

INTRODUCTORY

REDISTRICTING MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2011
GILA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
GLOBE, AZ

GILA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Public Meeting

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Gila County Community College District Governing Board and to the general public that the Board will hold a special meeting open to the public on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 1:30 pm at the Gila County Courthouse Conference Room, 1400 East Ash, Globe, AZ 85501. Members of the Board of Governors will be in attendance. Community College Redistricting will be discussed with Gila County Elections Department officials and other resources.

A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available beginning Friday, February 4, 2011 at 2:00 pm at Gila Pueblo Campus, Administration Office, Globe, Arizona, San Carlos Campus, Administration Office, San Carlos, Arizona, Payson Campus, Administration Building, Payson, Arizona and on the <http://www.gilacc.org> website. The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3,4), the Board may, upon a vote of a majority of the members constituting a quorum, elect to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda.

DATE NOTICE PUBLISHED: Friday, February 4, 2011

TIME NOTICE PUBLISHED: 2:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Robert S. Ashford, Board President

ROBERT S. ASHFORD
GILA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT

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February 2, 2011

ARIZONA SILVER BELT

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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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011 3A

Gila Community College District Governing Board

February 10, 2011 Redistricting Meeting Gila County Courthouse, Globe, AZ

Attendees:

Gila Community College District Governing Board members:

Dean Dr. Stephen Cullen

President, Bob Ashford

Vice President, Bernadette Kniffin

Secretary, Armida Bittner

Member, Larry Stephenson

Administrative Assistant, Pam Moore

Redistricting Advisory Committee members:

Chairman, Roberto Sanchez

Vice Chairman, Gary Andress

Member, Robert Dalby

Member, James Feezor

Member, Thomas Moody

Member, James Muhr

Member, Robert Pastor

Member, David Prechtal

Member, Adeliado Rodriguez

Member, Joseph Skamel

Member, Loretta Stone

Member, Michael Vogel

Alternate, Paul Bates

Alternate, Robert Hibbert

Alternate, Linda Pearce

Alternate, Marvin Mull

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick

Elections Specialist, David Rogers

Elections Clerk, Elizabeth Mata

Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Special Meeting

Gila County Courthouse Conference Room, 1400 East Ash Street, Globe, Arizona 85501

Date:

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Time:

1:30 p.m.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Resource</u>
1.	Call to Order • Roll Call • Pledge • Acknowledge Guests -----	President Ashford
2.	Community College District Redistricting ----- (Information/Discussion) A. Community College Redistricting will be discussed with Gila County Elections department officials and other resources.	All Members
3.	Adjournment ----- (Action)	President Ashford

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A) (1), (A) (3) and (A) (4), the Governing Board reserves the right to move into executive session for legal advice on any of the above items. The Board reserves the right to consider any matter out of order. If special accommodations are needed, please contact Juli Cons at (928)-425-8481.



Outline for Community College Governing Board Meeting - February 10, 2011

- Introduction of redistricting topic and consultants to the Board - Linda Eastlick
- Presentation by Tony Sissions - an overview of the redistricting process
- Discussion lead by Bruce Adelson
 - Federal law requires redistricting every ten years following the Census
 - Redistricting is a complex process and involves...
 - Gila County has retained consultants to do the BOS redistricting
 - Gila County will use same consultants for the College Board redistricting and will use the Redistricting Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for the BOS
 - Because college districts must follow precinct lines, it will be important for both processes to work somewhat simultaneously
- Comments by Linda Eastlick
 - Gila County is interested in your input concerning these new districts and encourages you to participate in the process at the public meetings or via public comment
 - Want to invite Board Members to submit names of candidates for the Redistricting Committee to BOS member or to Elections Department
 - We will be requesting BOS consider appointing at least one member from each of the 5 CC Districts to the Committee.
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Community College Meeting Discussion

February 10, 2011

Bruce Adelson

- Explanation that Federal law requires redistricting every ten years following the Census
- Explanation that Arizona law gives the Board of Supervisors responsibility for redistricting including college district boundaries;
- Redistricting is a complex undertaking;
- Provide high level overview of what is involved in redistricting
- Gila County has retained consultants to do the Board of Supervisors redistricting;
- Gila County will use these consultants for the College's redistricting; and the Redistricting Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for the Board.
- Because college districts must follow precinct lines, it will be important for both processes to work somewhat simultaneously.
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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

