

GILA COUNTY REDISTRICTING

ROUND TWO PUBLIC HEARING

Tonto Basin - September 7, 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

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

TONTO BASIN - SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 - 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Conducted By Linda Eastlick

In Attendance:

Public Official: Supervisor, Mike Pastor, County Recorder, Sadie Tomerlin Dalton,
Elections Staff: Elections Director Linda Eastlick, Elections Specialist David Rogers

Spanish Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez

Members of the Public: Tonto Basin residents Shirley Dye, Joe and BD Beasley, and
Richard Haddow,

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:

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

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "So all those -- the mining area and all that stuff. They have way more in common with those people than they do with the Native Americans. And the Tonto Apache in Gisela, who say that this is part of their original home land, was down here in Gisela, so there's a lot of Native Americans still in Gisela, have way more in common with the White Mountain Apaches and the San Carlos Apaches in District 3. So the Native American and Latinos have different languages and cultures and should be identified as distinct minorities rather than being lumped together for numbers sake because we are actually talking about people, not about numbers and statistics. The Native Americans would not be split into two districts. Latinos would not be split into two districts. It would strengthen the voting ability of both minorities. It is improper to lump them together unless it is proven that they consistently have voted together, as to their fifty point whatever percent over here. Then also, District 2 and 3 would then become more competitive, voting wise, both of them would. And I think one of the big fears, because what happened is, see, this was Plan D and they asked the consultants to tweak this because it was a little bit too -- the percentage of deviation was a little bit off, so they asked them to do this tweaking. And when they tweaked it, it

became Plan A. But what they did, was they eliminated Gisela and then they put the Hispanics here, back into here. So they eliminated Native Americans here and they took away Latinos from the rest of their buddies over here. So that one didn't get tweaked right. There -- there's other ways that that one -- this one could have been tweaked to make it work, is what I saw. So -- and I think this would become a way more competitive district and this would become a more competitive district, and so that's that. And then also on the Gila Community College districts, where's the Gila Community College? Well, anyhow, I like Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The Plans are 1, 2 and 3."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "I like Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Plan 1? That was -- that's the first one I put up."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "It's -- the Plan 1 is -- oh, over here."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Here they are."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Okay. This is way more competitive."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "3 is over here."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "3 is over here? Yeah. Well look at how crazy District 3 is on that second one and on this one. It's all chopped up and, yeah, this is the very best one. It's best for all of the district -- what do you call them...commissioners?"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Governing board members."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Governing board members, yeah."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Governing board members? Yeah."

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

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "This is way more compact and contiguous like your laws require, so I like Plan 1. Okay."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Okay."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "That's it."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Shirley. Anybody else? Anybody else have any comments that they want to make? Sadie? Mike, do you have anything that you'd like to add?"

County Recorder, Sadie Tomerlin: "No."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "I would just encourage everybody to encourage people to look at the maps. They're going to be in the papers, I believe --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Next week."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: -- "In all the papers."

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

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "And you can still make your comments. You can write your comments and send them in, study the maps and send them to county courthouse or to the recorder's or to the elections department."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, there's -- our --"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "I'm not sure where --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, our address --"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: -- "Where the exact place is, but you can send in your --."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: -- "Yes, there's an address on your form and you can send it to the Elections Office."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's on your form."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Can I make a comment?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, please."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Please? What was your name?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Shirley."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Shirley. With all due respect, but I think that you're just a little bit misled as to what the job that we're doing in dividing the county into the two districts that we have had and it's not like -- I was hearing segregation of a sort. You want to segregate various races into certain areas, and that's not our job. Our job is to --"

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

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: -- "Make sure that everybody has a vote."

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

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "To be able to vote the person that they want into office, and it's not segregating a certain district --"

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

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "To another district."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Because we don't know if Hispanics are going to continue to live in this area. They can spread out throughout the town and start moving ."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Oh, absolutely."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: -- "To other areas."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Absolutely."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "See?"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "But in "

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "So I --"

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

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "I was hearing you present your speech and I was saying it sounds like she's trying to segregate the whole County between getting the Apaches, Hispanics, and Anglos."

