

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY RECEIVED DURING SECOND ROUND OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

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 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

CONGRESSIONAL CONCEPTS (11:00)

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.

STATE SENATE CONCEPTS (31:50)

Jerry Schalow (48:28) Regarding Senate districts. Map A is the most appropriate for Rio Rancho. Likes keeping the east and west separate due to the need for job creation on the westside. Only change he suggests to Map A is putting all of Rio Rancho into District 10 by taking Rio Rancho portion in HD9 out, shift 40 north. Rio Rancho should have two full Senate districts. Map p4967 2 Senators for Rio Rancho was discussed. Chair noted that the proposed map would reduce Senate

District 30-a Native American influence district from +30% NAVAP to 2% and asked Research & Polling if maintaining two Rio Rancho districts could be accomplished while also keeping SD30 as an influence district with a NAVAP above 30%.

STATE HOUSE CONCEPTS (55:11)

Chair (1:15:10) After a presentation of CRC House Concepts A -D, Chair moved to substitute Center for Civic Policy p4968 to substitute for CCP map p4714 that had been added to the CRC concepts during the September 16, 2021 meeting. Chair explained that p4714 had a total deviation above 10% and that the CCP lowered the total deviation to below 10% and appropriately renumbered the districts to reflect current district numbers which will make comparisons easier. Seconded by Member Curtis and passed unanimously.

Huong Nguyen (1:18:33) NM Asian Family Center and People's Power. She testified in support of Concept E which is the CCP map. Likes District 19 because it consolidates the International District into one district. Also consolidates voting power of Asian, Hispanic, and Black community. The international district is a community of interest. Also says the map is compact.

Zhibin "Bing" Hong (1:22:24) Has been in Alb for 11 years and recently received legal permanent residency status. With CCP speaks in favor of Concept E and specifically 19, 20 and 21. Wants to preserve the history of this area. Wants District 19 the international district intact. HD20 also has an increasing Asian population. Also has a lot of Asian population in HD21.

Kelly Chau (1:28:40) Immigrant lives in HD20 with a growing Asian Population. Is with NM Asian Family Center and People's Power. Wants HD19 which is the most diverse district as one district because of community of interest- come together for celebrations. Shop at Asian markets. Have concerns with Healthcare, housing and employment so need a representative.

Sachi Watase (1:32:15) Executive Director of the Asian Family Center. Is also an advocate. Supports House Concept E. HD19 is where she grew up. Learned in this district to appreciate her American/Japanese culture and is also a very diverse area. They deserve political power.

Fernanda Banda (1:35:05) With Dream Team and People's Power. Reiterates what others have said about House Concept E. Move North Valley District to the

westside where she lives. HD17 was moved from the valley, combined 15 and 17 and moved 17 to westside. Brian Sanderoff explains the move.

Felipe Rodriguez Jr. (1:37:54) NM Dream Team and People's Power. Arrived 10 years ago and became a resident last year. Supports House Concept E so that minorities have adequate representation. Concept E consolidates minority communities so that they can have fair representation.

Susana Romero (1:40:30) Has lived in Alb for more than 10 years with family. Came to NM to open a business and because the people of NM are welcoming. You can have a good future in NM. But the immigrant population are divided because of current district. Needs the support of a representative that will care for their needs. Is a resident of HD19 and a member of NM Dream Team. Supports Concept E. This state has lots of immigrants and they should be adequately represented, which will make the State progress.

Felipe Rodriguez Sr. (1:44:25) Lives in HD19 and with Dream Team. Supports Concept E. HD19 has a diverse population. He has been here since 2012. They feel welcomed and are happy to raise their children. But they are forgotten by public officials but consolidating the district will improve their representation.

Gabriela Gonzales (1:47:25) With Dream Team. Lives westside. Is an immigrant and has been here for more than 20 years. Wants fair representation for the westside that has grown. Supports House Concept E. This concept adds one more district to the westside.

George Romero (1:50:05) Dream Team member supports Concept E. Has been in Albuquerque for more than 20 years. Has lived in many parts of the City and now lives in the westside. Concept E gives them an opportunity for representation.

Jerry Schalow (1:53:13) Concept A is the best map for Rio Rancho. But will look at Concept E. Adding 70 to Rio Rancho is helpful. HD44 combines two representatives but that makes sense as drawn.

