

**TOWN OF PAYSON  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
August 4, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 303 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Rich Richey, First Church of the Nazarene.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Debra Galbraith - Town Manager, Tim Wright - Town Attorney, Don Engler - Police Chief, and Cameron Davis - Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tracie Bailey - Deputy Town Clerk and Gaye Stidham - Deputy Town Clerk

**A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (SPEAKER'S REQUEST FORM SUBMITTED)**

There were no public comments.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Items listed on the agenda with an asterisk are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion.**

**Motion:** to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Moved by Council Member Ed Blair, seconded by Council Member Su Connell.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

**C. CURRENT EVENTS PRESENTATION BY THE TOWN MANAGER, MAYOR, AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBER**

1. Brief presentation of current events by the Town Manager, Mayor, and/or Council Members. The Arizona Open Meeting Law specifies that the Town Council may not discuss or take action on any matter mentioned during this presentation or on the attached materials unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

2. Documents, materials and information for Council review. (The Council will not discuss or take action on the attached; they are provided for information only)

There were no documents for Council review.

Cameron Davis, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director, announced it was rodeo month in Payson. The August Doins Rodeo started August 18th and went through to the 21st. Friday night would kick off tough enough to were pink. The parade was on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. on Main Street. The Southwest Indian Finals Rodeo had agreed to come to Payson the 27th and 28th of August.

Don Engler, Police Chief, reported National Night Out had gone very well. It was difficult to determine how many people attended because people came and went throughout the day. The August 2nd block parties went well. Chief Engler wanted to show appreciation to all who participated.

Council Member Connell announced August 13th there was a fundraiser for Greg Day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Macky's and that Greg was progressing fairly well in his treatment.

#### **D. CEREMONIAL; ANNOUNCEMENTS; PRESENTATIONS; INTRODUCTIONS**

1. Comments, Commendations, and Presentations by Mayor, Council Members, and/or Town Staff.

Mayor Evans presented Council Member Carpenter with a birthday card and wished him happy birthday.

2. **Proclamation.** Mayor Evans read into the record a proclamation declaring August 18 through 21, 2011 as Rodeo Days in Payson. John Landino, Payson Pro-Rodeo Committee, was present to accept the proclamation.

Mr. Landino thanked the Council.

#### **E. MINUTES**

1. \*Council Meeting Minutes:

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**\*CONSENT\* APPROVAL**

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES (Note: Minutes of various boards/commissions/committees are for Council information only and may or may not have been approved by the respective board/commission.)

2. \*Payson Advisory Youth Council:

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3. \*Parks and Recreation Commission:
  - 04.13.11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 1 - 4  
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4. \*Design Review Board:
  - 04.12.11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 165 - 166
  - 05.10.11 Regular Meeting Minutes Pages 167 - 168  
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## F. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

1. **Public Hearing.** Mayor Evans opened the Public Hearing concerning an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by LeLand Schwein, agent, B.P.O. Elk's Lodge #2154, to raise funds for Elk's charities to be held at the Elk's Lodge, 1206 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

There were no public comments. Mayor Evans closed the public hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve an application for a Special Event Liquor License filed by LeLand Schwein, agent, B.P.O. Elk's Lodge #2154, to raise funds for Elk's charities to be held at the Elk's Lodge, 1206 North Beeline Highway, Payson, Arizona, Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m.

Moved by Council Member Fred Carpenter, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

## G. RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

1. \* As Council, staff, and the audience have the titles to all resolutions and ordinances, authorization to forego verbal title readings.  
\*CONSENT\* APPROVED
2. **Resolution No. 2622.** Mayor Evans opened discussion/possible action concerning Resolution No. 2622 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPOINTING THE THIRD INITIAL DIRECTOR TO THE RIM COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY.

Mayor Evans explained the third nominee was Dean Martin, former Arizona State Treasurer.

**Motion:** to Approve Resolution No. 2622 captioned as follows: A RESOLUTION

OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, APPOINTING THE THIRD INITIAL DIRECTOR TO THE RIM COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY.  
Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

Council Member Blair expressed concern that Mr. Martin did not live in the area. Mayor Evans explained this was a state entity and they wanted a balance of people from different areas. Mr. Martin was the first that was not a Payson resident. Mr. Martin had political experience and was the former State Treasurer.

Mayor Evans called for the vote.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

3. **Ordinance No. 808.** Mayor Evans opened the Second Reading and Public Hearing concerning Ordinance No. 808 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 30.04 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE COUNCIL.

