

**Excerpts From the Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing in  
Globe, AZ: June 27, 2001**

“One of my concerns – or our concerns there is regarding the Congressional district, where Gila County is grouped with Coconino County, Navajo County, and North Apache County, is that as far as the communities within those – that huge district that they are considering, it would dilute the minority representation, especially the Hispanic and the Native American population.” – Jose Aranda, Pg 33 Ln 6-11

“And a person that lives in Happy Valley – on Happy Valley Road, which is part of the Congressional district, or will be as it’s proposed right now, is not going to know bananas about south Gila County mining, agriculture.” –Aranda, Pg 33 Ln 21-24

“First, I believe that as a District Seven – as a community of interest, we look at the overall picture, and it would be the mining industry, and the agricultural, and then the Indian communities. So in defining your grid, that map was made basically without any of these interests in mind.” – Joe Rios, Pg 38 Ln 8-13

“You’ve added to District Seven portions of Pinal County that won’t fit it. Those are basically some millionaire people, some people that have got a lot of money. Maybe not all minorities, but people that can afford to pay \$250,000 for the lot they are going to put the house on. I don’t see any community of interest between here and a retired farmer, or miner, or like that.”- Rios, Pg 38 Ln 24-25 and Pg 39 Ln 1-5

“I was looking at those lines and discovered it took 60 percent more Pascua Yaqui Indians than live in eastern Arizona, and that means that when they voted there would not be enough votes from them. It would be like a BB in a boxcar.”-Rios, Pg 42 Ln 11-15

“Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Globe Mayor and Council of the City of Globe hereby request the chairman and all members of the Independent Redistricting Commission... to delineate the district’s new boundaries in a manner that will result in effective, meaningful and equitable representation of all interests of the rural citizens of Arizona by providing realistic opportunities for residents of rural Arizona to be represented by a person who also resides within rural Arizona.” – Roberta Johnson, reading from a resolution from the City of Globe, Pg 45 Ln 22-25 and Pg 46 Ln 1-7

“We have two communities of interest in Gila county aside from the Native Americans and the mining communities, and they include the San Carlos and the White Mountain Apache tribes.” – Ted Thayer, vice chairman of the Gila County Democratic party, Pg 48 Ln 11-14

“The most important dividing line in Arizona is not racial or anything else. It is simply Phoenix versus all the rest of us.” -Jeff Leatherman, Pg 57 Ln 14-16

“Tucson has been split into two Congressional districts, and it would be wonderful if they have Tucson in one.” – Leatherman, Pg 58 Ln 15-17

“I think our present districting plan is a total disaster, which I think results from Phoenix, the fact that five of our six Congressional districts are controlled by Phoenix and two of our legislative districts are somehow touching Maricopa County. – Leatherman, Pg 60 Ln 8-12

“I saw one just this morning splitting Maricopa – I mean, splitting Globe and Miami. Well, what kind of sense is that, you know? I mean, Jimminy, talk about community interest.”-Jack Brown, member of the State Senate, Pg 62 Ln 25 and Pg 63 Ln 1-3

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