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The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Public Hearing was taken on Saturday, September 8, 2001, commencing at 3:14 p.m., at City of Kingman Council Chambers, 310 North Fourth Street, Kingman, Arizona, before Alexis A. Taylor, a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Court Reporter in Arizona, and a Notary Public in and for the State of Minnesota.

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. HALL: I'm going to call the second round of
3 public hearings for the Independent Redistricting
4 Commission to order.

5 My name is Joshua Hall, and I am one of the
6 five commissioners who sits on this five-member
7 commission. I believe at least three of my fellow
8 commissioners are presently also in Florence, and
9 possibly four, and so we're a little bit spread out
10 today, and I chose the opportunity to come into your
11 fair city. I -- we just flew in in two different
12 planes in an effort to be here, and we are grateful to
13 be here, and we apologize for being a tad bit tardy and
14 trying to coordinate all the things we needed to.

15 The agenda for this evening essentially will
16 go as follows: We have a power point presentation that
17 we will give, kind of an overview of where we are in
18 this continuing work-in-progress, and then following
19 that, we will then let you look at some of the
20 alternatives that we are presently working on in this
21 process, and rest assured that we understand that this
22 is a work-in-progress, and your particular city here,
23 and the river community is one of the areas of concern
24 that the commission has and that we're looking at in an
25 effort to try and do the best we can.

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1 At the conclusion of our Flagstaff meeting, I
2 made a little summary of requests that we had received
3 at that meeting and the general points that were made
4 in Flagstaff, we had 14 conflicting requests from the
5 presenters that were there. You can rest assured that
6 is a challenge, and like pitching a rock into the pool,
7 and the ripple effect of trying to accommodate the
8 multitude of requests is challenging at best.
9 Nevertheless, we are trying to do that to the best
10 extent possible, and that's why we're here, and we
11 welcome you, and we're grateful for your input and
12 appreciate you welcoming us to your area.

13 Without further ado, I'll start the power
14 point presentation, and then we will show some of the
15 alternatives of a different configuration of this
16 particular city, and then we will go ahead and welcome
17 your input. For those of you who have not had an
18 opportunity to fill out a yellow slip and would like to
19 say something, you can wave your hand in the air or
20 contact a member of our staff and fill one out, so that
21 you will have an opportunity to speak.

22 (Presentation done)

23 MR. HALL: Again, we welcome you here. We would
24 like to take a minute, and we will plug this other
25 computer in and get a look at one of the other

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1 alternatives we are presently working on and the effect
2 it has on this particular area, for example.
3 While they're doing that, let me just also say
4 that we will proceed for the public input portion of
5 this meetings. There are a lot of folks here that
6 would like to have their voices heard. So, I must say
7 that brevity is paramount. Not that we don't want to
8 hear all you have to say, but we would ask that your
9 comments be limited to approximately 3 minutes to give
10 everyone who would like to voice their concerns an
11 opportunity to provide that voice, and for those of you
12 who feel like once your voice has been heard, if you
13 are tired of standing, we would understand if you
14 wanted to go watch a football game or something more
15 exciting. We would also encourage you that, when I go
16 into Bank One, which is the bank I use, they have a
17 motto on the wall that says, solutions not problems,
18 and, folks, we understand that there is a challenge in
19 this area with some of the lines, and we understand
20 that any change has a ripple effect throughout the
21 State. We welcome you to come to us, as many citizens
22 have and say, look, here's a solution we propose. We
23 understand there may be concerns in Kingman, and we
24 need you not to spend your time so much saying what is
25 wrong with what we've done but helping us to fix it and

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1 also accomplish all of the other goals we need to do
2 state wide.

3 By the way, I want to introduce other folks
4 that are here with us. To my left is
5 Mrs. Marguerite Leoni, who is an attorney, and is with
6 National Demographics Corporation, who is our primary
7 consultant in this process. To my right is Jose de
8 Jesus Rivera, who is our counsel for the commission,
9 one of two members of counsel for the commission. To
10 his right is Amy Rezzonico, who is our public relations
11 officer. And we have Paul and we have Augusta Knight
12 and Alma, who I believe you met out in the hall, and
13 our court reporter, Alexis, and we're grateful for
14 their efforts in helping us get organized.

15 Once again, if you would like to make a
16 comment, our staff would get you a yellow slip so you
17 can fill that out and provide that to me so we can
18 appropriately give you an opportunity to say your
19 piece.

20 You know what I'm going to do while, Paul's
21 working on that, what I'm going to do is start
22 receiving your public comment, and when he's able to
23 work out some of those technical issues, we'll give you
24 guys another idea of some of the alternatives we're
25 looking at as we go through this process.

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1 So, folks, as a reminder, if you will, for the
2 court reporter's benefit, when you come to the podium,
3 please state your name and spell it, if it's unusual,
4 for the court reporter to assist her, and we would like
5 to -- what I will do is utilize the baseball metaphor,
6 if you will, I will say somebody is at bat and
7 someone's on deck. I've taken the slips in the order I
8 received them, and I'll call you folks. The first slip
9 I have is Ann C. Winters, and on deck would be
10 Darryl Nelson, so Ms. Winters. Thank you.

11 MS. WINTERS: Thank you. As a citizen and a voter
12 of Mohave County for almost 22 -- all of 22 years this
13 time, and I lived here 36 years ago also, I hope today
14 we can all forget party lines and think of our common
15 interests and remember we are the fifth largest county,
16 and we should not be divided. We have been a divided
17 county a long time, what with our citizens up north,
18 namely Colorado City, and we have experienced many
19 problems with that area, one might just ask the
20 sheriff's department and the law enforcement and those
21 who are in education.

22 I represent several state groups, and no one
23 I've spoken with is happy with our legislators at this
24 point, you have not done your job. This has become a
25 very costly process because our legislators did not

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1 handle this properly in the beginning. Everywhere we
2 go in this state, we have to travel, I don't care where
3 it is, to meet. We need to keep that as simple as
4 possible as you're going through this, and we need to
5 give our Indian Reservations their fair and common
6 interest areas, and we are asking for the same
7 equitable redistricting for all.

8 Please listen to all who speak and be fair.
9 And, everyone, like he said, don't smoke, stay calm.

10 MR. HALL: Thank you, Ms. Winters, appreciate that.

11 Darryl Nelson is our next speaker, and he will
12 be followed by Robert Holsinger.

13 MR. NELSON: Good afternoon, my name is
14 Darryl Nelson, common spelling of the last name. I
15 have seen some things in Arizona that truly amaze me.
16 One of the things when I moved here ten years ago that
17 amazed me was to find out that my legislators and my
18 senator came from a place called Window Rock. I
19 immediately picked up a map, and I couldn't find Window
20 Rock in any of my neighboring counties. It's closer to
21 New Mexico than it is to Kingman. In the past ten
22 years, I have taken many opportunities to try and
23 contact, I emphasize try, my legislators from my
24 district. They are not aware of some of the problems
25 we have in Lester, Arizona, and sometimes I don't

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1 believe they care. The way I see your new district map
2 that is drawn now, you've just welcomed the rest of
3 Kingman into the little problem we've had in what used
4 to be District 3 for ten years I know of. To me, it
5 smells like gerrymandering, that's a pretty strong
6 word, and the Department of Justice I think should take
7 a very strong look at how these lines are drawn.
8 Several of your items on your board, you put up that
9 you were going to do, you didn't do. Item C, compact.
10 That is a part of the district is from one side of the
11 state to the other. That's not acceptable, folks. We
12 need to find other solutions. I would suggest all of
13 Mohave County being in one district for once. Let's
14 have our say. Thank you.

