Census Population Changes in Gila County Supervisor and Community College Districts, 2000 to 2010

,	Population	on in:	Population Grow	th, 2000-2010
- [	2000	2010	Number	Percent
SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS				
Total Population				
BOS1	17,098	18,105	1,007	5.89%
BOS2	17,089	17,151	62	0.36%
BOS3	17,148	18,341	1,193	6.96%
	51,335	53,597	2,262	4.41%
Hispanic Population				
BOS1	785	1,467	682	86.88%
BOS2	4,647	4,916	269	5.79%
BOS3	3,114	3,205	91	2.92%
Ŷ	8,546	9,588	1,042	12.19%
American Indian Population				
BOS1	128	357	229	178.91%
BOS2	415	715	300	72.29%
BOS3	5,869	6,903	1,034	17.62%
,	6,412	7,975	1,563	24.38%
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS				
CCD-Total Population				
CCD1	10,412	11,670	1,258	12.08%
CCD2	10,511	11,342	831	7.91%
CCD3	9,986	10,231	245	2.45%
CCD4	9,693	8,972	-721	-7.44%
CCD5	10,733	11,382	649	6.05%
	51,335	53,597	2,262	4.41%
CCD-Hispanic Population				
CCD1	496	934	438	88.31%
CCD2	543	1,041	498	91.71%
CCD3	2,208	2,294	86	3.89%
CCD4	3,246	3,085	-161	-4.96%
CCD5	2,053	2,234	181	8.82%
	8,546	9,588	1,042	12.19%
CCD-American Indian Population				
CCD1	81	254	173	213.58%
CCD2	196	305	109	55.61%
CCD3	140	318	178	127.14%
CCD4	109	262	153	140.37%
CCD5	5,886	6,836	950	16.14%
	6,412	7,975	1,563	24.38%

Source: Census 2010 and 2000 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files, Arizona

### Census Population Changes in Gila County Cities, Towns and Places

	Populatio	on in:	Population Growt	h, 2000-2010
Cities and Towns	2000	2010	Number	Percent
Globe AZ	7,486	7,532	46	0.61%
Hayden AZ	892	662	-230	-25.78%
Miami AZ	1,936	1,837	-99	-5.11%
Payson AZ	13,620	15,301	1,681	12.34%
Star Valley AZ	n.a.	2,310	n.a.	n.a.
Winkelman AZ	443	353	-90	-20.32%
Unincorporated Communities				
Bear Flat AZ	n.a.	18	n.a.	n.a.
Beaver Valley AZ	n.a.	231	n.a.	n.a.
Canyon Day AZ	1,092	1,209	117	10.71%
Carrizo AZ	n.a.	127	n.a.	n.a.
Cedar Creek AZ	n.a.	318		n.a.
Central Heights-Midland City AZ	2,694	2,534		-5.94%
Christopher Creek AZ	n.a.	156		n.a.
Copper Hill AZ	n.a.	108		n.a.
Deer Creek AZ	n.a.	216		n.a.
Dripping Springs AZ	n.a.	235		n.a.
East Globe AZ	n.a.	226		n.a.
East Verde Estates AZ	n.a.	170		n.a.
El Capitan AZ	n.a.	37		n.a.
Flowing Springs AZ	n.a.	42		n.a.
Freedom Acres AZ	n.a.	84		n.a.
Geronimo Estates AZ	n.a.	60		n.a.
Gisela AZ	532	570		7.14%
Haigler Creek AZ	n.a.	19		
Hunter Creek AZ	n.a.	48		n.a.
Icehouse Canyon AZ		677		n.a.
Jakes Corner AZ	n.a.	76		n.a.
Kohls Ranch AZ	n.a.	46		n.a.
Mead Ranch AZ	n.a.			n.a.
Mesa del Caballo AZ	n.a.	38		n.a.
	n.a.	765		n.a.
Oxbow Estates AZ	n.a.	217		n.a.
Peridot AZ	1,266	1,350		6.64%
Pinal AZ	n.a.	439		n.a.
Pine AZ	1,931	1,963		1.66%
Rock House AZ	n.a.	50		n.a.
Roosevelt AZ	n.a.	28		n.a.
Round Valley AZ	n.a.	487		n.a.
Rye AZ	n.a.	77		n.a.
San Carlos AZ	3,716	4,038		8.67%
Six Shooter Canyon AZ	n.a.	1,019		n.a.
Strawberry AZ	1,028	961		-6.52%
Tonto Basin AZ	840	1,424		69.52%
Tonto Village AZ	n.a.	256		n.a.
Washington Park AZ	n.a.	70		n.a.
Wheatfields AZ	n.a.	785		n.a.
Whispering Pines AZ	n.a.	148		n.a.
Young AZ	561	666	105	18.72%

Source: Census 2010 and 2000 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary Files, Arizona

