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Dear Members of the Commission,

The Pima County Democratic Party respectfully submits for your consideration two iterations of the southern Arizona legislative district configurations. These maps have been submitted to the redistricting hub, and have been labeled LD0082 and LD0083. We strongly believe that either of these options, as well as the configuration in the IRC Test Map 9.0, would provide for fair, equitable representation for the many diverse communities of Pima County.

Unlike our Republican counterparts, we are proud to openly and without false pretense share our recommendations with the Commission and the public. Each of these legislative map versions protect the three southern Arizona majority-Latino districts, and respect the communities and tribal nation boundaries of the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, the Cocopah Tribe and the Quechan Tribe. These maps each modify the makeup of D17, providing three different options for creating a truly competitive Pima County legislative district. We feel strongly that any one of these options would better reflect the impacted communities of interest.

LD0082: Highly Competitive D17 with slight Democratic advantage – Oro Valley, Casas Adobes, Catalina, Saddlebrooke, Oracle, San Manuel, Mammoth

This map modifies Draft Map 10.0 by shifting D18 to the eastern edge of the county, encompassing neighboring communities in East Tucson, as well as Tanque Verde and the Catalina Mountains. The Towns of Marana and Red Rocks are then added into the larger Pinal district of D16, connecting them with similar rural communities of Eloy, Casa Grande, and Florence, among others. Finally, D17 is expanded further northeast into Pinal County, preserving the Saddlebrooke/Oracle/San Manuel/Mammoth community of interest, and unites Casas Adobes with Oro Valley. This puts D17 in the highly competitive range, reducing the Democrat/Republican divide of the district significantly.

LD0083: Highly Competitive D17 with slight Republican advantage – Picture Rocks, Marana, Oro Valley, Casas Adobes, Catalina

This map modifies Draft Map 10.0 by moving more of north and east Tucson into D18, utilizing the intuitive boundary of Campbell Avenue as the dividing line, and solidifying those communities of interest. This map also demonstrates greater respect for the geographic boundary of the Pinal/Pima county line, moving Saddlebrooke out of D17 and uniting it with its neighboring Pinal communities in D7. D17 fully encompasses the Marana/Oro Valley/Casas Adobes/Catalina community of interest, creating a highly competitive district with a slight Republican advantage.

IRC Test Map 9.0: 50/50 D17 – Marana, Oro Valley, Casas Adobes, Catalina, Saddlebrooke

This map creates a D17 that is a near-perfect 50/50 Democratic/Republican split. It would keep Saddlebrooke with the northern Pima County community of interest and would be, in all likelihood, the most competitive legislative district in the state, giving all voters the opportunity to impact the selection of their state legislators.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to share our recommendations with you. The people of Pima County, and all of Arizona, are grateful for your service to the state.

Sincerely,

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