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Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner

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(Whereupon, the public session commences.)  

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Well, can everyone hear me?  

Okay. We'll start the hearing. This hearing of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will come to order.  

Won't you please rise with me to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.  

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)  

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you all for coming tonight, and thanks to Phoenix College for hosting the Commission.  

This is the first public comment hearing of the Commission in our second round of public comments -- series of public comment hearings.  

With me tonight to my left is Vice-Chair Jose Herrera -- Commissioner Jose Herrera and to my -- that's to my left. I'm sorry.  

And to my other left, my right, is
Commissioner Linda McNulty.

I'm Scott Freeman. I serve as the vice chair of the Commission as well.

Other commissioners, our chair, Colleen Mathis, and Commissioner Richard Stertz are not here tonight.

The idea with these public comment hearings is there's so many of them over the next three weeks, is the Commission sort of divides and conquers.

And although the other commissioners aren't here, I'm sure they are watching.

All of these hearings are streamed live on our website, which is azredistricting.org. And I know they're watching live.

I know I won't be able to make it to all of them myself, but I will be watching each one on the Internet with great interest.

We really appreciate everyone coming out to give us their thoughts.

The Commission has now published two draft maps, one for the congressional maps -- the congressional districts and the other for legislative.

And the point of these hearings is to get feedback from the people so we can collect that and distill those comments, and then go back to work as either redesigning or rehauling these maps, tinker with them, making the
appropriate adjustments, to bring us to a point where we have final maps, both congressional and legislative.

To comply with federal law, we have a Spanish translator here with us tonight. And he's going to read a statement.

Jose -- Carlos Reyes, I believe, is here -- there he is.

(Whereupon, the interpreter made a statement in Spanish.)

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Reyes.

And then some more introductions. With us tonight are the Commission's lawyers, Mary O'Grady and Joe Kanefield.

Also with us somewhere is our executive director Ray Bladine, our Commission's assistant executive director Kristina Gomez.

She is here -- in the back. There we go.

We have our outreach coordinators, Lisa Schmelling, Kristi Olson, Jean Shields, and Karen Herman, and Anna Garcia.

And we also have our public information officer Stuart Robinson who is with us tonight.

Also we have our mapping consultant here with us tonight, Andrew Drechsler, from the firm of Strategic Telemetry. He's going to give a presentation to you all
here in a few moments.

And are we leaving anyone out?

Oh, our information -- our technology expert, Buck Forst.

And everything tonight is being taken down by our court reporter, Marty Herder, who is making everything that's said tonight a part of our record.

If, if any member of the public desires to make comment to the Commission tonight, you can -- in the back you'll see these yellow forms. These are our public comment forms. Please complete them and give them to Ms. Gomez or any member of our staff so they can get them up to me, and later tonight we'll be calling names and have you come up to the podium to provide comment.

If you don't want to come and speak to the Commission directly, included in the packet that you would have received as you came in is this blue form, the back, where you can complete that and provide written comments to the Commission.

The Commission also accepts comments through its website, which I mentioned, azredistricting.org.

You can make comments there, or you can call the Commission to let us know your thoughts.

I do want to make sure everyone is aware of these, our information packets, pick them up in the back.
There is a letter from our chair, Ms. Mathis, and a memo sort of describing where the -- how the Commission has got to this point, explaining the process. And perhaps most importantly there are color -- nice color printouts of the congressional and legislative maps.

And we'll be going through them more with the presentation that Mr. Drechsler is going to provide us with. And I think with that, those introductions in order, I think I'll turn the program over to Mr. Drechsler for his presentation.

ANDREW DRECHSLER: Thank you very much. Good evening.

Today we are here to discuss the draft maps presented by the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

The draft maps are currently under a 30-day review.

And this is a -- this is one of the main reasons we're here today, is because we want to hear the public's thoughts and comments on the maps and what they like and what they don't like.

However, before we get into the maps, we just want to do a quick review of the overall process.

Is that better?

All right. The Arizona redistricting process is
governed by the state constitution as amended by the voters in 2000 with the passing of Proposition 106. It stipulates that the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census.

What are the guidelines of Prop 106?

One, they must comply with U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act.

Two, it must have equal population for all of the districts.

And criteria A and B are federally mandated.

Criteria C is compact and contiguous.

D is respect communities of interest.

E, use visible geographic features, city, town, and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts.

F, create competitive districts where no significant detriment to other goals.

We just wanted to go over the Voting Rights Act.

Arizona's congressional and legislative districts must receive preclearance or approval from the Department of Justice or a federal court under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before they can take effect.

With preclearance -- to give preclearance, Arizona must demonstrate that the new districts do not discriminate against minority voters in purpose or effect, which means...
there can be no intentional or accidental discrimination.

Under Section 5, Arizona's redistricting plans cannot be retrogressive.

The plans cannot weaken or reduce minority voters' rights.

The presence of discrimination can be determined by analyzing population data and election results.

So the timeline is for the Commission, back in earlier this year they set up the Commission, and the commissioners were appointed through a thorough screening process. And on the Commission there's two Democrats, two Republicans, and an Independent.

Tonight we have Vice-Chair Scott Freeman, we have Vice-Chair Jose Herrera, and Commissioner Linda McNulty.

As Commissioner Freeman stated, Colleen Mathis is the chair and Commissioner Stertz is not here.

The first round of hearings, before drawing a single line, the Commission held 23 public hearings around the state in July and August to get input from members of the public about issues relevant to redistricting, such as geography, communities of interest, minority voting rights, and competitiveness.

Next we started mapping.

The first step was to produce a grid map, which was approved on August 18.
And part of -- the grid map was required by Proposition 106.

And there is two requirements in there. It was to be equal population and compactness.

Since adopting the grid maps, the Commission has met more than 25 times to consider adjustments to the grid maps to accommodate all the state constitutional criteria. During this time they received additional public comments and draft maps.

Approval of the draft maps on October 3rd, for the congressional maps, that incorporate changes based on the constitutional criteria. And then it approved the draft legislative maps earlier this week on October 10.

The second round of hearings, which you're a part of today, is going to be visiting 25 towns and cities around the state to share the draft maps and receive additional public input during the month of October.

Final maps will -- upon completion of the second round of hearings, we'll take -- and the public comment period, the Independent Commission will adapt -- adopt final maps.

And the final step in the overall redistricting process is preclearance.

Because Arizona is subject to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, the district maps must be approved by the
federal Department of Justice or the federal court in Washington, D.C., before they can be used for the next elections.

We'd like to show the progress of the maps and show how we came to the current draft maps.

The map you see here was the congressional map that was approved by the last Redistricting Commission and most recently used in the 2010 elections.

Per Proposition 106, the Commission was required to start with a blank slate, not taking into consideration any previous election results or incumbents.

Also per Proposition 106 the Commission started with the grid map. As discussed earlier, the grid map would only take into consideration two of the six criteria, equal population and compactness.

In August the Commission asked that two grid maps be drawn, and on August 18 they agreed on option two seen here.

After more than 25 meetings, the Commission voted to approve the draft map you see here.

Besides taking into consideration the six criteria, the Commission also took into consideration public comments provided during public meetings, round one of public hearings, comments mailed in, e-mail, hand-delivered, faxed, telephoned, and I'm probably missing
a couple more.

But overall there's been over 2,000 comments that helped develop this draft map.

As you see here, some of the highlights of the map, you can see two predominantly rural districts, three border districts, two districts in the city of Tucson, five districts that are entirely in Maricopa County, and it avoids splitting Arizona's Indian reservations.

Much like the congressional draft map, the legislative map followed a similar process.

Here we see the legislative map that was last -- that was developed by the last Commission, and it was most recently used for the 2010 elections.

Again, per Proposition 106, the Commission started with a blank slate.

A grid map was approved in August. Similar to the, to the congressional map, the grid map only took into consideration two of the six criteria, that being equal population and compactness.

Which leads up to the draft map.

Arizona has 30 legislative districts. Each district elects one senator and two house members.

The population in the old districts currently range between 155,000 and 378 -- 378,000.

The new draft map has roughly 207 to 215,000 per
To comply with the Voting Rights Act, the draft map then includes 10 districts in which minority voters should have the opportunity to elect their candidate of choice.

The draft map includes three districts wholly within Pima County, Districts 3, 9, and 10, and three additional southern Arizona districts, 1, 2, and 4, 17 districts primarily within Maricopa County, District 12 and 15 through 30, and nine districts primarily rural, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, and 14.

As we stated -- as Commissioner as Vice-Chair Freeman stated earlier, we want to hear your input.

You have many different opportunities to fill out -- to give us your input.

You can fill out a yellow request to speak form and provide the Commission your input.

Examples of input might be thoughts on any of the constitutional criteria, the congressional draft map, the draft legislative map.

You can submit your input by speaking at the hearing tonight or filling out one of these blue public input forms or you can go to our website.

Our website, as we stated, is
This is just a quick shot of the web page, and we just wanted to point out a couple of features.

You will see that you can review the maps, and the maps have -- the meeting information has meetings of past meetings and current meetings, or past meetings and future meetings, and all recordings of -- and streamed to the last meetings.

And the public input form is where you would be able to fill out some comments on the website.

The final draft maps can be found under the maps tab, and within that is a tab called draft maps.

One of the features that you will be able to find is, and this is a, I think, really helpful feature that people have been -- have found useful to see where -- what consists of the district is the KMZ file, which is also the Google map.

