



# CITY OF FLAGSTAFF

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Independent Redistricting Commission  
1110 W Washington St., Ste 127  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioners,

The Flagstaff City Council supports the critical work of the Independent Redistricting Commission and thanks the Commission for the inclusive and thorough public engagement process that has been implemented thus far. We welcome and appreciate the opportunity to communicate our comments on the adopted grid maps and for residents of Flagstaff and the northern Arizona region to voice their values and concerns.

As was stated in our previous letter, the city of Flagstaff values a legislative and congressional redistricting result that, above all, keeps the city of Flagstaff intact and does not split the city among multiple districts. Such an outcome supports the Commission's guiding criterion of the incorporation of visible geographic features, including city and town boundaries. We are encouraged that Flagstaff is intact in both the congressional and legislative grid maps.

We also communicated in our previous letter that the city of Flagstaff would welcome an outcome that recognizes the greater Flagstaff area as a community of interest. We continue to ask that the greater Flagstaff area be kept whole in any legislative and congressional district and that the current Legislative District 6 be expanded to include rural areas that are part of our Flagstaff community but which are currently part of Legislative District 7. Specifically, the neighborhoods to be added to LD6 include Precinct 55 (Fort Valley East), Precinct 51 (Schultz), Precinct 86 (Mountain View) and Precinct 92 (Winona). All of these areas are within Coconino County and are home to residents who use Flagstaff's commercial, cultural, and healthcare resources. We are pleased that Legislative District 6 has been expanded to include the greater Flagstaff area in the approved grid map and urge the Commission to retain this expansion in future maps moving forward.

We would also like to re-emphasize that indigenous communities represent clear communities of interest that have both shared and unique priorities and concerns with other communities of interest. The values and needs of indigenous communities, as articulated by indigenous peoples and leaders, should be strongly considered by the IRC during the redistricting process.



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Lastly, the city of Flagstaff would again like to request a legislative and congressional district outcome that values unified communities of interest. Specifically, the city of Flagstaff would welcome placement within a district among communities that:

- Value and invest in forest health and watershed protection, as well as recognize the positive impact of ecosystems on our communities.
- Share healthcare resources.
- Host Grand Canyon tourists.
- Have a strong interest in improving interconnected economies with investment in infrastructure, shared transportation corridors and shared workforce development.
- Value the protection and recovery of state shared revenues.

Thank you for your service to Arizona,