



Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee



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GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 - 5:30 P.M.

A. Call to Order/Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call of Committee Members and Alternates

C. Presentation/Discussion

1. Presentation/Discussion regarding recent emails and open meeting law
(**Bryan Chambers**)
2. Presentation/Discussion regarding Redistricting Guidelines and procedural rules
(**Chairman Sanchez**)
3. Presentation/Discussion regarding receiving and documenting public input
(**Tony Sissons**)
4. Presentation/Discussion of on-line redistricting mapping tool
(**Tony Sissons**)

D. Regular Agenda Items

1. Information/Discussion/Action to approve the RAC Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2011 (**Linda Eastlick**)
2. Information/Discussion/Action to select study groups (**Chairman Sanchez**)
3. Information/Discussion/Action to discuss Committee Vacation plans in order to calendar future events (**Chairman Sanchez**)
4. Information/Discussion/Action to determine the date of the next meeting (**Linda Eastlick**)
5. Information/Discussion/Action to determine dates and locations for the first round of Public Information Meetings (**Linda Eastlick**)

E. Call to the Public: Call to the Public is held for public benefit to allow individuals to address issues(s) within the Board's jurisdiction. Board members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date. Speakers will be limited to 3 minutes and the Committee reserves the right to limit the time allotted for public comment.

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THE COMMITTEE MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03(a)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, May 10, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Linda Eastlick)

Roll Call (Linda Eastlick)

PRESENT: RAC Vice Chairman, Gary Andress; Members Robert Dalby; James Feezor; Thomas Moody; James Muhr; Robert Pastor; David Prechtel; Adelaido Rodriguez; RAC Chairman, Roberto Sanchez; RAC members Joseph Skamel; Loretta Stone; Michael Vogal; and alternates, Paul Bates; Christine Harrison (excused); Robert Hibbard; Marvin Mull and Linda Pearce.

Also present Elections Director, Linda Eastlick, Elections Specialist, David Rogers, consultant Tony Sissons.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Presentation/Clarification, E-mails usage and "Open Meeting Law", B. Chambers

Mr. Chambers began with identifying a common challenge to public bodies regarding e-mails and violation of the "Open Meeting Law". Mr. Chambers requested that all e-mails be addressed to Linda Eastlick solely. Definition of a meeting is any gathering, in person or by usage of a technological communication device. Responding to an e-mail by "mass reply" constitutes dialogue. An "Open Meeting Law" violation can occur if anything is proposed during multiple communicator correspondence and result in violation fines. Bryan Chambers suggested use of the Microsoft Outlook function "blind carbon copy" which does not allow mass response, only response to the initiator.

Presentation/Clarification, Study Groups and Quorums, Chairman, Sanchez and B. Chambers

RAC Chairman Sanchez inquired of the possibility of selecting two study groups consisting of six members each. One study group would be for the college district input and the second group would be a study group for the supervisory board. The two groups could convene to determine what would be submitted to the Supervisors. The guidelines do not provide for sub committees and require a quorum be present at all meetings. Bryan Chambers stated that the Board of Supervisors would have to grant authority for such action. Linda Eastlick was asked to draft a request to the Supervisors, Mr. Chambers suggested the draft be submitted in the form of an amendment to the guidelines by "blind carbon copy" to the committee and any comments be sent directly to Linda. Linda Eastlick advised that the study groups will gather public information and formal mapping suggestions. Then all submissions are reviewed by the consultants who by statistical comparison establish formal proof which submissions comply with redistricting law.

Presentation/Clarification, Redistricting Guidelines and Procedure Rules, Chairman, Sanchez

Chairman Sanchez reviewed the RAC committees function to inform and educate the public on the Redistricting procedure and gather information for submission to the consultants. The committee will then submit at least two formal plans to the Board of Supervisors. An information packet was provided to all RAC members with a five meeting timeline goal to complete the task of public education and public input gathering. The committee discussed means of educating the public, by organization meetings, political party meetings etc. Chairman Sanchez then passed the floor to Mr. Sissons for his presentation on map creation and utilization in submissions.

