



## Redistricting Talking Points

### HOUSE MAPS

1. The Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce is opposed to the House Concept Maps "A" – "B" – and "C". The Chamber would encourage the committee to pick one of the concepts that does not place District 9 into another county. Concepts "A" – "B" – and "C" all include three (3) San Juan County precincts. These are clearly different communities of interest and the County Line makes for a logical dividing line. All of the others at least make sense in keeping one district exclusively in McKinley County. Because Concepts "A" – "B" and "C" have 95% of District 9 in McKinley County with only three (3) precincts in San Juan County it creates a disproportionate and unfair representation which would allow the San Juan County Commission to weigh-in and have an unequal influence should there be a vacancy. McKinley County Commissioners should be solely responsible for creating the list of potential replacements should a vacancy occur for any reason. The Gallup McKinley County Chamber encourages this committee, when possible to try to have as many districts throughout the state fall within a single county's lines.
2. The Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and its strong membership of over 475 businesses is one of the most active organizations in Gallup/McKinley County. We serve as an advocate for our business community at the local, state, and federal legislative levels. We require that we have the ability for daily access to our State Representatives and Senators. While we are afforded that access during Gallup/McKinley Day during the legislative sessions we rarely see Senator Pinto or Representative Jeff when issues are pressing for the city or county.



## Senate Maps

1. The Gallup community is quite unique, not only in New Mexico but in the Nation. We are a very diverse community and perhaps the only city with a Native American majority within its boundaries. We have very different communities of interest in our area. The City of Gallup and the Navajo Nation come together in unique ways. The most important requisites to be considered when the House and Senate Districts are drawn include such things as different judicial courts, different taxing authority, also, different land use and ownership. The needs of both communities are great, however they are quite different and it is difficult to represent both interests effectively for elected officials. We believe it is in the best interest of both the Navajo Nation and City of Gallup to have representation in the State Legislature split in such a way that all will be represented fairly and equally.