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For the purposes of the public watching and for the public record I will now turn to the Department of State staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location as well. We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present, attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Adoption of the agenda first.

Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you I'd like to add some new business.

As you're aware the subcommittee on the local legal counsel met this morning and has a recommendation.

I would suggest we put that under new business as 6B.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent do you have a rough time estimate too that we want to help us with to help me I suppose facilitate that? Meaning do you think that is 20 minute or a half an hour?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How about five minutes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Five minutes thank you.

So under 6B new business subcommittee report.

Any other additions to the agenda or changes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second the motion to amend the agenda.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you we needed a second, I appreciate that thank you Commissioner Witjes first made by Commissioner Lett to amend the agenda

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seconded by Commissioner Witjes all in favor or discussion on the motion all in favor raise hand and say aye.

Opposed please raise your hand and same sign the ayes have it and the agenda is amended.

I will now seek approval for adopting the agenda please.

First by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett any discussion on the matter? All in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand the same sign the ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

As a reminder to the public watching you can view agenda at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

I skipped some places in my agenda so I'm reading this for the first time and you all will forgive me.

We are moving to in person public comment on agenda pertaining to agenda topics.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line please proceed.

>> Good morning. My name is Mike Werta, the president of UAW local 602 here in Lansing, Michigan. And my facility I represent is in Eaton County, and Lansing Delta Township. I represent 2300 members who are currently laid off. However that is a plant we have been at since 2006.

We have 5,000 retirees. Our sister plant local 652 is Lansing Grand River Plant, which is in Lansing, Michigan. They have approximately 2300 members also. And they have 10,000 retirees. So in this area alone with between those two assembly plants we have about 5,000 active folks and somewhere around 15,000 retirees.

First off, I want to thank you.

Couldn't have been fun. Probably been trying on your patience and travel and away from home. We appreciate what you have done.

Nothing is going to be perfect, but I'm here to do something that is probably pretty rare. I'm here to thank you and say job well done on what is I think the 8th Congressional District still, but will be the fifth if I have the number right.

Clinton, Eaton County, and Ingham County together is something that needs to happen. And in Eaton County, when my plant gets the power from Ingham County, my union hall is in Ingham County. Again, the plant is in Eaton County. The supplier plants to the plant in Ingham County, the Grand River plant are over in Eaton County. This area and the airport is in Clinton County. So when we bring in the logistics to have these two massive work sites, it's troubling to have the issue of going back and forth between what was or is now currently the 7th Congressional District and the 8th Congressional District

when we try to sort out problems dealing with our legislatures. So this will now be under one umbrella, knock on wood. I hope you keep it. And just, again, thank you for what you have done and what you continue to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for the thank you and for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number two.

>> Good morning. Steve with the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. It's great to see a lot of the Commissioners here again. Thank you. And it's good to see the 602 here. We have a very strong relationship with the UAW, General Motors, all of our trades.

But I wanted to say thank you too for all your work. And I think last, yeah, in August, I know you guys have had a lot of meetings, but just appreciated the Commission coming on to our virtual business roundtables, our Zoom roundtables. And I think it was fitting because if you look at the region, you have a tough job going on here, but the region in Lansing with the three counties, Clinton, Eaton and Ingham County. And then a little bit of Shiawassee, Gratiot. You guys are looking at this right now. But we are one region. And do have three obviously Congressional members that serve us. You look at some of the State Senate seat. But I think on the Federal level too where, again, all those folks are doing a great job. But I think we deserve to have one voice, one region here. And just on behalf of the Lansing Chamber I wanted to come in there and say thank to everybody for coming in. And also, you know, what the decisions you guys are going to make are big. And we do hope that you make the right decision.

But, again, thank you for your time, for listening.

It's good to see you Steve number one here.

But we would be happy, anything you guys need, just let us know, but thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Steve number two and for addressing the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Good to see Steve number two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are welcome. Three, please, yes.

>> Hello, hey, Steve number one.

I live down in Mason. And Steve helped me out for many years until I was 16 years old and first got my driver's license.

I want to address more of the State Senate District. And I do appreciate the coverage that we have in the whole section of Mason. I wish that there was more, currently held by Senator Tom Barrett.

And I feel that especially the reason I moved out to Mason was to start an organic farm and ranch out there. And it worked well with the officials on the northern side of Ingham County who didn't understand why my sheep were skinny and not bloated out like a commercial lamb would be.

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Believe it or not commercially raised lamb is supposed to be as wide as it is long because they force feed it a lot of grain and. Have you heard the expression bloated goat? And that is because it's bloated with gas.

You're supposed to cut its belly open and release the gas believe it or not. Well, in organic ranching, you don't feed it a lot of grain and corn. And you feed it grass and hay and they are not as fat and bloated.

So there is this disconnect with the out part of the District versus the two cities, East Lansing and Lansing where I grew up by the way.

And I believe the two cities you see them as far as the Senate seat would look like, they share fire chief, right, and they share the transit system, share a lot of commonalities and a lot of similar jobs which are vastly different. And that is my peace. And thank you very much for your time.

Good to see you, Mr. Lett

>> >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number four.

Please wait number four.

We need a quorum.

All right.

Please address the Commission number four.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can.

>> My name is Christine Walker and I live in Grand Ledge, in Eaton County.

I'd like to thank the Commissioners and their staff for all the efforts to draw fair Congressional and legislative maps.

Our state will be better served if communities and their concerns are placed ahead of partisanship and political considerations.

I'm here to commend the Commission for placing a high priority on keeping communities of interest together.

Specifically I wish to commend the Commission for keeping our try County region Clinton, Eaton and Ingham together within the same Congressional District.

This makes excellent sense to me since the Tri-Counties are formally recognized region for the purposes of land use, Federal groundwater's planning, in addition to educational services, mental health, healthcare, disability and aging, among others. Thank you for recognizing Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties as a community of interest as you draft Michigan's Congressional map.

And I respectfully encourage you to continue that approach as your process proceeds. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Do we have number five? We do.

Please approach and address the Commission when you're ready.

>> I will change that. My name is not Steve. It's Dylan.

It's a pleasure to see all of you here today. Good morning. First, I would like to start off by thanking you for taking the time to put together this community forum so people like myself can come here and express my opinion to you.

But by way of introduction, my name is Dylan. I'm a 2019 graduate of Michigan State University. And I've spent the majority of my 25 years living in Lansing, East Lansing and Grand Ledge.

It's for that reason that I'm here today. As I see it, the current, proposed maps for Senate districts 30 and 32 may do a disservice for the residents of East Lansing and Lansing and some of the surrounding communities.

For example, these districts for the first time in Michigan history are splitting East Lansing and Lansing.

Now, I confess to you I'm not deeply familiar with the metrics you will use to define communities of interest. However, with the amount of shared services between these two municipalities, I think it is difficult to adequately represent the interests of one without the input of the other.

For example, East Lansing and Lansing share in the CATA transit system. They share a library system, a network of hospital care facilities. And they share the same fire chief with mutual aid and convention and a visitors Bureau. And they have tax sharing agreements.

These are all structures that have been set in place for generations and their continued success rests upon strong representation in our state legislature.

So, by contrast, I speak from the personal experience in Eaton County when I say that the interests of a majority of residents outside of Delta Township are largely different from the interests of Ingham County.

Eaton County to be represented alongside the citizens of Ingham County I believe the represented to the seat would be in a difficult position to either bridge the socioeconomic and political divide between citizens or increase the partisanship we currently face.

Economically, politically and geographically I believe that the citizens of Eaton County hold a bit more in common with Clinton, Barry and Ionia Counties than with Ingham. There are notable exceptions such as Delta Township which has substantial economic benefit to the residents of Lansing and East Lansing. But that's for you to figure out. Thank you for talking to you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Dylan. Number 7 or 6, number 6, please.

>> Six.

Good morning, Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good morning, Sarah.

>> My name is Sarah Howard.

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It's a pleasure to address you again this morning.

We have been talking for weeks that if you aren't intentional with mapping partisan fairness as a goal you will end up with an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander.

As has been widely reported, your first draft State Senate map is indeed an accidental but a very rear partisan gerrymander in favor of the republican party.

You can get to partisan fairness in the State Senate map if you make it a priority and willing to make changes.

You may have to start the Metro Detroit area over from scratch.

That would probably also make it easier to reach your VRA compliance as well.

But there are areas out state, outside of the Metro Detroit area where it's somewhat easier to tweak your way to fairness.

Splitting Ypsilanti from Ann Arbor would allow Ipsi its own voice in the State Senate and help with partisan fairness.

Splitting the City of Ann Arbor and sending its western most neighborhoods into the Jackson, western Washtenaw District would be a minor change with a major difference. It would also like the border county District much cleaner.

Be willing to draw skinny lakeshore districts including Holland to Muskegon.

That would better serve the lakeshore communities. As a private citizen I can tell you that is the case since that is where I live. And would help with partisan fairness too.

Tightening up the northern Grand Rapids Senate District would let you keep more of Ottawa County together and would keep the Kent County suburbs of Grand Rapids together, which you heard quite a bit about from the commenters.

Those changes in the out state would make a big difference in the partisan fairness of the State Senate maps while also improving on your communities of interest representation.

Thank you very much.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Sarah. Do I have a number seven for public comment in person?

We do not.

Good.

So individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. I will call on your name and our staff will unmute you. If could are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak.

If you are on the phone, a voice will say that the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call on you by your name. Or the last four digits of your phone number.

If you experience technical or audio issues and we do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds, we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you after they are

done speaking. If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting.

You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, sir.

>> I mean, the other Chair.

Okay, James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions.

And I see that Commissioner Rothorn is very willing and able to carry on the torch of inconsistencies and consensus building and complete lack of semblance of order.

As you can see, he doesn't know how to vote or carry on a vote either.

Because he has never really done that.

He hasn't had to do that over time.

If he did it the same every time, it would go a lot faster.

I think this is a big waste of time arguing about not voting.

And now about your subcommittee, I was at the subcommittee meeting this morning.

What a complete abortion of justice.

They had absolutely nothing to say about any of it.

