. The room has filled  
22 up rather nicely. We appreciate that. We're committed  
23 to stay here until every citizen has had an opportunity  
24 to speak.

25 We do ask in deference to your fellow

1 citizens, in the first round of speaking, if you would  
2 be so kind as to try to limit your comments to three  
3 minutes or less. Then if you want additional time, when  
4 everyone has had a chance to speak in the first round,  
5 we'll be more than happy to return to you for additional  
6 comments at that time.

7                   The second thing I would ask is that we're  
8 going to hear testimony this afternoon that unless this  
9 meeting is very different from others around the state,  
10 there will be patterns developing. And patterns are  
11 what we are looking for. To the extent you have heard  
12 something from a prior speaker that fits what you  
13 believe should be the result of this process, if you  
14 could, rather than repeating everything the prior  
15 speaker said, summarize that point the speaker made so  
16 we can put it in that column as being additional support  
17 for that idea.

18                   Finally, ladies and gentlemen, what we are  
19 looking for today is not identifications of problems  
20 alone. We are looking for potential solutions. To that  
21 extent, if did you are going to tell us you are unhappy  
22 with something in the map, to the extent that you can  
23 help us solve the problem, we would ask that you do so.

24                   If you have a problem with a district,  
25 tell us how you think it might be fixed; and we will

1 take a look at that suggestion. The consultants will  
2 analyze that suggestion and give us an opportunity to  
3 put your ideas to work in this process.

4 Without any further delay, I will begin  
5 calling the names of those who have already filled out  
6 speaker slips. When your name is called, if you come to  
7 the podium. The microphone is adjustable, so bring it  
8 down kind of to chin level. If you would, both say and  
9 spell your name for our public stenographer. That would  
10 be helpful.

11 Let me make a couple quick introductions  
12 and then we'll get started. To my immediate right, Lisa  
13 Hauser, half of our legal team; to her right, Dr. Alan  
14 Heslop; Lisa Nance; Marion Porch, also from National  
15 Demographics.

16 Marion, if you'd wave.

17 Also Commission staff, as well: Cindy Le  
18 in back. Mike Sanders was here.

19 Mike went outside and is probably rolling  
20 up the tent for the next performance, wherever that may  
21 be.

22 Monday is in Yuma. It is a traveling  
23 show.

24 As is custom, I'll call two names. The  
25 first person is the person called to speak. The second

1 person is on deck, so to speak, so we may move through  
2 these as expeditiously as possible.

3 The first speaker is Robert Reveles.

4 Mr. Reveles is followed by Carol Kingsbury.

5 Mr. Reveles.

6 MR. REVELES: Robert A. Reveles,

7 R E V E L E S.

8 I'm from Gold Canyon, not Gold Camp,  
9 incidentally, as the maps show.

10 I will limit my comments only to  
11 Legislative W as shown on the maps you've made  
12 available.

13 I believe that there is a way to improve  
14 the boundaries that are now in the present draft. First  
15 off, I think Pinal County deserves to be left intact. I  
16 think the integrity of the county is very, very  
17 important. And I believe that the interests, the  
18 communities of interest, both geographically,  
19 geologically, economically and ethnically can be  
20 improved by simply adding those neighboring communities  
21 in Gila County that share geographic, geologic, and  
22 economic interests with us rather than keeping us tied  
23 in with the urban communities in Maricopa County. In  
24 the past, indeed, it has been very dramatically  
25 reflected that we in the rural area, I consider our

1 Pinal County rural, have lost voting political strength  
2 because of competition with urban candidates who find it  
3 difficult to find support to support rural economic  
4 bases that provide their livelihood. I'm referring to  
5 geographic and geologic neighbors that are boundaryless,  
6 mineralized, and that are open range and high desert,  
7 thereby sustaining mining communities, sustaining  
8 ranching communities, and sustaining outdoor  
9 recreational communities of interest.

10 Ethnically we have a very healthy  
11 representation of Hispanic communities in those areas  
12 which I suggest would help bring the lines into a more  
13 realistic community of interest.

14 So I encourage you to drop the Maricopa  
15 urban communities now included in LDW and pick up  
16 instead our neighboring communities of Globe, Miami, for  
17 example, which share all these other communities of  
18 interest.

19 Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Reveles, thank you.

21 We may from time to time engage speakers  
22 in some conversation at the end of a presentation.

23 MR. REVELES: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I understand the point  
25 about making a point of the urbanized areas of Phoenix

1 for communities in Gila County. W is one of our poster  
2 children that needs to be fixed. We understand that.  
3 There are several solutions in the works to make W a  
4 much more compact and contiguous district.

5 I notice you didn't make any mention of  
6 Cochise County. Is it the case you feel if Pinal were  
7 made whole in some fashion, that some or all of a  
8 portion of Cochise would be a good match?

9 MR. REVELES: I believe one could relate  
10 the same communities of an area that are included after  
11 all mineralized and geographic features we're talking  
12 about, and the ranching.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Mr. Reveles, one  
15 comment about the Gold Canyon vs. Gold Camp. For some  
16 reason, the Bureau of Census just doesn't get it. They  
17 don't understand that it's Gold Canyon, not Gold Camp.  
18 The names we use are those Census Places supplied to us  
19 by the Bureau of Census. You have our apologies. Tell  
20 them they have it wrong.

21 MR. REVELES: Thank you very much.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: There might be those from  
23 that part of Pinal County that have similar comments.  
24 Please understand the Commission is looking at a variety  
25 of potential solutions for the problems raised by

1 Mr. Reveles as well as a number of solutions in an  
2 attempt to bring together or in a better sense unify  
3 Pinal County. I want to raise that point so you  
4 understand that's an active area we're looking at.

5 The next speaker is Carol Kingsbury  
6 followed by Tom Bean.

7 MS. KINGSBURY: Carol Kingsbury.

8 K I N G S B U R Y .

9 I'm not speaking to you today as a  
10 representative or from any political party or ethnic or  
11 minority group. I'm speaking for all citizens of Pinal  
12 County.

13 On August 16th at a Redistricting meeting  
14 in Tucson, a map of a proposed Legislative District for  
15 Pinal County was presented to the Commission.

16 The Hispanic, African American, and Native  
17 American communities all enthusiastically endorsed this  
18 map. This map was completely ignored by the Commission.

19 I quote from the Arizona Republic news  
20 article of August 17th. The headline read, "Panel  
21 adopts final draft of Legislative district map." "The  
22 Cochise County corridor, as it now exists, winding up  
23 into Maricopa County, is extraordinarily troublesome,  
24 said Steve Lynn, Chairman of the Commission. After  
25 solving the Tucson turf war by giving the city five

1 districts, the last district drawn drives through the  
2 border city of Douglas, makes a left-hand turn into  
3 Pinal County, and climbs north of Fountain Hills.  
4 Commission members said that despite stretching nearly  
5 220 miles, the district keeps mining and agricultural  
6 communities together.

7 "This is not a pretty district," said Andi  
8 Minkoff of Phoenix, a Commission member, "But we have  
9 workable solutions in both metropolitan areas of the  
10 state."

11 Now I submit to you that I am an important  
12 person. All citizens of Pinal County are important and  
13 we deserve as much consideration from the Commission as  
14 Tucson and Phoenix.

15 I quote again from the Arizona Republic,  
16 Thursday, August 16th Editorial "Poor little Pinal  
17 County. Does it really need to be split into four  
18 Congressional Districts?" And Friday, August 24  
19 Editorial in the same newspaper, "Perhaps the biggest  
20 eyesore is a 220-mile long Legislative District, a giant  
21 crab claw that reaches from the Mexican border in  
22 Southeastern Arizona through Apache Junction and up to  
23 the Fort McDowell and Salt River Reservations. This  
24 district, the leftovers after the Commission divvied up  
25 the rest of the state, surely is in line for a redo."

1 I read in the newspaper the day after a  
2 meeting in Cochise County that Steve Lynn, Chairman of  
3 this Commission, told the citizens that this  
4 "extraordinarily troublesome" district would definitely  
5 be changed. I printed the maps from the website on  
6 Friday, September 7. No changes have been made.

7 The Commission has chosen to ignore  
8 letters from our Supervisors, suggestions from minority  
9 communities and citizens of the county.

10 Please, don't try to placate us and don't  
11 just give us lip service. We in Pinal County are tired  
12 of being the pie from which every hungry, gluttonous  
13 district from Phoenix, Tucson, Maricopa, and Pima  
14 Counties grab a slice and leave us with the leftover  
15 crumbs.

16 I urge all of the Commission members to  
17 look again at the map submitted for our county. Please  
18 listen to our elected officials, minority communities,  
19 and citizens of this county. Please rethink and redraw  
20 the Legislative and Congressional Districts to keep  
21 Pinal County whole. Pinal County in and of itself is a  
22 community of interest. We are friends, neighbors, and  
23 relatives.

24 As a parting remark, I want to protest the  
25 dumping of Queen Valley into the Congressional District

1 that encompasses two-thirds of the state. There are  
2 only about 1,200 residents in the community. Surely  
3 there is room to include Queen Valley in the proposed  
4 Congressional District that takes in most of the County.

5 Thank you.

6 And I also have a copy of this, if you  
7 would like this for your records.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: For the record, please  
9 understand the comments you made, at least as far as my  
10 quotes are concerned, are absolutely accurate. I don't  
11 know about Ms. Minkoff, if they are accurate.

12 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: They are not  
13 accurate.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Again, as to the part of  
15 what you read in the newspaper, that's part of what we  
16 have to deal with as well. What you need to know is the  
17 next opportunity for us to make changes in the maps from  
18 the earlier maps is early October. There would have  
19 been no opportunity for changes to have been made to  
20 this point. What we are doing, however, is exploring  
21 changes as we speak. The changes referred to in the  
22 article are in fact being explored by the Commission and  
23 the consultants so when we meet in early October those  
24 changes can be entertained.

25 MS. KINGSBURY: Do you have a copy of the

1 map submitted to you from Pinal County in Tuscon?

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: It is part of the record  
3 being looked at.

4 MS. KINGSBURY: I urge you to follow that  
5 map and listen to us.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is Tom  
7 Bean and then followed by Ron Kingsbury.

