

Citizen Redistricting Committee
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CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2021 | 3:00PM-7:00PM

Virtually Via Zoom

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Chávez. The roll was called; the following Committee Members were present. The chair and members briefly gave biographies and appointments upon affirming that they were present.

HON. EDWARD L. CHÁVEZ, CHAIR
RYAN CANGIOLSI, MEMBER present
HON. LISA CURTIS, MEMBER present
ROBERT RHATIGAN, MEMBER present
JOAQUIN SANCHEZ, MEMBER not present
HON. MICHAEL SANCHEZ, MEMBER present
CHRISTOPHER SAUCEDO, MEMBER present

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Chávez sought a motion to approve the agenda. Committee Member Curtis moved to approve the agenda; Committee Member Saucedo seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Chávez conducted a vote. All Committee Members voted in the affirmative, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

2. OPENING REMARKS ON CRC'S WORK AND MISSION

Chair Chávez made comments on the Committee's work and direction. He explained that this meeting has a satellite site in Gallup at the University of New Mexico, watching the meeting and able to speak during public comment.

3. REDISTRICTING 101

Mr. Brian Sanderoff, of Research & Polling ("R&P"), gave a brief presentation on criteria the Committee must consider in its examination of maps (R&P slide presentation).

4. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Matt Dodson. **Change boundary of district 1, bad result of pairing.** (00:26:03 elapsed time)
- Laurie Weahkee, **Navajos are community of interest.** (00:32:00)
- Representative Rodney Montoya, **thinks his area undercounted by census.** (00:47:39)
- Damian Atalejo, **concerned about double standard in creating districts.** (01:24:08)
- Joseph Hernandez, **Navajos are concerned to maximize voting strength, oppose letting natural boundaries split community.** (01:26:00)
- Don Schreiber, **opposes changing boundaries, Congressional District 3.** (01:35:00)
- Leonard Gorman, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, favors **Navajo request to have precinct boundaries same as Chapter boundaries, Navajo distrust mail early voting, want to see ballot going into box.** (01:45:00)
- Christina Morris, resident of Gallup, has worked in public health, no tag. (02:04:49)
- Eli Pavlik, Chair of Democratic Party of San Juan County, concerning district 4, **concern that Representative is in Gallup area but district is Farmington;** also true of district 65. (02:08:00)
- Lauren Bernally (already spoke once), grew up in San Juan County. (02:14:21) **questioned loss of population,** responded school enrollment is up.
- Tanya Shelby (San Juan County Clerk), 2011 changes made populous districts smaller, **hopes COIs will be retained when boundaries are changed.** (02:31:06)

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIONS TO RESEARCH & POLLING REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL PLANS.

The Committee reviewed submissions on the Districtr portal relating to congressional plans. No new maps.

6. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIONS TO RESEARCH & POLLING REGARDING STATE SENATE PLANS.

The Committee reviewed submissions on the Districtr portal relating to state senate plans. No new maps.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIONS TO RESEARCH & POLLING REGARDING STATE HOUSE PLANS.

The Committee reviewed submissions on the Districtr portal relating to state house plans. No new maps.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER DISCUSSION AND DIRECTIONS TO RESEARCH & POLLING FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (“PEC”) PLANS.

The Committee did not review any submissions on the District portal relating to PEC plans, because none were submitted. No new maps.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Chair Chávez sought a motion to adjourn. Committee Member Michael Sanchez moved to adjourn; Committee Member Christopher Saucedo seconded. Hearing no discussion Chair Chávez conducted a vote. All Committee Members voted in the affirmative, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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