It took them about 14 minutes. And they said there was scoring, scoring sheets. What secret meeting did that happen? Sometime before that.

See all of a sudden this is done, this is pretty much Commissioner Lett's buddy who is going to get that job, and that is how it's going to work.

And, you know, this is...I found a piece of the information now. You know, the house fiscal report states this is a revived reiteration of the Commission on apportionment from the 1980s. But the Senate report from the fiscal agency says that Commission was abolished. So we have two separate reports that are conflicting here. And, of course, you folks want to make it up on the fly, want to go with one. And, of course, us, you know, it's my culture as a white man is to follow the rules.

It's a republican part of it is, I mean, a lot of republicans don't like following the rules.

They like cheating. They like bullying. But fundamentally there are rules. We need to be following them. And I ask you to start doing that.

And it's interesting Commissioner, the Commissioners and also take five minutes for that announcement.

And they didn't follow the rules.

We had three different applications and then they just boom, make a motion.

Had all the discussion first like you always do. And then negotiated the motion. And, oh, like present this one forward.

It's not what is supposed to happen.

You already have rules on that. And I was wondering if Commissioner Rothhorn has his...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Galant.

Next in line to provide public comment is Margaret S.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can.

>> Okay, so my name is Margaret and I live in Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. And I'm speaking today primarily to address the State Senate District maps proposed for my area.

Currently live in what is now D18 and I love my Senator to pieces.

I feel he does amazing job of representing the many different voices in our community. However, I wholeheartedly agree with the comments that Sarah Howard just made. A few minutes ago.

The proposed map leaves my District relatively intact so you think I'd be happy.

But because the goal of this process is to create non-gerrymandered maps, D18 and the proposed 27 are prime examples of what is known as packing.

All of the democrats in Washtenaw County are packed into one District giving us a solid seat but little competitiveness outside the District.

To unpack the District we must split Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti apart and with the west and east side of Ann Arbor and Ipsi I concur with Sarah's suggestions for how to make those competitive districts.

I understand that you have not yet applied the partisan fairness filter to these maps.

So I'm here today to encourage you to make partisan fairness a key factor in the maps so we can have more competitive districts where every vote counts.

I think that was the primary intent of passing proposition two.

And regarding the Congressional maps, I have the same feeling that the partisan fairness filter has not been applied at all.

And that when it does it should -- we should see way more balanced districts than we do now and that I understand the value of communities of interest.

But they should not be kept together at the expense of partisan fairness.

These are key concepts.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line to provide public comment is number four, number three, Judy Hart.

>> Please provide a minute for our staff to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can please go ahead.

>> My name is Judy Hart.

I can start, sorry, I also am from Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County.

And we voted as a state to stop gerrymandering of many regions in the State of Michigan.

And when you manipulate election maps, it undermines our democracy. And I would like to support geographically balanced districts that reflect the political orientation of the population of that region.

And please make partisan fairness a priority.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line to speak is Mary.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you. And you are invited to address the Commission when you are ready.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the record, participant number five and six are not present.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good, thank you.

Then Jan Feldman please provide a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning. Can you hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good morning, yes, we can.

>> Hello.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can hear you.

>> Good morning. I apologize my video, my name is Karen Feldman. I'm a long time resident of Oakland County. And I want to thank the Commission very much for the diligent work in an otherwise challenging timeframe.

I would like to, however, ask for a number of considerations.

First, in reviewing the list of the maps that have been proposed so far, I cannot find a label for a comprehensive State House map.

I have been through all of them and they are based on the dates but I do not see one that identifies it as a comprehensive map for all of the State House districts.

And would ask that that be the label be modified so that everyone can see what the comprehensive map would look like.

Then I would also ask that as you come up to identify partisan fairness in the maps that you take into consideration that the disproportionate loss of population was in the far north of Michigan.

So that if a District must be lost, that it be represented by the far north of Michigan rather than Southeast Michigan as it apparently is currently.

My concern at this point in time is that there is an impetus to get it done by a deadline which presents the possibility of creating a bad map on time rather than a good map that would endure for ten years.

And I ask the Commission to take into partisan fairness very, very seriously so that the interests and the demographics of Michigan are truly represented.

Thank you very much.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Bob.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning. My name is Bob Trezise, I'm president and CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Lead, which is a regional economic entity representing Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties.

I've been asked by several to comment today on my observations as to the history and philosophy that has driven economic development across our aligned and unified three county area.

Leap and myself are apolitical and have no viewpoint with regard to your ultimate decisions.

I merely make these objective observations to maybe enhance the quality of dialog, I hope.

The information and your ultimate decision making. And I respect and appreciate your time today.

Since the early 1990s both capital choice at the Lansing Chamber, Regional Chamber and for the last 15 years leap made up of membership equally represented across all three counties, we market our region to the country and to the world as the Lansing region.

Every corner of the three county area is Lansing region, which is a unified, familiar marketplace to the world. Both Governor Snyder and Governor Whitmer acknowledge our region as Region 7, a collaborative development Council. And just the three counties as one of ten regions in the state. And leap is the coordinating agency. We love our three county region because unlike some other C.D.C. regions, we are a true region.

We know one another.

We work together.

We have disputes, but it's all within the familiarity of friends and neighbors and our unified marketplace.

We are one Metropolitan statistical area, MSA with Shiawassee actually recently added to this MSA. And that in great part statistically data driven by the commuting of people from one area of living to another connection area of work.

We all know that there is major short distance commute connecting between all of Ingham County and as a center of work and nearby neighborhoods in Eaton and Clinton County and now even Shiawassee County.

As an anomaly Lansing is the only capital City in America that is not a County seat.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line to provide public comment is Trenton Berry. Please proceed.

>> Hello, Commissioners. My name is Trenton Berry. I'm from Midland Michigan. Based on the U.S. Congressional districts that you guys drew yesterday, you draw Midland from the rest of the Tri-Cities in Flint.

You guys were concerned about diluting the minority population because someone said that adding Midland increased the white population.

Midland is by and large a very white City. But if you look at the 2020 census data, it would show that what you guys created yesterday is diluting the minority vote even more. Based on the 2020 census, Midland City has a white population of 89.9%.

Midland County as a whole has a white population of 93.8%, which while Tuscola and Arenac Counties have a white population of 96.2 and 96% respectively.

The County has a white population of 94.6%, which is higher than Midland County.

From the same data Midland has an African/American population of 2.1%, which is above Tuscola's 1.3% Arenac 0.5%. And Midland City also has an Asian population of 4% which is above Tuscola and Arenac's 0.3%. Which means the map that you guys created excluding Midland is diluting the minority vote even more.

It would be very much appreciated if you could redo the VRA with and without Midland and see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Berry, we may have lost you.

Mr. Berry, we cannot hear you if you are still speaking.

Secretary of State please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It appears you are experiencing technical difficulties. We can move on to the next participant and return to you at a later time and if your technical difficulties continue to persist, please e-mail us at redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help trouble shoot.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Secretary of State. Next is Art Reyes and please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good morning, yes, we can.

>> Good morning, Commissioners and everyone. My name is Art Reyes. I'm a lifelong Michigander and resident of Genesee County. Thank you for your efforts carrying out the mandate assigned to you by the voters of Michigan.

I appreciate seeing the newer versions of the maps yesterday.

I appreciate seeing the second and third version of what is the current fifth, but will be the 11th, keeps the communities of Flint and Genesee County with Saginaw and Bay County. And if Midland City is included or not, these new proposals are far better than the first one. And it does seem to pay proper respect to the communities of interest along that part of the I-75 corridor while addressing partisan fairness.

I would further ask though that when we are redoing these Congressional districts, and it's unfortunate that our census data has us losing a Congressional seat, but I would ask that that Congressional District that has to be lost correlate to where the population

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actually was lost, that is northern Michigan. And it's a shame any time we lose population and therefore lose a voice in Congress. We should lose that voice from where the people have left.

Thank you for the work you are doing.

Please stay safe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is LaCracha.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> I'm LaCracha Handy. Can you hear me? I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can. I'm sorry.

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

I'm LaCracha Handy, resident of Flint Township and Genesee County.

The people have spoken and you all listened, so I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for listening to the community in regards to keeping Flint, Saginaw and Bay City together.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Is Dwayne Thompson.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

Dorian Thompson.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can.

>> All right. Good morning. My name is Dorian Thompson. When I moved to Ottawa County to start as a student at Grand Valley State University I was struck by the sense of community and pride of the residents of Ottawa County.

I learned about Dutch culture, beautiful lakeshore and hospitality of its residents.

Ottawa County became home and residents became family to me.

Currently in the Board's planning, they are tearing Ottawa County into three different districts, which is a dangerous plan.

Ottawa County is one of the most unique counties in the United States with access to a major lake, its tourist attraction, agricultural hub, and strong presence of the manufacturing industry. Now more than ever, they deserve to have one member of the United States House of Representatives who can voice their concerns and needs in a unified way.

During the 1840s United States of America became home to a new community of people, Dutch Americans. And a large portion of them settled in Holland, Michigan, which is in Ottawa County. Right now Ottawa County is home to roughly 10% of Dutch Americans living in the United States.

Under the redistricting process it's not only a precedent to keep the communities of the shared interest together, it's imperative we do so.

When you break a community, you break their ability to come together as one. You break their common goals on the Federal level. And you break them at their core. With the current climate and needs of the County, now more than ever, it's not the time to destroy the special community with a shared interest on multiple fronts. I cannot stress enough how egregious it is that Kent County with double the size of population as Ottawa County is currently together is whole while Ottawa County is split up into three.

With that in mind I also stress that Ottawa County has no shared interest with Kalamazoo County. And I urge the board to reconsider this plan because it sets a dangerous precedent. It is my hope that the board remains committed to its promise of keeping communities together and not breaking them up. With the current challenges facing our nation and community, we need each other and need to be united as one. Thank you so much for your time and have a great day.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. John Mayer, please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Mayer, if you can hear us, you can unmute and are free to address the Commission.

>> Hi there, can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's relatively garbled.

