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2       COMMISSION convened in Public Session on September 4,  
3       2001, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., in Maricopa County at  
4       Estrella Mountain Community College, 3000 North Dysart  
5       Road, Avondale, Arizona, in the presence of:

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7       APPEARANCES:

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PRESENTATION BY:

VICE CHAIRMAN ANDI MINKOFF

SPEAKERS FROM CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

- MAYOR WOODY THOMAS
- MAYOR WILLIAM ARNOLD
- MR. BRENT HEISS
- MS. NAME HOUX
- MAYOR RON DRAKE
- MR. RICHARD HOPKINS
- COUNCILWOMAN BETTY S. LYNCH
- GLORIA O'DONNELL
- MR. RUDOLFO H. PEREZ, JR.
- MR. DAVID JONES
- ANONYMOUS SPEAKER
- MS. SHARAYN HOHMA
- MR. STEVE GALLARDO
- VICE MAYOR MARIE LOPEZ ROGERS - Avondale
- MR. BRENT HEISS

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'd like to call the meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission to order.

I'd like the record to show Vice Chairman Minkoff and I are present with our consultant and legal counsel, Lisa Hauser.

(Whereupon the Chairman asks the audience in Spanish if anyone needs the services of an interpreter. No one indicates the need for an interpreter.)

CHAIRMAN LYNN: This afternoon we're here to hear from the public on the Congressional and Legislative draft maps published. We have, as is our usual custom, to give you a historical view of where we are and how we got there, a Power Point presentation.

We'd ask the Vice Chairman of the Commission, Andrea Minkoff, to present that Power Point presentation at this time.

1                   This is Mr. Echeveste, our Executive  
2 Director. He has in his hand speaker slips which you  
3 need to fill out if you wish to address the Commission  
4 this afternoon. If you'd raise your hand if you need a  
5 speaker slip, Mr. Echeveste will get you one if you wish  
6 to be heard later this afternoon.

7                   Ms. Minkoff.

8                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Chairman.

10                   Ladies and gentlemen, I want to add my  
11 welcome to those of the Chairman.

12                   This is one in the second round of public  
13 hearings. We're holding these hearings in many parts of  
14 the state and we're going to begin with the Power Point  
15 presentation.

16                   Tonight we'll be at South Mountain  
17 Community College at 6:30. I'd invite you to that  
18 meeting as well.

19                   The purpose of these hearings is to obtain  
20 your opinions on the draft plans we've developed. We'll  
21 be showing examples of the districts we've drawn and  
22 explain why we drew them the way we did. There are also  
23 maps you may have picked up or you can pick up on the  
24 table near the entrance. There are maps up on the wall  
25 that you can look at after the meeting. And there are

1 also citizen kits that are in manila envelopes like  
2 this. I hope you each pick one up. They're full of all  
3 kinds of good information.

4           There are maps there with details and it  
5 explains each of the districts for you.

6           If you don't have one and want one right  
7 now, once again, raise your hand and someone from the  
8 staff can bring these in and get one to you.

9           Please remember, the maps we're going to  
10 show this afternoon are drafts. We know they can be  
11 improved. Some have already told us ways they can be  
12 improved. We know they can be improved. We believe  
13 they can be improved.

14           Last year the people voted by a  
15 substantial majority to establish the Redistricting  
16 Commission. Proposition 106 established criteria for  
17 drawing new districts. These are criteria as stated in  
18 Proposition 106.

19           The first two criteria listed up there as  
20 A and B, right there, are actually federal criteria. We  
21 have to comply with the United States Constitution, and  
22 we have to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

23           The United States Constitution says we  
24 have to have districts that are essentially equal in  
25 population. The Voting Rights Act says that we have to

1 protect the rights of minorities to elect candidates of  
2 their choosing.

3 We are subject to Title V of the Voting  
4 Rights Act. And before our districts go into effect,  
5 the US Department of Justice will have to preclear them,  
6 will have to approve them.

7 Rule C says districts shall be  
8 geographically compact and contiguous to the extent  
9 practicable.

10 D says the same thing about respecting  
11 communities of interest, to the extent practicable.

12 E says that we should use visible  
13 geographic features, political boundaries, city limits,  
14 county boundaries, and undivided Census tracts.

15 The last of the rules, rule F, requires us  
16 to try to make competitive districts.

17 Once we've addressed other criteria, we  
18 need to address districts so long as it creates no  
19 significant detriment to other criteria. I'll address  
20 that specific criteria later on.

21 Proposition 106 had something unique in  
22 it. No other state had such a requirement. We had to  
23 begin designing a grid with geometric lines as a  
24 beginning point with population equality as the only  
25 consideration. The only thing we had to create was

1 eight Congressional Districts and 30 Legislative  
2 Districts with essentially equal population.

3 In designing the grid we decided to use  
4 townships and give you a pretty grid-like pattern of  
5 building blocks. We then combined whole Census tracts  
6 to combine whole population.

7 Here are the Congressional and Legislative  
8 grids. You may say she said townships and straight  
9 lines and grid, all of that, and that doesn't look very  
10 grid-like. That's because of the imposition of Census  
11 tracts on townships to provide for equal population.  
12 Census tracts never cross county boundaries. That's why  
13 you see county boundaries as the lines. Census tracts  
14 are usually irregular in shape. That accounts for the  
15 nongrid like look of our grid.

16 New grids would have to be adjusted,  
17 because the don't satisfy all the other requirements of  
18 106. They are fairly compact and contiguous, use  
19 undivided Census tracts, split cities, split counties,  
20 split Indian Reservations.

21 We do have to take the reservations into  
22 consideration, address the Proposition 106 requirements.

23 To help us adjust the grid, we had 24  
24 public hearings in the first series of public hearings  
25 across the state.

1                   We invited the citizens to complete the  
2 input forms, write to us, use the website, send us  
3 e-mails. We had an incredible amount of citizen input.  
4 And summaries of the input made it very clear Arizona  
5 had a firm belief respecting communities of interest,  
6 respecting boundaries of cities, towns, counties, and  
7 local governments. It was clear those should be the  
8 basic principles guiding our approach to drawing these  
9 district maps.

10                   We also learned from this first round of  
11 public hearings what people saw as communities of  
12 interest. And there were three major communities of  
13 interest that came out loud and clear during these  
14 public hearings.