### 2010 CENSUS DATA

	All Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age	All-Age
	Total	Hispanic						Other	
Precinct Name	Population	Origin	White	Black	Indian	Asian	Hawaiian	Race	Multi-racial
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Globe #1	1170	231	898	1	29	7	0	1	3
Globe #2	769	317	393	7	47	3	0	2	0
Globe #3	365	114	225	0	20	6	0	0	0
Globe #4	954	280	587	6	56	22	0	1	2
Globe #5	304	100	197	0	6	1	0	0	0
Globe #6	1815	581	1010	2	182	30	1	2	7
East Globe	1263	424	755	30	39	11	0		
Globe #7	891	257	588	1	36	9	0		
Globe #8	1096	580	449	2	40	15	1	3	
San Carlos	5288	205	98	5	4966	1	0		13
Canyon Day	1549	30	9	0	1510	0	0		0
Globe #11	1222	323	818	14	58	8	0		0
Miami #1	862	441	384	2	33	1	0		- 0
Miami #3	1290	696	550	4	29	3		5	3
Claypool #3	1111	479	594	12	19	6	0		0
Central Heights	974	278	667	12	9	5		2	0
Claypool #1	1611	439	1099	17	48	3		4	0
Claypool #2	1873	613	1159	11	63	16		3	
Hayden	662	559	100	0	2		0		0
Winkelman	353	291	51	2	9	0			
Christmas	325	143	174	1	4		0		2
Roosevelt	354	10	324	1	16	2			0
Sierra Ancha	288		258		9	0	0	0	
Tonto Basin	1634	78	1526	8	14	4		1	2
Payson #1	2430		1875	20	71	15	2	10	
Payson #2	2864	315	2342	3	165	28	1	7	
Payson #3	3102		2806	14	98	29			
Payson #4	1567	124	1388	5	29	18			2
Payson #6	1590		1351	9	42	8			
Payson #7	1396		1233	10	31	6		3	1
Payson #8	1793		1607	8	20	2			
Payson #5	2180		1954	10		11	0		3
Star Valley	2836		2510	12	39	18			6
Whispering Pine	305		285	1	4	4			0
Zane Grey	793		730	6	2	4			C
Gisela	886		830		16	1	0		C
Young	756		676	2	30	5			
Pine-Strawberry	2949	85	2796	4	34	17			3
Carrizo	127		2	0	124	0	0		C
TOTALS	53597	9588	35298	248	7975	321	39	66	62

### 2010 CENSUS DA

	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age	Voting-Age
	Total	Hispanic						Other	
Precinct Name	Population	Origin	White	Black	Indian	Asian	Hawaiian	Race	Multi-racial
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Globe #1	928					5	0	0	3
Globe #2	599	223	338	6		1	0		
Globe #3	300			- 0		3	0	0	
Globe #4	720			5		13	0	1	
Globe #5	247	75	168	0		l T	0	1987	
Globe #6	1417					28	1		
East Globe	1014			30		8	0		
Globe #7	668			1		9		177	
Globe #8	819				25	14		3	
San Carlos	3323		87	5		1			
Canyon Day	984					0			
Globe #11	913			10		6			
Miami #1	684					1			
Miami #3	956		448						3
Claypool #3	846		478			4			
Central Heights	746			12					
Claypool #1	1166	282				0			Ö
Claypool #2	1400								
Hayden	494		76						0
Winkelman	280								
Christmas	273								
Roosevelt	321			1					
Sierra Ancha	269								
Tonto Basin	1486							1	2
Payson #1	1903								
Payson #2	2274							6	
Payson #3	2680								
Payson #4	1308					14			
Payson #6	1325							. C	0
Payson #7	1089								
Payson #8	1460								
Payson #5	1847			6	22				3
Star Valley	2353		2135			14			4
Whispering Pine									0
Zane Grey	667								0 0
Gisela	726								0
Young	635								
Pine-Strawberry	2657		The state of the s						2
Carrizo	92	2 0	2		90	0	C	0	0
TOTALS	42126	6519	29922	171	5145	252	30	1 44	43

