

Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in Tucson(Pima Community College), AZ: June 14, 2001

“So in the first instance I think that cultural tradition of the Hispanic population is the most important thing that I know of that we need to keep in mind as you start your redistricting work.” – Shirley Bankecott, Pg 27 Ln 3-6

“So what I would like to see with that, I understand the need to like pull that district into Pima County give, you know, the population hasn’t been assessed but maybe looking south to I think the more rural communities, I think Vail and ** you know, looking at the Santa Cruz County going out to the agricultural communities there. That might make some sense.” – Jed Prezelski, Pg 27 Ln 25 and Pg 28 Ln 1-7

“Folks in Saddle Brooke don’t even think of themselves as Pinal County people.” – Prezelski, Pg 28 Ln 22-23

“One concern I had by looking at the preliminary map is the parts of northeast Tucson, the community of Summherhaven up on Mount Lemmon and the community of Vail are all interlocked with both Tucson and Pima County. And yet by the preliminary map, they’re going to be in the same district as Cochise County and Greenlee, the other one over there. And yet they’re not – they don’t have anything of interest in Cochise or Sierra Vista or Douglas.” – Mike Jenkins, Pg 31 Ln 17-25 and Pg 32 Ln 1

“Green Valley has very, very little in common with Tucson or Nogales and yet we’re in that district. If there’s some way that you could put us from a community level, we are a community of 50 homeowner’s associations approximately of which 7, 5 to 7 are non age restricted.” – Pete Davis, Pg 39 Ln 15-20

“We have more in common with Tucson proper than we do with anything south of us. Yet we’re going all the way down to the Mexican border.” –Davis, Pg 40 Ln 4-6

“The congressional districts, as they are currently drawn, are not geographically compact. And if you start in Apache County where part of that is drawn now, is also in the same district with Cochise County. If you move that line down and then move and shift all of the district, you would create more geographically compact districts so we would not have to be driving from St. John’s to Bisbee or Ajo in order to effectively represent that district.” – Mary Judge Ryan, Pg 45 Ln 14-23

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