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Commission Meeting

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**Comments:**

SHAME on the Sandoval County Commission to continue to use a colonizer mindset against the Native Americans in our county! You cannot continue to ignore the Native Communities in Sandoval. Asking for input is the very least the Commission should do. ALL stakeholders should be brought to the table in order to reach a consensus.

It is unconscionable that the County Commission is using their authority to redistrict in such a blatantly partisan manner. In spite of Chair Heil using his bully pulpit to hammer Isaac Chavez on the "Six Principles of Redistricting," EVERY plan, INCLUDING PLAN D, put forth by the Commission's crony, Rod Adair, is organized in order to create a power stronghold that violates most, if not in some cases - all, of the Six Principles!

The Fair Sandoval Plan is the only plan that respects the pluralistic makeup of the county. Native Americans account for roughly 11% of Sandoval County's population, and the Fair Sandoval Plan concentrates them in two districts at twice their overall percentage of the county as a whole. This makes Native Americans a formidable voting block and allows them to influence a majority on the commission. Having two commissioners who will concern themselves with the needs of Sandoval's many diverse pueblos gives individual communities a better chance of having their concerns heard.

The Fair Sandoval Plan also pays heed to the needs of Hispanics in Sandoval County by having three commission districts in which Hispanics make up a larger share of population than Whites. Most other plans produced have four districts in which Whites outnumber Hispanics in a county with 38.7% of its population Hispanic and 42.6% White.

THE ONLY EQUITABLE OPTION IS THE REVISED AND INCLUSIVE FAIR SANDOVAL PLAN!