

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY RECEIVED DURING
SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING CONGRESS

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September 28, 2021 Sandoval County Commission Government Administration Building D, Bernalillo, NM 87004

Jerry Schalow (22:09) Rio Rancho Chamber of Commerce. Biggest concern is except for CD Concept A the congressional maps all split Rio Rancho. Should not split Rio Rancho. The CRC does not split other large cities in its concepts so should not split Rio Rancho. Taking CD1 making it Bernalillo County and Cibola County and use Laguna/Acoma to balance out the population. Lot of migration from Albuquerque, Las Vegas, and other northern New Mexico families.

Debra Rice (25:54) Redistricting is one of the most important issues and glad the CRC are soliciting public input. Need to honor redistricting principles like communities of interest. Do not include areas that are divisive and avoid partisan voting blocks. CD D and G further divisiveness between urban/rural and the northern/southern divide.

Maureen Skowran (28:38) Congressional map should keep Bernalillo County whole in CD1. Might combine it with Cibola County as suggested by Schalow. Would also like more data for the public to be in a better position to assess the plans, such as measures of compactness, incumbent pairings, boundary splits. Also wants the number of minority/majority districts in each plan.

September 29, 2021 Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint NM
(The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)

CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (0:38:30), STATE SENATE CONCEPTS (0:46:30), STATE HOUSE CONCEPTS (0:53:00), PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (1:05:00)

All comments related generally to all maps.

Patti Williams (01:24:00), consultant with Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission (NHRC), attorney and litigator of voting issues. NHRC is part of redistricting working group. Principles provided in handout [appendix/materials?]. Principles: **self-determination; no retrogression, tribal entities are protected minorities**. Redistricting is important to comply with **federal and state voting rights law**. (01:06:00) Discussion with Ms. Williams and Chair Chávez and Members on the **deviation standard, packing and the CRC act**.

Lauren Bernally with M.C. Balwin (02:25:00), presented LUCA, Local Updated Census Addressing, aerial topography pictures of housing units on Navajo reservation showing activity but overlays of census showed zero persons in residence, and spoke about **census undercounting** issues that were 4.9% in 2010 as admitted by the Census Bureau, and believed a similar undercount occurred in 2020.

Genevieve Jackson (02:45:00), McKinley County Commissioner, experience visiting homes on Navajo Reservation, said residents did not want to interact and did not want to be registered by census workers from distrust of government and fear of COVID during the pandemic, causing **census undercounting**.

Eli Cuna (02:53:00), Center for Civic Policy, presented social justice attributes of House **concept map E #541342 (supports)** submitted by the Center and moved forward by the CRC.

John Wertheim (03:00:00), complaint about **soft standards** discussed in reference to Navajo voting standards and redistricting, compared with **‘constitutional’ standards**. Disagrees that public should have to show exceptional circumstances to exceed + or – 5% deviations.

Daniel Tso (03:15:30), Chairman, Navajo, first appointed by Pres. Peter MacDonald. Worked to increase Navajo voter turnout. Navajo voter should **equal vote** by someone in Albuquerque.

Joseph Hernandez (03:34:00), Navajo, family Hogan east Chaco canyon, trained district representatives. Concerned with **population inadequate measures**.

Chloe Jake (03:41:30), lives in New Mexico, member of Oklahoma tribe, **concerned with senate districts**. Submitted plans.

Charlotte Little (03:45:00), worked in health with Native American organizations to ensure an accurate census, but pandemic prevented an accurate count. At end response rate was low. Must take undercount into consideration.

Ahtza Chávez (03:45:00), Navajo, Director for education project and a Native American redistricting coalition, concerned that discrimination keeps Native Americans from voting. Worked on census but believes the Navajo Nation undercounted. Acknowledged that undercount likely means that the Native American Voting Age Population is higher than reflected in the Census.
(03:49:30)

Joseph Little (04:14:00), Mescalero Apache, attorney spoke about self-determination, communities of interest, and his **concern with the voting system**.

