

ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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TOP STORY



Tucson grid map meeting attendees. Sept 29, 2021



Scottsdale grid map attendees. Sept 29, 2021

Four Phases of Congressional and Legislative District Mapping Process

Stay involved and engaged with every step of the process

Over the past two weeks the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) completed four out of five scheduled public grid map meetings. The final grid map meeting will take place on Oct. 7, 2021 at the Vista Center for the Arts in the City of Surprise, with satellite locations held at the High Country Conference Center in Flagstaff, Cesar Chavez Cultural Center in San Luis and the Kayenta Township Town Hall in Kayenta. The meetings gave the opportunity for public comment on grid maps approved by the commissioners on September 14, 2021. The first phase of grid maps are maps created in a grid-like pattern with equal populations in each district, which is one of the six criterias outlined in the Arizona Constitution as follows:

- A. Districts shall comply with the United States Constitution and the United States voting rights act;
- B. Congressional districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable, and state legislative districts shall have equal population to the extent practicable;
- C. Districts shall be geographically compact and contiguous to the extent practicable;

- D. District boundaries shall respect communities of interest to the extent practicable;
- E. To the extent practicable, district lines shall use visible geographic features, city, town and county boundaries, and undivided census tracts;
- F. To the extent practicable, competitive districts should be favored where to do so would create no significant detriment to the other goals.

Arizonans are encouraged to provide public input by:

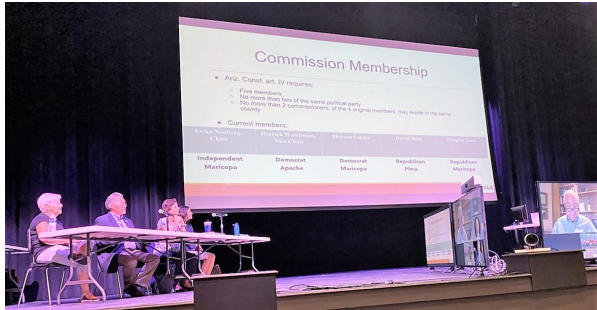
1. Utilizing [the Redistricting System](#).
2. Submitting public input on maps.
 - a. review, download and print maps: [download grid maps](#),
 - b. draw new lines and comment on suggested changes. Please email comments and maps to ircadmin@azdoa.gov.
3. Provide input on maps by attending a public meeting in person or virtually.
4. Registering your comment on our public comment section: [Contact Us](#)

As Chair Neuberg expressed during an interview with KJZZ regarding the Redistricting process, “you are pushing on an open door ...” when asked about presentations and meetings requesting IRC’s involvement. “Let us know how we can come to you, by reaching out to us at ircadmin@azdoa.gov”

The five commissioners will begin reviewing information during a public session scheduled for October 4, 2021

12:00pm at the Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 and Oct. 5, 2021 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Members of the public can attend or watch live webex, please see information in the “Upcoming Meetings” section of the newsletter.

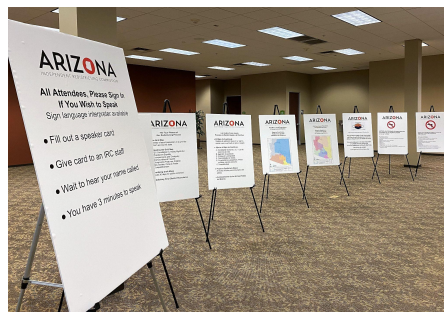
Continue to follow our public meeting link to get all information including the agendas. [Public Meeting Notices](#)



Commissioners and American Sign Language staff. Sept. 29, 2021



Mapping staff, attorneys and IRC at Desert Willow Conference Center Phoenix



Signage for attendees. Grid Map listening session.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This week’s publication features an interview with Arizona IRC Commissioner Douglas York.

Commissioner Douglas W. York is the President of Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply York holds more than 30 years of experience in the distribution sector of the green industry. As President of Ewing Irrigation Products—a fourth generation, family-owned distribution

company—York oversees operations for more than 220 branch locations in 26 states. York has served Ewing in a variety of capacities, including branch management, regional management, sales, new facilities construction,

accounting, human resources, marketing and acquisition management.

York holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Southern California and formerly served as an Industrial Engineer for Paper Mate. He served as the 2020 National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors (NAW) Chairman of the Board. He has previously served as the President of the Irrigation Association and the International Association of Plastics Distributors, as well as an executive board member for the Arizona Landscape Contractors Association.

Through his active involvement with key industry associations, York continues to lead and grow the landscape industry, focusing on heightening awareness and action for water conservation. York is committed to providing industry-leading education programs, and guiding Ewing in its mission to serve as a comprehensive water management solutions provider and active supporter of local and national water management and conservation initiatives.

Commissioner Douglas York’s professional bio and photo can be found on our website link: [Commissioner Douglas York](#)

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IN THE NEWS

Updated Mapping Timeline

Grid Map – 23 Day Review	9/15/21	10/8/21
Grid Map – Comment/Data Compile	10/11/21	10/15/21
Draft Maps – Development	10/15/21	10/22/21
Draft Maps Public Decision Mtg*	10/22/21	10/27/21
Draft Maps 30 Day - Public Review	10/28/21	11/30/21
Draft Maps Processing	11/30/21	12/7/21
Final Map Reading/Comment Time	12/7/21	12/13/21
Commission Revise and Tentatively Adopted Plans	12/14/21	12/17/21
County Cleanup Requests	12/20/21	12/21/21
Commission Adopted Plans	12/22/21	12/22/21

- Commissioners of the IRC received a request to give an update to Arizona’s Tribal leadership at the Intertribal Council of Arizona on Sept. 30, 2021. Vice Chair Watchman provided 22 Tribal leaders an update on the IRC grid map public input review process.
- 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](#).

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Public meeting:

- **Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 12:30 pm (MST)**

Location: Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

[Agenda](#)

Members of the public may view the meeting at this link:

[Watch Live WebEx](#)

Join by the event number

Event number (access code): 2462 482 0948

Event password: m6Rq9kJt54g (66779558 from phones)

Panelist password: VBifiK7Ph57(82434577 from phones and video systems)

Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)

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Members of the public who request to comment on an item on this agenda may provide their public comments at this link: [10.4.21 Public comments](#) (Special link just for this meeting)

- **Tuesday Oct. 5, 2021 8:00 am (MST)**

Location: Phoenix City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

[Agenda](#)

Members of the public may view the meeting at this link: [Watch Live WebEx](#)

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Grid Map Listening Session

DATE	TIME	Meeting Information	LOCATION
<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 COI online submissions spreadsheet COI paper submissions spreadsheet	Main The Vista Center for the Arts 15660 N. Parkview Pl. Surprise, AZ 85374
			Satellite High Country Conference Ctr

Event password: DfJMG2GdU52 (33564243 from phones) Join by phone +14043971516 US Toll 8773093457 US Toll Free Access code: 246 610 37519		Socioeconomic Report of AZ Online public Comment submission	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

- Learn how to export a redistricting plan from a third party software and import into the IRC Redistricting System. [View the video here.](#)
- Learn how to import shapefiles to use as a plan to submit to the IRC Redistricting System. [View the video here.](#)
- **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

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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.



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