

GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING

ROUND TWO PUBLIC HEARING

Payson - September 8, 2011 - 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introductions: Public Officials and Translators
3. Purpose of meeting and presentation of maps
4. Public comment information
5. Overview of Redistricting process
6. Break for citizens to view maps
7. Public Comment Period

Handouts Available:

Supervisory District Map alternatives

College District Map alternatives

Public Comment Form

Public meeting notice

Redistricting Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date:

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

PAYSON - SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 – 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted By Linda Eastlick

In Attendance:

Public Officials: County Recorder, Sadie Tomerlin Dalton, Elections Director Linda Eastlick, Elections Specialist David Rogers, Supervisor Specialist Pam Fisher.

Spanish Translator, Margie Chapman

Members of the Public: Payson residents Norma Pearson, Shirley Weyand, Georgia Salwitz, Bob Johnson, Kristine Feezor, Mac Feezor, John A. Swenson, Peter Morgan, Wilma Dalby, Christine Harrison, Bob Dalby, Kava Holt, Curtis Wood, Lucille Windsor, William Windsor, Larry Stephenson, Joe Miller, Kae Miller, Michele Nelson, Shirley Dye

Summary of Presentation by Linda Eastlick:

Discussed purposes of the meeting: (1) provide the public an opportunity to review the redistricting mapping alternatives currently being considered by the Board of Supervisors; (2) inform the public of the various ways they can make public comments including verbally at today's meeting, by completing the online public comment form on the Gila County Website; by sending a letter to the Elections Department, or by calling the Elections Department ; and (3) to take questions and receive public comment.

Displayed and discussed four Supervisorial District mapping alternatives and three College District mapping alternatives. Provided handout information relative to each map including maps, blowups of populated areas, and statistics relative to each alternative. Also provided Public Input Comment Form and a schedule of the remaining Round Two Public Meetings.

Reminded audience of the various DOJ compliance requirements and the fact that the County will comply with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act when making our submission.

Encouraged attending public to review the maps, take the opportunity to discuss the maps with others and to make comments.

Elections Specialist, David Rogers Demonstration.

Demonstrated access to and completion of the web based public comment form.

Break for citizens to review mapping alternatives and complete Public Comment forms

Public Comments/Questions/Answers:

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Can you state your name for the record."

Payson resident, Georgia Salwitz: "My name is Georgia Salwitz. I live in Fairway Lane, Payson, Arizona. Would you just look at the map and tell me the difference? I look at it and see everybody --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "All right, and if you wouldn't mind filling out your name and your question on there so that we can keep that for the record? Let me just go -- first of all, let me go through a map."

Payson resident, Georgia Salwitz: "Okay, a map."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Just map -- this is map A, and it is one of the maps. All of the map packets are arranged the same way. You have a county-wide view. You have a detailed Payson view. And then you have a detailed Globe view. Because, when you get down into these areas, like right here and right here on these big maps, you can't really see the changes. You really need to look in your map packets and make the comparisons from these detailed views. That's probably the easiest way. If I look at these large maps, for example, maps D and maps A, I can easily see that this map includes the Christmas, Hayden, Winkelman area --"

Payson resident, Georgia Salwitz: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- this map does not include --"

Payson resident, Georgia Salwitz: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- the Christmas, Hayden, Winkelman. But I can't see --"

Payson, resident, Georgia Stalwits: "Hayden district."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- easily what's happening in Globe and there are differences. So when you're comparing, put your maps side by side and look at the detail. That will be the easiest way --"

Payson resident, Georgia Salwitz: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In order for you to note the difference in the bigger areas, it's a little easier to see on the blow-up maps. Attached to each one of your maps are lots and lots of numbers. If you're a numbers person, like Mac is, you'll love all the numbers. He's our computer guru so he understands lots of numbers. "Yes? And could you state your name for the record?"

FPayson resident, Curtis Ward: "Curtis Ward. I live at 110 North Mogollon Trail

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay, if you'll fill that out?"

Payson resident, Curtis Ward: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Just speak real loud because we've got a recorder going, but I know they're not going to be able to hear you."

Payson resident, Curtis Ward: "Is what Tom Horn doing with the Justice Department going to affect Gila County?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. The lawsuit that Attorney General Horn has filed will probably be years in resolution, and law will not be changed until, rather if it's to be changed, until the completion of that particular lawsuit. So it will be a long time, and it will not affect anything that anyone in the State of Arizona is doing at the present time."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Are you ready for my question?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Why don't we take a break and then we'll come back --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Yeah, let's take -- all right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- for the public comment period."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Yeah. Great."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I've got your form right here. Okay? Let's do that. Take a break, get a cookie, get a drink."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "How long did you want for your break?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Ten minutes should be plenty."

(Break)

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I've got two public comment forms. Are there any others from people who'd like to say something this evening?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, no, I didn't write it down yet."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Shirley? Okay. First of all, we have Mr. Morgan. Would you like to come up and so we can --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Sure."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- hear you easily and record you easily? Peter Morgan."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "My main question is, Linda, knowing that we have a population out of balance in the north to the south and I see Plan A and I know we have three supervisors, and I see three numbers on Plan A. Or actually all the plans. It seems to me that we need another supervisor representing the north so we have two in the north and two in the south. With all this effort by elected officials and the Gila County property tax payers from the north half of Gila County, will this finally bring forth another county supervisor, giving the north equal voting power?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In terms of whether we're going to go from three to five supervisors --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Five?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- because you can't go to four."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's either three or five. Under state law, there currently is no provision for a county the size of Gila County to go to five supervisors. So under current state law, we could not have five supervisors, so we have to stay with three."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Uh-huh. How do any of these maps affect a more fair vote with three supervisors than we have seen in the past?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I think what you're asking is how does someone else become supervisor from the north, and that's totally dependent upon the citizens from the north and who runs for office."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "But if we have one vote from the north and two votes from the south, how do we make that fair?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I really can't answer that question, because I don't think it has an answer. People who run for office are to represent all of the people that are in their district, that are in the county. And so you would have to talk to your individual board of supervisor member about if you have a particular issue."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Okay. My --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But it really is dependent on who runs for office."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "My issue is honesty and integrity, and I don't see it. Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you."

Shirley Dye: "Right on."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Let's see. How about Bob? Bob Dalby."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "My question is simple. How will the district supervisors, who are the people who decide which of these plans go to the Department of Justice, how will the county supervisors decide which plan to forward? What I'm really asking is, does public input make any difference. That's question number 1. What was question number 2 on my form?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Do they currently have a preference?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Do the county supervisors currently have a preference of the maps that are being shown? Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You're welcome. As far as do they currently have a preference, I will tell you no because they see lots of alternatives and they're still hearing public input and they're still evaluating all of the analyses that have to be gone through in order to -- for us to submit a plan. So no, there is no current preference." As far as how they make their decision, I cannot speak for any member of the board of supervisors in any way specifically. They will evaluate the mapping alternatives. They will evaluate ideas that come from the public as we continue throughout the process. They'll evaluate what the consultants say. They'll evaluate what the numbers tell them.

We do have to comply with the Voting Rights Act. Every state complies with the Voting Rights Act. Arizona just has a little extra that they have to comply with because we are under a separate section of the Voting Rights Act because of previous discriminatory issues. So we just have a little extra hurdle that we -- all -- that counties in the State of Arizona have to overcome. Christine?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Well, it seems to me, and without going into too many details, Plan D gets a little closer to addressing some of the, shall we say, demographic shifts that have been going on in the county. Yet, I understand, and from reading, that there are issues with some of the statistical analysis I believe that have to do with retrogression, right?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's correct."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "So my -- and I don't know if every -- anybody knows if I'm speaking a foreign language, sorry. And maybe, Linda, you can explain it more succinctly than I can since I'm stumbling around here. My question is: What could be done to work through those retrogression issues because it still is, I think, a very good plan that was put forward by the tribe, and I would like to see it considered for its values and not just discounted because there's a statistical problem --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "-- in the demographics. And so does my question make sense?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "What Christine is talking about when we say 'retrogression,' retrogression means a reduction. And in this case, under the Voting Rights Act, we are prohibited from reducing minority voting strength that currently exists in our current districts. So if we say we have a certain percentage of minorities in District 3 -- in our current District 3 -- as we create our new District 3, we cannot have a lower number of minorities. Now if the lower number is .01 percent, that's not going to be an issue. If it's seven percent, that's a problem. And that's the problem that is in the Tonto Apache map. The reason that it is an issue is very, very simple. It's because they took this area down here and moved it into District 2 out of District 3. And that resulted in a very large reduction in minority voting strength in District 3. As far as how can it be resolved? There are probably many, many ways that it can be resolved. What happens is what happened in Plan A. You begin to move the population such that you don't have the reduction in minority voting strength. And as you can see in Plan A, one of the big factors was they moved the Hayden, Winkelman, Christmas area back into District 3. There were some other changes that occurred within the Town of -- the City of Globe and the Town of Miami also. But, so Plan A is one attempt. As we listen to public comment and the supervisors kind of get all these plans in their head, you know, they -- they're going to be looking at, okay, a lot of different factors, and maybe some other alternatives for the way things can be done because we are -- the board is very understanding of the fact that the Tonto Apache tribe would like to be combined with the other Native American tribes. They're also very understanding of the fact that, you