15 MR. HALL: Thank you. Mr. Nelson.

16 Next speaker is Robert Holsinger, followed by
17 Lester Byram. I apologize in advance for my inability
18 to either read or speak.

19 MR. HOLSINGER: My name is Robert Holsinger. I
20 reside in Golden Valley, which is near Kingman. In the
21 voting by the voters in the selection of the
22 Proposition 106, I believe the voters indicated that
23 they wanted to end the gerrymandering that existed
24 currently in the State, and by doing that, they wanted
25 a competitive voters registration in each district,

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1 within a 5 percent competitive district. In the 6th
2 District, congressional district, we have now the
3 proposal that would create a 17 percent voter
4 difference, and that's clearly not competitive, and the
5 legislative district or congressional district, there
6 is -- approximately the same thing exists.

7 Now, in the congressional District C, it
8 appears to be competitive, since the 51 percent is
9 Democrat, as opposed to the other party, and -- but it
10 goes from one end of the state to the other, from
11 California or Nevada border clear over to the
12 New Mexico border and certainly isn't a common interest
13 within the -- this particular district. A more
14 suitable district, in my opinion, would be if we took
15 Mohave County, LaPaz County and the northern part of
16 Yuma County into one district, and I think that would
17 create a better district. It would have common
18 interests and would be more competitive. Thank you.

19 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Holsinger. Before the
20 mayor comes to visit us, let me just point your
21 attention to the map that we've shown up here.

22 (Alternative presentation done)

23 MR. HALL: Mayor, I leave that up for you to view,
24 and is it Byram.

25 MR. BYRAM: Yes, my name is Lester Byram. I'm the

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1 mayor of the City of the Kingman. I want to welcome
2 you and the delegation for coming to Kingman and making
3 Kingman one of your stops on the tour. We were hoping
4 that we would be included before the tours were open.
5 I might mention that with the grid you first proposed,
6 I think we were elated with it. We have 155,000 in
7 Mohave County now. We only needed 12,000 more to form
8 a district. What was showing I think it was showing a
9 portion of LaPaz County to do that. We still urge you
10 to strongly to consider that.

11 I wrote a letter to Steve Lynn, and I would
12 like your indulgence to let me exceed three minutes,
13 because I would like to have my letter placed in the
14 record today.

15 MR. HALL: With your permission, we would like to
16 have a copy of that also.

17 MR. BYRAM: I've already given to you. This is to
18 Steve Lynn, Chairman, Independent Redistricting
19 Commission, 1400 W. Washington Street, Suite B-10,
20 Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

21 Dear Mr. Lynn and members of the commission, I
22 am writing this letter to officially inform you of the
23 City of Kingman's extreme dissatisfaction with our
24 inclusion in both the legislative and congressional
25 districts as currently proposed. Of the three general

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1 criteria (equal population, geographically compact and
2 contiguous and communities of interest), the proposed
3 districts appear to meet only the equal population
4 standard.

5 An area that stretches across the State for
6 some 350 miles can hardly be call compact and is
7 contiguous only in the sense that Interstate 40 runs
8 through or along most of it. Quite simply, the
9 distances involved in the proposed district stagger the
10 imagination and would make effective representation by
11 any official impossible.

12 Communities of interest is included as one of
13 your criteria and applies, as I understand it, to a
14 relatively broad range of economic, natural resource
15 and cultural considerations so that an elected
16 representative has some hope of representing all of his
17 constituent's interests. The economic base of the
18 western and eastern portions of the area could not be
19 more diverse. Population growth rates in the west are
20 the highest in the State. Kingman is both on the
21 CanaMex and NAFTA corridors, and has an economy based
22 in manufacturing, tourism and transportation. On the
23 other hand, the eastern portion of the proposed
24 district is extremely rural, with an economic base in
25 tourism.

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1 Legislation at both the State and Federal
2 level has a direct impact on the use of the State's
3 natural resources. Again the proposed district
4 includes, for example, an area that depends on surface
5 water in the east, while the western portion uses
6 either artesian wells or the Colorado River. Unlike
7 the northeast corner of the State, the west is an
8 urbanized area that will face considerable pressures
9 from the EPA and ADEQ regarding sanitary sewers and,
10 very likely, surface water runoff.

11 Finally, the socioeconomic and cultural
12 interests of the citizens within the proposed boundary
13 could not be more varied. It is not for me to surmise
14 what Native Americans in northeastern Arizona would
15 expect their representatives to support, but common
16 sense alone suggests that their interest would be very
17 different than those of citizens living in the
18 northwestern portion of Arizona. Again, common sense
19 dictates that a district that includes the residents of
20 Apache and Navajo counties who do share socioeconomic
21 and cultural interests would also address the
22 geographically compact criteria. Given the census
23 data, the proposed district would effectively
24 disenfranchise the 45,000 Mohave County citizens of any
25 effective representation.

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1 We, myself and virtually everyone in this
2 community, in fact Mohave County, that I've talked to
3 are in support of your consultant's initial
4 recommendations placing Mohave County and LaPaz County
5 together, where the citizens share a commonality of
6 interests. That solution recognized the value of, for
7 example, the Western Arizona Council of Governments and
8 District 6 of the State Transportation Board, which we
9 are a part of, existing organizations within the
10 consultant's recommended district as well as the
11 Mohave County Water Authority.

12 Knowing that you are very close to making your
13 final decision, I ask you to reconsider the boundaries
14 of the proposed district. However, if we are left with
15 the district as currently drawn, it will be -- you will
16 have no choice and it will be my very strong
17 recommendation to the Kingman and Colorado City Common
18 Councils that we seek legal remedies to overturn your
19 decision.

20 In conclusion, I would like to say that in the
21 district that we're in that you are currently placing
22 us as no commonality of interest available. The
23 distances involved and the difficulty of representation
24 are tremendous. A different economic basis, we have
25 cultural differences, it's not compact and contiguous.

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1 Put us in a district where we already share
2 governmental entities, such as the State Transportation
3 Board, Mohave County Water Authority and many other
4 areas.

5 It seems to me if we are left in this area as
6 we are, we have been effectively disenfranchised for
7 the next ten years, and I see it as reverse
8 discrimination.

9 Thank you for coming to Kingman and thank you
10 for the opportunity for me to be here.

11 MR. HALL: Mr. Mayor, with your permission,
12 periodically throughout the evening, members of us may
13 want to ask questions. Can I ask you a couple
14 questions? I think I heard what you said, and what I
15 thought I heard you say was it would be your preference
16 not to be in Congressional District C as it's currently
17 configured; is that correct?

18 MR. BYRAM: The congressional district is even more
19 ridiculous than the other.

20 MR. HALL: Was the answer, yes?

21 MR. BYRAM: Yes, I don't think we want to be in
22 that district, no.

23 MR. HALL: Here's my question to you, and I want to
24 make sure I'm clear: One of the principles that was
25 outlined by our -- at our citizen meetings is there is

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1 a clear distinction between rural and urban
2 representative. I live in rural Arizona, and I would
3 suggest that everyone in this room would consider
4 themselves a rural Arizonan, and if I misinterpret
5 that, I hope you correct me.