Presentation/Clarification, Tony Sissons, Demonstrated Map development

Mr. Sissons demonstrated the computer software to be available for public use to create redistricting map suggestions. Mr. Sissons reviewed change allowance regulations relative to population, demographics of party and race representation. Mr. Sissons advised that the communities special interests should be observed and noted during gathering of public input.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sissons presentation the committee took a break.

Presentation/Clarification, Minutes Approval of the April 12th meeting

Meeting minutes were reviewed, name correction requested by Chairman Sanchez was accepted. Mike Vogal made a motion to approve the minutes; Dave Prechtal seconded the motion, meeting minutes were approved. A goal of a meeting planned in every college district was discussed. Meeting locations and dates will be discussed at the next meeting. RAC committee decided the next meeting would be the *first* public meeting. Chairman Sanchez then directed the meeting to the "Call to the Public".

Call to the public

Joe Miller of Payson, suggested that the RAC committee meets two or three more times before a public information gathering meeting, because he did not feel that the RAC committee was prepared to receive public input. He requested that the RAC committee consider recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Supervisory areas be increased from three to five. Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Vogal; seconded by Jim Muhr.

Meeting Adjourned

For Discussion at RAC Meeting May 10, 2011

From: Mac Feezor
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2011 02:11 PM
To: Martin, Tommie
Subject: population data

Ms. Martin,

Who would be the proper person to speak to if I wanted to get the raw census data and a GIS map of Gila County. I'd like to do some of my own computer modeling of the current district boundaries and be able to interactively play with the outlines and see what it does to the population numbers and the racial makeup percentages. Seeing what we have now would be very informative when we try to repartition the county. I'd just as soon not wait for the consultants to 'cook down' the data for us...I do much better when I work the raw data myself.

The idea would be to have a map of the county, with UTM coordinates for each address. The UTM (GPS locations) would cross-reference to physical addresses (I don't need or want the names of the people who live at the address). The physical addresses should then correlate to the census data which should contain the number of people living at that address, plus the racial makeup. We should be able to do a near-real-time look at the effects of various boundary changes.

Regards,
Mac

From: Martin, Tommie
Sent: Sunday, March 27, 2011 7:01 PM
To: 'mac_feezor@msn.com'
Cc: McDaniel, Don; Nelson, John; Griffin, Jacque; Eastlick, Linda; Fisher, Pam
Subject: Re: population data

Mac - I have forwarded your note on in this reply to folks who may be able to help get us the data - if you haven't heard back from me/us in a day or two, please shoot me another email - thanks for your interest and involvement - Tommie Martin

From: Homan, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 1:01 PM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Redistricting data

Hi Linda,

After our conversation here is what I have for you:

Census Data to house level – Due to privacy protections under US Title 13 section 9 house level census data is not made available until sometime after a given census so I believe the earliest you individual can get house level data from the 2010 activities is around 2075.

Census Data to Block level – This is the smallest statistical unit that the non-census bureau person has access to and is the basis for redistricting when coupled with the Summary File data. It is a statistical boundary that typically is designed to identify populations of 600-1500 persons if I remember correctly. For ease of distribution, I would suggest you send redistricting member requests for this data to the Census Bureau website where they can download their own copy of the data. In addition to relieving us of the burden of providing the data it has the secondary benefit of removing the possible perception of County bias/conspiracy toward a given data set. This data set only has reference information (blockID) to the population numbers. It does not contain actual population data found in the Summary File. The link to the census 2010 TIGER data is: <http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/tgrshp2010/tgrshp2010.html> . The data is distributed in WGS84/NAD83 format. It will be up to the person retrieving the data to convert it into the projection of their choosing. I believe your redistricting member requested the UTM projection. It will be up to him to accomplish this task.

Census Data Summary File – This is the workhorse of the redistricting project. It is the data file that contains the population data and correlates the census Blocks to population data and the myriad sub-classifications. According to <http://www.census.gov/population/www/cen2010/glance/index.html> the SF1 file will not be available until sometime in the June to August 2011 time period. I don't know if Tony has an early release of the data or is building his website on fake data until the real data is available.