know, they don't want to really be removed from the Town of Payson to do that. Because of the location of the Tonto Apache tribe, you have to come up with this kind of a perspective, because here's the tribe."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So you cannot pick them up and include them with the reservation and make a nice, pretty map. I mean, your map is going to have to come this direction in order for that to happen. So those are all factors that are taken into consideration. But they'll be -- there are probably as many ways to make those changes as there are statistical numbers having to do with these maps, and they'll be looking at different ways that they can accomplish not only what the Tonto Apache would like but also other comments that we have heard from the City of Globe, the mayor of city -- the mayor of Globe has made some comments. He's very concerned about dilution of minority voting strength. And so they'll be listening to all of those."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And how about the mayor of Payson. He has made comments too."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I'm sure. I haven't talked to him, but I've seen his comments in the paper."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Linda? He would be here tonight, but they're having a town council meeting."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Oh, are they?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "At the current time."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Shirley, would you like to make a comment?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "I did this presentation last night at the Tonto public meeting, Tonto School, and kind of got shot down, but I'm going to run it by you again, because I have some more -- some other tweaks. Draft Plan A, this is the Tonto tribe, is Draft Plan D, okay? And the Tonto Apache tribe being right here, and this is Gisela. This is their home land area. There's Native Americans, I guess, down in Gisela also. The present District 2, which currently comes down to here, do you see the dark red line? That's the current district line of District 2 was a total of -- I have District 2 here, but I mean District 3, sorry about that. Yeah. This is District 3 I'm talking about. Okay. The present board of supervisors, District 2, has a total 50.28 percent minority of which, in the present, which is from here and all the way up to here, 50.28 percent. Sixteen and a half percent of that is Latino and 33.8 percent is Apache. And it's the 50.28 percent majority minority that they're saying that we cannot dilute, okay? Now, in some of the other literature that I've been reading, it says that a majority minority is a cultural group and a language group. So, to me, there are two majority minorities in here. The 16 and a half percent that they want to move over into District 2 are the Latinos, who have community of interest with all these people in Globe anyhow. So I made that comment last night, and afterwards the guy said I was being a segregationist and I wasn't being fair to them. And yet some of the literature I've been reading said that they needed to, because this has diminished -- the number of Latinos in this area had

diminished, and so they needed to give them more Latinos. So I'm going, fine, sounds good to me, right? And, they're picking up some tribal members from here, this area here, and putting them into here, but they will only have 30 -- 34 percent minority instead of the 50 percent minority. Now the tribe thinks that they can go ahead and vote for candidates of their choice with 30 percent because they generally vote differently --" they think, than the Latinos. Not all the time, but some of the time. So, you know, but they said, you know, according to the Department of Justice if they vote together on the same candidate in one election once, then they're grouped into the same thing; is that right? See? So, anyhow, now, the thing, see, the consultants' view that 50.28 mixed minority cannot be diluted is inconsistent with their statements that a minority vote needs to be strengthened in both of those areas, so the Apache vote gets strengthened and the Latino vote gets strengthened and the Tonto Apache and Gisela have more in common with the White Mountain and San Carlos, the White Mountains up here, San Carlos Apache tribes in District 3, and so therefore that's why they wanted to move over to there. I am in District 2, so is Bob. We would be included in this area with the tribe. We're right up in here and a little bit more of the Payson area would be in District 3. So the whole thing is, Tommy Martin likes this. They tried to tweak it because it was seven percent -- 6.6 percent, seven percent off, which is over the five percent that the DO -- Department of Justice looks like -- looks at, so they did this. Well, but they took the -- this -- the Latinos and put them back in here and took Gisela out of the mix. So this Plan A is the rework of the tribe. But -- and I don't know, maybe somebody else can tell, you know, what the exact mix of proportions is, but the whole intent of the tribe and the intent of a lot of people in Payson, and this is where Pete will probably, you know, is looking at, is what it does is this makes this district more competitive. It makes the Democrats and Republicans pretty much even in that district, so it can be a swing district whereas this would be pretty much a Democratic district, this is pretty much a Republican district, and this would be a swing district. So we would have a chance of voting for a candidate that would more readily represent both the north and the south, and that's the bottom line. So I know that there were some other maps out there that were a combination of between this and this that for some reason didn't get the -- get chosen, so maybe those need to be looked at. But I think my main point is that just because they used a mixed minority 10 years ago without the same communities at interest, the same culture, and the same language, that just because they did something really not right, shall I say, does that mean that you can't make it right by letting these people be with the people that they usually vote with and letting the Indians be with who they -- or Native American people. So anyhow, that's kind of my feeling on the whole thing."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Shirley. Is -- does anyone else want to make a comment?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "I was just going to ask a question. The -- Mac Feezor, by the way, so you know who I am."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "If you'll fill out a form, please? Thank you very much."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "I will. Has there been a meeting down in Hayden area yet to see -- one of the things that the Tonto Apaches said was that they had heard or it had been expressed to them that those people wanted to move up. And I guess one of the questions that I have is: If the protected minorities want this, and this protected minority wants to move there --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Why not go there?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "We --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "We have not --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "We never found out whether or not there was anything -- a case on point with the Department of Justice to know whether that was permitted. It was one of the things in working on the committee --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- we said does -- anybody seen anything like this before, and all we got was a hands up, and I was just wondering if anybody since the --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Has stated really what we need to state."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- had come up with something, you know, if Bruce Adelson had found anything or come up with any case law or whether this was something that they just wanted to stay away from because nobody knows."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "First of all, the meeting on Monday is -- the meeting for Hayden is on Monday night, so we will be going down there to their town council meeting. Hayden and Winkelman are very close together, so it's really a Hayden, Winkelman, Christmas meeting because it's a very small, very close knit community down there, so that will be Monday. And in regards to the second answer, I do not have a case where that has been the situation in the past. But what we do have is the Federal Register, which provides us the laws that, whereby the Department of Justice will review our plans. And, in fact, there are some revisions that have -- were published, I believe, in April of this year that are very specific with regard to what we can do with reduction of minorities. And so absent case law, those are the instructions that we'll follow. But I'm not aware -- that doesn't mean there isn't one -- I am not aware of a case where a minority has said oh, yeah, reduce our voting strength. I've never heard of a case like that, so I don't know."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Well --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other questions?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "All right. It's just the comment that each minority is being strengthened."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "uh-huh. Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "And as long as they're agreeable, you know --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- that's the logic behind it. I understand --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, I --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- the argument of -majority, you know minority majority, but there's also the -- if there's this self-willed concentration of voting strength for a block, they gain."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, you have to remember a couple of other things. Are you aware of the census numbers for how many San Carlos tribal Apache members there are?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. How many tribal members do we have in the Tonto tribe?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "I'm aware of that also."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "A hundred and sixty something."

Unidentified Speaker: "Oh, that's kind of high."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "There --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Hundred and --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "There's 120 on the reservation --"

Unidentified Speaker: "I was going to say --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- and there's another 105 in the surrounding area and 15 in Gisela."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. And whereas when you talk about these other reservations, we have in the thousands. We do not have an opinion from the other tribes. Now, we may get one, but right now the only comment that has ever been made about it was made by one of the tribal attorneys who did not understand why we would split those populations. That's the only comment I have to date that was related to this issue."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Split what populations?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "What populations?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The Hispanic from the Native American. That's the only comment I have to date. I don't have any official comment from the other Tribes. They may well come to our meeting on the 20th, which is the work session where the board of supervisors will be really getting down into the nitty-gritty for these plans. And then the board will adopt their final plan on October 3rd. Could you state your name, please --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Hi, I'm --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and fill out a form?"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Yes. I'm Kay Miller. I have a question. When things are sent to the Department of Justice, are they -- are comments allowed in the process of sending or do they just get the maps and the statistics?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "All the comments that are made in our public meetings will go as a part of that submission."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Can there be also an attached --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "State your name, please."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Shirley Dye."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Can there be an attached, like if we -- if the board of supervisors chooses not to submit, like, the Apache tribe one, could we then have you send that Apache tribe with a public write-up about that the public, based on these issues, that it strengthens both things and it, you know, since it doesn't meet what our people say is the -- is diminishing and we say it's strengthening the Apache and it's strengthening the Hispanics -- because down there, in Christmas, Hayden and Winkelman, there's only 750 Latinos."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Okay? And you're talking about 120 and 110 or something up there that they're adding to the --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any comments that have been made will be included with the package."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Will a separate submission be allowed? No. The reason is because it is the board of supervisors' responsibility and they have the authority to make the submission."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And so that's what will happen, is they will make the submission. But any comments that are received will be included, you know, as part of the background materials that go as a part of that submission."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Bob Dalby. And is it possible that the county supervisors could submit both their preferred plan and also Plan D?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. You have --"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "They can only submit one?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, they will only submit one plan. Uh-huh. That -- that'll be fine. You don't have to fill out another one."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Oh, thanks."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Is there time to tweak Plan A? Because I understand -- Shirley Dye, by the way -- is there still time, since there's a work session on the 20th, if we can tweak Plan A differently than the okay, if we tweak Plan A and bring it into less than five percent conformity, would you then be able to look at that again at the 20th work session?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The board of supervisors now will be just taking public comments and they will be doing tweaking that's going to be done going forward. So, you know, if you, you know, want to talk to Tommy or want to talk to Shirley, or want to talk to Mike and say, okay, you know, we really would like to see some tweaking done on that, please, you know, either put that in a comment on line or make that comment to them."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But I can tell you that as we hear public comment that probably one single map doesn't satisfy everyone. Maybe it begins -- they begin to kind of merge. I don't know. That's really up to the board. But certainly they're going to

want to say, okay, well we have some good things in this one, and we have some good things in that one. They may want to look at some of those issues and the conversations that occur during the process of these meetings. Yes?"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Nancy Gartner. And I was just wondering, okay the --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Can you speak up? I know we can't hear you on this recorder."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "My name's Nancy Gartner, and the redistricting is being -- it's done, what every 10 years, right, after the census?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Is the purpose of it?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "So if it's not going to be done to reflect the changes in the population, then what's the point of doing it? I mean --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It actually is being done to reflect change in population."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay. And if 60 percent of the voters are in the northern half of the county --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That actually is not correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "If you will -- want to look at the statistics that are in your plan --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- you can see, and let me just point you to the first page of statistics. First page of statistics --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "In which one of the packets?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In any of the packets. The first page is numbers."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Unidentified Speaker: "Can you simplify that to percentages?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's -- the percentages are on there."

Unidentified Speaker: "Of the north versus the south?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No, because it depends on where you call north."

Unidentified Speaker: "Hmm."

Unidentified Speaker: "Right."

Unidentified Speaker: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And I'm not going to make --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Well --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- I'm not going to make that decision."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "All right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "As you can see, the population -- the ideal population, let me see if I can find the number."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The total population. Where's our number? Maybe that's on the next --"

Unidentified Speaker: "It's down toward the bottom."