Mayor Evans explained this brought the Town into compliance with State Code. There were no public comments. Mayor Evans closed the Second Reading and Public Hearing.

**Motion:** to Approve Ordinance No. 808 captioned as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 30.04 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAYSON, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE COUNCIL.

Moved by Council Member Su Connell, seconded by Council Member John Wilson.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items in this section.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

1. \* **Council Decision Request.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a Council Decision Request, filed by Donald Engler, Police Chief, to approve the fiscal year 2011 Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$12,361.00 and the associated Memorandum of Understanding.

**\*CONSENT\* APPROVED**

2. **Presentation** by Shirley Dye re: state legislative redistricting, potential redistricting maps, and what district Payson would be placed in.

Shirley Dye thanked the Council. Ms Dye explained there had been a huge amount of interaction at the public meetings and went over the different proposed maps. Ms. Dye urged the Council to support keeping Legislative District 5 intact with the addition of Camp Verde.

Council Member Carpenter asked Ms. Dye if she had talked to people in Camp Verde. Ms. Dye replied yes, she had gone to a Camp Verde Council meeting and to a Cottonwood Regional Chamber Mixer.

Council Member Connell asked which scenario Ms. Dye was talking about. Ms. Dye responded the scenarios in the handout were from the Flagstaff paper. For the Legislative District 5 proposal reference Friends of Legislative District 5.

Mayor Evans stated he had received a call from the Graham County Chairman who felt Payson should strongly support this.

Council Member Blair expressed public appreciation for Ms. Dye's work on this and felt a resolution of support would be appropriate. Ms. Dye noted on the second page of the handout there was a call to action to send in a resolution.

Don Ascoli lived in Verde Glen and was Chairman of the Gila County Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission worked diligently to help move the County forward. Mr. Ascoli went over the guidelines and felt the proposed Legislative District 5 met those requirements. Mr. Ascoli urged the Council to adopt a resolution to support this and thanked the Council.

Council Member Carpenter asked if the Council could do anything. Tim Wright, Town Attorney, believed Council could say they support it.

Council Member Blair asked what the time frame was for making a recommendation. Ms. Dye explained they had to have a grid made up based on public comment by August 15th then another thirty days of public meetings and then it is turned in again. It had to be done by October and sent to the Department of Justice.

Council Member Carpenter expressed his support for the proposal.

**Motion:** to strongly support the proposal of the Friends of Legislative District 5 relative to the redistricting proposal.

Moved by Council Member Fred Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Ed Blair.

**Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 0

Yes: Mayor Kenny J. Evans, Vice-Mayor Michael Hughes, Council Member Ed Blair, Council Member Fred Carpenter, Council Member Su Connell, Council Member Richard Croy, and Council Member John Wilson.

**J. CLAIMS**

- 1. \* **List of checks.** Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, a list of checks paid from July 13, 2011 through July 27, 2011, Check Nos. 14800 through 015041, and authorization to file the checks for audit.  
\***CONSENT\* APPROVED**

**K. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1. \* Council approved, on the Consent Agenda, the approval of **Dillon Walker as Chair, Austin Shannon as Vice-Chair and Tyler Aguirre as Secretary** of the Payson Advisory Youth Council.  
\***CONSENT\* APPROVED**

**L. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Evans adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:11 p.m.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Kenny J. Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Silvia Smith, Town Clerk

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Payson held on this day the 4 of August, 2011. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Tracie Bailey, Deputy Town Clerk

## Proposal to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission regarding Legislative District 5

Based on the 2010 Census, each legislative district needs to have between 207,740 and 218,393 people in each district. The target population should be approximately 213,067 people in each district.

Legislative District 5 (LD5) is currently made up of the Southern parts of Navajo and Apache Counties, plus Greeley, Graham and Gila Counties. After the 2010 census LD5 is shown to be short 20,809 persons.

LD5 needs to pick up approximately 21,000 people to bring it close to the target population for a District.

By adding the community population of **Camp Verde** (which is currently in LD1) to LD5, it brings LD5 to within 700 people of the population target limit. LD5 would maintain its compact, contiguous, and competitive criteria.

The addition of **Camp Verde's** population to LD5 makes perfect sense. **Camp Verde's** rural and tourist community of interests has far more in common with LD5 than the majority of LD4 or LD1. Just 40 miles west down the mountain from Strawberry, Pine, Payson, and Star Valley; small town **Camp Verde** is very similar to the majority of Rural LD5 with its ranching, farming, forest, and tourist attractions. These similar communities united along Hwy 260 beginning with Camp Verde, through Payson, all the way to Show Low form the northern part of LD5. But **Camp Verde** can also identify with the communities along Hwy 188 all the way to Southern Gila County and into Graham County .