I hope this helps answer the question of your redistricting member.

Regards,

Thomas Homan
Gila County Public Works
GIS Coordinator

From: Homan, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda; tsissons@researchadvisoryservices.com
Subject: RE: population data

Linda,

I downloaded the data from the link I provided a little bit ago. It's a somewhat tedious process to convert the data to a form useable by other applications. I am currently uploading the block data to the Elections portion of the ftp site <ftp://ftp.gilacountyaz.gov/public/Elections/> and placed it in the redistricting folder. Your individual will still have to do some work to tie the shape files to the data via reading the various documents in the directory to arrive at his needed dataset. Basically

the block id is a statistically unique value that has the components of the State + County + Tract + Block fields.

I know my original position was that the person could pull his own data from the federal sources keeping us out of the 'how did you change things before it was given to me' game but it was much more convoluted that I originally thought. Thus the placement of the mostly massaged data on the FTP site.

Regards,

Tom

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 8:25 AM
To: 'mac_feezor@msn.com'
Cc: Grice, Sherry; Fisher, Pam; Seymour, Gina; Andress, Gary L.; Dalby, Robert; Moody, Thomas; Muhr, James; Pastor, Robert; Prechtel, David K.; Rodriguez, Adelaido; Sanchez, Roberto; Skamel, Joseph; Stone, Loretta; Vogel, Michael; Bates, Paul E.; Harrison, Christine B.; Hibbert, Robert; Mull, Marvin; Pearce, Linda J.; Dawson, Shirley; Martin, Tommie; Pastor, Mike
Subject: FW: population data

Hi Mac

Thank you for your inquiry and for serving on our Redistricting Advisory Committee! Because the committee is a public body, any information I provide to one committee member must be provided to all committee members, therefore, I have copied RAC committee and Board of Supervisors members,

The Census Bureau does not release data by household. Census data is only provided by what is referred to as Census Blocks. Privacy protection laws under Title 13 provide that household census data cannot be made available for many, many years after a given census. I believe the 2010 census household details will not be made available until 2082.

Information you will need is available in the Census 2010 TIGER file at:

<http://www.census.gov/geo/www/tiger/tgrshp2010/tgrshp2010.html>.

The first file listed is the one you will want to look at. The data there is distributed in WGS84/NAD83 format. You could convert it into any projection of your choosing, including the UTM projection you mentioned in your email.

I have also attached an Excel file of census data by precinct which was developed by Tony Sissons.

As we discussed in our meeting, there will be an interactive, on-line tool which can be used to move population from one area to another and it will automatically produce statistics which will show whether or not a proposed line will produce a valid plan. This tool will be fully loaded with

all the census data and our precinct/college/supervisory boundary information. We are approximately two weeks out from having the interactive data base available.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:04 PM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: redistricting submission forms

Linda,

Where can someone go to find the Gila County Redistricting Plan Submission forms you handed out at the last RAC meeting? I'd like to have a PDF of that form if at all possible.

I'd also like to get the map of Gila County, with the precincts as a vector graphics file or an ASCII DXF format so I can build my own District maps as required. Who could provide that?

Regards,
Mac

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:14 PM
To: Andress, Gary L. ; Dalby, Robert ; Feezor, James ; Moody, Thomas ; Muhr, James ; Pastor, Robert ; Prechtel, David K. ; Rodriguez, Adelaido ; Sanchez, Roberto ; Skamel, Joseph ; Stone, Loretta ; Vogel, Michael ; Bates, Paul E. ; Harrison, Christine B. ; Hibbert, Robert ; Mull, Marvin ; Pearce, Linda J.
Subject: RE: redistricting submission forms

The Redistricting Plan Submission form will be loaded onto our website as soon as we get settled. We have been moving for the last week. In the meantime, attached is a PDF file for your use. Please direct citizens to the web site and tell them it will probably be a few more days before the form is there.

I will forward Mac Feezor's map request on to our GIS department to see if they can provide the requested information.