6 My question to you is, what you're saying is
7 the reason of the expansiveness of the congressional
8 district seat is because there is not very many people
9 in rural Arizona, and there is an effort to create at
10 least one rural area in a draft form, so here's the
11 question: Are you saying then you would rather be in a
12 district that is primarily urban than be in an
13 expansive all rural district? Is that what I hear you
14 saying.

15 MR. BYRAM: That's what I'm saying is that we have
16 not been disappointed in being in a congressional
17 district that did take in part of Phoenix, and we have
18 been very well represented for many years.

19 MR. HALL: Thank you. One more question on the
20 legislative. For example, the particular alternative
21 that we have presented here on the screen, that's
22 approximately what I kind of heard you say in the
23 legislative realm?

24 MR. BYRAM: Yes.

25 MR. HALL: That's just about what that is?

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1 MR. BYRAM: Yes, I think everyone in the Kingman
2 area very much urges you to consider that.

3 MR. HALL: I appreciate your input, and thank you
4 for your patience and helping me with the questions.

5 Our next speaker is Pete Byers, Supervisor of
6 Mohave County.

7 MR. BYERS: I'm Pete Byers, I represent Mohave
8 County District 1. I'm Chairman of the Board of Mohave
9 County, but I'm here representing District 1, because
10 the rest of the County, I'm not representing the whole
11 County. I can't speak as long as Les, because he's
12 taken up 12 or 14 minutes. I wrote a letter, I think
13 you got it probably faxed to you yesterday, but it
14 basically says: The boundaries you are considering are
15 gerrymandering and reverse discrimination. The
16 criterion of equal population, geographically compact
17 and contiguous communities of interest is not being
18 met.

19 The hope of any effective representation in
20 Kingman and the rest of Northern Mohave County would be
21 lost for the next 10 years. The Navajo
22 representative's, that have been representing the strip
23 area, have not been seen in the past 10 years. Only
24 one representative has shown up in North Kingman in ten
25 years.

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1 These lines have, clearly, been drawn by
2 political interest groups in northeastern Arizona, that
3 have complained about being linked with the Navajo
4 Tribe in the past years. Seems Kingman, and the rest
5 of Northern Mohave County, has been singled out as the
6 sacrificial lamb.

7 You can see clearly on the map that it goes
8 right above them and kicks out Flagstaff, Winslow and
9 Holbrook. They have been voting with them for the last
10 15 years. I would agree with this right here. I like
11 the way it's drawn right now. As far as the
12 congressional district, I can understand why it would
13 be spread out, but I'm very happy with Bob Stump's area
14 as it is now.

15 MR. HALL: You will notice on this particular map
16 here that I think Winslow is in that, and we have other
17 configurations that are considering the issue of the
18 northeastern portion of Arizona and the large Navajo
19 Reservation.

20 So, you again are -- just to reiterate,
21 Mr. Byers, is that you're saying you don't mind being
22 in a district that's predominantly urban; is that
23 correct?

24 MR. BYERS: No, I don't.

25 MR. HALL: Thank you for your input.

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1 The reason for the pause is I'm having trouble
2 reading it. If it's Dave Knisley.

3 MR. KNISLEY: K-N-I-S-E-L-Y.

4 MR. HALL: Thank you. I apologize.

5 MR. KNISLEY: That's fine. Everybody has since I
6 was in school, last week. I'm here today to represent
7 the Mohave Farm Federation. I don't have a prepared
8 statement, as our mayor and Mr. Byers, but I can -- I
9 agree completely with both of their letters, and I wish
10 I had something a little more, but I want to put in my
11 two cents worth. I do have one question for you.

12 Why can there only be one rural area -- voting
13 area?

14 MR. HALL: Well, that's really a good question.
15 The challenge we have is rural Arizonans are not having
16 enough babies. The fact of the matter is --

17 MR. KNISLEY: They're smart people.

18 MR. HALL: I have four, so I guess I'm not too
19 smart. I'm doing my part. And the fact of the matter
20 is that if you take the State of Arizona with the two
21 major metropolitan areas and draw a doughnut around it,
22 and given the configurations and location of those two
23 metropolitan areas, short of a horse shoe or something
24 similar to what we've done, it is impossible to acquire
25 641,321 people for a rural district. We have to be on,

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1 the ecopopulation has to be to the person. That's our
2 challenge, to be real honest. I feel very strong that
3 you need a strong voice in Washington, especially with
4 water being a big area of challenge that we face, and
5 you folks feel that.

6 But what I've heard some say is that the
7 preference is, look, we would rather be in that
8 expansiveness of district, we would rather be in an
9 urban district. I understand that. I asked the folks
10 of Flagstaff, and they said they would rather be rural.
11 What's the answer to the question?

12 MR. KNISLEY: I don't know.

13 MR. HALL: What I hear you saying is what?

14 MR. KNISLEY: I just think that rural is -- I would
15 rather be mostly rural. Obviously that isn't going to
16 happen -- well, hopefully it doesn't happen, I should
17 say, but we don't get the representation and haven't
18 for eons, so whatever district we receive here, we need
19 a lot of emphasis put on being represented, and if you
20 make it too big, we're not getting represented now, and
21 if you make it all the way over to the other border, it
22 will probably even be less. So, I just wanted to get
23 in my little statement. I've learned a lot here
24 already, and I'm by no means up on the subject at all.
25 I'm just concerned.

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1 MR. HALL: I understand. Thank you for your input.

2 MR. KNISLEY: Thank you for your time.

3 MR. HALL: Next speaker I have -- I'm not doing on
4 deck very well, am I? Next speaker I have is
5 Robert Zimmerlee, to be followed by Robert J. Ferm.
6 Robert Zimmerlee, how did I do?

7 MR. ZIMMERLEE: Oh, you did great on that one.
8 That's exactly the way it is.

9 MR. HALL: Okay.

10 MR. ZIMMERLEE: Well, I'll be very brief. I'm a
11 relatively new citizen of Mohave County and the City of
12 Kingman, less than two years, and what I have learned
13 since I have been here though is that our interests in
14 this area, and particularly in the City of Kingman,
15 lies with our neighbors to the west, and the Colorado
16 River Valley, and I would suggest that this map as it's
17 drawn in this congressional district is certainly out
18 of proportion. I concur with everything the mayor had
19 to say, with the exception of one thing, and in
20 considering the size of this congressional district, I
21 have experienced a real exercise in futility trying to
22 get in touch with my congressional representative at
23 the present, Mr. Stump. I can just imagine looking at
24 this map if my representative is down here in Greenly
25 [ph] County. He may not even know where Kingman is

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1 located. I would suggest that, as has been suggested,
2 that you do some rethinking on this thing and put all
3 of Mohave County with the Colorado River Valley,
4 Lake Havasu, LaPaz. This is where our interest lies,
5 and all the issues that affect us are going to affect
6 the same ones over here. So our commonality of ground
7 is on the west side, and I just do not go along with
8 the way you have this drawn at all. And, like I say,
9 I'm a relative new citizen, but this I have learned
10 since being here for less than two years and I will
11 have to agree with the mayor and Mr. Byers and the
12 others in this area. Thank you.

