

ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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TOP STORY



Jonathan M. Nez, President of the Navajo Nation provides comment on grid maps while Derrick Watchman, Vice Chair IRC Commission listens. Sept. 21, 2021



Sept. 23, 2021 attendees in Sierra Vista, Satellite location.

Grid Map Listening Session Starts Sept. 21, 2021

Members of the Public are Encouraged to Become Informed and Engaged

Grid Map listening sessions are underway. The IRC has already completed 2 sessions at 6 different locations: Mesa, Scottsdale, Yuma, Sierra Vista, Window Rock, and Casa Grande. With 3 more sessions to go, Commissioners of the IRC are encouraging all Arizonans to participate in this important process.

“We are listening to the public and reading all public comments submitted,” stated Chairwoman Erika Neuberg. Citizens can use the IRC’s Redistricting System or any third-party site to submit maps.

Also, let the IRC know where you want us to go for the third and final listening tour in November of 2021. Members of the public can submit your suggestions through the public comment section of our website or send an email to ircadmin@irc.az.gov.

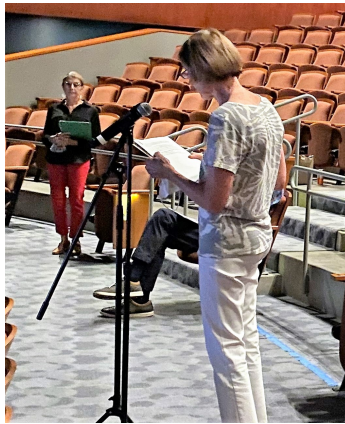
Members of the public can access the Arizona Redistricting System on the following link: [Redistricting System](#). Available training videos on how to use the system can be accessed on the following link: [Mapping Training Videos here](#)



Commissioners, staff, ASL and Spanish interpreters, transcriptionist at the Scottsdale location Sept. 23, 2021



Audience at the Yuma Satellite location on Sept. 21, 2021.



Citizen provides public comment while the next speaker prepares to speak in Scottsdale Sept. 23, 2021



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This week’s publication features an interview with Arizona IRC Commissioner Shereen Lerner, PhD.

What was your interest in volunteering to serve as one of Arizona’s Independent Redistricting Commissioners? Growing up, my family would “sit around the kitchen table” and discuss a wide range of topics. We kept an encyclopedia near us to help answer questions. The experience of learning to question, research and explore is

still with me today. My interest in serving on the Commission comes from that background and my academic degree and career in Anthropology. In my professional life I have taught about civil rights and the impact our elected officials have on setting policies that affect our daily lives. To be directly involved in

something I teach was a big impetus for me to apply for the position.

What strengths do you have that adds value to the redistricting tasks? As Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer I spent considerable time in communities around the state learning about their needs. I have been involved in

strategic planning for several organizations and have a background in research and data analysis. Teaching classes that pertain to voting rights, gerrymandering, and representation has given me a greater depth of understanding on the issues we are addressing. Serving on the redistricting commission provides me the opportunity to bring these experiences to our work and help achieve the best results for the citizens of Arizona.

Do you have any other volunteer work? Volunteering is one of the highest honors I have in my life. As a community activist I believe we all have a responsibility to give back in

whatever way we can. I have served on state and national professional boards related to my discipline including as President of both the Arizona Archaeological Council and the Arizona Historic Preservation Foundation. In these cases my goal was to increase awareness of the importance and value of respecting the past. In recent years I have served on the board (and as president) of Tempe Leadership, on several city boards/commissions (Parks and Recreation, Desert Conservation, Transportation, Census 2020, and others), and Tempe Community Council and Tempe Community Action Agency (nonprofits that focus on helping people in need

(homelessness, poverty, food challenges, etc.)).

Interesting fact about you, that you would like to share with the public? Family is most important to me. My family, I love soccer and have been to four World Cups around the world. It fits with our interest in travel. I like being outdoors, hiking and biking and enjoy reading, spending time with family, friends and being a lifelong learner.