Thanks everyone

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:19 PM

To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Re: redistricting submission forms

Linda,

Thanks! Much better than a photocopy of what I had from the meeting.

Regards,
Mac

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:15 PM
To: Homan, Thomas
Subject: FW: redistricting submission forms

Can we do this?

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections

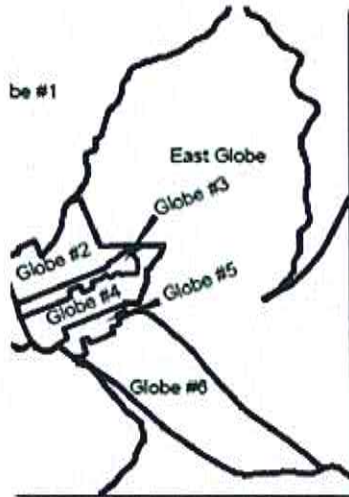
From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Homan, Thomas
Cc: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Re: redistricting submission forms

Thomas,

I'm going to be bringing the data into a CAD program called Pantheon for viewing (originally), but plan to create an interactive WxPerl application to display different scenarios as we play with moving the precincts around to the different districts. I'm primarily a numbers guy, so I've created a spreadsheet that fits my needs for playing with the districts. However, it's hard to visualize when other's look at it, so having a companion map would certainly help.

ASCII DXF works well for my purposes, so long as all the objects are scaled from the same basepoint. I'll be able to zoom in and out to view some of the smaller precincts in Globe that just about disappear in the larger map view. By the way, the East Globe precinct map is not a closed polygonal shape...it appears that if you don't highlight the state highways, that there is a gap in the lower-right portion of the boundary.

(Screenshot attached.)



It may just be that the boundary is off the page on the blow up...just wondering.

Regards,
Mac

James M. "Mac" Feezor
From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 4:28 AM
To: Homan, Thomas
Cc: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: redistricting maps

Thomas,

After some further reflection, I believe we can accomplish what is needed without having to resort to developing a complete mapping application. All that is required to assist visualization of a proposed district shift is to modify one of the existing PDF maps.

If you take the existing Supervisor_Districts.pdf and disable the Supervisor District overlay, you are left with a bare precinct map. If you could add in a series of switches to color each selected precinct, while leaving the other precincts with a white background, the proposed districts would be easy to visualize.

If it would be possible to add the Supervisor District colors back in as an overlay (existing over the proposed) so that both the proposed (built on a 4th color) and the existing (same color as is now used), the district shifts would be easily seen.

If it would be easier to talk about this over the phone, while viewing the map via GoToMeeting, I'd be happy to set that up. This could probably save both of us a considerable amount of time and work.

Regards,
Mac

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 7:16 AM
To: Mac Feezor
Subject: RE: redistricting maps

Mac – Just want to make sure you understand that our consultants will be providing a complete mapping program for our use. It will be available on our web site shortly. Not only will it accomplish what you want to do, but it will also run minority and population impacts as well. It will be available for public use as well as our use.

I just hate to see us use precious monetary and mental resources to duplicate something that is probably much more powerful than what you may have in mind. That being said, I will contact our consultants this morning to discuss this further and to find out when it will be available.

Linda

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 7:43 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Re: redistricting maps

Linda,

I already have an Excel spreadsheet created that runs the population and minority impacts for various possible configurations of each district. What I want to do now is make a simple tool to assist those who are more 'visual' in their learning to 'see' what the districts will be shaped like.

I've already run a number of scenarios through the spreadsheet and it works perfectly. I've attached screenshots of the spreadsheet for your review.

This was created for my own use, but I'd be happy to talk with the consultants about the results if they are worried that this isn't functioning properly. I'm just surprised that they didn't walk in to the first meeting with a tool like this, since the data were already available, and it only took about 1 day of spare time to create a working model.

Regards,
Mac

RAC worksheet

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This album has 3 photos and will be available on SkyDrive until 7/25/2011.