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

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "That's what I'm hearing."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah, okay. No, that was not ."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "And that's why I -- that's what I was hearing."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "The point. The point was - in reading all the literature from the -- from Tony and from Doug, the attorney, they said that they wanted the Hispanics strengthened and that they wanted to put -- that they recommended that the

Tonto Apache go into -- with the other Apaches, and I think lumping them together as one majority minority with their cultural differences and their language differences is counter to what the Civil Rights Act says, because they are too distinct."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Well, that would be a question."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Things."

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "That you could say."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah. And that was my thing. Segregation of them never, ever, ever crossed my mind. Never would, and, see, you know, and see, I'm in that -- I'm not in District 1 up there. I'm in Ed's district."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Mike. Mike."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike?"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Mike."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Is it Ed Pastor or Mike Pastor, who is Ed Pastor?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Wrong Pastor."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Is there an Ed Pastor?"

Unidentified Speaker: "Yeah."

Gila County District 2 Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "He's a congressman. "He's a congressman in Washington."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You knew the name."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, let me make a couple of comments on what the consultants have said. When the Tonto Apache proposed their map and proposed being moved in with the other Native Americans, the consultants said yes, that would probably be a good idea. They have also said, yes, let's strengthen the Latino vote. However, the problem that we have with some of the mappings that have come in is the overall minority reduction is so great, that's the combination of all of the minorities, and that can be Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, that reduction is so great that it will not pass the Voting Rights Act review that we have to have in Washington, D. C. So they -- even --"

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Does it say -- but does it say combined minorities?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes. It's -- because what it does -- the law requires that we look at the population that exists in our current district."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So District 3 cannot be significantly reduced."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Now, if it went down by one percent, you know, or half a percent, that would not be an objection. But some of our plans have reduced those percentages by seven, eight, ten percent."

Payson resident, Shirley Dye: "Yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That, we know is going to be a problem. That is not our consultants' view. That's in law and legislation and court cases that have come down, you have to look at your minorities as they exist in your current districts, and that

establishes your percentages. So when you begin moving people, you need to watch how those percentages are being adjusted. Our total population in District 2 was the lowest of the three districts and so we needed to bolster the population in 2."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But, while doing that, we have to watch the minority reductions that occur in all of the districts. So this -- as one of our consultants described it - as you start turning these knobs and moving the people in the precincts around, you're trying to figure out how you can make some movement that's necessary without negatively impacting total population as well as your minority voting age populations. And it's hard."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Excuse me, the current configuration that we have is what it is. We have reservations -- they're there. We have what we have. We also have the mines, which have brought in a huge numbers of people over the years into the Globe/Miami area and the Payson area has developed in a very different way. Lots of ranchers, lots of new people moving in. So we really end up with a County that's very different from Maricopa, for example --"

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "What they have, you know, people are mixed up all over the place. We don't have that. It makes our job harder."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It truly does. So -- ."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "As long as that Salt River runs up through there that --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yep."

Unidentified Speaker: "Keeps -- people from dividing there."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It divides it off, yeah. For many years it sure did."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "Like the creek. "Divides Tonto Basin"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Like the creek."

Tonto Basin resident, Richard Haddow: "Just like the creek."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Just like the creek."

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Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments or question? And Adelaido, if I could get you to fill out a form, just so I have that so I can put it in my record?"

Translator/Globe resident, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That'd be great. One of those comment forms. Thank you for coming."

Meeting Adjourned

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REUNIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIÓN PÚBLICA

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ACTAS DE LA REUNIÓN

Reunión Dirigida Por Linda Eastlick

En asistencia:

Funcionarios del Pueblo/Ciudad/Condado: Supervisor Mike Pastor, Registrador del Condado Sadie Tomerlin Dalton

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

Intérprete / Traductor, Adelaido Rodriguez

Miembros del Público: Residentes de Tonto Basin Shirley Dye, Joe y BD Beasley y Richard Haddow.

