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2           COMMISSION convened in Public Session on June 12, 2001,  
3           at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at South Mountain Community  
4           College, 7050 South 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona, in  
5           the presence of:

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1       PRESENTATION BY CHAIRMAN LYNN

2       SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

3       Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox

4       Steve Gallardo

5       Marie Lopez-Rogers

6       Mayor Frances Osuna

7       Norma Munoz

8       Rachel Villanueva

9       Helen Trujillo

10      Jeff King

11      Jose Solarez

12      John McComish

13      Aaron Kizer

14      Joseph Ricarte

15      Senator Pete Rios

16      William Wiess

17      Carlos Avelar

18      Ruben S. Martinez

19      Danny Ortega

20      Ken Clark

21      Bradley Vandermark

22      Reverend Oscar Tillman

23      Lucy Logan

24      Rosie Lopez

25      Eric Ehst

1 Phoenix, Arizona  
2 June 12, 2001  
3 7:00 o'clock p.m.

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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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6 (The following is an excerpted transcript  
7 from the public hearing containing only the public  
8 comment portion of the evening.)

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Let me at this point stop  
10 and move to the next part of the evening which is less  
11 from me and more from you. We want to hear what you  
12 have to say. Again, I'd ask if you have filled out a  
13 speaker form and have not yet turned it in, raise it and  
14 one of the staff will come by and pick it up and we'll  
15 get to you as quickly as we can this evening.

16 Thank you for your attention. That was a  
17 lengthy presentation, and I appreciate your attention  
18 for that portion.

19 Let me call on these in order. Again, I  
20 ask, if going to speak --

21 Let me grab these.

22 If you are going to speak, come forward,  
23 not so much so everyone in the room can hear you, it's  
24 more importantly so Lisa, our public reporter,  
25 stenographer, can see and hear you speak, get everything

1 you say down and use it in a form we can use later on.

2 I know the first presentation this evening  
3 is a formal presentation from Supervisor Mary Rose  
4 Wilcox speaking on behalf of the Hispanic Coalition for  
5 Fair Redistricting.

6 Supervisor, with any luck, we're all  
7 plugged up.

8 If you do this, you actually may get an  
9 image here pretty quick.

10 Probably what we may want to do,  
11 Supervisor Wilcox, the lights are on so we can see, or  
12 lights off for the Power Point?

13 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Off for the Power  
14 Point presentation.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We'll ask this evening, if  
16 we can, there are a number of people that wish to speak.  
17 I do not wish to curtail anyone's presentation. If you  
18 have a written presentation, we'd ask to put it into the  
19 record in its entirety. This particular presentation,  
20 we're hoping it's about 10 minutes, a Power Point.

21 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: I have a Power Point,  
22 elected official's comments to go into the record. I'll  
23 try to be as concise as I can.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Terrific.

25 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: It's organized to

1 flow.

2 Thank you very much.

3 I'm Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County  
4 Supervisor, District Five, Maricopa County.

5 This is a very crucial time where a decade  
6 term ends of government, a crucial time for the Hispanic  
7 population. Proposition 106 overwhelmingly was  
8 passed --

9 MULTIPLE VOICES: We can't hear.

10 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: I'll try to talk as  
11 loud as I can.

12 I'll have to ask the Commission to bear  
13 with me. I'm not able to hear them.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We hear you fine. If  
15 you'll project.

16 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: We have maps, a Power  
17 Point presentation.

18 Let me start over.

19 My name is Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa  
20 County Supervisor. This is a crucial time. This year  
21 is even a more crucial time due to the immense growth of  
22 the Hispanic population. With the onset of new  
23 population that overwhelmingly supported the  
24 Proposition, the Arizona voters thank the members of the  
25 Commission as hosting voters.

1                   We Hispanics at these hearings, our voice  
2 will be heard. We don't have to tell you how appalled  
3 we were when we were not appointed to the Commission,  
4 when there was not a minority representative on the  
5 Commission. That's why we come here as a coalition of  
6 elected folks from the community to put on the record  
7 areas we feel must be considered because of  
8 commonalities.

9                   I'd like at this time to introduce our  
10 group. We've come here, Mayor Osuna along with Margie  
11 Garcia from the Council of Guadalupe; Marie  
12 Lopez-Rogers, Councilwoman from Avondale; also Avondale,  
13 Norma Munoz, a member of the Roosevelt School Board;  
14 Rachel Villanueva, Dysart School District and Surprise  
15 Activist; Steve Gallardo and Rudy Perez, MALDEF.

16                   Our coalition, Hispanic Coalition for Fair  
17 Redistricting Process, if our voice cannot be heard  
18 through an actual vote of the Commission, will be heard  
19 through the record at hearings.

20                   Our record today is put together, besides  
21 elected officials, the Mexican American Legal Defense  
22 Fund, MALDEF; National Association of Latino Elected  
23 Officials, NALEO; WCVI; and also VULAC, will present  
24 areas where commonalities lie, also share why areas of  
25 common interest are so important to communities.

1                   After the 2000 census, Arizona received  
2 two new congressional seats because of the enormous  
3 growth. We believe this voice should include all of  
4 Arizona.

5                   More than 36 percent of the state is  
6 minority population. 25 percent of the state is  
7 Hispanic. Two majority-minority Congressional Districts  
8 and a possible third majority-minority district should  
9 be created.

10                   What we've done, we've used resources to  
11 create this.

12                   We'll be creating a summary of the laws  
13 involved in the process, maps showing communities of  
14 commonalities, and testimony to verify commonality.  
15 We'll have several people presenting these maps.

16                   Let me first of all talk to you about the  
17 law. This section requires the Department of Justice to  
18 perform a federal review.

19                   We passed the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

20                   Section Two protects voters from any  
21 practice that deprives them of their right to vote based  
22 on race, color, or language minority.

23                   Section Five applies to certain  
24 jurisdictions with a history of discrimination. In  
25 Arizona, Greenlee County, Maricopa, Pima, Santa Cruz,

1 and Yuma. Section Five requires the Department of  
2 Justice to perform a federal review.

