

**Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission**  
**Monday, September 26, 2011**  
**12:22 p.m.**

**Location**

Holiday Inn Commerce/Cotton Banquet Room  
777 N. Pinal Avenue  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

**Attending**

Colleen C. Mathis, Chairperson  
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair  
Scott Day Freeman, Vice Chair  
Linda E. McNulty, Commissioner  
Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director  
Buck Forst, Information Technology Specialist  
Ken Strasma, Willie Desmond, Mapping Consultant  
Mary O'Grady, Counsel, Osborn Maledon  
Joe Kanefield, Counsel, Ballard Spahr

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

- Chairperson Mathis called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

**Agenda**

- Map presentations.
  - Tommie Martin, representing Gila County, Supervisor, District 1, spoke on wanting two rural congressmen to vote on rural issues and not be clouded by metro issues. She feels metro issues and rural issues are completely different. She would like to have three border districts. She cannot speak to competitiveness on her map because it had just been submitted to John Mills. She informed the board that her data files have been submitted to Buck Forst.
  - Larry Stephenson, representing Pinal Government Alliance, spoke on wanting to have two rural districts and feels the map presented by Tommie Martin accomplishes that.
  - David Snider, representing Pinal Government Alliance, spoke on the Alliance map meeting all of the constitutional criteria. It creates two rural districts. Listed all of the criteria that he feels the map meet and feels that it will meet all of the tests being administered to map presentations.
  - Wes Harris, representing PC LD 6-28, feels the board has tied their hands by accepting the Hispanic Coalitions map without revision or alteration. On his map he created a District 1 after county map 6D. Spoke on District 4. Spoke on keeping reservations together, not splitting Yuma. His map adjusted Districts 1, 3, and 4.
- Public Comment
  - David Cantelme, representing FAIR Trust, spoke on the voting history of congressmen in the state of Arizona.
  - D.J. Quinlan, representing Arizona Democratic Party, voiced his concern that Mr. Cantelme read into the record the home city of a current incumbent and feels that the board is forbidden from looking at that information.

- Commissioner Herrera questioned counsel on what should happen if this information was given to the board.
  - Ms. O’Grady responded that the Commission cannot take that into account in its decision-making, any knowledge it may have concerning the incumbent’s location. But told the Commission she would confer with counsel to see if it needed to be stricken from the record or redacted.
  - Daryl Melvin, representing City of Flagstaff, informed the board that the City remains supportive of the rural district concepts. Feels that competitiveness is very important. He spoke on the City’s communities of interests.
- Review, discussion and direction to mapping consultant regarding the development of a congressional draft map based on constitutional criteria.
    - Chairperson Mathis introduced the map that she submitted to the mapping consultants, callin it the “everything map”. Feels that is brings together parts of the river district map as well as the whole counties map. She addressed the spot in the middle of the map that was left blank.
      - Chairperson Mathis started with the whole county map 6D as she feels that most closely reflected what she had in mind in trying to accomplish two rural districts and three border districts.
      - Chairperson Mathis had mapping consultant adjust CD 2 down to the border.
      - This map does split Santa Cruz County.
    - Vice Chair Herrera feels that his river district map creates two competitive districts.
    - Vice Chair Freeman suggested grabbing far western Maricopa County for the unassigned area.
    - Vice Chair Freeman feels that the population for District 2 in the everything map is awfully small to create a border district.
    - Commissioner Stertz would like to see Santa Cruz County remain whole.
    - Commissioner McNulty spoke on there being two border sectors and increasing to three borders to three ports of entry does not have any bearing on the representation of the border.
    - Commissioner McNulty is interested in seeing the changes in the majority/minority district, particularly as they move into South Phoenix.
    - Commissioner Stertz respects the concept of the river district, but not to the detriment of any of the other criteria. He thinks the idea of starting to merge the maps together for exploration is sound and prudent.
    - Vice Chair Herrera agreed with Commissioner McNulty on the three border districts and that border issues are not only a state issue, but federal issue.
    - Vice Chair Herrera voiced his concern about this being the first time he’s seen the everything map and that there’s been plenty of public comment opposing the three border district.
    - Chairperson Mathis acknowledged that this is the first iteration and hoped that all commissioners could at least agree to use this map to move forward and make adjustments as they see fit.
    - Vice Chair Freeman agreed to go through the process with the everything map, combo map and see what he could do.
    - Commissioner Stertz wants to see if the river district has components that can be rolled into the new design.
    - Chairperson Mathis suggested that could be done now or during the meetings so that the draft map can be completed and the Commission would be moving forward with this new map as well as the river district and the whole county maps.
    - Vice Chair Herrera wants to look at District 3, feels that it has too high of a HVAP and would like it to be looked into.
    - Commissioner Stertz feels that by moving all of Santa Cruz into one county, you should be able to reduce 3.
    - Vice Chair Freeman suggested crossing into Maricopa County and adding as much rural population out of the western part of Maricopa County into District 4.
    - Vice Chair Freeman commented on the last instructions to the so-called river district map.
    - Chairperson Mathis restated that the Commission’s mission is from the Constitution.
    - Buck Forst confirmed that the three border, two rural map is on the website.
    - Vice Chair Herrera would like more time to study the everything map and then forward those on to Mr. Bladine.