15                   First, Native Americans and tribal  
16 reservations should be respected. Second was we should  
17 respect Hispanic communities of interest. And the third  
18 was that the interests of rural and urban communities  
19 were very different and to the extent possible they  
20 should be separated in the drawing of districts. We  
21 heard this, incidentally, from both rural and urban  
22 residents in input, they saw the interests as very, very  
23 different and meriting separation of districts.

24                   The people who came to our first round of  
25 public hearings and provided input via mail and the

1 website also helped us design the Arizona Units of  
2 Representation, AURs, and told us what their units of  
3 interest were, told us what the units of interest were  
4 and who they were. The interests of people around the  
5 state they felt were especially important in the region.  
6 These were people we looked at in drawing draft maps.

7 We'll be showing the maps, districts, in a  
8 minute. We think it's worthwhile to show the  
9 differences between these drafts and existing districts  
10 drawn by the Legislature 10 years ago.

11 The draft districts split less than half  
12 the cities and towns. The existing districts split 16  
13 cities and towns. Our draft split only six.

14 Similarly, the existing Legislative  
15 Districts split 39 cities and towns. The draft  
16 districts split a third of that, 13 cities and towns.

17 That's also true of counties. I'll give  
18 you the county statistics. Keep in mind we're talking  
19 eight Congressional Districts. 10 years ago there were  
20 only six, six existing districts and they included five  
21 split counties. We added two, and we now have six  
22 counties split.

23 The existing Legislative Districts  
24 included 13 split counties. Our draft map split only  
25 nine counties. Two counties, Pima County and Maricopa,

1 would be split under any plan as they are too large to  
2 be contained in a single Legislative or Congressional  
3 District.

4 We truly minimized the splits in the draft  
5 maps.

6 The draft plans as mentioned before  
7 respect communities of interest.

8 We mentioned three major communities of  
9 interest before: Tribal reservations have been  
10 undivided, and in many cases various tribes are combined  
11 within the same district. Hispanic communities of  
12 interest are kept together in many cases. And rural and  
13 urban communities are separated as much as possible.

14 Many of the other AURs, Arizona units of  
15 representation, are also respected by the draft plan.  
16 Obviously not all are because some are in direct  
17 conflict with one another.

18 As much as we could, we respected all of  
19 the AURs.

20 We mentioned competitiveness earlier.  
21 Proposition 106 does not allow us to consider  
22 competitiveness until the first stage of the mapping  
23 process is complete. That stage is now complete with  
24 the publication of the draft map. Under Proposition 106  
25 we're now supposed to adjust the draft maps to provide

1 competitive districts when doing so would cause no  
2 substantial detriment to the other characteristics we  
3 already talked about, and that's one of the things we're  
4 going to be doing during and after this second round of  
5 public hearings. And that's one thing I'm sure many of  
6 you will have comments about.

7 We solicit comments, if you have  
8 suggestions as to how we should make districts more  
9 competitive.

10 Now is time to show you the draft plans  
11 beginning with Congressional Districts.

12 These are eight the Congressional  
13 Districts. I'm sure you notice it's very hard to see  
14 them because there's not a lot of contrast on that map.  
15 In the map in the citizen kit, you may have an easier  
16 time seeing these maps.

17 The contrast will show up much, much better if  
18 looking closer at the maps in your citizen kit.

19 These are the eight Congressional  
20 Districts in our draft plan. And these are the  
21 Legislative Districts that are in the greater Phoenix  
22 Metropolitan area.

23 These are the Congressional Districts in  
24 the Tucson Metropolitan area.

25 There's an example of something going

1 across the county boundary, a little pink blip at the  
2 top, the community of Saddlebrooke at the top which is  
3 more connected to the southern suburbs that went with.  
4 That to pick up, a substantial portion of Tucson is in  
5 it.

6 Here are draft maps of the Legislative  
7 District. Once again, you'll probably have trouble  
8 seeing detail on this screen. I refer you to the maps  
9 in your kit.

10 These are drafts of the Legislative  
11 Districts in Tucson, and these are maps in the Phoenix  
12 area.

13 Now we are looking to you to help us in  
14 the next stage of the process. Our hope is you'll take  
15 the opportunity today to let us know your opinions,  
16 whether favorable or negative. If you like things the  
17 way they are, please tell us. I assure you, people that  
18 want changes will tell us. If you prefer things not be  
19 changed, we need to hear from you as well. Be as  
20 detailed as you possibly can. If you want to mention  
21 specific boundary lines, town limits, streets, specific  
22 areas, that's great. We love input like that. If  
23 comments are more general, that's all right as well. If  
24 you want to testify, let me remind you of what Mr. Lynn  
25 said. We need a specific speaker form. If you don't

1 have one, raise your hand. We'll remind you a couple  
2 times during the meeting. If there's something you need  
3 to say, we'll bring you a speaker form to fill out.

4           There is also in the citizen kit, I went  
5 too far, in your citizen kit there is a form to fill  
6 out. You can fill that out today and hand it in. It's  
7 a very short form, won't take long, or you can fill it  
8 out and mail it in.

9           If you prefer to go to the website, the  
10 form is there, fill it out and send it in  
11 electronically. The website is there,  
12 [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org). There's lots of wonderful  
13 information. It's very easy to use. Anything new,  
14 anything updated is there.

15           If you want to find out what happened at  
16 some other public hearings around the state, summaries  
17 are posted on the website. You can find out what said  
18 Sierra Vista said or they say tomorrow night in  
19 Prescott, after a few days. Visit it soon and visit  
20 often.

21           Now is the time to hear from you, see what  
22 adjustments you'd like to have made.

23           CHAIRMAN LYNN: The rest of the meeting is  
24 devoted to you.

25           Let me make a couple more introductions.

1 I'd like to introduce the rest of the staff and  
2 consultants with us today.

3           On my right is Alan Heslop representing  
4 our consultant, National Demographics, in the process.  
5 At the far end of table to my left, first is Lisa Nance,  
6 the public stenographer. Next to Lisa is Paul Cullor,  
7 who is with the staff here. There are two staff members  
8 in back, or were two, Mike Saunders is at the back  
9 table. I'm sorry you weren't able to have met Cindy,  
10 the other staff person here helping setting up.

