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**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON 51 CANDIDATES
FOR ARIZONA'S INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

Public comment is sought on the following 51 candidates for Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission, which will oversee the mapping of Arizona's congressional and legislative districts in 2021.

The Arizona Constitution directs the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments to review the applications and to nominate 25 people to serve. From the list of nominees, four elected officials will appoint the first four members of the Redistricting Commission. The fifth member will be chosen by the four members appointed to the commission.

Candidates registered as Independent will be interviewed at a public meeting on October 8 and candidates registered as Republican or Democrat will be interviewed at a public meeting on October 9. The meetings will be held at the Arizona State Courts Building in Phoenix, 1501 W. Washington Street. Meeting agenda times and details will be posted at least seven days prior to the meeting on the IRC nominations website: <https://www.azcourts.gov/jnc/IRC-Nominations>.

Public comment is accepted at these meetings, however, to maintain social distancing, there is very limited seating available. Comments by email are highly encouraged and can be submitted to jnc@courts.az.gov or by mail to 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, AZ 85007. All comments received at these addresses will be shared with the Commission.

To speak to the Commission in person, send your information and the subject of your comments to Blanca Moreno at bmoreno@courts.az.gov by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020. Those who submit a request to speak will have access to the available seats first. All other attendees will be allowed into the meeting on a first come, first served basis. Masks are required to enter and remain in the building.

No more than two members of the Independent Redistricting Commission can be members of the same political party. Of the first four members appointed, no more than two can be residents of the same county. Among the candidates there are 20 Republicans, 20 Democrats, and 11 Independents.

*Shereen Lerner's last name was misspelled in the previous news release.

CANDIDATES FOR REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

DEMOCRATS

Elizabeth S. Bernstein (Cochise County)
Grant Buma (Yavapai County)
Ernest Calderon, Esq., Ed.D. (Maricopa County)
Bryan E. Cooperrider (Coconino County)
Martha M. Durkin (Pima County)
Rodolfo Espino, III (Maricopa County)
Donald E. Evans (Maricopa County)
Grant C. Freeland (Maricopa County)
Susan M. Freeman (Maricopa County)
Sheila D. Harris, Ph.D. (Maricopa County)
S. Arthur Hinshaw, II (Maricopa County)
Dale L. Keyes (Pima County)
Robert P. Kovitz (Pima County)
Shereen Lerner (Maricopa County)
Mark T. Murphy (Pima County)
Mumtaza M. Rahi-Loo (Maricopa County)
James H. Robbins, Jr. (Maricopa County)
Derrick B. Watchman (Apache County)
Maxine E.P. White (Maricopa County)
Teresa D. Wyatt (Pima County)

INDEPENDENTS

Christopher J. Bavasi (Coconino County)
Megan L. Carollo (Maricopa County)
Joseph V. Citelli (Maricopa County)
Nicole M. Cullen (Maricopa County)
Nicholas C. Dranias (Maricopa County)
Mignonne D. Hollis (Cochise)
Thomas Loquvam (Maricopa County)
Anders L. Lundin (Maricopa County)
Erika Schupak Neuberg, Ph.D. (Maricopa County)
Gregory M. Teesdale (Pima County)
Robert S. Wilson (Coconino County)

**CANDIDATES FOR REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
(Continued)**

REPUBLICANS

Trevor Abarzua (Maricopa County)
Jonathan Allred (Maricopa County)
Margaret C. Bevan (Coconino County)
Scott D. Crouch (Maricopa County)
Lisa A. Davis (Maricopa County)
Paul Djuriscic (Maricopa County)
Megan Gould Maestas (Maricopa County)
Brian A. Hatheway (Pima County)
Kevin P. Kopp (Maricopa County)
David Lane (Maricopa County)
David Mehl (Pima County)
Brandi G. Oveson (Apache County)
Walter R. Schoch (Maricopa County)
Grant E. Smith (Gila County)
Michael C. Striplin (Pinal County)
Kenneth L. Strobeck (Maricopa County)
William K. Turner (Mohave County)
Donald J. Wilson, Jr. (Maricopa County)
Edwin R. Winkler (Maricopa County)
Douglas W. York (Maricopa County)