8 MR. BEAN: Tom Bean, Pinal County Casa  
9 Grande area.

10 Mr. Reveles and Mrs. Kingsbury said it  
11 well, and I won't repeat that.

12 I'll bring up a comment that 10 years ago  
13 we went through the same process and were told, "Don't  
14 worry. The courts will fix it." I've seen that in the  
15 paper again. "Don't worry what the Commission does; the  
16 court will fix it." They didn't fix it 10 years ago.  
17 And I'm scared to death they will not fix it this time.

18 We need to get it done fairly and  
19 correctly.

20 I do have one question. Maybe you can  
21 comment. Maybe you don't have a comment.

22 On the terrier, I understand -- the head  
23 of the terrier being the head of the Hopi Reservation,  
24 have you gone back to them and asked if they are indeed  
25 happy with that? Is that what they desire?

1                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: The issue of the Hopi  
2 Navajo is an ongoing discussion.

3                   Last week at the Inter Tribal Council  
4 meeting which we held in Phoenix, both representatives  
5 of the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation were present. Each  
6 spoke to their particular point of view. The two maps  
7 you see, one Legislative one Congressional, expressed  
8 two points of view. The Congressional map currently has  
9 the Hopi separated from Navajo as they are currently in  
10 the Congressional District. Legislative, they happen to  
11 be put together in a Legislative District. It is the  
12 position of both Native American groups, the Navajo  
13 Nation and Hopi Tribe, those two points of view continue  
14 to exist side by side. The Hopis wish to be separate in  
15 both maps. The Navajo wish to be together with the Hopi  
16 in both maps. That's a decision we're simply going to  
17 have to make as we move in final mapping.

18                   Thank you, Mr. Bean very much.

19                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker is Row  
20 Kingsbury or Ron. Maybe I added a little extra there.

21                   Mr. Kingsbury, we'll get that mike down to  
22 you so it will accommodate you.

23                   Then the next speaker will be Michael  
24 Agoew.

25                   MR. KINGSBURY: Ron Kingsbury.

1 K I N G S B U R Y.

2 I've spoke to you, this is the third time  
3 around. I wasn't going to talk too much. My voice is  
4 going out the last week or two.

5 One of the things I wanted to point out to  
6 the Commission is that I think the people are getting  
7 tired, getting tired of listening to us and don't see  
8 any action. Another one of the questions I would like  
9 to ask, I watched the operation there, it seems to me  
10 the Commission is not making the decisions but the  
11 consultants.

12 There was, at the board meeting at that  
13 time in Tucson, you asked questions, and they changed  
14 map, and I counted like you had to ask them instead of  
15 telling them what the map should be. And I would like  
16 to know where the consultants came from and who they  
17 are, were they hired someplace else, do they have right  
18 override Commission. Second one is, third one is as I  
19 said before, you'll hear a lot of people talk today, I  
20 hope, about that Pinal County would like to be whole as  
21 much as we can. It makes it hard for our people to  
22 understand who represents us and where we're coming  
23 from.

24 I think really best map ever seen, put on  
25 the map and -- was the map on the grid map. Maybe it

1 wasn't right. Maybe it didn't meet all the criteria in  
2 106. In a way, 106 is out the window anyway, you've  
3 played so much with towns and cities areas.

4 I think the first map, the grid is the  
5 most fairest map I've ever seen.

6 With that, my voice is going to go. But I  
7 still respect you, Mr. Chairman, and all the work you  
8 people have done.

9 Please, please start listening to the  
10 people.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Kingsbury, if you can  
12 answer a question, legitimate questions.

13 First and foremost, from the time these  
14 maps were adopted until 1st of October, no changes can  
15 take place in the maps. The purpose of these meetings  
16 is to get the very kind input you've given us so the  
17 changes can be made in early October reflecting what  
18 people have told us. We cannot, nor should we not, make  
19 changes after every meeting, because we're hearing  
20 conflicting information from around the state.

21 Secondly, with respect to the consultants,  
22 please understand we went through a nationwide search  
23 for consultants to help in this process. The  
24 consultants that were chosen are a very respected group  
25 of consultants from California. I understand that

1 sometimes good things don't come from California. I  
2 understand that point of view. But understand that they  
3 have extensive experience not only with redistricting  
4 but with the development of the definition of  
5 communities of interest, which was a key part of what we  
6 were trying to achieve in Arizona. They do not dictate  
7 anything to us. In fact if you have a candid  
8 conversation with the consultants, they will tell you  
9 they are awaiting direction from us constantly in terms  
10 of their next move, what they should be looking at, the  
11 Commission's role. It's a role we take seriously.

12 Thirdly, most importantly, 106 is anything  
13 but out the window. 106 is being adhered to as strictly  
14 as we can possibly, possibly adhere to it, every tenet  
15 of 106. It's unfortunate, one of the things Proposition  
16 106 speaks to is a number of criteria that need to be  
17 addressed. We are addressing each of those in turn as  
18 we go through this process.

19 As Ms. Minkoff said earlier in the  
20 presentation, at times those criteria are at odds with  
21 one another and it becomes a judgment of the Commission  
22 to figure out which criteria at that moment will prevail  
23 when we have two which are inconsistent.

24 Again, that's why we're hired and paid  
25 exorbitant salaries to do this. We've been given and do

1 take this job very seriously. We'll do the best job we  
2 can for all citizens, including every citizen of Pinal  
3 County.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff.

6 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Let me add one more  
7 thing. I understand what you are referring to in terms  
8 of the consultants telling us what to do.

9 It may seem that way from time to time.  
10 But if the consultants tell us that something we have  
11 requested doesn't work, it's not because they don't like  
12 it or because they have an agenda, it's because it  
13 doesn't work because of one of the requirements of the  
14 United States Constitution, Voting Rights Act, or  
15 Proposition 106. They tell us: If you do that, the  
16 population numbers will be out of whack. Or if you do  
17 that, we may run the risk of violating the Voting Rights  
18 Act because it changes the percentages in a particular  
19 district. So if you hear that, it's not because they  
20 want to see it another way. It's because they are  
21 helping us comply both with Proposition 106 and the  
22 federal requirements.

23 MR. KINGSBURY: All right.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is  
25 Mr. Agoew. Mr. Agoew will be followed by Joe Rios.

1 MR. AGOEW: I'm Joe Agoew, A G O E W.

2 I live between Apache Junction and Gold  
3 Canyon in the Superstition Foothills.

4 Regarding the racial breakdown, I see  
5 Hispanic, white, black, Hispanic, and Asian.

6 In the draft plan data, in the August 9th  
7 Arizona Republic, the Commission is stated as noting  
8 Hispanic, non-Hispanic, Anglo, black, nonminority.

9 Did the Committee decide to use white or  
10 Anglo? How did you pick the white race?

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We use Census data  
12 terminology. That's what we use.

13 MR. AGOEW: What is that?

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Those are listed on our  
15 sheet.

16 MR. AGOEW: That's what the Commission  
17 uses?

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Right.

19 MR. AGOEW: I appreciate that. I find the  
20 word "Anglo" offensive and racist. It's called white  
21 caucasian, European American. I appreciate the  
22 Commission not using any words hurtful to any  
23 nationality or any race.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Rios then Helen  
25 Neuharth.

1 MR. RIOS: Joe Rios, R I O S, in case you  
2 don't know how to spell it.

3 I come here to ask you to make Pinal  
4 County as whole as possible. I'm from Kearny. In both  
5 the Legislative and Congressional maps, you basically  
6 isolated us. From Kearny, we have people, everybody  
7 from Superior, Kearny, to Winkelman, Dudleyville, are  
8 related, a lot from the great Sonora area, then went to  
9 Kearny, Dudleyville. You're basically cutting a family  
10 right in half. If any kind of community, there is  
11 community there, believe me, all related.

12 The other thing, I think my driver's  
13 license is wrong. It says white. I'm Hispanic.

14 Anyway, I know a lot people say they love  
15 the map, especially, I believe, in the Casa Grande area.  
16 I think they told you "Please save us from the State of  
17 Maricopa." Save us from the State of Casa Grande.

18 Vice Chair, Democratic Chair for Casa  
19 Grande, not Pinal, Kearny, Coolidge, even Casa Grande,  
20 Eloy. We're a county, should stay together. I won't go  
21 too much more into it.

22 I know you wanted maybe suggestions on how  
23 to do it. I don't know about the maps submitted to you.  
24 From Hispanic forum, those are ones I would like.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Rios, a question. The

1 first speaker this afternoon had a notion of making the  
2 county more whole. One of the suggestions was the  
3 communities on the eastern end of Pinal County, ones you  
4 mentioned, do share tremendously rich heritage in mining  
5 and cultural connection as well. Some have a lot in  
6 common with the western Gila County communities. Is  
7 that your opinion as well or do you have a different  
8 opinion?

9 MR. RIOS: I have a different opinion.  
10 The United Steel Workers, steel miner or copper miner,  
11 Hayden copper miners, 25 miners, being a State  
12 Representative, I probably represented maybe 25 people  
13 out of Douglas that had like a caretaker job in Douglas  
14 as far as one of the smelters. It had a shutdown.  
15 Other than that, there's been no mining. 25 years ago,  
16 35 years ago, there may have been mining in that area.  
17 It's gone, is gone. The pit there, go tour it as a  
18 tour. That's not mining, not what we know. I come from  
19 the mining industry. That's not what we do.

20 I don't remember anything in Cochise  
21 County active.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Gila County.

23 MR. RIOS: I agree Gila County. Globe,  
24 Miami, what else is there, maybe even the San Carlos  
25 Indian Reservation. Put in our area, put in population,

1 heard the first speaker from Cochise County.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'm more concerned with  
3 Gila.

4 MR. RIOS: I agree. Gila, even with San  
5 Carlos County.

6 Again, I know some maps were submitted  
7 late started expanding on that, and they didn't address  
8 that.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

10 Helen Neuharth. Following Ms. Neuharth,  
11 Tom Rankin.

12 MS. NEUHARTH: Helen Neuharth.

13 N E U H A R T H .

14 I'm president and CEO of the Greater Casa  
15 Grande Chamber of Commerce, 575 North Marshall Street in  
16 Casa Grande, 85222.

17 We have communicated with the Commission  
18 on a number of occasions, and we were also at the first  
19 round of hearings held in Casa Grande.

20 We do want, on behalf of the Chamber, to  
21 say we do thank you very much.

22 There are three things we're working for:  
23 One, keeping Casa Grande in the same Congressional and  
24 Legislative District; two, Western Pinal County; three,  
25 all Pinal County. Now we're working on Number three and

1 would encourage you to include all Pinal County in the  
2 same Congressional and Legislative Districts.