3 By law, redistricting criteria includes  
4 the following, having equal population, being  
5 contiguous, compact, observing geographic and natural  
6 boundaries, and share common communities of interest.

7 Today we're focusing on communities of  
8 interest. Common communities in common geographic  
9 socioeconomic, voting behavior, educational, cultural.

10 What we've done is use all our resources  
11 to present common commonalities in Maricopa County.  
12 Later we'll see subcommonalities in the state. In  
13 conjunction, we'll show how they relate to  
14 commonalities.

15 I'll kick off the map presentation. I'll  
16 put maps here and hope the Commission can observe them.  
17 We'll submit them all, what you are seeing now, plus  
18 maps from our consultants.

19 The first map I'd like to show, party  
20 majority by precinct. Blue is all Dems and red is  
21 Republicans. This is what you are looking at, party  
22 majority by precinct. Clearly you see a delineation,  
23 and blue Democratic, red Republican.

24 Number of registered voters is next.  
25 Lighter red areas show the percentage of registered

1 voters. And almost red show high registered voters.

2 Again, these maps clearly show there is a  
3 delineation. And lighter colored shows red number, very  
4 low registered voters.

5 Next map we show is the number of food  
6 stamp recipients in March 2001.

7 Darker green, and as you progress out,  
8 darker green, some looks almost, you know, as dark as  
9 you get, forest green, those are areas of most food  
10 stamp recipients per zip code. Again, the area clearly  
11 pointed out commonalities. Areas we are covering, we  
12 were advised MALDEF and also LULAC by the Justice  
13 Department will take into account commonalty.

14 Amount of cash assistance needed per zip  
15 code in 2001. I think that's the next one, Terri -- I'm  
16 sorry, this is food stamp --

17 Terri, let's go back to food stamp. .

18 This is food stamp. Areas, dark are ones  
19 predominantly areas applied for food stamp once. Darker  
20 ones, that is cash assistance. Put that back up.

21 What this means is cash assistance is  
22 one-time assistance, may be a weatherization program,  
23 may be a utility assistance program, one time or  
24 sometimes twice, very rarely, people go in and get cash  
25 assistance because of need.

1                   Those four maps start setting the tone for  
2 commonalty in Maricopa County.

3                   Now I'd like Steve Gallardo to come up.  
4 He'll speak about the primary home language other than  
5 English map.

6                   MR. GALLARDO: Thank you.

7                   Commissioners, my name is Steve Gallardo,  
8 Redistricting Chair, Latino Coalition for Fair  
9 Redistricting, G A L L A R D O.

10                  In the year 2000, the 2000 general  
11 election, a proposition was put on the ballot that  
12 affects the Hispanic community dramatically, Proposition  
13 203. For you folks that don't remember it, the  
14 proposition eliminated bilingual education and put in a  
15 one-year English emersion.

16                  This map illustrates where the proposition  
17 was supported, where defeated. Although passed by the  
18 State of Arizona, it was overwhelmingly voted against by  
19 the minority and Hispanic community.

20                  The dark colored, green, avocado green,  
21 those areas passed the proposition, 50 percent. The  
22 lighter shade green, pink areas, voted against the  
23 particular proposition by more than 30 to 40 percent.

24                  This shows the difference between a real  
25 minority community and nonminority community. This is

1 an area of a Hispanic community, particularly striking  
2 against this particular case.

3           The second map, primary home language  
4 other than -- school districts that have homes that use  
5 more than one language, more than likely more than one  
6 language, Roosevelt School District, dark red, those  
7 homes have more than 60 percent in the school district  
8 have homes that speak more than one language, more than  
9 likely Spanish, Spanish speaking school districts.  
10 Lighter shade of orange, anywhere from 30 to 35 percent  
11 of the households have more than one language in the  
12 home. Roosevelt, more than 35 percent of the homes in  
13 the school district.

14           The commissioners do not want us to bring  
15 up the grid. With the grid, Tempe Number Three, the  
16 grid, it's in the same legislative grid. The white area  
17 are grids with 25 percent or less of households that  
18 that do not have -- that do have second language homes.  
19 So you can see the big difference between Roosevelt  
20 School District and Tempe Three regarding language.  
21 It's not a common interest. They should be kept  
22 separately.

23           Also, regarding the grid at the  
24 congressional level, Roosevelt level, the same  
25 congressional level, Kyrene the same level white,

1 representing less than 25 percent of homes, these do not  
2 have any kind of commonalty and should be kept separate,  
3 should not be kept in the same jurisdiction.

4 That's it.

5 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Next speaker is the  
6 Vice Mayor from the City of Avondale, Marie  
7 Lopez-Rogers.

8 MS. LOPEZ-ROGERS: Thank you,  
9 Commissioners. I'm Marie Lopez-Rogers, R O G E R S.

10 As Vice Mayor of Avondale, I urge you to  
11 use this information as we're submitting it to you.  
12 Having been born and raised in the City of Avondale, I'm  
13 amazed at the growth of the City of Avondale, 36 plus  
14 people in every district, yet we're trying to maintain  
15 the rural, small-town feeling, encouraging small town  
16 people, similar to West Phoenix, South Phoenix, and the  
17 Tolleson area. Like the Cashion-Phoenix area, the  
18 average yearly income is \$15,500. Agricultural,  
19 families like mine worked the Goodyear farms. Many  
20 families stayed in the area raising children. Families  
21 of West South Phoenix, share human concerns, the justice  
22 force, child care. Avondale has one of the highest  
23 percent of recipients of assistance in the community.

24 For several years we've been developing a  
25 transit system designed for our special needs. In

1 redistricting our special needs, I urge you considering  
2 our special needs.

3 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: The next speaker is  
4 Frances Osuna, Mayor of Guadalupe, who will show the  
5 minority, particularly Hispanic populations, in Maricopa  
6 County.

7 MR. OSUNA: I am Frances Osuna, O S U N A.  
8 This shows Latinos, culturally and  
9 racially, for the Town of Guadalupe, South Phoenix and  
10 maybe go with the Gila River Indian Reservation, 60  
11 percent Latino and 40 percent Yaqui Indian. Strong  
12 ethnic identity, sets them apart, many bilingual or  
13 Spanish speaking.