11           We're very fortunate to have the kind  
12 staff support we have.

13           As you know, this is temporary work.  
14 We're to be finished in mid-October, and the quality of  
15 the staff we've been able to put together has been  
16 really superb. We're very appreciative.

17           CHAIRMAN LYNN: With that, I have four  
18 speaker slips. If more wish to speak, I invite you not  
19 to wait too long to get those in.

20           Let me take the slips as you turned them  
21 in. If you would, spell name for the stenographer, if  
22 you complete remarks, remain at the podium, if you  
23 might. If necessary, we may engage you in conversation,  
24 if we might. We may have questions or might want  
25 further explanation of some things you've told us and

1 appreciate that opportunity.

2 Without further adieu, I'll call on Woody  
3 Thomas, Mayor of Litchfield.

4 MR. THOMAS: Woody Thomas, W O O D Y,  
5 T H O M A S, Mayor of Litchfield Park.

6 Thank you coming to Estrella Park. Here  
7 in Litchfield Park, we appreciate your adjusting the  
8 schedule to hear from us. Thank you for the maps as the  
9 Legislative comments are prepared.

10 My comments, I don't know how much is  
11 incorporated, my needs were met with your redistricting.  
12 That does seem to keep us within the Southwest areas of  
13 Maricopa County, which we are much more aligned with.  
14 Any adjustments that may occur from this hearing I also  
15 appreciate in keeping that flavor of the southwest  
16 valley, more of cities, less county areas, especially  
17 county areas unincorporated yet filled with a large  
18 populous.

19 The Congressional Districts, I guess when  
20 I first looked at it, sure, fine, a large Congressional  
21 District. It didn't necessarily, it got thrown with  
22 some areas that don't necessarily reflect a majority of  
23 the community of Litchfield Park. It's still  
24 acceptable. Statistics have shown it seemed you did  
25 quite a bit of work to narrow the splits.

1                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Comments or questions for  
2 Mayor Thomas?

3                   Mayor Thomas, back to your comments on the  
4 Legislative map, if we might. I know you are expressing  
5 in general appreciation or agreement with the maps as  
6 you see it, but you made a comment relative to placing  
7 Litchfield Park more with areas incorporated rather than  
8 unincorporated areas of the county.

9                   MAYOR THOMAS: Yes.

10                  CHAIRMAN LYNN: Would you be specific  
11 where you see Litchfield Park's interests at work?

12                  MAYOR THOMAS: More and more of the  
13 communities' areas are yet to be developed, areas known  
14 as Sun City and Sun City West. Those areas don't  
15 reflect the majority of Litchfield Park as it's brought  
16 up. The current Representatives, two, a Representative  
17 and a Senator, are currently in Sun City. I do wish to  
18 be cautious with that. As well, we've met with some  
19 citizens in Litchfield Park that felt strength in having  
20 Sun City residents in the district. I'm not of that  
21 opinion and believe most members of Litchfield Park are  
22 more in tune toward families, school needs, growing  
23 community needs, and these types issues.

24                  We've had an issue before the Council,  
25 some fair housing rights and discussions. The past

1 history of Sun City, their view toward housing would not  
2 necessarily be consistent with ours.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you.

4 Other comments or questions for Mayor  
5 Thomas?

6 MAYOR THOMAS: Thank you.

7 Unfortunately, I have to get back to work.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I can well appreciate  
9 that. My company thinks I should get back to well as  
10 work.

11 The next speaker is Mayor Arnold, Mayor of  
12 the City of Goodyear.

13 MAYOR ARNOLD: Thank you, Commissioners.

14 Like Mayor Thomas, I'm delighted you set  
15 aside the time. As Mayor Thomas said, I'm sorry you  
16 have to be away from your job for a while.

17 I'm delighted with the map as I see it  
18 here. Being from Goodyear, we're a developing city. As  
19 with most of the cities in West Valley, we are fast  
20 developing cities, and our needs are schools, better  
21 transportation, which we don't necessarily share with  
22 the Sun City area.

23 I have one, I guess, question. I'm  
24 wondering why it's happening this way on the map. I'm  
25 wondering what used to be District 15, I don't know what

1 district number it will come out, 83rd Avenue to 43rd  
2 Avenue right around Northern Avenue, there's a jog in  
3 there. I know you have to abide by population. But I'm  
4 wondering why you would have split the City of Avondale  
5 and gone up there with your map and not had 83rd Avenue,  
6 gone all the way down to Yuma Road and follow State  
7 Route 85. It seems like Avondale is a developing city  
8 just like the City of Buckeye and Goodyear and  
9 Litchfield Park. I wondered why that went on there.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Let's be specific there,  
11 83rd Avenue going south?

12 MAYOR ARNOLD: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Down to 85?

14 MAYOR ARNOLD: Go down west, follow State  
15 Route 85 to where it goes down. Seems like the  
16 population there would be about the same as what the jog  
17 is in the central part of the map there you see from the  
18 floor there.

19 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: So the area you are  
20 talking about you feel maybe doesn't fit the extreme  
21 eastern end of the district, that little, narrow band.

22 MAYOR ARNOLD: Absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: District M, which  
24 includes the area you are talking about possibly moving  
25 in, from Yuma Road over to 83rd Avenue, also includes

1 the community of Tolleson. Does that split Tolleson or  
2 is it outside the limits of Tolleson?

3           MAYOR ARNOLD: Probably splits Tolleson,  
4 goes further south, which is probably why you picked the  
5 map the way it was. Just seemed like the way it was  
6 now, if grouping development, developing cities,  
7 Avondale considered -- I understand the Mayor of  
8 Avondale is here, too. I'm sure he'll speak on the  
9 issue.

10           Other than that, I'm totally delighted to  
11 get our community out of extreme north area of Sun City,  
12 Sun City West.

13           CHAIRMAN LYNN: We've heard community  
14 testimony to the effect of the interstate highways, they  
15 don't split neighborhoods, they do split neighborhoods,  
16 or they should be ignored. The I-10 neighborhood, part  
17 area fairly broad swaths that cut some communities. Can  
18 you speak, we have that part of the valley that used  
19 I-10 as a significant part of the border between M and L  
20 as we go west. Do you have an opinion as to how that --  
21 how the Interstate impacts in terms of whether or not it  
22 really is an artificial barrier and should be ignored or  
23 whether it should be respected?