>> I'd like to start by thanking the Commission for giving me the opportunity to speak. Absolutely in favor of keeping Ottawa County as one and not dividing it into three. It is imperative that we consider and that the redistricting team considers keeping everything in Ottawa County together. And I appreciate everybody's work on this.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Now, that the opportunity for in person and remote public commentary has concluded, without objection we will hear from individuals seeking to provide a second two-minute public comment. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second public two-minute comment.

I don't believe we have any in person correct.

So we will move to our second remote public comment.

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. And we will do the same process as the first round.

First in line for public comment is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can. Please proceed.

>> Okay, James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions.

And this is just a fascinating thing to watch in real time. You know, because here on the telephone, I got the best view of the house here.

Get to put the magic eye to it. And get the 3D version of what is going on here. And, you know, earlier in the committee meeting Commissioner Lett talked about his compatriots.

Okay, I'd like him to explain that because we do know that Commissioner Witjes is not an equal compatriot here. He is a self-proclaimed citizen of the Netherlands, okay?

And he is not all American. And he will not pledge allegiance to the United States of America and the flag of the republic, all right, like he said.

I believe Commissioner Witjes has assembled himself a little coalition Government just like they do in the Netherlands, you know. And outside the rules of procedure.

Those are the side bar rules of procedure you folks have all agreed upon. So Commissioner Rothhorn I'd ask you to please explain to the community all these rules that you have agreed to that don't show up in the minutes, but you kind of all are locked in.

And I believe just because of what the former speaker just said, I think we need to take a look at the local Government units in Holland, Michigan.

And how they run their little local Governments over there.

Is that the poll? Do they have a poll there over there in Holland?

Is this why it's so familiar to you folks and is this what you're trying to do? And, you know, this is not a trauma informed process.

It's very important because we have vulnerable adults here. And we have a vulnerable adults in the form of people that, you know, have medical conditions and advanced age.

And to be trauma informed has to you recognize the rights of others.

And act upon those rights. You act upon the rights of others. And this is what Commissioner Rothhorn is not doing here.

He is violating the rights of everybody on this Commission by assigning the floor. Well, I guess he gets assigned the floor when Ms. Szetela is doing it to him. And, you know, it's just a matter of.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

This concludes our public comment for this morning.

However, I'd like to mention that all e-mail and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting.

And Commissioners also review

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We appreciate everyone who
provides public comment in
whatever way you choose and
invite you to keep sharing your
thoughts communities of
interests and maps.

We will move on to unfinished business I'd like to move agenda item 5A and without
objection continue with the draft mapping of State House districts.

Hearing no objection, that's not it, so it was who was it that ended the mapping? Was it
Cynthia? Or was it Commissioner Szetela? Does that sound right? I think it was
Commissioner Szetela with the that.

And because we do have Commissioner Eid present should we take a moment and just
acknowledge that? No we don't have to do that.

Okay we are all set.

Thank you.

That means we move to Commissioner Vallette.

How you feeling?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm feeling good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it away.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just one point here.

This is a direct copy of where we ended yesterday with districts one and two done in
Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Kent.

Janice, you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you bring it in so I can decide where I'm going
to start? Can I have like what we had today? Thank you.

Can I see the area between the green and one and two come together in there, can you
do a close up of that area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area in here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: North.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Over to the east or over to the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: West.

Dearborn?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, that way.

But right there above Wayne.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay right here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes so, I guess I will start there and I will take that I'll start with let's see right above the purple, so can we like take that one area there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select the features and as you okay them, we will assign it and hope we will be able to move more effectively.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are precincts is that where are you want to start.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and I want population 2904.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

It's moving a little slower than I expect but that is selected now.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just want to go north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northward?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Something like that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

And let's see up north a little bit further.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am and anything we assign we can always back up and move.

I'm not trying to you know so just to get started we can select and move along and come back and undo them if I get wrong areas.

This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, let's go take that circular Section at the Jefferies Freeway.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct here goes across, this precinct goes across the freeway.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton, please?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't remember, is Dearborn and Dearborn Heights in that neighborhood overlay? I just wonder if that would help.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The neighborhood overlay would help because as you move north, I think you will get into Detroit neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wonder if that would help.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We will switch to neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can turn those on.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you speak into the microphone.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just thanked Commissioner Orton that is all I said.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The population for Dearborn is way too high for one District, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you asking.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm asking anybody.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If you include Dearborn with a little bit of the eastern part of Dearborn Heights it's just enough for one Congressional District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It is? So let's do that.

Let's take out what I have and we are going to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: All of Dearborn but I think it's too high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to leave three where it's at and do Dearborn that is 109,000 so Dearborn is about 15, 20% high for it is 20% high for one District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Eid, no Commissioner Eid go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm sorry I misspoke I meant all of the parts except for the most western part of the City that's in between Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. And I do think that is a good idea and would bode well for the Middle Eastern population as well because as we've heard they are more concentrated on the eastern part of Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think this is the area he is referencing and if I get it right it is any way.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Orton did you have something you wanted to add.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted area is 59,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So Commissioner Eid you said Dearborn and part of Dearborn Heights but I don't see how that is going to work.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is more of Dearborn like that whole area to the left is still Dearborn.

So you could assign this part and then just add up add these areas he is hovering over now until you reach the population if that is what you wanted to do.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do that and start with the one that the population is 3116.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm assigning the highlighted data area now. I have unassigned all of three that you had done previously.

Do you want to take and unassign this again?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay just a moment.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The one area that is right there yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 30,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right so start at 3116 and go south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That picks that up too so that is 13,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Anthony am I going west, am I keeping west?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Keep going west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Vertically from here to here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

Okay can you back out a little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will be pretty close actually.

That's 29,789.

This looks like you need 29,328.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I assign that area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are short 2268.

This blue line is the boundary of the Dearborn Township.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so I need 2000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

This precinct here appears to go all the way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thinking about neighbors, sorry Kent Janice are you thinking about neighborhoods at this point or what are you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, let's do neighborhoods.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't know if we can see neighborhoods, wondering Anthony or other Commissioners might know about neighborhoods and where to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This whole areas around Greenfield Village mostly.

There are not neighborhoods in Dearborn, per se. It's just Dearborn. And we already covered the more Middle Eastern parts of Dearborn.

So I mean any one of these precincts would probably be okay.

It's just whatever works with the numbers.

Another option that might be possible is including some of Dearborn with some of Detroit and then having Dearborn Heights be with the remainder of Dearborn.

But that would be like a completely different configuration.

So any of these precincts would work.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark and back to Commissioner Vallette.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just a pure numbers perspective 2352 precinct so that is the number.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Where is that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That would get you close number wise only.

I will have to go back to Commissioner Vallette is that okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Down by numbers and just that District or Township or whatever right and a little bit left of your cursor is 2268 which is what you would have needed without using the other one you just added which is 2352 and whether that is a good fit we have to ask the Commissioners who live in that area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes.

>> I thought I remember John stating it's usually not a very good idea to make the population exactly equal because it limits where you can redraw the borders of the Senate District at the time in the future.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can speak to that a little bit.

You were so early into this region.

If I Zoom out a little bit look how much is not done.

I mean you have a long ways to go before you start really locking in districts in my opinion.

So whether you do or don't you know if you got a decent population, you know, a thousand here, 500 there, 50, doesn't really matter.

In my opinion this early.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'll stop here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State do we need to ask questions.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Vallette I have actually two questions.

Would you describe what communities of interest were considered while drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Sorry, there is a large population of Middle Eastern in Dearborn so we were trying to keep those together.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

How did you take minority populations into account while drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: How did I take them into account? I guess I don't understand what you mean into account.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: How were they considered while drawing this District?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you have said it because of the Arab community.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That is what I was thinking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Important to acknowledge the communities showed up as white.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're welcome.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette.

We are on to Commissioner Wagner.

I believe you are with us.

How you feeling?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Hello I'm with you but I respectfully ask to pass because I'm not feeling well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for being with us.

So we will move on to Commissioner Weiss.

How are you feeling?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Pretty good, I think.

And I hope you feel better Commissioner Wagner.

All right I'm not sure where to go.

Obviously, I'm not too familiar with the area.

But I would like help with this.

Anybody jump in.

I'm going to go I believe to the right starting in that area there just before Grosse Pointe and all that.

And I guess we will add them up and see where we get.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This will be District Four.

And take these precincts right here as a start or something?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This may call for census blocks right in here and I was going to assign this ap we will get started into the weeds.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the record Commissioner sed has joined and can you disclose where you are attending today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When we assigned whole precincts it appears these blocks are in this precinct up here that surround it here.

I don't think there is any population in there.

So at some point we will probably just to make it look better put these water blocks into one so the line is closer up here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you do that quickly? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do it later because right now it's just appearance thing and compactness measures may make it look different.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go up a little bit more, please.

All right.

I think we will go to the left and grab some of those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These precincts here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir. If you want to unassign any of these precincts just say so and I will remove them from the selection.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I have not heard comments from the other Commissioners yet so I guess I will continue.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are doing great.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's fill in to just to the left there the green, yes, right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss since we have Commissioner Szetela and I see Commissioner Clark has a hand.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me mention a concern that I have. We've got a large portion of Detroit left.

And as we are headed north, I don't think we will get outside the Detroit boundaries just an estimate that we wouldn't.

We are going to end up with an African/American population that is going to be pretty significant.

And might not pass the voting rights analyst test.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was going to be my thought too.

This is where and I see Commissioner Eid's hand and I see Rebecca nodding her head but this is where Hamtramck comes in potentially and because that District was drawn yesterday and yeah, it's a thought and Commissioner Eid do you have a question or a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, and the same thought as what you had.

It could be where Hamtramck comes in and you could also make a Skinner and go in Grosse Pointe as a population there as mostly white as you can see.

