Redistricting Process:

Community Network Presentation
Maricopa County Elections Department
Overview of the process:

- Scope
- Timeline
- Gathering tools
- Public proposals
- Final product
- Preclearance
Scope
Who draws what lines?
Scope

- Congressional & Legislative lines are done by the Independent Redistricting Commission.

- Schools & Cities/Towns which are divided into wards or districts will be done by the school boards and the city/town councils.
  - EVIT, West MEC, Phoenix Union
  - Buckeye, Glendale, Surprise, Mesa, Phoenix, Peoria
Scope

- Maricopa County is responsible for:
  - Board of Supervisor Districts
  - Maricopa County Community College Districts
  - Special Health Care Districts
  - Justice of the Peace
  - Constables
  - Voting precincts
Timeline
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- Census data files continue to be made available on their website.
- Redistricting block data available during this time.
- Be sure that vested parties are included in the planning stages to prevent unnecessary retracing of steps later.
- DOJ Voting Section Chief made several mentions of this in his section at JEOLC.
- Presentations in each of the 5 Districts.
- All lines will be discussed.
- Census releases demographic data & estimated release of Federal Registry & language coverage.
- Board approval of lines and public posting.
- 60 day preclearance window.
- Statute says by December 1st.

Timeline will be impacted by Independent Redistricting Commission.
Gathering the Tools
Gathering tools

- Identify what needs attention:
  - High growth areas
  - Areas ripe for combining
  - Problematic splits within precincts/districts
  - Areas with excessive Judicial Productivity Credits
  - Communities of interest divisions
  - Property divisions
It’s not always pretty

- By following the lines of the golf course and public plantings in this area we get an odd shape but don’t split plots of land (or houses!)
Gathering Tools: What to consider?

• There are 2 different data sets for lines depending on the type of district MCED will review:
  • Judicial Productivity Credits—Justice of the Peace/Constable lines
  • Census Data—all other districts

• Existing elected officials cannot be drawn out of their districts so their home addresses must be taken into consideration as well by MCED.
• Majority minority districts must be maintained so other data sources will need to be utilized for review.
Gathering tools

• **Data sources:**
  • Census data
  • Turnout for general election cycles
  • Wait time survey results
  • PEVL
  • Minority language demographics
  • Reservation/Native American Nation boundaries
  • Polling place locations & historical consolidations
  • Hispanic surname analysis
Census: What do the acronyms mean?

- **VAP**: Voting Age Population
- **CVAP**: Citizen Voting Age Population
- **HISVAP**: Hispanic Voting Age Population
- **LEP**: Limited English Proficiency
- **ACS**: American Community Survey
- **PL 94-171**: these are the redistricting data files
Census: What is different in 2010?

- **Short form:** the Census was done exclusively with the short form in 2010 which does not contain questions on English proficiency or citizenship status.

- **A small percentage of households also got the Community Survey** which does have questions about LEP and citizenship status, but also about housing, employment, etc.
Census: What is different in 2010?

• The Bureau will now be providing the block data for additional districts this year, including down to the school district level which they have not done in the past.

• This will be for:
  • Unified
  • Elementary
  • Secondary
Strength in Numbers

Your Guide to Census 2010 Redistricting Data From the U.S. Census Bureau

This booklet provides a historical record of the activities and data involved with the U.S. Census Bureau's Redistricting Data Program for the 2010 Census. In addition to providing a background of the role of the U.S. Census Bureau in redistricting and apportionment, this document goes on to detail specifics about the participation of states and the data products produced specifically for the 2010 Census. This compilation of information in a single source document gives an authoritative source of information about how the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program was conducted.

For further information or a hard-copy of the booklet, please call the Census Redistricting Data Office at (301) 763-4039.

The Census Bureau will make available the 2010 Census Redistricting Data [P.L. 94-171] Summary Files and the geographic support products through links on the "Data" page of this website. Products will be posted on a flow basis by state. To access these links, please select the "Data" tab at the top of this page. Each product type will be listed as a link on the left side of the "Data" page.
The website has a wealth of information:

2010 Census Data

Population Change
Population change is the rate of change in population between decennial census years. While every census region grew considerably during the twentieth century, the South and West experienced the largest increases in population.