24           MAYOR ARNOLD: It should be ignored.  
25 There's needs on both besides, agriculture, 17 and a

1 half percent per year, population will double in four  
2 years, needs will double. That population picks up a  
3 fast growth area also.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Other comments or  
5 questions for Mayor Arnold?

6 Thank you very much.

7 MAYOR ARNOLD: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I remind you, I have two  
9 speaker slips left. Please make sure we get a speaker  
10 slip for you.

11 Brent Heiss.

12 Mr. Heiss.

13 MR. HEISS: I'm Brent Heiss, B R E N T,  
14 H E I S S.

15 I live at 8212 West Rowland Avenue. I got  
16 stationed here in 1992. I got settled out here at Luke.  
17 I'm glad Mayor Drake got you here, commend him for  
18 getting you guys back out here.

19 As Mayor Arnold addressed, the idea of  
20 North-South of I-10, I'm on the committee redistricting  
21 the boundary of the Agua Fria as one thing being looked  
22 at to -- trying to break the stigma, perhaps, of the  
23 boundary up the Agua Fria River up north Dysart Road.

24 I hope the citizens approve the hard work.

25 The stigma of North-South I-10, I think

1 really, if you look at the map, what could really help,  
2 if you brought it down, included Tolleson, and Goodyear  
3 and Litchfield Park, the Southwest Valley Chamber of  
4 Commerce out here, Avondale has been working very close  
5 with Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Tolleson to bring things  
6 to the community. There's a lot of ag. land that will  
7 eventually become developed land, houses, things like  
8 that, I think, to give us that southwest flavor.

9                   The only other comments I had, on the  
10 Congressional map, I'm sure Ed Pastor will do a great  
11 job. I'm sure what Bob Stump has done, Luke Air Force  
12 Base, Mr. Stump's the Chairman of the Armed Services  
13 Committee right now. In doing the research, the  
14 Chairman, Vice Chairman, when it's your base, does not  
15 vote. A lot of people in Arizona do not want that base  
16 closed. Mr. Stump has done a lot along with Pastor.  
17 Arizona has three Representatives. I'd like Avondale to  
18 be able to save the two Representatives we have so to  
19 have a greater voice. Once Arizona does, and Goodyear,  
20 along with Buckeye, there's a lot of land and everybody  
21 seems to be moving this way.

22                   Those are my comments.

23                   Thanks to Mayor Drake.

24                   And that it on splitting, too, the stigma,  
25 North-South, as well.

1                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I appreciate your  
2 comments about the freeway.

3                   Would it be possible for you to explain to  
4 us what you'd see as better lines between M and L?

5                   MR. HEISS: Yeah. If you went out to 83rd  
6 Avenue and came down through Tolleson and went all the  
7 way down Baseline and took that N and just added, add  
8 that area to the N. And then N, moved the O over, or  
9 something, or possibly, I guess you have to have those  
10 districts, but I think there might be some other areas.  
11 I haven't had a chance to go through your whole packet,  
12 where you can possibly do some things. Possibly push  
13 the packet through what the Southwest Valley Chamber of  
14 Commerce is trying to do, kind of separates things.

15                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: I can understand  
16 perhaps seeing things for the first time. It would be  
17 very helpful to us, help us react to your comments, if  
18 not necessarily right now, you have a citizen kit. The  
19 boundaries are in it. Keeping in mind if we pull any  
20 population out of a district, we have to put essentially  
21 the same amount back in. Districts are fairly balanced  
22 populationwise. Perhaps respond by e-mail.

23                   MR. HEISS: Happy to.

24                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Let us know how  
25 you'd work to achieve equal population populationwise.

1                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker is Jane Houx.

2                   MS. HOUX: Houx.

3                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: "Houx."

4                   MS. HOUX: Jane Houx, H O U X.

5                   I've been a citizen of Avondale about 12  
6 years. I've seen it grow. I've seen in the past two  
7 years, this city council try to unite the south and  
8 north part.

9                   The freeway is a stigma. We fight that.  
10 I am in the oldest housing development, the southwest  
11 housing development in Avondale.

12                   When you divide us, the north freeway in  
13 this district, south is going to be in this district,  
14 you are tearing the heart out of my city. We need to be  
15 united. We are one city. We need to be in one  
16 district.

17                   Years ago I marched against segregation.  
18 That's what you are doing now, putting it in. One  
19 neighbor thought it was an entirely different ethnic  
20 group. That's something we don't want to address. We  
21 want to move forward. We want to go forward.

22                   We need, and I feel, as some other ones  
23 do, we have been with Goodyear, Litchfield Park, as a  
24 whole. In time, when you cut something in half, you do  
25 damage to it, no matter how you do it.

1                   This city has to be united in it's  
2 district as well in every other way.

3                   I'm just an average citizen. That's how I  
4 feel. My neighbors and I, some were not able to come.  
5 A lot work, some are sick. And they asked me to express  
6 this. We want to be whole, to be kept as a whole city  
7 so we can work as a whole city, so we can be represented  
8 by the same Legislator. Don't split us up.

9                   My one neighbor wanted me to ask what the  
10 majority of the ethnic group would be and what the  
11 annual income is when you split us up.

12                   But like I say, I like my town. And I  
13 don't want the heart tore out of it.

14                   We're working to get past that stigma and  
15 I'm asking you to reconsider and regroup us.

16                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Houx, how far north of  
17 I-10 does the Avondale city boundary go? If you don't  
18 know, I'll ask the Mayor, and he should know.

19                   MS. HOUX: This is a test, Mr. Mayor.

20                   I know it goes to 107th and Thomas, but  
21 I'm not really certain how far. Like I say, I-10, you  
22 go onto that, you are still on it; over that, still in  
23 Avondale.

24                   Keep us in Avondale.

25                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you. I appreciate

1 it.

2 Speaking of the Mayor, that's the last  
3 slip I have.

4 MS. HAUSER: One more.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Mayor.

6 MAYOR DRAKE: I'm Mayor Drake, and I live  
7 at 3134 West Safe Circle in Avondale, 85253.

8 I don't know why I'm so nervous today. I  
9 am. I think it's my passion for the City of Avondale  
10 and the changes that have occurred in the last two  
11 years.