13 MR. HALL: Thank you, sir. Appreciate your input.
14 Robert J. Ferm, followed by Richard Glancy.

15 MR. FERM: Thank you. I retired to Kingman from
16 California 16 years ago. To be very honest with you, I
17 don't consider Kingman a rural town at all. I don't
18 consider our associated towns part of a rural area. It
19 would be hard for me to say much without duplicating
20 things that have already been said, so I'll try to
21 avoid that. However, I feel that two comments made in
22 your presentation that have been largely ignored, and
23 they are common interests and where practicable. I
24 don't feel those criteria have been met as far as this
25 proposed area is concerned. I think, as the mayor

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1 pointed out, is that Kingman is essentially being
2 disenfranchised for the next ten years based on the map
3 that I have seen. I can't add much more. I'm just a
4 citizen of Kingman, but I'm a concerned citizen of
5 Kingman. Thank you.

6 MR. HALL: Thank you, sir. I have
7 Richard Glancy, I believe, followed by John Collins.

8 MR. GLANCY: My name is Richard Glancy, and I too
9 would like to thank you for bringing your presentation
10 to Kingman, because it makes us feel like we're part of
11 a state again. I want to start with a little bit of
12 history. I was born here in Kingman. My dad was a
13 state representative in Mohave County, but in 1960,
14 they determined that Mohave County didn't have enough
15 people, and since then, we've never had our own
16 representative straight out, we've always shared with a
17 neighboring county, and that's a little frustrating
18 when we're trying to develop a sense of community in
19 the county. My understanding is the whole basis of
20 Proposition 106 was to prevent the perceived
21 gerrymandering in the elections. That tells me that
22 the issue that brought this all to the front was the
23 issue of competitive districts, and by competitive
24 districts, I'm using the loose definition of less than
25 a 5 or 6 percent variance between the two major

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1 parties. I think that's a fine goal for you to
2 continue to go for. That I think is what the citizens
3 of Arizona want. The size of the representative area
4 and dealing with the compact issue is another thing. I
5 think when this comes to your congressional districts,
6 if you go for more than 20 percent of the land mass of
7 Arizona for a single district, you're starting to get
8 into an area where it's difficult for the
9 representatives to properly represent and it's
10 difficult for the people to have a concept of who the
11 representatives are. And as far as a legislative, 10
12 percent of the total land mass appears to me to be a
13 good size.

14 One issue, issue on B of communities of
15 interest, I would check with the Hualhapi Tribe and see
16 if their community interests is more with the Navajo or
17 Hopi Tribe or more with the Mohave County. I think the
18 Hualhapi Tribe is more integrated into the Mohave
19 County than it is with the rest of the Indian nations.
20 That's an issue you need to talk to that tribe about
21 primarily.

22 The issue of rural versus urban, size doesn't
23 necessarily matter. I think that if you look at the
24 City of Lake Havasu, you will find everybody there
25 considers themselves somewhat urban. On the river,

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1 it's a transition into fairly urban; and Kingman I
2 think has very well made the transition into an urban
3 center. There is very little agriculture, and there is
4 starting to get quite a compactness in the housing. So
5 what I would reiterate I would like you to visit the
6 competitive issue. I applaud you on your plan B for
7 the legislative. I'm not sure how you're going to
8 handle a congressional, but I think the size of your
9 congressional district is just ridiculous and not a
10 workable thing if you want to have a represented
11 district.

12 MR. HALL: Thank you. John Collins is our next
13 presenter, followed by Donald VanBrunt, I believe.

14 MR. COLLINS: John Collins, Kingman, Arizona.
15 Unfortunately, Mr. Glancy stole most of my thunder,
16 but --

17 MR. HALL: Is that C-O-L-L-I-N-S?

18 MR. COLLINS: C-O-L-L-I-N-S.

19 MR. HALL: Thank you.

20 MR. COLLINS: I would like to say, as one of the
21 people that voted for this proposition that created
22 this thing, the main reason I was voting for it is it
23 proposed to eliminate gerrymandering. I found that was
24 divisions that were made to go along party lines to
25 give one party a certain advantage, but I do think

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1 competitiveness is very important. I think communities
2 of interest is also very important and the two have to
3 work together. As far as urban and nonurban areas. I
4 had a job not long ago in a town called Goodyear. I
5 remember I couldn't find the place I was working,
6 because they might be outside of the area. We're
7 certainly urban nowadays. That's true all over the
8 State. I know folks that live in Chandler that
9 consider themselves far out in the boondocks, and in
10 reality they're right in the middle of the city. They
11 are rural in interest. I think community of interests
12 is extremely important, and I would have to say that
13 this map here certainly looks a little bit better than
14 what we have been presented with.

15 MR. HALL: Thank you. Would you please, in your
16 mine, define competitiveness for me.

17 MR. COLLINS: That would have to be a balance in
18 the two major parties, somewhere around 5 or 6 percent
19 one way or the other.

20 MR. HALL: Referring to party registration.

21 MR. COLLINS: Yes.

22 MR. HALL: Thank you for your input, Mr. Collins.

23 Mr. Donald VanBrunt, followed by Larry
24 Castillo.

25 MR. VANBRUNT: Well, I too would like to thank you

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1 for coming to Kingman and Mohave County. It's
2 V-A-N-B-R-U-N-T, first name Donald. The first grid
3 there, the first map of the grid that you put up on the
4 board, was a pretty much in line with the one that I
5 think both the Republican and Democratic Central
6 Committees had previously sent to you as being what
7 they felt was in the best interest in Mohave County.
8 The one you have on the board at the present time is
9 certainly better than the one you passed out and
10 probably is as close as you would be able to come to
11 meeting the demands of all the county. We have nothing
12 in common with the Navajo and Hopi Tribes and with that
13 part of the eastern part of our state. We are a part
14 of the western border of the state. We are a part of
15 the Colorado River and all of its problems. We, as
16 previously stated, have been members of the Western
17 Council of Government, all three cities -- all four
18 cities, I should say, of the County. We have water
19 problems that are all common throughout the county.
20 We also have the Colorado River Sewer Coalition, which
21 takes in a big portion of our county that we have been
22 working on for some time. We were 20 years ago
23 definitely rural. Today, we fit better in what would
24 consider urban to be than we do rural. We would be
25 better off, as far as a congressional district is

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1 concerned, in being a part of the western part of
2 Maricopa County, such as Wickenburg and the areas that
3 have served us in the past. It would be far more
4 sensible to make the entire county and a portion of
5 LaPaz in one district than dividing us up in the manner
6 that we have been in the past. In the past, this
7 county has had four separate legislative districts as
8 portions of the county. The one to the north of us,
9 which represents a large portion of our population that
10 live in the area just north of Kingman, in the 30 years
11 I have been here, the representative from Window Rock
12 has never been in this county. We have had a
13 representative who was from the area of the Hualhapi
14 Nation who was in the county. They have been invited
15 to every political meeting we have had in both parties
16 for 20 years that I'm aware of and never once have they
17 showed up, yet they are the representatives for a large
18 portion of Mohave County. We would be much better off
19 with the proposal you have here or the one you started
20 out with, but as you said, it had some problems you had
21 to solve, but this comes much closer to being what the
22 people that I have talked to and many would think would
23 be beneficial to Mohave County and the western part of
24 the State of Arizona. The entire river has something
25 in common. When you stretch us around and put us clear

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1 over by New Mexico, we have nothing in common.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. HALL: Thank you. Let me reiterate that this
4 particular alternative also has some challenges we're
5 working on, lest someone think this is the thing. I
6 think it represents -- that it treats your particular
7 area very well.