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Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "There it is. Okay."

Unidentified Speaker: "That's the ideal population."

Unidentified Speaker: "Ideal population."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Ideal population at the bottom --"

Unidentified Speaker: "Yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- in each district would be -- and I happen to have grabbed a college plan. Let me grab a supervisory one so that we can look at the same numbers. The ideal population would be 17,866 people in each district."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's our requirement, is to try to equalize the number of people within each district. If you look up at the top, District 1, this is in Plan D."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You can see 18,105 people, 17,562 people --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and 17,930 people."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So we've come pretty close to equalizing population in this particular plan. It's not bad. That's one factor we have to look at is the equalization of population between the districts."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "So it has to be equalized as far as the number, but it doesn't have to be equalized as far as the race --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, it does."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "-- so you don't -- no, no."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's in a different statistic."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Because what I'm asking is --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "-- is in this one you're saying that there's 16,000 Whites and 10,008 so why wouldn't it have to be -- that had to be an equal number across on that and an equal number across on the Hispanics and --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Equal is probably -- I should not --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Well, because you're saying --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- use that word."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "You're saying equal as far as the total number."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Equal as far as total population."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's one requirement."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Then the next requirement is not an equal requirement, it is we cannot reduce the current population of minorities --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- within a current district."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And that's reflected in voting age minorities, whereas the other is every man, woman and child, baby. When we start talking voting age statistics, it gets very complicated - very quickly, but that's where there's not an equal to, it's -- where we start looking at reductions that may occur, or increases that may occur."

Payson resident, John Swenson: "Question."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes. Could you state your name?"

Payson resident, John Swenson: "John Swenson. On the baseline, you're going on the baseline of the current census; is that correct?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The most recent census."

Payson resident, John Swenson: "Against --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, John Swenson: "-- against the particular districts?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh. That's correct. Yes."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments this evening? And please feel free to comment on line or, you know, write us a note. Thank you."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Just -- it just seems like the just doesn't truly represent the group."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. What did you want to say, Shirley?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Are we going to talk about the college board?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "We can certainly talk about the college board, if you'd like to move on to that. I don't know who -- if -- do you have comments on the college board?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "I prefer -- where is it? Plan 1, because it's compact, contiguous, and easy traveled by the person, the commissioner --or whatever you call that."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And that's Shirley Dye's comment."

Unidentified Speaker: "Which one?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "That's the one straight across here. Plan --"

Unidentified Speaker: "Plan 1?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Plan -- Draft Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Draft Plan 1. Uh-huh. We have three college plans, Draft Plans 1, 2 and 3."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "And see on Draft Plan 3 how the yellow goes up and all -- totally wraps around?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Kind of weird."

Payson resident, Nancy Gartner: "Yeah, it is."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah. And Draft Plan 2 does some weird stuff. The other reason why 1 works too is because you've got the tribe and Gisela together. So that works for them. They can't -- obviously can't be with the rest of the Native Americans, but at least they can be -- that's in the same district."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments on the college maps?"

Larry? Yes? If you'll state your name and fill out a form?"

Payson resident, Larry Stephanson: "Yes, I will. I'm Larry Stephanson from Star Valley."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You want to come forward? You're so far back. I know we're not going to pick you up. And I can't give you that mic because we can't hear with the mic."

Payson resident, Larry Stephanson: "Okay. I'm Larry Stephanson from Star Valley and I would like to publicly thank Linda and her staff, David, the consultants you retained, the committee, Mac and Bob, others that served diligently and worked hard on this. I think all three of the community college district maps are viable alternatives, and I would feel comfortable with any of the three because if you look at them, they all do about the same thing. And that's the way the numbers work out. So it's -- I know the committee probably had an easier job with the college districts than with the supervisorial districts, but I think it's commendable and any of the three with whatever tweaks would work. Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Larry."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, God, I've got to -- Christine Harrison. I got to fill out a form again."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Got to -- you want me to add it to your other one? Or do you want to add it to your other one?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I can add to my old form."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Here it is."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And it's a very basic one, and that is, it is -- I -- first of all, I too liked Plan 1. It has -- it's kind of elegant, besides the other. It seems also that the deviation is more than -- do they have the same rules of limited deviation in the college redistricting as there is in the supervisory districts? Because Plan 1 is 8.69 percent --"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Right."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "-- which is a larger number than you would want to see the supervisory plan."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. Well, here's the --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I've got to write that down."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- as far as total population is concerned, now this has nothing to do with minorities. This is total population deviation. The -- kind of

the general rule is less than 10 percent. There have been some recent court cases that have pushed people to look in the three to five percent range --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and that's kind of where we were targeting as a committee was in that three to five percent range to try to keep that total population deviation as low as we could so that they were as -- each district was as equal in total population as possible. When you start, then, adjusting for minority issues, which is what's been -- what happens as you start pushing some census block to make sure you don't have the minority issues, those deviations may go up some, and that's what's happened on that one. We're still under 10 percent, but we're not in the three to five percent range --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- if that were a map we were to choose, we would have to state, okay, why did we go a little higher on that."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And it would have to be justified by corresponding increases or decreases that may be necessary to get your minority population straightened out. That's probably the best way to view it."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The simplest way to view it."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "It needs to be explained to them that it started off over 25 percent at about --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "So it is --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's way down."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- much, much better --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Refined."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- than it was. Much better."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, the --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "So --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- the committee has really done lots of tweaking on some of these."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "So in that instance, comments can be included?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In that --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "In that to explain why --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Those -- yeah, those will be comments that will come from the board of supervisors to explain why they chose a map and if percentages are different, why those percentages are different."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Okay. Well that was --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- that was basically the question I was asking."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Right."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "If further --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And actually --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- explanatory comment --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- could be included with the map and the answer to that is yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, that is correct. And would you state your name, so I can get that on the record?"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Kathleen Miller."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Kathleen Miller. Thank you. Yes. In fact, the county attorney actually makes this particular submission to the Department of Justice. So this'll be done with mountains of legal paperwork and lots of backup. Lots of comments. Okay. Mr. Dalby?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "One more. In addition to comments from the public and the supervisors --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "-- will the consultants also be including their comments?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Not per se because it's not the consultants' responsibility to submit the map. So, you know, the consultants may say, okay, the reason that this would be an acceptable way to go would be A, B, C and then the board may put that in their submission. But for the consultants to say, you know, I, Tony, think this, this and this, that would not go in the board's submission because it's not Tony's submission. It is the board of supervisors' submission. So -- okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate you coming. It's a very complex process. We've been working for a long, long time, right, Mr. Feezor?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Oh, a piece of cake."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. Lots to digest. Lots and lots. So we thank you. Please encourage, you know, anyone you know to make comments. Sadie, would you like to say anything in closing?"

Sadie: "I'm going to pass."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Yes, Christine?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I want to join Larry in thanking you, Linda, and your staff. You've been very gracious at times when it got kind of harrowing."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It can be."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And you've just been very gracious and just really right there where you've needed to be. Thank you so much."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, thank you. We appreciate that. And we --"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Me too, Linda."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- we may -- although everyone does not always agree with everyone else, we need to hear everyone as much as we can. So thank you. Appreciate your time."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "You're a good mediator."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you. Be sure and write if -- for those of you who have multiple comments, just list all your comments on your page."

Shirley Dye: "Do we have to write out our comments?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. because we'll be getting another transcription of the tapes, if you can just kind of put the topic or the general idea."

Meeting Adjourned

REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS DEL CONDADO DE GILA

REUNIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIÓN PÚBLICA

PAYSON – 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2011 - 6:00 PM

ACTAS DE LA REUNIÓN

Reunión Dirigida Por Linda Eastlick

En asistencia:

Funcionarios del Público: Registrador del Condado Sadie Tomerlin Dalton

Personal de la Oficina de Elecciones: Director de Elecciones Linda Eastlick,
Especialista de Elecciones David Rogers

Intérprete / Traductor, Margie Chapman

Miembros del Público: Residentes de Payson Georgia Stallwits, Curtis Ward, Peter Morgan, Christine Harrison, Shirley Dye, Kay Miller, James (Mac) Feezor, Robert Dalby

Resumen de la presentación por Linda Eastlick:

Se identificó que el propósito de la reunión era para dar al público la oportunidad de revisar los actuales mapas de redistribución de distritos que están para la consideración de la Junta de Supervisores y de contribuir sus opiniones en cuanto a ellos. Se presentaron cuatro mapas para los Distritos de Supervisión y tres mapas para los Distritos de la Universidad Comunitaria. Información fue proporcionado relativa a los efectos que cada mapa tendría en los precintos de votación y las diferencias de cada propuesto mapa fueron examinadas. Se mencionó de nuevo los varios cumplimientos requeridos por el DOJ y la adhesión a la Ley de Derechos Electorales antes de que cualquier plan se pueda considerar para aprobación. El público que estaba presente fue animado a revisar los mapas y a tomar la oportunidad de discutirlos. David Rogers el Especialista de Elecciones se presentó, entonces demostró el proceso para someter comentarios.

Especialista de Elecciones, David Rogers, demostró la herramienta de mapeo.

El programa interactivo de mapeo basado en la Web fue demostrado incluso: cómo los ciudadanos pueden registrarse para someter comentarios públicos sobre los mapas de los distritos de Supervisores y de la Universidad Comunitaria y el proceso de cómo someter algo fue clarificado.

Período de Comentario / Preguntas del Público [resumen general en español]:

La Directora de Elecciones, Linda Eastlick preguntó si había alguien que quería hacer comentario.

Residente de Payson, Georgia Stallwits:

Pidió clarificación en cuanto a los mapas.

Director de Elecciones Linda Eastlick explicó cómo leer los mapas y comparar lado a lado. También hay una opción para ver los mapas con cifras por sí solas.

Residente de Payson Curtis Ward:

¿Lo que Tom Horne está haciendo con el Departamento de Justicia va a afectar el Condado de Gila?