Wow that is a pretty big dichotomy with the dots there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Clark.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because I'm not present in the room I'm going to ask my Vice Chair to facilitate discussion because once I'm in the meeting I'm Chairing and I'm not going to be here very long and wanted to pipe in and watching what was going on in Dearborn and was worried so I would follow Gratiot the diagonal line going out and make a District with the Grosse Pointes that is the only way you will get a balanced District and gives you the freedom to go north with some other districts and include Harper Woods going north so that would be my recommendation is pulling points with that shoreline of Detroit, keeping it south of Gratiot which is the diagonal line you see the spoke coming up, and see where you are at population wise on that and that should be a more balanced District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Commissioner Szetela, just to clarify before we move to Commissioner Clark.

Are you advising the western edge of Gratiot not be included and stay east of Gratiot and go north with the points is that what you're suggesting?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry I muted myself.

It would start there and see where you are at population wise and then if you need to go north of Gratiot or northwest of Gratiot, I would start grabbing population but try to do the shoreline issue first with the Grosse Pointes and that shore area you know the Jefferson avenue and see where you are at population wise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know if I agree with you of Grosse Pointe and getting white population, yes. But that area of Detroit, that eastern part of Detroit specifically said they don't want to be part of Grosse Pointe.

They are now and they indicated that what's happened to them and Grosse Pointe all the representation and majority of the money and want to avoid that as we move forward into this.

I don't really have a suggestion unless we make skinnier House Districts and move it up north, out of Detroit to some of the less African/American areas.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think you are thinking of Harper Woods. Harper Woods had the commentary and that was somewhat mixed. Some people said they wanted to be with Grosse Pointes, other people were very strongly they did not want to be with Grosse Pointes.

I don't recall anyone from the Indian village area or Jefferson saying they didn't want to be combined with the Grosse Pointes.

I don't think we had anyone making that commentary. And I think we have to remember that VRA is first on our list. And so we have to look at accommodating VRA first. And if that requires Grosse Pointe to do it, I think that is where we need to look first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I was thinking originally and what Doug said about Grosse Pointe and that is why I did not go that way but that was my first thought to pick that up.

Kent, would you go ahead and add in Grosse Pointe park please and see where that gets us? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets you to you still need 28,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: How about taking in Grosse Pointe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 5600.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I need some suggestions here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Original suggestion was to continue west of Gratiot that diagonal which is one of the spokes we talk about.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, Commissioner Witjes and I think Commissioner Orton had a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What happens if Commissioner Weiss grabs the other points.

I can't quite read the numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can't hear you very well Dustin.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's grab the other points and see where we get on population, we will be close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go ahead and try that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My only comment was to keep those together they requested strongly to be together so if we can include them all it's still a community of interest.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is what I was going to try to suggest here if we grab Grosse Pointe Woods.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would not separate the points.

I would keep them altogether.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right Kent go ahead and do that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have the village of Grosse Pointe appears to be coming down into here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Shores, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See what those numbers are.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm sheer you have an eraser so Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What I would do is personally my suggestion would be grab the village of Grosse Pointes and see if we can remove population from the part that you added in the beginning to see if we can get the population down at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That would make sense.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where you are at the village of Grosse Pointe shores has 77 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I kind of disagree with this map of keeping the points together I don't like I disagree I would rather keep them together if possible but I think we are just going to run into a problem where we need that population when it comes to making VRA compliant districts so the R first two points and adding more of Detroit. I don't like it, we have been together in the Senate and the Congressional map but it might be and have to look at given the VRA issues.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a valid point and what Weiss and others are suggesting is a COI and preserve it and look at VRA compliance and take it away Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Since we now are over go back to Hamtramck and start deducting those.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the correct one? The moment I do something that is not what you desire like I just did the whole Township, it's going back right now. If I do one that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, do that one right there let's take that one out. Then we will take them as we go down towards.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get in to where we see the population 556926. Probably.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take them off to that diagonal line. Let's take that whole group.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 1% or 919 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: 5116 it's 799.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 799.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If you would take that out, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are at .13 or 120 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I guess I will stick with that.

Any comments please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss I was going to offer the overlay of the Detroit neighborhoods might be useful to keep neighborhoods together at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you do that please Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This neighborhood is split along the horizontal in these two right here.

Up through here is neighborhood boundary and it seems to be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You got it pretty well.

You just got that one you could take the let's say you could add 799 back and remove the 654 and then have one neighborhood and not a split.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I buy that.

I like that.

Would you do that please Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rebecca the southwest on the screen the neighborhood that is split do you have any indication or any idea if that is sort of a neighborhood that might be better left together is it McDougal hunt.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 265 people over.

In this neighborhood is split in two.

This neighborhood is split in two.

This is split in two.

District twos.

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>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Doesn't look too bad and we have one neighborhood split.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Leave it subject to adjustments based on Brittini and Juanita's feedback because this is really an area, they are more familiar with than I am and we can always make little changes down the road.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Chair Szetela Mr. Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Black population is too low 41% we are in the heart of downtown Detroit it does not make much sense to me.

I would like to see it more around where District 2 is at about 54% still giving it an opportunity to elect their candidate of choice but yeah, I'm wondering what does Bruce think about this?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you answer some of that Bruce?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

Well, there are a couple thoughts I have.

One of the things that I think would be informative why don't we go to the election results for this District, please.

And this includes the points area that is included in this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To the right, please.

And again to the right.

Thank you.

Could you also hover over which of the points is the largest? Is it gross points? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment and we will get the numbers up there.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sure it's park, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precincts.

Let me get back to Townships.

10,000 people here.

That looks like 10,000.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So it would be the upper end of it yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I was just curious just for comparative purposes and also just have some information going forward.

If you could hover over Grosse Pointe Farms and the Grosse Pointe with 10,000 population if we could see what those election results are.

I think that that would be helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point Grosse Pointe Woods.

It has 16,000 people in it.

It's relatively large.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 10,000.

But Grosse Pointe parks down here are the closest is 11,005.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at Grosse Pointe Farms that is a good point park the closest one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Woods.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Down on the left I'm not looking at population just geographically Grosse Pointe park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's look at what the election results are there please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, there again this is the entire database so we have to maybe we can find the right election at the right moment.

This would be the republican in 20.

Democrat in 20.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent, would it be easier if we just selected just that Grosse Pointe park as a different District number so we could see them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can make it District number 5 or something and then just move along from there.

Good call.

So that is District five right there.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To the right just for comparative purposes let's look at one of the points that is further away up the lake what about Grosse Pointe Woods? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Temporary District six so that number alone comes up that is Districts five and six highlight it.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think in looking at and you can see there is a disparity in the election results between Grosse Pointe park and Grosse Pointe Farms is that the one you're highlighting for six.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe park.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Grosse Pointe park the election results are similar to the election results seemingly in District Four that portion to the left and there does seem to be pretty significant support for candidates of choice.

That is different in Grosse Pointe Woods.

So I think that and I understand the concerns and thoughts expressed and I also agree that excuse me it's pretty early in the process.

But I think it's important in moving forward to keep in mind that I know that there has been comment about keeping the points together and the points do vote differently so that is an important point to recall I think as we have seen and Grosse Pointe park is a good example and I don't know what the demographics are of Grosse Pointe park if that is similar to some communities to the west.

Does anyone have you thought anecdotally about that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can look at it.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got the information right here so if we do information actually just pop back to overview.

And there is your District five and six.

Graphically they are not far off.

I mean relatively speaking.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well but five is majority Black.

And six am I reading it right six is majority or no I'm sorry got the wrong line.

Yes, you are right.

They are similar.

So I think that so let's make some inferences from that.

So the fact that they are similar may also be one of the reasons why the support for candidates of choice is similar.

Now let's do for comparison let's go up to six and Grosse Pointe Woods.

That also, yes, I'm sorry.

Five and six are similar but they vote differently.

So I think that one of the questionnaire tales from this is population is part of the process but it's not the last part because it's really interesting to me they vote differently.

Five supporting candidates of choice.

And six not so much so so that is important to keep in mind going forward.

You know since it's still early in the process and since part of District Four to the west of Grosse Pointe park supports candidates of choice, I think that is important.

But I also take Commissioner Eid's point if you look at, I was watching the population shift demographically.

As neighborhoods were being adjusted, removed or added.

And there was a significant difference in the minority population as it declined.

That doesn't seem to impact the opportunity to elect.

But it may in other places.

So I think that comparison between five and six is really good in seeing numbers as Kent said they are very close but they are not close in the election results and the election results are the driver of these decisions.

For now my comment would be really there are several comments about keeping election results not assuming populations do any particular thing until the results are looked at.

For right now to the west of Grosse Pointe park does elect candidates of choice but I think going forward keeping in mind the splitting of neighborhoods in minority communities and that people escalation even they are the same or nearly the same demographically may vote differently.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that.

And is it also before we move off of Commissioner Weiss' turn, did we establish there was a dilutive effect to add Woods or was that not established?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well right now if we would have to look at all of four with everything added back into it but I think that my main informative point is different communities with seemingly the same demographics vote differently or may vote differently so I'm not really seeing any significant dilutive effect for to the west of Grosse Pointe park does elect and elects with a strong margin.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so Commissioner Weiss do you want to put your District back together so to speak? We sort of made five and six.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Make them back into four please and see what it looks like.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm kind of looking at a different approach to this. As you know I'm a proponent of keeping the points together. So if you took the points out and took Harper Woods and came down at an angle and took that last part of Detroit and stay in Detroit in Harper Woods. What impact would that have? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight that region you spoke of and not assign it but the highlighted numbers will at least show you how many people are there. Then we can turn on the thematic map with the precincts and you will have a fairly good yesterday.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would not do it without Harper Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Significant Black population. So I'm going to go ahead and see if I can get just a select area. I'm not assigning it to anything.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct. I would not go that far west to be honest with you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that area alone has 80,000 people and I did not highlight all these.

So let's remove some of these.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can assume it's going to be a high Black population or a large, significant.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Harper Woods should offset that some, but.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods is.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: 15,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not majority but still highly. So that area in there is 60,000. Well, we would get that one. You have to take that. And you can you know unassign more as just to give you an idea.

I'm not looking at the number.

I'm kind of going by the shape.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How stuff connects so we will add in a couple little pieces you might want to keep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Help us with your thought process here.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take the tail down at the end.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Trying to keep the points.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Trying to keep the points together and getting the nonminority population out of Harper Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just this highlighted this is Harper Woods.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are running down here and we can unassign.