In here you'll able to zoom in and get a good sense of what your district looks like.

This is just a quick screen shot, and you can zoom in further to see the exact streets that surround your community.

Also, the Commission would like you to stay connected. As we mentioned before, you can come visit us at
the website to draw your own maps, watch current meetings or past meetings, get updates on future meetings, or you can follow us at Twitter at /AIRC or friend us at Facebook.

Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Drechsler.

All right. The next item on our agenda is the public comment.

I have about 21, 22 requests to speak. If you do want to speak to the Commission, use the yellow sheets in the back, complete them, and give them to one of our staff, and they'll bring it to me.

Given the number of requests, I think we're going to ask that you try to limit your comments to about four minutes.

And Mr. Forst will have the timer. When you hear the buzzer go off, just do your best to try to wrap up as quickly as you can.

If you have written materials, a map, or something else that you want to submit to the Commission, our executive director, Mr. Bladine, is sitting right over there to my right, and just hand those materials to him. He'll give them to us, and it will become part of our record.

Again, the purpose of this public comment hearing and these series of public comment hearings is to get your input on the draft maps.
So we're really interested in hearing specific changes you may have to these maps, where you think the lines should be moved to and why, or why these lines should remain the same, if they are appropriate where they are, we would be interested in hearing that as well.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on how your changes might impact other districts and how they're constituted, I would love to hear that as well, because it is a complicated puzzle trying to fit together nine congressional districts and 30 legislative districts applying all six of the constitutional criteria.

It has not been an easy task, and I think your input will be invaluable to us.

So when I call your name, please come up to the podium. I would ask you to please state your name and spell it so our court reporter has it, speak directly into the microphone so that the people in the back can hear you and people who are watching online can hear you as well. And tells us, if you're representing yourself or some organization, please let us know that. And give us the town or county where you live, that would be helpful as well.

I think I'm now up to about 25.

So, okay, our first speaker is Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox.

SUPERVISOR MARY ROSE WILCOX: Members of the
Commission, thank you very much. Thank you for being in this lovely, historic building too. We always like to showcase Phoenix College.

I'm Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County supervisor, and I'm representing the Hispanic Coalition For Good Government, and wish to thank you, members of the Commission, for encouraging changes made to the congressional doughnut map during the meeting in Tempe.

We believe that the IRC made significant progress in addressing its prior serious concerns regarding the direction of the doughnut map, the congressional one.

As with any progress that's complex as this, we understand that not all of our concerns would be addressed in one fell swoop.

What I would like to do is just outline three areas we have concerns with, three kind of major and one minor.

On the Congressional District 7 map, 7th Avenue to 43rd Avenue, between Bethany Home Road and Northern Avenue, we believe this should be removed from the current boundaries.

The reason we believe this is because you basically -- Bethany Home Road is a dividing line between Washington ASD and Madison ADS to the north of Bethany Home Road and south of the streets, Alhambra ASD and Osborn.
Additionally 43rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road going north is a municipal dividing line between Glendale and Phoenix. So we believe we do more. The historic south Glendale area has cultural and historic differences to the areas just east of it.

The other area is 32nd Street to 48th Street between McDowell Road and Thomas Road. This very much goes into line with areas of like needs, and we ask this to be added back into CD 7.

The other, Central Avenue to 7th Avenue between Indian School Road and Camelback Road, we would prefer this be added back in.

Again, there's neighborhoods, and this mirrors more succinctly the lightrail that goes up to this area and kind of ties everything together.

The other minor concern is west of 83rd Avenue, north of Bethany Home Road. This had been in the area earlier when we discussed it, and we would prefer it to come back in.

But on the whole, once again, we're very, very pleased that doughnut map was taken away and this was brought forward.

The changes that are made are ones that we feel are very good for the congressional.

On your legislative map, I have approached MALDEF
to do an analysis of the majority minority. And as soon as I get that, we'll appear at one of the other hearings and come. But at first glance, just from my experience, I think that the growth of the Hispanic community is well accommodated in these areas.

That is all.

Again, thank you very much.

And we serve as a resource if you want any special meeting set up or hearings, we would be glad to accommodate that.

Any questions?

Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Next speaker is Dulce Gonzalez.

DULCE GONZALEZ: My name is Dulce Gonzalez, D-U-L-C-E, Gonzalez is G-O-N-Z-A-L-E-Z.

And I come as a resident of south Glendale.

First of all, I would like to thank the Commission for keeping our community within Congressional District 7 in the latest draft of the map. We have a lot in common with the rest of the communities within District 7, so we appreciate that.

However, I would like to ask that the Commission remove the area east of 43rd Avenue and the area north of Bethany Home from the current draft.
These areas do not share as much in common with the rest of the communities in the district. They're not like historical on south Glendale, central Phoenix, west Phoenix, or south Phoenix.

And also 43rd Avenue provides a natural municipal boundary between Glendale and Phoenix, which would allow for the split.

Again, I thank you for keeping south Glendale within District 7, and please consider incorporating these areas into the new map.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and all of your hard work.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Our next speaker will be Bob Rosenberg.

And just so the people know who's on deck, the next speaker will be Brian Aby.

I'd just ask you, when you come up to the podium, don't be afraid to grab that microphone and get it right up next to your mouth. It will help us up here to hear you.

BOB ROSENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair, members of the Commission, and counsel to the Commission.

My name is Bob Rosenberg, Bob, is spelled with one O, Rosenberg is R-O-S-E-N-B-E-R-G.

The last time I met with you was in Burton Barr Central Library in Nina Pulliam Auditorium. And at that
time I talked about how the atmosphere in the state
legislature was much more cordial and collegial. And I
talked about how Art Hamilton, who was the Democratic leader
in the house, was the person who led the fight to name that
library after Burton Barr, who was the Republican leader in
the house.

They were very good friends.

Tonight I'd like to talk with you about the
national legislature.

Ten years ago last July I was -- sometimes I choke
up because I'm an emotional person, and that doesn't bother
me. If it bothers anyone else, I hope that they are able to
deal with their internal conflict.

But last ten years ago last July, I was fortunate
enough to be in a very small group, five people, having
lunch with former governor from the United States,
Senator Paul Fannin.

Paul Fannin, as those of you who have been around
for a while know, was a staunch Republican.

When he became the junior senator from Arizona,
the senior senator was Carl Hayden, who was a staunch
Democrat.

Senator Fannin, when he arrived, was 99th in
seniority. And his -- since everything is assigned by
seniority, his office was way over in the distance in a coat
One afternoon the phone rang, and it was Senator Hayden.

Senator Hayden said, senator, I understand your office is over there.

That's right, senator, it is.

He said, well, Senator Hayden said, well, I noticed that just down the hall from me there is some much more comfortable office space, would you like more comfortable office space, a little more elbow room?

Senator Hayden -- or Senator Fannin said, senator, I am humbled and thankful that you offer me such a gracious offer, but I hasten to remind you that I am 99th in seniority here.

There was a long, pregnant silence on the line.

And Senator Hayden, who at the time was the dean of senate, been in the Senate longer than anyone else, dean of congress, been in congress longer than anyone else, president pro tem, fourth in line for the presidency, and chairman of senate appropriations commitment. Every dollar this government spent had to march across his desk in order to get spent.

Long, pregnant silence. Then Senator Hayden said, senator, that's not the question that I asked you. Would you like more comfortable office space?
Senator Fannin said, I would deeply appreciate it.

Then Senator Fannin told us, the movers arrived in one hour.

While the two of them served together in the United States senate, Senator Carl Hayden and Senator Paul Fannin worked together like partners, as partners, doing the people's business for the people of Arizona.

When the junior senator -- I heard the beep, I'll close quickly -- when the junior senator from Arizona was Barry Goldwater, he and Senator Carl Hayden worked together as partners to do the people's business.

I'd like to see that kind of cordiality brought back into both legislatures, and that's why I hope that you will do everything in your power to create competitive districts.

Thank you. And if there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you, sir.

BOB ROSENBERG: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Next is Brian Aby, and on deck will be Bill Engler.

BRIAN ABY: Vice-Chair Freeman, Vice-Chair Herrera, Commissioner McNulty, my name is Brian Aby. That's Brian with an I. Last name is spelled A-B-Y.

I'm here representing myself as a member of the
electorate, and I'd like to speak on the issue of competitiveness, the item F in your guidelines.

First let me say I appreciate you coming to Phoenix College. It's a beautiful college here in the center of Phoenix. I live in current Legislative District 11, which is about two miles north of here. And this is very convenient for me tonight. Thank you very much.

The issue of competitiveness to me is one of the most important of the guidelines. I believe that right now under the current map I think maybe there are three competitive districts in the state of Arizona.

I'm not sure how many there are -- I'm speaking now about the legislative map. I'm not sure how many there are in the new map, the draft map that you all have prepared, but I'm led to believe there may be seven or something like that.

You could say that that's a dramatic improvement over the current map, and indeed it is, and I commend you for that improvement.

But I also would like to urge you that you can do better.

I think that -- I have talked to people who variously estimate that the number of competitive districts could approach 10 or 12 in this state.
I am not sure what the exact number would be, but I urge you in your deliberations to consider competitive competitiveness, excuse me, to be very importantly. Because it's, in my mind, crucial.

We all know what the political climate is in Arizona.

We know the existing effort to change the way that we select candidates in the primary process.