14 The language issue is a special needs for  
15 residents other communities may not be sensitive to.  
16 For this town I urge you, the town of Guadalupe, South  
17 Phoenix, the Gila River community should not be in a  
18 congressional and legislative district with Ahwatukee,  
19 Tempe, or Chandler. Guadalupe has very little  
20 culturally in common with these communities. Also, with  
21 respect to political subdivisions, precincts, the town  
22 of Guadalupe congressional and legislative districts.  
23 Mary Rose's areas, the peach, blue, green areas,  
24 predominantly minority, a very segregated society,  
25 communities I'd point out. Guadalupe is, Steve pointed

1 out -- this is Guadalupe, more commonalities with  
2 minorities.

3 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: Norma Munoz will speak  
4 to the cash value per parcel map.

5 MS. MUNOZ: Thank you this evening for  
6 allowing us to have this opportunity, the chance to  
7 express our feelings, have them show a bit and hopefully  
8 encourage our chances.

9 I'm Norma Munoz, a resident of South  
10 Phoenix, have been a resident for 36 years or more. I  
11 am also a member of the Roosevelt School Board.

12 We're here to present issues that may not  
13 have been considered by you.

14 I have come here today representing the  
15 South Phoenix community because we are concerned about  
16 some issues that might not have been considered by this  
17 committee. The main issue is the lack of likeness with  
18 the communities that may be considered for merging with  
19 South Phoenix. For example, I'll use our neighboring  
20 neighboring area of Ahwatukee. They have very little  
21 like concerns or issues with South Phoenix. Merging  
22 South Phoenix with a community without likeness, for any  
23 community, would be very harmful and wrong to us.

24 Because there are no minorities on the  
25 Board, we are especially concerned. Our community is



1 north of us, unlike and uncommon figures would be  
2 evident.

3 Merging very drastically different  
4 communities with ours, concerning properties of unlike  
5 commonalities is a horrendous mistake.

6 I'd like you to consider likeness,  
7 commonness. I'd like for us to maintain as much of our  
8 own personality as possible. We'd like to consider our  
9 own rights to equal voting power and representation.  
10 We'd like to consider our own voting power and  
11 representation.

12 Rose Mary's final map will be presented by  
13 Rachel Villanueva from the Surprise and El Mirage area,  
14 a voter map outlining voter turnout in areas. She'll  
15 outline a situation that occurred in Dysart Unified  
16 School District that goes directly to the point.

17 MS. VILLANUEVA: Rachel Villanueva  
18 V I L L A N U E V A.

19 I'm a citizen from the City of Surprise, a  
20 very vocal member. I'm a very concerned citizen and  
21 express my views to let you know exactly how our area is  
22 working out and our stress we've been putting up with.

23 In the past, two board of supervisors that  
24 represented the City of Surprise, Jan Brewer and Mary  
25 Rose Wilcox, talking about the original town site, only

1 not talking about the whole City of Surprise, that  
2 Surprise is a different issue because we are so spread  
3 out.

4           The original town site was a Hispanic  
5 community. And we've felt we've been left out in many  
6 areas. I'll give you a few areas. We've been  
7 overlooked by our representative, but we are not even  
8 able to represent our schools. We're not able to  
9 represent our children, even the parents from our own  
10 community. This apathy in communities has gotten to  
11 dismay. Parents don't even talk about running for the  
12 school board or any other office because they've been  
13 outvoted many times in many elections in the past by Sun  
14 City West retirees helping to fail three bonds and  
15 override elections for the children. Voters voted to  
16 keep Sun City West elections, to help retirees, to bail  
17 out retirees in the State of Arizona.

18           In 1976, Sun City West decided to step  
19 down from the position. It was a tax. They were  
20 involved with their own community at that time. And  
21 they decided to run for the Dysart School Board. At  
22 this time there were four parents. They won four seats,  
23 and four parents were voted out from the school board.  
24 There was no representation of any parent, minority or  
25 otherwise. The four retirees, they wanted five seats,

1 not four, so they recalled the fifth parent. And now  
2 they hold five seats. This has not changed in the last  
3 five years. They even have the majority on the board.

4 One of the humiliations that continues is  
5 they do not listen to parents.

6 So it doesn't matter, our feelings. We  
7 are not represented by them. And I feel that our  
8 representatives are not there for us, either.

9 For that reason, the Surprise, and again I  
10 say the old town site in El Mirage, I'm asking you even  
11 throw in an isolated area, and the isolated area is way  
12 on the top, you consider our request very seriously and  
13 consider putting us in the Congressional and Legislative  
14 District with Tolleson, Avondale, or any other  
15 districts. I come before you because I care, come  
16 before you because I'm concerned, and hope you are  
17 concerned about our area as well.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR WILCOX: As you can see from  
20 the map, the Dysart area we're concerned with is darker  
21 brown. Dark and red are low areas of turnout,  
22 surrounded by Sun City West, as she said, and they are  
23 outvoted continually.

24 What we've intended do with the maps is  
25 show you clearly areas of commonalities. We've done it

1 one step further and superimposed all these areas. And  
2 what we have, and we did not draw lines, because we know  
3 this is a stage where you want areas. These are the  
4 areas in Maricopa County where over 60 percent of these  
5 areas are common in areas, food stamp assistance, cash  
6 one-time assistance, low voter turnout, to again show  
7 the voting trend patterns Steve emphasized. These are  
8 your areas.

9                   You can very easily take these areas, and  
10 population is such it is approximately 700,000. You can  
11 get a Hispanic Congressional District, Minority  
12 Congressional District in Maricopa County. Under the  
13 Voter Rights Law, areas of commonalty do count.

14                   We've taken one other area. We have a  
15 group simply working in Southern Arizona. At the first  
16 presentation it looked very hard to get Congressional  
17 Districts. The possibility of a third influence in  
18 Southern Arizona, taking the issues we presented, we  
19 believe in Maricopa County we have showed you the areas  
20 of commonalities, including going up the river including  
21 Arizona and Surprise.

