



the pie wedges come together, being flipped back and forth, and it actually demobilizes politics.” Still another argued that “an older neglected part of Tucson” (bounded by “King Road down to Irvington, off the Interstate, over to Campbell”) is a separate community of interest, characterized by a mid-to-low income population, an industrial base, and many small businesses that are struggling.

Another speaker offered several specific impressions of various communities of interest and argued (1) that Sun City and Sun City West should be kept together in the same legislative district, (2) that Saddle Brooke in Pinal County and Rancho Vistosa in Pima County form a community of interest and that the county boundaries separating them should be ignored when district lines are drawn, and (3) that the Rillito River is a significant geographic barrier and that there are significant differences between the people, communities, and interest north and south of the river.

Two speakers urged the Commission to reprint Citizen Input Forms in the state’s newspapers. Another asked that the minority population of the grid districts be made available to the public.

One speaker criticized the Commission for having no minority member; two worried about how the Commission would resolve the Hopi/Navajo question; and one noted that the Tohono O’Odham Nation would have no representation.

Seven speakers asked specific questions of the Commissioners including (1) how they could find out what people were saying at the other public hearings; (2) how the consultant was chosen; (3) whether the Commission could increase the number of legislative districts, given the growth in Arizona’s population, (4) how the grid would be adjusted to take into account the six criteria spelled out in Proposition 106, (5) why there were no numbers on the grid’s legislative and congressional districts, and (6) whether there would be eleven minority legislative districts and three minority congressional districts, given that the state’s minority population is thirty-six percent.

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                    School District lines  
                    Undivided Tucson

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