

As a result of the 2010 census, political district boundaries will be changed. Below is a summary of the redistricting process.

- **What is redistricting?**

- Redistricting is the process of changing constituency boundaries.
 - Each state has its own standards for creating Congressional and legislative districts.
 - In Arizona, redistricting occurs each decade in response to official census results.
 - Councilmembers must reside in their district.

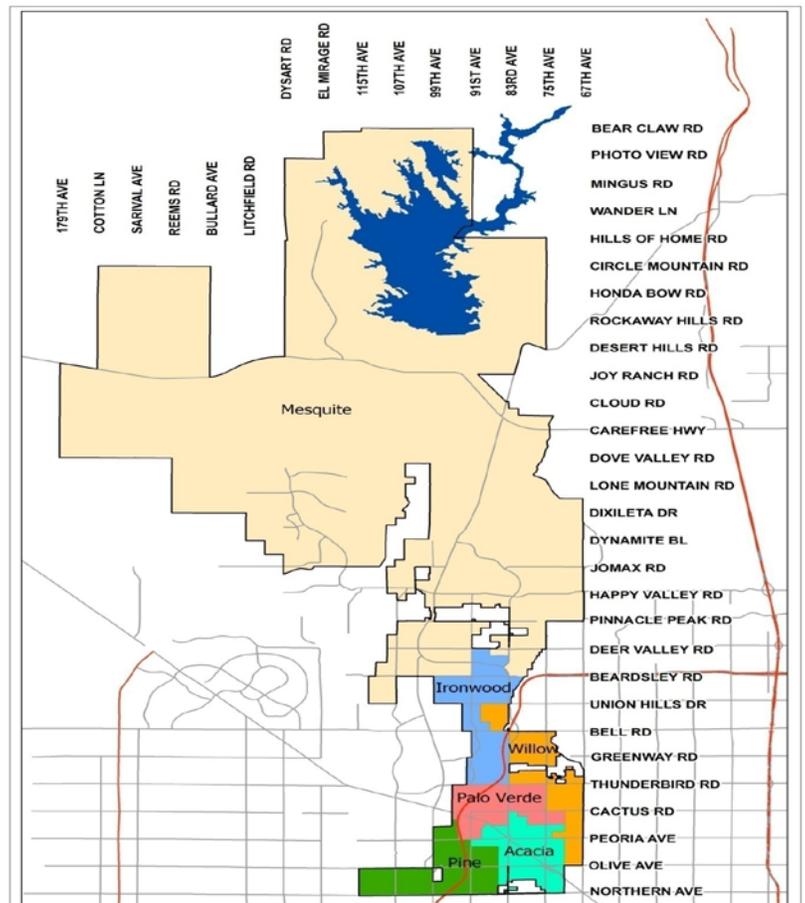
- **Why redistrict?**

- Equalization of the population of districts.
 - Comply with Federal Dept. of Justice requirements, including criteria such as:
 - Maintain minority voting blocks
 - Maintain communities of interest
 - Create contiguous districts
 - Avoiding boundaries drawn for purposes of partisan advantage or incumbent protection.

- **City of Peoria current district status:**

- In 2000, Peoria adopted districts based on a population of 108,000 residents.
 - District populations were set, ranging from 17,100 - 18,900 residents.

Right: City of Peoria district division map.



- **City of Peoria responsibility - information collection:**
 - Annexations since 2000, population, minority population, and projected housing development;
 - Past elections, canvasses, voting patterns, minority or majority block voting;
 - Communities of interest, areas that are viewed as a local community;
 - Development patterns since 2000, how population and minority population may have been impacted.

- **Expectations of Census 2010:**
 - Peoria's population is anticipated to be approximately 160,000 residents.
 - District populations are expected to range from 26,066 - 27,334.
 - Mesquite district has experienced considerable growth since 2000 resulting in an expected 2010 population of approximately 55,000.

- **Impact on current district boundaries:**
 - Pine, Acacia, Palo Verde, Willow, and Ironwood Districts will see their northern boundaries move further north.
 - Palo Verde and Willow Districts will see their southern boundaries move north.
 - Mesquite District will be reduced in size at a natural dividing point, such as Happy Valley Road.

- **Federal redistricting priorities:**
 - Minimizing minority population regression in the Acacia district.
 - Some regression is expected due to increases in income levels; substantiation is necessary to confirm it is not the result of governmental action.

- **What's next - short term:**
 - Citizen input meetings will be scheduled in each district.
 - December 2010
 - Citizens will have the opportunity to submit kits depicting their own redistricting diagram.
 - Citizen kits will be available online, at city service locations and by mail. There will be various ways to return the kits.
 - Council members will be interviewed on their expectations for the district.
 - Networking will be conducted with the County regarding precinct boundaries.
 - Winter 2010
 - Networking will be conducted with Minority Interest Groups on their expectations.
 - Spring 2011

- **What's next – long term:**

- Receipt of initial Census information is due in February or March, 2011.
- Initial redistricting concepts will be developed by legal staff based on census data, input from citizens, Minority Interest Groups, Councilmembers and County.
- Draft concepts will be reviewed by Justice Department to validate minority blocks, communities of interest, physical and natural boundaries, county and city limits.
- Public meetings will be held to review the concepts.
 - Public submission of comments on the concepts will be accepted.
- Based on the concepts and all input, staff will bring multiple proposals to the City Council for their input in a study session where Council will identify the top choices.
- Top concept choices will be brought back to Council for a final vote.

- **Recap:**

- Council study session to identify preferred options- summer 2011.
- Review of final options for legal and elections conformity.
- Submission of recommended option for Council approval in August 2011.
- Submission of approved option to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance.
- **New Boundaries will apply in 2012 elections.**