The LD5 minority majority Hispanic voting bloc in Greenlee, Southern Gila and Graham counties; and its minority majority Native American Apache voting bloc in Gila County will remain approximately the same percentages of the total district voters, protecting their voting interests. The White Mountain and San Carlos Apache generally desire to remain in LD5.

LD5 with the addition of Camp Verde will be very well balanced politically and competitively.

There is no reason for a massive reconfiguration of Legislative District 5 when a simple shift of population from **Camp Verde** into LD5 meets all the Redistricting requirements. The total population would be only 700 people short of the exact target population. In the area of the Voting Rights Act, our minority majority populations are in compliance. Our communities of interest are maintained with Camp Verde fitting right in with our historic pioneer ranching and farming interests. The LD5 boundaries remain intact bordered by I-40 on the north and US 70 on the south, except for the new inclusion of **Camp Verde** which has been rather an island to itself surrounded by public lands and far away from the main populations of LD1 or LD4.

**We request that the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission maintain the existing configuration of Legislative District 5 but with the inclusion of Camp Verde. Thank You !!**

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## CALL TO ACTION

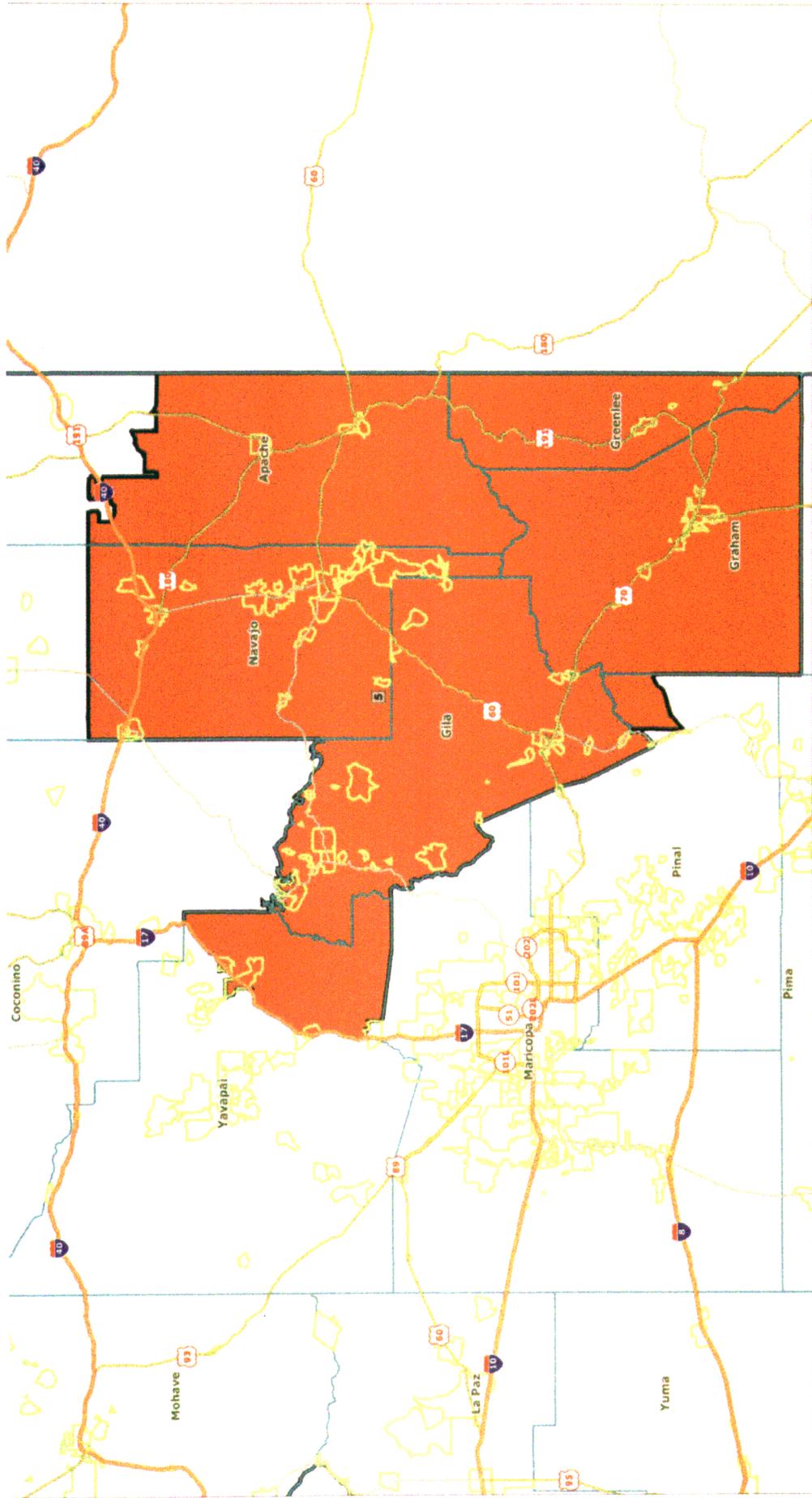
Please contact the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission with support for leaving Legislative District 5 basically intact with the minor addition of the Camp Verde Community to bring it into full compliance with the IRC rules.

