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INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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TOP STORY

Communities of Interest Report

Phoenix, AZ - The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Community of Interest Report is final and can be reviewed on our website: [Arizona IRC Communities of Interest Report](#). This report incorporates all online completed surveys and paper surveys submitted during the listening tour.

Please keep in mind that the general public will have another opportunity to publicly comment and draw maps within the upcoming weeks. We encourage you to follow our website for participation in upcoming meetings. Members of the general public are always encouraged to listen to all of our public meetings and welcome to submit public comments through our website: <https://irc.az.gov/contact-us>

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



This week's publication features an interview with Arizona IRC Chairwoman Erika Neuberg.

What was your interest in volunteering to serve as one of Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commissioners? As a student of political science, I developed a deep appreciation for our Constitution and the freedoms it affords us. As a student of Jewish history, I learned the importance of political expression and self-determination. And as a child of philanthropic parents, I was taught to seek a life of purpose and meaning. Chairing Arizona's Independent Redistricting

Commission combines my values, taps into my personal strengths, and, most important, enables me to further strengthen the democratic fabric of our state and country for common good.

What strengths do you have that adds value to the redistricting tasks? My years of work as a psychologist have deepened my understanding of and compassion for people of all backgrounds. My years of philanthropic work have honed my ability to lead, think strategically, and stay laser-focused on a mission. My years of political advocacy have taught me how to bring people from different perspectives together and find consensus. I'm honest, tough, hardworking, and collegial. And I am, and have always been, fiercely independent.

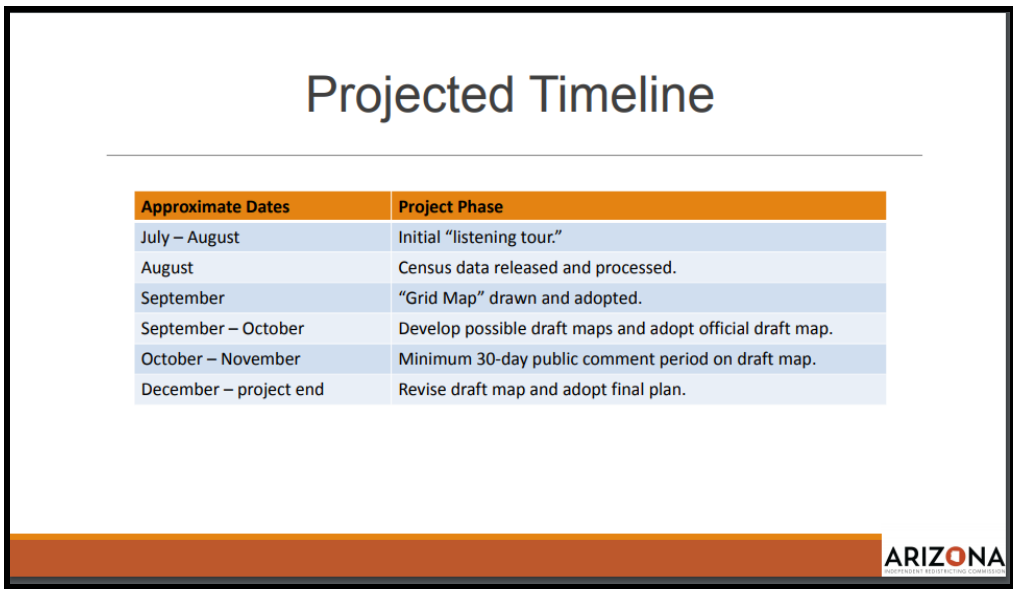
Do you have any other volunteer work? I have been involved with bipartisan, pro-Israel advocacy for over 25 years where I have engaged with and educated many sitting and prospective elected officials and other force multipliers representing all political ideologies. I have also served in various leadership positions with Phoenix area synagogues and Jewish organizations where I helped strengthen communal life, supported Tikkun Olam (pro-social volunteerism), and worked to foster inter-faith bridge-building. Another philanthropic highlight was serving as a mentor with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and being chosen family match of the year.

Special hobbies? I love to hike, read, listen to podcasts, watch sports (New York Giants and Phoenix Suns!!), and spend time with family and friends.

Chair Neuberg's professional bio and photo can be found on our website link: <https://irc.az.gov/content/erika-neuberg>

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IN THE NEWS



Projected Timeline

Approximate Dates	Project Phase
July – August	Initial "listening tour."
August	Census data released and processed.
September	"Grid Map" drawn and adopted.
September – October	Develop possible draft maps and adopt official draft map.
October – November	Minimum 30-day public comment period on draft map.
December – project end	Revise draft map and adopt final plan.

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- ❖ Follow our projected timeline (Slide share with general public during listening session)
- ❖ PowerPoint Presentations from public meeting August 31, 2021.
 - [Kyl Center for Water](#)
 - [AZ Farm Bureau & Western Growers Association](#)
 - [AZ Criteria Presentation](#)
 - [Analyzing Voting Patterns Presentation](#)

- ❖ Watch public meeting August 31, 2021
 - [View Here.](#)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please join the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (AIRC) for its public meeting on Tuesday, September 14 at 8:00am. Watch LIVE at <https://bit.ly/ArizonaIRC32>. Public comment is open during the meeting and may be submitted here: <https://bit.ly/IRCPublicComment32>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Socioeconomic Story Map](#)
- [Socioeconomic Report Web App](#)
- [Community of Interest](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Public Meetings](#)
- [Newsroom](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

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. This comprehensive website is being used to inform the public about its work.



Read more on our website: <https://irc.az.gov/>

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