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NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE CITY OF BUCKEYE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OR OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTED BOARD: PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE A QUORUM PRESENT BUT THERE WILL BE NO VOTING TAKING PLACE BY THE CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OR OTHER COUNCIL APPOINTED BOARD AT THIS MEETING.

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021
AGENDA**

**Council Chambers
530 E. Monroe Ave.
Buckeye, AZ 85326
5:00 PM**

Accessibility for all persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Please telephone your accommodation request (623) 349-6911, 72 hours in advance if you need a sign language interpreter or alternate materials for a visual or hearing impairment.

Voting Members will either attend in person or by telephone conference call or video presentation. Items listed may be considered in any order

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

This meeting will be open to the public. Adherence to COVID-19 safety measures are recommended.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Council Discussion and Action to Establish Priorities for State Legislative Districts.**
- 2.A** Council to take action regarding approval of priorities related to City interests including water, communities, growth, agriculture, preferences for state legislative district boundaries and Buckeye's proximity to neighboring cities and sharing communities of interest, shared use of infrastructure, and legislative boundary preferences.
Summary: The Buckeye City Council will take action on the recommended priorities for state legislative districts. The priorities will be used to advise the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission on the boundaries for state legislative districts that include the City of Buckeye.
Staff Liaison: George Diaz, Governmental Relations Manager, gdiaz@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6996
- 3. Council will make a motion to adjourn the meeting**

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Regular and Special Council Meeting
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/14/21	AGENDA ITEM: 2.A. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Recommendations
DATE PREPARED: 12/13/21	DISTRICT NO.:
STAFF LIAISON: George Diaz, Governmental Relations Manager, gdiaz@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6996	
DEPARTMENT: City Clerk	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Public Meeting / Non Consent - New Business

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council) Council to take action regarding approval of priorities related to City interests including water, communities, growth, agriculture, preferences for state legislative district boundaries and Buckeye's proximity to neighboring cities and sharing communities of interest, shared use of infrastructure, and legislative boundary preferences.

RELEVANT GOALS:

GOAL 5: Responsive and Accountable Government and Effective Public Services

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Buckeye City Council will take action on the recommended priorities for state legislative districts. The priorities will be used to advise the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission on the boundaries for state legislative districts that include the City of Buckeye.

BENEFITS:

The City will provide input to the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission for the boundaries for state legislative districts that include the City of Buckeye.

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Buckeye Redistricting Discussion Outline 12.10.21.pdf](#)

[Recommended Priorities for State Legislative Districts 12.13.21.pdf](#)

Buckeye Redistricting Discussion Outline 12.10.21

Six Criteria

1. Compliance with the U.S. Constitution and the Voting Rights Act,
2. Equal population (240,000)
3. Compactness and contiguousness,
4. Respect for communities of interest,
5. Incorporation of visible geographic features, including city, town and county boundaries, as well as undivided census tracts; and
6. Creation of competitive districts where there is no significant detriment to other goals.

Background

- A) Story behind Yuma connecting to Tucson or Buckeye.
- B) Story between Yuma and Glendale.
- C) Why support Yuma plan? Best starting point.

Communities of Interest

- A) What are Buckeye's communities of interest?
- B) Definition of community of interest – A community of interest is a neighborhood, community, or group of people who have common policy concerns and would benefit from being maintained in a single district.
- C) Prioritize communities of interest.

What kind of district(s) are best for Buckeye?

- A) What features do we want districts to have?
- B) More or fewer districts?
- C) Connected to Yuma or West Valley?
- D) How far north, south, east and west should the districts go?
- E) Where is it okay for Buckeye to be divided into a different district?
- F) Prioritize features.

Recommended Priorities for State Legislative Districts

Communities of interest in order of priority -

1. Water – specifically developing new water resources
2. Fast growth
3. Agriculture

First priorities for state redistricting are -

- Using Interstate 10, State Route 85 and 303 as lines for legislative districts that include Buckeye so that communities of interest are not divided. For example, the communities of Festival, Verrado, historical Buckeye, Tartesso, and Sundance cannot be divided.
- Prefer to be included in legislative districts with the cities of Goodyear and Litchfield Park.

Support for this preference comes from

1. Buckeye's proximity to these cities,
 2. Sharing critical communities of interest and
 3. Our exploring sharing construction and use of infrastructure like water treatment facilities.
- Out of respect for compactness and contiguity, Buckeye's preference is for any eastern boundary of our legislative districts not extend beyond Dysart Road.

Secondary priorities for redistricting are -

- Prefer for Buckeye to be in fewer legislative districts. If possible, for districts to connect to both the west valley and Yuma.
- Northern boundary of legislative district that includes Buckeye should extend at least to the Patton Road alignment so that the legislative district can include new developments (what are the names of these developments?).

Preferred plan/map - Yuma Gold/LD0057. The map can be viewed here – <https://irc-az.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=803b337509c4458aa37b08c7e66f8470&layers=7c83e9ba5535467ca0535087065be02e>