Contact: Independent Redistricting Commission  
1100 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007  
Website: [www.azredistricting.org](http://www.azredistricting.org)  
Phone: 602-542-5221, Fax: 602-542-5236

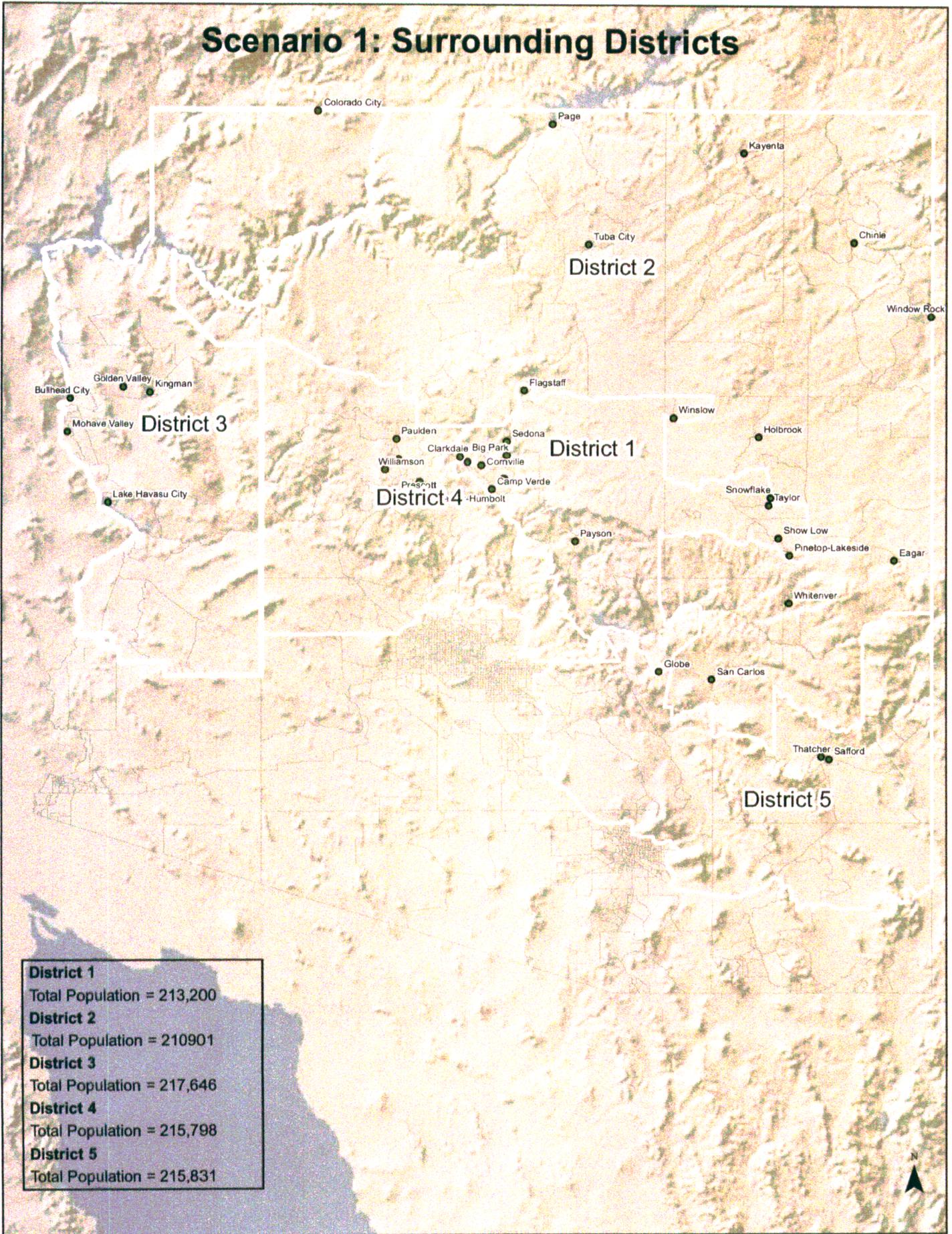
Executive Director: Raymond Blandine  
Chairman: Colleen Coyle Mathis  
Vice Chairman: Scott Day freeman  
Vice Chairman: Jose M. Herrera  
Member: Linda C McNulty  
Member: Richard P. Sterts