3                   There will be other speakers. I do not  
4 have a map or boundaries. Just looking at the maps that  
5 are presented, Legislative maps, you can look down at  
6 the Santa Cruz area and maybe for the sake of some  
7 numbers take out the Legislative District maps and  
8 expand west and east into the rest of Pinal County.  
9 Also, there's the possibility of -- I guess mainly, just  
10 looking down into the Santa Cruz area and making up  
11 numbers, up into the west eastern Pinal County area.

12                   I don't see any, don't have any problem  
13 going somewhat with Gila County also because of some of  
14 the communities of interest that are already there with  
15 our Central Arizona Governmental Alliance. The Pinal  
16 Gila Tourism Council, those types of alliances are  
17 already in place.

18                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Neuharth, would you  
19 have a problem, would your organization have a problem,  
20 if the Tohono O'odham portion of Pinal County were not  
21 kept with Pinal, a problem if Pinal crossed three  
22 counties in that part of the state?

23                   One of the goals is to keep reservations  
24 intact within a single district. So, I know it's easy  
25 say keep Pinal whole. I'm asking a question as to

1 whether or not that portion of the Tohono O'odham  
2 Reservation not a part of the district, would that be  
3 problematic for you?

4 MS. NEUHARTH: It would be hard to say  
5 that, to answer your question. Because if you took that  
6 chunk, if you took that reservation then out of there,  
7 then where do you go?

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: That's our problem. But  
9 I'm asking the question very specifically, because one  
10 of the many proposals we have creates a district that  
11 takes that reservation and puts it with other population  
12 to create a district but it doesn't go north and east.  
13 It goes south and east.

14 MS. NEUHARTH: Where does that put Pinal  
15 County?

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Again, it allows us to  
17 perhaps unify more of Pinal County, taking that  
18 population out and making adjustments elsewhere.

19 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: When I was at the  
20 Casa Grande meeting earlier, there was a map presented.

21 MS. NEUHARTH: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: And it included  
23 most of Pinal County.

24 MS. NEUHARTH: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Pinal County has

1 too large a population to be in a single Legislative  
2 district.

3 MS. NEUHARTH: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Yes. That part,  
5 the Tohono O'odham, that being not a part, or a small  
6 part of the San Carlos Reservation with nobody living in  
7 it.

8 MS. NEUHARTH: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Small parts were  
10 removed, a small part of Apache Junction.

11 MS. NEUHARTH: Yes. I think part of  
12 Apache Junction.

13 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Understanding Pinal  
14 County would like to be unified, but we can't do that,  
15 can't put Pinal in one Legislative district unless some  
16 people want to move out --

17 MS. NEUHARTH: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: -- what parts would  
19 you suggest splitting for keeping most of Pinal united,  
20 a little taken out; having Pinal divided into some two  
21 separate Legislative Districts?

22 MS. NEUHARTH: Not two separate.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: They have to be.

24 MS. NEUHARTH: Not as we proposed, not  
25 with the Tohono Indian Reservation not in there. Also,

1 that's keeping the numbers, the number we had was about  
2 171,000.

3 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Right.

4 MS. NEUHARTH: What is it, 172,000.

5 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Just over 171,000  
6 for a Legislative District. The map you presented was  
7 pretty close to correct population numbers.

8 MS. NEUHARTH: That's the map we support.  
9 We support that map over this map.

10 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next is Tom Rankin. Tom  
12 Rankin followed Ken Buchanan.

13 COUNCILMAN RANKIN: Tom Rankin.

14 R A N K I N.

15 I'm an elected councilmember for the Town  
16 of Florence.

17 Taking a look at what we got in front of  
18 us today, and speaking on a county level with the, in  
19 each draft I have, it was in a packet from the  
20 Congressional District, Legislative District, Pinal  
21 County was split in four.

22 I asked a couple questions of people in  
23 the background about populationwise, which I don't have  
24 as far to the back area, Nogales area. What Mr. Rios  
25 said about the eastern Pinal County associated with Gila

1 County, I also think on the redistricting map, the area  
2 down into the Nogales area, I believe it's probably a  
3 high Hispanic area. I believe the eastern part of Pinal  
4 County, Dudleyville, Hayden, San Manuel, Mammoth, is  
5 high Hispanic. I believe that kind of tradeoff there is  
6 pretty easy. Having lived in Florence, which at one  
7 time split three supervise redistricts, we've lived here  
8 before under the splits. The areas of Eastern Pinal  
9 with Western have nothing similar with Sonoita, Elgin or  
10 Fort McDowell, no similarities except people. People.  
11 That's it.

12 Pinal County, if I looked at the map  
13 right, correct me if I'm wrong, where Pima County and  
14 Maricopa are split up, they are the only two counties  
15 split up more than we are.

16 Is that correct?

17 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Yavapai is close.  
18 The San Carlos Reservation, nobody lives there. We did  
19 that just to unite the Reservation. Essentially Pinal  
20 is split among three districts.

21 COUNCILMEMBER RANKIN: If we say  
22 essentially three districts, the Commission says they  
23 want to keep Reservations whole; well, the people of  
24 Pinal County want to be whole, too.

25 In the map here, draft District Y, the

1 majority of people in the Tohono O'odham live in Pima  
2 County, not Pinal County. We would not lose that many  
3 people if you are going to go ahead, be taking a look at  
4 putting the Tohono O'odham back over with Pima County,  
5 or over with Yuma, or however you want it. But  
6 Dudleyville, in my opinion, Dudleyville, Mammoth, San  
7 Manuel, we have nothing in common with Mammoth, San  
8 Manuel, putting Mammoth, Apache Junction, Gold Camp,  
9 which we all know is Gold Canyon, people from the State  
10 of Maricopa. We deserve to be represented by people  
11 from Pinal County, not Maricopa.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ken Buchanan followed by  
13 Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox.

14 MR. BUCHANAN: Ken Buchanan.

15 B U C H A N A N .

16 On behalf of Casa Grande, the City  
17 Council, the residents, our community is like a family.  
18 I commend you and your staff, the consultants who at  
19 least try to make order from the chaos going on with  
20 redistricting.

21 I'd like to maybe reiterate some of the  
22 same things, things that bear the ease of repeating.

23 Mrs. Neuharth indicated that the first  
24 goal, obviously, because we were the poster child in  
25 1991 of having the gerrymander, or gerrymander,

1 depending on how you want to say it, we'd like to see  
2 that whole. The second goal, I've always wanted to see  
3 Western Pinal County, Casa Grande valley, kept whole.  
4 The third goal, equally, is keep Pinal County whole. It  
5 is a large community and is, as you've heard throughout  
6 the day, you knew, had a map submitted from our group in  
7 June at the Casa Grande meeting. It indicated we try to  
8 hold, have as much of Pinal County as possible. No  
9 sitting between two elephants waiting for one to roll  
10 over on us, Phoenix or Tucson. We'll not get that wish.  
11 We're trying to cut our losses as best we can, keep all  
12 four corners of Pinal County in one community of  
13 interest.

14 I know map drawing is going on.  
15 Throughout the process. I know from talking with --  
16 Wednesday night, Mayor Ellis from Nogales, he indicated  
17 he'd like to see Nogales stay intact.

18 The Southeastern Association of  
19 Governments, it talks about District E. District E  
20 seems to be the one not changed throughout the whole  
21 process. That's the one you can use to solve the  
22 southeastern area, Santa Cruz County, Cochise County  
23 problems.

24 I'll address some of our issues in Pinal  
25 County.

1                   Mr. Lynn, I think you alluded to eastern  
2 Pinal County, possibly Gila County. There's a large  
3 community of interest there, similarities with eastern  
4 or western Gila County, eastern Pinal County. Our whole  
5 goal is to keep Casa Grande whole, Western Pinal County  
6 whole, and Gila County whole.

7                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mary Rose Wilcox and Ken  
8 Cruz, I believe.

9                   SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Thank you, Chairman,  
10 Commissioner Minkoff.

11                   Mary Rose Wilcox, Supervisor for Maricopa  
12 County, here representing the Minority Coalition for  
13 Fair Redistricting. I tried to participate since the  
14 beginning by submitting maps, internet, following with  
15 our maps and supporting the Coalition or Commission's  
16 maps with minor changes.

17                   We stand here before you today. We have,  
18 right before this meeting, had a statewide meeting. Our  
19 coalition is composed of people from the Northern,  
20 Central, Southern Arizona entities. Pima and Maricopa  
21 came together with the central and decided because of  
22 the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission's vote  
23 unanimously on Saturday, September 1st, 2001, to take  
24 into account competitiveness between districts, we will  
25 be submitting, on September 12th in Glendale, a new map,

1 and in that map, we will be deciding to work with what  
2 we have already submitted. But we are going to create  
3 more competitive districts without adversely affecting  
4 communities of interest. I believe they keep complete  
5 the nine strong majority-minority competitive districts,  
6 keep Pinal as whole as possible.

7 We have many people here showing their  
8 support. We'll have many present in Glendale.

9 I'd like them to rise right now so you can  
10 see the support we have there.

11 I'd ask the members of the Coalition to  
12 stand there, show you all the members in attendance at  
13 this meeting.

14 (Many people rise.)

15 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Thank you, Mr. Lynn,  
16 Mrs. Minkoff. I'm very proud to be part of the whole  
17 process. We hope the map we'll submit in Glendale will  
18 fulfill some the needs you've put forward.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Wilcox, thank you for  
20 our comments.

21 One small correction. We may have taken a  
22 procedural vote on September 1st. It's always been part  
23 of the charter, an orderly process to do it. We're  
24 simply doing it in the order we need it do in.

25 I'm happy you'll be assisting in that and

1 look forward to seeing those.

2 Ms. Minkoff then Ms. Hauser.

3 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Supervisor Wilcox,  
4 thank you and the entire Coalition. Please convey my  
5 thanks for their participation so far. I add my  
6 comments to Chairman Lynn. I look forward to seeing  
7 those maps you'll be presenting next week. I ask you,  
8 if you could, to bring lots of copies.

9 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: It's very, very  
11 helpful if we take them home with us. It lets us look  
12 at them, study them, compare them to the existing maps.  
13 And whatever back-up information you have, demographic  
14 information, or whatever you can to help us to  
15 understand the districts, if you can bring copies for  
16 us, copies for the consultants, copies for our  
17 attorneys, I know it's an extra burden, but it would  
18 really, really help us understand the maps.