8 The next speaker is Larry Castillo, followed
9 by Matthew Capably.

10 MR. CASTILLO: You did well, it's Castillo. I'll
11 answer to Castillo because of the location,
12 C-A-S-T-I-L-L-O, the common spelling. We also would
13 like to thank you for coming and giving us at least
14 this chance to talk to you. As far as urban and rural,
15 I personally have no particular interest in either one.
16 One is as good as the other. The basic political and
17 sociologic areas that are in common are part of western
18 Arizona. They are not part of northern Arizona. I
19 have served on the Mohave County Transportation
20 Commission since its inception in 1997, about three
21 years ago. We were trying to acquire a right-of-way
22 from the Park service, and we were trying to solicit
23 state and federal assistance in our dealings there. I
24 called the representative in Window Rock also. The
25 lady who answered the phone wanted to what my

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1 enrollment number was. Ironically, I do have an
2 enrollment number, but it doesn't concern this at all.
3 I explained to her that I was with Mohave County and
4 wanted to deal with some right-of-way. She said the
5 representative will get -- would get back with you.
6 Needless to say, I've never heard from him, so I concur
7 with every other speaker you have had, without
8 reiterated everything they've said, we need our own
9 representation in this area.

10 MR. HALL: Thank you, sir. I appreciate it.
11 Matthew --

12 MR. CAPALBY: You came pretty close the first time,
13 C-A-P-A-L-B-Y. As everyone else I think has previously
14 stated, I would like to thank you for coming to Kingman
15 during this round of hearings, and I would like to
16 thank you most of all for uniting a community that is
17 normally very politically divided. This is definitely
18 one uniting issue that I think --

19 MR. HALL: We seem to have that effect everywhere.

20 MR. CAPALBY: As many of us I think do concur it is
21 quite a conundrum which you face regarding the
22 congressional districts, and I don't think that is such
23 a point of contention as the legislative districts as
24 they're currently proposed. Literally and
25 figuratively, we have the Grand Canyon dividing us

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1 geographically and on issues and interests from the
2 rest of the proposed legislative district. I think
3 that's something that definitely is something that
4 needs to be addressed. I understand there is a
5 contingent in Navajo and Apache Counties that have been
6 very effective in their input regarding the current
7 legislative proposals. Competitive districts, of
8 course, are of the utmost important, but I think on an
9 equal plane, the issues of common interests and uniting
10 issues as per region I think is absolutely critical.

11 I do support much of the previous comments by
12 Mayor Byram and many of the other people who have come
13 up to speak. Currently, Mohave County, is divided into
14 four legislative districts, which means we have 12
15 legislators that represent Mohave County. Currently,
16 one legislator resides in Mohave County. That is, I
17 think, unacceptable, and many of the people I think
18 here in Mohave County do agree that we do need to be
19 united in primarily at least most of Mohave County in
20 one legislative district so we can be united on issues
21 and get appropriate representation on issues that we
22 face here in northwestern Arizona.

23 I do thank you very much for your time, and if
24 you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to
25 contact me.

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1 MR. HALL: Thank you Mr. Capalby.

2 Before our next speaker, just for your
3 information, here is another alternative that we are
4 looking at.

5 (Second alternative presentation done.)

6 MR. HALL: Our next speaker is Mr. Lorenz.
7 Mr. Lorenz. Is Mr. Lorenz not here? We'll put him in
8 the back. I'm showing the next one is Emmett Sturgill,
9 followed by Mayor Dan Barlow. Mr. Sturgill, did I get
10 that right?

11 MR. STURGILL: Yes, E-M-M-E-T-T, S-T-U-R-G-I-L-L.
12 I'm the vice president of the Mohave Livestock
13 Association. I'm here representing the cattlemen in
14 Mohave County. I'll be real brief. Basically what
15 we're opposed to, in the cattlemen's association
16 anyway, is to being lumped in with the Indian
17 reservations. We feel there are several issues that we
18 will not be able to be represented on. They don't pay
19 the same taxes. They're not covered on the same
20 grazing issues that apply to the rest of Arizona do not
21 apply to the reservations. We have different water
22 issues, vastly different water issues. The State's
23 water rights issues are completely different than
24 Indian water rights. It's a whole different issue.
25 The representation, there is no way they're going to be

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1 able to represent both of us in those issues. They're
2 very divisive. We're on opposing sides of those
3 issues. The Association feels that we would like to
4 have a rural district, but we would not -- if we have
5 to have it that way, we would we would rather not have
6 it. We feel the river is a commonality here, if we had
7 to redraw the lines in that area. Thank you.

8 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Sturgill, I appreciate
9 it.

10 Dan Barlow, followed by Frank Seancz.

11 MR. BARLOW: I'm Mayor Dan Barlow from Colorado
12 City. I flew in special here today to make sure I had
13 a voice or had an understanding in relation to this. I
14 have written a letter to Mr. Steve Lynn. I have
15 written a letter to the Commission, and it's not as
16 long as Les', but I'd like to read a portion of it
17 anyway into this record. As you can see, even on this
18 other map here, they want to cut out Colorado City out
19 of Mohave County, and put it back over into that other
20 district.

21 Mr. Lynn and members of the committee. Dear
22 Mr. Lynn, I feel that it is necessary for me to write
23 to you after looking over the draft of the legislative
24 districts that have been sent out to me. For over 20
25 years, we have been in District 3, which takes across

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1 the top of Mohave County, Coconino, half of Apache and
2 Navajo County. It has been practically like not having
3 any representation from our area.

4 The differences between eastern Arizona and
5 the western part of Arizona are so dramatically
6 opposite that it seems that it would be a much better
7 way to include more of the western Arizona into one
8 district. I have spoken on this several times with the
9 legislators and others to run the district lines the
10 direction that the highways run. It gives us an
11 advantage to meet with our legislators and others. It
12 is already 200 miles to our county seat and then to not
13 be able to have any representation.

14 One of the criteria of which I understand that
15 you are to use is communities of interest, wherein the
16 economic basis and the community basis would be
17 somewhat compatible. Western Arizona Council of
18 Governments, which we are a part of, run down along the
19 river and it gives us an opportunity to do many things
20 when we go south towards Kingman, Lake Havasu and
21 Bullhead. Much of the population growth in the state
22 has been taking place up along these areas and along
23 the border by southern Utah, and it seems to me that it
24 would be much more advantageous to include some of the
25 counties on the eastern part and leave the west in one

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1 district. I hope the decisions have not been all
2 political, though they seem to be in some measure; for
3 it has left Mohave County for the last ten years cut up
4 into three different districts and now again into two
5 making it even more difficult for us to have
6 representation. The way the draft document now sits,
7 it, in effect, disenfranchises the people of Mohave
8 County from any type of representation north of
9 Bullhead and Lake Havasu. The original consultant's
10 recommendations placed Mohave County and LaPaz County
11 together, which would work very well for we do share so
12 many common interests, and I would like to recommend
13 that and would like to see the commission take a very
14 hard look at this particular problem.

15 I certainly thank you for giving me this
16 opportunity. I've lived up -- when I first was a
17 younger man, we used to be with Mohave County, then
18 they run the lines and we was with Flagstaff and
19 Coconino, and then they moved us on over with the
20 Apache and Navajo Counties, and it's left us where in
21 the 30 years that I have been involved I have never
22 seen a representative come to our area or been able to
23 make a contact with them except at the legislators.
24 Thank you so much.