And I think all of this is a symptom of a situation which we are -- we move toward more extreme candidates who are elected in primaries, and we have fewer moderate people who make it through to run in general elections.

And this is all part, in my mind, of the competitiveness issue. And I hope that you will -- you've done well, I think you can do better, and I would urge you to do so.

Thank you very much for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Bill Engler, who will be followed by Danny Sullivan.

BILL ENGLER: Thank you, Vice-Chair Freeman, fellow commissioners.

My name is Bill Engler, E-N-G-L-E-R. I live in Anthem.
I'm addressing you on behalf of myself, and I'd like to start by saying also I am the chair of Legislative District 6 Democratic party.

The map, now I'll speak to the legislative maps. I don't think there's any way you could redraw these maps that would make people in my position, whether they're Republicans or Democrats, very happy.

I've been very active in the party for nine years, and after this I'm going to have to look again to work with new people, as will my Republican counterparts.

However, you're not drawing this map for me, or any other district chair or PC in the districts. You're redrawing the maps for the people of the state of Arizona.

I urge you because of that to please look for competitive districts.

I know you can do better and still meet the other constitutional criteria.

I echo the thoughts of the earlier speakers, because in my legislative district our legislators are elected in the Republican primary.

There are some cases where they're elected in the Democratic primary.

It does not lead to good representation for the people of Arizona.
I thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Danny Sullivan will be followed by Gina -- it looks like Arts to me.


I come representing myself.

I'm a resident in the north Phoenix area in what's currently Congressional District 3.

I want to thank you all for the hard work that you're doing. It's greatly appreciated.

Also I would like to thank you for coming to the decision to keep the north Phoenix area connected to the Anthem, New River area.

Those are definitely communities of much shared interest, and I really appreciate and I know a lot of us in the area appreciate the decision you've made to keep those areas connected.

I would like to suggest that Scottsdale Road is a very logical boundary on the east side of our district. It's been designated as a boundary for legislative districts, and so it only stands to reason that if it would be a very natural congressional district boundary.

So, I would like your serious consideration to have Scottsdale Road as the boundary on the east side of our
district.

    And also, again, I do appreciate what you did for us in keeping those communities in north Phoenix and Anthem and New River connected.

    And I know there was quite a body of bipartisan consensus that also kind of led to that decision.

    And thank you again for allowing me to speak.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Okay. Gina Arts. If I'm mispronouncing that, please correct me.

Will be followed by, it looks like, Julie Chaffin or Chaffin.

GINA ARTS: Good evening. My name is Gina Arts.

I currently live in the Arcadia neighborhood.

As an Arizona native and a long-time resident of the Arcadia neighborhood, my family's lived in several homes throughout the valley and state. We've even spent some time out of the country, but we always return back to the Arcadia district.

    It represents who we are.

    I work in the movie industry, and we're constantly redrawing our maps, and I understand how hard it is. It's not an easy task.

    However, I do know the bottom line is what's best for the customer. We, the constituents, are the customer,
and we need to be represented as such.

After reviewing the proposed maps and attending
the redistricting meeting on Saturday, October 8th, I had to
ask myself if there was any semblance of common sense in
drawing boundary lines.

As a neighborhood we work together on many issues
that affect our entire community.

What we -- what you proposed would split the
Arcadia neighborhood.

I ask at the very least when you do these boundary
lines that you consider school district boundaries for --
instead of splitting neighborhoods in half and separating
them and putting them in neighborhoods where there's no
common issues involved.

At one point I was very surprised to see that you
had split that Arcadia neighborhood in the legislative
district.

And I do, Mr. Herrera, thank you for saying it
doesn't make sense to split that. And brought the line down
a little bit.

But I want to at least ask that you please use
those district boundary lines when proposing the cutoff.

It shouldn't affect, and especially in Arcadia
neighborhood, how you hit your demographics or any of the
other points that you needed to address when you get there.
So thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Spell your last name.

GINA ARTS: A-R-T-S.

VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Next is Julie, it looks like Chaffin.

JULIE CHAFFIN: Chaffin.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: She'll be followed by -- sorry, next on deck is Pamela Petty.

JULIE CHAFFIN: First name is Julie, J-U-L-I-E. Last name Chaffin, C-H-A-F-F-I-N.

Thank you so much for allowing this opportunity to express our opinions.

My husband and I have been residents of the valley for 27 years, the last six in Paradise Valley, and the prior 16 in northeast Phoenix where our daughters attended the Paradise Valley Unified School District.

And we feel very strongly about the connection between our town of Paradise Valley as it links into Phoenix through the Arcadia and Biltmore areas. This is the area where we spent time supporting our children with their activities, extracurricular endeavors, shopping, worshipping, working, exercising, and relaxing.

When discussing the congressional redistricting
maps, I am in favor of joining Paradise Valley with a contiguous and surrounding neighborhoods of Phoenix like the Arcadia, Biltmore area.

It's our neighborhood, and I feel that there is that community of common interest that is compact and contiguous.

That there's also synergy within that area.

And as some of the gentleman had addressed, I would ask that you would maybe look at the boundary of Scottsdale Road to work within that area, and possibly even look at, like, Indian School as the southern boundary for marking that out.

I'd ask that you would keep, like, the north and south side of Camelback Mountain together. I have concerns about working with Tempe and kind of the way that district was sort of put together.

But we would ask specifically about keeping Paradise Valley with the neighborhoods that touch it, those of the Arcadia and Biltmore region.

Thank you very much for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Next is Pamela Petty, who will be followed by Jeff Winkler.

And like everyone who's come before, I would like to thank you all for your hard work and diligence. I really appreciate it, especially in light of criticisms you've received.

I'm surprised and pleased to find myself in new Congressional District 9, because so many people in this new district share such similar educational, professional, social, and economic backgrounds, so I'm just very tickled, but I'm really here to talk about Legislative District 28.

I live in north central Phoenix, and I'm concerned about the boundaries that you proposed.

It seems to me as a resident there that the district doesn't satisfy either the requirement to include either communities of interest nor the requirement for competitiveness.

Regarding the community of interest criteria, it seems to me that while I live in north central Phoenix and have far more in common with people in the Camelback corridor and with friends in midtown than with Paradise Valley, which seems to be more closely aligned with north Scottsdale in both social and economic interests.

As for the competitiveness in LD 28, I'm just looking at your data, and I just started looking at it today, and with 42 percent Republican registered voters and 28.2 Democratic voters, it doesn't seem to be very...
Your own competitive index shows a 14.6 percent difference, which seems to be really very high.

So I urge you to reconsider the boundaries in that district for those two reasons, communities of interest and particularly the -- what appears to be a lack of competitiveness.

Thank you very much for your work.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Jeff Winkler, followed by Karen Garrett.

JEFF WINKLER: Mr. Vice Chair, members of the Commission, thank you for your service and thank you for your time.

I know it's a burden on all of you, and I think all of the citizens of Arizona, no matter what they think, appreciate your service.

My name is Jeff Winkler, Jeff with a J, W-I-N-K-L-E-R.

I'd like to address the proposed legislative map.

I do believe it's a good start, but I think there's some more that can be done to address the competitiveness issue.

The most recent poll of Arizona voters was actually released over the weekend, it was in the Republic on Monday, yesterday, and it was commissioned by the folks
that are advancing the whole idea of nonpartisan primaries. And I think it's the first time that voters were actually asked about how loyal they are to their own party.

And the poll turned up some pretty surprising results.

It showed that a third of Republicans and a third of Democrats contemplated some time in the next five years changing their registration to Independent.

What does this tell us about the mood of the electorate in Arizona?

It tells us that they're fed up with the hyperpartisan nature of our politics, both within Arizona and nationally and they're looking for candidates who will bring us together.

At least that's what it tells me when I read that poll.

Specifically, to my community of interest, I live in Phoenix. I live in east Phoenix in the Arcadia neighborhood, in the currently proposed LD 28. I would really encourage you to take a hard look at keeping Arcadia in a legislative district that includes the Camelback corridor.

That is really where we live, where we work, where we play is in the Camelback corridor along Camelback Road.

It would be great to see that route stay together.
In addition -- additionally, when it comes to city of Phoenix politics, and the final process, we're part of the Camelback Village East Planning Committee. We share that with our neighbors in the Biltmore, and we have a history of working very cooperatively as communities of interest on city issues.

So I would encourage you to please consider keeping the -- or at least considering the Camelback Village East Planning Committee boundaries when you're contemplating LD 28.

Thank you for coming.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Karen Garrett, to be followed by Ken Cheuvront.

KAREN GARRETT: Thank you, Vice Chair, commissioners, and everyone else up there. And my name is Karen Garrett, K-A-R-E-N, G-A-R-R-E-T-T.

I don't know how many people are here, but I've almost watched every -- either in person or live meeting that you've had.

I was sitting at home when you adopted the congressional map.

I was flabbergasted, and I hate to be too negative, but the word is appalled that you would spend the whole weekend changing the maps, and then springing it on them. The people that were there on Monday weren't the
people that would have been there to talk about what had been transpired that day.

I didn't have the ability to get down there, so today I'm speaking to that.

First you put Fountain Hills in. Then you take Fountain Hills out. Then you put it in, then -- now it's out.

That is not taking into consideration their rights to have communities of interest.

Fountain Hills has been in the current LD District 8.