12 I read the minutes from your meeting, and  
13 there was a comment about gerrymandering vs. the  
14 community of interest. And that point about community  
15 of interest struck a point in my heart. That's what  
16 we're about, community of interest.

17 I saw some things in the minutes worthy of  
18 mentioning again, probably truths. I don't think it  
19 represents the City of Avondale, necessarily, in that  
20 respect.

21 The median income of the east, south of  
22 Avondale, median household income was 15,500. That  
23 might be true. Similar to Tolleson, South Phoenix,  
24 human services, similar to all cities across the United  
25 Cities, all human services, the food stamps percentage

1 of residents is high as in other communities.  
2 Financially the communities in Avondale are working to  
3 change that. Education, it's very true, we're very  
4 challenged. We're working to change that. We have two  
5 schools and a high school planned as well. It's a rural  
6 area now and quickly changing.

7 I think that's the point of us being here  
8 today and that's why I requested, along with other  
9 Mayors and Representatives and Supervisors, you come out  
10 today.

11 The community is changing. The community  
12 of interest vs. the interests of the community, the most  
13 important point, and the people here, I have counsel  
14 members here and hope they come up and address you  
15 today. The interests of the community is foremost in my  
16 mind.

17 I reiterate what we presented at the first  
18 hearing, and I thank you for being here. I think they  
19 are truths. I don't think the perception of Avondale  
20 has changed since seen in the first light.

21 When I look at the redistricting  
22 boundaries created, you took those into account. I'm  
23 glad the people stand up for the City of Avondale and  
24 believe they're true, working at breakdown that I-10  
25 boundary. They are not demographic boundaries. They

1 are where their forefathers, previous leaders, chose to  
2 create and develop.

3 The leadership is in the north part,  
4 across I-10. We'll mirror what has been accomplished in  
5 the north part of Avondale in the south part.

6 If you look at what is going on now in the  
7 south part, the Chamber, Tolleson, Litchfield Park,  
8 Buckeye, Goodyear, Avondale, I don't think they mirror  
9 South Phoenix, what will go on, what is going to be  
10 going on in the future.

11 The letter I sent to you, I appreciate  
12 that you responded. It was signed by five Mayors from  
13 the Southwest Valley, the West Valley Fine Arts Council,  
14 supported by all five Southwest cities. We supported  
15 the football stadium, support the football stadiums,  
16 Southwest community cities.

17 The median age is 27.9 years old.  
18 Education, 30 percent of the Avondale residents have  
19 college education. Median household is over 30,000.

20 Avondale is a vibrant community,  
21 economically sound. Residents are coming to Avondale,  
22 and they would not come if it were a gloomy picture.  
23 Costco, Harkins Theatre is building their largest  
24 theatre in Avondale. We have an auto-mallplex building  
25 a large mall, and they are building a large shopping

1 mall.

2 Avondale needs to stay together, to mirror  
3 the communities in the southwest valley rather than  
4 South Phoenix.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNN: If you help us, identify  
6 the southwest valleys, take the point. If you need a  
7 copy of the map, we're happy to have you look at this  
8 one. Would you help us with the boundary lines in  
9 whatever detail you can identify for Avondale north of  
10 the freeway?

11 MAYOR DRAKE: Bell Road.

12 Indian Road to Dysart, almost to  
13 Litchfield Road, and almost to 99th Avenue. And we  
14 actually go over to a part of the Phoenix Trap and Skeet  
15 Club north of 99th School.

16 And any council members, if I make a  
17 mistake, please correct me.

18 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: If we are able to  
19 unite Avondale in one district, would you prefer the  
20 part be moved in M or part in L be moved to M?

21 MAYOR DRAKE: I'll assume the light purple  
22 is L?

23 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Lighter purple is  
24 L.

25 MAYOR DRAKE: I believe that's the future

1 of Avondale and what is going on in Avondale today.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any other comments or  
3 questions for the Mayor?

4 MAYOR DRAKE: Thank you very much for  
5 having me.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Anyone holding speaker  
7 slips?

8 MS. HAUSER: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: That's what they do, hold  
10 them.

11 MS. HAUSER: Surprise.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I think I'm close to  
13 finished and then.

14 MS. HAUSER: Surprise.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Next speaker, Richard  
16 Hopkins.

17 MR. HOPKINS: I'm Richard Hopkins. I live  
18 at 225 East of Buckeye, Arizona. I'm here today solely  
19 for myself. Nobody asked me to come except my own  
20 volition.

21 Looking at maps L, Y, Z, I heard of  
22 community of interest. D, L, Y separates the community  
23 of Buckeye in three separate Legislative interests. I  
24 done research, checked the website, and I can't fathom  
25 why Nogales and Buckeye is put together in the same

1 Legislative District nor can I fathom what Buckeye and  
2 Rainbow has to do with somebody at Rainbow and Northern  
3 or that a citizen in Buckeye has something to do with  
4 the great Ponderosa Forest outside of Prescott.

5                   You have made a pie out of the community  
6 of Buckeye and separated neighbors, the same school  
7 district, same children -- the high school district is  
8 split, which might be fine in one of the larger  
9 communities such as Phoenix or Mesa.

10                   Population you have, it needs to be,  
11 looking at other maps, Yuma is all one district,  
12 Kingman, Lake Havasu City, to name a few, are all in one  
13 district.

14                   I, honestly, can't figure out how this  
15 drawing came to show the community of Buckeye's needs to  
16 be in three separate communities of district with our  
17 neighbors of Wickenburg and Gila Bend.

18                   I ask you to reconsider splitting Buckeye  
19 and in two and splitting Wickenburg into three separate  
20 Legislative Districts.

21                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: The next speaker is Betty  
22 Lynch, a member of the Avondale City Council.

23                   COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: I've been a member of  
24 the Avondale City Council and also a resident of  
25 Avondale. If I sound nervous, it's because I just had

1 surgery, was given a shot anesthesia and I'm allergic.

2 I have my cell phone set to 911.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I have a DPS officer ready  
4 to get you anywhere where you need to go.