22                   In Pinal, Graham, Pinal, and Santa Cruz.  
23 The same areas of commonalities could be configured into  
24 a Congressional District. And the populations of these  
25 districts is close to approximately 650,000. These two

1 areas, Maricopa and Southern Arizona, the issues that we  
2 talked about, these also have the same commonalities.

3 We leave you with areas of commonalities  
4 that you as a Commission will take your job very, very  
5 seriously, ask your consultants to look at these  
6 commonalities.

7 We'd ask you to make two congressional  
8 districts where there are these areas, Ed Pastor, even  
9 luckier to have a minority from southern area.  
10 Influence districts, the Native American community, add  
11 in enough numbers. But we think Maricopa and Southern  
12 Arizona, and a configuration that not lines but areas we  
13 have drawn give you a Hispanic Congressional District  
14 and a third leaning Native American District.

15 We will leave you, give you copies of  
16 everything we have presented. And we're available for  
17 any of your consultants to talk to us.

18 We tried very hard to follow the rules you  
19 laid out and Prop 106. We did not draw outlines, draw  
20 out -- oh, coincidentally, for in Pima, we combined with  
21 Yuma parts of Santa Cruz, Gila, and Pinal. These would  
22 give us ample representation, and it is our due because  
23 of our population.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

25 The next person who had asked to speak is

1 Helen Trujillo, president of the Garfield Organization.

2 Ms. Trujillo, are you here?

3 MS. TRUJILLO: Yes.

4 T R U J I L L O.

5 I am here because I am the president of  
6 the Garfield Organization. I live at 1322 East Pierce,  
7 and I have been there for over 50 years. The Garfield  
8 Neighborhood is one of the oldest residential areas in  
9 the City of Phoenix.

10 Most of the houses between Seventh Street  
11 to 16 Street on the East, and North, it's Van Buren  
12 north to the freeway. Many of the homes, including my  
13 own, were built before 1920. We wish to make it very  
14 clear and point out the neighborhood does not want to be  
15 split either in Legislative or Congressional District  
16 lines.

17 Twelve years ago Garfield was one of the  
18 worst areas of the city. Drug pushers, prostitutes,  
19 gangs invaded the streets and homes. Today we have a  
20 neighborhood that works, one we take pride in, one we do  
21 not intend to let move backward even one little inch.  
22 The reason we succeeded is we united, regardless of  
23 whether Hispanic, black, or Anglo. We speak to the  
24 government with one voice. This is the power of a  
25 neighborhood. And we've discovered ourselves and each

1 other and will not surrender. If you cut Garfield in  
2 half, you've endangered it, diluted it. Our problems  
3 getting elected would be doubled.

4 On behalf of the 3,200 families in  
5 Garfield, please don't cut Garfield.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next, Mr. King, also on  
7 behalf of Garfield. Mr. King.

8 MR. KING: My name is Jeff King, K I N G,  
9 executive director of the Garfield Organization. I live  
10 at 1029 East Garfield, Arizona, 85006.

11 As you've heard, the Garfield neighborhood  
12 is among the oldest residential neighborhoods in the  
13 City of Phoenix, not quite one square mile, and extends  
14 from Seventh Street on the west to 16th Street on the  
15 East. The northern boundary is the Interstate 10 loop  
16 202 right-of-way and Van Buren on the south. There are  
17 approximately 3,200 families, mostly Hispanic, that call  
18 Garfield home.

19 The boundaries are not arbitrary. Over 10  
20 years ago, our neighborhood association, its businesses,  
21 civic groups, and churches, came together to form the  
22 Garfield Organization, an alliance of neighborhood  
23 interests. The challenge then is the same as now: We  
24 are a small, low income, inter-city neighborhood trying  
25 to lift ourselves out of crime and blight by our own



1                   Mr. Solarez.

2                   MR. SOLAREZ: Jose Solarez, S O L A R E Z.  
3 I'm President of South Phoenix presently, Guadalupe, and  
4 have concerns with regard to the grid system, that take  
5 into effect the grid system, that ways of connecting the  
6 grid and El Mirage, Guadalupe, are illegal.

7                   Consultants are not always correct. City  
8 of Phoenix wanted to divide part of South Phoenix, hook  
9 up the Ahwatukee area and west of East Phoenix. The  
10 proposed plan was working with MALDEF and other  
11 communities. Phoenix would follow a gas line that runs  
12 along East Phoenix and connect Ahwatukee with East  
13 Phoenix. The consultant said, that would never past  
14 muster. Today it exists and kept South Phoenix  
15 together, contiguous.

16                   Make sure, whatever the consultant says  
17 don't work, look twice, three times before --

18                   Secondly, I'm a strong believer in a  
19 separate House District not following the same  
20 boundaries as Senate boundaries. Minority groups have  
21 stronger representation at the state level than they  
22 would presently. As an example, Mesa is predominantly  
23 Republican Anglo Saxon districts, always in the same  
24 districts. South Phoenix, for no other reason than the  
25 fact is you have a cultural and racial type. The fact

1 still remains along the Tempe-Mesa boundaries, including  
2 Southern Scottsdale, a minority district formed within  
3 the House structure.

4 I believe having districts in the House  
5 not following existing Senate districts to provide  
6 minority, both native people, both Hispanic and American  
7 Indian communities more voice to have an opportunity to  
8 elect more individuals of their choosing, not pushing  
9 have to be Hispanic, not pushing to have to be American  
10 Indian, these voters have the opportunity to choose  
11 whoever they want to vote for.

12 Yuma County, predominantly changed the  
13 District of Yuma County, took three, four years before  
14 they saw results, had a person of their choosing. The  
15 Census facts exist now, and there's a growth pattern for  
16 the future.

17 Factors looked at by the US Department of  
18 Justice are in process. Folks, I don't know if you know  
19 this, the State of Arizona state legislative plan was  
20 rejected not once, twice, but three times for failure of  
21 both individuals in control of the Senate side and House  
22 side for not being able to work with community groups  
23 that had special interests.