They have been part of north Scottsdale. The people that live there work in Arizona, in the Maricopa County area. And now because you've been lobbied, I believe, I don't know this for sure, by Flagstaff and other communities that want their communities of interest, you're now taking out Fountain Hills and Apache Junction.

This is not acceptable, and I hope that somehow someone will get the point that this is not protecting our rights.

And that's basically all I had to say.

You're not going to -- communities of interest is more important.

I know there's been argument about competitiveness, but it is to be considered, and
competitiveness can be considered if all the other considerations are met. And this consideration for Fountain Hills has not been met.

    Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Ken Cheuvront, followed by Barney Switzer.

KEN CHEUVRON: Hi, good evening. Ken Cheuvront, C-H-E-U-V-R-O-N-T, very similar to the restaurant at Central.

    I come as a citizen and also as a former legislator. I represented central Phoenix, which we're in the middle of, for 16 years. And I want to first give you accolades for everything you've done.

    Jim Hunt -- Jim, Jim Huntwork is a very good friend of mine, and over the last ten years we've spoken about the trials and tribulations he went through as being a commissioner.

    So I definitely know what you're going through.

    What I want to talk about first, I think you've done a good job of going through the map. My concern is what I call the bat district, which is 24.

    And what -- a district that I had represented a long time, but I went through three different machinations of history. And it seems like central Phoenix is always given what anybody else doesn't want or try to bring in
areas that really have no community of interest.

This one does a better job than the existing one, but the challenges you're bringing to two reservations, both the Salt River Pima and Fort McDowell into central Phoenix, so you're taking a district that pretty much has a cohesiveness and bringing it in an area that really has no commonality. And you make it go all the way up to the Beeline Highway, which is very concerning.

That's not a lot of residents, and I know that you're looking at trying to, you know, create districts that meet certain criteria, but I think if you put that area in Tempe or another one, you can still meet those criteria without really alienating them from the rest of central Phoenix.

Scottsdale is another reason. I heard a person speaking earlier trying to keep different -- southern Arcadia with northern Arcadia and also keeping it within the Scottsdale School District.

If you look at the southern part of Scottsdale, which you put in this district, that is the Scottsdale School District which is similar to most of Arcadia and Scottsdale with the town of Paradise Valley.

Unlike central Phoenix which is mostly made up of Phoenix Elementary, Osborn, and Madison.

And so I think by putting those areas -- if you
I could put those areas whether up in different District 28 or -- so it's not such an odd configuration, I think that would do well long term.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Barney Switzer, followed by Ken Clark.

BARNEY SWITZER: Hi. I'd like to say thank you for your service, and I am going to speak on competitiveness.

If you look at statewide races, you see the Republicans have a 10 percentage point advantage, about 50 percent -- 55 percent in this state.

That said, in statewide races they're close when a Democrat is highly qualified and has a clean record, and when the Republican challenger is not clean.

But this gives a sense of where Arizona is. This has nothing to do with what you're doing.

The same is not true in congressional and legislative districts. We can easily find examples of incompetent, borderline corrupt representatives elected in state districts due to the dynamics of primary elections with too many or too few competitors.

Are vote splitting primaries with too many candidates vying for a safe seat followed by term limits or retirement really the way we want to select our representatives?
Competitive districts provide a safeguard against this. Competitive districts are not an advantage for Democrats. They aren't an advantage for moderates and centrists. They're an advantage for sane people.

So is this what the draft maps provide? Not really. The drafts offer a handful of competitive legislative districts. Less than half of the congressional districts are competitive.

And how are the uncompetitive districts divided? In a state that polls at 55 percent Republican, of legislative districts with a 15 percent spread or more, 65 percent are safe Republican seats.

And in a state that is 55 percent Republican, of congressional districts with 15-point spread, 67 percent are safe Republican seats.

If you make the assumption that Republicans will still take the competitive districts half the time, that leaves them with over 60 percent of the congressional delegation and the legislative delegation.

That's higher than 55 percent.

Okay.

That gives the Republicans a louder voice than they would have under a truly representative system.

But, okay, it's an extremely difficult job. I understand that.
They already have that advantage.

So why are some Republicans upset at these maps? They've controlled the state legislature for decades. Do these draft maps threaten that control? No.

If you think about it, it makes sense. There is no such thing as enough for partisans. They follow an ideology that elevates self-interest and greed above all other human values. They will never have enough. They can't be appeased.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Ken Clark, followed by Jean McDermott.

KEN CLARK: Thank you, commissioners. My name is Ken Clark, C-L-A-R-K, co-chair of the Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition.

I want to -- just general comments. The next 30 days are all about public input, obviously. And what we want to speak to or I want to speak to is how to make that public input process a little more user friendly.

The four points in that regard.

First, the Commission still has not defined competition.

The regular user needs this to be able to look at a map and see what's really going on.

And the Commission ten years ago did not define
competition until it was too late.

And then they used the JudgeIt model, but after all these decisions had already been made, and that was the one of the reasons they found themselves in court. And I hope this Commission doesn't make the same mistake.

If you look at one of the maps for legislative, for instance, you've got this central Phoenix district with this what I call an airplane rudder that goes out to the McDowell Mountains.

You can look at that and you can't even tell -- there are ways, I suspect, to make that central Phoenix district more competitive, but you can't really tell by looking at the maps or any of the data sheets.

For several reasons.

There are -- there's no executive summary of the data.

For instance, I come to these meetings, and there's a nice spreadsheet that shows Voting Rights Act, voting age population, competition measures. Even if I disagree with those competition measures, it's all laid out there for me.

When you go on the website, you have one spreadsheet that is a compilation of where different districts break out into cities, and it tells you the Voting Rights Act measure for that city, but it doesn't tell
you for the whole district.

So if you want to get in there and really dig in and give you guys the specific suggestions that you deserve, it's very difficult to do that, because you can't say, well, I can't take from that district because of the Voting Rights Act district, because it's not part of -- it's very difficult to see what's going on.

You see what I'm saying?

The other problem, for instance, well, the competitiveness spreadsheet as well shows one type of measure for competitiveness.

Now, I understand, even though I'd like to see you come up with a definition for competitiveness, I understand that there are several ways to measure competitiveness.

There's straight registration, and it has its problems. And there's performance, and it has its problems.

Well, give us two columns. Give us one for straight registration and one for performance.

It would -- it allows the public a more user friendly interface, more or less, to be able to see what's going on.

The -- again, I mention the executive summary would be a really great way to just pull that down and see what's going on.

We've got folks who have come to me and said they
want to get on Maptitude and start playing with these
district lines and give you some ideas.

Well, it's not -- the new lines are not on
Maptitude yet. I'm told they'll be up there tomorrow. But
for the next 30 days, that's what people that I'm speaking
with want to do.

And it's great that folks are coming to you and
asking for greater, greater competitiveness. Of course we
like that.

We also understand that you all need specifics.
So help us help you help us help the state.
May give you some specifics.
Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Jean McDermott, followed by Polo Martinez.

JEAN MCDERMOTT: My name is Jean McDermott, J-E-A-N, capital M-C, capital D-E-R-M-O-T-T.

And I am representing myself, and I'd like to
thank you for all the time and effort that you're putting
in. I know it's a hard job to please everyone.

I'm concerned about the District 28, in my
position is about 14th Street and Maryland. And I am
concerned with the legislative district in particular, is
that I don't feel that -- I do not have a connection feeling
with Paradise Valley or Arcadia.
I consider more my home and my interest and where I do is more north central, Madison School District. And for the last ten years we've been in 11, but all the years before that we were with north central area. And I feel much more connected with that area. And that's my concern, that we prefer to be back in with the district considered north central, which would be west of 51 in the area.

And just have more in common with it. And I shop in central Phoenix, north Phoenix. My grandchildren go to Madison School District.

My interests are with the Irish Community Center and the Phoenix Art Museum, and I don't go to Paradise Valley or to Scottsdale or Arcadia.

Thank you very much for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Next is Polo Martinez, followed by Francisco Avalos.

POLO MARTINEZ: Good evening. Thank you, commissioners, staff, and everyone in the audience.

I was born and raised in New Mexico —

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Sir, could you state and spell your name, please?

POLO MARTINEZ: Sure. Polo, P-O-L-O, Martinez.

I was born and raised in New Mexico, but I retired
here in Arizona, although I get back to New Mexico frequently.

And perhaps if you're that kind of individual going back and forth between the two states, you recognize how very different they are.

As I live here in Arizona, sometimes as both a Hispanic and a Democrat, I feel very disenfranchised.

However, I'm told that those who are optimistic live a longer life. So I'm constantly looking for reasons to be optimistic.

I'm encouraged by a recent vote of yours, four to one, that says we will proceed with the options that we have identified now in trying to get to the best designation districts that we possibly can.

That 4-1 vote to me is similar to -- it's amenable to what the Supreme Court does. You can always count on them coming back with 5-4 decisions. And, you know, oh, what's that going to mean? You know, we're in trouble. We could go 5-4 either way.

But when you see a 6-3 or 7-2 vote, you start feeling very confident that even if you were on the losing side, there's probably some reasons that you've missed that say, hey, that decision is the way it should affect me.

That's the feeling I see when I look at 4-1 or 5-0 vote.
So I heartily encourage you to continue with your 4-1 and 5-0 endeavors. It makes all of us, Democrats and Republicans, I think, take heart that based on those, those elements that you see in arriving at your decisions have convinced you through power of reason and logic to come up with the option that you select.

