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Commission Meeting

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My name is Austin Weahkee, I live in Albuquerque but I am Cochiti, Zuni and Navajo, and I wanted to leave my public comments on the maps which are currently being considered by the Sandoval County Commission. I want to urge the committee not support these maps because they badly gerrymander tribal communities, including my own pueblo of Cochiti and packs them all into one district. While I understand the effort to create Native Majority districts, it's important to remember that "tribes" are not a monolith, and that without consultation, it isn't reasonable to pack them in as if they are. We believe that these maps which are currently being considered represent a textbook example of "Packing" and urge the committee not to support, as these maps sequester the native vote into a single district which limits their ability to have influence on a more equitable scale throughout the district. I hope the commission will see that it has made decisions on behalf of these communities, to our knowledge fully without their consent, and at the very least that they deserve some ability for input for decisions which will heavily effect them for at least the next 10 years.