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The Honorable Janice K. Brewer  
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The Honorable Chad Campbell  
Arizona House of Representatives  
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Re: Resignation from Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Dear Governor Brewer, Representative Campbell and Chair Mathis:

After careful consideration, I have decided to resign from the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission. This decision is not an easy one for me, but I have been increasingly disturbed by the tone of the meetings and the effect of the pending lawsuits on the Commissioners and the Commission.

Since we approved the maps in January 2012, our meetings have been unproductive and, at times, toxic. There is now little trust among the Commissioners, and the Commissioners who opposed the maps that the Commission approved show little trust in the Commission's attorneys and staff. In recent months, Commissioners have testified in depositions and in federal court against their fellow Commissioners. I have found myself defending my decisions as a Commissioner in court and in depositions even though there is a thorough, transparent record of the Commission's work.

I am proud of the work that the Commission did to adopt Arizona's new legislative and congressional districts. But I feel that my work on the Commission is no longer productive. I have concluded that it is best for me to resign effective immediately. It has been an honor to serve the State of Arizona as a member of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.

Respectfully,

  
Jose M. Herrera

cc: The Honorable Ken Bennett, Arizona Secretary of State, The Honorable Rebecca Berch, Arizona Supreme Court, Chair, Commission on Appellate Court Appointments