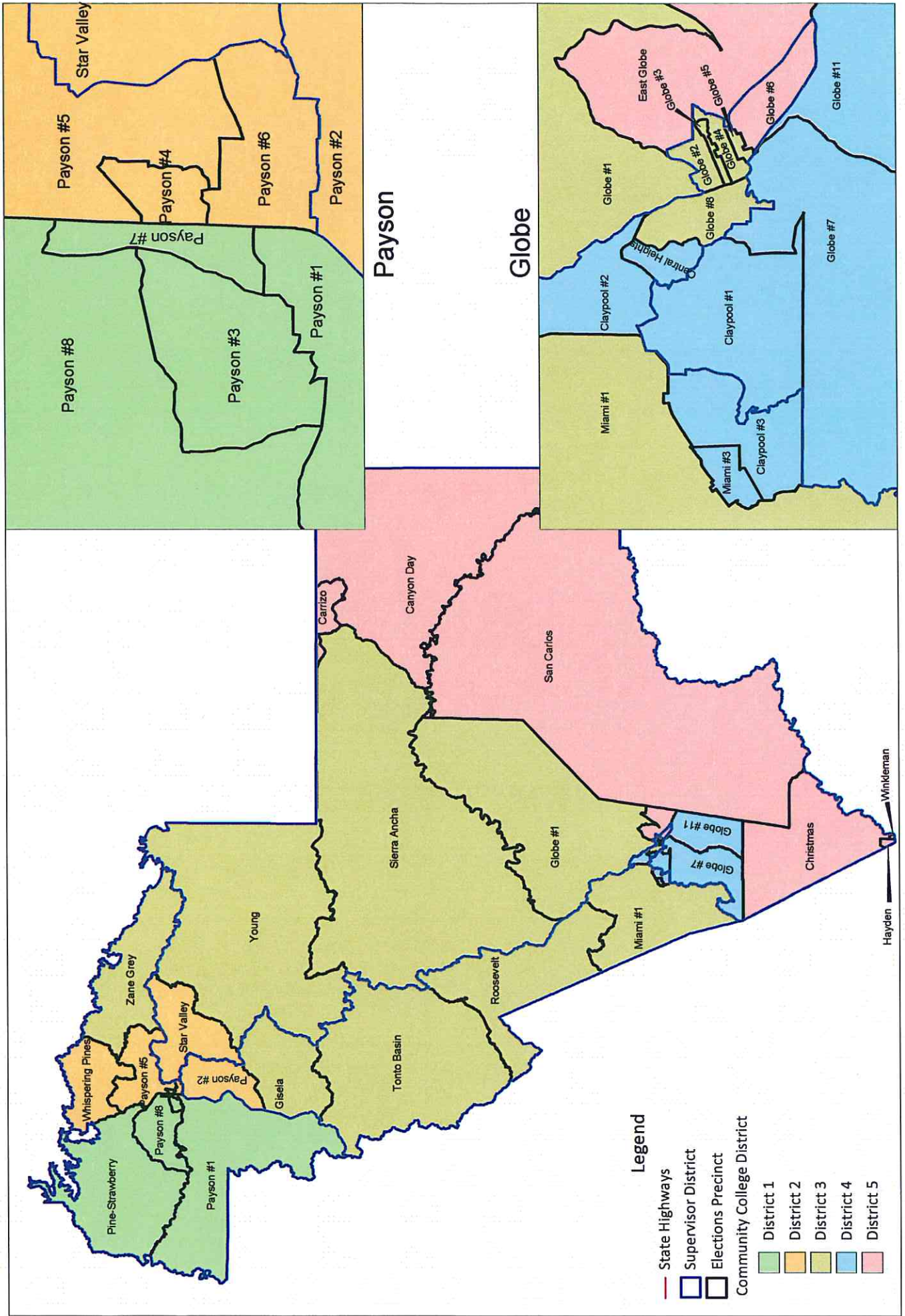
- Consultants will prepare final versions of two or three plans for consideration by the Board of Supervisors
- Plans displayed on County's website and in newspaper ads
- Public invited to send in comments and to attend the plan adoption meeting

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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
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| | District 1 |
| | District 2 |
| | District 3 |
| | District 4 |
| | District 5 |