19 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: We'll do so. We've  
20 tried to be as professional with every map or proposal.

21 Again, when you took the procedural vote,  
22 it took place, that gave us the go ahead to say now we  
23 must include competitiveness or not to protect the nine  
24 majority-minority districts.

25 Thank you very much. I look forward to

1 Wednesday.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Another question, also,  
3 Ms. Wilcox. I don't want put any additional pressure on  
4 the Coalition. To the extent you might have those maps  
5 completed before next Wednesday, if you could submit  
6 them to the Commission office, it would only facilitate  
7 analysis of them.

8 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: We may not be finished  
9 before Wednesday. If it happens so we can, they can be  
10 done sooner, do so. If not, we'll take them to the  
11 presentation Wednesday.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'd like as much time to  
13 look at the maps as we can.

14 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: We'll attempt to do  
15 so, we have the Coalition constantly tweaking until the  
16 end.

17 MS. HAUSER: Supervisor Wilcox, as long as  
18 we're asking for things, if at all possible, if you can  
19 also submit the map in electronic format, that would  
20 certainly aid in the subsequent analysis of it. I think  
21 you've done it before.

22 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Yes. We decided early  
23 on in early February we'd do everything possible to work  
24 within the framework of the Commission to submit it  
25 electronically from the various numbers of maps you

1 provide as information for the attorneys who work with  
2 us on various questions.

3 MS. HAUSER: An important part of the  
4 presentation will be information for us with respect to  
5 how you've -- how you are determining competitiveness.  
6 There are many different ways to do that. A lot of  
7 different components, voter registration being only one  
8 of those. If looking at competitiveness based on voter  
9 registration, let us know what the basis for  
10 determination is. That a district competitiveness or  
11 not, based on election returns, or whatever, we'd be  
12 most appreciative of having that information.

13 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: We'll do so. It's  
14 probably not ready today. We'll get all the  
15 justification in.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Wilcox.

17 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: On a personal note, I  
18 was born in Florence, raised in Superior. We all better  
19 keep Pinal County whole, or my ancestors will never  
20 forgive us.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'd hate for you never  
22 been able to go home.

23 Next speaker, Mayor Ben Cruz, Mayor of  
24 Eloy.

25 MAYOR CRUZ: C R U Z.

1                   I don't have a lot to add other than, you  
2 know, what has already been said. I do support keeping  
3 Pinal County as whole as possible. I understand the  
4 population problem. On the question you brought up  
5 about the Tohono Reservation, I assume Tohono O'odham  
6 Reservation would like to remain whole.

7                   If we have to give something away, that  
8 would probably be a good area to give away.

9                   I've had some feedback from the Salt River  
10 community, Fort McDowell, Ak-Chin, and they'd like to be  
11 in Pinal County, if at all possible. I support that.  
12 Put me in the column to keep Pinal County as whole as  
13 possible.

14                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

15                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I have a question  
16 related to that last comment. We've heard from before,  
17 as they call themselves the "metro tribes," Salt River,  
18 Pima, Ak-Chin. They'd like to be in the same district,  
19 loop through a portion of Pinal County. You've added  
20 something new to the mix. That's my question. Have you  
21 been made aware they would prefer to be with Pinal  
22 County in the district rather than say a portion of  
23 Maricopa County?

24                   MAYOR CRUZ: I've heard comments.

25                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you could, Mr. Mayor,

1 or if you know, where, to the extent other comments came  
2 from, ask them to correspond with us.

3 MAYOR CRUZ: I believe a couple people  
4 that made the comments are here.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

6 Esther Duram Lumm and followed by John  
7 Geib.

8 A VOICE: That's "Geib."

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: That's a guess.

10 A VOICE: "Geib."

11 MS. LUMM: Thank you.

12 Esther Gore Lumm, President of the Arizona  
13 Hispanic Community Forum.

14 This statewide advocacy focuses on  
15 education and further community empowerment.

16 There are eight chapters in the State of  
17 Arizona, including Phoenix, Tempe, Guadalupe, and the  
18 East Valley, which includes Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert,  
19 Chandler, Northeast Arizona, includes St. Johns, Show  
20 Low, Springerville, and the Hondah around area Surprise,  
21 El Mirage, Pinal County, Yuma, and the Northwest Valley  
22 including Glendale and Peoria.

23 Spell it?

24 E S T H E R. Middle name? D U R A N,  
25 L U M M.

1                   I would just like to say, today, that the  
2 Arizona Hispanic Community Forum fully supports the maps  
3 that have been submitted by the Minority Coalition for  
4 Fair Redistricting. We feel their proposed maps are  
5 very complete. We have worked very hard with the  
6 coalition insuring we cover fair redistricting interests  
7 with the AURs and now competitiveness.

8                   We're very pleased with the maps. We're  
9 fully involved in working with them. The Arizona  
10 Hispanic Community Forum wants you to know we fully  
11 endorse those submitted or resubmitted with tweaks  
12 during the IRC process. The forum is involved with the  
13 tweaking process. So we just want to tell you that it  
14 has our support.

15                   Thank you so much.

16                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Lumm, very  
17 much.

18                   The next speaker is John Geib, followed by  
19 Virginia Rivera.

20                   Mr. Geib.

21                   MR. GEIB: Members of the Commission, John  
22 Geib, G E I B, Town Manager, Town of Florence.

23                   First of all, welcome everybody to the  
24 Town. Thank you, Commission, for agreeing to hold one  
25 of the hearings here.

1                   I, too, would like to just add my thoughts  
2 to keeping as much of Pinal County whole as practicable.  
3 I understand the limitations regarding population.

4                   There was a suggestion the Tohono  
5 Reservation, the majority of the land area be included  
6 with Pima County. Perhaps that one area could be  
7 consolidated, add more areas to Pima.

8                   Beyond that, I address my comment to, call  
9 it the northern boundary of both the Congressional and  
10 Legislative Districts, as it comes from the east  
11 approaching Florence, and then further on the east as it  
12 heads to the west, it looks like an alignment of Arizona  
13 Farms Road.

14                   I'm not sure what the real difference is  
15 between the two boundary lines, but on the Legislative  
16 District, it appears that that line is roughly at the  
17 northern edge of Florence, or Florence Gardens, roughly  
18 in alignment with the CAP canal, then heads north on  
19 Highway 79 and then west on Arizona Farms Road. That  
20 differs slightly from the Congressional District, and  
21 I'm not sure what the difference is or the reason behind  
22 it. It doesn't mean much from a population standpoint,  
23 because it's primarily government land in that area.  
24 But I suggest that the boundary might be more  
25 appropriate to coincide with the Legislative District

1 boundary which goes straight out Arizona Farms Road  
2 rather than making that little you jog, and appears to  
3 follow Highway 79 rather than doing whatever  
4 Congressional District G did along that same corridor.

5 I would just suggest you follow the  
6 boundaries of draft Legislative Y in that area as it  
7 skirts the northern edge of Florence.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you. Appreciate it.

9 The next speaker is Virginia Rivera  
10 followed by Bonnie Bean.

11 Ms. Rivera.

12 MS. RIVERA: Good afternoon. I'm Virginia  
13 Rivera, R I V E R A. I'm Chairperson for the Pinal  
14 County Chapter of the Arizona Hispanic Community Forum,  
15 and I would like the Vice Chair to state her name.

16 MS. IDELSI: Good evening, Virginia  
17 Idelsi. I D E L S I, last name.

18 MS. RIVERA: We're here on behalf of the  
19 Pinal County Chapter. Our members range from the  
20 mountain area to Casa Grande area, to the Eloy area to  
21 the northern part of Pinal County.

22 We are here to ask, to tell you we do not  
23 support the Legislative or Congressional maps that are,  
24 that you have drawn up. We are here in support of --  
25 we've been working with the coalition. We're here to

1 support the coalition. We are here to ask you to keep  
2 Pinal County whole with the four metro tribes.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Rivera.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Idelsi.

7 Next speaker, Bonnie Bean.

8 Bonnie, B E A N.

9 MS. BEAN: Bonnie Bean. First name  
10 Bonnie.

11 I'm a citizen and have lived in Pinal  
12 County a long, long time, beautiful historic Florence.  
13 One comment. Please have the respect to leave Pinal  
14 County whole. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Bean, very  
16 much.

17 Sandie Smith, Pinal County Supervisor,  
18 followed by Frank Fletch.

19 SUPERVISOR SMITH: Sandie Smith.

20 S A N D I E, S M I T H.

21 I'm here today to address a few issues.  
22 If the citizens seem a little bit upset and a little bit  
23 mistrustful of the process could be because testified in  
24 the first round and then the maps were wrong and don't  
25 feel testimony is taken to heart in the first round, so

1 don't be worried about the second round because there  
2 might not be a third round. So just because we respect  
3 what you're doing, but we're a little mistrustful. We'd  
4 like to urge you to listen as you go through the Native  
5 American testimony and testimony of the Hispanic  
6 Coalitions of Pinal County and the State of Arizona, I  
7 want you to keep Pinal County whole.

8                   One of the things Pinal County is, we have  
9 everything. We're very diversified. We have the Native  
10 American, we have Hispanics, and we have the Anglo, as  
11 you are furthering it here. We have the balance that  
12 you need. I believe that if you listen to the testimony  
13 today, take them into account, and even the numbers are  
14 correct, we have slightly more population than we do the  
15 numbers needed. So there was no reason to leave us last  
16 in the slice of the pie so that we ended up with what we  
17 ended up with.

18                   If you started with Pinal County first, we  
19 would be whole and then the slices would have to come  
20 from somewhere else.

21                   I know I'm being very biased when I say  
22 that. We're very rural, have some urban pockets, but  
23 our funding is rural in nature. In Pinal County, one  
24 penny will give you \$70,000. In the Maricopa County  
25 area, one penny gives you over \$2 million. It's very

1 much of a difference. Our funding comes also for that  
2 area, also the Central Association of Governments,  
3 Infrastructure for Roads Enterprise Zone qualify for  
4 that, allows us to attract businesses into the area,  
5 Arizona Long-Term Care is administered out of Pinal  
6 County, Pinal and Gila Counties. We recently got that  
7 contract.

8                   So with the Pinal County Tourism  
9 Coalition, planned together as a rural county, we're  
10 very much united in our desire to remain as a whole  
11 county.

