

**INTRODUCTORY
REDISTRICTING MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2011
MIAMI TOWN HALL
MIAMI, AZ**

February 2, 2011

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ATENCIÓN RESIDENTES DEL CONDADO DE GILA REUNIONES DE INFORMACIÓN AL PÚBLICO SOBRE REDISTRIBUCIÓN DE DISTRITOS ELECTORALES

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PAYSON ROUNDUP

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Gila County, Arizona Redistricting of Supervisor Districts

An Overview of the Process
February, 2011

The consultants

- Two firms will serve as legal and process consultants to the Gila County Redistricting Committee
- Federal Compliance Consulting LLC, Potomac, Maryland
 - Bruce L. Adelson, Esq., CEO
- Research Advisory Services, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona
 - Tony Sissons, President

DOJ Expert Bruce Adelson

- Former U. S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division senior attorney
- Team leader for review of all Arizona redistricting submissions in 2000
- Bruce Adelson will:
 - Examine DOJ files on Gila County
 - Advise on strategy to avoid retrogression
 - Provide an "Insider" view of new DOJ regulations and procedures
 - Advise on the content of Gila County's application for DOJ preclearance

Redistricting Expert Tony Sissons

- Has managed 17 successful city and county redistricting processes
- Of those 17 plans:
 - All were precleared by the U. S. Department of Justice on first submission
 - None were ever challenged in court
- Tony Sissons will:
 - Provide technical and procedural assistance to Gila County staff and redistricting committee

Why does Gila County have to redistrict?

- U. S. Constitution, under the principle of "one person, one vote" requires that the districts from which we elect representatives be equal in population
- We must redistrict after every decennial census and whenever there is a change in the number of districts

Population Issues

- Official state estimate of Gila County population in 2009: 57,204 persons
- Increase of 11.4% since 2000
- Each supervisor district ideal size: 19,068 persons (estimate)
- Measurement includes all persons, regardless of age, eligibility to vote, or citizenship

Population Variance

- In the past, district populations could vary as much as 10% without explanation
- Federal court decision in a 2004 Georgia case may have reduced the allowable variance (Larios v. Cox)
- Block-level redistricting allows flexibility to achieve small variance

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Race and Ethnicity Issues

- To comply with the federal Voting Rights Act, Gila County must draw new districts that have "neither the purpose, nor the effect, of diluting the voting strength of racial, origin, or language minority populations"
- To avoid "retrogression" in minority voting strength, we have to understand the "benchmark" minority proportions that DOJ will be using.

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Race and Ethnicity Issues

- DOJ looks at the minority proportions that exist today (2010 Census) in the most recently precleared districts, not at the proportions that existed when the districts were drawn
- We won't know those proportions until the 2010 Census data arrives in March, 2011

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Race and Ethnicity Issues

- In 2000, voting-age minority proportions were:
 - District 1 – 5.94%
 - District 2 – 28.48%
 - District 3 – 47.70%
- None of the districts were "minority-majority", but District 3 was close
- Will population shifts during the decade now require drawing a minority-majority district? The 2010 Census will tell

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Redistricting Principles

- As a result of laws and court cases, certain common "district design" rules have evolved
- In some circumstances, these rules can conflict with each other
- It is up to the Board of Supervisors to prioritize how they want the "districting principles" applied
- The discussion and adoption of those priorities should be in a public session

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Common Redistricting Principles -- New districts should:

- Be substantially equal in population
- Not harm minority voting rights

Then always "to the extent practicable"

- Be compact
- Be contiguous
- Preserve communities of interest
- Respect political subdivisions

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Less Common Principles --

- Districts should preserve the cores of prior districts
- Districts should (or should not) be drawn to protect incumbent elected officials
- Districts should be politically competitive
- Districts should not split existing voting precincts or Census Tracts
- District boundaries should use visible geographic features

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The Public Involvement Process

- The courts and DOJ want this to be an assertively public process
- The public record should clearly demonstrate that Gila County paid attention to its residents and did not just "give lip-service" to public input

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Preliminary Studies

- Examine, map and document the physical and demographic makeup of Gila County
- Examine County records and USDOJ files to get a complete picture of the County's preclearance history
- Catalog recent state, county and city election results at the precinct level
 - Voter turnout
 - Race or Ethnicity of candidates
 - Winners' vote margins