5 COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: Thank you.

6 First of all, Proposition 106 says item D,  
7 put in communities of interest. I'm adding, as the  
8 Mayor did, interests of the community, into the plan.  
9 It also says we'll try to honor city boundaries. I'm  
10 going to be brief. I'm going to quote something in the  
11 press, the West Valley Tribune. Headlines are  
12 "Tri-Cities Belong in Same District," and talking about  
13 all of the Tri-Cities. And it says these suggestions  
14 would dilute a Hispanic make-up, south make-up, in the  
15 south valley, and a Tolleson unified West Valley  
16 district would give residents more voice in issues that  
17 affect them, the Avondale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park,  
18 Buckeye, Tolleson residents, than they do the residents  
19 in the square mile bounded by Bethany Home Road, 43rd  
20 Avenue to 51st Avenue, the road northeast of the  
21 district.

22 Preservation of the district is a major  
23 issue of the Arizona redistricting mission. A unified  
24 district would preserve areas of the district.

25 I ask of you, Avondale goes to the north

1 to Indian School Road. If we need to go as far as 83rd  
2 Avenue to keep Tolleson with us, then take that district  
3 all the way down to take it in. Move everything west of  
4 83rd Avenue into L. If you need to take something out,  
5 go up to Northern or West Olive, El Mirage Avenue, Sun  
6 City West, the Sun City areas, use all those individuals  
7 as volunteers in their city and take that out and move  
8 it up with those people with whom they have more  
9 interest. That keeps Avondale together, keeps Tolleson  
10 with us, Goodyear, Litchfield Park.

11 As I said at the last hearing, when we go  
12 down to the National League of Cities each March and  
13 meet with Congressional people down there for the wants  
14 we have and bills we want done, it's very difficult to  
15 do that and get the support we need, particularly if  
16 that support comes back to the county and we're part of  
17 South Phoenix, and South Phoenix gets the funds we  
18 really asked for for the Tri-City Community.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Lynch, thank you very  
20 much.

21 I don't want to keep you any longer in  
22 your postsurgical recovery.

23 COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: No problem.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We struggle with competing  
25 problems all the time.

1                   If it were clear, simple, one community  
2 over another, nice, simple, we'd have done it a long  
3 time ago.

4                   We ask a question, the three concepts we  
5 consistently juggle, ask you to take the three concepts  
6 and prioritize them from your position. One, the idea  
7 of community of interest. The second notion is  
8 competitive districts. And the third is voting rights  
9 compliance. Would you prioritize those?

10                   COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: Community of interest  
11 comes first. We worked 24 hours a day for two years to  
12 bring the city Avondale to a city not divided north and  
13 south. I don't want to break that up. Second is voting  
14 rights, voting rights of people to help build on the  
15 community of people, people voting. And the other is  
16 third.

17                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Ms. Minkoff.

18                   COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Ms. Lynch, it  
19 seemed you began speaking about the Legislative  
20 interest. I think I understand your concerns very, very  
21 well. Now I'm looking at the Congressional map. It  
22 looks like Avondale is not divided by the boundary of  
23 Congressional dealings up to Indian School Dysart a  
24 little west and puts Avondale and Tolleson as one you  
25 represented.

1 COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Does this work for  
3 you?

4 COUNCILWOMAN LYNCH: I much prefer that  
5 the Congressional District come down at 83rd and put it  
6 over with A, because as the Mayors pointed out, all the  
7 speakers pointed out, we don't look like South Phoenix.  
8 We have entirely different needs than Avondale does. As  
9 Avondale grows more, our Mayors of the West Valley meet  
10 once a month, city managers meet sometimes weekly, all  
11 the city aides are starting to meet weekly. All things  
12 are happening weekly. We're working together and  
13 planning together.

14 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Speedy recovery.

16 Glo McDonald. Ms. O'Donnell.

17 MS. O'DONNELL: First of all, I don't envy  
18 your job. I don't understand all the boundaries. And I  
19 looked at them, and I know it's a big undertaking;  
20 however, the Southwest Lending Closet Group lends out  
21 hospital equipment to anyone in the southwest valley, to  
22 Tolleson, Avondale, Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Buckeye,  
23 and Luke Air Force Base. We loan this out to them for  
24 free. We started in May of 2000.

25 Over this past year and a half, I guess

1 you would say, we have seen everybody working together.  
2 These particular southwest communities work well  
3 together. Yes, we are stationed in Avondale as our  
4 area, however, all the different Mayors of these towns  
5 have supported us. I'd say it would be awful to divide  
6 Avondale and not the rest. We're a southwest valley and  
7 growing.

8 I can tell you by the things we've handed  
9 out right now, we're up to 280 clients and have handed  
10 out over 3,000 pieces of equipment.

11 You see, everybody works together in the  
12 southwest valley.

13 I urge you to keep us together.

14 Thank you.

15 THE REPORTER: Could I have the spelling  
16 of your name?

17 MS. O'DONNELL: O ' D O N N E L L, and.  
18 G L O R I A, and I go by Glo.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I believe I have the last  
20 slip, Rudolfo Perez.

21 MR. PEREZ: I'm Rudolfo Perez, Director of  
22 the Phoenix program, the Mexican American Legal Defense  
23 Education Fund. It's to protect and promote Latino  
24 Issues and their ability to elect Latinos of choice.  
25 The current draft, Legislative Congressional draft maps,

1 respect the Hispanic AUR. We support the current, what  
2 the principles are based on, would not make current  
3 changes to the current drafts. The commonalities  
4 between the residents of Cashion, Tolleson, the southern  
5 part of Avondale, Palm Valley, Pebble Creek northern of  
6 Avondale, Goodyear, we respect the residents of Avondale  
7 Cashion, Tolleson, what the residents from the  
8 communities presented to you, testified to you they'd  
9 prefer to be in a Legislative District and Legislative  
10 District with West Phoenix and believe their interests  
11 lie better with that particular community. We urge you  
12 not to make significant changes with the draft map. We  
13 respect the significant AUR that has been one of the  
14 current principles you base your AUR draft map on.

15 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any other members of the  
16 public wish to be heard at this time?

17 I wonder if I might engage you in some  
18 nonsignificant discourse. Let's see if there's a sense  
19 of consensus in the room.

20 As we go around the state, we hear from  
21 communities: We want to be held together. That is as  
22 we've heard today, as best we can do it, keep Avondale  
23 in the same Congressional District. Don't split it in  
24 any way. The other argument we've heard is when you  
25 split the community, if you do it appropriately,

1 whatever that means, or do it in a way that seems to  
2 make sense, what it does is gives the community more  
3 clout, the Legislature, to address another set of  
4 Senators and Representatives in such a way as to give  
5 that community more influence in the Legislature.