12                   I think you've heard testimony here today  
13 that if you would take a portion of the Tohono O'odham  
14 Reservation, move it in with the rest of them, move Gila  
15 River into Pinal County, that would meet the whole, meet  
16 the numbers going to be needed federally.

17                   Then if you also take into account, and I  
18 wasn't at the Tucson meeting, that possibly the  
19 Saddlebrooke area would like to remain and go in with  
20 Tucson. Then if that is in fact true, the numbers  
21 should balance and you can keep Pinal County whole.

22                   We definitely do not want our District to  
23 go all the way down to Cochise County. If you try to  
24 get northward, you cannot get there from here. There is  
25 no way to do it. Go all the way west, go up and come

1 back, you'd not be able to get into that district,  
2 unless they create a new road.

3 Please keep us whole. The districts you  
4 proposed incorporating us with in Cochise County does  
5 not represent what is best for our county. Please  
6 reconsider it.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Smith. We  
9 appreciate it very much.

10 Daniel Froetscher, then Laura Dean-Lytle.

11 MR. FROETSCHER: Daniel Froetscher,  
12 F R O E T S C H E R .

13 I'm president of the Greater Casa Grande  
14 Economic area, Eloy, Coolidge, Casa Grande, from an  
15 economic development perspective.

16 Let me reiterate a couple themes you've  
17 heard today in developing patterns. Certainly one you  
18 heard was about keeping Pinal County whole, or as whole  
19 as possible. And our organization would echo that  
20 sentiment. If not looking at draft maps provided here  
21 today, I'd commend the Commission, certainly, in terms  
22 of efforts of keeping Western Pinal County whole. I  
23 might make a suggestion in the Legislative arena you  
24 consider adding the Ak-Chin Reservation to that  
25 Legislative District. You can probably accomplish that

1 by tweaking District L a little further south or a  
2 little further west, south or west of the Buckeye area,  
3 into what is presently District Y, and also the  
4 population bases there.

5 My fear --

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Froetscher, if you  
7 hold a second.

8 Ladies and gentlemen in the foyer, if you  
9 could --

10 (The doors are shut to the foyer.)

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

12 Sorry. It was getting hard to hear you.

13 MR. FROETSCHER: My fear is the one  
14 request, to look at the Legislative maps, if you decide  
15 to monkey around with District W, which I believe an  
16 earlier speaker defined as kind of the crabs claw  
17 extending way north and northwest, feel free to do so  
18 freely; however, I beg you not to entertain the notion  
19 of encroaching into the Western Pinal communities.

20 Again, Eloy, Florence, Casa Grande,  
21 Coolidge, and the Maricopa area certainly represent  
22 communities of interest, certainly are integrated into  
23 approaches of many things, communitywise, economicwise,  
24 waterwise, and with their county, municipal  
25 organizations. I'd like to restate it but to keep them

1 as whole as possible. From an Pinal County perspective,  
2 if not what you've done with the western opinion, they  
3 have all the county work for us, and I'd ask you the  
4 same thing.

5 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Mr. Froetscher,  
6 before you leave, one question.

7 MR. FROETSCHER: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: We've heard  
9 previous testimony that the Ak-Chin Reservation wanted  
10 to remain linked to the Gila Reservation and the other  
11 two Metro tribes, Gila River, Ak-Chin, Fort McDowell.  
12 Your testimony is to split it away from the other three  
13 reservations and same reservation district. The rest of  
14 Western Pinal County, if to do so, to do so, do you know  
15 whether they share that opinion, whether they would also  
16 give supporting testimony?

17 MR. FROETSCHER: My view is simply based  
18 on the simplicity of the geographic continuity, nothing  
19 more, nothing less. I have no idea how the Ak-Chins  
20 feel. Certainly they don't want to feel I'm  
21 representing on their behalf. Based off the geographic  
22 area of Western Pinal County, as shown, it's similar,  
23 it's shown, we're all representatives, and it's the best  
24 source for that is the Ak-Chin Tribe.

25 Thank you, Mr. Froetscher.

1                   Let's hear from Laura Dean-Lytle and then  
2 Jim Hartdegen.

3                   MS. DEAN-LYTLE: Laura Dean-Lytle.

4                   D E A N, hyphen, L Y T L E, Pinal County  
5 Recorder. That means my expertise is in county  
6 government, but I speak as a citizen of Pinal County.

7                   I do want to echo what you've heard today.  
8 In looking at what I see with the county are a real  
9 thread of community of interest is county government.

10                   Our school systems and so much of our  
11 daily life goes with the county, so that I really favor  
12 keeping the county as a whole and would like to also  
13 reiterate what has been mentioned, if we do have the  
14 reservations removed from Pinal County and the  
15 Saddlebrooke area, I think we're quite blessed. We have  
16 the right ratios, right numbers. I think you'll find  
17 we'll work fine as a whole in that manner.

18                   Thank you.

19                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

20                   Mr. Hartdegen, the last speaker before we  
21 take a break, a 10-minute break before Mr. Hartdegen.

22                   Mr. Hartdegen has been with us from the  
23 beginning. He is both diligent and a fierce  
24 representative for Pinal County and the interests of  
25 Pinal County, and he's a good representative for the

1 area.

2 MR. HARTDEGEN: Thank you.

3 For the record, I was born in Florence.  
4 My parents moved to Coolidge and then I went to Eloy for  
5 some reason. I'm native to Pinal County. I've lived  
6 here all my life.

7 Thank you.

8 A final word on Pinal County. I would  
9 like it to stay whole as much as possible, realizing the  
10 population needs to be slightly over 171,000. What I'd  
11 like to do is resubmit the map of the greater Casa  
12 Grande area. It was, the City of Casa Grande, the  
13 Greater Chamber Bureau map submitted in the Casa Grande  
14 hearings, I'll resubmit that. I think it still has a  
15 lot of validity. It could be tweaked a bit regarding  
16 the two Indian communities in the Maricopa County area.  
17 This map has a lot of validity.

18 The original map, the original thing we  
19 submitted did not have the Tohono in Pinal County. We  
20 smoothed out of it, and we did not have the Apache part  
21 in it, because no one lived there.

22 I think that map has a lot of validity.  
23 We almost meet the numbers. We have to tweak a little  
24 bit for the two urban communities, Indian communities in  
25 the Indian communities.

1                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Is Saddlebrooke in or out?

2                   MR. HARTDEGEN: Saddlebrooke is in it. If  
3 you left Tucson in it, it would help with more tweaking  
4 from Pinal County.

5                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Allows for the Fort  
6 McDowell Reservation and Salt River --

7                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any sort of conflicting  
8 opinion whether or not Saddlebrooke should go south?

9                   MR. HARTDEGEN: I believe Alsantee and  
10 Saddlebrooke should stay in the Tucson area.

11                   And it's not two elephants. It's one big  
12 elephant and one big donkey we're in the middle of.

13                   I'll submit this and be with it to the  
14 bitter end so you can listen to my comments at break  
15 time and any time you can give it.

16                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Hartdegen.

17                   We'll take a 10-minute break.

18                   (Recess taken from 4:30 p.m. until  
19 approximately 4:42 p.m.)

20                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: I apologize in advance.  
21 The next speaker is Segurd Overgaard. And following  
22 Mr. Overgaard will be Joe Durbala.

23                   MR. OVERGAARD: Segurd Overgaard.

24                   O V E R G A A R D .

25                   I've been listening a lot today about

1 ethnic groups. One thing I don't hear too much so far:  
2 I haven't heard the word "competition." And one thing  
3 that is a part of our discussion in making our country  
4 work is that plain old word called politics, running our  
5 government. If we operate under the premise that the  
6 best way to run our country is with the strong two party  
7 system, then that system has to be made to work. And  
8 the reason the article was brought before the citizens  
9 to vote on creating this Commission was to try to  
10 eliminate some of the problems we have and make it  
11 possible for everybody to participate in running our  
12 government and being a part of it. And politics is not  
13 a dirty word. It's at the bottom of it.

14                   And beside ethnic groups in setting up  
15 your districts, I'm sure you, as a Commission, you have  
16 a record of the voting precincts in the whole state.  
17 I've heard many people say that divisions have been made  
18 where, whether it's a Republican or Democrat makes no  
19 difference, the opposition tries to divide up the  
20 stronghold and divide us up into two, three groups.  
21 It's part of that problem that needs to be taken into  
22 account. We have to do something to get the ordinary  
23 person to get into politics. In Arizona, the government  
24 is run by 25 percent of its people. Only 50 of the vote  
25 in Arizona go to the polls. And that's split between

1 two parties. So -- if you can say they are evenly, not  
2 quite even but almost, that means that 25 percent of the  
3 people in Arizona run our state. That's part of our  
4 problem.

5 I was hoping that more would be said about  
6 politics in this meeting. Ethnic groups, community, all  
7 those things are wonderful and may be at the top.  
8 Politics has to be part of that mix. You can't run this  
9 election process and run our government without it. I'm  
10 glad to hear it said that the maps that we've been given  
11 are not final. So we're happy. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Overgaard.

13 The next speaker is Joe Durbala followed  
14 by Lionel Ruiz.

15 COUNCILMAN DURBALA: Good evening,  
16 Commissioners, or good afternoon, I should say.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Say your name.

18 COUNCILMAN DURBALA: Joe Durbala.

19 D U R B A L A .

20 I would like to say I thank you again for  
21 putting most of Apache Junction together. We're still  
22 about 451 residents outside. We annexed a couple years  
23 ago in Maricopa County what should be Apache Junction.  
24 It's difficult to know who to vote for between city  
25 elections, state elections, and federal corrections.

1                   Actually, I think the county of Pinal  
2 needs to be put together. To me it's so elementary if  
3 you look at the numbers. That's most of what all this  
4 comes down to. That's what I heard from the Commission  
5 when I was down at the one in Mesa. They said our  
6 numbers needed to be changed a little.

7                   If you take the consideration of where the  
8 Indian Reservations are asking to be put together, I  
9 can't quite understand why you don't put Gila River  
10 Reservation, the rest of it in Maricopa County with the  
11 reservation, taking the Tohono O'odham Nation and  
12 putting it down in Tucson.

13                   If you took just those two areas, you are  
14 talking about 9,232 people, according to statistical  
15 number data. That would be more than a sufficient  
16 amount, more than 171,000 population, 170,000  
17 population, to make Pinal County whole again, allow the  
18 two Indian Nations to be whole without being split.  
19 Seems they'd like that is better than to be split up.