From: Eastlick, Linda
 Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 8:00 AM
 To: 'Mac Feezor'
 Subject: RE: redistricting maps

Thanks for the info Mac! Appreciate all your help

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
 Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 4:26 PM
 To: Eastlick, Linda
 Subject: status

Linda,

Are we close to having the 'official' tools from the consultants, or would we be advised to go ahead with my little mapping scheme?

Regards,
 Mac

From: Eastlick, Linda
 Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 5:22 PM
 To: Mac Feezor

Hi Mac

I have just emailed Tony to get an update. One of the things that has held the web site up relates to some data issues previously reported by the State Redistricting Committee to the Census Bureau. The issues affected a number of counties including Gila County and we simply could not move forward until the issues were resolved. I believe they have now been taken care of, but I've asked Tony to let me know. I'll get back to you just as soon as I can. Thank you again for being so enthusiastic about our "project".

Linda

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Re: status

Linda,

If the data mentioned needs to be updated in my spreadsheet, I'd appreciate a copy of the new numbers as soon as they are available.

I'd also appreciate having Thomas could go ahead and generate that PDF as described. It's not a perfect solution, but would certainly assist in creating visuals when playing with district layouts.

Also, which precincts to the current Supervisors live in? As we redraw boundaries, it would be nice to take those into consideration, although I believe that it does not really matter if they shift from one District to another. We just don't want to put two Supervisors in the same District! I don't need street addresses for the Supervisors, just the current precinct locations.

One of the scenarios involves splitting Payson along a generally North-South line, leaving East/West Payson groups to move into Districts 1 & 2. It would be nice to ensure we don't displace Supervisor Martin in the process.

Regards,
Mac

From: leastlick@co.gila.az.us
To: glandress@cableone.net; bobdalbyre@msn.com; mac_feezor@msn.com; tnsmoody@cableone.net; jrmuhr@yahoo.com; robert_pastor@fmi.com; daveinpine@hotmail.com; ayrboy1@cableone.net; bobsanchez_9@hotmail.com; brasshat@cableone.net; arizona2008@g.com; MHVogel48137@yahoo.com; erapaulebates@hotmail.com; cwailand@npgcable.com; bbhibbert3573@npgcable.com; m_mull@hotmail.com; pearli@cableone.net

Subject: RE: status

Date: Wed, 27 Apr 2011 19:34:27

Tony has advised me that the internet based mapping system will go live May 5-6.

Of course, I will let you know if any of the data issues relate to information I have already disseminated.

I will discuss the PDF with Tom.

Tommie Martin lives in Payson 1

Mike Pastor lives in Globe 5

Shirley Dawson lives in Globe 1

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections

From: Bob Sanchez

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 9:55 AM

To: Eastlick, Linda ; glandress@cableone.net ; bobdalbyre@msn.com ; mac_feezor@msn.com ; tnsmoody@cableone.net ; jrmuhr@yahoo.com ; robert_pastor@fmi.com ; daveinpine@hotmail.com ; ayrboy1@cableone.net ; brasshat@cableone.net ; arizona2008@q.com ; mhvogel48137@yahoo.com ; erapaulebates@hotmail.com ; cwailand@npgcable.com ; bbhibbert3573@npgcable.com ; m_mull@hotmail.com ; pearli@cableone.net

Subject: RE: status

Linda, I have read the on going emails between you and Mac, concerning maps and figures for Gila County. I am sure his intentions are good, but it appears to me that he is doing work for the RAC, with out the consent of the committee. It also bothers me that he is asking you for information on where the Supervisors live. As long as the Supervisor lives in the district he/she represents is all that matters to the RAC. Another area that has me concern is his statement "One of the scenarios involves splitting Payson along a generally North-South line, leaving East/West Payson groups to move into Districts 1 & 2. It would be nice to ensure we don't displace Supervisor Martin in the process" This for sure is RAC work. Please coordinate with Mr. Chambers.

On the Agenda for our 10 May meeting, please include the following.

