



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

February 21, 2012

Recommended Adjustments to Board of Supervisor Districts and Pima County Precincts

Background

Pursuant to state and federal law, and guidance from the U.S. Department of Justice, the Board of Supervisors adopted revised supervisorial district boundaries on September 13, 2011 and adopted a reduced number of precincts on December 6, 2011. Prior to those actions, the Board was notified that it may be necessary in the future to adopt adjustments to these based on actions of the Statewide Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) that had not yet finalized legislative and congressional lines. On January 17, 2012, the IRC approved final maps for legislative and congressional lines. The IRC lines split 39 Pima County precincts. In six of these locations, these splits also impacted adopted supervisorial district boundaries. Although it is not mandated that Board, legislative or congressional lines follow precinct lines, it will lead to less confusion on behalf of voters and is much simpler for the Elections Department to manage.

Regarding the precincts, staff recommends adjusting the December 6, 2011 adopted precinct lines and creating 2 new precincts. The attached map titled Recommended Adjustments to Pima County Precincts shows these adjustments. In addition, the December 6, 2011 adopted precincts included one circumstance where a precinct line split parcels in a subdivision near Silverbell and Sunset (shown on map as Precinct 289). This would be corrected by moving the line east to Silverbell.

Regarding the supervisorial district boundaries, staff recommends adjusting the September 13, 2011 adopted lines for four of the six areas that were impacted. The recommended two new precincts make it unnecessary to adjust the remaining two areas that were impacted. The attached map titled Recommended Adjustments to Pima County Board of Supervisor Districts shows these adjustments. The boundary between District 1 and District 3 would be adjusted to reflect the correction to the precinct boundary at Sunset and Silverbell (shown on map as Precinct 289).

Since community college governing board districts follow the same boundaries as county supervisorial districts in Arizona, the changes to the supervisorial districts would also impact Pima Community College Governing Board districts. The Board of Governor's secretary and council have been notified of these recommended adjustments.

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Development of Recommendations and Associated Data

After staff received the IRC maps for congressional and legislative lines in mid-January, they compared them to the adopted precinct and supervisorial district lines. Staff then adjusted the adopted precinct lines to match the IRC lines, with the exception of those six that impacted adopted supervisorial district lines. The Board will recall that ensuring supervisorial districts have similar population numbers was one of the key state and federal requirements concerning redistricting. For those six instances, the population of the area impacted was calculated. Two areas had estimated populations of 700 and 2,300. For these two areas staff recommends creating two new precincts, Precincts 288 and 289 on the map, eliminating the need to move supervisorial boundaries. Two of the areas have no population. Two areas have an estimated population of 21 and 377. For these four areas, staff recommends that the supervisorial district and precinct boundaries be adjusted to meet the IRC lines, therefore moving the population in the two areas to another supervisorial district and precinct. In addition, the December 6, 2011 adopted precincts included one circumstance where a precinct line split parcels in a subdivision near Silverbell and Sunset (shown on map as Precinct 289). This would be corrected by moving the line east to Silverbell.

The precinct boundaries adopted on December 6, 2011 and the supervisorial district boundaries adopted on September 13, 2011, were submitted to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) in January for pre-clearance. Pending Board approval, these additional adjustments will also have to be submitted to the DOJ. As the Board will recall, the DOJ will be reviewing the changes to ensure that they will not have a discriminatory purpose and will not result in a discriminatory effect.

For the recommended adjustments to supervisorial district lines, staff performed the same analysis that was used to assess the supervisorial district boundaries adopted on September 13, 2011. Attachment 1 shows the results compared to the current supervisorial districts and the September 13, 2011 supervisorial districts. The results show that moving approximately 21 people from District 3 to District 5, approximately 377 people from District 3 to District 4, and approximately 159 people from District 1 to District 3 had almost no impact to total population, minority population, registered voters and estimated voter turnout for each district.