6 I make no claim on one side of that or the  
7 other. Ms. Minkoff doesn't either. We're responding to  
8 what we've been told, that is to say keep the community  
9 whole and have it under one set of representation and  
10 have it enjoy more representation because of that split.

11 Could we see a show of hands on whether  
12 you're on one side of the issue or another, not that it  
13 will mean anything other than give a sense of the room:  
14 Keep the community one way in the room.

15 (Many hands are raised.)

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: How many think there is  
17 merit to the other methodology?

18 (Quite a few hands are raised.)

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Let me elaborate, if I  
20 may.

21 MR. JONES: May I please come up?

22 My name is David Jones. I'm an Executive  
23 Director, an independent contractor. I do not live in  
24 Avondale or the areas involved here today. I'm  
25 interested, to bring a good analogy, one I can

1 personally relate to, I was formerly a State  
2 Representative from another state, a multimember  
3 district. I had five different townships, 144,000  
4 people. All of those individuals who were certain  
5 pockets of interest in an independent area, Marin  
6 County, the Metro Plexus Interest. We had multi  
7 representation. And the community I lived in  
8 represented only two percent of the population of the  
9 entire county. Therefore, the political and popular  
10 count was not there. Because of the multidistrict, the  
11 House of Representatives in the State of Indiana, my  
12 members of my district had six representatives they  
13 could address. But the final result was we still were  
14 in a position we only had two percent of the population.  
15 I was the only representative south of the 40 East-West  
16 boundaries for the City of Indianapolis. It also  
17 represents a percentage of clout in that district. With  
18 a fragmented Avondale, or City of Tolleson, any  
19 candidate will give it lip service. Clout is elsewhere.

20 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Point is well-taken.  
21 Splits promoted, if you will, have not been, for  
22 example, a 50,-50 split where the community would have a  
23 significant percentage in two percentages, more  
24 lopsided, where we heard, just fine. Again, I think  
25 there's a legitimate divergence of opinion.

1                   ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: Could I say something  
2 and not tell you my name?

3                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Is that reflective of what  
4 you are going to tell me?

5                   ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: I can speak from here,  
6 if you don't mind.

7                   Some time ago, I'd say within a couple of  
8 months, a meeting happened. And it was about this  
9 imaginary split. And I thought about it. And I've come  
10 to the conclusion people that want to stay south of 10  
11 and want their own community south of 10 but don't want  
12 to be told be south of 10 and fell into it, fell right  
13 into it. I didn't go to these schools, thank God.  
14 They're not all that bad, but -- I'm from the East.  
15 This is a new state here and, we've got grave that go  
16 back years and years back home, 1795. We're -- what  
17 they're doing here today we did years ago, out East,  
18 trying to segregate themselves, but they don't want to  
19 be told to segregate. I think the theory is more  
20 thought out if they stay united. That's all I want to  
21 say.

22                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Anyone else we should  
23 hear?

24                   Yes, ma'am?

25                   I think the microphone will dip, if you

1 will give and spell your name for the reporter.

2 MS. HOHMAN: Sharlyn, S H A R L Y N,  
3 Hohman, H O H M A N.

4 I am the President and CEO of the  
5 Southwest Chamber of Commerce.

6 I wanted to make a comment on one of the  
7 things you said about this person, this is a perspective  
8 you had before. That is in talking to Legislators.  
9 When you are only a small piece at a far end of their  
10 district, they don't want to come be heard by those  
11 citizens. Because the comment to me was I can't get  
12 enough votes by being there. I think that's very real.  
13 I don't hold that against them. Obviously they have to  
14 spend the votes where the votes come from. That's  
15 something that has to be set out and be considered.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you. Certainly that  
17 is part of the reality.

18 Anything else that has to be heard?

19 Mr. Gallardo.

20 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Say and spell your name.

21 MR. GALLARDO: Steve Gallardo,  
22 G A L L A R D O.

23 I'm the Redistricting Chairman for the  
24 Coalition for Political Action.

25 I think it's important to know what

1 exactly are Coalitions for Political Action? When we  
2 look at the different areas, we look at areas of  
3 community interest, different political interest,  
4 language, employment, housing. There are several types.  
5 We presented 13 different illustrations of communities  
6 of interest.

7                   The City of Glendale, if you looked at it,  
8 it's two different areas, apples and oranges. The  
9 northern part of Glendale vs. the southern part of  
10 Glendale. You do see a difference when it comes to  
11 community of interest. You start looking at individual  
12 jurisdictional differences. You see the two different  
13 areas. And Avondale is no exception.

14                   There are two different areas when it  
15 comes to communities of interest.

16                   I'd ask the Commission to keep that in  
17 mind.

18                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: In abstract, Mr. Gallardo,  
19 let's hypothesize. Subgroups with more affinity do more  
20 things together, are more reflective of cultural or  
21 fabric that you find in any community. If Glendale,  
22 Avondale are put together in isolation, we didn't have  
23 30 districts, were trying to make one district,  
24 whichever community we're talking about of sufficient  
25 size could fit wholly within and there wouldn't be any

1 harm, would there?

2 MR. GALLARDO: Not looking at any harm,  
3 looking at areas of commonalty, what areas of commonalty  
4 are. There's a certain area, certain small part of  
5 Avondale that has a strong commonalty with West Phoenix,  
6 South Phoenix. That's why our proposal did have it  
7 together in one Legislative District or did support the  
8 Legislative map that had one Legislative District.  
9 That's what we're focusing on for the legislative point.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I understand that point.  
11 This is a hypothetical point.

12 If in drawing a single district, it  
13 doesn't have to be interactive, you drew that ring  
14 around Avondale as it currently is exists, all of  
15 Avondale, might that not be considered a community of  
16 interest if in fact it fit neatly within the ring, much  
17 the same as the discussion of the East Valley, Tempe?  
18 If Tempe did not fit completely in one district but  
19 pretty close, the question was divide at US 60 or don't.  
20 We heard both sides of the issue. If only drawing a  
21 line in the East Valley, the east side of Tempe or  
22 don't?