Leonard Gorman (04:22:00), Navajo Human Rights Commission Director, all here at the meeting who testified are concerned with the **ability to cast a ballot**. Presented a chart showing 20% never vote, 20% are confused about voting, 20% have issues e.g. transportation to the polling place and don't trust mail, only 35-40% vote. Presented aerial topographic displays of how residences show **people living there but not fully counted**. Presented maps from the Navajo Nation which are posted on nmredistricting.org under his name.

Sonlatsa Jim Martin (05:04:30), Navajo, **supports maps presented by the NHRC**, was an enumerator for Census and saw problems with count, also was a voter registrar, and saw difficulties faced by Navajos in voting.

***October 1, 2021 National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
(The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)***

CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (00:23:30)

The following individuals supported the Congressional map drawn by the Center for Civic Policy and House Concept H also drawn by the Center for Civic Policy because the South Valley has more in common with the districts in CD2, and because the South Valley has less in common with Tanoan and more in common with rural districts.

Andrea Serrano (00:33:30)

Maria Navarrete (00:34:00)

Josefina Gallardo (00:42:00)

Rosalinda Dorado (00:45:30)
Alma Mendoza (00:47:00)
Norma Mendoza (00:49:30)
Fabiola Landeros, Felipe Vasquez, Mirna Lozano (00:51:30)
Aline Castelan (00:53:00)
Michaela Gallegos (00:54:00)
Fernanda Banda (00:55:00)
Jesse Lopez (00:56:30)
Alicia Maldonado (00:57:30)
Melanie Aranda (01:01:00)
Itzajuan Banda (01:02:00)
Lucia Samudio (01:03:00)
Alyssa Banuelos (01:04:00)
Robin Carreon (01:05:00)
Ailinn Martinez (01:06:00)
Chearie Alipat (01:07:00)
Ana Bhandari (01:08:30)
Sunandita Santhanam (01:09:30)
Hwong Nguyen (01:10:30)
Felipe Vasquez (2nd time speaking). (01:23:00)
Sachi Watase Executive Director of Asian Peoples' Family Center, (01:31:30)
Yun Yao (01:40:30)

Comment by Member Cangiolosi asked if Congressional representatives did well. How would the peoples' map provide better representation?

Andrea Serrano, Oriana Sandoval and Eli Cuna (01:44:00) answered Members Cangiolosi's and Saucedo's question concerning the peoples' map.

Other comments regarding Congressional concepts

Zaira Loya (01:12:30) concerned with districts action by Committee because it needs to be equitable. Question from Lisa, speaker wants communities of interest

to be represented in new maps.

Robert Aragon (01:13:30) Vice Chair Republican Party, concerned with all possibilities for equitable districts and communities of interest, will provide information as process winds down. Would like the Republican Party to be able to comment on the People' Congressional Map

Patti Williams (01:26:00) concern with uses not possible with districtr for example, precincts not yet updated and maptitude drawn maps cannot be exported to districtr.

Helen Lopez (01:33:00) concerned with representation does not want to be in CD2.

Xinwei Wang (01:35:30) supports international district.

***October 2, 2021 New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
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CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (0.07.00)

Nicolas Leger (0.21.30) Northern New Mexico lawyer 35 years, common thread here is love of land, he **likes the status quo map**. Discussed **place of Rio Rancho** in the same district.

Paula Garcia (0.35.00) two-term County Commissioner, Director of Acequia Association, people come together by watershed, important community of interest (**community of interests**), propose map **#41862 for northern Congressional district**. Said large **migration** into Santa Fe but more commute for work. Proposed map was advanced as a concept for further public discussion.

Representative Roger Montoya (0.50.00) has served for nine months so far, supports northern Congressional district. He sees some **tension between social agendas and economic development**. He sees growth in the west side of the northern district.