25 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Barlow. I appreciate it.

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1 For your information, ladies and gentlemen, I
2 have four remaining speaker slips, and if you would
3 like to pass one in and have an opportunity -- if you
4 felt inspired during this part of the meeting, feel so
5 inspired that you want to speak, if you will advise our
6 staff and we'll get you a slip to fill it out.

7 Our next speaker is Mr. Seancz, followed by
8 Paul McCormick.

9 MR. SEANCZ: Good afternoon, Commissioner Hall.
10 It's good to speak with you for the first time on this
11 issue. I'm a representative from the Navajo Nation,
12 but I'm not your representative. I hope that's at
13 least some help.

14 MR. HALL: You ought to feel lucky you're not.

15 MR. SEANCZ: And I do -- it is really good to be
16 here in Kingman. I know where it is, it's the right
17 turn that you make when you're heading to Las Vegas,
18 and I certainly can appreciate the kind of interest
19 that's being shown by the residents of Mohave County
20 and Kingman in particular, the wonderful and vibrant
21 county seat of Mohave County, in support of their
22 boosterism for their own legislative district, and
23 before I get to that, what I would like to do is
24 support once again the Navajo Nation proposal, which is
25 very -- in some respects very similar to that of the

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1 commission in its initial maps for the congressional
2 district, the northern congressional district, the
3 rural congressional district. We believe very strongly
4 that there is a commonality of interest in rural
5 Arizona, and we believe that Mohave County, perhaps not
6 as much in Kingman or Bullhead City, but in lots of
7 other places within Mohave County we are talking about
8 rural Arizona.

9 The areas especially outside of new Kingman,
10 Kingman, Butler, and those areas are very rural. There
11 is a population north of Kingman, including new
12 Kingman, Butler and north all the way to the Utah state
13 line and Mohave County line on the east where there is
14 a population of approximately 45,926 people over that
15 entire area. We feel that is a rural area, and that
16 there are very common interests, especially with
17 regards to things like water and the Colorado River.
18 The Navajo Nation is very interested in water, very
19 concerned about water, especially in that area around
20 Page there, where the Navajo Nation does meet the
21 Colorado River and that area of frontage along the
22 Colorado River, which the Navajo Nation shares with the
23 remainder of northwestern Arizona. The Navajo Nation
24 continues to support that as well.

25 But getting to the good part, the Navajo

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1 Nation legislative proposal, Mr. Commissioner, would
2 have excluded the entirety of Mohave County. The
3 Navajo Nation does appreciate the difficulties which
4 have been experienced by Kingman and the rest of Mohave
5 County with regards to representation in the
6 legislature provided out of northeastern Arizona, and
7 it is a very long distance to travel, and we believe
8 that Mohave County, Mohave County has an expansion
9 within the last ten years of over 66 percent,
10 66 percent, that's an explosive population increase,
11 which brings up the population of Mohave County to over
12 155,000 people.

13 Now, as a couple of the folks have mentioned
14 already, 155,000 people, you add another 12,000 on
15 that, and you've got a good legislative district that
16 can be freestanding and go back to the way it was back
17 before 1960 where one of the gentleman's father was a
18 representative from this area. Mohave County can have
19 its own representative, if the commission will embrace
20 the Navajo Nation's legislative district. In doing
21 that, there would have to be some changes made in that
22 area, and we have suggested connecting us with Apache
23 Nations the White Mountain Apache Nation and the
24 San Carlos Apache and -- you know, Apache, Apache,
25 Navajo and Hopi, you know, that all seems to go

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1 together really well.

2 One thing we would note as well is that even
3 then it would divide Navajo Nation from some of the
4 Native American brothers and sisters, in Hualaphi
5 Nation in Peach Springs, which is in Mohave County, the
6 Navajo Nation has suggested that would be the best way
7 to handle it is to let Mohave County have its own
8 legislative district, and the Navajo Nation is here to
9 speak in favor of that in recognition of the fact that
10 Mohave County now has 40 percent of the population of
11 the entire State of Arizona, and we would support
12 Mohave County's efforts to have its own legislative
13 district and be separate from the Navajo Nation and the
14 rest of the northeastern Arizona. Thank you.

15 MR. HALL: Thank you. Mr. Seancz, we spent a lot
16 of time together the last couple months, and that's
17 your first ovation.

18 Our next speaker is Paul McCormick, followed
19 by Crystal Burge.

20 MR. MCCORMICK: Thank you commission members. We
21 appreciate your time coming up here. I know you have a
22 tireless task to try to resolve some of these major,
23 major problems but, when we are bound by what's going
24 to happen for the next ten years, it's a very serious
25 situation.

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1 My previous experience having been a city
2 councilman, presently vice chairman of the County
3 Transportation Commission and also a member of the
4 Governor's State CanaMex Task Force, I would like to
5 give you my opinion which I feel you are going to sway
6 us if you consider us a rural county now into a urban
7 county easily within the next ten years. My point is
8 the NAFTA corridor and CanaMex corridor, of which
9 Highway 93 has been dedicated by the Congress as the
10 main corridor coming through the State of Arizona
11 connecting Mexico and on up through the five western
12 states up into Canada, we, in turn, are going to change
13 the whole outlook for Kingman and Mohave County.

14 I would like to share with the group here some
15 other important points that have just been discussed.
16 We are getting into what we call cyberports. This
17 whole state is going to explode starting with Nogales;
18 and also it might be of interest to you over in Yuma we
19 find out as we deal with the Asian Rim, that most of
20 the products coming into the United States on the west
21 side come into Long Beach. They're now looking for
22 another outlet, which would be Yumas [ph]. That would
23 be a seaport where the products could come from Yuma on
24 Highway 95 up 93 and all over throughout the entire
25 United States. As a result, what happens to Kingman is

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1 explosive.

2 And we just got through going through a
3 CanaMex Task Force conference just recently, and
4 Kingman itself I think will become a major, major
5 warehousing and distribution center. Therefore, the
6 commonality of us over here is industry, manufacturing
7 and distribution, in complete contrast to what would go
8 on in the eastern part of the state, and we, as the
9 gentleman indicated just a minute ago, are the second
10 fastest growing county ratiowise, and we will be going
11 from rural to urban, and I would highly recommend going
12 back to the original map of Mohave County, LaPaz and
13 part of the Yuma. I think this is where you should
14 take a serious look at it. This will be the fastest
15 growing part of the state. Thank you.

16 MR. HALL: Thank you. Ms. Burge, followed by
17 Tom Carter.

18 MS. BURGE: My name is Crystal Burge, B-U-R-G-E,
19 good afternoon. I appreciate you all being here today
20 to visit Kingman to help us understand some of the
21 redistricting problems that might face us in the
22 future. I'm here representing the business owners of
23 Kingman, representing the Chamber of Commerce, and
24 today I've learned a lot of different things about the
25 issues of our county and our county's representation,

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1 and I would like to just express our opinions that we
2 would really like you to consider Les Byram's, our
3 mayor's, letter and please review that letter. I think
4 as business owners we need to support the views that
5 are stated to you in that letter. We would also like
6 you today to just please listen to the information
7 that's been given to you and allow the voices of
8 Kingman to be heard, and we really would appreciate
9 some deep consideration on the arrangements of the
10 redistricting.