Respuesta de Linda Eastlick: No. Una demanda tomará mucho tiempo y la ley no se modificaría hasta el final de ese proceso, en todo caso. No va a afectar todo lo que cualquier persona en el estado de Arizona está haciendo en la actualidad.

Residente de Payson Peter Morgan:

Observó que la diferencia de población entre el norte y el sur tiene actualmente un solo supervisor en el norte, y dos en el sur del Condado de Gila. ¿Este proceso finalmente va a traer a otro supervisor de condado, dando poder al norte de voto igual?

Respuesta de Linda Eastlick: No se puede tener cuatro, es de 3 ó 5. Bajo la ley estatal actual, el tamaño del Condado de Gila sólo permite tres supervisores, por lo que el número no va a cambiar.

Seguimiento por parte de Morgan: ¿Cómo afectan estos mapas un voto más justo, con tres supervisores? ¿Cómo podemos hacerlo justo cuando el norte sólo tiene un voto y el sur tiene dos? No veo la honestidad y la integridad.

Eastlick respuesta: No hay respuesta a esa pregunta que no sean las personas que son candidatas para representar a todas las personas que están en su distrito, que están en su condado. Y usted tendría que hablar con su representante a la Junta de supervisores acerca de si usted tiene un problema particular. Pero realmente depende de quien se postula para la oficina.

Residente de Payson Bob Dalby:

¿De qué manera los supervisores del condado van a decidir el plan a seguir?
¿Tiene la opinión del público alguna diferencia? ¿Los supervisores del

condado en la actualidad tienen una preferencia de los mapas que se muestran?

Eastlick Respuesta: No, no hay preferencia actual. Se evaluarán las ideas que provienen de la opinión pública, lo que los consultores dicen, lo que los números les dicen. Tenemos que cumplir con la Ley de Derechos Electorales.

Residente de Payson Christine Harrison:

El Plan D se pone un poco más cerca de resolver algunos de los cambios demográficos que han sucedido en el condado. Hay problemas con algunos de los análisis estadísticos que creo que tienen que ver con el retroceso. Lo que se puede hacer para trabajar en estas cuestiones de retroceso, ya que aún es, creo, un plan muy bueno que fue presentado por la tribu y me gustaría que se considere por sus valores y no con descuento sólo porque hay un problema estadístico en la demografía.

Respuesta de Eastlick: El retroceso implica una reducción. Y en este caso, conforme a la Ley de Derechos Electorales, se nos prohíbe la reducción de la fuerza de voto de las minorías que ya existe en nuestros distritos actuales. A medida que creamos nuestro nuevo Distrito 3, no podemos tener un número más bajo de minorías. Ahora bien, si el número más bajo es 0.01 por ciento, no va a ser un problema. Si se trata de un siete por ciento, es un problema. Probablemente hay muchas, muchas maneras en que se puede resolver. El plan A es un intento. El comité comprende bien el hecho de que la tribu Tonto Apache quiera ser combinada con las otras tribus indígenas americanas. También son muy comprensivos del hecho de que ellos no quieren realmente ser removidos de la ciudad de Payson para hacer eso.

No se puede recogerlos e incluirlos en la reservación y hacer un mapa agradable, bonito. El mapa se va a tener que venir esta dirección para que eso suceda. Así que estos son todos los factores que se tienen en cuenta. Probablemente hay tantas maneras de hacer esos cambios, ya que hay cifras estadísticas que tienen que ver con estos mapas, y van a estar buscando en diferentes formas en que se puede lograr no sólo lo que el Tonto Apache gustaría, pero también otros comentarios que hemos oído de la ciudad de Globe. El alcalde de Globo ha hecho algunos comentarios. Él está muy preocupado por la dilución de la fuerza de voto de las minorías.

Residente de Payson Shirley Dye:

Hice esta presentación anoche en la reunión en Tonto.

La junta presente de los supervisores del Distrito 2 cuenta con un total 50,28 por ciento minoritario de los cuales 16,5 por ciento es el porcentaje de latinos y el

33,8 es Apache. En algunas de las otras publicaciones que he estado leyendo, se dice que una minoría mayoritaria es un grupo cultural y un grupo de idiomas. El dieciséis y medio por ciento que quieren pasar al Distrito 2 son los latinos.

Por lo que hice ese comentario ayer por la noche y después un hombre me dijo que estaba siendo una segregacionista y yo no estaba siendo justa con ellos. Y sin embargo, parte de la literatura que he estado leyendo dijo que era necesario porque el número de latinos en esta área se había reducido, por lo que es necesario darles más latinos. Y que están aumentando el número de algunos miembros de la tribu pero sólo tendrán del 30 a 34 por ciento minoritario en lugar de la minoría del 50 por ciento.

A Tommy Martin le gusta esto. Trataron de ajustar el aumento, ya que estaba fuera de un siete por ciento, que era más del cinco por ciento que quiere permitir el DO. El Departamento de Justicia analiza la intención de toda la tribu y la intención de mucha gente en Payson y hace que esta zona sea más competitiva. Por lo tanto, tendrían la oportunidad de votar por un candidato que represente con mayor facilidad tanto en el norte y el sur, y eso es el resultado final.

Mi punto principal es que el hecho de que utilizaron una minoría mixta hace 10 años con otras comunidades que no tenían interés en la misma cultura y el mismo idioma, ¿significa eso que no se puede hacer correcto al permitir que la gente indígena americana esté con las personas con que suelen votar.

Residente de Payson Mac Feezor:

Si las minorías protegidas quieren esto, y esta minoría protegida quiere mudarse allí, me estaba preguntando si Bruce Adelson había encontrado algo o encontrado algún jurisprudencia, o si esto era algo de que sólo querían mantenerse alejados porque nadie lo sabe.

Respuesta de Eastlick: No tengo un caso en el que ha sido la situación en el pasado. Pero lo que sí tenemos es el Registro Federal que nos proporciona las leyes que por el cual el Departamento de Justicia revisa nuestros planes. Hay algunas revisiones que se han publicado, creo en abril de este año, que son muy específicos con respecto a lo que podemos hacer con la reducción de minorías. Y sin cualquier jurisprudencia, esas son las instrucciones que vamos a seguir. No tengo conocimiento de un caso en que una minoría ha dicho, oh, sí haga reducir nuestra fuerza de los votos. Nunca he oído hablar de un caso como éste, así que no lo sé.

Seguimiento de Feezor: Usted sabe, la mayoría minoritaria, pero si hay una concentración obstinada de la votación la fuerza para un bloque, ellos ganan.

Respuesta de Eastlick: ¿Sabe usted de las cifras del censo, cuántos miembros de la tribu de San Carlos Apache hay? ¿Cuántos miembros de la tribu tenemos en la tribu Tonto? Ciento sesenta y tantos.

Feezor: Hay 120 en la reservación y hay unos otros 105 en los alrededores y 15 en Gisela.

Eastlick: Y cuando se habla de estas otras reservaciones, tenemos en los miles. No hemos tenido una opinión de las otras tribus. Ahora bien, podemos conseguir uno, pero ahora el único comentario que se ha hecho al respecto fue hecha por uno de los abogados de las tribus que no entendían por qué se dividiría la población hispana de la población indígena americana. No tengo ningún comentario oficial de la tribu.

Residente de Payson, Kathleen Miller:

Cuando las cosas se envían al Departamento de Justicia, ¿se permiten comentarios en el proceso de envío o solamente reciban los mapas y las estadísticas?

Respuesta de Eastlick: Todos los comentarios que se hacen en nuestras reuniones públicas se van como parte de esa comunicación.

Residente de Payson Shirley Dye:

¿Será permitido una presentación por separado?

Respuesta de Eastlick: No. La razón es porque es la responsabilidad de la junta de supervisores y ellos tienen la autoridad para hacer la presentación.

Residente de Payson Bob Dalby:

¿Es posible que los supervisores del condado podrían presentar tanto su plan preferido y también el Plan D?

Respuesta de Eastlick: No. Se tiene que presentar un plan.

Residente de Payson Shirley Dye:

Si modificamos el Plan A y la ponemos en conformidad a menos del cinco por ciento ¿podrían ustedes entonces mirarlo de nuevo en la sesión de trabajo del día 20?

Respuesta de Eastlick: "En este punto, la junta de supervisores solamente va a tomar los comentarios del público y el único ajuste o modificación que se va a hacer será por ellos mismos. Si usted quiere hablar con Tommy, o quiere hablar con Shirley, puede poner esto en una línea de comentario o hacer ese comentario a los mismos.

Probablemente uno solo mapa no satisface a todos.

Residente de Payson Nancy Gardner:

La redistribución se realiza cada 10 años después del censo, ¿correcto? Si no se va a hacer para reflejar los cambios en la población entonces ¿cuál es el punto de hacerlo?

Respuesta de Eastlick: En realidad se está haciendo para reflejar el cambio en la población. La población ideal en cada distrito de supervisión serían 17.866 personas en cada distrito. En el Distrito 1, esto es en el Plan D, tiene 18.105 personas, 17.562 personas, y 17.930 personas. Uno de los factores que tenemos que tener en cuenta es la equiparación de la población entre los distritos.

Gardner seguimiento de: Así que tiene que ser igualado en cuanto al número, pero no tiene que ser igualado en cuanto a la raza.

Respuesta de Eastlick: Sí, sí se tiene ser. El siguiente requisito no es un requisito de igualdad, es que no podemos reducir la población actual de las minorías dentro de un distrito actual. Y eso se refleja en la edad de votación de las las minorías mientras que el otro es de cada hombre, mujer y niño bebé, y luego empezamos a hablar de estadísticas en edad de votar.

Residente de Payson John Swinson:

Usted va en la línea de base del censo actual comparados contra los distritos en particular ¿no es así?

Respuesta de Eastlick: El censo más reciente, comparados en contra de los distritos en particular, sí.

Seguimiento por Nancy Gardner sobre el comentario de Swinson: Simplemente parece que no representa justamente al grupo.

Residente Shirley Dye:

¿Vamos a hablar sobre la mesa directiva de la universidad comunitaria? Yo prefiero el proyectado plan número 1 porque es compacto, contiguo, y fácilmente recorrido por el comisionado.