### 2010 CENSUS DA

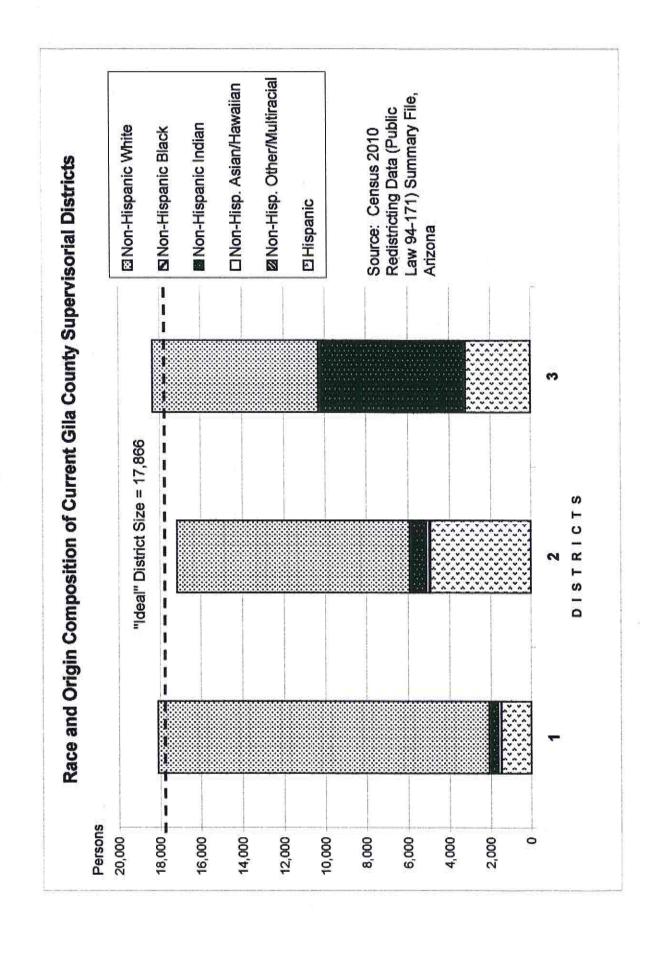
	Total	Occupied	Vacant
	Housing	Housing	Housing
Precinct Name	Units	Units	Units
TIOCHICI INGINO	Orino	Orino	Orino
Globe #1	683	516	167
Globe #2	397	324	73
Globe #3	201	166	35
Globe #4	508	416	92
Globe #5	180	146	34
Globe #6	712	623	89
East Globe	399	370	29
Globe #7	420	340	80
Globe #8	510	431	79
San Carlos	1455	1261	194
Canyon Day	419	387	32
Globe #11	575	481	94
Miami #1	480	378	102
Miami #3	664	512	152
Claypool #3	559	449	110
Central Heights	481	406	75
Claypool #1	701	629	72
Claypool #2	846	762	84
Hayden	301	236	65
Winkelman	163	136	27
Christmas	178	132	46
Roosevelt	450	175	275
Sierra Ancha	419	172	247
Tonto Basin	1550	863	687
Payson #1	1349	1095	254
Payson #2	1373	1146	227
Payson #3	1784	1424	360
Payson #4	1018	759	259
Payson #6	986		212
Payson #7	714	588	126
Payson #8	1082		307
Payson #5	1456	996	460
Star Valley	2123	1303	820
Whispering Pine			454
Zane Grey	1670		1292
Gisela	554		145
Young	805		434
Pine-Strawberry	3898		2402
Carrizo	40	34	6
TOTALS	32698	22000	10698

## GILA COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS CENSUS 2010 TOTAL POPULATION BY ELECTION DISTRICT

Number: Hispanic, of any race Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black Non-Hispanic Asian Non-Hispanic Hawaiian Non-Hispanic two or more races Non-Hispanic two or more races Non-Hispanic two of any race Non-Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Black Non-Hispanic Asian Non-Hispanic Asian Non-Hispanic Asian Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	District 1 1,467 16,025 87	4,916	3,205	Districts 9,588
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	16,025 87	100	0000	
	87	11,23/	8,036	35,298
		75	88	248
	357	715	6,903	7,975
ω	114	143	2	321
	23	7	9	39
	8	59	17	99
	5	25	24	62
B Indian	18,105	17,151	18,341	53,597
Indian				
Indian	8.10%	28.66%	17.47%	17.89%
Indian	88.51%	65.52%	43.81%	65.86%
Indian	0.48%	0.44%	0.47%	0.46%
	1.97%	4.17%	37.64%	14.88%
	0.63%	0.83%	0.35%	%09.0
	0.12%	%90'0	0.03%	0.07%
Non-Hispanic other race	0.11%	0.17%	0.09%	0.12%
e races	0.07%	0.15%	0.13%	0.12%
01	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
deal Population	17,866	17,866	17,866 Total	Total
	18,105	17,151	18,341	18,341 deviation:
n from Ideal Value	239	-715	475	1,190
	1.34%	4.00%	2.66%	99.9
Population in 2000	17,098	17,089	17,148	51,335
Since 2000	1,007	62	1,193	2,262
	5.89%	0.36%	6.96%	4.41%
Hispanic Population in 2000	785	4,647	3,114	8,546
Hispanic Population Change Since 2000	682	269	91	1,042
	86.88%	5.79%	2.92%	12.19%

# GILA COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS CENSUS 2010 VOTING-AGE POPULATIONS BY ELECTION DISTRICT Total, All

Voting-Age Number:	District 1	District 2	District 3	Districts
Hispanic, of any race	947	3,369	2,203	6,519
Non-Hispanic White	13,806	9,457	6,659	29,922
Non-Hispanic Black	47	62	62	171
Non-Hispanic American Indian	266	491	4,388	5,145
Non-Hispanic Asian	06	114	48	252
Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	17	တ	4	30
Non-Hispanic other race	6	23	12	4
Non-Hispanic two or more races	7	16	16	43
Voting-Age Population	15,193	13,541	13,392	42,126
Voting-Age Percent:				
Hispanic, of any race	6.23%	24.88%	16.45%	15.48%
Non-Hispanic White	90.87%	69.84%	49.72%	71.03%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.31%	0.46%	0.46%	0.41%
Non-Hispanic American Indian	1.75%	3.63%	32.77%	12.21%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.59%	0.84%	0.36%	%09'0
Non-Hispanic Hawailan	0.11%	0.07%	0.03%	0.07%
Non-Hispanic other race	%90'0	0.17%	0.09%	0.10%
Non-Hispanic two or more races	0.07%	0.12%	0.12%	0.10%
Voting-Age Percent	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Voting-Age Population in 2000	13,759	12,891	11,795	38,445
Voting-Age Pop. Change Since 2000	1,434	650	1,597	3,681
Voting-Age Percent Change Since 2000	10.42%	5.04%	13.54%	9.21%
Hispanic Voting-Age Population in 2000	531	3,142	1,973	5,646
Hispanic Voting-Age Change Since 2000	162	-1,278	911	-2,027
Hispanic V-A Percent Change Since 2000	20.64%	-27.50%	-29.25%	-23.72%