24 We also need to make sure we reaffirm  
25 ourselves that every piece of legislative software or

1 design of these districts be made available to community  
2 groups. This needs to be accessible so we can have good  
3 use of the same data in order to establish our plans as  
4 well. We feel this is necessary.

5 I strongly believe, going back to my same  
6 statement, House Districts don't need to follow Senate  
7 Districts. Give them the opportunity to rule, maybe the  
8 minority have elect officials maybe represent special  
9 districts.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Solarez.

11 For those that have come late, if you  
12 filled out a speaker form, hold it up, get it to us.  
13 We'll take all speakers this evening.

14 Next to speak, John McComish, President of  
15 the Ahwatukee Foothills Chamber of Chamber Commerce.

16 MR. McCOMISH: I thought I should speak,  
17 since no one wants us.

18 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I can assure you, you will  
19 have a district when we're finished.

20 MR. McCOMISH: As an aside, if I may, the  
21 gentleman said what was done with City of Phoenix, his  
22 portion of City of Phoenix, was a disaster, for  
23 Ahwatukee Foothills, what helps one doesn't help  
24 everybody. We have a barbell district, two areas done,  
25 one way south, one way north, connected by a spaghetti

1 strip. Good for him, wasn't so good for us.

2 That having been said, my only point is a  
3 simple one. The Ahwatukee Foothills area is a community  
4 of interest, hopefully a community of interest. It's a  
5 community of interest bounded on three sides by south  
6 mountain, Gila River, bounded by the mountain with three  
7 zip codes. 80,000 people, if it were a city. There are  
8 larger cities in the State of Arizona. If were a city,  
9 there are no legislative representatives that live  
10 within our boundary. And that is because we are  
11 divided, represented by three folks in Tempe District  
12 and three folks in Chandler District and no folks in  
13 Ahwatukee District.

14 My message, I hope we are a community of  
15 interest. It's a tough job figuring out where we go if  
16 we go, a tough proposition.

17 Thank you, folks, for the good work you  
18 are doing.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

20 Next wishing to speak, Mr. Aaron Kizer  
21 representing Friendly House.

22 Mr. Kizer.

23 MR. KIZER: Thank you. It's K I Z E R.

24 I'm appearing as an attorney for Friendly  
25 House, a community-based organization in Maricopa

1 county. I also represent Los Abrigados Association as a  
2 lobbyist.

3                   There is a lot of concern with the grid  
4 map issues and the redistricting process itself. Let me  
5 give you specifics. Contrary to what the Chairman  
6 issued, the grid maps violated many cases. Clear  
7 geographical boundaries were considered when drawing the  
8 grid maps. For example, Yavapai County, what you call  
9 Legislative District Number One was put together in one  
10 grid. Mohave, La Paz Counties, you called Legislative  
11 Number Two, another grid. And at this stage they're not  
12 supposed to be considered a community or county  
13 boundaries that we see on grid maps.

14                   Second, there are bigger problems with the  
15 grid maps. I did an analysis of the Hispanic  
16 representation, dilution. The grid maps have five  
17 majority-minority. Presently there are seven  
18 majority-minority. The reduction from seven to five  
19 majority to minority is retrogression. The population  
20 of 36 percent minorities in this state, we should be  
21 getting nine to ten minority districts. The question is  
22 why are they not being shown at this stage?

23                   There are other problems. Reservations.  
24 Native Americans are being split in two districts. At a  
25 cursory review, seeing Mohave reservations, Hopi, Gila,

1 Tohono O'odham being split, South Phoenix being put with  
2 Chandler, Ahwatukee.

3 Finally, even though they say this doesn't  
4 take place, addresses of incumbents have been considered  
5 in drawing these grids. Ed Pastor lives at 11th  
6 Avenue --

7 MR. RIVERA: We should not hear this  
8 evidence at all.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We're not able to take  
10 this into account. I assure you, we cannot take that  
11 into account. We can't take that into public comment.

12 MR. KIZER: I'd like to make my comment.  
13 Why can I not make my comment?

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: The Commission is, under  
15 Proposition 106, not able to know where candidates and  
16 incumbents live. It's not something we can know. It's  
17 not something we can take into account thus far.

18 MR. KIZER: Let me move on to another  
19 point.

20 If you look at the Congressional District  
21 in West Maricopa County, see just in between 115th  
22 Avenue and 83rd Avenue in Tolleson. If you look at why  
23 there is a funny jig-jag, call it a gerrymander, and  
24 want to know where Congressman Stump lives, look in that  
25 area.

1                   We believe these problems reflect lack of  
2 minority representation on the Independent Redistricting  
3 Commission. Because of this belief, we feel the  
4 concerns of the minority community are not being  
5 addressed.

6                   I'd like to submit my written comments.

7                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: If the address of  
8 Mr. Pastor is on that, would you like to excise that?

9                   Forgive me, I'm not sure I can read it.  
10 Joseph Ricarte.

11                   MR. RICARTE: Rick Ricarte, R I C A R T E.  
12 I'm here with Aaron Kizer, to reiterate what he says.

13                   One of the biggest concerns when looking  
14 at preliminary maps is diluting minority rights. The  
15 new Census comes up. It's talking about the increase in  
16 Hispanic voting rights. There's a lot of excitement.  
17 Something like this takes away all -- the small progress  
18 we've made over the years, our power within the  
19 community. And it's taking it right from us. I was  
20 really appalled by that.

21                   I wanted to come in and reiterate what  
22 Mary Rose Wilcox and Aaron Kizer said and put that on  
23 the record.

24                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Ricarte.  
25 Thank you very much.

1                   Next, Senator Rios.

2                   SENATOR RIOS: Thank you all for taking  
3 the time. We appreciate it.

4                   Let me start by saying the grid map, I  
5 know the intent of it. A lot of people out there in the  
6 real world have seen it on the internet, have seen  
7 copies of it in the newspaper. They believe that that  
8 exists. So I think we're doing a disservice to the  
9 public when we publicize it. It's part of the public  
10 when you publicize it. I make that point.

