

MEDIA ALERT

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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Starts 30 Day Public Hearing on Adopted Draft Maps for Arizona's Congressional and Legislative Districts

Meetings in Cottonwood and Phoenix for In person Comments

Phoenix, AZ- November 16, 2021, the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission will host an opportunity for in-person public input on the adopted draft maps for Arizona's nine congressional districts and 30 state legislative districts in Cottonwood and Phoenix, AZ.

The adopted draft maps are posted to <u>adopted congressional draft map</u> and <u>adopted legislative draft maps</u>. There are numerous ways individuals can provide input on these maps:

- 1. Attend in-person meetings to provide comments: draft map hearings (Nov. to Dec) schedule.
- 2. Pre-register for public comment during virtual town halls. Friday Nov.12, Friday, Nov 19, Friday, Dec. 3. The virtual meetings start at 12:00 pm (MST) all pre-registration must be completed by no later than 11:00 pm day of meeting. For Pre-registration visit: draft map hearings (Nov. to Dec) schedule.
- 3. Provide online feedback:
 - a. provide feedback on draft congressional maps.
 - **b.** provide feedback on draft legislative maps.
- 4. Provide comments from the IRC website "Contact Us" contact us.
- 5. Email us at <u>ircadmin@azdoa.gov</u>

The adopted draft maps are the third of a four-phase process to draw new district boundaries. After a 30-day public comment period, the IRC will meet again to establish final district boundaries. This fourth and final phase is expected to conclude in December 2021.

Tues. Nov 16 - 6:00 pm (MST)

| Main Location: | Satellite Location: (130 Capacity) |
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| Cottonwood Community Club House | Residence Inn Desert View at Mayo |
| 805 N. Main St. | 5665 E. Mayo Blvd. |
| Cottonwood, AZ 86326 | Phoenix, AZ 85054 |

All public hearings will provide Spanish interpreters and American Sign Language interpreters.

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IRC Mission: The Independent Redistricting Commission's mission is to redraw Arizona's congressional and legislative districts to reflect the results of the most recent census. The concept of one-person, one-vote dictates that districts should be roughly equal in population. Other factors to be considered are the federal Voting Rights Act, district shape, geographical features, respect for communities of interest and potential competitiveness. The state Constitution requires the commissioners – two Republicans, two Democrats and an independent chairperson – to start from scratch rather than redraw existing districts.

A new Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was appointed in January 2021 to adopt new congressional and legislative districts for Arizona.



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