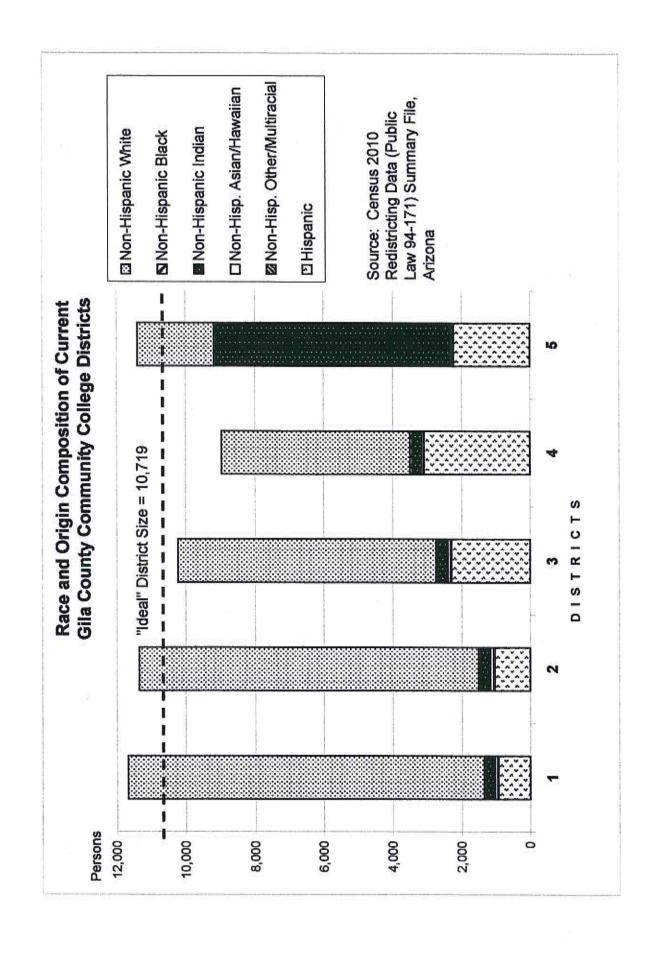


### CENSUS 2010 TOTAL POPULATION BY ELECTION DISTRICT GILA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS

2000000	5					Total, All
Number:	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	Districts
Hispanic, of any race	934	1,041	2,294	3,085	2,234	9,588
Non-Hispanic White	10,317	9,830	7,477	5,475	2,199	35,298
Non-Hispanic Black	28	4	41	71	40	248
Non-Hispanic American Indian	254	305	318	262	6,836	7,975
Non-Hispanic Asian	69	87	71	20	44	321
Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	17	œ	2	80	-	39
Non-Hispanic other race	15	17	12	16	9	99
Non-Hispanic two or more races	<b>6</b> 0	4	13	2	22	62
Total Population	11,670	11,342	10,231	8,972	11,382	53,597
Percent:						
Hispanic, of any race	8.00%	9.18%	22.42%	34.38%	19.63%	17.89%
Non-Hispanic White	88.41%	86.67%	73.08%	61.02%	19.32%	65.86%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.48%	0.35%	0.40%	0.79%	0.35%	0.46%
Non-Hispanic American Indian	2.18%	2.69%	3.11%	2.92%	%90.09	14.88%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.59%	0.77%	0.69%	0.56%	0.39%	%09'0
Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	0.15%	0.07%	0.05%	0.09%	0.01%	%20.0
Non-Hispanic other race	0.13%	0.15%	0.12%	0.18%	0.05%	0.12%
Non-Hispanic two or more races	0.07%	0.12%	0.13%	0.06%	0.19%	0.12%
Total Percent	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
notaliation	10 719	10 719	10 719	10 719	10 719 Total	Total
Total Population	11,670	11 342	10,231	8.972	11,382	11,382 deviation:
Numeric deviation from Ideal Value	951	623	488	-1,747	99	2,698
Percent deviation from Ideal Value	8.87%	5.81%	4.56%	-16.30%	6.18%	25.17%
Population in 2000	10,412	10,511	986'6	69'63	10,733	51,335
Population Change Since 2000	1,258	831	245	-721	649	2,262
Percent Change Since 2000	12.08%	7.91%	2.45%	-7.44%	6.05%	4.41%
Hispanic Population in 2000	496	543	2,208	3,246	2,053	8,546
Hispanic Population Change Since 2000	438	498	98	-161	181	1,042
Hispanic Percent Change Since 2000	88.31%	91.71%	3.89%	4.96%	8.82%	12.19%