11                  There are a couple points you have to go  
12 through in drawing districts. One, you comply with the  
13 US Constitution and Voting Rights Act. Additionally, to  
14 the extent practicable, you draw district lines and use  
15 visible geographic features, city, town, county features  
16 and undivided census tracts. To some extent, those two  
17 guiding facts contradict vis-a-vis minority districts.

18                  The Chairman made a joke about District  
19 Seven which I represented. The Justice Department when  
20 they reviewed the plans didn't laugh. The  
21 majority-minority didn't laugh. Why you did it in the  
22 grid, reduced 52 percent minorities to 40 percent  
23 minorities? You've taken out the community, the town of  
24 Guadalupe. Guadalupe, we made an extra effort to give  
25 the voting base, Gila River, Guadalupe, Ak-Chin, 40

1 percent Pascua Yaqui Indians, you've taken many groups  
2 out, Avondale out of District Seven, and included Gold  
3 Canyon, Jack Nickelson, Winkelman, Hayden. That's what  
4 you have done. Designated a minority-majority. I don't  
5 find District Seven a joke. I don't find my  
6 constituents, if they reside, whether they reside in  
7 Avondale, funny, when they come to someone who  
8 understands the issues to represent them, especially  
9 when for the majority of my 10 years they had minority  
10 representation.

11 Let me move on to another point. I'm  
12 trying to be as brief as I can. And that is to ask all  
13 as you go around changing the map after input, once you  
14 come up with some real districts, what they look like,  
15 go out for 30 days for comment. I understand August  
16 1st, September 1st, that's it, you want to go to the  
17 Justice Department. Let me ask once you've taken  
18 additional public comment, instead of September 1st, let  
19 people look at the map again, give another week or two  
20 before you go to justice. There will be a lot of  
21 additional input once you have, according to your  
22 layout, finalized it. Give people that additional  
23 opportunity.

24 Thank you for listening to me.

25 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Senator Rios.

1                   The next speaker is William Weiss.

2                   Mr. Weiss.

3                   MR. WEISS: William Weiss, W E I S S.

4                   Thank you for your service. I have to  
5 admit this is politics, elections, a dichotomy I see.

6                   As a Republican minority, I ran for Senate  
7 here and lost soundly, and deservedly so. The people of  
8 this district wanted someone else to represent them. I  
9 can live with that.

10                  America is a melting pot, inbred, loose  
11 dynamics, of diverse culture. That's really what you  
12 are trying to do here. That's what America is about to  
13 me.

14                  Thank you very much.

15                  CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is Carlos  
16 Avelar.

17                  Mr. Avelar.

18                  MR. AVELAR: Good evening, I'm Carlos  
19 Avelar, A V E L A R. I'm a State Representative in  
20 District 23 and also a member of the Roosevelt School  
21 District in South Phoenix, have been for the last 18  
22 years. It's my second term in the Legislature.

23                  Last night I got on the computer, got on  
24 the website, it's easy to find, and also very disturbing  
25 in terms of whether you want to call it district maps,

1 want to call it a grid. In looking through the grid and  
2 listening today in terms of the criteria supposedly used  
3 to establish this grid, Mr. Kizer already pointed out  
4 you may have violated laws already, he established.

5           You go across the state, "Trust us," in  
6 terms of what you're doing. You've violated rules.  
7 Mr. Kizer pointed that out. You're talking about  
8 diluting minority voting rights. Going from seven  
9 minority-majority districts to five. Forget about the  
10 impact on the minority community, the impact on the  
11 State of Arizona, look at my community, South Phoenix.  
12 I represent a very large population here. I've been  
13 here for more years than I care to count. My  
14 grandfather, my children represent the fifth generation.  
15 We have long ties with this community, this state.

16           Looking at what now is currently District  
17 23 based on this grid map, it's divided into four  
18 Legislative Districts. It has a semblance, I represent  
19 not that it's not a final say, but if the first proposal  
20 out of the gate is flawed, from our perspective, what  
21 can we expect down the line?

22           Clearly it's another example why a  
23 minority community may be disenfranchised on the  
24 Redistricting Commission.

25           I understand we have individuals you

1 hired, Mr. Echeveste, Mr. Medina Ochoa, as some of your  
2 top staff for the Redistricting Commission. I'd gladly  
3 give up both of those positions for a voting member.

4 With that, I'll thank you for your time.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

6 For the record, I might want to mention as  
7 has been pointed out, on the grid maps there's some  
8 coincidence with county boundaries. And that's because  
9 census tracts do not cross county boundaries. When you  
10 aggregate by census tract by aggregation, you have to do  
11 so. It's not a violation of the rules. It's  
12 coincidental to the rules. It's merely coincidental to  
13 the grid.

14 The next speaker is Mr. Ruben Martinez.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: Ruben Martinez.

16 I'd like to echo what Aaron Kizer said. I  
17 grew up in the projects of South Phoenix. I finally  
18 came to this position at this time to have a voice to be  
19 heard in South Phoenix. And we have the numbers to  
20 support us and to be able to get our own people elected  
21 to some representation and to be able to be kept to  
22 ourselves. And to take this away by dividing us up into  
23 four districts here, what you are proposing now is  
24 gerrymandering now. Think how that will make us feel.

25 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you very much.

2 Next is Mr. Danny Ortega.

3 MR. ORTEGA: Mr. Chairman, members of the  
4 community, there are several subjects I was going to  
5 cover that have been covered well by Mary Rose Wilcox  
6 and Mr. Kizer.

7 I'm Danny Ortega, Chairman of the Campaign  
8 for Edward Pastor.

9 I'm understanding you are asking  
10 questions, and I'll try to stay within the questions.

11 First of all, our major concern is what  
12 has been talked about quite a bit, communities of  
13 interest.

14 It's important you keep them together.

15 Dilution of the minority voters in this  
16 state is also a major concern.

17 Competitive districts is of concern not  
18 because we don't like competition but simply because we  
19 believe it will have a discriminatory effect and will  
20 lead to what has been testified to as majority minority  
21 districts at legislative and congressional levels.