1. Discuss Guild Lines and Pricipal Rules
2. Select Study Groups
3. Vacation times for members
4. Next Meeting

Thanks

Bob Sanchez, Chairman

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 10:57 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: Re: status

Linda,

I agree with Mr. Sanchez, let's clear up whether or not RAC members are allowed to think about the process when not sitting in the committee room. If I'm out of line to be taking a look at the data that was handed out at the first meeting, I'll stop immediately. I thought the reason we were given the books to take home was so that we could do due diligence to make our time in the meetings more productive.

Knowing which precinct (not district) for each supervisor is important data to have. We are not REQUIRED to keep incumbents in the same district, but it's one of the considerations we were told to make.

I came into this wanting to see what was, what could be, and hopefully to make a difference in the process. If I have to wait for a 3-4 hour meeting every month or so before I can think about the process, I'm wasting my time being on the committee, I'd be better served to be just a concerned member of the public. None of the data I've used is privately held information, it's all public domain, anyone can see this and do exactly what I have done.

By all means, invite Mr. Chambers to the next meeting and let's get this out in the open (which I have done by coordinating with Linda). If anyone wants to see the spreadsheet, I'd be happy to display it, give out copies, etc. My understanding is that the consultants will have the equivalent internet tool available in time for the next meeting, making this a moot point.

I guess the question on the table is whether or not as a member of the committee, I'll be allowed to make use of the publicly available internet tool, or only be allowed to use it once a month while sitting in the committee.

I'm assuming that Mr. Sanchez's item #1 Guidelines and Principle Rules will cover this discussion at the meeting. If that's not what was intended, I'd like to submit a request that this item be added to the agenda, since its answer will determine if I continue to serve or just become a member of the public who attends the meetings to see what's going on.

Regards,
Mac

PS Please let me know if I'm allowed to respond directly to the group without having to route through you. I suspect that this direct email to all members of the committee may be a violation of the Open Meetings Law...please advise (to all.)

James M. "Mac" Feezor

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2011 4:50 PM
To: 'Mac Feezor'
Subject: Redistricting

Mac

I can appreciate your concerns and I am in conversation with Bryan Chambers and John Nelson about the issues. Please allow me a little more time to continue discussions with them. I will get back to you tomorrow. Again, thank you for your willingness to serve on the Committee and work through the issues as they come up.

Linda Eastlick, Director

From: Mac Feezor [mailto:mac_feezor@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 8:23 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: status

Linda,

You said that you'd get back to me on Friday...what is the status of my questions regarding RAC work 'outside the committee room'? I'm also still curious regarding Roberto Sanchez' email broadcast to all committee members... does that violate Open Meeting Law or not. If not, I'd like to go ahead and broadcast my response, as well as an offer to share the spreadsheet with all committee members so that they can start running their own scenarios.

And do we have a certain delivery date for the mapping program from our consultants. If not, I'd like to renew my request for either the PDF map that I mentioned to Thomas, or the ASCII DXF outlines of the precinct maps so that I can create my own mapping application.

Regards,
Mac

From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 3:48 PM
To: 'Mac Feezor'
Subject: Data Base and Open Meeting Issues

Mac

The most important duty of the Redistricting Advisory Committee is to receive public input. And it is important that the public know that we are not in back rooms creating plans before we have heard their input. We are early in the process and, of course, we still need to have our first round of public meetings wherein we formally present information to the public and ask for their input. Even though we have been meeting in public, our meetings have not been directed at a formal presentation in each district to inform the public of the process and request their input. These public input meetings are vital as a part of the public record so all people have opportunity to make their voice heard. Additionally, the meetings will be an important part of the public record which will be submitted to the Department of Justice. It is critical that the public and DOJ not perceive that the committee was creating plans even before we received public input.

While I know that you are desirous of having your own database, we believe County resources are best spent supporting the database that is being created by the Consultants. Since the consultant's mapping database will be available May 5, 2011, we recommend you review its capabilities before making a decision as to whether or not it meets your individual needs. Everyone, including the committee members and members of the general public will have access to the mapping database. With everyone using the same tools, we can all be comfortable that we are all talking about the same factors when we discuss the affect of precinct or population movements.