Now, I'd like to speak to only one of those issues of the six that you consider, and that has to do with what many others have been talking about here, and that's competitiveness.

I feel that as much as you may want one neighborhood in another, the convenience of the closest and proximity of mutual interest, that the element of competitiveness is so important because it allows people in those particular districts to come forward with ideas and to battle on the basis of ideas and not on givens, not on assumptions that based on the demographics that we have here we could therefore go forward without making reasonable, hard, logical arguments to persuade people to come up to the decisions that we want them to come up with.

So, as a footnote, the more competitive the districts can be, the more uniform and unified you can be in thrusting forward with your decisions, the more confident and optimistic and therefore more long living I can be.

Thank you.
VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Francisco Avalos, followed by Wes Harris.

FRANCISCO AVALOS: Good afternoon. My name is Francisco Avalos, that's F-R-A-N-C-I-S-C-O. Last name is A-V-A-L-O-S.

And I live in the 32nd Street and Thomas Road area, south of Arcadia.

Mr. Vice Chair, members of the Commission, I come before you to thank you for all the hard work you put in to creating the congressional and legislative maps.

I think the Commission drew Congressional District 7 in a way that would meet the Voting Rights Act, and people in our district are grateful for that.

I stand before you today, however, to make one suggestion that I hope you'll take into consideration when drawing the final map.

I live in a neighborhood that was taken out of Congressional District 7.

I don't know why I was taken out, but I know that this is why the Commission has asked the public to come out and let you know about our concerns with the draft maps.

I want to request that the Commission adjust Congressional District 7 so that Thomas Road remains as the boundary, at least between 32nd Street and 48th Street.

In taking my neighborhood out of District 7 and...
putting me into District 9, you include me with the Arcadia
neighborhood, Tempe, Ahwatukee, and Chandler.

My neighborhood has never been in the same
district with those neighborhoods.

I would just like to say that my neighborhood is a
minority-majority area, low-moderate income levels, and has
a lot more in common with the rest of District 7 not 9.

I care about my community, and I want to advocate
what is best for its future representation. And for this
reason, I would like to ask the Commission to please place
our neighborhood back into Congressional District 7 again.
Again, the areas are 32nd Street -- between 32nd Street and
48th Street, between Thomas Road and McDowell.

Thank you very much for your time and
consideration.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Wes Harris, followed by Robert Meza.

WES HARRIS: Good evening, Wes Harris, W-E-S,
H-A-R-R-I-S.

Mr. Vice Chair, commissioners, and staff, few have
attended as many of these proceedings as I have.

I was on hand when you held your first meeting
which was in a room not nearly large enough to have all that
came.

And I've been to virtually every meeting in
reasonable driving distance from Phoenix since, save the last two, the past weekend.

Because of the requirements of the open meetings laws, these proceedings were far from efficient and as such far from interesting as well, due to a long, dramatic time spent adjusting lines on the screens. But at times they were captivated by short periods of interesting and sadly too many times petty and childish exchange and ramblings by two of the members of this Commission.

Both have been interested only in the agenda at the detriment of the Commission, the state, the citizens in state, the constitution of the state, and the nation.

Nor has the chair been fair and independent, siding with the two Democrats on every vote of substance, including the unilaterally designed congressional district map that pleases only one segment of the voting population of this great state.

And that segment is the minority-majority Democrats.

More specifically, the Hispanic Coalition For Good Government, namely Representative Ed Pastor, Raul Grijalva, and Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox.

Regarding competitiveness, which seems to be an issue that everyone is talking about, let me share with you some of the mathematical statistics about the population of
this state.

Assuming a population of six and a half million, broken down into 36 percent Republicans, that's 2.3 million, 34 percent Independents, which is 2.2 million, and 30 percent Democrats, which is 1.9 million, it is clear that the Democrat party is a minority party in this state.

Based on this breakdown of the map that existed on Friday, I did not see this map online, and it's still not up online so I couldn't deal with the specifics of this current version of the legislative district map, the number of Democrats in the minority-majority districts equals 795,000.

So they're basically packed in those districts.

To which you add another 109,000 Native Americans, for a total of 904,000 on a -- leaving just over a million to be spread to 23 different districts.

This will give the other districts a two-to-one ratio versus the Independents and the Republicans.

If split evenly through the rest of the state, this would equal only 45,000 Democrats in each of the remaining of 23 districts with populations of 210,000 per district.

A clear minority.

To achieve more Democratic leaning districts would entail severe gerrymandering, which the chair has allowed
Commissioner McNulty do virtually single handedly in direct violation of the preamble in Prop 106, which precludes gerrymandering.

To say that I'm happy -- unhappy with the outcome is putting it mildly.

A comment from the chair sums it up, and I quote: We cannot make everyone happy, and if I did make someone happy, then I should take back everything I gave them.

That was a week ago.

Well, the fact is that these maps only make one segment of the state happy, and that is the minority Democrats.

Far too many and too much time was spent on the minority-majority districts, both congressional and legislative, to the detriment of the majority of the voters in the state.

The people in Yuma wanted to be together and not a part of Tucson congressional district.

Representative Grijalva's interest won out over theirs.

The Native Americans also expressed that they wanted all to be together in one district.

And yet, again, Representative Grijalva's interests won out over theirs.

The citizens of Fountain Hills wanted to be with
their community of interest in Scottsdale, yet they are now with Bullhead City.

The citizens of my community in Moon Valley wanted to remain with their communities of interest north of North Mountain, yet you put them with those south of North Mountain.

In short, this Commission has been anything but independent and anything but fair and balanced.

I'm almost done.

It has made a travesty out of openness and transparency. It has, in my opinion, abused its power, wasted tens of thousands of taxpayer money hiring controversial consultants and attorneys, hired an attorney to defend their questionable actions in court rather than answer a simple question probed by our taxpayer funded Attorney General's Office, and elongated these proceedings to the benefit of the mapping consultant by virtue of what I think is an ill-conceived contract provision that was set up to make their contract competitive, which it will turn out to be terribly uncompetitive when this is over.

The spirit of Proposition 106 was to provide a fair and balanced approach to redistricting.

This Commission has had a chance to be a true servant of the citizens of the state, and I submit to you failed miserably and let us all down for partisan reasons.
There are two on this Commission that I believe tried desperately to satisfy the spirit of Proposition 106, but there are three of you who have voted unfairly.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Robert Meza, followed by John Beaulieu.

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MEZA: Thank you, commissioners. Robert Meza, M-E-Z-A.

I just want to say what an excellent job you’ve done in minority-majority districts. The four on the west side of Phoenix, they’re excellent. Those are Districts 19, 27, 29, and 30.

The thing I do need to mention is that under the Hispanic voting age population, each of the districts, the 19, 27, 29, and 30, fall below the 50 percent range.

There might be a red flag with the Justice Department, but as it is currently they will pass the Justice Department test.

And I just wanted to say excellent job, thank you for all your time.

Are there any questions?

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT MEZA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: John Beaulieu, followed by Senator Steve Gallardo.

VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Just for the record, that was
JOHN BEAULIEU: Good evening, Mr. Vice Chair and panel.

It's John Beaulieu, spelled B-E-A-U-L-I-E-U. First name is J-O-H-N.

I'm chair of the District 15 Democrats, and I represent the Democratic Party, which is D-E-M-O-C-R-A-T-I-C, not the Democrat party.

This is the first time I've really had a chance to look at the maps in printed form, and I'm excited to be part of the new CD 9.

And my only -- I wouldn't say it's a criticism of the legislative district map, but I'd like to see the boundary go back up to Indian School Road and run flat out to -- which I believe is Pima Road.

Let me check that real quick.

I'm having a little trouble following where it goes out to -- out to Alma School Road.

No, that's incorrect.

Sorry, I'm having a hard time reading the map.

But, anyway, I'd like to see that flattened out through 28 and 23, to bring us out to the Salt River part of the district, and say that as a former chair of the central Phoenix area, we would be proud to bring in the people out in the Fort McDowell and Salt River Indian
reservations.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Senator Gallardo, followed by Judy Whitehouse.

SENATOR STEVE GALLARDO: Thank you,

Mr. Vice Chairman, members of the Commission. Thank you for

the opportunity to address you today.

First of all, for the record, my name is

Senator Steve Gallardo, state senator from District 13

southwest Phoenix.

I'm here representing the Minority Coalition.

We have been on the phone and looking online for

the last 24 hours talking back and forth.

The actual coalition is still reviewing the actual

map. We do, at least for the most part, understand that

there are some recommendations that we are going to bring

forward.

What we'd like to do is be able to look at the

entire state, working with Tucson representatives as well,

to come before the Commission, probably in the next week or

so, with some official recommendations throughout the state

of Arizona in regards to many of the minority districts.

We also want to be able to have an opportunity

to -- once we make those recommendations and have final

analysis of the actual map, is be able to take a step
backwards and start looking at it from a whole and see where
could we make competitive districts if necessary.

    I mean, if once we established our minority
districts be able to step back and say, hey, you know, by
making this small, little change, perhaps we can make one
district more competitive than the current map.

    So that's one of the things we want to look at.

    So far, as Supervisor Wilcox also indicated, the
districts were created for the most part for growth. I
think that's important to be able to look at, not only for
2012, but for the next ten years, how are these districts
going to look like and try to project that.

    I know that's kind of difficult, but we would try
to do our best to project at least for the next ten years.