22 You asked what boundary lines we'd like to  
23 see. First of all, the plan the Congressman will  
24 submit, plans to submit to this Commission setting out  
25 his views, what are his Congressional views, you'll be

1 getting a full package and he'll be submitting those.

2 The only question I have for the  
3 Commission is how soon would you need to receive those  
4 maps in order to have those? We have deadlines. I  
5 don't want to be told they came in too late or in too  
6 early.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I would say by the end of  
8 this month, Mr. Ortega, would be the appropriate time to  
9 have ample opportunity to look at the maps.

10 MR. ORTEGA: I know you didn't want us to  
11 talk about the grid. Not talking about it is like not  
12 talking about it and keeping it to yourself. It makes  
13 you very nervous. And keeping it to yourself, if you  
14 are going to use those grid maps in anyway for drawing  
15 lines or as a base map for drawing lines, I'll tell you  
16 right now, there's no way those lines will be upheld in  
17 any way, especially under the Voting Rights Act, anyway.

18 In our opinion, after looking at the maps  
19 and looking at everything else, you have divided  
20 communities of interest, grouped communities, grouped  
21 communities in ways that have never been done, in  
22 different ways.

23 For instance, Central West Phoenix with  
24 Sun City is a little strange. To put Central East  
25 Phoenix with Paradise Valley is a little strange. Just

1 an example. And, of course, Ahwatukee with Guadalupe is  
2 a little strange.

3 So if you look at your grid maps, I would  
4 think that if you really, and I know you are serious,  
5 that there's no way you could comply with the Voting  
6 Rights Act and the tremendous discriminatory effect on  
7 minorities.

8 Of course, what area groups, areas should  
9 absolutely not be divided, we'll say what others said:  
10 minority communities. I understand as a lawyer, you  
11 take into consideration compactness, contiguity,  
12 competitiveness, and voting dilution all into  
13 consideration.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ed Clark, C L A R K.

15 MR. CLARK: I agree with the previous  
16 comments about the majority-minority districts, although  
17 I'm more interested to speak to the downtown Phoenix  
18 area more along the lines of that Garfield neighborhood.

19 I'd point to the current grid structure  
20 and say what you have in terms of downtown Phoenix is  
21 the right way to go, keeps the historic neighborhood  
22 together undivided, historic neighborhood, both downtown  
23 Phoenix, downtown, south of downtown, geographically  
24 similar in terms -- in terms of similar, south of  
25 Camelback, east of 19th Avenue -- well, taking most of

1 downtown Phoenix as you have here, and west of 30th  
2 Avenue, a distinctly different area, growing, has its  
3 own mentality and should be taken into account. I think  
4 parts of South Phoenix are oftentimes not included.  
5 People don't think of South Phoenix as part of Phoenix.  
6 It is, historically, and it deserves its own recognition  
7 as well.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Clark.

9 Next is Bradley Vandermark.

10 MR. VANDERMARK: Bradley Vandermark,  
11 V A N D E R M A R K. I'm a long-term resident of  
12 Arizona. There are a couple things. One, I urge you to  
13 consider for commonalty watershed boundaries for  
14 integrated groups of representatives. That's a common  
15 interest in Arizona, water.

16 Also, Arizona started out as a rural  
17 state, is now an urban state, and has changed. South  
18 Phoenix is no longer urban. It's rural. Phoenix has a  
19 center. Tucson has a center. Believe it or not, Mohave  
20 County, that's one of the most urbanized counties.  
21 Urbanized counties have commonalty. We're an urban  
22 state. Our boundaries are based on that type of state,  
23 they make us relatively small. We end up being urban  
24 with overrepresentation for rural representation.

25 And finally, one of the comments, the

1 other one deals with Tribal Native Americans. I urge  
2 you, at least at the legislative areas, to set up for  
3 the Hopi, Navajos, fundamental different areas. There  
4 are 21, 23 tribes, spread out, consolidated, 63 percent  
5 native, 12.5 percent Native American Indians. At best,  
6 we don't even have a majority-minority. Once a separate  
7 minority issue Native American, they are now part of the  
8 general population.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I have three speaker slips  
10 left. Those that filled out a speaker slip and have not  
11 submitted it, raise your hand.

12 The next person presenting, Reverend Oscar  
13 Tillman, NAACP. Reverend Tillman.

14 REVEREND TILLMAN: Good evening. I am  
15 here somewhat dismayed. As you can look around and see,  
16 there are very few people that look like me here  
17 tonight.

18 One of the speakers here tonight stated in  
19 her presentation that our voting power has been diluted.  
20 No one wants to try.

21 From the outset, African Americans have  
22 had the doubts about the Commission. We took it in  
23 stride when we met with some of you and tried our best  
24 to trust. However, we're seeing more and more -- I do  
25 not have a coalition behind me. I live in Willow

1 Historical District. I do not live in South Phoenix.  
2 I've only been in Arizona since '87. If I remember  
3 correctly, I think it was today James Everetts was  
4 assassinated.

5 Voting rights has been a part my people  
6 have died for. Whenever I see that we're beginning to  
7 move away from lobbyists and politicians. I want us to  
8 be very careful. Let's not move too far away. We  
9 reform it with a separation of the groups and the races.  
10 Then we're going many miles and many steps backwards.  
11 If we want to go back to segregation and segregated  
12 districts, my voice and the people of NAACP is not here.  
13 There was a message that came out of the 92 black  
14 churches over the weekend of how serious the this  
15 weekend is. The message and tone of the NAACP and tone  
16 of the church I'm a pastor of is: Who will care? They  
17 will do what they want to do.

18 The thing about it is I'm here to say:  
19 It's in your hands now. We've pleaded. We've done  
20 everything possible to say: We were left out. It could  
21 have been corrected in many ways. It wasn't. Now we're  
22 leaving it up to you. It's up to you to do the right  
23 thing. The right thing is for the future of Arizona.  
24 The right thing is we don't have a coalition and don't  
25 have someone to whisper promises. It will be just like

1 tonight. We'll be Left out, invisible, because the fact  
2 is trust is no longer there. I'm asking you to put  
3 trust back in our community with you.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Reverend  
5 Tillman.