I have talked with John Nelson, Assistant County Manager; Bryan Chambers, County Attorney; Bruce Adelson Legal Redistricting Consultant; Tony Sissons, Statistical Redistricting Consultant about this matter and all are in agreement that it would be best if all are using the same mapping database as we go forward. I believe once you see the power of the database, you will be more than satisfied it will meet your needs as well as the needs of the RAC, the public and the County.

Of course, there is no desire to prevent you from planning, reviewing public input, generating ideas for discussion, and thinking about the process outside of the RAC meetings.

We also agree we should have an in depth discussion at our next RAC meeting about the issues and concerns both you and Bob Sanchez have raised. Bryan Chambers will be in attendance at the meeting to help us with our discussion.

We will also discuss how to provide information to the committee. You have been proceeding most appropriately by sending information requests to my attention. I will continue to provide general information to all Committee members and must be careful that I do not inappropriately provide information or recommendations that must be acted upon at the RAC meetings outside of the meetings. I will work very closely with Bryan to ensure we conform to the requirements of Open Meeting Law throughout the process

Thanks again for your willingness to serve on the Committee and to work through the issues.

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections

From: Bob Sanchez [mailto:bobsanchez_9@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2011 7:44 PM

To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: FW: status

Linda for your files.

Bob

Date: Sat, 30 Apr 2011 09:23:08 -0700
From: jrmuhr@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: status
To: bobsanchez_9@hotmail.com
CC: leastlick@co.gila.az.us

Bob, thanks for the email. I am concerned about the direct contact with Linda, shouldn't that contract be through contact protocol via the committee. We, the committee, are to insure an open contact with the public, right? This might be something to add to your agenda.

JIM MUHR

From: Bob Sanchez [mailto:bobsanchez_9@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 11:58 AM
To: Eastlick, Linda
Subject: RE: Data Base and Open Meeting Issues

Linda, thank you for your very informative reply. I agree. I also agree that getting the public input should be our first priority in order for the RAC to make constructive recommendations to the Supervisors. This should be our first project at our next RAC meeting. We need to ensure that all our members are on the same page.

Question. Is the consultant mapping which will be available May 5, the same as the ones you furnished us? When I was reviewing them, I took into consideration the precincts and population to help me determine how the districts are/should be established. That is the main reason that I questioned Mac's statement about protecting Supervisor's Martin position in the District.

In the future all my emails, that pertain to RAC functions will be directed to you only.

Have you determined the location of our next RAC meeting?

Linda, at my age happy hour is a nap. Smile TGIF is not far.

Bob

From: leastlick@co.gila.az.us
To: bobsanchez_9@hotmail.com

Subject: Data Base and Open Meeting Issues

Date: Tue, 3 May 2011 00:19:56 +0000

Bob

The most important duty of the Redistricting Advisory Committee is to receive public input. And it is important that the public know that we are not in back rooms creating plans before we have heard their input. We are early in the process and, of course, we still need to have our first round of public meetings wherein we formally present information to the public and ask for their input. Even though we have been meeting in public, our meetings have not been directed at a formal presentation in each district to inform the public of the process and request their input. These public input meetings are vital as a part of the public record so all people have opportunity to make their voice heard. Additionally, the meetings will be an important part of the public record which will be submitted to the Department of Justice. It is critical that the public and DOJ not perceive that the committee was creating plans even before we received public input.

The consultant's mapping database will be available May 5, 2011. Everyone, including the committee members and members of the general public will have access to the mapping database. With everyone using the same tools, we can all be comfortable that we are all talking about the same factors when we discuss the affect of precinct or population movements.

I have talked with John Nelson, Assistant County Manager; Bryan Chambers, County Attorney; Bruce Adelson Legal Redistricting Consultant; Tony Sissons, Statistical Redistricting Consultant about your concerns as well as those of Mr. Feezor in this matter and we are in agreement that it would be best if all are using the same mapping database as we go forward. I believe once everyone sees the power of the database, they will be more than satisfied it will meet the needs of the RAC, the public and the County.