11 So, today, really, I'm here just asking to
12 really research the information that our people of the
13 community have given you and to take serious thought in
14 that matter. I appreciate the time. Thank you very
15 much.

16 MR. HALL: Thank you, Ms. Burge. Mr. Carter,
17 before you speak, Mr. Swanty, my humblest apologies.
18 That was the Mr. Lorenz I called earlier. That's why
19 now I'm sure that it's certainly not your handwriting,
20 it's my inability to read. I apologize. You will
21 follow Mr. Carter.

22 MR. CARTER: Thank you, Tom Carter, C-A-R-T-E-R. I
23 didn't know Mr. McCormick was going to do my economic
24 development talk, but I do have a few things to add to
25 it. One of them is he mentioned the port in Yuma.

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1 That's going to be a super point port of entry and
2 there will be many goods coming up through into the
3 California corridor. The influence that's developing
4 in Mohave County is more with the west coast, so if you
5 look at a line down the western side of Arizona, I
6 think it wouldn't be unreasonable to take a look at
7 your congressional map and say, why don't we have Yuma
8 County, why don't we have LaPaz, why don't we have
9 Mohave County, why don't we have Coconino and part of
10 Yavapai County as part of a congressional district .
11 We're going to have much more in common with one
12 another than presently. That's all I have to say.
13 Thank you.

14 MR. HALL: Thank you. Mr. Carter, just for your
15 information, just so you are aware, there was two
16 distinct groups in Yuma County. One wanted to go
17 north, one wanted to go east. If every county had the
18 same level of unanimity, maybe our job would be easier.

19 Mr. Swanty. Is it Martin?

20 MR. SWANTY: Yeah. Commissioner Josh and ladies
21 and gentlemen, I appreciate this opportunity. I'm
22 Martin Swanty, and I'm a businessman, S-W-A-N-T-Y, and
23 I'm a businessman. I have two businesses in Kingman,
24 Arizona and one in Bullhead City, and we do over about
25 \$60 million worth of business a year and employ over

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1 100 people. My main concern is the legislative
2 process. I have been involved in it for many years. I
3 have been served on the executive.

4 I am very familiar with the legislative
5 problems, and with NADA, which is National Auto Dealers
6 Association, I'm very active in, and I represent the
7 State of Arizona. In fact, I'm leaving tomorrow for
8 Washington, DC and meeting with JD Hayworth and also
9 John McCain, and it will be very interesting to see
10 what everybody's reaction is to this legislative
11 proposal that we've got.

12 However, I would like to make one comment. I
13 think either that the alternative one which you put up
14 there, first alternative 2 and the previous one, had
15 those been publicized, you probably could have held
16 this meeting in a phone booth because I don't think
17 anybody wouldn't have had --

18 MR. HALL: We didn't want to be lonely, for one.
19 Two, realize we as a commission just received these on
20 Wednesday in Prescott. Again, it's a continuing work
21 in process, so we've shown it as soon as we got it.
22 But you're right.

23 MR. SWANTY: I know JD Hayworth and Don Stump are
24 very interested in how this is going to come out. It
25 will be interesting because I'll be visiting both of

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1 their offices on Monday. I'm here to plead with you
2 and talk with you to take a second look at Mohave
3 County and up and down the river.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Swanty. I appreciate
6 your input. Our next presenter is Brad Nelson,
7 followed by Henry Varga.

8 MR. NELSON: Thank you, it's Brad, Brad Nelson,
9 N-E-L-S-O-N. I have the honor to serve as the
10 Elections Director for Mohave County, and so as you are
11 drying to draw lines across the State of Arizona, I am
12 waiting for your task to be done so I can draw the
13 lines across Mohave County, so it is in the form of a
14 question, and it may be part of your summary at the end
15 of today's proceedings. What's the time line? When
16 will you be done? Thank you.

17 MR. HALL: Boy howdy. It's an excellent question.
18 Just to give you a general time line, and obviously,
19 when we are done is when the Department of Justice says
20 we're done, and that's our big challenge, but in
21 general, we are going to complete on the 15th our
22 second round of public hearings in September.
23 Following that, then we have a bunch of work to do to
24 assimilate and accumulate and digest all the
25 information we have received. We will have several

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1 individual meetings. We'll probably have some interim
2 meetings in that process, and then our goal is during
3 probably the first -- hopefully by the end of the first
4 week, possibly the end of the second week of October to
5 have adopted final plans, and from that point then, of
6 course, we turn that information over to the legal
7 counsel, counsel who then finalizes that presentation
8 and package and hopefully sometime near the end or end
9 of October, we are committed -- we have submitted that
10 information to the Department of Justice, wherein they
11 have the minimum of 60 days to respond. For those of
12 us that don't deal much in federal government, rest
13 assured it won't be any earlier. However, they have an
14 opportunity to ask questions, and if they do so, the
15 clock stops while they do so and -- the first time --
16 if it stops, and they ask a question and they respond,
17 and we have another 60, and then whenever they respond,
18 and in the event they do favorably, then hopefully our
19 goal is that by the end of year, first of the year, to
20 have everything in place in order for those who wish to
21 run in one of the new districts that they have an
22 opportunity to start that process.

23 So, if that kind of answers your question in
24 general?

25 MR. NELSON: Yes.

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1 MR. HALL: Mr. Varga, followed by Lee, I
2 apologize --

3 MR. FABRIZIO: I'll spell it for you.

4 MR. VARGA: My name is Henry Varga, V-A-R-G-A,
5 welcome to Kingman, gentlemen. My problem is I've met
6 my vertical challenge and now I'm subject to height
7 discrimination.

8 MR. HALL: Me too.

9 MR. VARGA: I suppose I have a unique perspective
10 from those here on the purpose of the commission having
11 been a member of the commission on appellate court
12 appointments, I have had the opportunity to interview
13 all the members of your commission, and I was concerned
14 about how well we did with the map we were presented
15 with. The initial version of the map were a great
16 help, because it will keep all the incorporated areas
17 of Mohave County today. Much of what I was going to
18 say has been said with some of the later speakers. I
19 would like to review a couple things and read these
20 items from my notes. From those who lived in the north
21 edge of Kingman north, they had to deal with a
22 representative in the legislature whose home base was
23 over 300 miles away. Window Rock is more than 300
24 miles away from Kingman. That's a real concern.

25 We talk about commonality of interests. Our

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1 commonality of interest lies more to the west than it
2 does to the east, and that's finally been pointed out.
3 Even though I do not wish to discount the Anglo culture
4 that exists in the western County, the trend for the
5 future is we're going to be in the heavy commercial
6 industry, transportation-related activities. That's
7 going to exist a great deal because of the western
8 markets in California and beyond. If you were to ask
9 the question, as you did with the mayor, that would we
10 rather be rural or urban, I suspect if it were debated
11 for some period, I think the people of Mohave County
12 would say we would rather be together as one urban area
13 rather than separated and rural, because we have a
14 better opportunity to be together. Mohave County's had
15 its political challenges, and being together in
16 representation both to Phoenix and Washington would be
17 a great help.