6 Next is Lucy Logan.

7 MS. LOGAN: I just represent myself. I  
8 just want to speak to the impact of how this districting  
9 is done and the concerns that minorities are not well  
10 represented.

11 I certainly hope they are on your  
12 Commission. I would like to speak to some measures of  
13 what the outcome will be rather than exactly where lines  
14 should be drawn. And one of the things that I think is  
15 important is that local integrity, little groups,  
16 neighborhoods, not be divided.

17 If you are going to divide something,  
18 divide the bigger entities. I know you said it's hard  
19 to divide across county lines. Sometimes people live  
20 across county lines and then it does make sense to do  
21 that. One of the important things in a democracy like  
22 ours is we have representation that actually represents  
23 us. If you dilute a group so that a large portion of  
24 the people living within that group are not represented  
25 because it's lopsided, then you are creating a -- I mean

1 like some of the people have mentioned putting Ahwatukee  
2 with South Phoenix. That doesn't give both groups good  
3 representation. Those groups each need their own  
4 representation. And the same people may not represent  
5 both groups equally well. So it's really important that  
6 some continuity, integrity of districts, be considered.

7                   If the minority population is growing  
8 faster in our state than the general population, then  
9 the minority representation should end up being  
10 stronger, have more representatives than they do  
11 currently.

12                   It sounds to me from what some of the  
13 people have said that's not what some of the people feel  
14 will happen from some of the lines you have considered.  
15 I know I felt very disenfranchised when my little area  
16 was put into Mesa. Then I didn't even feel like I was a  
17 voter.

18                   You know, I think people have a renewed  
19 value of how much their vote counts now. I mean, we  
20 aren't Florida, but we could be. It is just so  
21 important that people feel it is worth voting. And  
22 people don't feel it's worth voting if their districts  
23 are skewed. So get some sort of similarity there so we  
24 have representatives that really represent us.

25                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

1                   Are there any slips left?

2                   Thank you.

3                   Are there others that have submitted a  
4 slip that would like to?

5                   Rosie Lopez, Redistricting Chair of the  
6 Hispanic Redistricting Forum.

7                   MS. LOPEZ: I'm Rosie Lopez of the Arizona  
8 Hispanic Redistricting Forum.

9                   Last time we did sue and got something  
10 better. We did a lot and there wasn't goodwill. We  
11 will watch closely.

12                   I'll comment on Mary Wilcox, commend her  
13 group.

14                   We'll make sure the lines are drawn up  
15 with a lot of integrity. I agree with her on the  
16 communities of interest. I enjoyed her presentation.  
17 It's very, very good. I think she brought the point  
18 good to you.

19                   Those points are serious of ours.

20                   I support what Senator Pete Rios said.

21                   And you need to work hard. I have  
22 confidence you will.

23                   If you want to -- as a presenter said, if  
24 you think it's so easy to just get preclearance from the  
25 Department of Justice, boy, it's not that easy. It's

1 not going to be that easy. If you want to make sure the  
2 lines are drawn, everything is in order, everyone has  
3 to -- everybody's input has to be noted and really move  
4 on it. You're not to let it haze over. Really do what  
5 you need to do.

6 I don't know if Rachel Villanueva, she  
7 spoke, a chapter member from Surprise and El Mirage.  
8 She ran several times. She used to be on the school  
9 board several times. Can't get on the school board now  
10 any time. Anybody that runs, since those developments,  
11 since the Anglos came on in Surprise, El Mirage, those  
12 came in, Jose Roy Delgado, now Mayor, City Councilman,  
13 he was almost ousted, it's very hard to get  
14 representation. Those are concerns we have.

15 Other representation, Phoenix Union is  
16 another example. It's a large district, forum, and  
17 NAACP, thanks to Reverend Tillman, got together with us  
18 and we sued and got them to break up into districts.  
19 Now we have a lot of representation because of our  
20 efforts.

21 If that's what it takes, I don't want, in  
22 reality, a lot of work for our community folks and don't  
23 want to do it. Demographics show we're 25 percent of  
24 Arizona's population in terms of Hispanics. Minority  
25 representation, 37 percent. If you take that into full

1 consideration, get rid of the grids you have, do them.  
2 Over, I know it's a beginning point. Here seriously,  
3 we're not going to allow those kind of things to happen  
4 without fights. I hope you don't want to have fights.  
5 I don't want to fight harder. I want to have good times  
6 as well as everybody else. Michael Belakowski  
7 (phonetic), worked with us back at the county, did  
8 redistricting with the county, city, and state, he and  
9 my daughter, Debbie Lopez, pushed hard to get  
10 representation there. We were unable to get a second  
11 County Board of Supervisor District. I have confidence  
12 you'll do it. Save us headaches. Save us headaches.  
13 Do the right thing.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Ms. Lopez.  
15 Again, I have one speaker slip left.  
16 If anyone else wishes to speak, give it to  
17 us.

18 Eric Ehst.

19 MR. EHST: E R I C E H S T.

20 One criteria of Proposition 106 is  
21 competitiveness. We talked a lot about making a lot of  
22 what sounded like packed districts to me. My only  
23 comment is that when the outcome of a election is known  
24 before the votes are even taken, nobody has a reason to  
25 come out and vote. I want to make sure the Commission

1 does take into account -- is taking into consideration  
2 competitive districts.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Is there anyone else  
4 wishing to speak?

5 If not, that concludes our meeting.

6 Let me state one more time, not that it  
7 hasn't been said enough this evening, there has been a  
8 lot of discussion about the grid maps. The grid maps  
9 are nothing more than a place to begin dialogue with the  
10 community. Every place pointed out about the grids  
11 going in needed to be pointed out about the grid. It  
12 means, to begin, we need information to begin about the  
13 final maps. As we move through the process, we hope to  
14 see you and all of your neighbors as we present draft  
15 maps for your consideration. I think you'll find we've  
16 listened and can understand the arguments made.

17 We very much appreciate your being here.

18 Thank you very much for being here and  
19 travel safely home this evening.

20 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at  
21 approximately 9:14 p.m.)

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