The recommended adjustments to the supervisorial district and precinct boundaries have been provided to the major political parties, the Tohono O'odham Nation, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Chicanos Por La Causa and Democracia USA so that they might review and comment.

This memorandum and attached maps and table have been placed on the County's redistricting web site.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Adopt the proposed adjustments to supervisorial district boundaries.
2. Adopt the proposed adjustments to the precincts.
3. Discontinue the Pima County Redistricting Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

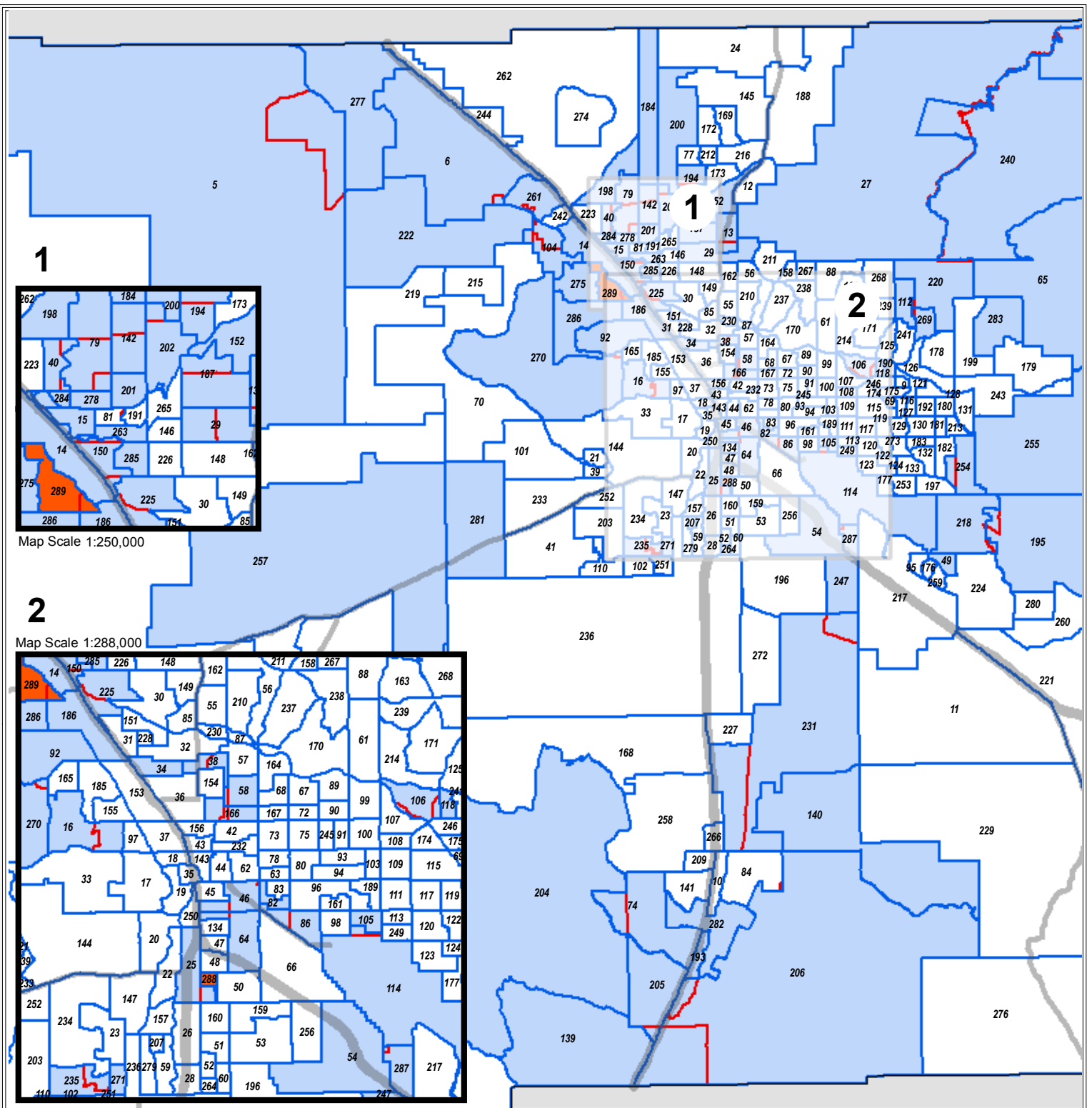


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CHH/dr – February 15, 2012

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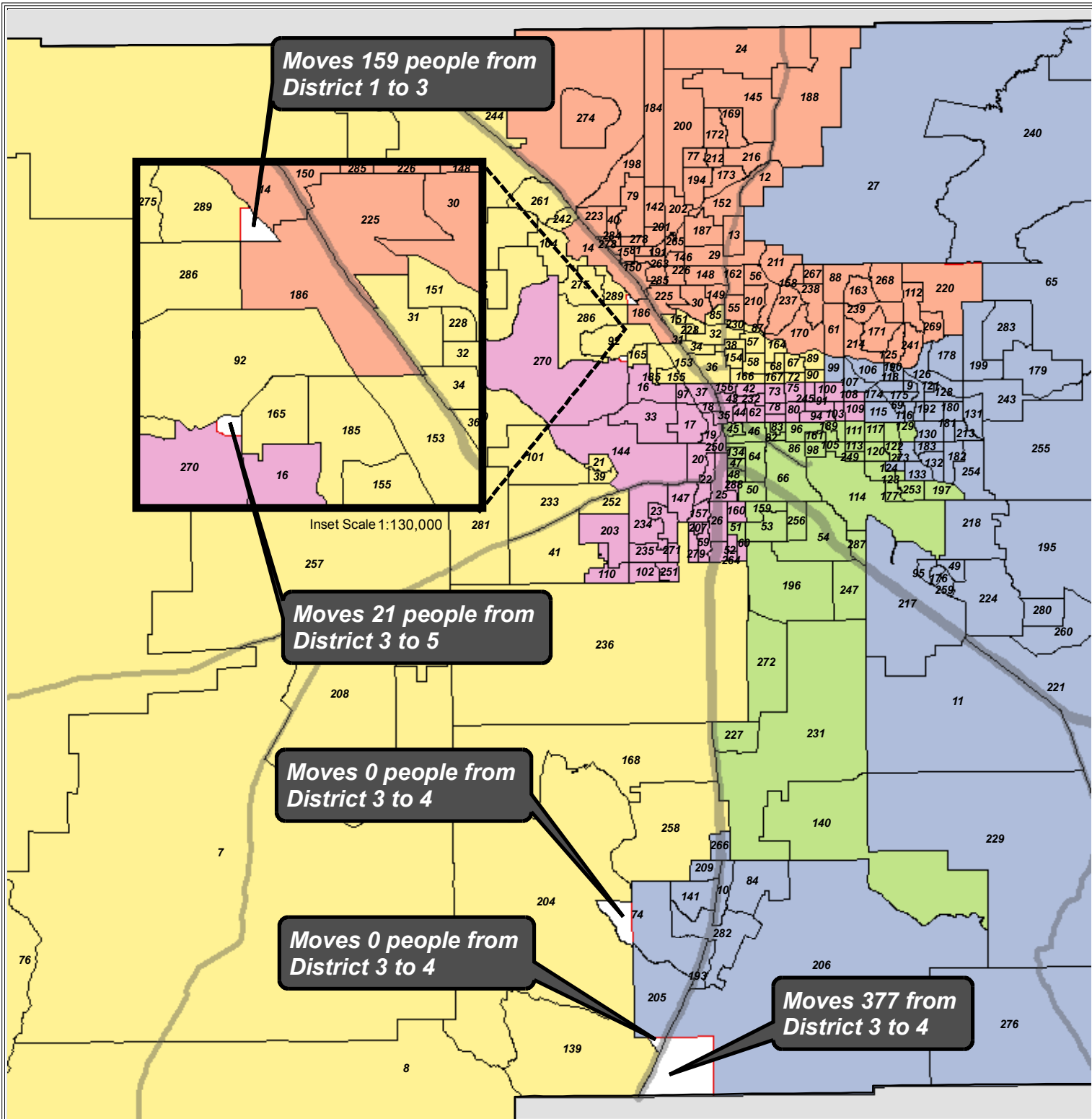
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-  Precinct lines adopted by BOS on Dec. 6, 2011 that would be removed to be consistent with IRC lines
-  Precincts impacted
-  Proposed precincts consistent with IRC Lines
-  New precinct
-  Highways