20                   Other than that, I cannot understand being  
21 that elementary and that simple, just taking numbers and  
22 moving them, and two primary interests, number one of  
23 the interests, keeping Hispanics and Indian Reservations  
24 together.

25                   I can't see how it can be any more similar

1 than bringing the rest of Pinal County together. It  
2 puts us under the number base. In fact, it puts us 270  
3 under the 170,000 number base. And maybe then at that  
4 time, as do you have a little wiggling room there, add  
5 451 residents back into Pinal County for the district.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

7 Before you leave --

8 Dr. Heslop, are you aware of where those  
9 451 might be?

10 DR. HESLOP: Yes, we are.

11 COUNCILMAN DURBALA: One trailer park and  
12 a ten-plex of apartments that wanted to be annexed into  
13 the city over at Meridian.

14 DR. HESLOP: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I wanted them identified.

16 COUNCILMAN DURBALA: We can change that.

17 And in my opinion, all the county can be brothers and  
18 sisters.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Lionel Ruiz followed by  
20 Joe Klein.

21 SUPERVISOR RUIZ: Lionel Ruiz.

22 R U I Z.

23 Pinal County Supervisor for various parts  
24 of the county.

25 When I first heard about the

1 redistricting, it was deja vu again for what happened 50  
2 some odd years ago. Unfortunately, it wasn't deja vu  
3 with what ended up with what happened to Cochise County  
4 again. What happened 50 years ago, what happened in  
5 Cochise County, the only road leading to my area is Red  
6 Indian Road, 50 miles of dirt road. Otherwise you go  
7 through Pinal County in order to get there.

8 I'm here as a member of the Board of  
9 Supervisors. We did have a resolution supporting Pinal  
10 County as a whole. I realize that it might be hard to  
11 do, you know, based on the numbers you are working with.  
12 And things have changed a lot during the last, over the  
13 past 30 years.

14 At one time this county was very  
15 fragmented. You know, people from the North Phoenix  
16 have ties in with the East Valley, people in Casa  
17 Grande, Saddlebrooke, with Tucson. But over, you know,  
18 the last few years, we've begun to be more cohesive. A  
19 lot of alliances deal not only with our county, also  
20 with Gila County. We have gotten closer. And at this  
21 time the only thing that really put us together, the  
22 threat to that, to give a Legislative District.

23 I appreciate, you know, you being here  
24 today.

25 We are, I am in support of the Coalition's

1 plan. I am also in support, you know, of bringing in  
2 the other, the four Indian communities together. So  
3 thank you very much.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Supervisor  
5 Ruiz.

6 The next supervisor is John Klein followed  
7 by Gayl Overgaard.

8 SUPERVISOR KLEIN: Thank you.

9 John Klein, K L E I N.

10 I come to you today to speak to you today  
11 about the maps that you've shared with us.  
12 I first want to compliment the Commission. I know many  
13 of us worked hard to get this Commission formed and we  
14 want you to be successful in your endeavors. I also  
15 recognize the challenges you have before you. The  
16 process is going along very well. I compliment you on  
17 the time and energy you've taken to address this.

18 I'm not here to speak about political  
19 parties. I'll talk about community of interest.  
20 Unfortunately, I don't see a definition for that. I  
21 guess that's what is in the eye of the beholder. I  
22 compliment the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County, two  
23 of them are Supervisor Smith and Jimmie Smith.

24 The last 50 years the Board would bring  
25 the county together, north, eastern, west, south

1 together. Things were starting to gel together. That's  
2 what you are hearing from people testifying together.

3 Central Arizona College has the same  
4 boundaries as a county. I can tell you this last 10  
5 years, working with 18 different Legislators is both  
6 frustrating and time consuming. It's not  
7 counterproductive. What did he talk to you about, your  
8 map for a moment. And I want to start with the  
9 Congressional District.

10 I recognize that you have not done as best  
11 you can with that. I, too, would like to echo that  
12 perhaps the community of interest of Nogales and Western  
13 Pinal County may be up for question.

14 Nogales has 30, 35 residents. You know if  
15 that can be made part Cochise County, pick up the  
16 northern part of the county perhaps as a tradeoff there.

17 One of the things the map, G and H, do  
18 have a community of interest, Cochise County, Pima  
19 County. In my opinion, Gila County is a community of  
20 interest. People may not understand the challenges  
21 faced there.

22 Regarding the state map, the state  
23 Legislative Districts, you've heard the comments there.

24 I echo what Jim Hartdegen shared with you,  
25 a copy of the original map I had submitted prior to what

1 you came up with. I think that is a workable thing. It  
2 probably needs adjustments in some areas. Again, that  
3 would give a community of interest in our area.

4 That is all I have to say, Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Klein, very  
6 much.

7 The next speaker, Gayl Overgaard, followed  
8 by Steve Owens.

9 MS. OVERGAARD: Thank you very much.

10 Gayl Overgaard, G A Y L,  
11 O V E R G A A R D.

12 I need to support quite a bit of what has  
13 already been said. I live in Gila County. I'm not sure  
14 whether anybody else is here from Gila County.

15 We're going to have to travel to different  
16 areas in order to be heard. But I support what Ron  
17 Kingsbury is saying and what Pete Rios is saying,  
18 there's a community of interest in southern Gila County  
19 with Kearney and Dudleyville, that area. And those are  
20 families there, one town to another. They are in  
21 different counties. And that -- there is certainly a  
22 community of interest there that needs to be kept  
23 together.

24 My supervisor would shoot me when I said  
25 this, but if you decide to take it to Pinal, that's your

1 choice, but they should be together.

2                   The other thing I would like to suggest is  
3 that we have more of a commonalty of interest with Pinal  
4 County than we do in the Congressional District with  
5 Mohave County or Yavapai.

6                   I, with all due respect, there's been a  
7 lot of publicity of this, quote, rural, end quote,  
8 district that you are creating, but it is totally -- I  
9 think it's fallacious. I -- Gila County, I feel this is  
10 a piece of garbage, everybody else is fixed up, da-da,  
11 da-da. What chance does a person in Gila County have  
12 for running for Congress against Flagstaff or against a  
13 Scottsdale person? It's just not possible.

14                   Plus the fact that that is -- that is a  
15 horrible size for anyone to try to campaign in. You are  
16 talking about great distances, overnights these other  
17 Congressional Districts don't have to deal with. You  
18 have to be rich in order to do that. Someone of my  
19 income is totally left out of any possibility of running  
20 for elective office on a Congressional basis there.

21                   It's just an unmanageable district. And  
22 since my father spoke previously and brought up the  
23 dirty word politics, I feel I'm a partisan politician,  
24 and I feel that it's an honorable profession, because  
25 politics is the art of making things possible. And I'm

1 a worker in the trenches, and we are having trouble now  
2 because we cannot interest people to participate because  
3 they are totally turned off.

4 I checked the registration for the last  
5 month in Gila County. 29 people registered. Seven were  
6 Democrats. Nine were Republicans. One an independent.  
7 And I think that leaves 12 left. If my map is left with  
8 that, state no party, and this is something that if we  
9 are going to have a viable country that cares about what  
10 is going to happen in these districts, it's going to  
11 have to be something competitive so we have a chance to  
12 bring the local things down to the people's level so  
13 that they can participate, want to participate, have an  
14 idea something actually happen and then they want to  
15 participate.

16 I would support more competition in these  
17 districts and to put us in with Pinal County, take  
18 Mohave and Yavapai away. You've got the numbers.  
19 That's my suggestion, because we have more in common  
20 with Pinal County than we do with the others.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Overgaard.

22 I should state for the record I'm a  
23 registered no preference. It's interesting. It's often  
24 stated as "independent." The fifth member of the  
25 Commission is "no preference," just for the record.

1                   Next speaker is Steve Owens followed by  
2 John Felix.

3                   MR. OWENS: Steve Owens.

4                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ms. Minkoff.

5                   I'm one of those folks, I participate in  
6 the process, have attended many meetings, and have  
7 appreciated the opportunity to hear your thoughts on the  
8 redistricting process, the comments from members of the  
9 public, including many here today that are expressed.

10                   I didn't realize or count on Ms. Overgaard  
11 speaking before me. I wanted to direct my comments to  
12 Congressional District Six and waited until the end of  
13 the meeting.

14                   Most of the discussion here is as regards  
15 how you deal with Legislative --

16                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Six, or C.

17                   MR. OWENS: -- Six, in what used to be  
18 Six, or is Six, which won't be any more. That's one of  
19 issues I wanted to address very briefly here. I know  
20 the hour is late.

21                   I wanted to speak today in part based on  
22 your request at the beginning of the meeting, the  
23 request made in Flagstaff the other night, Commissioner  
24 Hall made. Commissioner Hall was asking we provide  
25 solutions in addition to criticisms about lines drawn.

1 I also took to heart your admonition about the proposed  
2 Legislative possible plan in Flagstaff. Sometimes you  
3 cure the problem and it's worse than the cure itself.

4 I think what we have in regard to  
5 Congressional District C, the proposed cure in many  
6 respects is worse than the perceived problem. I  
7 understand very well the desire to have a rural  
8 dominated Congressional District, as Commissioner  
9 Minkoff indicated at the beginning of the meeting. But  
10 I think that the key is to have a district that is  
11 dominated by the rural areas and not dominated by  
12 Maricopa County.

13 This is not just an individual view. I am  
14 representing just myself today. It does not mean I have  
15 to be totally rural and cannot have some portions in  
16 Maricopa County or other areas in it.

17 I know both of you have heard me speak  
18 before. Nobody else in the State of Arizona understands  
19 the voting patterns or differences between suburban and  
20 rural voters better than I.

21 I ran for Congress, Congressional District  
22 Six, which includes this part Pinal County as well as  
23 Gila County, Apache County, Navajo County, half of  
24 Coconino County, a portion of Graham County, Greenlee  
25 County, and a portion of Eastern Maricopa County,

1 Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Queen Creek areas  
2 there in 1996. The day after the election, the  
3 incumbent Congressman, Congressman Hayworth, had 509  
4 votes more than I did. Eventually, after we counted all  
5 the absentee ballots, of 225,000 ballots cast, he  
6 received today 45,000 more than I did. I counted the  
7 rural counties. I'm proud I got 65 percent here in  
8 Pinal. I beat him by 23,000. He beat me by 23,000 that  
9 voted solely in Maricopa County. As a result, he won an  
10 election.