La otra razón por lo cual el Plan 1 sirve es porque tienes la tribu y Gisela juntos, por lo que trabaja para ellos. Ellos no pueden estar con el resto de los indígenas americanos pero al menos pueden estar en el mismo distrito.

Residente de Payson Christine Harrison estuvo de acuerdo.

Residente de Payson Larry Stephanson

Me gustaría agradecer públicamente a Linda y a su equipo, David los consultores que ha retenido, el comité, Mac y Bob, y otros que sirvieron con diligencia y han trabajado duro en esto.

Creo que los tres mapas del distrito de la universidad comunitaria son una alternativa viable, y me sentiría cómodo con cualquiera de los tres.

Residente de Payson Christine Harrison:

A mí también me gustaba el Plan 1. ¿Tienen las mismas reglas de desviación limitada en la redistribución de distritos universitarios como hay es en los distritos de supervisión?

Respuesta de Eastlick: En cuanto a la población total se refiere, ahora esto no tiene nada que ver con las minorías. Esta es la desviación total de la población. La regla general es inferior al 10 por ciento. Ha habido algunos casos judiciales recientes que han llevado a la gente a mirar en el rango del tres al cinco por ciento, y eso es algo que nosotros en el comité hemos estado usando para meta para tratar de mantener que la desviación total de la población estuviera tan bajo como pudiéramos para que cada distrito fuera tan igual en la población total como sea posible. Estamos todavía debajo de un 10 por ciento porque no estamos en el rango del tres a cinco por ciento. Tendría que ser justificada por los incrementos o disminuciones correspondientes que sean necesarios para obtener su población minoritaria enderezado. Esa es probablemente la mejor manera de verlo.

Residente de Payson Mac Feezor:

Hay que explicar para ellos que se empezó con más del 25 por ciento, así que es mucho, mucho mejor de lo que era.

Eastlick añadió: El comité ha hecho realmente un montón de ajustes en algunos de estos.

Residente de Payson Kathleen Miller:

Así que en ese caso, el comentario explicativo podría ser incluido en el mapa?

Respuesta Eastlick: Los comentarios que se provendrán de la Junta de Supervisores para explicar por qué eligieron un mapa y si los porcentajes son diferentes por qué esos porcentajes son diferentes. De hecho, el fiscal del condado en realidad hace esta presentación particular al Departamento de Justicia.

Residente de Payson Bob Dalby:

Además de los comentarios del público y de los supervisores, ¿también serán incluidos los comentarios de los consultores?

Respuesta de Eastlick: No necesariamente, porque no es responsabilidad de los consultores a presentar el mapa.

Residente de Payson Christine Harrison:

Quisiera expresar lo mismo como Larry para darle las gracias a Linda y su personal. Usted ha sido muy amable en momentos en que estuvo un poco terrible.

Residente de Payson Kathleen Miller: "buen mediador".

Respuesta Eastlick: Bueno, muchas gracias. Lo agradecemos. Aunque todo el mundo no siempre están de acuerdo con todos los demás tenemos que escuchar a todos tanto como nos sea posible. Por favor anime a quien quiera que usted conoce para hacer comentarios.

Se levantó la Reunión

Supplement to minutes from Payson meeting 9811

For the purpose of facilitating translation into Spanish

Excerpts taken from highlighted minutes below

Summary of Public Comment

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits:

Asked for clarification on the maps.

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick explained how to read the maps and compare them side by side. There is also an option to view the maps using numbers alone.

Payson resident, Curtis Ward:

Asked if what Tom Horne is doing with the Department of Justice is going to affect Gila County?

Response by Linda Eastlick: No. Lawsuit will take a long time and law wouldn't be changed until the end of that process, if at all. It won't affect anything that anyone in the state of Arizona is doing at the present time.

Payson resident, Peter Morgan:

Observed that the population difference between north and south has currently only one supervisor in the north, and two in the south of Gila County. Will this [redistricting] process finally bring another county supervisor, giving north equal voting power?

Response by Linda Eastlick: You can't have four, it's either 3 or 5. Under current state law, the size of Gila county only allows for three supervisors, so that number won't change.

Follow up by Morgan: How do these maps affect a fairer vote with three supervisors? How do we make it fair when the north only has one vote and south has two? I don't see honesty and integrity.

Eastlick response: No answer to that question other than people who run for office are to represent all of the people that they -- that are in their district, that are in their county. And so you would have to talk to your individual board of supervisor about if you have a particular issue. But it really is dependent on who runs for office

Payson resident, Bob Dalby:

How will the county supervisors decide which plan to forward? Does public input make any difference? Do the county supervisors currently have a preference of the maps that are being shown?

Eastlick Response: No, there is no current preference. They will evaluate ideas that come from the public, what the consultants say, what the numbers tell them. We do have to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

Payson resident, Christine Harrison

Plan D gets a little closer to addressing some of the, demographic shifts that have been going on in the county. There are issues with some of the statistical analysis I believe that have to do with retrogression. What could be done to work through those retrogression issues because it still is, I think, a very good plan that was put forward by the tribe, and I would like to see it considered for its values and not just discounted because there's a statistical problem in the demographics.

Eastlick Response: Retrogression means a reduction. And in this case, under the Voting Rights Act, we are prohibited from reducing minority voting strength that currently exists in our current districts. As we create our new District 3, we cannot have a lower number of minorities. Now if the lower number is .01 percent, that's not going to be an issue. If it's seven percent, that's a problem. There are probably many, many ways that it can be resolved. Plan A is one attempt.

The board is very understanding of the fact that the Tonto Apache tribe would like to be combined with the other Native American tribes. They're also very understanding of the fact that they don't want to really be removed from the Town of Payson to do that.

You cannot pick them up and include them with the reservation and make a nice, pretty map. Your map is going to have to come this direction in order for that to happen. So those are all factors that are taken into consideration. There are probably as many ways to make those changes as there are statistical numbers having to do with these maps, and they'll be looking at different ways that they can accomplish not only what the Tonto Apache would like but also other comments that we have heard from the City of Globe. The mayor of Globe has made some comments. He's very concerned about dilution of minority voting strength.

Payson resident, Shirley Dye:

I did this presentation last night at the Tonto public meeting.

The present board of supervisors, District 2, has a total 50.28 percent minority of which sixteen and a half percent of that is Latino and 33.8 percent is Apache. some of the other literature that I've been reading, it says that a majority minority is a cultural group and a language group. The sixteen and a half percent that they want to move over into District 2 are the Latinos.

So I made that comment last night, and afterwards the guy said I was being a segregationist and I wasn't being fair to them. And yet some of the literature I've been reading said that they needed to, because the number of Latinos in this area had diminished, and so they needed to give them more Latinos. And, they're picking up some tribal members, but they will only have 30 -- 34 percent minority instead of the 50 percent minority.

Tommy Martin likes this. They tried to tweak it because it was seven percent -- 6.6 percent, seven percent off, which is over the five percent that the DO -- Department of Justice looks at the whole intent of the tribe and the intent of a lot of people in Payson, what it does is this makes this district more competitive. So we would have a chance of voting for a candidate that would more readily represent both the north and the south, and that's the bottom line.

My main point is that just because they used a mixed minority 10 years ago with not the same communities at interest, the same culture, and the same language, does that mean that you can't make it right by letting the Native American people be with the people that they usually vote with.

Payson resident, Mac Feezor:

If the protected minorities want this, and this protected minority wants to move there, I was just wondering if Bruce Adelson had found anything or come up with any case law or whether this was something that they just wanted to stay away from because nobody knows.

Eastlick response: I do not have a case where that has been the situation in the past. But what we do have is the Federal Register, which provides us the laws that, whereby the Department of Justice will review our plans. There are some revisions that were published, I believe, in April of this year that are very specific with regard to what we can do with reduction of minorities. And so absent case law, those are the instructions that we'll follow. I am not aware of a case where a minority has said oh, yeah, reduce our voting strength. I've never heard of a case like that, so I don't know.

Feezor follow up: You know, minority majority, but there's also -- if there's this self-willed concentration of voting strength for a block, they gain.

Eastlick: Are you aware of the census numbers for how many San Carlos tribal Apache members there are? How many tribal members do we have in the Tonto tribe? A hundred and sixty something.

Feezor: There are 120 on the reservation and there's another 105 in the surrounding area and 15 in Gisela.

Eastlick: And when you talk about these other reservations, we have in the thousands. We do not have an opinion from the other tribes. Now, we may get one, but right now the only comment that has ever been made about it was made by one of the tribal attorneys who did not understand why we would split The Hispanic from the Native American populations. I don't have any official comment from the tribe.

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller:

When things are sent to the Department of Justice, are comments allowed in the process of sending or do they just get the maps and the statistics?

Eastlick response: All the comments that are made in our public meetings will go as a part of that submission.

Payson resident, Shirley Dye:

Will a separate submission be allowed?

Eastlick response: No. The reason is because it is the board of supervisors' responsibility and they have the authority to make the submission.

Payson resident, Bob Dalby:

Is it possible that the county supervisors could submit both their preferred plan and also Plan D?

Eastlick response: No. You have to submit one plan.

Payson resident, Shirley Dye:

If we tweak Plan A and bring it into less than five percent conformity, would you then be able to look at that again at the 20th work session?

Eastlick response: "The board of supervisors now will be just taking public comments and they will be doing tweaking that's going to be done going forward. So, if you want to talk to Tommy or want to talk to Shirley, put that in a comment on line or make that comment to them. Probably one single map doesn't satisfy everyone.

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner:

The redistricting is done every 10 years after the census, correct? If it's not going to be done to reflect the changes in the population, then what's the point of doing it?

Eastlick response: It actually is being done to reflect change in population. Ideal population in each supervisory district would be 17,866 people in each district. In District 1, this is in Plan D, you have 18,105 people, 17,562 people, and 17,930 people. One factor we have to look at is the equalization of population between the districts.

Gardner follow up: So it has to be equalized as far as the number, but it doesn't have to be equalized as far as the race.

