

## CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY RECEIVED DURING SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS REGARDING HOUSE

*The witness's testimony is organized by date and venue followed by the name of the witness with the time stamp in parenthesis indicating when the witness began testifying. You will have to access the recording at [nmredistricting.org](http://nmredistricting.org) and move the dial to the time stamp – this is not a link*

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

**Roger Taylor (1:11:30)** Galisteo resident in CD3, SD39, HD50. Suggests that the CRC consider different community interests when drawing maps. CD3 and SD39 seem to do this but HD50 has incongruities that should be considered. The Santa Fe County component which includes Eldorado, Galisteo, Lamy, Cerrillos, Madrid, has historical cultural interests, with its population including artists, retirees, who are concerned with arts, culture. Further to Edgewood and other counties you have ranching, agriculture. Although the two areas are concerned about the environment and water, they have different needs. Edgewood is split up between counties which is confusing to voters. Suggests a possibility for improvement of the HD50 is to move Galisteo to the Santa Fe County area.

**John Block (1:26:20)** He is from Alamogordo. Keep communities of interest together. Oil patch should not go up to Espanola. There are differences between the north and the south. There are also local district problems with the current maps. He is in HD51 which is Alamogordo (?) but HD54 which is adjoining extends all the way to Carlsbad and Artesia. He has a proposed map on the public input portal [nmredistricting.org](http://nmredistricting.org). Suggestion is to move Cloudcroft/High Rolls, Weed, Mayhill out of HD54 and place it with Alamogordo. He is satisfied with his Senate District.

**Evelyn Vinogradov (1:38:34)** Lives in Edgewood. Agrees with witness Roger Taylor about southern Santa Fe County. She does not want Edgewood split between congressional districts CD1 and CD3, or the house districts HD22 in west Edgewood, and HD 50 in east Edgewood.

**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 in reality 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  
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***HOUSE CONCEPTS (02:21:00)***

**Mason Graham (02:45:00)**, NM Black Voters Collaborative. African American community in NM, communities of interest, representation, illustrated best opportunity districts e.g. international district. Also provided a map explaining he liked Concept B the best but would like for the CRC to integrate his map. He worked with Research & Polling to explain his concepts and the potential for integrating his map into Concept B. Does not want Herndon paired with another incumbent.

**Alexandria “Willy” Taylor (02:56:00)**, New Mexico Black Organizing Committee, Alamogordo.

**Andrea Calderon (03:01:00)**, African American Redistricting Committee, social vulnerability and protecting districts, AAs concentrated in high SV districts.

**Nicole Rogers (03:15:30)**, Albuquerque, native NM, population has increased in some towns like Hobbs.

**Erica Davis-Crump (03:18:30)**, redistricting is important personally.

**Lisa Cristopherson (03:24:00)**, family involvement, experienced voter suppression.

**Aja Brooks (03:29:00)**, family in NM for generations. Is active and encourages the Committee not to forget the Black community. Also spoke about the importance of not pairing Herndon.

**Mary Smith (03:33:00)**, supports Nob Hill as a community of interest, not split it between 18 and 19.

**Monique Archibeque (03:45:00)** concern with the future and whether they will ever be adequately represented.

***October 2, 2021 New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM  
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***HOUSE CONCEPTS (02:01:00)***

**Representative Montoya (02:14:30)** commented he favored concept D, but acequia map seems better which dips into Santa Fe County.

**Paula Garcia (02:16:30)** concerned with **political representation**, regarding rural areas and acequias which is water rights and preserving a culture, in effect **community of interest**. Showed map p4535. Advocated for keeping both 40 and 70 because they lost a district last redistricting and do not want to lose a northern seat this time. Her map 40 is and 70 is . Mora has less in common with Raton and Clayton than Truchas. Map does not go all the way to Raton. Also moves Ohkay Ohwingeh to HD41. But does like concept D but goes to Raton.

**Elizabeth Ratzlaff (2:28:35)** concerned with equity and economic issues in rural areas, and effect from representation. So just thinking about numbers is a problem with equity, need to keep areas together.

**October 4, 2021 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM**  
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***STATE HOUSE CONCEPTS (1:58:00)***

**Frances Gonzales (02:24:30)** Silver City from mining district and vice-chair of Democratic Party, district 39, happy with House map E with north-south orientation.

**Nena Benavidez (02:28:30)** NM Café in Grants and Hidalgo County. Supports concept map E because District 39 does not split Silver City and SD38 is more of a north south orientation.

**Viviana Arcieniega and Renee Beltran (2:29:00)** support Concept E.

**Steve Gross (02:30:30)** concerned with quality of life and development should be sustainable create good jobs.

**Rosalba Ruiz (02:33:30)** supports concept E.

**Daisy Maldonado (02:35:30)** supports concept E preserves communities of interest, helps people of color.

**Uriel Rosales (02:38:30)** supports concept E

**Rev. Carolyn Wilkins (02:39:00)** supports concept E

**Fred Kennon (02:41:00)** agricultural community only 2% of population, they have had good representation

**Matthew Runnels (02:42:00)** in Silver City, glad map puts district 39 in one county.

**Carol Martin** in Silver City, supports concept E. **(02:43:00)**

***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)***

***HOUSE CONCEPTS (02:12:00)***

**Lorena Sanchez (02:22:00)** supports map E because it allows Hispanics an opportunity to elect a representative of their choice. Hispanic population has grown in the area and they are unrepresented with the map as currently drawn. The people below also support Concept E for similar reasons as Ms. Sanchez.