11 I wanted to talk about Congressional  
12 District C as a result in campaigning.

13 What you created in Congressional District  
14 C is a logistical and practical nightmare, not only for  
15 the candidate, but for someone fortunate enough to win  
16 the election, both in terms of staying in touch with the  
17 citizenry of the district and providing constituent  
18 services, simply being around the current Congressional  
19 District Six. I campaigned in a district only about  
20 half the size of proposed Congressional District C.

21 You've heard the term over and over again,  
22 including by Ms. Overgaard, proposed District C is too  
23 big. I concur. You heard it's bigger than every state  
24 east of the Mississippi: Indiana, Illinois, New York,  
25 Connecticut, Rhode Island, Virginia, and on.

1                   I used to joke when I campaigned in  
2 District Six, half the size, as we left the house to go  
3 campaign and turned to go, the choice was out the window  
4 whether to the left or turn right to San Diego. Same  
5 amount of time, distances, and so forth. Now you might  
6 go all the way San Francisco, with the rest of  
7 Congressional District C. That's a slight exaggeration.

8                   Campaigning is more impersonal, more  
9 depending on TV, radio. Also, people in this county  
10 speak hard enough about incumbent members of Congress.

11                   I compliment Congressman Hayworth to make  
12 it to as many rural communities as he can. It's  
13 physically impossible for him to be in all the  
14 communities as frequently as he'd like to be, as  
15 frequently as he's like to where they are double the  
16 size communities should be.

17                   As there are competing desires to see  
18 members of Congress, I think you've created whole set of  
19 problems that will exist for certainly the 10 years this  
20 district would be around, but much longer, in terms of  
21 failure to be able to provide sufficient constituent  
22 services. People have critiqued services.

23                   To provide a possible solution, my  
24 singular, single proposal at making at least the  
25 beginnings of change for Congressional District C,

1 wouldn't involve coming into Maricopa County, and my  
2 draft map not very artfully done. I was hunting and  
3 pecking on the Maptitude software I had to borrow. I  
4 have some copies here for both of you, for the  
5 Commissioners and consultant, if both of you, each would  
6 like to see.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

8 MR. OWENS: It's not a very ambitious  
9 plan. I concede that up front.

10 What it does is simply move, add as much  
11 of Yavapai County as makes sense to move into proposed  
12 Congressional District A with the exception of Verde  
13 Valley. Verde Valley is more aligned with the Flagstaff  
14 area than the Prescott area, in Yavapai County. Then  
15 simply coming into Maricopa County and picking up  
16 population needed to substitute for a change in Yavapai  
17 County.

18 What I've given you, Mr. Chairman,  
19 Commissioner Minkoff, are a series of the same map.

20 The first one, it's an overview without  
21 the --

22 CHAIRMAN LYNN: -- county lines.

23 MR. OWENS: The second one has county  
24 lines. The third one, interstates. Fourth one, county  
25 lines, census tracts, add population. Simply Yavapai

1 County Census tracts, I seem to think were the areas  
2 that constituted Verde Valley. And the last page, the  
3 area in Mohave Valley that I think add small amount of  
4 Mohave County in Maricopa, Fort McDowell Indian  
5 Community, to balance population.

6 If you do this, it will make the district  
7 more compact, keep it competitive, keep it more  
8 competitive than it would otherwise be for the next 10  
9 years.

10 I'm substituting the high growth area of  
11 Yavapai County for the area of Maricopa County which is  
12 relatively stabile. The proposed area of Maricopa  
13 County is very simple, basically that area in Maricopa  
14 area north of the Salt River Reservation east of Pima  
15 Road, Pima Road being the current county boundary that  
16 will be Congressional District Six. And people that  
17 live east of the current road, currently Congressional  
18 District Six, those west of Congressional District Four,  
19 and simply add those areas and up to, I believe, the  
20 northern line, like Stage Coach Pass, or something, and  
21 the where the Town of Carefree begins.

22 And rather than go up to that area saying  
23 we need population, stop at that plan, it's one  
24 ambitious plan, a partial solution to a big problem,  
25 personally I think you could go even further in

1 Maricopa, further move all Mohave County up to the  
2 Colorado River and Hualapai Reservation into District A,  
3 unify that county, still come into Maricopa County, not  
4 do damage to the rural Congressional District.

5 Under the changes I proposed, rural  
6 District C, District C would remain overwhelmingly  
7 rural, be more than 85 percent rural, where the  
8 population resides. The Maricopa County piece of the  
9 district would constitute less than one-seventh of the  
10 population, somewhere around 89,000 Maricopa residents.  
11 Translate that into actual registered voters, you are  
12 talking 50,000 registered voters at the most. Translate  
13 that into actual voters, probably talking 30,000.

14 So the ability of Maricopa County to  
15 dominate a rural Congressional District is fairly  
16 minimal, if nil. Even if you went into it further, into  
17 Maricopa County, and put all Mohave County in District  
18 A, you still would have a rural district with more than  
19 70 percent rural and would not have any problem with  
20 Maricopa County dominating the rural Congressional  
21 District.

22 That's my humble proposal.

23 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff.

24 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,  
25 Mr. Owens. Thank you.

1 I am trying to fix in my mind where the  
2 rural population shifts are.

3 It took some Congressional District C, put  
4 it into Congressional District A.

5 MR. OWENS: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Looks to me the  
7 area you add from Congressional District C came from E.

8 MS. OWENS: Yes. I omitted that. What I  
9 did, inartfully, I tried to balance population B, E, and  
10 say this is kind of silly. If Commission wanted to do  
11 this, they'd figure out where they wanted the population  
12 to come from any way.

13 Keep going in, using Pima Road, stopping,  
14 shifting districts E and B further westward, accommodate  
15 population, so it happens in all districts. Fairly  
16 balanced out. District C, 40 people over the  
17 requirement. You can usually find 40 people to take out  
18 of a district.

19 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Have you made all  
20 population shifts for the districts?

21 MR. OWENS: B and E were totally  
22 arbitrary, made to look nice and balance population.  
23 One thing I'd like to emphasize, there were no changes  
24 to districts D, E, G, and H. I heard folks talk about,  
25 from Pinal, they want to be unified. I didn't address

1 that knowing Pinal would want to be unified.

2 I echo the plea for Pinal to be united in  
3 whatever Legislative District is most appropriate for  
4 them. But in terms of my proposal, I did not want touch  
5 any other districts, as few moving parts as possible,  
6 and was simply showing you this is how do it if you  
7 wanted to do it.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Owens, I have a couple  
9 questions.

10 If I understand the shifts you made,  
11 essentially, the trade is Yavapai County for some of  
12 Maricopa County.

13 MR. OWENS: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Essentially that's it.

15 MR. OWENS: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: It strikes me that reduces  
17 the size of the district some but really doesn't alter  
18 the great way -- the size of the district, I can't tell,  
19 to the earlier point of it being unweildy, in terms of  
20 geography. I also want to relate that point to your  
21 very succinct history and experience running for  
22 Congress. When you related the story to me, I took away  
23 from it, which perhaps was a mistake by you. You were  
24 beaten by the influence of Maricopa County in an  
25 otherwise rural district. You've put a portion of

1 Maricopa in an otherwise rural district. That means it  
2 might happen again. That means you prevailed in a  
3 non-Maricopa district, in which you ran and loss by at  
4 least that much in the Maricopa portion.

5 MR. OWENS: Let explain the history more  
6 of the District, Congressional District Six, as  
7 originally drafted.

8 1992 elections relatively evenly divided  
9 rural areas. And Maricopa County included at that time  
10 Mesa, Gilbert, a lot of other very fast growing  
11 communities in Maricopa County. That district elected a  
12 rural member for its district, Karen English, out of  
13 Flagstaff. In 1994, the district was predominantly  
14 rural. Congressman, Congressman Hayworth defeated the  
15 rural Congresswoman even though the district was  
16 predominantly rural. I ran in '96. Population shifted.  
17 The majority of the vote, predominantly the growth was  
18 in the Mesa, Gilbert area, and it had become the  
19 majority vote in that district. It is now  
20 overwhelmingly predominantly a district with a Maricopa  
21 piece.

22 The area I proposed I want for Maricopa  
23 County is a landlocked area, that area north of the Salt  
24 River Reservation, east of Pima River Road. The  
25 communities are mostly developed there. There is some

1 development still taking place, but that is fairly  
2 minimal, because of the McDowell mountains. There are  
3 two Indian Reservations. Because of recent decisions,  
4 the State Land Development set aside 13 acres for  
5 preservation, national forest lands, state park lands  
6 there, other geographic barriers to growth.

7                   There is big growth in that part of  
8 Maricopa County northwest on the other side of Pima Road  
9 north of Frank Lloyd Wright, also called Bell Road  
10 there.

11                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Growth, if I understand  
12 it, East Scottsdale and Fountain Hills is in there. To  
13 your point, most development has taken place or is an  
14 impossible physical barrier.

15                   MR. OWENS: Single family houses, large,  
16 lots of population. It doesn't, won't grow that much.

17                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Meaning for the next 10  
18 years, regardless of growth, the area is, relatively  
19 speaking, that part of Maricopa district, is relatively  
20 constant in terms of growth when compared to other parts  
21 of the district, in your judgment, and is able to  
22 maintain the rural flavor.

23                   MR. OWENS: Absolutely. That's my  
24 conclusion.

25                   MS. HAUSER: Yes. Mr. Owens, I notice you

1 made no change with respect to the Hopi separation and  
2 wondered if you might comment on that in your shots with  
3 respect to that issue.

4 MR. OWENS: I'd defer on the political  
5 issue. I will say I think as awkward as it may seem,  
6 they ought to be separated. The Navajos and Hopis  
7 having campaigned and enjoyed friendship, the Hopis and  
8 Navajos, having campaigned for the Navajos, there being  
9 intractable issues between the Navajos and Hopis, and  
10 you heard the Hopis testify not that it's impossible but  
11 tougher to reconcile the differences, the 7,000 people  
12 east, that shift for the political quandary is creating  
13 a district vastly outweighed by a population shift.

14 MS. HAUSER: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Relative to the  
16 earlier concern you expressed about the district, it's  
17 size, as I recall, you also said you think although you  
18 did not do it, it might make sense to put the rest of  
19 Mohave County into District A. Did you have any  
20 thoughts as to what --

21 MR. OWENS: Where?

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: That's a lot of  
23 people.

24 MR. OWENS: I think it's about 80 to 100  
25 thousand.

1                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: The entire Kingman  
2 area, Bullhead City.