Eastlick response: Yes, it does. The next requirement is not an equal requirement; it is we cannot reduce the current population of minorities within a current district. And that's reflected in voting age minorities, whereas the other is every man, woman and child, baby, and then we start talking voting age statistics.

Payson resident, John Swinson:

You're going on the baseline of the current census, against the particular districts is that correct?

Eastlick response: The most recent census, against the particular districts, yes.

Nancy Gardner input on Swinson comment: It just seems like it just doesn't truly represent the group.

Payson resident, Shirley Dye:

Are we going to talk about the college board? I prefer Draft Plan 1, because it's compact, contiguous, and easy traveled by the commissioner.

The other reason why Draft Plan 1 works is because you've got the tribe and Gisela together, so that works for them. They can't be with the rest of the Native Americans, but at least they can be in the same district.

Payson resident Christine Harrison agreed.

Payson resident, Larry Stephanson

I would like to publicly thank Linda and her staff, David, the consultants you retained, the committee, Mac and Bob, others that served diligently and worked hard on this.

I think all three of the community college district maps are viable alternatives, and I would feel comfortable with any of the three.

Payson resident, Christine Harrison:

I too liked Plan 1. Do they have the same rules of limited deviation in the college redistricting as there is in the supervisory districts?

Eastlick response: As far as total population is concerned, now this has nothing to do with minorities. This is total population deviation. The general rule is less than 10 percent. There have been some recent court cases that have pushed people to look in the three to five percent range and that's kind of where we were targeting as a committee to try to keep that total

population deviation as low as we could so that each district was as equal in total population as possible. We're still under 10 percent, because we're not in the three to five percent range. It would have to be justified by corresponding increases or decreases that may be necessary to get your minority population straightened out. That's probably the best way to view it.

Payson resident, Mac Feezor:

It needs to be explained to them that it started off over 25 percent, So it is much, much better than it was.

Eastlick added: The committee has really done lots of tweaking on some of these.

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller:

So in that instance, explanatory comment could be included with the map?

Eastlick response: Those will be comments that will come from the board of supervisors to explain why they chose a map and if percentages are different, why those percentages are different. In fact, the county attorney actually makes this particular submission to the Department of Justice.

Payson resident, Bob Dalby:

In addition to comments from the public and the supervisors will the consultants also be including their comments?

Eastlick response: Not per se because it's not the consultants' responsibility to submit the map.

Payson resident, Christine Harrison:

I want to join Larry in thanking you, Linda, and your staff. You've been very gracious at times when it got kind of harrowing.

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Good mediator."

Eastlick response: Well, thank you. We appreciate that. Although everyone does not always agree with everyone else, we need to hear everyone as much as we can. Please encourage anyone you know to make comments.

Meeting Adjourned

GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING
PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
PAYSON - SEPTEMBER 8, 2011 – 6:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted By Linda Eastlick

In Attendance:

Public Officials: County Recorder, Sadie Tomerlin Dalton

Elections Staff: Elections Director Linda Eastlick, Elections Specialist David Rogers

Spanish Translator, Margie Chapman

Members of the Public: Payson residents Georgia Stallwits, Curtis Ward, Peter Morgan, Christine Harrison, Shirley Dye, Kay Miller, James (Mac) Feezor, Robert Dalby

Summary of Presentation by Linda Eastlick:

Meeting purpose identified to provide the public review and input opportunity of redistricting maps currently being considered by the Board of Supervisors. Displayed four Supervisory District maps and three College District maps. Provided handout information relative to each maps precinct level nuances and reviewed the proposed map differences. Reminded of the various DOJ compliances required and adherences to the Voting Rights Act before any plans are considered for adoption. Encouraged attending public to review the maps, take the opportunity to discuss the maps, introduced Elections Specialist David Rogers who then demonstrated comment submission process.

Elections Specialist, David Rogers demonstrated the mapping tool.

Demonstrated web based mapping tool program including: how citizens can register to access the mapping tool to submit public comments on the Supervisorial or College District maps; clarified submission process.

Public Comment/Questions Public Comment/Question/Answer Period:

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Can you state your name for the record."

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits: "My name is Georgia Stallwits. I live in Fairway Lane, Payson, Arizona. Would you just look at the map and tell me the difference? I look at it and see everybody --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "All right, and if you'll -- if you wouldn't mind filling out your name and your question on there so that we can keep that for the record? Let me just go -- first of all, let me go through a map."

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits: "Okay, a map."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Just map -- this is map A, and it is a map. All of the map packets are arranged the same way. You have a county wide view. You have a detailed Payson view. And then you have a detailed Globe view. Because when you get down into these areas, like right here and right here on these big maps, you can't really see the changes, you really need to look in your map packets and make the comparisons from these detailed views. That's probably the easiest way."

"If I look at these large maps, for example, maps D and maps A, I can easily see that this map includes the Christmas, Hayden, Winkelman area --"

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- this map does not include --"

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- the Christmas, Hayden, Winkelman. But I can't see --"

Payson, resident, Georgia Stalwits: "Hayden district."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- easily what's happening in Globe and there's, you know, there are differences. So when you're comparing, put your maps side by side and look at the detail. That will be the easiest way --"

Payson resident, Georgia Stallwits: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- for you to note the difference. In the bigger areas, it's a little easier to see. Attached to each one of your maps are lots and lots of numbers. If you're a numbers person, like Mac is, you'll love all the numbers. He's our (indiscernible **6:27:47), so he (indiscernible **6:27:49) lots of numbers.

"Yes? And could you state your name for the record?"

Payson resident, Curtis Ward: "Curtis Ward. I live at 110 North Madalin Trail (phonetic **6:28:02) (indiscernible - simultaneous speech **6:28:03)."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay, if you'll fill that out?"

Payson resident, Curtis Ward: "(Indiscernible **6:28:06)."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Just speak real loud because we've got a recorder going, but I know they're not going to be able to hear you."

Payson resident, Curtis Ward: "Is what Tom Horn doing with the Justice Department going to affect Gila County?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. The lawsuit that Attorney General Horn has filed will probably be years in resolution, and law will not be changed, if it's to be changed, until the completion of that particular lawsuit. So it will be a long time, and it will not affect anything that anyone in the State of Arizona is doing at the present time."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Are you ready for my question?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Why don't we take a break and then we'll come back --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Yeah, let's take -- all right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- for the public comment period."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Yeah. Great."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I've got your form right here. Okay? Let's do that. Take a break, get a cookie, get a drink."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "How long did you want for your break?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Ten minutes should be plenty."

(Break)

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "(Audio begins) got two public comment forms. Are there any others from people who'd like to say something this evening?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, no, I didn't write it down yet."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Shirley? Okay. First of all, we have Mr. Morgan. Would you like to come up and so we can --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Sure."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- hear you easily and record you easily? Peter Morgan."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "My main question is, Linda, knowing that we have a population out of balance in the north to the south and I see Plan A and I know we have three supervisors, and I see three numbers on Plan A. Or actually all the plans. It seems to me that we need another supervisor representing the north so we have two in the north and two in the south. With all this effort by elected officials and the Gila County property tax payers from the north half of Gila County, will this finally bring forth another county supervisor, giving the north equal voting power?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In terms of whether we're going to go from three to five supervisors --"

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Five?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- because you can't go to four."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's either three or five. Under state law, there currently is no provision for a county the size of Gila County to go to five supervisors. So under current state law, we could not have five supervisors, so we have to stay with three."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Uh-huh. How do any of these maps affect a more fair vote with three supervisors than we have seen in the past?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I think what you're asking is how does someone else become supervisor from the north, and that's totally dependent upon the citizens from the north and who runs for office."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "But if we have one vote from the north and two votes from the south, how do we make that fair?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I really can't answer that question, because I don't think it has an answer. People who run for office are to represent all of the people that they -- that are in their district, that are in their county. And so you would have to talk to your individual board of supervisor about if you have a particular issue."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "Okay. My --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But it really is dependent on who runs for office."

Payson resident, Peter Morgan: "My issue is honesty and integrity, and I don't see it. Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you."

