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Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Respective Sandoval County Commissioners:

Please accept my comments regarding the Sandoval County Commissioners proposal of the redrawing of Sandoval County Commission Districts.

My comments are directed to the Plan D map proposed by New Mexico Demographic Research President, John Adair.

Plan D is the lumping of New Mexico Sandoval County tribes into one district, which is historically inaccurate as each tribe has certain needs pertaining to their locations, infrastructure, education, broadband, economic and environmental needs.

Each tribe in Sandoval County is unique. And even though the Pueblo Nations are affiliated in cultural aspects they are nonetheless uniquely different and separate in their sovereign needs. For example, the Navajo Tribe has Chapters that are organized under the umbrella of the Navajo Nation and their economy is guided by coal and oil and gas production, whereas each Pueblo has its own separate and distinct relationship and do not support oil and gas. Inherent conflicts between tribes involving lumping all New Mexico Sandoval County Tribes together is the wrong approach.

Mr. Adair's failure to involve Native voices in consultation of the proposed Plan D map is in itself repulsive. Plan D map places 80 percent of Sandoval County's Native population into one district which will create a scene of one-party control over its Native population.

Adair's assertion that the current maps "crack" or disperse Native voices and influence is wrong. The current maps have allowed each district proportional to representation. Adair's Plan D map takes away the voices of many and will silence us for decades. The heavily gerrymandered Plan D map is misguided and inaccurate.

I urge the Sandoval County Commissioners to do the right thing and vote against the Plan D map.

In the alternative, I urge you to vote for the "Eichwald Plan" which supports a Native American presence in two commission districts. The "Eichwald Plan" has also earned the support of support of Native representatives from Sandoval County Pueblos.

Thank you!

Comments presented by Ann Chavez Barudin/Kewa Pueblo, New Mexico