Regional Population Growth 2000-2010
West 13.8%
Midwest 3.9%
Northeast 3.2%
South 14.3%

Population Change Since 1910
Arizona 6,392,017

Legend
Loss 0-5%
5-15%
15-25%
25+%

Population Change
+24.6%
Pop. 6,392,017
Judicial Productivity Credits (JPCs)

- Justice of the Peace lines are drawn to equalize the workload to no more than 1200 JPCs:

A.R.S. §§ 22-125 H

“The judicial productivity credits for any justice court precinct shall not exceed twelve hundred credits. If the total judicial productivity credits of a justice court precinct exceed twelve hundred credits, the county board of supervisors shall create sufficient courts, or redraw the justice court precinct boundaries according to section 22-101, in order to reduce the judicial productivity credits for any precinct which exceeds that limit.”
Judicial Productivity Credits (JPCs)

• JPCs are allocated as such:
  • 60 Misdemeanors = 1 JPC
  • 10 Felonies = 1 JPC

• If lines can be configured to maintain the same number of districts, without creating any additional ones, there isn’t the need for:
  • Additional court building(s)
  • Additional courtroom(s) & administrative office space(s)
  • Additional staff
Public Proposal
Public Proposals

• Initial proposal will include existing lines and then present the data which will be used to make proposals:

• BOS/MCCC/SHC = population ➜ 5

• JP/Constables = total JPCs ➜ 25

(if this number exceeds 1200 JPCs then additional districts are necessary)
Public Proposal

• MCED memorializes the meeting with
  • Photographs,
  • Sign-in sheets,
  • Public comment capabilities,
  • Maps will be available for drawing on
Public Proposal

- At the meetings Maricopa County will provide:
  - Court reporter
  - Translation services—please notify MCED prior to 48 hours of the meeting start time if translation services will be necessary:
    - American Sign Language (ASL)
    - Spanish
    - Tohono O’odham
Online Feedback

• MCED will again be offering the public the ability to use an online tool to make recommended changes.
• The tool will launch in March and allow the public to submit plans for both the BOS/MCCC/SHCD and the JP/Constable lines.
• The March 30th meeting will go over in great detail the functionality of the website.
All submitted maps are reviewed & included in the DOJ submission.
Proposals & Suggestions

• The public can make suggestions via a variety of avenues:
  • At the public hearings
  • In writing:
    Maricopa County Elections Department
    Attention: Redistricting
    111 S 3rd Avenue Ste 102
    Phoenix, AZ 85003
  • By fax:
    602-506-3069
  • By telephone:
    602-506-1511
  • By email:
    gismail@risc.maricopa.gov
Final Product
Final Product

• Final determinations will be presented to the public late summer/early fall.
• Upon approval of the Board of Supervisors the lines will be submitted to DOJ.

• We are hopeful that the IRC timeline will run parallel to our efforts as voting precincts cannot be divided by congressional or legislative lines.
Submission
DOCUMENTATION!

- Included in our DOJ submission:
  - Emails/letters
  - Phone message slips
  - Contact lists
  - Calendars of meetings
  - Meeting notes/handouts
  - Photographs from meetings of attendees
DOCUMENTATION!

- Included in our DOJ submission:
  - Public notices
  - Reasonable accommodations offering:
    - Sign language interpreter
    - Minority language translator
    - Alternative formats of information
  - Meeting sign-in sheets
  - Suggestions from the public & our reasons for accepting or rejecting
DOCUMENTATION!

• Included in our DOJ submission:
  • All spreadsheets used in making our determinations
  • Sources of all data used
  • Electronic versions as outlined in submission format on DOJ website
(5) Demographic data on magnetic media that are provided in conjunction with a redistricting shall be contained in a table of equivalencies giving the census block to district assignments in the following format:

(i) Each census block record (including those with zero population) will be followed by one or more additional fields indicating the district assignment for the census block in one or more plans.

(ii) All district assignments in the plan fields shall be right justified and blank filled if the assignment is less than four characters.

(iii) The file structure shall be as follows:

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Presenting the Final Product
Final Product

• Once the lines are finalized we will:
  • Notify stakeholders
  • Publish final lines and maps
  • Issue press release
  • Prepare maps
  • Ensure that all old data is updated to reflect new information
  • Issue new voter ID cards to all impacted voters
  • Prepare new signature requirements for 2012
  • Census will get new lines, apply the appropriate demographics from 2010 census, and release new information in 2013.