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 Tonto Basin, Shirley Dye, comentarios y observaciones –

Está de acuerdo con la propuesta del Consejo Tribal Apache, lo que pondría el voto latino con el resto de Globe. Consultores habían recomendado trasladar a la tribu del distrito 2, pero tiene más sentido para mover a los latinos del distrito 2.

Por agregar la Tribu de Tonto Apache al Distrito 2, aumenta el número de minorías y refuerza su voto. Distritos pudiera ser más competitivo y más fuerte.

Le gusta el Plan número 1.

Intérprete / traductor Adelaido Rodríguez comentó sobre lo que dijo Sra.Drye:

Suena como la segregación entre los apaches, los hispanos y los anglos, que no es lo que nosotros estamos aquí para hacer.

Drye respuesta a Rodríguez:

Para seguir las recomendaciones de Tony y Doug el abogado, agrupando todos los apaches es contrario a la Ley de Derechos Civiles, ya que son dos distintas culturas e idiomas. No, la segregación no era lo que yo quise decir.

Rodríguez estuvo de acuerdo con esta afirmación.

Director de Elecciones, Linda Eastlick explicó:

Los consultores dijeron que sí al mapa Tonto Apache, que propuso que se movieran con otros indígenas norteamericanos. Los consultores también dijeron que sería una buena idea para fortalecer el voto latino.

El proceso tiene que considerar a todas las minorías (los asiáticos, negros, hispanos), y en algunos de los planes, el voto minoritario se ha reducido mucho. Esa reducción no pasaría la Ley de Derechos Electorales de revisión en Washington DC.

La ley exige que nos fijemos en la población que existe en nuestro distrito actual. El Distrito 3 no puede ser significativamente reducida (si es 1% o menos, no hay nada que objetar). Distrito 2 tenía la población más baja de minorías, por lo que necesita ser reforzada. Al mismo tiempo, tenemos que vigilar la reducción de las minorías en todos los distritos.

Tiene que ver con tratar de averiguar cómo se puede hacer algún movimiento que sea necesario sin afectar negativamente el total de la población, así como las poblaciones las minorías de edad de votación. Y es difícil. Tenemos las reservaciones indígenas, las minas, y el área de Payson se ha desarrollado de una manera muy diferente. A diferencia de Maricopa, por lo que hace nuestro trabajo más difícil.

Les acordó a todos que llenaran un formulario de comentario público.

Se levantó la Reunión.

Supplement to minutes from Tonto Basin meeting
For the purpose of facilitating translation into Spanish
Excerpts taken from **highlights** below

Summary of Public Comment

Tonto Basin Resident, Shirley Dye comments and observations:

Agrees the Apache Tribal Council proposal, which would place the Latino vote with the rest of Globe. Consultants recommended moving the tribe to district 2, but it makes more sense to move the Latinos to district 2.

By adding the Tonto Apache Tribe to District 2, it increases the minority numbers and strengthens their vote. Districts would be more competitive and stronger.

Likes Plan 1.

Interpreter / translator Adelaido Rodriguez commented on Ms. Dye's input:

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Dye's reply to Rodriguez:

To follow the recommendations from Tony and Doug the attorney, lumping together all the Apaches is counter to the Civil Rights Act because they are two distinct cultures and languages. No, segregation was not what I meant at all.

Rodriguez agreed with this statement.

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick explained:

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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.

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the fifty point twenty eight total minority over there and they're shifting six percent out over into District 2. By adding the Tonto Apache tribe, which is here, and part of Precinct 2, which I'm in, and Gisela over here into the Tonto Apache tribe, it increases the Tonto -- it increases the whole Native American minority, then. Not a whole lot because there's not a whole lot of them, not, you know, so anyhow, but it increases their -- and strengthens their vote, and they're not then split between two different districts, so that's a good thing. The consultants' view that the fifty point twenty eight percent mixed minority cannot be diluted is inconsistent with their statements that they also state that a minority vote needs to be strengthened. They had put down in some of their literature and stuff that they presented to their committee that you could -- that you actually needed to strengthen the minority majority in District 2 and they had recommended that the tribe be brought into District 3 to strengthen that minority. So they recommended that themselves. The Latinos have more in common with the rest of Globe and, you know, Christmas, Hayden and Winkelman and Globe and Miami and, what's the other one, Hayden are all down there."