Lisa Vigil (0.58.00) wants **support from representatives for Hispanic people. Northern district does that, and status quo map.**

Michael Vigil (01.00.00) lives in San Miguel County, former corrections officer, agricultural businessman, his opinion is to **separate districts so each can contribute economic value.** Keep workers here who now go out to oil fields, by **creating businesses here.**

Michael Montoya (1.23.00), Las Vegas City Councilor, **problem that money is somewhere else**, problem lack of representation, for recreation people and money go somewhere else. We have recreation, e.g. golf course, lakes, here.

Pilar Aredo Murray (01:41:30) teacher at NMHU, concerned with education and traditional communities (**communities of interest**).

Sharon Berman (01:51:00) thank you to Committee for work and transparency.

October 4, 2021 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
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CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (0:06:00)

The following individuals expressed support for the Congressional Map drafted by the Center for Civic Policy referred to as Concept H titled the People's Map. The reasons were generally to create a majority minority Hispanic congressional district, to improve communities of interest including with the South Valley, and common needs and interests, such as infrastructure, roads, electricity, water, healthcare, public schools, environmental justice issues, common cultural interests and the need to improve the representation of minorities, workers.

Kassandra Perez (0:20:00)

Viviana Arciniega (0:22:00)

Uriel Rosales (0.23.00)

Carolina Valois (0.25.30)

Viviana Arciniega (0:28:00)

Ramona Urbina (0.29.00)

Zulma Mendoza (0:30:00)

Silba Quintana (0:31:00)

Rosalba Ruiz (0:33:00)

Yomara Rios Laurenzana (0:37:30)

Peter Martin and Vanessa Porter (0:40:30)

Kimberly Mendoza (0:42:30)

Renee Beltran (0:43:30)

Perla Aquilar (0:46:00)

Daisy Maldonado (0:48:00)

Maria Burciaga (0:50:30)

Nina Benavidez Silver City Community Organizer supports center for civic policy result of over 60 meetings over six weeks need congressional district with strong Hispanic showing **(0:54:30)**

Maribel Vasquez (0:58:30)

Johana Becomo NM Café an immigrant rights organization supports people's map. **(01:00:30)**

Mary Helen Garcia (01:02:30)

Joe Delk, from Nogales, concerned with agriculture, federal land, and ranchers, and representation now concerned for representation of the agricultural industry not concerned with loss of population, would like to see existing CD 2 remain. **(02:14:30)** Testimony was taken out of order.

October 5, 2021 Roswell Museum and Art Center Bassett Auditorium, Roswell NM *(The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)*

CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (0:11:00)

Senator Timothy Jennings (0:21:00) East New Mexico all agriculture: ranching, farming, water is important, far from Albuquerque, Roswell receives no state money.

Representative Nibert (0:28:00) re maps Roswell people see selves as part of southern New Mexico, rural areas need representation. Does not want to be in with Albuquerque.

Jerry Fanning (0:29:00) Public and Government Affairs Director, Eddy County, supports map G. Urges the committee to make minimal changes to existing map.

Yolanda Rodriguez (0:31:00) supports map H, people have not been represented. Concept H will be pro immigrant, Hispanic and worker. The following individuals for reasons like Ms. Rodriguez expressed their support for Concept H.

Lorena Sanchez (0:33:00).

Veronica Osorio (0:35:00)

Ines Aparicio (0:35:00)
Jaime Osorio (0:36:30).
Gladys Saucedo (0:41:00)
Maria Romano (0:43:00)
Rosa Alonso (0:45:00)
Martina Reya (0:45:00)
Bertha Andrade (0:46:15)
Eduijes Hernandez (0:47:40)
Flora Mendoza (0:53:30)

Dennis Kintigh (0:49:30) Mayor of Roswell, maps should not separate 3 ENMU campuses, map should follow geography, maintain north-south boundaries for New Mexico CD, “let the geography guide the map”.