18 Another concern I have is artificial
19 competitiveness. That is we do at the end of the
20 process, try to deal with competitiveness, and
21 typically that means competitiveness between political
22 parties. In my view, there are some areas of the state
23 who have such strong common interests without
24 consideration of political registration that to do
25 something based upon political registration would do

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1 more harm than good. I believe that there are places,
2 whether they be Democrat or Republican or any other
3 party that may rise, that it is more important that
4 people are together than splitting between two parties.
5 There are people in this community -- in this state,
6 for example, that I'm aware who have registered with
7 one party or another because there is such a strong
8 following in that party that they want to participate
9 as they would say in the primary election, when
10 otherwise they would not, but when they get to the
11 general election, they vote quite differently. So
12 that's a consideration. You can't always determine
13 political competitiveness by party registration.

14 The other thing is, and the folks that are
15 associated with the development in Kingman brought this
16 up, our common interest in transportation lie mostly
17 along Highway 93 and Interstate 19 and Highway 95 than
18 it does eastward with Interstate 40. We're a stopover
19 point for Interstate 40. Ultimately we're going to
20 become more of a shipping point, but for the folks from
21 here to New Mexico, the commonality is only going to be
22 the truckers who stop along the way for gas. About a
23 few hundred feet or a half a mile from that freeway
24 there is not going to be a lot of common interest. My
25 suggestion and urging, whatever you do, keep

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1 Mohave County together and do the best you can to keep
2 them together both for the legislative and
3 congressional pressures.

4 One other thing I'll note in the congressional
5 map, and this will be a matter of much discussion, and
6 I haven't heard much of it, is this little narrow neck
7 of land that goes from western Arizona up to the Hopi
8 reservation. There are -- this is, as anyone would
9 say, a gerrymandering. I am aware and you may want to
10 address that there are certain federal court cases and
11 other precedent that would say that the -- for federal
12 government purposes, it is best suited to have those
13 two nations, who have in the past feuded, to be kept
14 separate so they can have separate representation in
15 Washington. Just as a further information for those
16 who are here, the issues of the American Indian under
17 the Constitution have been up to the federal government
18 as part of the powers of the Constitution.

19 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Varga. One question, I'm
20 interested in your comments relative to
21 competitiveness. What I would like you to do is order
22 them in priority. They are voting rights at issue,
23 communities of interests and competitiveness. If you
24 were to rank those one through three, how would you
25 rank those?

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1 MR. VARGA: Well, the voting rights issues have to
2 come first because they're mandated that way, and it
3 depends upon what voting rights we're talking about.
4 There is significant ethnic concerns when it comes to
5 blocks of voting or districts that are designed. My
6 personal view is that if you can design a district with
7 all the parameters that would give ethnic groups their
8 own representation to represent their own special
9 interests, all interests are special to those who have
10 them, then that would be a good thing.

11 Commonality of interest I think is greater
12 than the issue of political registration. That's my
13 view.

14 We seem to be very focused on the issue of
15 fairness in that realm, but I fear that, in some cases,
16 to give equal representation among political parties
17 may divide communities in other ways that may cause
18 more harm than good.

19 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Varga, I appreciate your
20 input, and I hope that you don't feel too bad about
21 your efforts in appointing this commission.

22 MR. VARGA: I admire you guys for taking this on.
23 I know what you're doing is very difficult. There were
24 several issues we looked at, and one is who in the
25 world drafted this to have only five people. The

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1 second one is there is nothing we can do about it, but
2 how in the world are we going to let these five people
3 do what they've got to do in such a short period of
4 time.

5 MR. HALL: We appreciate that. Thank you for your
6 input.

7 MR. FABRIZIO: Lee Fabrizio, F-A-B-R-I-Z-I-O,
8 common spelling. I too am I -- I can't add much to
9 what everybody else has already said, but I have been a
10 short-time resident here, five years, but I was an FBI
11 agent here for two years, and, in fact, when they told
12 me I was coming to Kingman, I thought they said Cayman,
13 but I came anyway. What I wanted to say, in my short
14 experience here, I worked in the Hualhapi reservation,
15 the Supai reservation, Mohave reservation and Navajo
16 reservation as a FBI agent. The two cultures could be
17 no more different. I don't know how you could put the
18 river communities with the Indian communities. It
19 doesn't mix. It doesn't make any common sense, and
20 the -- you know, as your issue of rural as opposed to
21 urban, I thought I was coming to a rural community. I
22 came from Chicago, and this is not a rural community,
23 and it will become much more a urban one when the
24 four-lane highway goes through between Phoenix and
25 Las Vegas. This place is going to expand up in 100,000

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1 people just in Kingman alone I'm told. I think there
2 are a number of regions where the draft proposal I saw
3 doesn't work. Thank you.

4 MR. HALL: Thank you, Mr. Fabrizio. I am out of
5 speakers, so I'm assuming we have had the opportunity
6 to hear from everyone who would like to voice their
7 opinion. Was there anyone else who for any reason did
8 not get a chance to fill out a speaker slip? We would
9 recognize you at this time.

10 MS. BUMP: Judy Bump, B-U-M-P. I would like to
11 know who the other four members of the commission are
12 and why you're the only one here.

13 MR. HALL: I introduced them at the beginning, but
14 I will be glad to do it again. The lady to my left is
15 Marguerite Leoni, who is an attorney and is also a
16 member of the National Demographic Corporation, who is
17 our primary consultant in assisting us in this very
18 difficult process.

19 The handsome gentleman to my right is Jose de
20 Jesus Rivera, who is our attorney, one of our two legal
21 counsel representing the independent redistricting
22 commission.

23 The lovely lady to his right is Amy Rezzonico,
24 who is our public information officer, and these folks
25 down here are members of our staff who is Paul and Alma

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1 and Augusta, wherever she is. They are members of our
2 staff.

3 The other four commissioners, as I indicated,
4 I think at least three or four are in Florence at this
5 time also holding a meeting, and it is Steve Lynn who
6 is the chairman, and he's registered independent of
7 this commission; Andrea Minkoff, who lives in Phoenix
8 and is a Democrat; Dan Elder, who lives in Tucson and
9 is a Republican; James Huntwork, who lives in Phoenix
10 and is a Republican; and my name is Joshua Hall, and I
11 live in St. Johns.

12 MS. BUMP: I'm sorry, I used to live almost there
13 too. Thank you, because you did introduce their names,
14 but not what they did. That's what I was interested
15 in.

16 MR. HALL: Well, actually, I did, but that's okay.
17 I'm happy to do so again.

18 MS. BUMP: I didn't get it.

19 MR. HALL: I understand. Ladies and gentlemen, let
20 me just say in conclusion, it's a pleasure to be with
21 you this evening. One of the great benefits of this
22 commission, while there may be challenges, is for the
23 first time in the history of this state, this process
24 is being done in public. While our jobs are
25 challenging, and you can rest assured everybody will

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1 not be particularly pleased, this process is done in
2 public, and we're doing the best we can to assimilate
3 all of the input we have for the citizens of this great
4 state and accommodate all the legal, federal and state
5 issues and also do the best we can to draw 8 new and 30
6 new congressional and legislative districts
7 respectively.

8 We have heard you this evening. We recognize
9 there are challenges. You can see many of the
10 alternatives we're working on we feel are addressing
11 the challenges in our areas, our challenges to balance
12 the other 29 challenges, and we're doing the very best
13 that we can. To reiterate, we welcome your continued
14 input via mail, web site, phone, or you can contact our
15 public information officer, if you have continue
16 questions. This meeting will stand adjourned. We
17 thank you for letting us be with you this evening.

18 (The hearing concluded at 4:52 p.m.,
19 September 8, 2001.)

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