Mitchell Freedman (1:56:10) Came from California where they had a similar Citizen Redistricting Committee. Supports and is complimentary of the work of the CRC. Says that SE Rio Rancho has more in common with Corrales and not Emerald Hills. Concept D makes sense to him.

Cheryl Harris (1:59:57) Lives on the westside, but did grow up around the University and also lived in the Heights. Regarding the CD maps, dislikes Concept D. Likes the concepts but thinks the boundary between Sandoval County and Bernalillo County need to be changed. Redistrict taking into account county lines. Supports the river as the boundary in House districts. Speaks highly regarding the Asian community and how hard they work and contribute to STEM. Explains why they live in HD31 (Alb Acres) and HD20. Urges us to keep international community together. Concerned where 68 crosses boundary into Sandoval, keep 68, 23, and 29 south of Sandoval. Says Native American community was undercounted so the more strength and voice you can give the Native Americans the better.

Austin Weahkee (2:07:10) Cochiti/Zuni/Navajo. Family is throughout the State. Supports Concept E because it is closest to the Pueblos consensus maps. Has submitted maps under his name under Pueblo consensus.

Enrique Cardiel (2:15:40) Lives in the International District and supports Concept E. HD19 is the most diverse and Concept E is the best for that district. Wants representative that looks like them and will represent them.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (2:18:30)

Chair (2:24:23) Chair identifies PEC map drawn by Maureen Skowran p4983. Has low deviations and compact, needs adjustments to make sure there are minority/majority districts. Cannot tell about incumbent pairing. Moves the map be added as a concept for PEC. Seconded by Member Curtis and passed unanimously.

Richard Mason (2:26:20) With the League of Women Voters and wondered if anyone has done an overlay of the districts in the PEC concepts that shows charter schools. The answer is no. Recommends that such an overlay would be useful.

Maureen Skowran (2:27:40) Raises question about which one of her maps was moved forward for the PEC. Resolved that p4983 was the correct map.

***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
(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, 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 **(01:13:30)**

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.

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.

NO COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE SENATE OR PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION MAPS

***October 2, 2021 New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
(The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)***

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.

SENATE CONCEPTS (01:52:00)

Paula Garcia (01:59:00) interested in compactness of district 39.

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.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (02:30:45) No public comments.

October 4, 2021 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
(The CRC is grateful to Michael Kiley, SEC Staff member for preparing the following summaries with time stamps)

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 (02:14:30) 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. Testimony was taken out of order.

SENATE CONCEPTS (01:03:30)

Julie Radosovich (1:13:44) asked if Pueblo maps would be advanced for public comment before Saturday meeting at IPCC.

Uriel Rosales (01:18:30) concerned with southern tip around Anthony, Chaparal presented CCP map 58332 district 31 which would create to Senate districts for Sunland Park

Steve Gross (01:23:30) concerned with district 36, representation would like unifying southern Las Cruces in district 36

Daisy Maldonado (01:26:30) supports CCP map 58332 because population is growing exponentially. Santa Teresa is a recognized Colonia, and need to include Las Cruces because it is similar to Sunland Park.

Matthew Runnels (01:32:30) Silver City district 28, does not like map A because too big but B and C are better.

Maria Burciaga supports map 58332 **(01:34:30)**

Ramona Urbina supports map 58332 **(01:35:00)**

Perla Aquilar supports map 58332 **(01:39:00)**

Maribel Vasquez supports map 58332 **(01:39:00)**

Link Leavely (01:41:00) concerned with representation prefers map C

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)**

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (02:45:00) No public comments.

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)

SENATE CONCEPTS (01:27:00)

Frank Sanchez (01:37:20) spoke in favor of Concept C because it maintains court drawn districts, SD32 and SD41, keeps neighborhoods intact, and enhances the opportunity for Hispanics to elect a representative of their choice given that Roswell is now 56% Hispanic.

Senator Timothy Jennings (01:42:00) believes Hobbs and Carlsbad should have their own senators, wouldn't mix Artesia with Carlsbad, Artesia and Roswell can share a senator. Take care of the boot heel by keeping all of Chaves County together.

Kathy Elliot (01:48:00) had a question regarding population changes and boundaries.

