

**Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in
Sierra Vista, AZ: June 13, 2001**

“I’m looking forward to having Sierra Vista be all in one district instead of split. I think our community of interest certainly lies to the north and to the south.” – Tricia Gerrodette, Pg 29 Ln 7-10

“And in Sierra Vista if you live on the west side or the San Pedro I should say, my economic association outside of this city is with Tucson. My cultural association outside of this city is with Tucson.” –Jim Hortoan, Pg 30 Ln 4-8

“The first thing I hear is that we want to maintain our rural identity. We do not want to be combined with urban centers. People tell me that rural issues are different.” -Marsha Arzberger, Pg 32 Ln 19-22

“The border communities currently are included in one district, and they have common problems, so those borders communities they would like to keep those together.” -Arzberger, Pg 33 Ln 2-5.

“I also hear from Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, and part of Santa Cruz County. What I hear that they have common economic levels, that they trade together.” –Arzberger, Pg 33 Ln 6-9

“The smaller school districts have different problems than larger school districts.” – Arzberger Pg 33 Ln 14-15

“My comments today are please remove the split that’s in Cochise County.” – Leslie Thompson, Pg 34 Ln 6-7

“As everyone stated, border communities with similar interests are kept together.” –Jay Raschje, Pg 36 Ln 22-23

“The one that we point out is the one in northern Graham County where the computer, not knowing, has included the southern half of the San Carlos Indian Reservation. That probably is not wise and wouldn’t pass Justice in review.” –Ben Anderson, Jr., Pg 39 Ln 2-6

“We of course want Cochise County to stay one county. We’ve been proud of Cochise county.” – Anderson, Jr., Pg 39 Ln 22-24

“We wouldn’t want any of our municipalities, to wit, St. David, Benson, or Sierra Vista, to be split off or Gerrymandered to some other district.” – Anderson, Jr. Pg 39 Ln 25 and Pg 40 Ln 1-3

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