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We will also discuss how to provide information to the committee. It would be best in the future if you will direct all correspondence, including emails, only to me and I will make the determination as to what information should be disseminated to the Committee. If you send emails to all committee members, it may be too easy for someone to misconstrue or read into the email that you are trying to have a discussion with the committee outside of the public meetings or you are trying to influence the committee in some way outside of the public meeting, thus calling into question whether there may be an Open Meeting Law violation.

I will provide general information to all Committee members and I too must be careful that I do not provide information or recommendations that must be acted upon at the RAC meetings. I will work very closely with Bryan to ensure we all conform to the requirements of Open Meeting Law throughout the process.

Again, thank you for your help and participation as Chairman of the Committee!

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections

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From: Eastlick, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2011 1:19 PM
To: 'Bob Sanchez'
Subject: RE: Data Base and Open Meeting Issues

The mapping system that is being provided is much more powerful than what we have been looking at so far. I don't have details yet, but it is my understanding that it will automatically calculate various impacts, including minority impacts when precincts are moved from one district to another. I am looking forward to seeing it in production so we can ascertain what it is capable of.

The meeting next Tuesday will be at the Star Valley Public Works Yard, however, Tommie Martin's office will be open for people to view via ITV and of course they can view via ITV from Globe. I firmed all that up yesterday and will get an email out to everyone later today after I return from a managers meeting I have this afternoon.

I will publish the agenda on Friday.

Thanks! Linda

From: cwaitland@npgcable.com [mailto:cwaitland@npgcable.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 12:36 PM

To: Bob Sanchez

Cc: Eastlick, Linda; glandress@cableone.net; bobdalbyre@msn.com; mac feezor; tnsmoody@cableone.net; jrmuhr@yahoo.com; robert pastor; daveinpine@hotmail.com; ayrboy1@cableone.net; brasshat@cableone.net; arizona2008@q.com; mhvogel48137@yahoo.com; erapaulebates@hotmail.com; bbhibbert3573@npgcable.com; m mull; pearli@cableone.net
Subject: Re: status

Mr Sanchez,

As a citizen of Gila County I am offended by the request in you e-mail, Please look around you to other counties and other states and their re-districting efforts: As stated extensively in the larger newspapers the re-districting process with the aid of computers is becoming 'Democratized' - is the word most commonly used. By that they mean that active citizen of all makes are encouraged to participate in the process of re-districting and to be come active in this activity. It is no longer the process of back rooms and all the gerrymandering of the past but a tranparent effort that ideally takes all our brains to solve the complex issues before us. This news has even spread to our county and I am delighted to have some people spend their timme and effort in looking for solutions that are legal, fair and make sense for our county. Everything that is legal should be on the table and not the perview of backroom groups only. We are fontunate to have citizens that are willing to spend time and effort to wade through the mountain of data available with the aid of legally streamlined programs. Other states have even contests for universities on designing programs for that purpose! So please lift your head and look around - this is 2011 and this is democracy at work!

Christine Waitland Harrison, Ph.D.
An active and participating citizen

From: Eastlick, Linda

Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 1:40 PM

To: Andress, Gary L.; Dalby, Robert; Feezor, James; Moody, Thomas; Muhr, James; Pastor, Robert; Prechtel, David K.; Rodriguez, Adelaido; Sanchez, Roberto; Skamel, Joseph; Stone, Loretta; Vogel, Michael; Bates, Paul E.; Harrison, Christine B.; Hibbert, Robert; Mull, Marvin; Pearce, Linda J.

Cc: Nelson, John; Chambers, Bryan

Subject: Redistricting Committee Emails

During our next meeting on May 10, a part of our agenda will be to continue discussions regarding Open Meeting Law and Committee responsibilities. In the meantime, would you all refrain from emailing one another. If you have comments, issues, questions, please email them directly to me only and I will ensure that we provide information in such a manner that it is (1) in accordance with Open Meeting Law and (2) is brought to the attention of the Redistricting Advisory Committee in an appropriate manner and venue.

Thanks for all your continued help. If you have questions before next Tuesday's meeting, please feel free to call me.

Linda Eastlick, Director
Gila County Division of Elections