We will remove more.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's still Commissioner Weiss' turn I just want to understand is this sort of a suggestion? What are you thinking?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a different approach to it to keep the points together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 52000 and I think we were talking about 16 and 10. We can unassign this and that is 52.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To be clear Commissioner Clark what Commissioner Weiss drew in District Four does keep the points together that is why I'm challenged by what you're trying to do.

District Four does keep all the points together.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Associates them into Detroit which is what my understanding is what the comment was coming out of the Detroit people they don't want to be associated in a District with Grosse Pointes.

So money tends to flow to Grosse Pointe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods is predominately African/American going by this because each of these precincts 63, 50, 71%.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe not working.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods is predominately African/American.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Could we just again for comparison, can you highlight that, assign it and just so we see what the racial population is in that whole area that Commissioner Clark was interested in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Harper Woods is 66% African/American. And we can do the District the artificial District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It just will be I think interesting to see and kind of reflect some of the thinking going forward what the population is there in that area that you highlighted previously.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Bruce you are thinking of population as well as voting the election results so we have to select it as a not just select it but also create put into a District correct.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a great point but I think for now I was just interested in seeing, that would be the next essential step. I'm just interested going to what Commissioner Clark said and/or Commissioner Eid was talking about and Commissioner Weiss.

Just getting a sense of the challenge of having a District that is heavily minority, heavily majority-minority and then there is a something I'd like to add to that.

But I would like everyone to see what the population here would be.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are you looking at just Harper Woods?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Harper Woods and everything else that had been highlighted to the south.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's representative roughly. We can remove a little bit if you want just to kind of.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think to your point Ken and this is mainly illustrative to show generally what you had before.

Now can we get a comparative total or compilation total of what the minority population is in this area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put one more in here so let me take that out because that would be removed so let me get that.

District 5 is that area.

And we can go back to the demographics.

And that area is 82% well it's higher than that.

It's it would be 85% minority and/or nonwhite.

82% non-Hispanic Black.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Right thank you that was the point. I think let's assume that there was a thought to create a District like this with the similar minority population.

So there would be majority-minority different heavily majority minority.

Election results I'm confident would show that it supports heavily cab -- candidates of choice.

The task would be what would be the justification for that? The difficulty is since it would be so much higher than the population needed to elect candies of choice safely, then you would have to justify perhaps 40, 35% why did you add that? And again this is just illustrative and not meant to suggest doing something or not doing something.

But I think it really reflects what you all have been talking about with the challenges of Districting in Detroit while not having minority populations that are well in access of what's needed to elect.

So I think to that point, yes, it is a juggling act.

And I'm not suggesting taking any particular communities out of any particular District.

But I think that that would be very difficult to justify.

Because it's just so high.

It's one thing having 49% or 52% District but something that high would be difficult to justify.

That is why I just wanted to show that as a really good real time example of one of the challenges, but also one of the thoughts to keep in mind as you continue in the Detroit area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Bruce and Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Eid.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Given your analysis I don't think that is workable. Yeah.

And so we have to look at the alternative.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is why when you were drafting, I shouldn't even say drafting.

When you were compiling these areas, it occurred to me it would be really good just to see that and get an idea of how that would be.

But then also how you would be able to justify it.

As I said in my opinion, I don't really think there could be a legally compliant justification. So I thought that would be just a great example to illustrate.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That may support the position of putting the points in that Detroit District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well I think that is something to you know of course evaluate going forward.

As you as Kent was talking about before there is still a lot of areas to District in the Detroit area.

But keeping in mind that having a majority minority population or a minority population that is so in excess of the opportunity to elect percentage would be difficult to justify.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid? No.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a point of order or note I put four back to where Commissioner Weiss requested it.

So the deleting of five, reassigning was merely to get it back to where you started.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Kent, Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: One thing we have to keep in mind two things we have 200,000 more people in population and we got one less well Congressional District. So we are spreading it does not apply to the House Districts.

But we still have 200,000 more people spread over somewhere in this state, I'm assuming a lot of them are down in the southeast District.

So that's kind of shading what we are capable of doing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss I think we are back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like it, it looks good and helps out and keeps the points together.

We are not packing a District up.

For now since it's not set in gold, we have erasers I guess I'd like to leave it as it sits for the moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I apologize I was not paying attention.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That's all right Sarah was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Great are we all set.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is what counts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It does thank you.

That means we are ready to move on to Commissioner Witjes I believe is that true? All right Commissioner Witjes take it away.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay I'm going to go south.

Right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This shall be District 5 or are you going to do an edit?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This will be District 5.

I will keep 1 and 3 as is for now.

We will take the balance of the voting precincts in Melvindale Allen Park and yeah Lincoln Park for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got a little ahead of you, leave that in there?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go to where District 1 kind of juts down but without the 1917 population right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Without that one.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: For now.

And I will take the 2687 that's right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to assign that just so we have an outline.

Just to point out District 4 ran down through here and got this water area.

My guess is so it's in two pieces now.

We will fix that at some point.

Probably on this District.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, can you grab the six presents that are in Wyandotte Township but are on the left of the diagonal line going south? Yep, right there.

Those six.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay more?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can we add those? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are at 5,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay can we take out the left I'm sorry the right most bottom two? Then the one above it the 3105 and 2118.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These four?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry.

Right at 215 light.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right, so let's see here.

I think I'm going to leave it as is.

We have minority population of 30%.

I believe we are still going -- if you look at population data, I believe this is going to be showing minorities can elect candidate of choice.

But I will leave it over to Mr. Bruce Adelson to tell me that one.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm sorry, yes, Commissioner Witjes what can I help you with?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: District 5 I just finished with a minority population of 30.15%.

I was wondering if you would like to do a quick analysis on the voting population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

And can you tell me a little bit about the areas you included in 5?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Northern most piece of what I believe to be the down river area in Detroit.

There is I believe a Latino community there as minority that wanted to kind of stay together as far as I can remember.

Then I made a little jut because Taylor and South Gate could potentially be one District and Wyandotte down could be another District for another one.

But this would I think would be a good division, I think.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The kind of southward pointing finger, what does that capture?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That was just grabbing extra population or to get it as closer to the ideal population for the District.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well one thought would be and I don't know this if that extension is a significant minority population, then just like yesterday when we were talking about Muskegon, that maybe better to make it less of a narrow reach and maybe

create something broader but I don't know what the population is and that is just a thought but Kent did you put the election results up for 5? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that is District five highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Could you go to the right please? And again to the right, please.

Thank you and can we go back and look at see the demographics for five, please? I don't have on the screen what is the total minority VAP for 5? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not for whatever reason not loading up but it would be about 26 something.

Because non-Hispanic white is 73, 62.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well based on the election results the election results are not all, virtually all seem to favor support for the minority candidate of choice. The margins and some of the elections are closer than in others, but this doesn't seem to be a District where the election results are all 2-3%.

Some results have a fairly broad margin.

So it seems that this is an example.

And I'm also presuming there is white cross over support here.

So this would seem to be a District that is provides an opportunity to elect.

It's obviously not a majority or minority and not a plurality District but it does seem based on the election results to be a District where minority voters can elect candidates of choice with white cross over support.

My only thought going forward is that finger, that it may be better to make it more substantial areas so that it's not so narrow.

But other than that, as it's configured it does appear to be an opportunity to elect District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, Dustin, the extension you have going south, I think it was a couple Townships or precincts, why did you do it on the west side and not along the Detroit river?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was just trying to get closer to 0.
I ran both scenarios.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I mean to me we blocked in that whole peninsula going up north a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well let me answer to that the reason why there is another reason as I why I put that jut right where it was.

I put that in there so Wyandotte river view gross Isle Trenton everything along those lines which would be the true cost line of the river for those particular communities would be represented by one particular house member.

And another reason for that particular division we can keep Taylor and South Gate whole as one District at this particular point.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was useful for me to hear thank you
Commissioner Witjes.
Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I don't as far as I can tell, I can't see the shapes exactly of each of these places but it looks like we are taking part of Wyandotte but not all of it so I'm thinking we could take a different part.

Would that make a difference as far as that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I started going in micro me just thinking micro communities and I'm thinking that the individuals that are actually on the river are going to have slightly different feelings about their river than the people who are a couple miles in.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This is more of a general comment and I'm going to propose a mindset change and I appreciate and really note strongly that you are really working very hard with the population and keeping the population deviation as low as possible.

I would suggest a bit of a mind shift about that and the population deviation if they exist beyond the 2, 3, 4% can be justified so I would suggest particularly in Detroit that the two most prominent factors are population over all demographically in the election results.

I'm not really seeing anything that comes close to being problematic from a deviation standpoint.

Deviation is judged on the plan as a whole.

This is not a Congressional plan where you have really done it.

You have some room to play with assuming you can legally justify the deviation so I would respectfully suggest a bit of a mind switch particularly in urban areas that the demographic population and election results are often can be more significant than the population deviation.

You're doing so well with the deviations.

I mean I've done Districting where initial Districting are 12, 13%.

Deviations are not coming in close to that.

As I said in the urban areas, I would suggest a bat of looking at things a little bit differently than in more rural areas where you have more issues with capturing population across a wide area.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes do you want to keep it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keeping as is for now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay any questions from the Department of State?

No we are good.

Very good.

Thank you, Commissioner Witjes.

Commissioner Clark we are up to you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go back up into Detroit up in the area where we were working before.

I want to take District 4 and go inward so let's take do you see the diagonal line, yes, that one there.

Let's get everything in Detroit into this next District and see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This will be District 6 or are you modifying four.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area in here to start?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct not Harper Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

That is merely selected but not assigned yet.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's assign it then and I want to see the population in that too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 17,000 short, 90% non-Hispanic Black.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay here is the problem.

We go to Harper Woods.

We looked at that before.

So we know that's 60 some% Black and we go into East Point we will see the exact same thing.

So it's almost like taking Harper Woods and St. Clair shores.