**Thank you** from an unofficial group of LD5 residents who share a great interest in the results of County and State redistricting efforts.

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# Scenario 1: Surrounding Districts

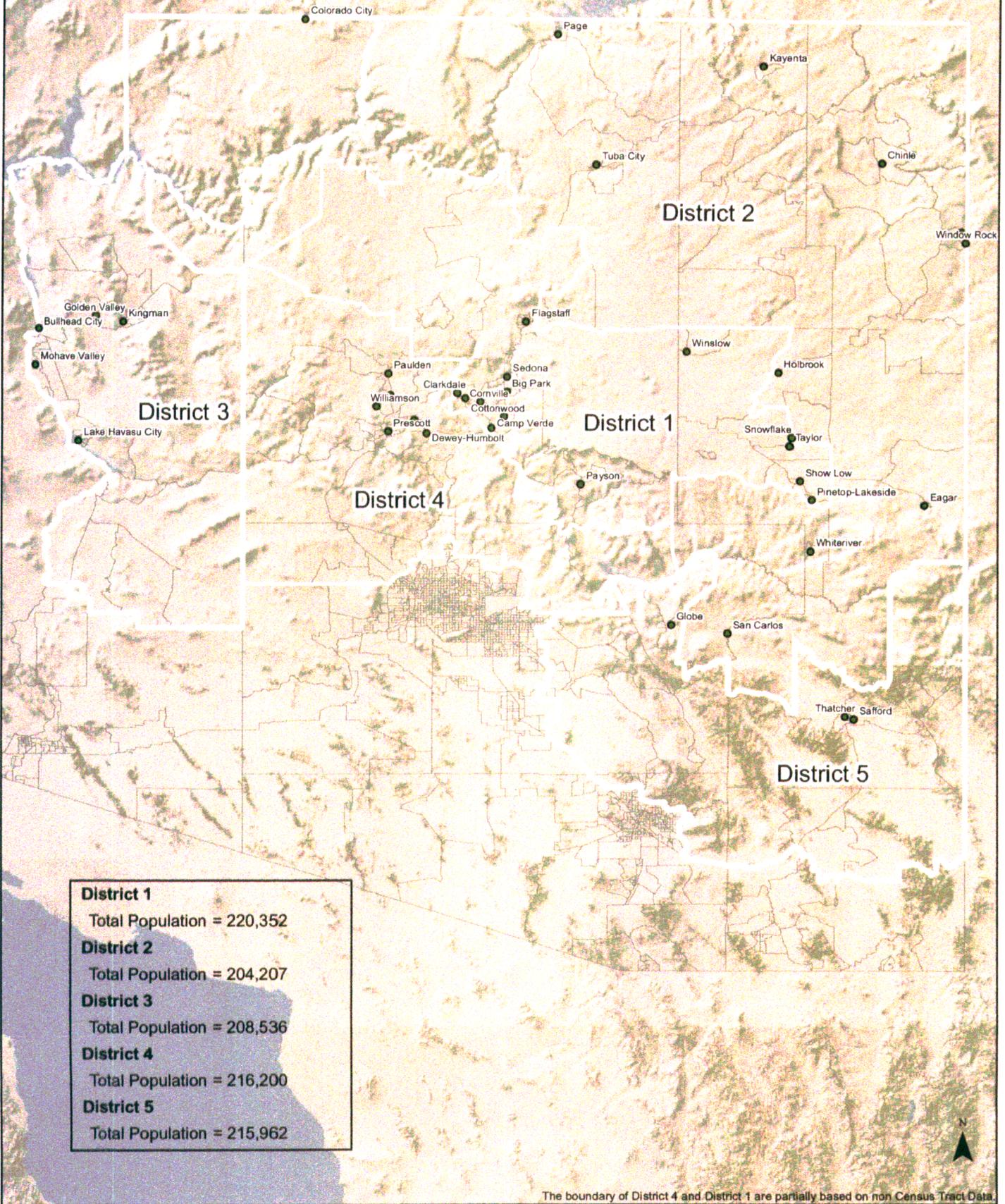


<b>District 1</b>
Total Population = 213,200
<b>District 2</b>
Total Population = 210,901
<b>District 3</b>
Total Population = 217,646
<b>District 4</b>
Total Population = 215,798
<b>District 5</b>
Total Population = 215,831