**Yolanda Rodriguez (02:24:00)**

**Veronica Osorio (02:25:00)**

**Gladys Saucedo (02:36:00)**

**Maria Romano (02:37:00)**

**Rosa Alonso (02:38:00)**

**Bertha Andrade (02:39:00)**

**Flora Mendoza (02:39:30)**

**Edurjies Hernandez (02:40:00)**

**Virginia Garcia (02:40:30)**

**Representative Greg Nibert (0:26:00)** represents Lincoln and Chaves counties, please try to keep districts along county lines

**Senator Jennings (02:27:45)** concerned with boundaries for Chaves County, keep precinct 104 with Chaves County

**Representative Ezzell (02:28:45)** notes that Concept A takes back in Lake Arthur, B needs precinct 104 added, and C takes in too high a percentage of Hispanics

**Frank Sanchez** supports House concept A because preserves court drawn maps for VRA compliance, namely HD 58, 63, whild having HD 62 also a majority

minority district for Hispanics, and HD 54, 57 and 62 as influence districts. Second choice would be Concept E. (02:33:00)

**October 7, 2021 Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM**

(Some testimony was taken out of order, note time stamps)

**Austin Weahkee (04:43:52)** presents the Pueblo Consensus House map which has similar community of interests as in the Senate Maps. (Portions inaudible)

**Casey Douma (4:48:05)** emphasized the tremendous amount of work among the Pueblos.

**Peter Garcia (0:45:00)** former Governor and Council member. Spoke about House District 40 and 41, noting that they were in HD40, but they are no longer wanting to be in HD40, now want to be HD41. They live a different life than those in HD40. Refers to a letter to the CRC.

**Avery Tafoya (0:54:20)** for Jicarilla Apache. HD 65, 43, 41, SD22, 25, CD3. Wants part of Chama into SD22. Referred to letter sent to the CRC. Approves maps submitted by the IPCG councilmember maps based on tribal self-determination, solidarity of Pueblos, community of interests

**Virginia Salazar Halfmoon (01:12:10)** Santa Clara Pueblo. Spoke on behalf of Gov Chavarria. Provided a letter of support on September 8, relying on VRA, and the House map was developed with Ohkay Ohwingeh, wanting to be in HD41 due to cultural properties. Wants to maintain voting strength.

**Representative Miguel Garcia (02:19:00)** 25 year veteran of House of Representatives presents a map for district 14, as a traditional Hispanic district, which is a community of interest, family goes back to Spanish land grants. Asserts CRC plans discriminate against Atrisco, Barelas and Broadway.

**Sheridan Law (04:39:50)** is speaking for three Ward Chairs of HD 27 which is fractured in all of our maps. Asserts that there is a population undercount. HD27 is cut in half and shoved into HD30 which does not have a community of interest with HD27. And HD30 is being pushed west.

**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)**

**Lisa Maxwell (03:21:00)** communities of interest favors map #58944 drawn by Megan Richardson because it ensures equal representation across the state.

**Representative Strickler (03:26:00)** concerned with agriculture, oil and gas power. San Juan county lost population because industries down, 45% of wells are marginal.

**Representative Montoya (03:32:30)** because of minimal population growth favors status quo maps for districts 1, 2 ,3 and supports House map A, B, C, not D.

**John Block (03:53:00)** Alamogordo wants rural to have voices heard favors map 58944 preserves Native American and Hispanic districts, opposes People’s maps.

**Louie Bonaguid (03:59:00)** mayor of Gallup now split between two districts would like one.

**Leonard Gorman (04:01:00)** states have an obligation and cannot hang states’ obligation on the federal government; candidates in minority majority districts to elect the candidate of their choice under Voting Rights Act Navajo Nation presented three plans at Crownpoint meeting districts 65% voting age in districts 4, 6, 9, 65 and 69; map just voted on splits Navajo chapter boundaries wholesomely; problem with making Gallup one district is it causes Navajo retrogression, and Gallup depends on Navajo dollars.

**Paula Garcia (04:14:00)** concerned with population decline, Las Vegas maps eliminate districts 40 or 70. Asked how to provide input after this meeting, Chair responded by submitting comments and maps over the website portal

**Jessica Vasquez (04:26:00)** Chairwoman of Democratic Party of New Mexico, thanks to the Committee and Chair.

**Dustin Johnson (04:27:30)** two representatives can only vote for one district is split by the river. Representative cannot vote for urban interests and at the same time protect Ranch and Farmers.

**Ron Berg (04:30:30)** Gallup resident concerned with phrase “must have an opportunity to elect a representative of their choice” because people vote for best candidate, entire Gallup is a community of interest and can be in HD6.

**Joseph Hernandez (04:35:00)** objected to moving map #58944 forward because it does not honor all NAVAP districts.