3                   MR. OWENS: Fort Mohave Reservations, and  
4 upwards up to the river. You can find that in Maricopa  
5 County, go little west of Pima Road. It's not a very  
6 well-done map, and apologize for that.

7                   If you notice the Census tracts just west  
8 of Pima Road, those are pretty densely populated areas,  
9 pretty well-built-out areas, so there's not a lot of  
10 growth there.

11                   I didn't cross that barrier. It simply  
12 shows what -- conceptually how you can do this. Again,  
13 as long as staying south of Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard  
14 up there. Most of the growth has already occurred  
15 there. You'll find a lot of population at various  
16 geographical areas. In my opinion, it would be  
17 beneficial for Fort Mohave County and to put the rivers  
18 together.

19                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Owens, thank you very  
20 much. We appreciate it. The map detail intensifies our  
21 zeroing in on solution.

22                   MR. OWENS: I have a couple other copies.

23                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'll take them and make  
24 them available to other staff and Commissioners.

25                   Two speakers are left, and one person

1 asked for additional time.

2 If you haven't filled out a slip and wish  
3 to speak, raise your hand and please fill one out.

4 The next speaker is John Felix. And  
5 Mr. Felix is followed by Jose Solarez.

6 Mr. Felix.

7 MR. FELIX: Mr. Chairman, Members of the  
8 Commission, my name is John Felix.

9 I've lived in this area all my life. And  
10 at the time we did redistricting one time, I was serving  
11 in the State Legislature and I redistricted myself out  
12 of a house seat.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Did you miss a meeting?

14 MR. FELIX: I retired by popular request.

15 Anyway, I had a couple of questions I was  
16 concerned about. What is the timetable for the  
17 Commission to complete it's work?

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Our time frame, at this  
19 point, is to have final maps drawn and submitted to  
20 Department of Justice by mid-October. Mid to late.

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mid to late.

22 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Adopted by mid  
23 October.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Adopted mid-October, be  
25 submitted as soon as we can, put into mid, late October.

1 Department of Justice, that 60 days can and they quite  
2 possibly may send back the package asking to have  
3 additional work done. They may have yet another 60 days  
4 to review. So we're looking, in the best all worlds to  
5 have preclearance from Department of Justice by early  
6 2002.

7 MR. FELIX: The other question I had is is  
8 there a mechanism in place to keep the public informed  
9 as to what is developing as far as the redistricting  
10 rational of drawing of maps?

11 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Absolutely. And most  
12 directly, the accessible mechanism the website has is  
13 rather voluminous. There is complete information on it.  
14 As we move toward final resolution in putting the  
15 package together, those elements will also be on the  
16 website and available to anyone to see what has been  
17 submitted and under review of the Department of Justice.  
18 It will also be the case any subsequent correspondence  
19 we receive in that regard, as we continue to work on  
20 maps, also be made part of the website and available to  
21 the public.

22 Ms. Hauser.

23 MS. HAUSER: We also, in fact, have made  
24 draft maps available through all the public libraries.  
25 That would also be the case following the adoption of

1 the final maps.

2 MR. FELIX: The maps as currently drawn,  
3 of course, I hope everybody realizes, too, what kind of  
4 nightmare you create for people that have to run  
5 elections. I talked to Ms. Lytle awhile ago. All new  
6 districts as drawn would further complicate her work.

7 Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Felix.

9 Speaker Jose Solarez. Then for brief  
10 rebuttal, additional comment, Mr. Reveles.

11 Mr. Solarez.

12 MR. SOLAREZ: Mr. Chairman, I'm happy to  
13 be here.

14 Jose Solarez, S O L A R E Z.

15 Mr. Bohnee could not be present. I'll be  
16 here. He's out of state. I'll be traveling back to  
17 Phoenix to reiterate again on the metro tribes.

18 It seems even though the present district  
19 Commission put in the four metro tribes, the staff has  
20 not seemed to be able to combine those efforts. I think  
21 you heard support of the efforts from Pinal County, the  
22 Hispanic forum, Mary Dean-Lytle. One of the Supervisors  
23 said she really didn't have a problem including Salt  
24 River and Fort McDowell.

25 We, again, want to reiterate we do support

1 trying keep as much of Pinal County together, our sister  
2 tribe, Tohono O'odham, we want as a whole community,  
3 intact, whatever the Legislative District does.

4           One comment, and I'm reminded of an  
5 earlier comment by a member of the county elected  
6 staff -- officials, also asking to keep the Indian  
7 Reservations out Pinal County. I think it was implied  
8 it wouldn't be a problem. We do believe keeping all  
9 Gila Indian communities within Pinal and Maricopa  
10 County, approximately one-third of the community of Gila  
11 River is in Maricopa County, we should make sure our  
12 reservation or community is not divided.

13           We have presented information, not just  
14 within the four communities, communities with farming,  
15 culture, Hispanic, community education. We've presented  
16 that information in a position paper to the Commission  
17 at the Tucson hearing.

18           Again, I wanted to reiterate this and  
19 thank you for your time and this opportunity.

20           CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Solarez.

21           A question.

22           COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I understand the  
23 four metro tribes, as you call them, want to be together  
24 in the same district. Currently, legislatively, they're  
25 in beautiful District W. We've put the four tribes

1 together by coming through Pinal County to link them.  
2 If the four tribes were removed from the united Pinal  
3 County District, I'm not sure I understood but it seemed  
4 to me you were saying that would be all right to you.  
5 Not -- okay. I was trying to figure out how to connect  
6 that if not through Pinal County.

7 MR. SOLAREZ: Referring to my county  
8 official job, not having a county official, it's not a  
9 problem. We want them together in Pinal and to keep all  
10 four metro tribes together.

11 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Let me ask another.  
12 It may not be fair. I'm asking you to speak to another  
13 tribe not represented together. I heard you say Salt  
14 River Pima County Reservation was unhappy with the  
15 placement in the rural Congressional District, said  
16 "We're not rural," you know, "Why we have much more in  
17 common with the metro areas than with rural Native  
18 American Reservations, they're concerned with placement  
19 Congressional District." If the Legislative District  
20 were to include Pinal County, which is more rural  
21 environment, Scottsdale just across the street from  
22 them, do you have any idea how you would feel about that  
23 or do we need to go to them?

24 MR. SOLAREZ: Two interests, Congress and  
25 State Legislature. Two different interests. They

1   voiced concern going to Congress, with Congressional and  
2   the State Legislature. I don't know if he brought it up  
3   as an issue. There's a whole different criteria trying  
4   to develop even though similar community of interests,  
5   et cetera, to help establish that, dealing with the  
6   whole different elected body here, US Congress.

7                   Basically the House, you don't have this,  
8   you know, US Senators. Their wishes is their wishes,  
9   and we cannot speak for them. We do support and I  
10  recognize they'd like to be, basically, on your  
11  comments.

12                   With the Congressional District, to close  
13  to specific needs in that area, that's based on federal  
14  legislation they feel commonalty with those folks,  
15  legislative comments, also the fact of Legislative  
16  scope.

17                   I think the fact you've drawn two  
18  different districts for totally different reasons shows  
19  why they want to be in different districts. I think  
20  that's the only thing I can respond to. I don't speak  
21  on behalf of Salt River. They made it clear, made it on  
22  the record, they want to be kept separate.

23                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Now it's request time.  
24  Mr. Robert Reveles requested additional time.

25                   Mr. Reveles.

1                   MR. REVELES: Before I make clarification  
2 of the record, I'd like to respond. Steve Owens  
3 characterization unweildy. I was working in Congress in  
4 the 1950s, 1960s, '70s, '80s, when I first started  
5 working in Congress, Steve. Congressional Districts  
6 consisted of a donut. Phoenix was a whole center of the  
7 donut. I worked on the staff for Stuart Udall who  
8 represented the rest of the donut.

9                   If you want to talk about unweildy,  
10 that's as unweildy as today's districts.

11                   The speaker following me, Joe Rios  
12 inaccurately characterized my statement when he raised  
13 mentioned about Cochise. I responded to the Chairman's  
14 question in mentioning Cochise. I was in no way  
15 suggesting the addition of Cochise. I mentioned this to  
16 the Chairman's question. I wanted the record to be  
17 accurate in the reflection of the facts.

18                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you. I appreciate  
19 that.

20                   Are there other members of the public that  
21 wish to be heard?

22                   SUPERVISOR SMITH: Sandie Smith, Pinal  
23 County Supervisor.

24                   I want you to be assured the elected  
25 official from Pinal County, what he said, I thought was

1 district should be out of Pinal County. In fact he said  
2 we think we have the numbers if using them to be able to  
3 meet the criteria of the federal government.

4 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Using --

5 MR. SMITH: Using them and meeting the  
6 requirements of the federal government. He was not  
7 referring to me. I wanted to make sure the record was  
8 clear that was not the position of the Pinal County  
9 Supervisors.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

11 Other members of the public wishing to be  
12 heard at this time?

13 Ladies and gentlemen, it's been very  
14 interesting, informative, and useful to have been with  
15 you today at Pinal County. We appreciate all your  
16 input. Your messages were quite clear and for the most  
17 part consistent.

18 Hopefully you'll continue to be been with  
19 us, for the most part, as the process is ongoing.

20 You can follow us on the website.

21 I hate to tell you follow us in the media.  
22 We've never sure whether it's accurately or inaccurately  
23 presented.

24 On the website it's accurately presented.

25 The next time the maps change will be at

1 the beginning of October, beginning October 2nd.

2 Thank you very much for being here.

3 Those of you with long distances to  
4 travel, travel safely on your way home.

5 Thank you very much.

6 (Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at  
7 approximately 5:44 p.m.)

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2 STATE OF ARIZONA     )  
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6                   BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing hearing was  
7 taken before me, LISA A. NANCE, RPR, CCR, Certified  
8 Court Reporter in and for the State of Arizona,  
9 Certificate Number 50349; that the proceedings were  
10 taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter reduced to  
11 typewriting under my direction; that the foregoing 93  
12 pages constitute a true and accurate transcript of all  
13 proceedings had upon the taking of said hearing, all  
14 done to the best of my ability.

15                   I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way  
16 related to any of the parties hereto, nor am I in any  
17 way interested in the outcome hereof.

18                   DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 18th day  
19 of September, 2001.

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LISA A. NANCE, RPR, CCR  
Certified Court Reporter  
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