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When the Census Data Arrives

- Determine the population, race and ethnicity values in the current districts
- Determine the size of population shifts necessary to equalize districts
- Determine the minority race proportions in each current district
- Determine the permissible population movements necessary to equalize district populations without diminishing minority voting strength
- Examine the magnitude and extent of any racially-polarized voting

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Outreach to Community Leaders

- Talk with key community leaders
 - Explain the process
 - Determine their expectations
 - Encourage their participation and leadership
- Develop a contact list of people and organizations suggested by key leaders

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Prepare Public Information Materials

- Maps illustrating topics examined in the preliminary studies
- Information handouts or booklets describing various aspects of the redistricting process
- Citizen Redistricting Kits
 - Printed booklet of instructions, data and foldout base-maps
 - Interactive redistricting map on the Internet

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Initial meetings with Supervisors

- Formal "Work-study" session with elected officials
 - Discuss process, legal setting, roles, responsibilities
 - Discuss "districting principles"
 - Obtain Supervisors' direction on priority ranking of districting principles
- Individual Meetings with Board Members and staffs
 - Obtain input on possible or preferred configurations of districts

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First Round Resident Workshops

- Three meetings, one in each current district
 - 30 minutes to view exhibits, socialize
 - Short presentation on scope, purpose, process, timelines, legal issues
 - Stress that no maps have been drawn yet – that the request for input is genuine
 - Invite citizens to draw their perceptions of "communities of interest" important to them on tracing paper laid over County maps

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Draw and Publish Alternate Plans

- Analyze plans and community-of-interest maps submitted by citizens
- Prepare 3 or 4 alternate plans, based on:
 - Themes or suggestions from elected officials
 - Recurrent themes heard from open-house participants
 - Maps of districts or communities of interest submitted by citizens
- Publish proposed alternate plans

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Second Round Resident Workshops

- Three meetings, one in each current district
 - 30 minutes to view exhibits, socialize
 - Short formal presentation
 - Describe features of each plan
 - Stress the extent to which plans incorporate ideas gathered in various public-input settings
 - Describe ways for citizens to register their views, or choices of plans or plan features
- Consultants and staff answer questions

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Prepare and Publish Final Plan