# GILA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS CENSUS 2010 VOTING-AGE POPULATIONS BY ELECTION DISTRICT

Total. All					5,145			4		42,126		15.48%	71.03%	0.41%	12.21%	%09.0	0.07%	0.10%	0.10%	100.00%	38,445	3,681	9.57%	5,646	-2,027	-23.72%
	District 5	1,569	1,866	38	4,347	38	+	2	12	7,877		19.92%	23.69%	0.48%	55.19%	0.50%	0.01%	%90.0	0.15%	100.00%	6,832	1,045	15.30%	1,364	484	-23.58%
	District 4	2,082	4,344	49	161	39	2	10	2	6,695		31.10%	64.88%	0.73%	2.40%	0.58%	%200	0.15%	0.07%	100.00%	6,940	-245	-3.53%	2,120	-1,164	-35.86%
	District 3	1,613	6,459	29	226	49	9	9	10	8,401		19.20%	76.88%	0.35%	2.69%	0.58%	0.06%	0.12%	0.12%	100.00%	7,912	489	6.18%	1,484	-595	-26.95%
	District 2	678	8,342	21	222	71	7	13	10	9,364		7.24%	89.09%	0.22%	2.37%	0.76%	0.07%	0.14%	0.11%	100.00%	8,375	686	11.81%	336	135	24.86%
	District 1	277	8,911	æ	189	ß	12	9	9	9,789		5.89%	91.03%	0.35%	1.93%	0.55%	0.12%	0.06%	0.06%	100.00%	8,386	1,403	16.73%	342	8	16.33%
	Voting-Age Number:	Hispanic, of any race	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic American Indian	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	Non-Hispanic other race	Non-Hispanic two or more races	Voting-Age Population	Voting-Age Percent:	Hispanic, of any race	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic American Indian	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic Hawaiian	Non-Hispanic other race	Non-Hispanic two or more races	Voting-Age Percent	Voting-Age Population in 2000	Voting-Age Pop. Change Since 2000	Voting-Age Percent Change Since 2000	Hispanic Voting-Age Population in 2000	Hispanic Voting-Age Change Since 2000	Hispanic V-A Percent Change Since 2000



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The Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, ratified on February 3, 1870 – five years after the end of the Civil War – provided the right to vote to all citizens regardless of race, color or previous condition of servitude. The Amendment gave Congress the authority to make laws to enforce its voting mandate. Many years passed before Congress passed legislation to fulfill that duty. Finally, one hundred years after the Civil War ended and following five weeks of intense debate, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Two parts of the Voting Rights Act should be well-known in Arizona:

- Section 2 of the Act applies everywhere in the United States and prohibits all political subdivisions from imposing any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure that has the purpose or effect of denying or abridging the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race, color or membership in a language minority group. The U. S. Attorney General and any affected private citizen can sue to seek a court-ordered remedy for a Section 2 violation.
- Section 5 of the Act is perhaps the most familiar to Arizona officials. This section includes the
  requirement that in certain "covered jurisdictions," any changes to voting practices or
  procedures must be "precleared" before they can be implemented. Section 5 encompasses all
  or part of 16 states. Preclearance requires either a declaratory judgment from the U. S. District
  Court for the District of Columbia, or approval from the Civil Rights Division of the U. S.
  Department of Justice. To avoid the prohibitively high cost of litigating cases in Washington,
  D.C., virtually all jurisdictions opt for DOJ consideration of their voting changes.

Sections 2 and 5 apply independently. A redistricting plan that has been precleared under Section 5 can still be challenged in court as violating Section 2.

Arizona is a covered jurisdiction under Section 5 – our state and all its political subdivisions must obtain preclearance for all voting system changes, including redistricting.

After a federal census, every jurisdiction that elects its governing officials from election districts or wards must redraw those districts to re-equalize population to comply with the 'one person, one vote' requirement of the U. S. Constitution. According to its web site, DOJ reviewed over 3,000 redistricting plans under Section 5 after the 2000 Census. Arizona's 2002 statewide legislative redistricting plan was one of the redistricting attempts that DOJ objected to, or blocked, during the last redistricting cycle.

In its application for preclearance, a jurisdiction must prove that the changes it proposes have neither the purpose nor the effect of diminishing the ability of minority voters to elect candidates of their choice. In effect, the jurisdiction is presumed guilty until it can demonstrate otherwise. If the jurisdiction cannot show that its proposed change will not discriminate against minority voters, DOJ will not approve the change. This is the fate that befell Arizona in May 2002. At that time, DOJ decided the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission could not prove this absence of discrimination. The result - DOJ blocked the Commission from implementing its redistricting plan.

After receiving an application for preclearance, DOJ has 60 days to act. If DOJ does not respond within the proscribed time period, the jurisdiction can legally implement the change. Unfortunately for the thousands of jurisdictions covered by Section 5, DOJ almost never fails to respond within its 60-day period.

