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CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE NEEDS VOTER INPUT

Citizens can attend public meetings, submit testimony online, even draw their own maps

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) will hold a public meeting Saturday, August 7 in the West Mesa High School Art Theater from 1 to 5 p.m. to explain the redistricting process and invite public input for drawing new Congressional, legislative and Public Education Commission district maps.

The seven CRC members are working to ensure New Mexicans get to choose their elected representatives, not the other way around—because democracy starts at home.

“Drawing districts is not just about numbers. More importantly it is about people and their communities, the challenges in their communities and how a representative government can effectively help them meet the challenges” said CRC Chairman, Ed Chávez, former state supreme court chief justice, during opening remarks of the first CRC public meeting August 2.”

Public input is critical as the CRC balances population equality with legal, demographic, and geographic factors.

This is a once in a decade opportunity for New Mexico’s voters to participate in the process of ensuring they can elect officials who understand and care about the needs and desires of their communities.

Public meetings across the state began August 2 and are scheduled through August 15. Meeting location and times can be found at www.nmredistricting.org. A second round of meetings for the public to comment on proposed concepts for maps will occur the last week of September and first week of October.

Public CRC meetings are scheduled at the following dates and locations:

- August 7, Albuquerque, West Mesa High School, Art Theater, 1-5 p.m.
- August 9, Farmington, San Juan College, Henderson Fine Arts Building, Room 9008, 3-7 p.m.
- August 9, Gallup, University of New Mexico Gallup Campus, Calvin Hall Auditorium, Room 248, 3-7 p.m. (Satellite Meeting)
- August 11, Roswell, Eastern New Mexico University, Instructional Technology Center, 3-7 p.m.
- August 11, Portales, Eastern New Mexico University, Campus Union Building, Room: Zia, 3-7 p.m. (Satellite Meeting)
- August 12, Las Cruces, New Mexico State University, Corbett Student Union Building, West Ballroom, 3-7 p.m.



- August 12, Silver City, Western New Mexico University, Global Resource Center Auditorium, 3-7 p.m. (Satellite Meeting)
- August 14, Albuquerque, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Room Chaco 2, 1-5 p.m.
- August 15, Española, Santa Claran Hotel and Casino, 7th Floor Conference Room, 1-5 p.m.

In keeping with current state requirements, those attending CRC meetings in person are required to wear a mask if not fully vaccinated; those who are vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear masks and all participants are requested to maintain social distance throughout the meetings.

Anyone wishing to participate remotely is welcome to join via Zoom and will be allowed an opportunity to share their thoughts and perspectives during public comment.

For details on how to connect via Zoom, visit <https://www.nmredistricting.org/meetings-transparency/> and click on “More Info” for the meeting you wish to attend.

New Mexicans can also submit public comments and draw maps for the CRC to consider at www.nmredistricting.org where recordings of all committee meetings and public input can be viewed.

Training dates and times to learn how to use the mapping tool are also available on the website.