Margaret Kennard, Roswell City Council (0:55:00) Wants a north south divide without Albuquerque having any connection to CD2. Albuquerque would not recognize the issues facing the southeastern part of the state.

Loren Patterson (0:58:00) represents New Mexico cattle association, agriculture is the base of our economy, a traditional use of the land. Albuquerque would not understand the issues in rural NM.

Representative Candy Ezzell (01:01:00) farming and ranching, dairy provide jobs getting harder and harder. Believes some maps show partisan gerrymandering but could not identify which ones.

Kim Conlee (01:10:00) does not want Albuquerque representation, opposes H.

Carol Perish (01:12:00) supports Concepts A, B, C, but not H.

Will Cavin (01:15:00) leave CD2 as is, not enough population change to have drastic changes.

Sara McArthur (01:17:30) spoke about what is happening in Congress and how GOP steadily changing voting laws.

Travis Glenn (1:22:45) concerned with city v rural , communities of interest, some of maps don't help, Roswell area is different from Albuquerque and northern New Mexico.

Cathy Crossley (01:24:30) Albuquerque and Roswell different communities of interest, districts need to be different

Robert DiSenso (01:25:45) retired and moved here, doesn't want to be in a district with Albuquerque, hopes Committee is not under pressure to change things, need representation in our community.

Geni Flores Portales as Democrat wants to remain in CD3 (02:45:00)

October 7, 2021 Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM (The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)

CONGRESSIONAL MAPS

Keegan King (0:29:30) presented CD map #48380 as co-Chair of the IPCG Redistricting Committee and describes the process used.

Austin Weahkee (0:43:55) spoke about keeping communities of interest together in the CD map

Arden Kucate (0:59:00) Pueblo of Zuni. They have submitted a letter to the CRC on September 14, 2021. Supports the IPCG maps. Continue to want to be in CD2 and CD3. The desire is due to self-determination, preservation of sacred lands.

Arlen Quetawki, Sr. (1:03:20) Councilman speaking about Zuni. Supports the IPCG maps, given the time and effort to reach a consensus. Zuni decided what they wanted before the IPCG came to them. Has the Salt Lake in District 30 which they need to protect and want an advocate to protect this Lake. Want both CD2 and CD3. In CD3 Mount Taylor and Chaco Canyon, Fort Wingate, and Salt Lake in CD2.

Mario Atencio (01:14:30) Torreon Chapter Vice President supports the maps offered by the Navajo Nation because it protects their right to elect a representative of their choice. CD maps reflect the communities of interest that are important to the Navajo Nation.

John Block (01:18:10) radical change such as joining Albuquerque with Ruidoso or Roswell should not occur unless there is overwhelming support

Sheridan Law (01:23:10) agrees with Block but does want to see significant change in the maps. Discusses economic communities and suggests a North South CD but need CD2 and CD3 to tighten up around communities of interest.

Jerry Schalow (01:26:10) favors CD map A for Rio Rancho and Sandoval County. Wants to keep Rio Rancho together. Proposes #60359 as a map. Makes CD2 a Hispanic district, keeps east together, keeps Alb and Santa Fe in CD2, with strong Native American District. But the map has .19 deviations which would be unacceptable.

Kenneth Tiller (01:30:35) 1st Lt. Governor of Pueblo of Laguna support maps submitted by IPCG working group and confirm these maps reflect their interests, and ancestral lands that are not within their boundaries but nevertheless important to the people. During last 3 redistricting cycles Cibola County was under scrutiny. Want to remain in HD69 to protect Chaco Canyon and SD30, an influence district, to care for Mount Taylor in the districts. Finally, they want to remain in CD 3.

Em Ward (01:38:20) supports concept map G #44079 for Congressional District. Has balance and an urban district, a rural district, and offers a historical district in CD3 with Native communities. Population density is what has CD2 too big geographically.

Rosalinda Dorado (01:41:40) with Centro Iguales Derechos and to support CD map H and for cross-racial solidarity because current maps do allow representation of the communities. Need 60 to 65% NAVAP.