Shirley Dye: "Right on."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Let's see. How about Bob? Bob Dalby."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "My question is simple. How will the district supervisors, who are the people who decide which of these plans go to the Department of Justice, how will the county supervisors decide which plan to forward? What I'm really asking is, does public input make any difference. That's question number 1. What was question number 2 on my form?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Do they currently have a preference."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Do the county supervisors currently have a preference of the maps that are being shown? Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You're welcome. As far as do they currently have a preference, I will tell you no because they see lots of alternatives and they're still hearing public input and they're still evaluating all of the analyses that have to be gone through in order to -- for us to submit a plan. So no, there is no current preference." As far as how they make their decision, I cannot speak for any member of the board of supervisors in any way specifically. They will evaluate the mapping alternatives. They will evaluate ideas that come from the public as we continue throughout the process. They'll evaluate what the consultants say. They'll evaluate what the numbers tell them. We do have to comply with the Voting Rights Act. Every state complies with the Voting Rights Act. Arizona just has a little extra that they have to comply with because we are under a separate section of the Voting Rights Act because of previous discriminatory issues. So we just have a little extra hurdle that we -- all -- that counties in the State of Arizona have to overcome. Christine?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Well, it seems to me, and without going into too many details, Plan D gets a little closer to addressing some of the, shall we say, demographic shifts that have been going on in the county. Yet, I understand, and from reading, that there are issues with some of the statistical analysis I believe that have to do with retrogression, right?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's correct."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "So my -- and I don't know if every -- anybody knows if I'm speaking a foreign language, sorry. And maybe, Linda, you can explain it more succinctly than I can since I'm stumbling around here. My question is: What could be done to work through those retrogression issues because it still is, I think, a very good plan that was put forward by the tribe, and I would like to see it considered for its values and not just discounted because there's a statistical problem --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "-- in the demographics. And so does my question make sense?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "What Christine is talking about when we say 'retrogression,' retrogression means a reduction. And in this case, under the Voting Rights Act, we are prohibited from reducing minority voting strength that currently exists in our current districts. So if we say we have a certain percentage of minorities in District 3 -- in our current District 3 -- as we create our new District 3, we cannot have a lower number of minorities. Now if the lower number is .01 percent, that's not going to be an issue. If it's seven percent, that's a problem. And that's the problem that is in the Tonto Apache map. The reason that it is an issue is very, very simple. It's because they took this area down here and moved it into District 2 out of District 3. And that resulted in a very large reduction in minority voting strength in District 3. As far as how can it be resolved? There are probably many, many ways that it can be resolved. What it -- what happens is what happened in Plan A. You begin to move the population such that you don't have the reduction in minority voting strength. And as you can see in Plan A, one of the big factors was they moved the Hayden, Winkelman, Christmas area back into District 3. There were some other changes that occurred within the Town of -- the City of Globe and the Town of Miami also. But, so Plan A is one attempt. As we listen to public comment and the supervisors kind of get all these plans in their head, you know, they -- they're going to be looking at, okay, a lot of different factors, and maybe some other alternatives for the way things can be done because we are -- the board is very understanding of the fact that the Tonto Apache tribe would like to be combined with the other Native American tribes. They're also very understanding of the fact that, you know, they don't want to really be removed from the Town of Payson to do that. Because of the location of the Tonto Apache tribe, you have to come up with this kind of a perspective, because here's the tribe."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So you cannot pick them up and include them with the reservation and make a nice, pretty map. I mean, your map is going to have to come this direction in order for that to happen. So those are all factors that are taken into consideration. But they'll be -- there are probably as many ways to make those changes as there are statistical numbers having to do with these maps, and they'll be looking at different ways that they can accomplish not only what the Tonto Apache would like but also other comments that we have heard from the City of Globe, the mayor of city -- the mayor of Globe has made some comments. He's very concerned about dilution of minority voting strength. And so they'll be listening to all of those."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And how about the mayor of Payson. He has made comments too."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "I'm sure -- yeah, I haven't talked to him, but I've seen his comments in the paper."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh. Yeah. So -- and Shirley?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Linda? He would be here tonight, but they're -- have a town council meeting."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Oh, are they?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "At the current time."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Shirley, would you like to make a comment?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "I did this presentation last night at the Tonto public meeting, Tonto School, and kind of got shot down, but I'm going to run it by you again, because I have some more -- some other tweaks. Draft Plan A, this is the Tonto tribe, is Draft Plan D, okay? And the Tonto Apache tribe being right here, and this is Gisela. This is their home land area. There's Native Americans, I guess, down in Gisela also. The present District 2, which currently comes down to here, do you see the dark red line? That's the current district line of District 2 was a total of -- I have District 2 here, but I mean District 3, sorry about that. Yeah. This is District 3 I'm talking about. Okay. The present board of supervisors, District 2, has a total 50.28 percent minority of which, in the present, which is from here and all the way up to here, 50.28 percent. Sixteen and a half percent of that is Latino and 33.8 percent is Apache. And it's the 50.28 percent majority minority that they're saying that we cannot dilute, okay? Now, in some of the other literature that I've been reading, it says that a majority minority is a cultural group and a language group. So, to me, there are two majority minorities in here. The 16 and a half percent that they want to move over into District 2 are the Latinos, who have community of interest with all these people in Globe anyhow. So I made that comment last night, and afterwards the guy said I was being a segregationist and I wasn't being fair to them. And yet some of the literature I've been reading said that they needed to, because this has diminished -- the number of Latinos in this area had diminished, and so they needed to give them more Latinos. So I'm going, fine, sounds good to me, right? And, they're picking up some tribal members from here, this area here, and putting them into here, but they will only have 30 -- 34 percent minority instead of the 50 percent minority. Now the tribe thinks that they can go ahead and vote for candidates of their choice with 30 percent because they generally vote differently --" they think, than the Latinos. Not all the time, but some of the time. So, you know, but they said, you know, according to the Department of Justice if they vote together on the same candidate in one election once, then they're grouped into the same thing; is that right? See? So, anyhow, now, the thing, see, the consultants' view that 50.28 mixed minority cannot be diluted is inconsistent with their statements that a minority vote needs to be strengthened in both of those areas, so the Apache vote gets strengthened and the Latino vote gets strengthened and the Tonto Apache and Gisela have more in common with the White Mountain and San Carlos, the White Mountains up here, San Carlos Apache tribes in District 3, and so therefore that's why they wanted to move over to there. I am in District 2, so is Bob. We would be included in this area with the tribe. We're right up in here and a little bit more of the Payson area would be in District 3. So the whole thing is, Tommy Martin likes this. They tried to tweak it because it was seven percent -- 6.6 percent, seven percent off, which is over the five percent that the DO -- Department of Justice looks like -- looks at, so they did this. Well, but they took the -- this -- the Latinos and put them back in here and took Gisela out of the mix. So this Plan A is the rework of the tribe. But -- and I don't know, maybe somebody else can tell, you know, what the exact mix of proportions is, but the whole intent of the tribe and the intent of a lot of people in Payson, and this is where Pete will probably, you know, is looking at, is what it does is this makes this district more competitive. It makes the Democrats and Republicans pretty much even in that district, so it can be a swing district whereas this would be pretty much a Democratic district, this is pretty much a Republican district, and this would be a swing district. So we would have a chance of

voting for a candidate that would more readily represent both the north and the south, and that's the bottom line. So I know that there were some other maps out there that were a combination of between this and this that for some reason didn't get the -- get chosen, so maybe those need to be looked at. But I think my main point is that just because they used a mixed minority 10 years ago with not the same communities at interest, the same culture, and the same language, that just because they did something really not right, shall I say, does that mean that you can't make it right by letting these people be with the people that they usually vote with and letting the Indians be with who they -- or Native American people. So anyhow, that's kind of my feeling on the whole thing."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Shirley. Is -- does anyone else want to make a comment?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "I was just going to ask a question. The -- Mac Feezor, by the way, so you know who I am."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "If you'll fill out a form, please? Thank you very much."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "I will. Has there been a meeting down in Hayden area yet to see -- one of the things that the Tonto Apaches said was that they had heard or it had been expressed to them that those people wanted to move up. And I guess one of the questions that I have is: If the protected minorities want this, and this protected minority wants to move there --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Why not go there?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "We --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "We have not --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "If the protected minorities want this, and this protected minority wants to move there It was one of the things in working on the committee --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- we said does -- anybody seen anything like this before, and all we got was a hands up, and I was just wondering if anybody since the --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Has stated really what we need to state."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- had come up with something, you know, if Bruce Adelson had found anything or come up with any case law or whether this was something that they just wanted to stay away from because nobody knows."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "First of all, the meeting on Monday is -- the meeting for Hayden is on Monday night, so we will be going down there to their town council meeting. Hayden and Winkelman are very close together, so it's really a Hayden, Winkelman, Christmas meeting because it's a very small, very close knit community down there, so that will be Monday. And in regards to the second answer, I do not have a case where that has been the situation in the past. But what we do have is the Federal Register, which provides us the laws that, whereby the Department of Justice will review our plans. And, in fact, there are some revisions that have -- were published, I believe, in April of this year that are very specific with regard to what we can do with reduction of minorities. And so absent case law, those are the instructions that we'll follow. But I'm not aware -- that doesn't mean there isn't one -- I am not aware of a

case where a minority has said oh, yeah, reduce our voting strength. I've never heard of a case like that, so I don't know."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Well --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other questions?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "All right. It's just the comment that each minority is being strengthened."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "uh-huh. Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "And as long as they're agreeable, you know --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- that's the logic behind it. I understand --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, I --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- the argument of --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and I don't know."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- majority -- yeah --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- you know, minority majority, but there's also the -- if there's this self-willed concentration of voting strength for a block, they gain."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, you have to remember a couple of other things. Are you aware of the census numbers for how many San Carlos tribal Apache members there are?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. How many tribal members do we have in the Tonto tribe?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "I'm aware of that also."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "A hundred and sixty something."

Unidentified Speaker: "Oh, that's kind of high."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "There --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Hundred and --"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "There's 120 on the reservation --"

Unidentified Speaker: "I was going to say --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- and there's another 105 in the surrounding area and 15 in Gisela."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. And whereas when you talk about these other reservations, we have in the thousands. We do not have an opinion from the other tribes. Now, we may get one, but right now the only comment that has ever been made about it was made by one of the tribal attorneys who did not understand why we would split those populations. That's the only comment I have to date that was related to (indiscernible - simultaneous speech **7:23:41)."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Split what populations?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "What populations?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The Hispanic from the Native American. That's the only comment I have to date. I don't have any official comment from the tribe. They may well come to our meeting on the 20th, which is the work session that the board of