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 Proposed Precincts

BOS Districts Adopted on Sept. 13, 2011



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 Highways



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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS: FEBRUARY 21, 2012

COMPARISON OF RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO SEPT 13, 2011 ADOPTED AND TO CURRENT BOS DISTRICTS

Total population

Total population deviation from target population if all districts had equal population of 196,052

Percent of the population that are minorities

Percent of the population that are registered voters

Percent of registered voters that voted in 2008 and 2010 general elections

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS TO SEPT 13, 2011 ADOPTED BOS DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	TOT_POP	TOT_PO_DEV	%BLACK_AA	%AM_INDIAN	%ASIAN	%HAWAIIAN	%HISPANIC	%MINORITY	%REG VOTERS	%VOTER TURNOUT 08	%VOTER TURNOUT 10
1	196488	435	1.74	0.73	3.59	0.10	16.27	23.80	61.77	86.45	72.67
2	194686	-1367	5.55	2.84	2.08	0.20	53.84	64.61	38.36	71.44	55.51
3	196003	50	3.22	6.67	2.35	0.20	33.06	45.97	45.26	77.47	62.52
4	197799	1746	3.59	0.91	2.53	0.18	17.36	25.97	59.75	85.87	72.71
5	195287	-766	3.61	5.52	2.58	0.14	52.59	63.64	43.10	71.37	57.13

SEPT 13, 2011 ADOPTED BOS DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	TOT_POP	TOT_PO_DEV	%BLACK_AA	%AM_INDIAN	%ASIAN	%HAWAIIAN	%HISPANIC	%MINORITY	%REG VOTERS	%VOTER TURNOUT 08	%VOTER TURNOUT 10
1	196647	594	1.74	0.73	3.59	0.10	16.31	23.86	61.75	86.45	72.67
2	194686	-1367	5.55	2.84	2.08	0.20	53.84	64.61	38.36	71.44	55.51
3	196242	189	3.22	6.66	2.34	0.20	33.12	46.03	45.29	77.47	62.52
4	197422	1369	3.59	0.90	2.53	0.18	17.33	25.95	59.77	85.89	72.74
5	195266	-787	3.61	5.52	2.58	0.14	52.60	63.65	43.08	71.36	57.12

CURRENT BOS DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	TOT_POP	TOT_PO_DEV	%BLACK_AA	%AM_INDIAN	%ASIAN	%HAWAIIAN	%HISPANIC	%MINORITY	%REG VOTERS	%VOTER TURNOUT 08	%VOTER TURNOUT 10
1	189222	-6831	1.77	0.74	3.59	0.11	16.10	23.72	61.60	86.41	72.53
2	198263	2210	5.41	2.98	2.02	0.19	55.61	66.21	38.04	70.73	54.94
3	199347	3294	3.21	6.61	2.39	0.20	33.82	46.69	44.98	77.24	62.26
4	214983	18930	3.58	0.93	2.49	0.18	17.46	26.07	59.89	85.78	72.71
5	178448	-17605	3.65	5.68	2.70	0.14	52.19	63.48	42.98	71.30	57.00