At any time during its Section 5 review, DOJ can ask for additional information by written request. Once DOJ sends its additional information request, the 60-day Section 5 clock stops and will not restart until the jurisdiction answers DOJ's request and provides DOJ what it wants. However, jurisdictions be warned! If you do not give DOJ what it asked for and do not satisfy its additional information request, DOJ can object to the proposed change, prevent its implementation, and effectively end the voting change's legal existence. This fate befell the Arizona Redistricting Commission in May 2002 when DOJ determined that the Commission had been unable to satisfy DOJ's earlier request for additional information. This failure essentially doomed the Commission's 2002 legislative redistricting map.

If DOJ rejects any portion of a redistricting plan, the jurisdiction has four choices: (1) remedy the objections and resubmit; (2) ask for reconsideration based upon new data or evidence; (3) continue to use the existing voting method or plan and risk litigation, which could include a lawsuit filed by the U. S. Attorney General; or (4) ask a federal court for permission to use an interim plan for one election cycle. That court will likely want to be satisfied that the interim plan does not contain elements objected to by DOJ. Jurisdictions cannot appeal DOJ Section 5 decisions. They are FINAL JUDGMENTS, so going to court for approval of an interim plan is not an end around past DOJ. It can only be a relatively quick attempt to get some plan in place before an impending election.

A brief examination of the preceding four choices may prove instructive.

Jurisdictions rarely succeed with choice number 2. Number 3 is legally foolhardy and is not recommended. Number 4 can make sense if the jurisdiction is somehow unable or unwilling to go back to DOJ. However, this choice opens the jurisdiction up to unpredictable litigation costs and consequences. The best solution is Number 1 - Fix the legal problems with the submission and resubmit to DOJ.

Arizona jurisdictions will need to design their public redistricting processes with an eye to receiving preclearance before the date that candidates take out nominating petitions for the 2012 Primary Election. Before any election, of course, candidates need to know the boundaries of the districts they wish to represent.

Now, move from process to analysis. In the context of redistricting, what does it mean to avoid abridging minority voters right to vote?

Broadly speaking, the largest component of minority voting success is 'relative density' – in a given district, how does the proportion of minority voters stack up against the proportion of non-minority voters? When a new district, or whole new plan, is drawn, are minority voters still able to achieve the voting success they had under the old plan, or will there be fewer minorities in a district, such that their power to elect candidates of their choice has been diminished by the change?

The lessening of minority electoral strength through official acts of government, either deliberate <u>or unintended</u>, is called retrogression. Whether retrogression is done intentionally or is simply a consequence of the change doesn't matter legally; both are prohibited by Sections 2 and 5.

Two things are important to note here: (1) the Voting Rights Act does not require or reward improvement in minority voting strength; it just prohibits retrogression and (2) the jurisdiction submitting a redistricting plan for preclearance has the obligation to prove that the plan has neither retrogressive purpose nor retrogressive effect. The latter will be a challenge, involving analysis of past election data, census demographics at the precinct or block level, and other relevant data, statistics, materials, and policies.

Like many things in law and politics, there is much more to finding or measuring retrogression than the simple proportionality implied above. The nuances run very deep, and require detailed analysis of the 'totality of circumstances.'

The U. S. Supreme Court used that term to describe a number of factors that courts and DOJ must consider in determining whether Section 2 has been violated by the proposed districts in a plan.

Those factors include whether racially polarized voting exists; whether there is a history of official racial discrimination in voting, or discrimination in education, employment or health that hinders effective participation in voting; whether the jurisdiction has used voting practices that are known to further the likelihood of discrimination; whether past political campaigns have used appeals to racial intolerance; the extent to which minority candidates, or candidates of choice of minority voters, have been elected; and whether elected officials have been responsive to the social, cultural and economic needs of minority citizens.

Many jurisdictions are probably thinking that nothing needs to be done until the Census population data arrives next spring, 2011. However, there are at least eleven major tasks that jurisdictions can undertake now to improve their chances of an on-time and successful redistricting process. Those tasks are:

- (a) Conduct a detailed demographic analysis of neighborhoods, with emphasis on geographic variation in socio-economic characteristics.
- (b) Identify and map 'communities of interest.'
- (c) Digitize the precinct maps used in each election during the decade.
- (d) Create a computerized database or spreadsheet of election canvass results from past elections.
- (e) Identify the race and ethnicity of each candidate who ran in any election within the jurisdiction.
- (f) Assemble a directory of citizens and community organizations to invite to participate in the public process.
- (g) Develop a detailed redistricting process plan.
- (h) Make a preliminary assessment of the extent of polarized voting within the jurisdiction.
- (i) Prepare a complete inventory of all of the preclearance applications submitted by the jurisdiction during the decade, or since the last election districts plan was precleared.
- Build a written record to document all pre-redistricting activities.
- (k) Conduct a pre-redistricting compliance analysis to uncover unknown Section 5 and other federal issues, such as previously unprecleared voting changes and insufficient minority language election information programs.

For the first time in the history of the Voting Rights Act, a Democratic presidential administration will be responsible for enforcing federal voting laws when redistricting begins. The Obama DOJ is operating much differently than its immediate predecessor when it comes to such enforcement.

Historically, each president brings his law enforcement priorities into office, as President Obama has done. His perspective as the only American president to litigate federal voting cases prior to his election is unique and brings with it consequences for Arizona jurisdictions as they contemplate the path to preclearance of their next redistricting maps. The present DOJ has a different approach to enforcing and interpreting the Voting Rights Act and issuing Section 5 objections, as exemplified by DOJ's brand new guidelines for the preclearance review process.

