

ARIZONA

INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
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Dear Ms. Perry,

Thank you for providing us with a final report draft of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission Audit. We appreciate the opportunity to respond. Attached, please find our final response to the audit findings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Neumann

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Deputy Director
Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission

Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) did not process a commissioner expense reimbursement in accordance with State policy, contributing to improper overpayments of nearly \$1,600

Recommendation 1: The IRC should reimburse commissioner expenses, including at State-approved lodging rates, in accordance with SAAM.

IRC response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The IRC has sunsetted and will not be submitting any further expense or travel reimbursements. A new Commission will be appointed in 2030, and should follow the Auditor General's recommendation.

Recommendation 2: The IRC should develop and implement written policies and procedures for processing commissioner expense reimbursements, including:

IRC response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The IRC has sunsetted and will not be submitting any further expense or travel reimbursements. A new Commission will be appointed in 2030, and should follow the Auditor General's recommendation.

Recommendation 2a: Requirements for conducting a detailed review and approval to ensure expense reimbursement align with the rates outlined in SAAM, such as comparing supporting documentation to the allowable reimbursement scheduled in SAAM.

IRC response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The IRC has sunsetted and will not be submitting any further expense or travel reimbursements. A new Commission will be appointed in 2030, and should follow the Auditor General's recommendation.

Recommendation 2b: A process to detect duplicate reimbursement requests, such as performing a reconciliation of the transactions processed by CSB against the documentation provided to CSB.

IRC response: The finding of the Auditor General is agreed to and the audit recommendation will be implemented.

Response explanation: The IRC has sunsetted and will not be submitting any further expense or travel reimbursements. A new Commission will be appointed in 2030, and should follow the Auditor General's recommendation.