So go take Harper Woods and take a right angle over to village of Grosse Pointe shores.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you may have a contiguity piece that may be important there but we have a comment.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Don't want to go up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1500 people short.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Village of Grosse Pointe Shores and see what we get.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can't get to well where is Grosse Pointe shores.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have to go over that way from.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 77 people there so this is 58.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go north and yeah just north of Harper Woods and take that Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid did you have a comment? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A Township or a precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Precinct I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which one this one?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did the Townships so I will undo it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Cynthia your hand but I want to make sure that Commissioner Eid did you have a comment or no?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well yeah, I think for comparison what you might want to do is have what you're drawing now and compare it to what you're drawing but with those two Grosse Pointes districts to the right and the two Townships to the right included in it and see what it does to the numbers.

You would have to take out a little bit like the southern portion of this District 6 but it would drop the minority population I think to an acceptable level.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're saying integrate those two Grosse Pointes that are in 4 right now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Come par it and see what it does.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I remember right this is 16,000.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you're 1500 short now so if you put this in you need to back out 15,000 out of 6.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton may have a solution for you Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was thinking and maybe you turned off the theme bubbles to make it easier to see.

But maybe that would help us know which direction to go.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get it back.

We have to go to voting precincts to get -- it makes it a little bit harder but that is 3,000 people there.

That is 1800.

2600.

1900, 2500, 73% Black.

77, 63.

63 so that is 33 to 73 almost proportionately.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The way it's drawn we are 91% minority which is significant.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To that point I agree that you are right and I think it's also important to you know as an illustration this is where one of the districts that Dr. Handley highlighted in her analysis.

It had like 90% Black population.

So I know that I spoke with some of you about that point before and how do you know where? I know Commissioner Rothorn you and I talked about that a lot that knowing where these districts are, the districts that Dr. Handley highlighted, this is where at least a couple of them are.

So I think that that kind of illustrates what her point about it what I was saying earlier.

What would be the justification for having a minority population as Commissioner Clark said that is so high? And so far above the ability to elect percentage or a range, that is something she pointed out when we were in Ann Arbor.

And that is an important consideration going forward since this is the area or at least I believe a couple of the House Districts as they currently are under the 2010 plan exist.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A side note I just clicked on a bunch of these precincts and they are generally 80 to 90% African/American.

Unless they are tiny precincts like that.

That is only 52 people.

So you have to keep this in mind when you see these dots it may be 16% but it's not a big number overall.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What if we went on the upper east side there is 2948 is a Township, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2948, 33% African/American.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's say you take that one and the two to the east or, no, take that one and 285 and 2882.

And then we are going to have to eliminate some.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay make sure I get it right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And 3285.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will give you 9,000 so you have to deduct rough, yeah, it will be in the ballpark.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah so, I got to get it -- that gives me 90,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets you, you know, considerably over it.

Let's look at the percentage.

8% over you drop the non-Hispanic Black to 79.5%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange has a thought here.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have not deleted some down below.

I don't think I need to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's let Commissioner Lange in.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just curious why you wouldn't go how you have number 6 all grouped together right now why you wouldn't kind of split that and go to the west where there is still dots but where he is saying they might not be as big of population of African/American so you are still getting African/Americans in there but it might lower your overall percentage.

Like where it's showing the Coleman A young international airport is there a particular reason year not considering going that way and kind of breaking up this big swath of 6 to a less, I guess African/American populated area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

Also depends what the population is there.

Because the I mean the airport takes up a lot of that real estate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just for a quick look.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's do that I think it's worth it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start down at I don't know I mean if you go across here you are going to impact how you draw districts in the whole area.

Anyway here is just quickly 75%, 75%.

96.

And I'm not going to hit them all but a sampling of them.

And.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The percentages are still high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 90s and upper 90s even.

They are smaller precincts so you will have to take more but you still end up with high numbers.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The only way I see getting the percentage down more is eliminate some down towards in the Detroit down towards the bottom and then moving up towards St. Clair shores.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me that is possible.

I think that when you were doing the Senate districts, I think there were similar conversations and discussions so I mean that could be a way to address this as well.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you recommend doing that compared to what we have at this point?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well I think to Commissioner Lange's point on what we've talked about generally, I think exploring alternatives to see which ones work best for you.

I think that is always a great idea.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, I do too.

So let's take well let's add first so we know how much to subtract out.

So going up and take 2971, 3027 and the 77.

Let's take those, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct goes out in the water but population wise it's all right there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and then maybe to 2167 as well.

Then we are going to go down and reduce down in the Detroit area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You drop 13,000.

I mean we can keep adding up here but when you take 13,000, 90% African/American District out, it's going to have a significant because that is 15% of a District alone.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go down to the southern part of the District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Looking at this overall, I have a comment which I think will be very unpopular.

But I think it's maybe worth having a discussion about.

The only way I see to make these districts make more of these Directors more balanced racially is to break up communities of interest.

Because the only places I see are Hamtramck, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, and the Grosse Pointes that you know show as not African/American.

We know that there are certain populations in certain communities of interest in those and other areas.

But I think we need to discuss what trumps.

And we know that is VRA.

And we have to stay within the population.

So something has to be done.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are also have the same problem when we start doing west Detroit.

You can take a look at the map and it's the exact same problem we are confronted with right now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Getting affirmatives and a nod from Commissioner Szetela and I see Commissioner Eid's hand and then Commissioner Szetela after Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I agree.

Unfortunately I don't like that I agree but that is kind of like how I started this conversation by saying we might have to break up Grosse Pointe because that is where the demographics are.

The only place I wouldn't agree with is Dearborn because that has a different significant minority population that should also be protected.

But as far as the other areas, I mean, I this I that's the only way I see it working.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Orton do you have a comment before Commissioner Szetela? Go ahead Commissioner Szetela then Commissioner Orton Szetela se yeah --

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say the same thing and what I mentioned before about kind of the first tier suburbs that are around Detroit that we are going to have to pull into them in order to balance out Detroit.

It's just going to be the way it's going to be and come out into Livonia and come out into Redford a little bit into Farmington Hills where all of those areas to balance the districts. I just don't see any other way around it.

And frankly I don't think any particular community should be -- should have sort of protected status so to speak and be preserved from that.

So even with respect to Dearborn I think we can probably break Dearborn up two or three ways and pull in those areas of Detroit to balance out the population.

I don't think that is entirely consistent either because there is quite a significant Arab American and not just Dearborn but they have Arab American population. So I think with the numbers that we're dealing with we are 90 some odd thousand people you know in and of itself there are going to be splits in communities of interest. And I think we can balance that effectively while still allowing fair representation but to do that we are going to have to venture into sort of the tier one, tier two suburbs around Detroit.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Modification of our spoke strategy.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To be clear Commissioner Szetela you are also including the points as a first tier suburb is that accurate?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's do this, Kent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Before.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would just add to that keep in mind you know we've talk about this concept quite a bit that we may not be able to do everything with one map.

So maybe we can't keep the points together with the House Districts but they are together I believe for Congressional and they are together for Senate.

So I mean you know in order to accomplish our requirements under the Constitution maybe we can't hit everything on every map but we can I think accommodate most things when you look at the combination of all of our maps together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Chair Szetela.

Bruce Adelson, please.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Frankly I think this conversation is what redistricting is all about, that, yes, you are making choices.

And, yes, that not everything you can't do everything in one map but I think share Szetela made a good point that maybe if your goal was to keep certain communities together or maybe do that in one of the maps but you're not able to do it in another map because also the population is different.

So if you are creating all of your districts and were the same as let's say the Senate for example.

200,000 plus you have more room to play.

But I would also say rhetorically you are examining this and thinking through it.

If you look at the current districts that were created in that Wayne County Oakland County and Macomb County border area and just ask yourself why that District was created the way it was.

Why did that District not expand north or west.

And I suspect you will come up with illustrative answers given what you are weighing now but keeping criteria in rank order is paramount.

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Looking at the Voting Rights Act of course and one person one vote is number one but also looking at this wholistically.

You have three maps for three different representative bodies and I think that if you look at it in that way and being able to meet one community's concern here and another here on this particular map, I think that's doing pretty well.

In my experience in the statewide redistricting it is the rare statewide body that can do everything for everybody.

In all of the maps.

I'm welcome to see that happen.

But I'm skeptical about that.

And I wanted to echo both Commissioner Eid's comment and Commissioner Szetela's comment about the Arab American Middle Eastern population that you all are more familiar with the areas than certainly than I am.

Being aware of areas that may also support District 3 in its current configuration as an opportunity to elect District, retaining that and if you can retain that by taking whatever population you feel is necessary it certainly as you know as the theme has been given give it a shot and let's see what happens.

But I think that that Middle Eastern north African/American population is important to remember for many reasons.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's do this Kent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we get Commissioner Orton first?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not sure we will be able to do this but for me not being super familiar with all of the areas of Detroit, if we could since we are still right at the beginning here if we could kind of see like we are seeing now though I don't know the dots are really representative of percent are they bigger when percents are bigger but if we could look at the overall picture so see where we have to move it might be helpful.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was looking at the same thing the bigger dots.

It seems the smaller dots are down in the southern part of this District I'm drawing so I want to go back up to 8 mile which is the border for Detroit.

And the Western Districts south of East Point but in Detroit I want to take away, can you make it a little bigger? Yeah, I want to take away the 2001, 2279, 1690, 1172.

I want to come down that diagonal a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign them in groups.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I can stay on track.

That went right over to your Harper Woods is that what you had in mind?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We will have to take some more, I think.
Then I want to see where we are population wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need 4,000 out that is 17 and 16 is 33 and so I'm just going to do something.

You holler or let me know if it's not appropriate.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is the direction I want to go.
Take the 1709.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1703 I think it is.
This one?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A mere 511 under you can continue on.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or I could leave it.
Let's can we take a look at Bruce can we take a look at these percentages now?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The percentage has changed.
So voting age population the African/American Black voting age population has declined.

And I think you know as part of our comparative analysis let's look at it so we can see how right now as it's constituted how the election returns looked.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This time we are starting on the right and going to the left.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So you're trying to confuse me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you very much.

Please let the record note that.