The Civil Rights Division of DOJ, responsible for federal voting rights enforcement, has added over 100 new staff in 2010. DOJ will be ready for Arizona submissions. DOJ knows Arizona's redistricting history very well. Its files are replete with information about Arizona's past failures concerning the redistricting process. Arizona jurisdictions would be wise to dedicate resources toward getting ready to avoid the past's unfortunate results and unpleasant encounters with the U.S. Department of Justice. Starting now. The eleven tasks above will be a good place to start.

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### A CONSULTANT'S SUGGESTED GUIDE FOR REDISTRICTING OR DEVELOPMENT OF INITIAL DISTRICTS

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Districting is as much a *process* as it is a *product*. That is to say: the organized interaction and involvement of the residential and business community with its local government in the districting process is just as important as where the district lines are ultimately drawn. The Board/Council's assurance in defending its map draws strength from being able to demonstrate the openness and inclusiveness of the process.

Research Advisory Services has all of the map-drawing software, equipment and personnel necessary to meet a client jurisdiction's goals. Even more important to us (and we think, to you) is what we have accumulated through all of our districting and redistricting engagements since 1991—the ability and experience to manage a districting process that: (1) makes sense to all participants, (2) anticipates and pre-empts challenges, (3) is fair and open, and (4) leaves a very defensible public record and end product.

The next couple of pages list, in roughly chronological order, our suggestions for the steps in the districting/redistricting process. Modify them to fit your community! Some steps you may wish to do yourselves.

### **Preliminary Studies**

- Examine the physical and demographic makeup of the entire jurisdiction.
- Examine recent state, county and city elections, at the voting precinct level voter turnout, numbers of candidates, race or ethnicity of candidates, winners' vote margins.
- 3. Examine the magnitude and geographic extent of any racially-polarized voting.

### Outreach to Community Leaders

- Meet with key community leaders in business and civic organizations explain the process, determine community leaders' expectations, and seek suggestions about the process.
- 5. Develop a mailing list of people and organizations suggested by key community leaders to notify and invite to participate in the process.

### Consultant Preparation of Materials for Public Meetings

- 6. Prepare maps illustrating topics examined in preliminary studies thematic maps of Census data and past election results; boundaries of school districts and other jurisdictional subdivisions; maps identifying neighborhoods, homeowners' associations and civic 'blockwatch' areas; maps of natural and man-made barriers.
- 7. Prepare public information handouts on various representation and process options. (Mainly for initial districting processes.)
- 8. Prepare "Resident Districting Kit" (Optional. Allows residents to submit district configurations 'on-the-record' and identify communities of interest.)

### Initial Meetings with Elected Officials and staffs

9. At a 'work-study' session for the Board/Council and staff, the consultants will describe the process and the legal setting, and discuss 'districting principles' (district design criteria).

Some principles can conflict with other principles (i.e., drawing a compact district may divide a political subdivision; protecting a community of interest may disrupt an established pattern of precincts). Because of these potential 'tradeoffs', the consultants will ask the Board/Council to provide guidance by designating the order of priority for applying the principles. The work-study session can be an agenda item on a regular Board/Council meeting or a separate public meeting. At least two hours should be reserved.

(IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THE SCOPE-OF-WORK SECTION OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: do not specify districting design criteria in advance. It is the Board/Council's prerogative to pick and rank criteria items from a list supplied and explained during the process. ALSO: do not include in the RFP a map showing where incumbents or possible challengers live. The Board/Council may choose, as a districting principle, to have residence locations not known to map drawers. (Believe me, it's hard for the consultant to 'un-know' something like that once you've seen it!))

10. The consultant team will meet individually with elected officials and their staffs to seek input on possible or preferred configurations of districts. Given that the elected officials will ultimately adopt the district plan, their views warrant significant consideration.

### First Series of Open House Meetings

- Consultant and jurisdiction staff will coordinate a process to widely advertise the times, locations, purpose and importance of a series of public meetings to be held on the topic of districting/redistricting.
- 12. Conduct public meetings in an 'open-house' setting. Allow 30 minutes for socializing, viewing exhibits, followed by a short formal presentation on the scope, purpose, process, timelines, and legal issues. Stress that no maps have been drawn up to that point; that the request for public input and suggestions is genuine. Allow at least 30 minutes for questions. Invite attendees to draw their perceptions of 'communities of interest' important to them on tracing paper laid out over maps of the jurisdiction. Consultants and jurisdiction staff will mingle, discuss, and act as information resources.

### <u>Distillation of Initial Input from Public, Key Community Leaders and Elected Officials</u>

- 13. Consultant team prepares a report summarizing the process to that point.
- 14. Consultant team analyzes partial and whole plans submitted by residents.
- 15. Consultant team prepares 4 to 6 alternate plans based on combinations of recurrent themes heard from participants, or observed on resident-submitted plans.