    So we're taking that into consideration as well.

    But we do hope to be able to come with a list of
some recommendations to the Commission in regards to
minority districts and hopefully some recommendations and
possible changes for the purposes of competitiveness as
well.

    So with that, I want to thank the Commission for
their hard work.

    I monitored online over the last -- particularly
the last three weeks or so, but I monitored quite often
online, and I do want to thank the Commission for the hard
I know it's not an easy task.

Been there, done that, several times here at the county. So I understand the difficulties, and, and hope that at the end of the day we'll have a map that's fair for the entire state of Arizona.

Thank you for your hard work.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Judy Whitehouse followed by John Hire(sic).

JUDY WHITEHOUSE: Hi. It's good to see you again.

I've testified before, and I've expressed my appreciation to both vice chairs and Commissioner McNulty, and I'm sorry the other two aren't here, but hopefully I'll see them before you are done with your work.

I do appreciate everything you've done.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: And, Ms. Whitehouse, could you state your name and spell it?


And I hope also that you appreciate the level of citizen participation and input that you've had, because I think it's been outstanding.

We have -- I've heard personally so many really good comments to help you with your work.
involvement in election fairness issues. I have been an inspector at the polls. I've been working with election integrity groups to make sure that all people have a chance to vote if they're eligible and that their vote is counted accurately.

That's important, but so is this process that you're doing right now. Because without drawing lines that reflect our Arizona population, which is about one third Republican, one third Democrat, one third Independent, if you draw lines that disrespect the Independents because they're all safe Republican and Democratic districts, that to me is not fair.

And even though I belong to a party, I don't want unfair races. I want fair, competitive races.

And since this process is to set legislative boundaries for the state legislature, that is what we should be concentrating on as communities of interest, that speak to the state legislature.

Cities and counties and school boards have their own boundaries. They have their own communities of interest.

They do not affect what we should have for our legislature.

Same with our congressional boundaries.

Competitiveness that takes into account the one
third Independent, one third Democrat, one third Republican, give or take, is what we should be doing to make sure that our congressional representatives represent Arizona and not just a few.

So I'm glad that maybe we'll get some better input so we can evaluate this and give you some more specific directions.

But that was what I would ask of you.

Now I know you're doing the best job you can. I appreciate all the work. And I appreciate all my fellow citizens for their work too.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

John Hire, followed by Phyllis Rowe.

JOHN HINZ: Could that be John Hinz?

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: It very well could be. It is. Sorry.

JOHN HINZ: Before my time begins, I'd like to comment on your input.

I came early to sign in. The sign-in sheets are currently these blue comment forms to fill out. I filled out one. It wasn't till you told us that we had to fill a yellow comment form, which were not on the table, for me to be able to speak.

On the other hand, although I did come early, I had a chance to listen to all the other people. So now let
me begin.

Commissioners, staff, fellow citizens, my name is
John Hinz, H-I-N-Z.

I'm a senior citizen and a native of Phoenix.
Welcome to Phoenix College, my alma mater.
I'm disappointed.
Before I say that, my condolences, no matter what
you do, you're going to get complaints, so but nevertheless
I am disappointed.

This is the shirt I wore while I was gathering
signatures to create this Commission, because I was so
dissatisfied with the politicians gerrymandering their own
districts.

For the last redistricting, how much better did we
do?

Well, if I don't vote in the primary, there's no
sense in me voting because that's where the person is
elected.

We're getting, with some nice exceptions, we're
going the most extreme of the most extreme representing us
in the legislature.

And I firmly reject the notion that only someone
of my ethnicity can properly represent me.

I am of European extraction. Some of the
sleaziest politicians are of European extraction.
One of my best representatives was Art Hamilton, who happens to be of African heritage. So I respectfully reject that.

I would point out that I agree with most of the speakers. We do need competitiveness.

You'll see it on this shirt here. Better seen on back.

We have compact, mostly rectangular districts. We urge you to work more towards that than this gerrymandered whatever.

We also suggest that, yes, Republicans have majority. Give them one district.

And let the other eight be competitive.

This was much easier when Carl Hayden was our only representative, represented the whole state.

It wasn't much harder when Rose Javincoff (phonetic) represented all of this.

But now you've got nine where you've got to really move those arms around.

But I would, I would agree with almost everybody else.

It isn't, it isn't someone who represented me who makes a difference in the legislature. It's the entire competition of the legislature, who probably will vote against my own representative, no matter what his ethnicity
is.

So I wish -- I would urge you more to consider that and to make them more competitive.

Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Phyllis Rowe, followed by Steve Muratore.

PHYLLIS ROWE: I'm Phyllis Rowe, P-H-Y-L-L-I-S, R-O-W-E.

This is the fifth redistricting that I have been through since I've lived in Phoenix.

And I've come to several of them, and I think you've done a remarkably good job. You've gotten numbers so that they're pretty close, they're similar.

The last one had some districts that were -- that extended all the way across Maricopa County almost, and they were very hard for the candidates to navigate.

I'm concerned about the commonality of new districts. And I was hoping that perhaps the district that I was looking at, particularly District 28, and I'd like to see it end at Central Avenue, where, where there is a difference from the east to the west there.

And also I would like to see it go just south of Camelback Road perhaps, to Highland, rather than all the way down to Indian School Road.

This way you could have the Arcadia area all
together.

And I urge you to take the school districts into consideration also.

Because when you go over the school districts, it seems to create a problem.

Now, I ran for legislature three times, and each time it was in a different district.

The districts change. And I know that you've got the problem with doing, doing the districts in, in this -- I think you've done a remarkably good job considering all the ones that I've testified before. At least they're compact districts, and I think you've done a good job there.

And I thank you very much for your service, and I hope you'll consider changing District 28.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Steve Muratore, followed by Rosie Lopez.

STEVE MURATORE: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chairman, commissioners.

My name is Steve Muratore. I publish the online blog the Arizona Eagletarian.

As you know, I'm concerned that the district maps you give us for the next year -- ten years are made according to Prop 106 mandate requiring you to draw fair and competitive districts.
The draft maps you have adopted do not meet that constitutional requirement, necessarily.

The congressional map provides four safe districts for Republicans and only two for Democrats, and those two happen to be voting rights districts.

Now, arguably only three districts are competitive.

This is, in my opinion, an unacceptable lack of compliance with the Arizona Constitution.

In addition, where I live on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian community has been drawn into a very heavily Republican district that, if left as is, disenfranchises me and my neighbors for the next ten years.

To me this is intolerable. I have shown you where I live during the previous meetings, and believe it is critical for you to correct this oversight.

As to the legislative draft map, the most optimistic view, as I could tell from looking at the competitiveness report, is that only eight districts were even close to being competitive.

Eight is not enough.

I obtained from redistricting expert Tony Sissons, pursuant to news items he had published in 2010, background for his assertion that more than ten legislative districts could easily -- more easily than not be made competitive.
A map that I presented to you on Sunday in Tempe, and which I have posted on the Arizona Eagletarian, shows at least 12 competitive districts can be drawn because outside Maricopa County nearly equal number of voters are registered Democrat as opposed to Republican.

Therefore I assert that you are legally required to provide substantively more competitive districts than the three to eight -- depending on the index used to measure -- would result from this draft legislative map.

As I have watched the process closely over the last year, I very much appreciate the personal sacrifices that each of you have made. And I, I respect all of you tremendously. And the hard work you've put into the process.

I am confident, however, that on these maps you can and must do better.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Rosie Lopez, follow by Ester Duran Lumm.

ROSIE LOPEZ: Good evening. My name is Rosie Lopez, R-O-S-I-E, L-O-P-E-Z.

And this is my third time here testifying.

And I want to thank the Commission, first of all, for all their good work and keeping all the different
I think you've done a great job, especially in District 16 where I am currently living, now known as your proposed District 27.

I want to speak on Isaac -- rather, the district, what is it, 13 and 14. I'm not sure which one it is. I think it's 29 and 19.

And lived in Isaac School District for 44 years, and I know what the district looks like and I know what the commonalities are in communities of interest. But I know -- but I do also know that the historic districts are not in line with those -- with that area, and there are no commonalities there.

And I would urge you to remove the historic district from those areas, because I know that they are not the same.

They don't have communities of interest.

And the other thing is I would urge you to also take a hard look at Buckeye, Litchfield, Luke Air Force Base, and those districts, District 29 and 19.

I also feel that they have no commonalities there.

I cannot speak for Tucson, but I also see Litchfield there and I think it's kind of strange that District 3 would be part -- Litchfield would be part of District 3 for the congressional district.
As I say, I don't speak for Tucson. I don't live in Tucson. I live in south Phoenix. So I cannot say too much about it. But it just kind of perked me up on that one, and I hope that you take a hard look at it -- at that.

Now, with regards to my congressional district, currently District 4 and your proposed District 7, I would ask the Commission to consider removing Bethany Home Road and Northern Avenue, between those areas, and 43rd and 7th Avenue. There are no commonalities there either.

And especially with historic Glendale and areas south of Bethany Home Road.

And I would also ask you to consider adding, as Mr. Avalos stated this evening, the areas from 32nd Street and 48th, and McDowell and Thomas. I think those districts -- that those areas have been -- have communities of interest there with us, and I ask you to consider adding them back.

Thank you so much.