23 MR. PEREZ: Let me answer that.

24 It's which factor you want to weigh,  
25 respecting the political subdivisions to overcome

1 communities of interest. The Latino electoral and  
2 voters and ability to vote for a Latino electorate and  
3 the ability to elect a voter of their choice.

4 CHAIRMAN LYNN: It's not a trick question.  
5 It's a thought-provoking question, part of what we're  
6 wrestling with.

7 I want to be clear. We don't want to be  
8 in a position of somehow having voters, whether they  
9 happen to be Latino or not, less a voter in Avondale  
10 than they otherwise would be because they happen to be  
11 in Avondale. It's not the point we're making or point  
12 they're making. Voters, wherever they are, have  
13 responsibility for all subdivisions they are in, a  
14 supervisorial district, part of a town, or city, or  
15 ward, or district area. They have the responsibility  
16 for all of those, regardless of whether they may or may  
17 not be part of a group that stretches beyond the  
18 corporate city they live in and have an affinity for a  
19 lot of other areas. It is a philosophical discussion.

20 Ms. Minkoff.

21 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Let me pick up on  
22 that. I'm interested both, Mr. Gallardo and Perez, in  
23 your reaction.

24 Under the current map Legislative M it has  
25 a fairly heavy Hispanic concentration, and the votes of

1 the Hispanics in that district are very important and  
2 very much respected by whoever is elected in that  
3 District F. A Hispanic area out into -- Hispanic into  
4 F, Hispanic influenced F, needs to address areas of that  
5 or the now-increased Hispanic influence in L, that it  
6 does not create another representative, may not be a  
7 majority-minority district, don't have it right now, but  
8 even if the population just increased maybe by five  
9 percent, it doesn't create a majority minority, a  
10 substantial Hispanic, that it hasn't enhanced the  
11 ability of Hispanic voters to get representatives to  
12 listen to them.

13 MR. PEREZ: We'd have to look at numbers.  
14 One primary number is voting population, another number  
15 is voting by Spanish surname, to see if it would have  
16 any kind of influence on whether or not they would have  
17 the ability to elect candidates of choice. I could not  
18 answer the question without looking at the data.

19 ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: Aren't we all in  
20 America here?

21 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I don't want to this to  
22 start.

23 ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: Sir.

24 CHAIRMAN LYNN: I'm conducting the  
25 discussion. This is a philosophical discussion.

1                   Yes, we're all Americans. We're all  
2 concerned about votes. This is a discussion.

3                   ANONYMOUS SPEAKER: One man. One man, one  
4 vote. Vote for anyone they want.

5                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Any other slips this  
6 afternoon?

7                   MS. HAUSER: We just got one.

8                   CHAIRMAN LYNN: Mr. Heiss, I'll be happy  
9 to hear you again in one second.

10                  Vice Mayor Marie Lopez Rogers, Vice Mayor  
11 of Avondale.

12                  VICE MAYOR ROGERS: I'm Marie Lopez  
13 Rogers, R O G E R S.

14                  Everyone here all gets along. We have a  
15 division, a barrier. It's not that we want it. I don't  
16 think anyone wants a barrier. However, it's there.

17                  When talking community of interest, and  
18 ability to elect our elected officials in the Hispanic  
19 community for us, that divides that choice for us.

20                  I just wanted to talk about stigma. I  
21 think stigma, the Hispanic community see themselves,  
22 right, wrong, whatever it means, I think they may not  
23 see ourselves with the representation we want to include  
24 our best interests when it comes to voting.

25                  I, myself, it's my personal opinion, is I

1 like the maps the way they are. I think it says what we  
2 want it to say as a Hispanic community of interest.  
3 Both Congressional and Legislative Districts are  
4 important in what we're talking about.

5 I'd like to leave them or not change them  
6 very much from what they are. I think representation is  
7 what we're talking about and being able to vote for who  
8 we want in there.

9 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you. Thank you very  
10 much, Vice Mayor.

11 Other members of the public that wish to  
12 be heard?

13 Mr. Heiss?

14 MR. HEISS: Yeah. One thing I want to  
15 suggest to you guys. As we did things in the Agua Fria,  
16 we had a firm from Montana come down. There are  
17 Hispanic people peppered all through the community. I  
18 live in the most northern part Avondale. Homes are  
19 300,000 and up. I was surprised there's over 35 percent  
20 Hispanics living in the homes, Hispanic people.

21 Avondale is becoming, one of the things in  
22 the breakdown, everything that went on with the I-10  
23 boundary, there are three high schools. We went up, up  
24 Dysart Road, get the socioeconomic road, get with  
25 Dr. Hugh Howard, get -- it opened my eyes. Pebble

1 Creek, kids are not supposed to be there, but they are.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNN: We do have the software  
3 and capability.

4 MR. HEISS: It opened my eyes to show  
5 that. Yes, it's all there. Arizona is growing, and  
6 being peppered, and everything.

7 I think, the position you are in, we were  
8 just doing a high school boundary. What you are faced  
9 with, as much data as you can gather, come with data.

10 Once we started showing people, this man  
11 and at that meeting September 10th, 11th, 12th, give  
12 their input, what the Latino want, they're not on our  
13 board. There's hardly any Latinos there. A couple  
14 people from LUVAC have shown up at the last couple  
15 meetings to make sure they touch all bases.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNN: Thank you, Mr. Heiss.  
17 Anything else from counsel?

18 MS. HAUSER: No.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNN: NDC?

20 Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much.

21 As you may have heard, the meeting was at  
22 the request of the southwest valley. We appreciate  
23 having had the request and being able to respond to the  
24 request.

25 Please stay tonight, as Ms. Minkoff said

1 in her presentation. If you have access through the  
2 website or in your own home or own business,  
3 www.azredistricting.org will have all the presentations.

4 Final maps will be approved by the  
5 district by the middle of October. That means the first  
6 two weeks of October we'll be meeting on a fairly heavy  
7 schedule beginning on or about -- I think it's about the  
8 2nd.

9 COMMISSIONER MINKOFF: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNN: That's when the final  
11 decisions are made. We'll be submitting to Department  
12 of Justice for preclearance as required by the Voting  
13 Rights Act.

14 Thank you very much for joining us, and we  
15 wish you a good rest of the afternoon.

16 Thank you very much.

17 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at  
18 approximately 2:26 p.m.)

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18                   DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 6th day of  
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