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**NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR
ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION**

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has nominated 25 candidates for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission, which will oversee the mapping of Arizona's congressional and legislative districts beginning next year.

The Arizona Constitution directs the Commission on Appellate Court Appointments to review applications and nominate 25 people to serve. The Appellate Commission reviewed 138 applications and interviewed 47 candidates before nominating 10 Democrats, 10 Republicans, and five people who are not registered with either of those parties, as required by the constitution.

Democratic nominees are Grant Buma (Yavapai County), Ernest Calderon, Esq., Ed.D. (Maricopa County), Bryan E. Cooperrider (Coconino County), Donald E. Evans (Maricopa County), Robert P. Kovitz (Pima County), Shereen Lerner, Ph.D. (Maricopa County), James H. Robbins, Jr. (Maricopa County), Derrick B. Watchman (Apache County), Maxine E. P. White (Maricopa County) and Teresa D. Wyatt (Pima County).

Independent nominees are Nicole M. Cullen (Maricopa County), Thomas Loquvam, Esq. (Maricopa County), Erika Schupak Neuberg, Ph.D. (Maricopa County), Gregory M. Teesdale (Pima County), and Robert S. Wilson (Coconino County).

Republican nominees are Jonathan Allred (Maricopa County), Scott D. Crouch (Maricopa County), Lisa A. Davis (Maricopa County), Paul Djurisc, Esq. (Maricopa County), Kevin P. Kopp (Maricopa County), David Mehl (Pima County), Brandi G. Oveson (Apache County), Walter R. Schoch (Maricopa County), Michael G. Striplin (Pinal County) and Douglas W. York (Maricopa County).

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.

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