supervisors will be really getting down into the nitty gritty for these plans. And then the board will adopt their final plan on October 3rd. Could you state your name, please --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Hi, I'm --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and fill out a form?"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Yes. I'm Kay Miller. I have a question. When things are sent to the Department of Justice, are they -- are comments allowed in the process of sending or do they just get the maps and the statistics?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "All the comments that are made in our public meetings will go as a part of that submission."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Can there be also an attached --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "State your name, please."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Shirley Dye."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Can there be an attached, like if we -- if the board of supervisors chooses not to submit, like, the Apache tribe one, could we then have you send that Apache tribe with a public write-up about that the public, based on these issues, that it strengthens both things and it, you know, since it doesn't meet what our people say is the -- is diminishing and we say it's strengthening the Apache and it's strengthening the Hispanics -- because down there, in Christmas, Hayden and Winkelman, there's only 750 Latinos."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Okay? And you're talking about 120 and 110 or something up there that they're adding to the --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any comments that have been made will be included with the package."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Will a separate submission be allowed? No. The reason is because it is the board of supervisors' responsibility and they have the authority to make the submission."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And so that's what will happen, is they will make the submission. But any comments that are received will be included, you know, as part of the background materials that go as a part of that submission."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Bob Dalby. And is it possible that the county supervisors could submit both their preferred plan and also Plan D?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. You have --"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "They can only submit one?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- to submit one plan. Uh-huh. That -- that'll be fine. You don't have to fill out another one."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "Oh, thanks."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Is there time to tweak Plan A? Because I understand -- Shirley Dye, by the way -- is there still time, since there's a work session on the 20th, if we can tweak Plan A differently than the okay, if we tweak Plan A and bring it into less than five percent conformity, would you then be able to look at that again at the 20th work session?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The board of supervisors now will be just taking public comments and they will be doing tweaking that's going to be done going forward. So, you know, if you, you know, want to talk to Tommy or want to talk to Shirley, or want to talk to Mike and say, okay, you know, we really would like to see some tweaking done on that, please, you know, either put that in a comment on line or make that comment to them."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But I can tell you that as we hear public comment that probably one single map doesn't satisfy everyone. Maybe it begins -- they begin to kind of merge. I don't know. That's really up to the board. But certainly they're going to want to be, okay, well we have some good things in this one, and we have some good things in that one. They may want to look at some of those issues as they develop and for the -- and the conversations that occur during the process of these meetings. Yes?"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Nancy Gardner. And I was just wondering, okay the --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Can you speak up? I know we can't hear you on this recorder."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "My name's Nancy Gardner, and the redistricting is being -- it's done, what every 10 years, right, after the census?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Is the purpose of it?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "So if it's not going to be done to reflect the changes in the population, then what's the point of doing it? I mean --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It actually is being done to reflect change in population."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay. And if 60 percent of the voters are in the northern half of the county --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That actually is not correct."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "If you will -- want to look at the statistics that are in your plan --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- you can see, and let me just point you to the first page of statistics. First page of statistics --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "In which one of the packets?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In any of the packets. The first page is numbers."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Unidentified Speaker: "Can you simplify that to percentages?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's -- the percentages are on there."

Unidentified Speaker: "Of the north versus the south?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No, because it depends on where you call north."

Unidentified Speaker: "Hmm."

Unidentified Speaker: "Right."

Unidentified Speaker: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And I'm not going to make --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Well --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- I'm not going to make that decision."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "All right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "As you can see, the population -- the ideal population, let me see if I can find the number."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The total population. Where's our number? Maybe that's on the next --"

Unidentified Speaker: "It's down toward the bottom."

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Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "There it is. Okay."

Unidentified Speaker: "That's the ideal population."

Unidentified Speaker: "Ideal population."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Ideal population at the bottom --"

Unidentified Speaker: "Yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- in each district would be -- and I happen to have grabbed a college plan. Let me grab a supervisory one so that we can look at the same numbers. The ideal population would be 17,866 people in each district."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's our requirement, is to try to equalize the number of people within each district. If you look up at the top, District 1, this is in Plan D."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You can see 18,105 people, 17,562 people --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and 17,930 people."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So we've come pretty close to equalizing population in this particular plan. It's not bad. That's one factor we have to look at is the equalization of population between the districts."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "So it has to be equalized as far as the number, but it doesn't have to be equalized as far as the race --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, it does."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "-- so you don't -- no, no."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's in a different statistic."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Because what I'm asking is --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "-- is in this one you're saying that there's 16,000 Whites and 10,008 so why wouldn't it have to be -- that had to be an equal number across on that and an equal number across on the Hispanics and --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Equal is probably -- I should not --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Well, because you're saying --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- use that word."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "You're saying equal as far as the total number."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Equal as far as total population."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That's one requirement."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Right."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Then the next requirement is not an equal requirement, it is we cannot reduce the current population of minorities --"

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- within a current district."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And that's reflected in voting age minorities, whereas the other is every man, woman and child, baby, then we start talking voting age statistics. It gets very complicated - very quickly, but that's where there's not an equal, it's -- we start looking at reductions that may occur, or increases that may occur."

Payson resident, John Swinson: "Question."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes. Could you state your name?"

Payson resident, John Swinson: "John Swinson. On the baseline, you're going on the baseline of the current census; is that correct?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The most recent census."

Payson resident, John Swinson: "Against --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, John Swinson: "-- against the particular districts?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh. That's correct. Yes."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments this evening? And please feel free to comment on line or, you know, write us a note. Thank you."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Just -- it just seems like the just doesn't truly represent the group."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. What did you want to say, Shirley?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Are we going to talk about the college board?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "We can certainly talk about the college board, if you'd like to move on to that. I don't know who -- if -- do you have comments on the college board?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "I prefer -- where is it? Plan 1, because it's compact, contiguous, and easy traveled by the person, the commissioner --or whatever you call that."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And that's Shirley Dye's comment."

Unidentified Speaker: "Which one?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "That's the one straight across here. Plan --"

Unidentified Speaker: "Plan 1?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Plan -- Draft Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Draft Plan 1. Uh-huh. We have three college plans, Draft Plans 1, 2 and 3."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "And see on Draft Plan 3 how the yellow goes up and all -- totally wraps around?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, yeah."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Kind of weird."

Payson resident, Nancy Gardner: "Yeah, it is (indiscernible **7:32:56)."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah. And Draft Plan 2 does some weird stuff. The other reason why 1 works too is because you've got the tribe and Gisela together. So that works for them. They can't -- obviously can't be with the rest of the Native Americans, but at least they can be -- that's in the same district."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments on the college maps? Larry? Yes? If you'll state your name and fill out a form?"

Payson resident, Larry Stephanson: "Yes, I will. I'm Larry Stephanson from Star Valley."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You want to come forward? You're so far back. I know we're not going to pick you up. And I can't give you that mic because we can't hear with the mic."

Payson resident, Larry Stephanson: "Okay. I'm Larry Stephanson from Star Valley and I would like to publicly thank Linda and her staff, David, the consultants you retained, the committee, Mac and Bob, others that served diligently and worked hard on this. I think all three of the community college district maps are viable alternatives, and I would feel comfortable with any of the three because if you look at them, they all do about the same thing. And that's the way the numbers work out. So it's -- I know the committee probably had an easier job with the college districts than with the supervisorial districts, but I think it's commendable and any of the three with whatever tweaks would work. Thank you."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Larry."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Oh, God, I've got to -- Christine Harrison. I got to fill out a form again."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Got to -- you want me to add it to your other one? Or do you want to add it to your other one?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I can add to my old form."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Here it is."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And it's a very basic one, and that is, it is -- I -- first of all, I too liked Plan 1. It has -- it's kind of elegant, besides the other. It seems also that the deviation is more than -- do they have the same rules of limited deviation in the college redistricting as there is in the supervisory districts? Because Plan 1 is 8.69 percent --"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Right."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "-- which is a larger number than you would want to see the supervisory plan."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. Well, here's the --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I've got to write that down."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- as far as total population is concerned, now this has nothing to do with minorities. This is total population deviation. The -- kind of the general rule is less than 10 percent. There have been some recent court cases that have pushed people to look in the three to five percent range --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- and that's kind of where we were targeting as a committee was in that three to five percent range to try to keep that total population

deviation as low as we could so that they were as -- each district was as equal in total population as possible. When you start, then, adjusting for minority issues, which is what's been -- what happens as you start pushing some census block to make sure you're -- you don't have the minority issues, those deviations may go up some, and that's what's happened on that one. We're still under 10 percent, because we're not in the three to five percent range --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- if that were a map we were to choose, we would have to state, okay, why did we go a little higher on that."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And it would have to be justified by corresponding increases or decreases that may be necessary to get your minority population straightened out. That's probably the best way to view it."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The simplest way to view it."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "It needs to be explained to them that it started off over 25 percent at about --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "So it is --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's way down."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- much, much better --"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "Refined."

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "-- than it was. Much better."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, the --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "So --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- the committee has really done lots of tweaking on some of these."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "So in that instance, comments can be included?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "In that --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "In that to explain why --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Those -- yeah, those will be comments that will come from the board of supervisors to explain why they chose a map and if percentages are different, why those percentages are different."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Okay. Well that was --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- that was basically the question I was asking."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Right."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "If further --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "And actually --"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- explanatory comment --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "-- could be included with the map and the answer to that is yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, that is correct. And would you state your name, so I can get that on the record?"

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Kathleen Miller."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Kathleen Miller. Thank you. Yes. In fact, the county attorney actually makes this particular submission to the Department of Justice. So this'll be done with mountains of legal paperwork and lots of backup. Lots of comments. Okay. Mr. Dalby?"

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "One more. In addition to comments from the public and the supervisors --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Uh-huh."

Payson resident, Bob Dalby: "-- will the consultants also be including their comments?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Not per se because it's not the consultants' responsibility to submit the map. So, you know, the consultants may say, okay, the reason that this would be an acceptable way to go would be A, B, C and then the board may put that in their submission. But for the consultants to say, you know, I, Tony, think this, this and this, that would not go in the board's submission because it's not Tony's submission. It is the board of supervisors' submission. So -- okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate you coming. It's a very complex process. We've been working for a long, long time, right, Mr. Feezor?"

Payson resident, Mac Feezor: "Oh, a piece of cake."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah. Lot to digest. Lots and lots. So we thank you. Please encourage, you know, anyone you know to make comments. Sadie, would you like to say anything in closing?"

Sadie: "I'm going to pass."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Okay. Yes, Christine?"

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "I want to join Larry in thanking you, Linda, and your staff. You've been very gracious at times when it got kind of harrowing."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It can do."

Payson resident, Christine Harrison: "And you've just been very gracious and just really right there where you've needed to be. Thank you so much."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, thank you. We appreciate that. And we --"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Me too, Linda."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "-- we may -- although everyone does not always agree with everyone else, we need to hear everyone as much as we can. So thank you. Appreciate your time."

Payson resident, Kathleen Miller: "Good mediator."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you. Be sure and write if -- for those of you who have multiple comments, just list all your comments on your page."

Shirley Dye: "Do we have to write out our comments?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "No. Just -- because we'll be getting another transcription of the tapes, if you can just kind of put the topic or the general idea."

Meeting Adjourned

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(AND STILL KEEP THE INTENT OF THE
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② COLLEGE DISTRICT PLAN 1 HAS AN 8.69% DEVIATION
IS THAT OK?