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

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "So all those -- the mining area and all that stuff. They have way more in common with those people than they do with the Native Americans. And the Tonto Apache in Gisela, who say that this is part of their original home land, was down here in Gisela, so there's a lot of Native Americans still in Gisela, have way more in common with the White Mountain Apaches and the San Carlos Apaches in District 3. So the Native American and Latinos have different languages and cultures and should be identified as distinct minorities rather than being lumped together for numbers sake because we are actually talking about people, not about numbers and statistics. The Native Americans would not be split into two districts. Latinos would not be split into two districts. It would strengthen the voting ability of both minorities. It is improper to lump them together unless it is proven that they consistently have voted together, as to their fifty point whatever percent over here. Then also, District 2 and 3 would then become more competitive, voting wise, both of them would. And I think one of the big fears, because what happened is, see, this was Plan D and they asked the consultants to tweak this because it was a little bit too -- the percentage of deviation was a little bit off, so they asked them to do this tweaking. And when they tweaked it, it became Plan A. But what they did, was they eliminated Gisela and then they put the Hispanics here, back into here. So they eliminated Native Americans here and they took away Latinos from the rest of their buddies over here. So that one didn't get tweaked right. There -- there's other ways that that one -- this one could have been tweaked to make it work, is what I saw. So -- and I think this would become a way more competitive district and this would become a more competitive district, and so that's that. And then also on the Gila Community College districts, where's the Gila Community College? Well, anyhow, I like Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "The Plan 1, 2 and 3."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "I like Plan 1."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Plan 1? That was -- that's the first one I brought up."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "It's -- the Plan 1 is -- oh, over here."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Here they are."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Okay. This is way more competitive."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "3 is over here."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "3 is over here? Yeah. Well look at how crazy District 3 is on that second one and on this one. It's all chopped up and, yeah, this is the very best one. It's best for all of the district -- what do you call them...commissioners?"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Governing board members."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Governing board members, yeah."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Governing board members? Yeah."

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

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "This is way more compact and contiguous like your laws require, so I like Plan 1. Okay."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Okay."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "That's it."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Thank you, Shirley. Anybody else? Anybody else have any comments that they want to make? Sadie? Mike, do you have anything that you'd like to add?"

County Recorder, Sadie Tomerlin: "No."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "I would just encourage everybody to encourage people to look at the maps. They're going to be in the papers, I believe --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Next week."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: -- "In all the papers."

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

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "And you can still make your comments. You can write your comments and send them in, study the maps and send them to county courthouse or to the recorder's or to the elections department."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, there's -- our --"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "I'm not sure where --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yeah, our address --"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: -- "Where the exact place is, but you can send in your --."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: -- "Yeah, there's an address on your form and you can send it to the Elections Office."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It's on your form."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Can I make a comment?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes, please."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Please? What was your name?"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Shirley."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Shirley. With all due respect, but I think that you're just a little bit misled as to what the job that we're doing in dividing the county into the two districts that we have had and it's not like -- I was hearing segregation of a sort. You want to segregate various races into certain areas, and that's not our job. Our job is to --"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: -- "Make sure that everybody has a vote."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "To be able to vote the person that they want into office, and it's not segregating a certain district --"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "To another district."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Because we don't know if Hispanics are going to continue to live in this area. They can spread out throughout the town and start moving ."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Oh, absolutely."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: -- "To other areas."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Absolutely."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "See?"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "But in "

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "So I --"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "I was hearing you present your speech and I was saying it sounds like she's trying to segregate the whole town between getting the Apaches, Hispanics, and Anglos."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "That's what I'm hearing."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah, okay. No, that was not ."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "And that's why I -- that's what I was hearing."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "The point. The point was - in reading all the literature from the -- from Tony and from Doug, the attorney, they said that they wanted the Hispanics strengthened and that they wanted to put -- that they recommended that the Tonto Apache go into -- with the other Apaches, and I think lumping them together as one majority minority with their cultural differences and their language differences is counter to what the Civil Rights Act says, because they are two distinct."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Well, that would be a question."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Things."