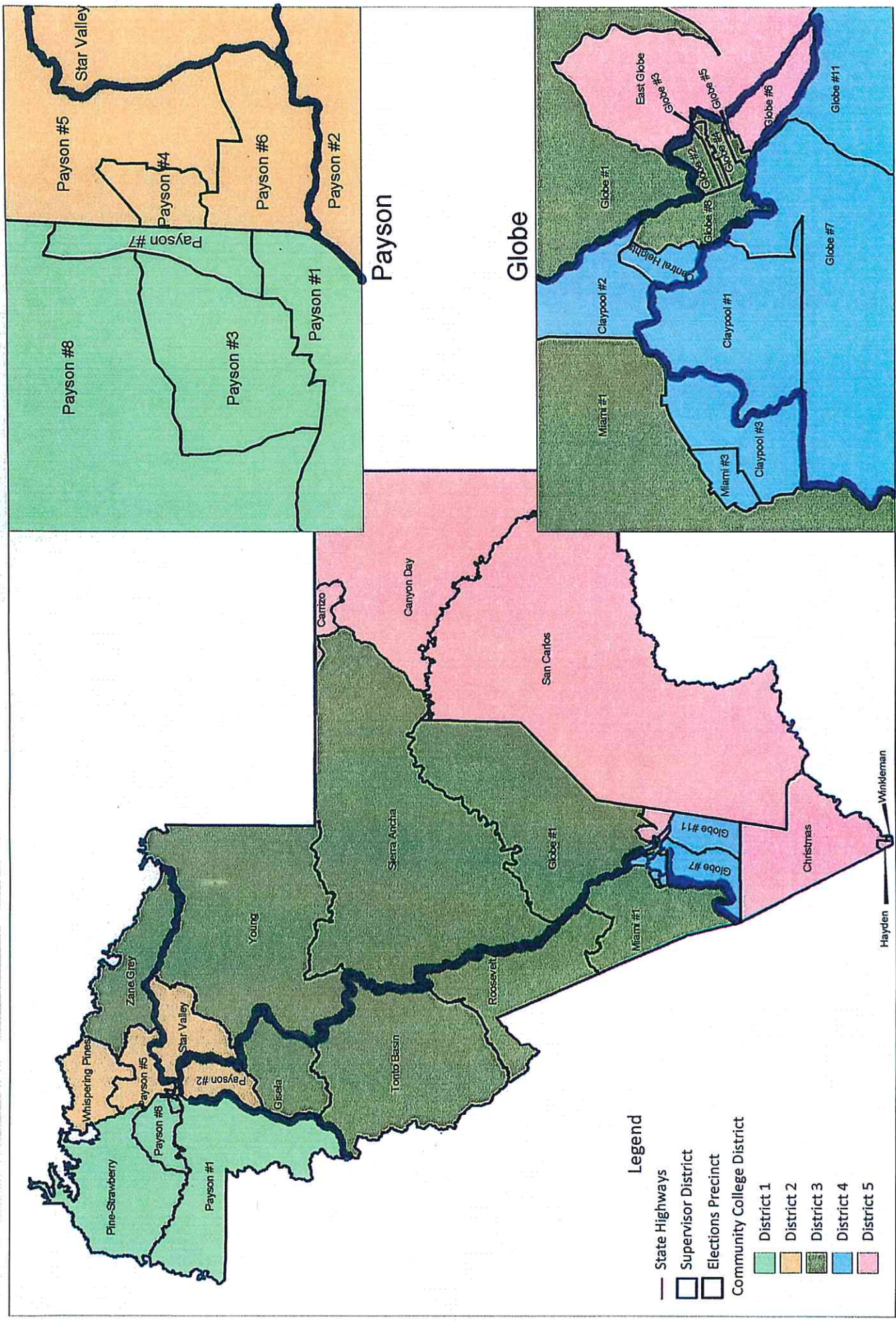
- Consultants will prepare final versions of two or three plans for consideration by the Board of Supervisors
- Plans displayed on County's website and in newspaper ads
- Public invited to send in comments and to attend the plan adoption meeting

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Adoption of Plan

- Consultants and staff present plans to Board of Supervisors at a meeting held specifically for that purpose
- Consultant team's preclearance expert examines the adopted plan for compliance with new DOJ Section 5 regulations
- Consultants prepare preclearance application files and exhibits requested by the County Attorney

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Legend

- State Highways
- Supervisor District
- Elections Precinct
- Community College District
- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5

Hayden

Winkelman

Payson

Globe

Payson #8

Payson #3

Payson #1

Payson #5

Payson #4

Payson #6

Payson #2

Payson #7

Whispering Pines

Pine-Strawberry

Payson #8

Payson #1

Payson #2

Star Valley

Payson #5

Zane Grey

Young

Gisela

Tonto Basin

Roosevelt

Sierra Ancha

Globe #1

Miami #1

San Carlos

Canyon Day

Christmas

Globe #7

Globe #11

Hayden

Winkelman

Miami #1

Claypool #2

Central Heights

Globe #3

Globe #8

Claypool #1

Globe #7

Claypool #3

Miami #3

Claypool #1

Globe #11

Star Valley

East Globe

Globe #5

Globe #6

Globe #1

Globe #11

Globe #3

Globe #5

Globe #6

Globe #11

Globe #7

Globe #11



**GILA COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Citizens interested in being considered for selection as a member of the Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee shall:

1. Address a letter to their County Supervisor which includes information as to:
Why they wish to be considered for the Committee;
What qualifies them to serve on the Committee;
What expertise they bring to the Committee;
Any additional personal information they would like the Board of Supervisors to consider in the selection process.
2. Complete and sign the attached Redistricting Advisory Committee Interest and Self-Disclosure Form.
3. Return the letter and completed form to any one of the following **no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, March 14 , 2011**

Tommie Martin, Supervisor District 1
610 E Highway 260, Payson, AZ 85541

Mike Pastor, Supervisor District 2
1400 E Ash Street, Globe, AZ 85501

Shirley Dawson, Supervisor District 3
1400 E Ash Street, Globe, AZ 85501

Linda Eastlick, Director, Gila County Division of Elections,
1400 E Ash, Street, Globe, AZ 85501

Application Information and Interest and Self-Disclosure Forms are available on the Gila County web site www.gilacountyaz.gov, under "Elections".



