

**Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in Mesa, AZ: June 25, 2001**

“...I’ve heard, people West of Mill Avenue and North of, I think 13<sup>th</sup> Street and North of the lake have been in , in the last 20 years, I believe, in two different districts. One went to way east Mesa. One way into north Scottsdale, and didn’t feel they were part of their community. And that’s that.”-Meg Burton-Cahill, Pg 27 Ln 17-22

“I wanted you to be aware in Tempe Elementary School District, if you follow freeways, our school district, which is six miles by six miles, a small area like that, 202 and Red Mountain Freeway, our district lays north of that and part south.” –Mr. Despain, Pg 28 Ln 17-21

“I think the most important thing for you to consider, it looks like all you are taking into consideration is townships.” –Paul Petersen, Pg 29 Ln 19-21

“Mesa is four times the size of Gilbert and, what, 200 times the size of Queen Creek. Clearly we would be dwarfed for representation.”-Mike Evans Pg 31 Ln 8-10

“I think when looking at it in the metropolitan area, communities of interest make the most sense as municipal boundaries.” – Evans Pg 32 Ln 6-8

“Based on these concerns, our first concern is to divide Chandler into two districts using Dobson Road as the center dividing line.”-Thomas Padilla, Pg 34 Ln 1-3

“I, in looking at some of the current concepts out there, Tempe is being divided much more than we are right now. I think that would dilute the community of interest we have as a community.”-Neil Giuliano, Pg 35 Ln 11-14

“Dale mentioned Tempe Elementary School. It’s one of the few schools that pretty much are the boundaries of a city.”-Harry Mitchell, Pg 37 Ln 23-25

“In regard to Legislative Districts, the city is very much in favor of respecting city boundaries as well as communities of interest.”-Kevin Adam Pg 44, Ln 4-6

“I think it is most important, keeping communities intact, bringing particular groups together, such as a neighborhood association or minority concentrations.”-Fritz Tuffli, Pg 50 Ln 3-6

“I would like to address one issue no one has raised here, that rural areas in general and urban areas in general are diverse and separate communities of interest.” – Alan B. Kerman, Pg 54 Ln 15-18

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