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Redistricting Panel Announces Additional Public Hearings

PHOENIX (Oct. 24, 2011) – Arizona’s Independent Redistricting Commission has made a few changes to its public-hearing schedule.

The commission has added a hearing at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the Mesa Convention Center. To make room for that, it has moved the Casa Grande hearing previously scheduled at that time to Saturday, Nov. 5, at 3:30 p.m. The Nov. 5 morning hearing in Green Valley has been moved up to 9 a.m.

The commission also has added a hearing at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in Cottonwood. That is in addition to the 6 p.m. hearing in Peoria that day.

This round of hearings – 28 sessions over 22 days – began Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Phoenix and concludes with the Nov. 5 hearing in Casa Grande.

This is the commission’s second set of public hearings. In late July and early August, before drafting maps, commissioners and staff toured the state to get a broad picture of what Arizonans wanted from redistricting. From mid-August through early October, the commissioners drafted congressional and legislative maps that reflect public sentiment but adhere to the rules set out in the state Constitution.

The commissioners hope Arizonans will attend a hearing near them to offer comments the panel can consider before finalizing the maps. Most of the sessions will be streamed online for folks who cannot attend in person.

To watch the hearings, learn more about redistricting or review what has occurred so far, visit the commission’s website at azredistricting.org.

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Here Is a List of the Remaining Hearings (Changes in Bold):

Tuesday, Oct. 25
6 p.m. Sierra Vista – Buena High School, Performing Arts Center, 5225 Buena School Blvd., Sierra Vista

Wednesday, Oct. 26
6 p.m. Mesa – Mesa Convention Center, Palo Verde I Building B Main Campus, 263 N. Center St., Mesa

Thursday, Oct. 27
6 p.m. Thatcher – Eastern Arizona College, Lee Little Theater, Activity Center, 1014 N. College Ave., Thatcher
*6 p.m. Clifton/Morenci – Greenlee County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors’ Hearing Room, 253 5th St., Clifton.
Friday, Oct. 28
6 p.m. Nogales – Americana Hotel, 639 N. Grand Ave., Nogales

Saturday, Oct. 29
1 p.m. Yuma – Yuma City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1 City Plaza, Yuma

Tuesday, Nov. 1
6 p.m. South Phoenix – South Mountain Community College, 7050 S. 24th St., Phoenix

Wednesday, Nov. 2
11 a.m. Cottonwood – Cottonwood Recreation Center, 150 S. 6th St., Cottonwood
6 p.m. Peoria – City Council Chamber, 8401 W. Monroe St., Peoria

Thursday, Nov. 3
6 p.m. Scottsdale – Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Road, Scottsdale

Friday, Nov. 4
6 p.m. Marana – Marana Municipal Complex, Auditorium, 11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana

Saturday, Nov. 5
9 a.m. Green Valley – Desert Hills Social Center, Auditorium, 2980 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley
3:30 p.m. Casa Grande – Holiday Inn, 777 N. Pinal Ave., Casa Grande

*Via video conference