CONDADO DE GILA COMISIÓN CONSULTIVA DE DELIMITACIÓN SOLICITUD

Los ciudadanos interesados en ser considerados para su selección como miembro de la Comisión Consultiva de Delimitación (el Comité) del Condado de Gila deberán:

1. Enviar una carta a su Supervisor de Condado que incluye:
 - ¿Por qué desea ser considerado para el Comité?;
 - ¿Qué es lo que lo califica a usted para servir en el Comité?;
 - ¿Qué experiencia aporta usted al Comité?;
 - Cualquier información personal adicional que desea usted que la Junta de Supervisores tenga para considerar en el proceso de selección.
2. Completar y firmar el formulario adjunto de Interés y Divulgación de Datos para la Comisión Consultiva de Delimitación.
3. Enviar la carta y el formulario completado a cualquiera de los siguientes **antes de las 12:00 PM mediodía, el día lunes 14 de marzo de 2011.**

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610 E Highway 260, Payson, AZ 85541

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1400 E Ash Street, Globe, AZ 85501

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Linda Eastlick, El director, de Elecciones de Condado de Gila
1400 E Ash Street, Globe, AZ 85501

Información sobre el proceso de solicitud y el Formulario de Interés y Divulgación de Datos están disponibles en el sitio Web del Condado de Gila al www.gilacountyaz.gov bajo "Elecciones".

Los nueve miembros del Comité seleccionados por la Junta de Supervisores se anunciarán en la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores que se celebrará a las 10:00 AM del martes, 1 de marzo de 2011

**GILA COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INTEREST AND SELF-DISCLOSURE FORM**

I am interested in being considered as a member of the Gila County Redistricting Advisory Committee. I am a citizen of Supervisory District _____

Name	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone(s)	
Email	
Party Affiliation	
Self Disclosure	Circle Applicable Answer
1. I am a registered Arizona voter who has been continuously registered with the same political party, or continuously registered as unaffiliated, for two or more years.	YES I am NO I am not
2. I have not (1) been appointed to, elected to, or a candidate for any partisan public office or community college board; (2) served as an officer of a political party; (3) served as a registered, paid lobbyist; nor (4) served as an officer of a candidate's campaign committee within the last three years.	YES I have NO I have not
3. I am not a current Gila County employee.	YES I am NO I am not
4. I do not plan to run for partisan public office or to become a registered, paid lobbyist for three years following dissolution of the Redistricting Committee.	YES I do NO I do not

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CONDADO DE GILA
COMISIÓN CONSULTIVA DE DELIMITACIÓN
FORMULARIO DE INTERÉS Y DIVULGACIÓN DE DATOS

Estoy interesado en ser considerado como un miembro de la Comisión Consultiva de Delimitación (el Comité). Soy un ciudadano del Distrito de Supervisión _____

Nombre	
Dirección	
Ciudad/Estado/Zona	
Teléfono(s)	
Email	
Afiliación de Partido	
Divulgación	Circule la Respuesta Apropiaada
1. Soy un votante registrado de Arizona que ha sido continuamente registrado en el mismo partido político, o continuamente registrado como no afiliado, por dos o más años.	SÍ lo soy NO lo soy
2. No he (1) sido designado a, elegido, o sido un candidato para cualquier cargo público partidista o mesa directiva de una universidad comunitaria; (2) servido como oficial de un partido político; (3) servido como un cabildero registrado pagado por un grupo de presión; ni (4) servido como oficial del comité de campaña de un candidato.	SÍ, lo he sido NO, no lo he sido
3. No soy un empleado corriente del condado de Gila.	SÍ, soy empleado del condado NO, no soy empleado del condado
4. No tengo previsto postularme para ningún cargo público o hacerme un cabildero remunerado de un grupo de presión, por tres años después de que se disuelve el Comité de Delimitación.	SÍ lo tengo previsto NO, no lo tengo previsto

Firma: _____

Fecha: _____