Fabiola Landeros (01:43:12) supports CD map H and supports tribal leadership. **Alma Mendoza (01:44:50)** member of Center for Equal Rights and supports CD map H. Current maps have erased the minorities from strength, need NA to elect those who represent their values.

Mirna Lascano (01:46:46) Center for Equality of Rights, supports CD map H.

Richard Partschs (01:48:55) of Valencia County. This is turning into a gerrymandering issue in CD where we concentrate power in Albuquerque area. Do not need radical change with such low population increase. Democrats want to shut out Republicans now we are not getting representation need hospital between Albuquerque and Socorro. What goes to Albuquerque takes away from rural areas.

Kimberly Wahpepah (01:54:45) From McKinley County and says taking their land and culture. Raised west side of Gallup infected with radium pollution and cancer in her family and lack of health care.

October 8, 2021 San Juan Community College, Farmington NM (The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)

CONGRESSIONAL MAPS (0:5:30)

Isaac Dakota Casados (0:18:30) Chair of Democratic Caucus of Native Americans and staff of Roger Montoya. Ask that the Committee supports the Native American House and Hispanic districts; maps, favors Native American concept map. Supports house concept maps D, E and CCP maps; support the CD E map and the Pueblo consensus map. Question from Member J. Sanchez, and response on social determinants of health, which include transport access to services, education and equity.

Leonard Gorman (0:28:00) via zoom from Gallup discussed the importance of including Rahma, Alamo and Tóhajiilee together, and also wants 19% NAVAP in northern Congressional district.

Antoine Yazzie, (0:30:30) discussed the importance of sacred lands

Pattie Williams (0:33:30) election results in minority majority districts and racially polarized voting Native American candidate won against non-Native American; factors blocking voting on the reservation; evidence shows gross undercounting by census; noncompliance by New Mexico state Department of Motor Vehicle to offer help registering to vote; poor language assistance; widespread use of voter suppression such as literacy tests. [handout at meeting for website materials]

Representative Rod Montoya (0:52:45) gave history of the adoption of the Redistricting Act and expressed concern about Legislature ignoring the work of the CRC. Congressional map party registration and party percentage in senate and house and voting raises question of who can represent who, and place of residence, no preference of maps. Suggests we look for clear breaking of Communities of Interest, i.e., do not split Clovis, Hobbs, and does not like splitting Albuquerque three ways in a Congressional map.

Julie Golden (01:20:00) doesn't want Albuquerque speaking for their community. No favorite map.

Bryan Crawford (01:23:00) Prefers CRC CD Concept D because of the difference of conditions between rural NM and Albuquerque-Santa Fe. Rural more important than race, etc.

Jim Krass (01:30:00) supports CD concept B #43307 wants a more status quo map.

Duta Flying Earth (01:35:00) lives in Farmington teacher and supports the People's map for Congress, map H.

Eli Cuna (01:38:00) supports map H

Paula Garcia (01:42:30) updating testimony supporting communities of interest in governance and equity could support map H but concerned about reach into Guadalupe County, which the acequias prefer to be in CD3 not CD1.

Charlie Marquez (01:55:30) lobbyist for New Mexico Chile Association producers and sellers, opposed to map H because does not want Albuquerque, it oppresses rural NM. Favors map G, but C, D or F, are generally acceptable. Need representation of rural agricultural interests and access to federal programs.

Joseph Hernandez (01:58:30) need map that gives weight to interests of Navajo nation. Concern is to uphold Native American voting power. Want Committee to adopt lines that tribal people submit.

Songtree Piote (01:58:30) Vice Chair of the Native American Caucus and supports maps submitted by tribal communities. **(02:08:00)**

Representative Strickler (02:13:00) Energy production makes sense to have northern, southern, and central Congressional districts, split horizontally, as is status quo. Does not want Albuquerque in all three Congressional Districts and does not want Hobbs split.