Involving Everyone in Redistricting

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1. Initially hold public meetings to give information on goals and process.
   a. Notify well beforehand (newspaper, website, social media)
   b. Record it
   c. Language interpreter
2. Direct public to website for additional information, updates and status.
3. Provide web form for taking in suggestions and input.
4. Provide web mapping tool to take in suggestions and input.
5. Display submitted web map plans at outreach events (will probably get a few from political community).
6. Involve community groups.
7. Involve local jurisdictions.
8. Hold hearings when complete to show final results.

Replicating 2017
Voting Precinct Changes

Final Precinct plans were submitted to the Board of Supervisors on 10/1/2017 and were approved on 12/1/2017 at a public board meeting. View the approved map here.

All changes to existing precincts and 26 new precincts will be implemented on January 1, 2018.

The Maricopa County Recorder’s Office has been processing the voting precincts in a systematic and fair manner to ensure that all precincts are equal in size and population. The process for conducting this work includes gathering data from various sources, such as the U.S. Census Bureau, and using that data to create new precinct boundaries that meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and other applicable laws.

The number of voting precincts has increased over the years, from 95 in 2017 to 152 in 2018. This increase is due to demographic changes and the need to ensure that all precincts are equal in size and population.

The new precinct boundaries are designed to provide fair representation to all voters in the county. The process for creating these boundaries involves meeting with community groups and organizations to gather input and feedback, as well as conducting public hearings to ensure that all voices are heard.

For more information about the voting precinct changes, please visit the Maricopa County Recorder’s Office website at maricopa.gov/recorder.
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Online web mapping tool:
- Can begin the plan using the current boundaries or a blank slate and restart at any time.
- Select Voting Precincts and assign to districts.
- In District Type, can choose Supervisor (BOS) or Justice (JP).
- View overlapping geographies by enabling them in the layer list.
- View Demographics and Voter Totals as plan changes.
- When complete, check-in the plan.

Map Layers & Aerial Photos

District configuration tools

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Navigation, Graphics, & Tools
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Lessons Learned:
1. Begin planning early
2. Take paper maps to outreach meetings (they will get drawn or and public can better explain their thoughts)
3. Record public meetings
4. Make sure you get a notification when someone submits a web map plan.
5. Give plenty of time after public comment closes to review suggestions and make changes (many will come last minute)
Thank You!

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