Could you go to the left, please? I will go to the left to see the 2020 Presidential.

Thank you.

So to me what is interesting about these results it seems the results become stronger for wider support for candidates of choice the more recent the elections are.

I don't have an explanation for that.

It is interesting to note that.

The further away you get from 18 and 20 the election results are not as strong.

I think there is still support the candidate of choice but the margins are much smaller.

So right now the District is -- does provide minority voters based on the election results.

The opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

You know, the -- this District may present some with this area may present its own unique aspects because it's possible that the election results are closer because of the areas that were added to the east of East Point that perhaps they don't support candidates of choice at the same level but since this is still it seems to be a minority

candidate of choice supporting District, the BVAP the Black voting age population is still pretty high.

And then we can see how as you do other districts in the area, how that all works out. It is just interesting as I said that the election results, the further away you get from last year just seem to be closer than the more recent ones for whatever reason.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Would you say this is acceptable from you know from a legal standpoint as we move forward?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If this were your final District and you were already to approve this, I'm still concerned that the Black voting age population is pretty high. And higher than Dr. Handley had analyzed.

Yes, it is the adjustments have improved the population from a legal standpoint. But I would still have some questions about the number of the Black voting age population.

Particularly since this is one of the specific areas that she highlighted from the current 2010 map.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's make one more change Kent. In the green area where we went outside of Detroit there is a precinct just to the north. Over now 2167 is the number of people.

Go out to the lake yeah and up 2167 just up next, one up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's try that. And it's going to make some difference.

Let's try 3119 and the 1631 as well.

Let's look at those.

I have to reduce people down in Detroit to make this happen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I was going to suggest you put the Detroit neighborhoods overlay on to try to keep anybody's together.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good suggestion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Dropped it to 68 but when you dropped your 7% out it should show a bigger change.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now what I want to do is how many do I have to go to get it reduced? So let's go over where we stopped before, go up a little.

Yeah, because this is where the heavier ones are.

I want to get the 2779, 1311 and 1652.

Let's get those.

Then we will take a look at the neighborhoods.

We get the one above 2779, not the 1759.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is in Harper Woods.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to touch that. I'm glad you mentioned that I don't want to touch that.

Where are we population? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1600 above ideal.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we look at numbers with Bruce.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Look at Detroit overlay because you may have broken up some neighborhoods.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's look at neighborhoods and I don't want to split up neighborhoods because I have to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have this neighborhood here that is split.

I have the one previously I think the one previously mentioned.

No this one.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me see those neighborhoods again.

So we have a split isn't it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a split Moross-Morang.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do think you can add those back and I think you've got some population down further south where you can.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Population further south is less Black.

That is what I'm trying to do is reduce the Black population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To that point and as Commissioner Rothorn said maybe you keep those, that neighborhood whole and see what you can do as you said going further south.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's put Denvy back and Moross back.

We will go further south and see what we can do.

The reason I chose those they are more heavily populated with the African/American. Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Southern ones I looked at are also 90%.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The ones I looked at down below are 90% so it may work out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

Let's go down south a little bit.

So skip the Eden gardens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the population there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need to drop 6,000 and something.

I'll do all of Eden gardens and see what that does.

Because this Section is in a different precinct.

You may not see this precinct went down here.

And now you are 2.62% high.

If you want to keep this neighborhood whole and this neighborhood whole, we need to add back in these census blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Those census blocks are what neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Outer drive Hayes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's add them back in.

I hate doing it by census block but it's important to Detroit people to keep the neighborhoods together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

Deviation 2.6% doesn't bother me a whole lot.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are getting some nodding heads Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good nodding up and down or right and left.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not shaking but nodding yes and they are not nodding off.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, yeah well, we want to make this right for the Detroit people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3.91 percent high and I need to put that one sent -- census block into Eden gardens.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do that, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are under 4% non-Hispanic Black voting age population is now 64.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm good with that.

Let's see what.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you want to that little airport subdivision that little corner you can take that out and allow that airport subdivision neighborhood to be whole.

You see what I mean? It's not a lot of population I don't think and I think you are high at this point so.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not following you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where it says airport sub.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Airport sub.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What neighborhood is that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It says airport sub.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Airport sub neighborhood.

So take that and see what happens.

Are you referring to that small piece or the whole thing?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, just that small piece.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Seems to be a smaller Black population according to the circles.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that covered it.

I did miss one.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know it's going to be over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3.59% and you cleaned up the...

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These dots are excuse me these dots are on the population of the census block percentages.

That is why they are going to be small because they are small numbers.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so we are still 3200 above.

But that's okay.

I think.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, certainly for now absolutely.

And I think that when you get to the point of evaluating deviation on an entire plan scale you will get a better sense of that.

But clearly a 3.5 deviation is not by itself problematic.

So it certainly is not for purposes of what is happening now.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think what we are looking at is less than 5%.

So yeah, I feel good about that.

Okay, I think I'd like to keep this.

And I'd like to thank people for their help and recommendations on this.

It's a common problem we are going to see going through the rest of Detroit from what I can see.

We are going to have to go outside the City.

Okay so I'm good with it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thumbs up from the Secretary of State.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Basically what we have done is we've had to we had a what 90 some% Black District.

And we had to change that.

That was really out of spec of what we are looking at from the VRA.

So we went out into the suburbs outside Detroit to get that down and then we eliminated some of the population that we had in the original District and I was really basically the whole African/American issue a concentrated African/American issue and didn't deal with any of the other minorities.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for the explanation, Commissioner Clark.

I think we are all set.

I believe we are on to Commissioner Eid to map go Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would like to finish out the Arab American community here and did a good job with District 3 and I think we just need to complete it so let's go there.

Let's take the rest of Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole Township I will highlight that, that is the entire Township?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just the part that is left of it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see your hand Chair Szetela do you have a comment?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Before he does that can we adjust the neighborhoods because Dearborn does have distinct neighborhoods and we split three of them with this current map that could just use some simple adjustments to put them back together.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you open to that and Commissioner Szetela do you want to do it together.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Szetela can do it.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Please try not to speak over each other it makes it difficult for the translators.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 3 is 20% high or 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Undo it again.

It was fine the way it was before we are just going to reconfigure it a little bit I'm getting back and inadvertently as assigned it 7 because that is where I thought we were going with it.

That is District 3 as we came in so District 3 is dead on the number.

So you want me to highlight just this area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Szetela is going to edit this a little bit to get the neighborhoods that are split back together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So where you just had your cursor Kent the south of Michigan avenue area that is park neighborhood, we want to keep that together.

So go back down to where you were.

Yep, those two precincts, put them into 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

It's almost ideal.

Oops my bad.

8% high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is a lot of population there.

So hold on now I would go up to the upper edge, the upper northwest edge that is golf crest, golf view neighborhood and take that off and see where that puts us at.

So that precinct right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Unassign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Then what is that neck precinct that is jutting out? .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll look at the information and I will click on it and be quicker. It has a total population of 1600 and of course that is 1600.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would take that out too and that should be pretty good and we are keeping together river bend golf crest golf view and have park back together again so that sort of fixes the neighborhood splits.

All right Anthony, I'm handing it back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful I think that is astute and thank you for doing that.

All right so now let's take the rest of Dearborn.

So we are making a new District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 7.

I'm just going to highlight them, then we will assign them at your discretion all right that is 17,000, I will assign that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now assign the rest of Dearborn Heights to this District as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Dearborn Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, it kind of goes around.

What we have now is close to what the community submitted to us as being their population.

I don't really see this as a community of interest.

I see it more of a voting rights issue for a minority population.

And I think what we have now works.

We just need to add a little bit more and we heard a couple I think a week ago that Inkster probably shouldn't be here with this District but we got to go somewhere though so I would like to ask Commissioner Szetela would it be better to include a little bit of garden City, a little bit of Taylor, a little bit of Redford? Where do you think to go from here to get that extra 10,000 people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I would go either way and you can grab into a little Garden City that is similar to the western edge of Dearborn Heights or grab the upper part of Taylor which is very similar to southern Dearborn Heights.

Either way would work

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a hand too.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While I don't know these populations can we see the dots again? I think like Garden City doesn't show any dots.

I think we should avoid that because we need to well, I don't know maybe we are getting out of the City now.

But I'm just thinking we need to balance that out as much as possible with the African/American population as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To that I have this memory of sort of the western side of Detroit the eastern just north and west of District 7 and west of District 3 right in that population.

Is that also Arab? Could that be a justification to sort of keep that Arab community there? Is there an Arab community there? No, okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not that garden the edge, no.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I support what Cynthia said.

Because the Arab American population is basically considered in the census data as white.

And so I think we need to and that is what it's going to show on the statistics that Bruce is going to look at.

So I think we need to move to the east and get the more heavily populated Black areas se Szetela that would be Warren, I think.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To that point we talked about this a little bit with the Senate districts because Middle Eastern dissent was erased by the census, that's not dispositive in the sense that that's not a community that needs to be protected. But that also means that going off American community survey data for example, the community of interest submissions we talked about.

Your own personal knowledge I think makes that being able to do that is important because the census data by itself won't show the same thing that we've seen in other areas of Detroit.

But that's also why.

Looking at the election results are so important.

Because I remember when you did the Senate districts, we looked at a particular District that seemed to have 85% non-Hispanic white and a relatively small Black population but it very heavily supported communities of candidates of choice.

And we inferred from that, that that aligns with what we thought would be an area of significant Arab American population and could support minority can't diplomats of choice.

By doing this you are relying on more than census data because the census data really does not explain where the Arab American population is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It doesn't.

The census data I don't want to say it's lying but doesn't have information that is needed but luckily, we got that information from other sources.

From the community survey, from our public hearings and I think most importantly we've had very specific maps submitted on our public comment tool that are very highly commented on.

They are some of the most commented on submissions we have had.

They have this being combined, this District 7 being combined more with Garden City because of the similarities with it and Dearborn Heights.

However if you all want to go into Warren Dale and get the bottom three precincts to diversify a little, I would be okay with that too.

I don't think it's going to make a major difference. But yeah, it's about 10,000 people, those bottom three precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm mostly concerned about vote dilution.

