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Interview Meetings Information for Arizona's Independent Redistricting Commission

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments will interview candidates registered as Independent at a public meeting on October 8 and candidates registered as Republican or Democrat at a public meeting on October 9.

The meeting agendas, public meeting notices and the applications of the candidates can be viewed online at the nomination website, <https://www.azcourts.gov/jnc/IRC-Nominations>.

The meetings will be streamed live on the Court's live and archived video website, <http://www.azcourts.gov/AZSupremeCourt/LiveArchivedVideo>.

Both meetings will begin at **8:00 a.m. in conference room 101 of the Arizona State Courts Building in Phoenix, 1501 W. Washington. Public comment will be accepted only at the meeting on October 8 and can be given via Zoom or in-person.** Zoom access will be limited to those giving comments. Public access to view the meetings on both days is through <http://www.azcourts.gov/AZSupremeCourt/LiveArchivedVideo>.

To maintain social distancing at in-person events, there is very limited seating available. Emailed comments are highly encouraged and can be submitted via email to jnc@courts.az.gov or via 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 or via Zoom, send your information and the subject of your comments to Blanca Moreno at bmoreno@courts.az.gov by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Those who submit a request to speak in-person 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.

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.

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.