### Publish Alternate Plans

- 16. Place newspaper ads showing alternate plans to be considered at public meetings. Include a public-comment form in the ad. Make sure to publish in minority race or language newspapers (if applicable).
- 17. Invite public comment through letters, e-mail, and telephone (consider establishing a "Districting Information" telephone number).

### Second Series of Open House Meetings

 Widely advertise the times, locations, and purpose of public meetings to be held to display proposed alternate districting plans being considered. 19. Conduct public meetings in an 'open house' setting. Allow 30 minutes for socializing, viewing exhibits of alternate plans, followed by a formal presentation on the process up to that point, the features of each alternate plan, and the extent to which they incorporate ideas gathered in various public-input settings. Allow at least 30 minutes for questions. Describe ways for residents to register their views or plan choices. Consultant and jurisdiction staff will mingle, discuss, and act as information resources.

### Preparation of Final Plan(s) for Consideration by Elected Officials

- 20. Consultant team prepares a second report summarizing the process to that point and containing an analysis of public reaction to the alternate plans.
- 21. Consultant team prepares a final plan (with one or two possible minor variant plans) for consideration.

### Publish Final Plan

- 22. Place newspaper ads showing the final districting plan(s) being considered by the jurisdiction.
- 23. Invite public comment through letters, e-mail, telephone, or by attendance and testimony at the adoption hearing.

### Adoption of Plan

24. Board/Council considers a final plan at a special meeting held specifically for that purpose.

The above steps constitute a somewhat generic process used by jurisdictions throughout the country for initial districting, or for redistricting to equalize district populations after a decennial Census. Some elected bodies choose to play an active role throughout the process; additional meetings with elected officials can be added as necessary.

If the elected body chooses to appoint a commission or task force to oversee preparation of the districting plan, the consultant's relationship usually becomes one of serving as staff to the commission or task force.

Modifications of this process are, of course, the prerogative of the jurisdiction. Our advice is to avoid changes that make the process more informal. The general tone needs to be friendly, but clearly structured.

Advice from NCSL's recent 2010 Redistricting Law Seminar in Austin, Texas: "Think about managing and documenting the public district-drawing <u>process</u> as a primary means of developing a record to bolster defense of the plan."

Districting plans can be challenged in court on several grounds, and any plan in Arizona requires 'preclearance' by the U. S. Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act before it can be implemented. The Department of Justice is currently revising its Section 5 review regulations, placing increased emphasis on a jurisdiction's obligation to demonstrate that its new plan has neither the

purpose <u>nor the effect</u> of diluting minority voting strength. A robust, pristine public record is a crucial component of that defense.

### THE ROLES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND JURISDICTION STAFF

The Board/Council will have two formal meetings – a work-study session early in the process, and a meeting to adopt a districts plan at the end. If individual Board/Council members choose to attend open-house public meetings, it will be best if their participation is low-key so that the public does not get the impression that the elected official is there to manage the dialogue or influence the outcome.

After conducting research, but before the first public meeting, the consultant team would meet individually with Board/Council members to gain their perspectives on the process and preferred outcomes.

The jurisdiction staff will have a larger part to play. Tasks will include:

- Assisting the consultant team obtain necessary data for initial analysis, as well as identifying key community leaders and organizations.
- Identifying media contacts.
- · Arranging and staffing meetings.
  - One Board/Council work study session
  - One Board/Council plan adoption session
  - Two or three open-house meetings to educate the public about the process (different times and locations on the same day?)
  - Two or three open-house meetings to view and discuss alternate plans (different times and locations on the same day?)
- Reviewing two progress reports prepared by the consulting team.
- Coordinating publicity about the process.
- Preparing necessary ordinances or resolutions to implement the districted election system.
- Preparing the application for preclearance review by the Department of Justice.

### OTHER COSTS OR ACTIVITIES THE JURISDICTION MAY FACE

Other possible costs associated with the districting/redistricting process are:

- Publication costs for newspaper public notices, radio or TV announcements if not provided as a
  public service by the media outlets.
- Additional reproduction/enlargement costs of map exhibits for public meetings.
- Reproduction costs for information handouts. (Many local governments choose to use their own copying/printing resources.)
- Meeting room rental charges if jurisdiction chooses to use non-owned facilities.
- Spanish language translation costs for districting process materials.
- Development of a resident redistricting kit (~\$2,000)

### GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CALL TO THE PUBLIC SPEAKER FORM

Thank you for attending today's Redistricting Advisory Committee Meeting

During the "Call to the Public" on today's agenda, the public may comment during regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee. The Chair will conduct a Call to the Public to accept comments from the public at the end of the meeting, although the Committee reserves the right to modify the order of any item on the agenda including the Call to the Public.

Citizens who wish to address the public body need not request permission in advance. In order for the record to properly reflect the speaker's name, address and subject matter, please complete the information below and submit it to the Committee.

Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each and the Committee reserves the right to limit the length of the Public Comment period.

Committee members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(G), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for further discussion and decision at a future date.

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### COMISIÓN CONSULTIVA DE DELIMITACIÓN DEL CONDADO DE GILA FORMULARIO PARA COMENTARIO PÚBLICO

Gracias por asistir esta reunión de la Comisión Consultiva de Delimitación (el Comité).

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