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "That you could say."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Yeah. And that was my thing. Segregation of them never, ever, ever crossed my mind. Never would, and, see, you know, and see, I'm in that -- I'm not in District 1 up there. I'm in Ed's district."

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Mike. Mike."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike?"

Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "Mike."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Is it Ed Pastor or Mike Pastor, who is Ed Pastor?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Wrong Pastor."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Is there an Ed Pastor?"

Unidentified Speaker: "Yeah."

Gila County District 2 Supervisor, Mike Pastor: "He's a congressman. "He's a congressman in Washington."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "You knew the name."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Mike.

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Well, let's -- yeah, let me make a couple of comments on what the consultants have said, okay? When the Tonto Apache proposed their map and proposed being moved in with the other Native Americans, the consultants said yes, that would probably be a good idea. They have also said, yes, let's strengthen the Latino vote. However, the problem that we have with some of the mappings that have come in is the overall minority reduction is so great of the combination of all of the minorities, and that can be Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, that reduction is so great that it will not pass the Voting Rights Act review that we have to have in Washington, D. C. So they -- even --"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Does it say -- but does it say combined minorities?"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yes. It's -- because what it does, they -- the law requires that we look at the population that exists in our current district."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "So District 3 cannot be significantly reduced."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Now, if it went down by one percent, you know, or half a percent, that would not be an objection. But some of our plans have reduced those percentages by seven, eight, 10 percent."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Yes."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That we know is going to be a problem. So that is not our consultants' view. That's in law and legislation and court cases that have come down is that you have to look at your minorities as they exist in your current districts, and that establishes your percentages. So when you begin moving people, you need to watch how those percentages are being adjusted. Our total population in District 2 was the lowest of the three districts and so we needed to bolster the population in 2."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "But, while doing that, we have to watch the minority reductions that occur in all of the districts. So this -- and one of our consultants described it. It's as you start turning these knobs and moving the people in the precincts around, you're trying to figure out how you can make some movement that's necessary without negatively impacting total population as well as your minority voting age populations. And it's hard."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Excuse me, the current configuration that we have, you know, we have reservations. They're not -- they're there. We have -- that's what we have. We also have the mines, which have brought in a huge number of people over the years into the Globe/Miami area and the Payson area has developed in a very different way. Lots of ranchers, lots of new people moving in. So we really end up with a county that's very different from Maricopa, for example --"

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Where we have, you know, people are mixed up all over the place. We don't have that. It makes our job harder."

Tonto Basin resident, Shirley Dye: "Uh-huh."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It truly does. So -- ."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "As long as that Salt River runs up through there that --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Yep."

Unidentified Speaker: "Keeps -- people from dividing there."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "It divides it off, yeah. For many years it sure did."

Tonto Basin resident, Joe Beasley: "Like the creek. "Divides --"

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Like the creek."

Tonto Basin resident, Richard Haddow: "Just like the creek."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Just like the creek."

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

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "Any other comments or question? And Adelaido, if I could get you to fill out a form, just so I have that so I can put it in my record?"

Translator, Adelaido Rodriguez: "Okay."

Elections Director, Linda Eastlick: "That'd be great. One of those comment forms. Thank you for coming."

Meeting Adjourned

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Your e-mail address Shirleyujest@nrgcable.com
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Date 09-07-11 Your Name David Rodriguez
Your mailing address 843 S. Highland Ave
Your e-mail address _____
Your phone number 473-3172

Questions, comments, or brief description of the subject to be addressed:

I express my own concern from one of tonight's speeches presentation on the district plans. I felt the speaker was confused on how the redistricting was looked at.

Feels like we are being segregated - see transcript
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