Representative Nibert (01:53:30) Keep the boot heel of Chaves County in SD 32 or 33. Mescalero has more in common with Alamogordo than with Roswell.

Representative Candy Ezzell (01:55:00) supports maintaining districts in farming areas and agrees that precinct 104 must remain with Chaves County districts.

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, while 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)

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (02:49:00) No public comments

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

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.

SENATE CONCEPTS

Keegan King (02:33:45) presents senate districts in northwest map #48339 districts 1,2,3,4,22 & 30. Discusses large deviations with CRC and acknowledges they can create higher NAVAPs but at the expense of communities of interest.

Casey Douma (02:47:00) issue of Native American representation for thirty years and discusses VRA issues and information that supports the conclusion that they are entitled to VRA protection, including history of past discrimination. Refers to Dr. Ingstrom who presented a racial polarization analysis during 2011 litigation.

Offered election cycles for a racial polarizing analysis. Races in 2012 SD30, 2014 in HD65, 69 and 4, 2020 SD22 and SD30.

Austin Weahkee (3:30:40) Discusses fact that NA population have only participated in elections for thirty years. Additionally mentions undercount.

Regis Pecos (03:37:50) 16 years in state government, reviewed history of Native American voting and gave several examples of the importance of Native American representation.

Khloe Jake (04:03:45) Pueblo of Laguna decedent, and member of the IPCG Redistricting Committee. Discusses the importance of protecting sacred sites. Petroglyph west side of Albuquerque but still significant to Pueblo peoples. Has worked hard to educate the Native population about the importance of voting. Concerned with extraction industry.

Pablo Padilla, Jr. (04:09:50) General Counsel for Santo Domingo Pueblo, speaking for Governor of the Pueblo, Pueblo wishes to remain in Senate District 22 and House 55 district or in the revised districts as mapped by the CCP.

Amber Carillo (04:12:35) adds to totality of circumstances given the socioeconomic issues facing tribal folks. Also discussed difficulties for Native Americans to vote, including difficulties in receiving timely absentee ballots, part of which is due to lack of conforming addresses. Language barriers also exist. There is a resource factor with elections, it is not just the quality of a candidate. Discussed data indicating poverty to demonstrate totality of circumstances that require voting districts that comply with the VRA.

Charlotte Little (04:22:40) discussed an article in the Journal of Pediatrics just released, regarding the loss by children of parents, grandparents, and primary caretakers to covid. Emphasized the difficult conditions of tribal communities during pandemic particularly since field workers were not allowed into Pueblos. Only Pueblo residents could enter Pueblos.

Ahtza Chávez (04:29:00) Native Education Project. Lack of internet access, roads, transitioning to urban areas, online internet strategy for census counts, lack of cell phones, shut down of field operations, confusion with the 12- digit identifier, lack of broadband resulted in an undercount of tribal communities by 2020 census. Only had a 17.9% response rate.

Julie Radoslovich (04:36:00) Principal of South Valley Academy. Cares about community and urges the legislators to follow the CRC process. Compelling testimony throughout the process, understands sacred lands, self-determination, South Valley, and other groups asked for adequate representation. Listened to Black Americans testify that they are still relevant, that Las Vegas wants to protect acequias, the common theme being the need for adequate representation. Do not disenfranchise the people of NM.

HOUSE CONCEPTS (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, Barelás 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.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

No comments were offered.

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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.

SENATE CONCEPTS (02:31:00)

Lori Parra (02:41:00) in Gallup represents the Chamber of Commerce, introduces three maps submitted by Billy Lee with the Chamber of Commerce, these are balanced and best for northwest New Mexico on population and Native American representation.

Leonard Gorman (02:51:00) presented Navajo Plan for senate districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 22 and 30.

Michael Schaff . (03:02:00) in Gallup concerned with district 3, wants all of Gallup in one Senate district.

Austin Weahkee (03:05:00) Native Redistricting Coalition, referred to comments by precincts submitted already.

HOUSE CONCEPTS (03:09:00)

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.

PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (4:45:00)

Leonard Gorman (04:45:00) comments in support of Navajo map for Public Education Commission. Creates a 55% NAVAP district.

Aleta “Tweety” Paisano Suazo (04:50:00) lives in Albuquerque says is Native American, personal comments, importance of voting, thanks Committee for advancing Native American maps.