- Review, discussion and direction to mapping consultant regarding the development of a legislative district draft map based on constitutional criteria.
  - In response to Vice Chair Freeman's request, Mr. Desmond started with Option 1, version 6B.
  - Vice Chair Freeman explained that he started with the outside of the state and worked his way inward and trying not to split counties.
  - Commissioner McNulty explained that map 7A is an attempt to balance some imbalances that resulted from first revisions.
  - Commissioner McNulty would like to look at Vice Chair Freeman's map to see if there are any commonalities to reach some sort of agreement.
  - Vice Chair Freeman wants to focus on the commonalities, thinking that would help.
  - Commissioner McNulty agreed, but stated that her map was only halfway done, so she didn't think that would work yet.
  - Commissioner Stertz wanted clarification from Commissioner McNulty on which map she was using the Hispanic Coalition maps or the Arizona Minority Coalition map, and she stated Arizona Minority Coalition, that she didn't believe we had maps from the Hispanic Coalition.
  - Commissioner McNulty wants to review the changes to the map.
  - Vice Chair Freeman expressed his concern that the Commission needs more input on legislative districts.
  - Chairperson Mathis requested legal counsel to do some outreach to the Hispanic groups, in particular, to get more input
  - Ms. O'Grady explained that they were reaching out to the Hispanic population through media.
  - Vice Chair Herrera requested that Vice Chair Freeman's changes were made as soon as possible so he can compare commonalities between the two.
  - Vice Chair Herrera commented on reaching out to the minority groups that sued the Commission ten years ago.
  - Ms. O'Grady expressed she would be happy to reach out to them to the extent that those individuals can be located.
  - Chairperson Mathis expressed concern that everybody knows about the scrambled 2004 and 2006 precinct data issues and that they have the right information and questioned Mr. Desmond on when that data would be completed.
  - Mr. Desmond responded that he does not know when that will be completed.
  
- Executive Director's report
  - Mr. Bladine handed out two books to all commissioners. One that has all of the newspaper articles and the second updating public input that has come in.
  - Mr. Bladine questioned the commissioners on their availability for next week.
  - Kristina is working on round two activities and contacting people and trying to locate translators.
  - Chairperson Mathis stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings would need to be in Tucson due to some work meetings she has to attend.
  - Vice Chair Herrera reiterated his concern on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays where he has a prior commitment and has to be there by 6 p.m.
  - Mr. Bladine said he would double-check that and give commissioners a chance to look at what Anna sent out.
  
- Discussion of future meetings and future agenda items.
  - Chairperson Mathis stated that the agendas are pretty much looking the same at this point, with a lot of recurring items that need to be addressed.
  
- Call for public comment
  - Mohur Sarah Sidhwa, representing self, spoke on inmate population and cautioned the Commission about listening to elected officials speaking for themselves.
  - Barry McCain, representing self, feels the Commission should find where it agrees, put that down first and get it out of the way.

- Lynne St. Angelo, representing self, spoke on the maps being online. She stated that last week that didn't happen and it probably won't get better with the number of meetings. Not happy that maps are not up for Thursday, Friday, and Monday.
  - Roberto Revels, representing self, offered to call the donut/bagel map the churro map. Spoke on his time in congress. Spoke on being in favor of the so-called river district map and in opposition to the whole counties map.
  - Jim March, representing Second Chair, Pima Libertarian Party, feels the Commission is using prison population in drawing their maps. Feels that we don't have good data available to us regarding exactly where the state and federal prisons are, and in particular, INS detention facilities. Asked that staff be directed to provide information on this topic.
  - David Cantelme, representing FAIR Trust, reminded the Commission of the meeting in Hon Dah where it received a letter from Chairman Lupe supporting the existing configuration and that Chairman Lupe's support should be given a lot of weight.
  - Rivko Knox, representing self, spoke on competitiveness. Feels that too much has been focused on communities of interest and not much attention paid to competitiveness.
  - Lois Pfau, representing self, agreed with everything that Rivko Knox said.
  - Jill Kipnes, representing Pima County Governmental Alliance, wanted to clear up the statistics on prison population.
  - Kelli Butler, representing self, spoke on competitiveness.
- Report, legal advice and direction to counsel regarding Attorney General inquiry.
    - Motion made by Commissioner McNulty to go into executive session for the purpose of getting an update on the Attorney General investigation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Herrera. Motion passed unanimously.
    - The Commission went into executive session, which was not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice and providing direction to counsel.
- Executive session began at 4:25 p.m.
  - Regular session resumed at 4:32 p.m.
  - Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.