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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Seeking Public Input *On New Legislative and Congressional District Boundaries*

Phoenix, AZ-The Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) invites residents to participate in its first round of statewide public hearings beginning July 23 and continuing through August 9, 2021. Information will be presented both in person and virtually about the redrawing of Arizona's congressional and legislative districts. Public comment received during these meetings will be used by the IRC to help inform the drawing of new district boundaries. Commission Chair Erika Neuberg urges all Arizonans to attend one of these important hearings to ensure their voices will be heard.

Over the next few months the Commission will be making decisions about Arizonans' future voting districts. Voting districts determine what district a resident will vote in for representation in the United States Congress and the Arizona State Legislature. Redistricting is necessary as it takes into account any population changes from the last ten years and creates districts of equal population.

Arizona voters passed Proposition 106 in the 2000 General Election, amending the Arizona Constitution to create a five-member commission to redraw congressional and legislative district boundaries based upon 2020 census data. The IRC is made up of two Democrats, two Republicans and an independent Chair elected by the other commissioners. The chair must not be a member of either party already represented on the Commission. Proposition 106 replaced the old process in which the State Legislature established the districts.

One of the goals of the IRC public hearings is to solicit public input about communities of interest. There are forms available at the public hearings, and or on the IRC website that can be used to define an area that you feel should be considered a community of interest.

A list of the times and locations of the hearings is attached. *(Additional satellite locations will be announced once confirmed)*

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Neumann at ircadmin@azdoa.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

For more information about the Independent Redistricting Commission or to submit electronic comments, please visit www.irc.az.gov

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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.

Public Hearing Schedule

Satellite locations are intended to offer individuals in different parts of a region a more convenient location to participate in these public hearings.

Friday, July 23, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Pinal County)

Main Location

Pinal County Historic Courthouse
135 N. Pinal St.
Florence, AZ 85132

Satellite Location

City of Maricopa Public Library
18160 N. Maya Angelou Dr.
Maricopa, AZ 85138

Satellite Location

Superior Town Hall
199 N. Lobb Ave.
Superior, AZ 85173

Saturday, July 24, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Maricopa County)

Glendale Civic Center
5750 W Glenn Dr
Glendale, AZ 85301

Sunday, July 25, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Maricopa County)

Phoenix City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Tuesday, July 27, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Yavapai County)

Main Location

Yavapai Community College - Prescott Campus
1110 E. Sheldon St.

Prescott, AZ 86301

Satellite Location

Yavapai Community College - Sedona Campus

4215 Arts Village Dr.

Sedona, AZ 86336

Satellite Location

Congress Elementary School

26400 S. Tenderfoot Hill Rd.

Congress, AZ 85332

Wednesday, July 28, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Mohave County)

Main Location

Lake Havasu Civic Center

2360 McCulloch Blvd. North

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Satellite Location

Suddenlink Community Center

2380 Suddenlink Way,

Bullhead City, AZ 86429

Satellite Location

Kingman Board Meeting Room

700 W. Beale St.

Kingman, AZ 86401

Thursday, July 29, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Coconino County)

Main Location

High Country Conference Center

NAU High Country Conference Center (HCCC)

201 W. Butler Ave.

Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Satellite Location

Page City Hall
697 Vista Ave.
Page, AZ 86040

Satellite Location

Tuba City Chapter House
220 W. Main St.
Tuba City, AZ 86045

Friday, July 30, 2021 - 2:00 pm MST/3:00 pm MDT (Apache County)

Main Location

Navajo Nation Museum
Arizona 264 and Loop Road
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Satellite Location

Eagar Town Hall
22 W. 2nd St.
Eagar, AZ 85925

Satellite Location

Chinle (TBD)
Kayenta (TBD)

Saturday, July 31, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Navajo County)

City of Show Low Council Chambers
181 N. 9th St.
Showlow, AZ 85901

Satellite Location

Kayenta (TBD)
Kykotsmovi (TBD)

Sunday, August 1, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Gila County)

Main Location

Quality Inn
801 N. Beeline Hwy.
Payson, AZ 85541

Satellite Location

Holiday Inn Express
1890 E. Ash St.
Globe, AZ 85501

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Yuma/La Paz County)

Main Location

Yuma Civic Center (East Wing)
1440 W. Desert Hills Dr.
Yuma, AZ 85365

Satellite Location

Parker Senior Center
1115 W. 12th St.
Parker, AZ 85344

Satellite Location

Quartzsite Town Hall
465 Plymouth Rd.
Quartzsite, AZ 85346

Thursday, August 5, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Santa Cruz/Cochise County)

Main Location

Quality Hotel Americana Nogales
639 N. Grand Ave.
Nogales, Arizona 85621

Satellite Location

Cochise County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
1415 Melody Lane, Bldg G
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Friday, August 6, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Graham/Greenlee County)

Main Location

Graham County Assembly Room
921 W. Thatcher Blvd.
Safford, AZ 85546

Satellite Location

Greenlee (TBD)

Saturday, August 7, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Pima County)

Main Location

Tucson (TBD)

Satellite Location

Sells (TBD)

Sunday, August 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM (Pima County)

Tucson (TBD)

Monday, August 9, 2021 - 5:00 PM (Maricopa County)

East Valley (TBD)