Commissioner Shereen Lerner's professional bio and photo can be found on our website link: [Shereen Lerner bio](#)

IN THE NEWS

- Mapping Training Videos are available for individuals seeking additional information on how to submit maps and utilize the [Redistricting System](#). View the full playlist of [Mapping Training Videos here](#).
- The Arizona Independent Redistricting System is now utilizing Linktree, a social media reference landing page on all of its social media platforms. Linktree is a launchpad to the Arizona IRC's latest videos, articles, public hearings tour, websites and social media content. [View the Arizona IRC Linktree here](#).
- On September 20, 2021, Chairwoman Erika Neuberg was featured on KYMA11, addressing the importance of Arizonans participating in the redistricting process. [View the KYMA11 interview here](#).

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Madam Chair Neuberg of the Arizona IRC was on @KYMA11, addressing the importance of Arizonans participating in the redistricting process.



Community voices opinion on redistricting maps - KYMA
The next election may look different depending on how new lines are drawn on the map. All this, following the latest census. Arizona's ...
[kyma.com](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- Please join the Arizona IRC for its public business meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:00am. Watch Live: https://youtu.be/K_raAfvIS9Q
Individuals seeking to submit public comments may do so during the meeting. Public comment may be submitted here: <https://forms.gle/cc7bLM8EWa7m1ESx9>
View the agenda here: <https://bit.ly/IRCAgenda35>

Grid Map Listening Session

DATE	TIME	Meeting Information	LOCATION
<u>Saturday, September 25</u> Watch live stream: WebEx Live Event number: 2463 089 0133 Event password: hQJmMqJW522 (47566759 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 246 308 90133	10:00 am (MST)	Agenda Meeting Presentation AZ Redistricting System COI online submissions report COI online submissions spreadsheet COI paper submissions spreadsheet Socioeconomic Report of AZ Online public Comment submission	Main Desert Willow Conference Center 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd. Phoenix, AZ 850401
			Satellite Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University 3700 Willow Creek Road Prescott, AZ 86301
<u>Wednesday, September 29</u> Watch live stream: WebEx Live Event number: 2465 689 5585 Event password: 62F3McMN2bD (62336266 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 246 568 95585	4:00 pm (MST)	Agenda Meeting Presentation AZ Redistricting System COI online submissions report COI online submissions spreadsheet COI paper submissions spreadsheet Socioeconomic Report of AZ Online public Comment submission	Main Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center 33606 N. 60th St. Scottsdale, AZ 85266
			Satellite Tucson Convention Center 260 S. Church Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701
<u>Thursday, October 7</u> Watch live stream: WebEx Live Event number: 2466 103 7519	4:00 pm (MST)	Agenda Meeting Presentation AZ Redistricting System COI online submissions report	Main The Vista Center for the Arts 15660 N. Parkview Pl. Surprise, AZ 85374
			Satellite

Event password: DfJMG2GdU52 (33564243 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 246 610 37519	COI online submissions spreadsheet COI paper submissions spreadsheet Socioeconomic Report of AZ Online public Comment submission	High Country Conference Center 201 W. Butler Ave. Flagstaff, AZ 86001
	5:00pm (MDT)	Satellite Cesar Chavez Cultural Center 1015 N. Main St. San Luis, AZ 85349
		Satellite Masks Required Limit 15 participants onsite Kayenta Township Town Hall 100 N. Hwy 163 Kayenta, AZ 86033

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- IRC Redistricting Training video series:
- Esri Redistricting Demos: [YouTube Playlist](#)
 - Esri Documentation: [Link](#)
 - Esri Redistricting Resources: [Link](#)
- Esri Redistricting Blog Post: [What you need to know about redistricting](#)
 - What's new in Esri Redistricting: [Check out the latest news](#)
- Esri Redistricting Learn Lesson: [Learn to draw plans with self-guided instructions](#)
- Understanding Demographic variables: [Description of the demographic variables](#)
- **Need free access to the internet** to watch one of our public meetings or utilize our mapping tools? Here are two sites that can show you how to find a free wifi hotspot near you. <https://connect-arizona.com/free-wi-fi-map>
<https://azland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=20dd52ea241e42f0932ac1a27580f3e0>

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Help Draw New Lines

Arizona Residents!
Send us your ideas for Arizona's
9 congressional districts **AND**
30 legislative districts

Submit by Oct. 8, 2021
www.irc.az.gov



MISSION: *The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The*

state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.



Read more on our website: <https://irc.az.gov/>

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