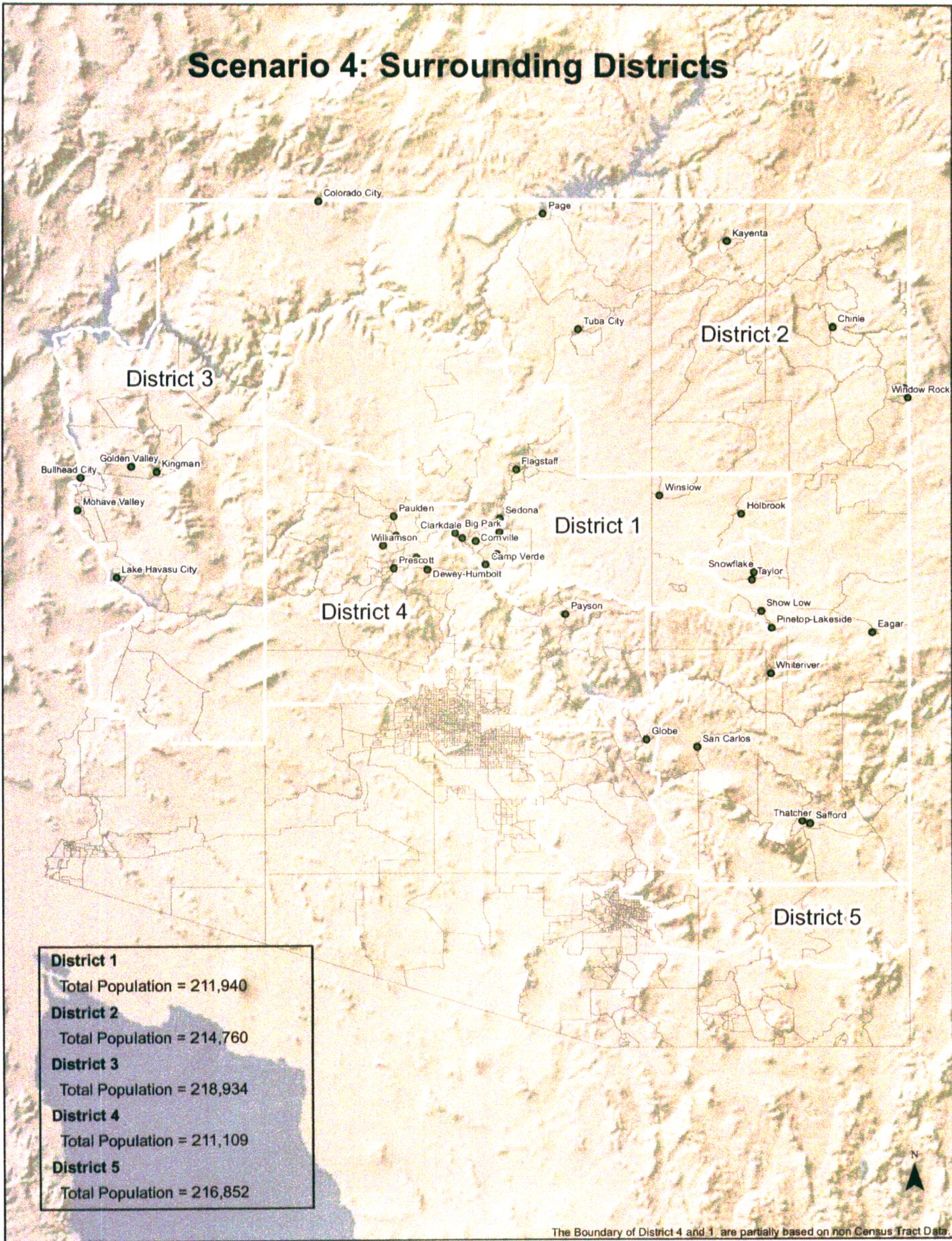




# Scenario 3: Surrounding Districts



# Scenario 4: Surrounding Districts



The Boundary of District 4 and 1 are partially based on non Census Tract Data.