I appreciate your hard work. And I know it's a lot of work, but I thank you so much for allowing us to speak here tonight. And I hope that you take my recommendations into consideration.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Ester Duran Lumm, followed by
ESTER DURAN LUMM: Thank you. First of all, thank you to all of the Commission and everyone involved with these maps.

I sure wouldn't want to be in your shoes. I think you worked really hard and we do appreciate it, especially the chance to give you our input.

I'm here representing -- my name is Ester, E-S-T-H-E-R. The last name is Lumm, L-U-M-M.

I'm here representing myself.

I've been a precinct committeeperson since I moved into the Litchfield Park area. That is not actually the city of Litchfield Park, but it's part of the Dreaming Summit that's north of Camelback.

I'm looking at your maps where you have now put our neighborhood into district -- Legislative District 13.

And if you turn it sideways, it looks really cute, almost like Felix the cat, with two little gerrymandered peaks there that you could make it look like a cat. But I don't know why people think that Dysart Road is the magic western boundary. It should actually be Litchfield Park Road -- Litchfield Road, I'm sorry.

You didn't do it to District 19. You stayed straight out with Litchfield Road, but then when you got just above Indian School, that's where you went in, back to
Dysart Road.

I can tell you that being a precinct committeeperson that we have absolutely nothing in common with anything west of Luke Air Force Base.

There's a lot of business there, there's a lot of empty lots, and then there's a lot -- like Verrado, which have absolutely nothing in common with, but we have a lot of, a lot in common where we shop. Everything that we do is with District 29.

So we would very much appreciate it if you would just kind of scoot that line back over to Litchfield Road, between Indian School on the south and Northern on the north, and just scoot it out to Litchfield Road where it really makes more sense in terms of commonality, communities of interest.

And just wanted to briefly mention one other thing.

I heard some comments about some of the minorities having too much of their weight.

The fact is that if you look at the population and what representation we should have, and speaking here as a Latina, we really don't even get as many districts as we should.

So I thank you for what you have done. And we should actually have more, both congressionally and
Thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Mike Stevens, followed by Sherry Williams.

MIKE STEVENS: Good evening. And thank you, members of the Commission.

My name is Mike Stevens, M-I-K-E, S-T-E-V-E-N-S. I live in Mesa right now, but I'm actually an Arizona native, lived here my entire live. I don't know if that gives me any more credibility, but I'll throw it out there.

In my time here in Arizona, I've actually lived in pretty much in every area of the Phoenix metropolitan area, north Phoenix, south Phoenix, central, Mesa, Tempe, Glendale.

So that's when I really started following the redistricting process, I got pretty excited. You know, the last ten years we've had a pretty lopsided legislative -- at least locally, legislative districts. And so I got excited at the chance of something that would truly reflect the real demographics of this state, where we are closer to a third Republican, a third Democrat, a third Independent.

Suffice it to say that I am a little disappointed in the maps as they stand right now.

2008 we had five of these seats congressionally legislatively.
controlled by Democrats. Today we have six of eight
controlled by Republicans. And I show that -- I think that
sort of demonstrates actually we had a lot of
competitiveness at the congressional level.

Now, despite the fact that we've gained a
congressional district, we seem to have taken a step back
there where only three of those congressional districts are
competitive.

But my real concern is actually the legislative
maps.

With 50 percent basically of these legislative
districts being controlled by Republicans, which would make
sense if 50 percent of the state was registered Republican,
that creates a really daunting thing where essentially
months before the election has ever happened, Republicans
know and voters know that Republicans will control the
house, they will control the state senate.

And that does put us in a sort of a situation
where if you're not a Republican, if you're a Democrat or if
you're an Independent who leans to the left, the only thing
you have to look forward to over the last next ten years is
the hope that some competent Democrats can win majorities in
those six competitive legislative districts.

And that won't give you good government and that
won't win you a productive government. It would give you a
gridlocked government.

We're looking at a ten-year situation where the best, if you're not a Republican, that you have to hope for is gridlock.

And that doesn't speak for very well to competitiveness in a state where it really is a third Republican, a third Democrat, and a third Independent.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN:  Thank you.

Sherry Williams, followed by Laura Copple.

SHERRY WILLIAMS:  Good evening.

My name is Sherry Williams, S-H-E-R-R-Y, B as in boy, Williams, W-I-L-L-I-A-M-S.

Thank you for the opportunity to give my comments.

Good is not good enough when great is an option.

You have the opportunity to do something great.

Not only in Arizona, but in this nation.

I live in what is currently Legislative District 15, which now is the proposed LD 24, which is a joke.

We have all the tools and all the technology. We can do better. We deserve better.

What if partisan politics were put aside.

What if you simply did the right thing.

What if the Arizona Redistricting Commission would
set a standard for our nation in fairness on redistricting.

What if you, the Arizona Redistricting Commission, would put on a cloak of justice and put the interest of all Arizonans front and center.

What if you could show our youth that Arizona is not crazy.

What if you would take advantage of this teachable moment.

What if we took advantage of all of the resources that we have so that the future of our young people, they would actually know that we're concerned about what happens in the future.

Your goal is to maximize competitiveness and fairness.

What if you actually did what you were commissioned to do.

What if you came up with real competitive districts.

What if you cared about Arizonans having real representation.

What if you did all this.

It would allow citizens to be fairly represented. You would break the chains of unfairness. You would set the tone for all commissions in this nation.
You would actually make history in a positive way for Arizona for a change.

You would all be heroes and sheroes.

However, if you don't break the cycle of unfairness, you will continue to threaten democracy as we know it.

But what if you truly did what you were commissioned to do.

You would have an opportunity to do the right thing.

This is the time. It's now. It's not ten years from now.

We deserve better.

Remember, good is not good enough when great is an option.

We have all the tools we need to do what needs to be done.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for allowing me to speak.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Laura Copple, followed by Andy Gonzales.

LAURA COPPLE: Good evening. Laura, L-A-U-R-A, Copple, C-O-P-P-L-E.

I want to thank the Commission in giving us all this opportunity to enter our comments into the public
I spoke to you on Friday in Tempe.

And I want to go into a little bit more detail about the 2009 ruling by the Arizona Supreme Court regarding competitiveness.

And before that time, and I know you all know this, but we have people behind me who don't seem to value competitiveness in terms of the criteria set out by the redistricting law of 2000.

So I'd like to read what the justice said about competitiveness.

The direction that competitiveness should be favored unless one of two conditions occurs does not, contrary to Commission's assertion, mean that the competitiveness goal is less mandatory than the other goals, can be ignored, or should be relegated to a secondary role. The constitutional language means what it says. The Commission should favor creating more competitive districts to the extent practicable when doing so does not cause significant detriment to the other goals.

Practicable means can be put into practice. It does not mean practical or if we choose to.

When must the Redistricting Commission consider competitiveness?

And according to Justice Hurwitz, he says delaying
consideration inevitably threatens to relegate the
competitiveness goal to precisely the secondary role that
the court correctly abjures.

I agree with much of what has been said here
tonight, and favor more competitive both congressional and
legislative districts, especially the legislative districts
seem to be way out of balance right now.

And just want to go on record saying that I think
this is your moment.

I love what Ms. Williams had to say about doings
great things here for the next ten years for all Arizonans.

I appreciate this opportunity.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Andy Gonzales, followed by Randall Holmes.

ANDY GONZALES: Hello. My name is Andy Gonzales,

From historic Glendale, and I'm representing
myself.

Madam Chair, members of the Commission, I come
before you today to thank you all for all of the hard work
and for keeping our community in Glendale within
Congressional District 7.

We have a lot of commonality with other
communities in this district, south Phoenix, Maryvale,
Laveen, Guadalupe, and Tolleson, and feel best represented when our communities are all together.

I would just like to suggest to the Commission that it make small alterations of this draft map.

I don't think that the areas north of Bethany Home Road and east of 43rd Avenue are similar to the communities I just mentioned, so I think it would be best if 43rd Avenue and Bethany Home Road remain the boundaries in northeast area of Congressional District 7.

Thank you, commissioners, for all your hard work thus far. You're doing a great job.

Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Randall Holmes, followed by Scott Saari.

RANDALL HOLMES: Hi, folks.

Sorry we all couldn't be here tonight. Excuse me.

I spoke to you before about competitiveness, and it's still the top of my list for priorities.

First of all, a little history. There may be a few people left who don't know the origin of the word gerrymandered. It was originally pronounced gerrymander, named after Elbridge Gerry, one of our founding fathers, who managed to draw himself a district in Massachusetts that someone remarked was shaped like a salamander, thus gerrymander.
When a district is drawn to sacrifice compactness in favor of favoring one candidate or one party or faction or the other, that's what we call a gerrymander.

I guess Mr. Gerrymander should draw himself a district to favor his own election or something like that.

When you sacrifice compactness in favor of competitiveness, that is not a gerrymander.

And I guess the words have been tossed around kind of loosely.

You can call that a salamander district, but you can't call it a gerrymander district.

As far as communities of interest goes, we have to think about the word interest, and what we call the public interest, excuse me, as opposed to special interest, private interest, regional, parochial interests. And we all have conflicts of interest.

We all have interests that we hold dear, the general public interests as well as our personal interests, and we have to balance those competing interests.

But I still maintain that all interests are best served when the public interest is served. And if the legislature is truly competitive, then all interests are better served because all legislators have to compete for your vote.

I am one of the most partisan Democrats you'll
ever meet. And I don't care what Senator Joseph McCarthy called our party, and still done today, the reptilian party can call us whatever they want. I don't care.

It's trivial. It's a weapon of mass distraction. Let's not waste time on that.

But I would rather have 30 districts that are competitive, and I would rather not have even one district that was a safe Democratic district, because getting enough Democrats to make one district safe takes Democrats away from the other districts. And I want all districts to be competitive. That's my ideal.

And whatever of that we have to sacrifice, so be it.

But, all interest is best served when the public interest is served.

Thanks.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Scott Saari, and then Dennis Burke.

SCOTT SAARI: Council members, and counsel, and Mr. Herder.

As a former court reporter, I can speak to the legendary reputation of your court reporter, and I feel good about the record.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Just make sure you state and spell your name correctly.
SCOTT SAARI: My name is Scott, last name is Saari, S, as in Sam, A-A-R-I.

I've kind of -- I've been a member -- or a resident of Arizona since 1982.

I came to go to ASU as a music student under a full teaching assistantship.

After I graduated with my degree in classical guitar, I struggled to make a living in teaching, including here at Phoenix College.

And I actually performed a concerto on the stage, so this is a special room for me.

I'm fairly newly active in politics, and I don't -- I'm afraid I don't understand the technical nature of the maps that you're trying to draw, but I do appreciate the difficulty that you're under here.

And I've also been dismayed to hear that you have to be distracted by what I think is a frivolous investigation that really has no basis but intimidation.

And I feel that this intimidation spirit is what is dominating politics in Arizona. And I am totally against it.

It's something that we have to fight as a people.

And I understand you have a lot of goals to achieve. To me nothing is more important than our democracy, and nothing is more important to democracy than
fairness in the legislative maps.

And that means they have to be competitive.

Otherwise there will be no way, no hope, for either party or for both parties to really compete.

And we just cannot afford to have that kind of politics in our country as we preach to the rest of the world the virtues of democracy.

It's, it's really important that we practice what we preach here. And it comes down to this level, I feel, and I appreciate your work, but I really feel like I represent a lot of people who don't usually get involved in this kind of thing, as one who's new to it, to say that.

The ones that don't have a voice are the ones that really have to be protected too.

And I think everybody would agree that competitiveness is a primary consideration.

Thank you for your time.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Dennis Burke, followed by Bill Roe.

DENNIS MICHAEL BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, commissioners.

My name is Dennis Michael Burke, B-U-R-K-E.

With Bart Turner and Ann Eschinger a dozen years, I was one of the people who drafted the program and asked the citizens to approve it.
And so I would like to thank you for your service and also apologize for the many abuses to your time and sensibilities that we may have brought upon you.

Regarding competitiveness, I would like to suggest a mental touchstone that might be useful to you. And that is that every vote should count. Every Arizonan should feel that their vote counts.

And that means that as many contests as possible should be decided at the general level, not at the primary level.

And to the extent that you can do that without creating a map that looks like lizards wrestling, is, is, is the project.

Also, we vote as individuals and we vote as members of the communities. That also is a challenge for balance.

But if you will keep in mind, as sort of a democratic, and I would say big D democracy ideal, we want as many Arizonans as possible to think that their vote counts. That's, that's the essence of democracy.

So competitiveness is not meant to be a second tier value at all in this process.

We just hope that you can do it, and we trust that you can do it with some -- honoring some of these other values as well.
Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

Bill Roe.

BILL ROE: Good evening. Thank you very much.

I'm Bill Roe, B-I-L-L, R-O-E, from Tucson, Pima County, southern Arizona.

And I want to thank you, as everyone else has.

I've been to a lot of these. I know how much time you're spending on them.

I've played with the lines a lot. And I understand the difficulty. Every time you change some of these, it's like a waterbed mattress. You punch here, and it jumps up somewhere else every single time you change something.

I could come and ask you to adjust the line in my neighborhood. The new line cuts right across my neighborhood association in a legislative district. And in several similar things.

But that's really not very important when you look at a bigger picture.

And I am very, very concerned about representation for southern Arizona, for Tucson. And I'm pleased that the map -- the legislative map now does not take the opportunity to cut out representation in southern Arizona.

I think it is incredibly important that we have
competitive districts in southern Arizona.

I think it is particularly important for the University of Arizona to have strong delegation protecting it and the entire university system.

The universities in this state are incredibly important economic drivers. The business community recognizes that. And we need to have districts set up -- you've heard the same thing I think from Flagstaff in particular, but we've got to have districts that will affect and support our university system and our K through 12 system.

We cannot have a successful business community here, a successful business environment, without that.

So thank you very much, continue your good work, and good luck with your waterbed.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

And we have one more.

Kenneth Jones.

KENNETH JONES: Good evening. My name is Kenneth Jones. That's Kenneth, and I think everyone can spell that. And J-O-N-E-S.

I'm here on behalf of myself.

And I'd like to thank the commissioners for all your work. You've been given a pretty thankless task, but I think you deserve thanks.
I'm here to speak on -- in support of the legislative district boundaries as proposed for the west valley, west Phoenix, Avondale, and southwest Goodyear, which in the proposed map includes District 19, 29, 21, 20, and 30.

Competitiveness is important, but I'm pleased to see that these maps are largely rectangular, but obviously due to how city boundaries zigzag and don't necessarily follow white lines like 43rd Avenue, Bethany Home Road, Dysart Road, et cetera, are still basically rectangles.

And keep these cities contiguous and compact and will allow maximal representation for those cities. Allow Avondale for once to elect possibly a city councilman, a representative, or a senator.

And due to the growth, say, in Glendale, it will maximize their ability to elect two or three or four or five house members and increase senators.

And of course we've had huge Hispanic growth in the west valley in that same area. And I am happy to see that these districts have been included as part of the minority-majority district proposals, you know, for the legislature.

However, I do propose some changes slightly, and I have a quick map that I made copies for each of you.

The area immediately south of my district -- and
I'll hurry this along -- District 29, Wigwam Creek, which you guys are referring to Wigwam Creek South and the Rio Crossing neighborhood, are actually in the city of Avondale. And I believe they should be taken from District 29 and moved into District 19. That moves 4,859 people, as of 6:00 o'clock this morning playing with the numbers, by moving the community immediately to our west of Dysart Road, known as Dreaming Summit, north of the Culture Creek Wash.

That would move 4,877 people back into District 29 as proposed.

And that actually is still a good fit for us because both my HOA, which is known as Wigwam Creek North, and the Dreaming Summit community are within Glendale's annexation easement, and, in fact, are currently attached by territory within the actual city of Glendale at the intersection of Glendale Avenue and Dysart Road.

So even though it looks gerrymandered as I drew the legislative map, it fits. This narrow area south of Maryland Avenue, all the way down to Camelback Road, and the homes south of the Wigwam Creek -- excuse me, the Culture Creek Wash, these are all custom built homes, on quarter acre, half acre, and one acre lots. So they share a commonality, and that leaves that area south of Maryland down to Camelback bounded on the east by 129th Avenue within
District 13.

That moves 912 people out of District 29, in proposed District 13.

It also keeps those people with Litchfield mailing address, which they currently have.

And since both of our two areas, Dreaming Summit and Wigwam Creek, are within Glendale's annexation easement, we will eventually be annexed by Glendale, as required by the legislature, sort of fixed it, as you'll recall a couple years ago, when we had the problems with strict annexation. The cities are now required to annex contiguous parcels as they extend outward, and both of our parcels would have to be annexed next.

So it would be a good fit to have Dreaming Summit drawn into proposed District 29.

Thank you very much for your time. And good luck with the rest of the month.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Do you want to give your map to our executive director?

KENNETH JONES: Just want to make sure I don't pick up some other people's stuff here.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: That was my last request to speak form.

If there's anyone else, anyone out there who has competed a form and would like to address the Commission,
please raise your hand.

All right then. Well, that concludes our public comment. Thanks to everyone for coming out and providing us with your insights.

Thanks to Phoenix College for hosting.

Before we adjourn, I'd like to turn it over to my fellow commissioners to see if they have anything to say before we close out here tonight.

COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Thank you for coming. Thank you for your precise input dealing with the maps and your particular concerns. It's a very important process, and the input of citizens like you, the kind like we've heard tonight, is extremely helpful. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR HERRERA: Yeah, I think I've said this numerous times. This is probably my favorite part of the -- of being in the Commission, is coming and listening to people speak about the maps and how we should either move them, keep them the same, or things that we've done wrong, things we've done well.

And this is, this is fun. I really enjoy that, and I appreciate you being here tonight instead of being home with your families and watching TV.

We will be in Payson, I think, tomorrow.

And I would appreciate if you have family members that live in the area or nearby, that they care about this
process, invite them to attend. Whether competitiveness is important to them or other criteria, I think we should have the public participating at each one. And so encourage your family, friends to attend all of them if possible.

Thank you so much. Have a good night.

VICE-CHAIR FREEMAN: Thanks. We'll be in Payson tomorrow night, Flagstaff on Thursday, Window Rock, Arizona, on Friday. On Saturday we'll be up in Eager, Springerville, in the morning, and then in the afternoon we'll be in Hon Dah just outside of Pinetop.

And beyond that I am not exactly sure. But if you go to our website, you'll see the entire schedule laid out for the next three weeks.

Okay, folks. Thanks, everyone, for coming. Have a good evening.

We'll adjourn the meeting at 8:14.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned.)

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