I don't want to disenfranchise those communities there if indeed there is not a cross over vote for if we can't if they can't elect a candidate of choice as an African/American community.

As small as that piece is it also feels important it may not be a good choice.

I'd rather stick with Garden City frankly and allow them to be represented and have a shot at a candidate of their choice.

If you feel like that's not going to yeah District 7 is not going to help them elect that candidate of choice.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To that point I agree it's very important.

That is where I would just say let's go look at the election results because then if that concern is allayed by looking, then that takes the consideration off the table.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How can we look at that? Would you look at that with us or is that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

I think that Kent can highlight those specific areas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure I can make an artificial District 8 to hold that area so we can look at the compilation of what they sum up to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a great idea, please.

Commissioner Clark has a question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is going to be number 8 just those three precincts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question for Anthony.

Is there not a part of Detroit that it's just south of Warren and north of Ford road that it comes out from Detroit that has an Arab population?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: According to the maps submitted to us by like access and by the community there is like an Arab population towards what we have in District 1 but I wouldn't go too far into it.

But that's about it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is kind of far to the east from where we are working.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Back to Kent but I want to acknowledge Commissioner Kellom has joined us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a highlighted District 7 and 8 and 8 is just those three precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we need the Commissioner Kellom to say where she is joining from virtually.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Hi everyone I'm attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, back to you Kent or Bruce or we are reading.

I apologize I'm with you now.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Kent, can we move to the right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just looking what is on the screen now is a good comparative illustration between 7-8 so 8 strongly supports those three blocks, strongly support candidates of choice.

District 7 as configured also supports candidates of choice.

So with the margins are not as large as what 8 is showing.

However, the -- they both do support candidates of choice.

So I think that as I said the 7 the margins are closer.

But could you go to the right again, please, so we can just look at the whole span of the results? Thank you.

Yeah, I think across the board the candidates of choice win.

Some of the margins are closer than others.

But I'm not seeing any election where the candidate of choice loses.

So on first blush it does not appear that if you add the three areas from that are now in 8 into 7 that that creates a dilutive effect.

However what also would be helpful if I could suggest put the areas from 8 into 7 and see what the overall results are.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So if I'm reading it right that last election for number 8 did -- that is different than the others.

I just wanted to point that out for the record.

I still think it's overwhelmingly they vote similarly.

Am I reading it right.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Orton you are doing what I keep reminding myself not to do because the screen it can be really confusing which line represents which District because initially, I looked at 9 and thought well wait a minute. That is kind of different than the results that I thought I saw.

But I was mixing up 9 and 8.

If you look at 7 and 8, the two that are not in blue.

They are in white.

Then I think that the election results line up.

9 does not.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But I think it is 9 and 10 that are actually District 7 and 8.

Am I wrong.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, Districts 7 and 8 are lines 9 and 10, the highlighted Districts are 7 and 8.

So for example that is District 7.

That is district 8.

That is District 7.

That is District 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's go all the way to the end because I think that is where Commissioner Orton saw that anomaly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One election looked different from all the others but it was just one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your microphone is not on Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 7, District 8.

7, 8.

7, 8.

7, 8.

So.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I agree, yes.

That last that Johnson Dillard election is different.

Is that the one you had spotted?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see one other as well I think, Snyder won.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Snyder shower yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Overwhelmingly I think we can see that they do align generally.

So I don't know where you draw the line but.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No thank you.

That is a great point.

And I will adjust looking at the lines or looking at the districts.

So yes, I think to your point there are a couple elections where the candidate not favored by the minority community prevailed.

I think that there are only two of those.

As to me one of the more important illustrative points is that the margins are bigger in those three areas.

Those artificial areas of 8 and the support there is stronger than by margin than in 7.

But 7 does in the majority of elections does elect candidates of choice.

So thank you and then I would suggest what I mentioned earlier.

Put 8 into 7 so we can see the overall what the overall results are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 8 right now makes up almost 10% of the entire House District.

So when you add those in it's going to impact District 7.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 8 of those three blocks that you selected.

Well I think just putting them in, putting aside population for a moment and just seeing how that changes, if it does.

The election results just to be illustrative.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eid you have the floor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 7 can hold that population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's add it in and see what we get.

See if it changes anything.

I don't know if we have this data on hand but I was also thinking something that might be useful would be the 2020 primary election data.

The democratic side because there was an Arab American candidate.

It would be interesting to see how these areas voted you know if they voted for that candidate or not compared to the primary winner.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: What race was that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Arab American.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The office.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Governor.

>> KIM BRACE: Kim Brace.

Unfortunately the primary contest results are not readily available from the state.

So they are generally not included in what we have right now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that clarification and Commissioner Eid you have the floor again.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is come bind now and we are okay on population.

Do we want to check the election results to see if it made a major impact or not?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would offer you did split the neighborhood and I know that may not be the most important piece but it is useful to recognize that there is a smaller neighborhood that you could take potentially and also see wanted to point that out before we go too far.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Go to the right, please.

And to the right, please.

Just so I'm not missing this again just the top line in the blue highlighted area that is 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

That is District 7 and then we zeroed out 8 and we deleted it so the bottom line would be the empty number 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay that Johnson Dillard election continues to be interesting because that seems to be the only election that I've seen where the candidate of choice is not supported.

As we talked about before some of the margins are relatively close.

But the minority candidates of choice win in the majority of the elections.

So from that standpoint this does appear to be a good opportunity to elect District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: On the Johnson Dillard Johnson was the incumbent in the election and was her second term.

She had done a lot of good things for the Secretary of State's office and was relatively popular regardless of her party.

So that would go a long way in explaining what was going on with that particular election.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

That is very helpful.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would agree with assessment from Commissioner Lett.

Yeah, Commissioner Eid please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay well then, I think I'm good with this.

What do you think Commissioner Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Commissioner Szetela may have had to leave.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm good with this.

I think it supports you know getting rid of the disenfranchisement of a minority community, which as we've heard is not only what we should be striving for but it's also what that community wants to see.

And supported by numerous submissions on our public comment tool.

This is for Secretary of State's office.

Specifically comments P4293, P4609, W3992, and C1510.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

And I think we are so we have about 15 minutes until we want to take a recess.

We are to Commissioner Kellom.

Are you able to help us map?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What kind of question is that? I'm here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm so excited.

Take us away.

Commissioner Orton has a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Kellom, before you get started, I just have a question for Mr. Adelson.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Trying to learn something here.

Considering the population minority population density and the shape that we are trying to work with, as we try to spread that out a little bit and get a better balance, would a better goal be to have a few districts that are perfect as far as balance goes, you know, and then the rest are higher minority population, you know, so they are not balanced. Or is it better to try and balance although not perfectly as many as possible? What's best?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So you're not competing with Commissioner Eid for asking me really interesting questions.

Well I think that you know as you can just see from the map that is on the screen, I mean there are limitations geographic limitations what you can do.

You can't draw a District from just speaking off the cuff from the river out to Ann Arbor for example to balance population.

So there may well be districts that while they are not 90 or 95% majority minority and maybe they are 60, 65.

And I'm just throwing out ideas too.

So I think that the whole point of our really focusing on trying lots of options really answers that question.

Because as you try more options you will see whether things are possible or not.

Now, that's going to mean trying things that may cut against the grain with you know keeping certain communities whole.

But that's also part of not only showing all reasonable efforts to do that, but that's what is so important about creating a record.

That if someone says well, they didn't do that.

Well then, we will, no, that's not true.

Here are ten examples of how that was done.

So it could be that way.

And I you know I don't want to presume in going forward the limitations of all of your creativity.

But it could well be.

And so I think that that's something that we can encounter that if question need to.

There are realities of geography as you know. And because these districts are not 300,000 people, there are certain limitations starting from an urban core you are facing now and you will continue to face.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that. Commissioner Kellom, you have the floor.

Excuse me, I apologize, Commissioner Kellom, one more Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To add on to that question because it was a really good question is there a number of VRA protected districts? And you knew this was coming, is there a number we need to hit?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay well let's address that specifically because I know that there have been public comments.

I've seen social media comments, comments in the media.

We've talked about Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act is no longer in play.

Let's assume that it is for a moment.

Let's assume there were a certain number of districts that minorities had the ability to elect in.

Then under Section 5 you would do something called the void retrogression you avoid reducing minority voting strength very specifically.

So that if there were ten districts, ten years ago let's say, you really can't reduce that below ten.

Maybe you increase it but you don't reduce it.

Section 5 as we know doesn't apply any more.

So that strict numerical you had ten, you have to have ten, that's really not the same as it was ten years before.

So I think what the Commission is doing is in addressing what Dr. Handley analyzed, looking at the current districts from 2010, you are diversifying the population, unpacking the districts, expanding the districts, while also at the same time going back to the lakeshore District in the Senate.

You're creating districts that appear to be opportunity to elect districts.

That may not have existed before.

That may not on first examination appear to be.

But the election results all show they are.

So if we were sitting here ten years ago, I would have -- we would be focusing on retrogression because Section five applied.

Retrogression in Section 5 don't apply any more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That means there is no definite number we have to draw.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This is no specific set.

You have ten you have to have ten to avoid retrogression.

However going to the point that everyone has been making about avoiding minority vote dilution so that in looking at districts that in the current map, the 2010 mapped what significantly high minority populations, if you add in reducing that and unpacking that, that you retain the ability of the communities, of the voters, of the people living there to elect candidates of choice.

So that they may not be in districts that are 95% of one race.

Maybe they are in a District with 42 percent.

As long as they can retain that ability to elect, that's what you strive for.

So you avoid this straight numerical adherence under Section 5 to avoid retrogression and instead you look more broadly.

And I also have to say that this is an issue that is confronting jurisdictions across the country when they are realizing for the first time in decades that they don't have Section 5 anymore so they don't have the same we have ten we have to keep ten and they are confronting issues that frankly they have not confronted previously.

In states that are a little different demographically than Michigan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Bruce.

So Commissioner Kellom we have about ten minutes until we want to take a recess do you want to take the floor or do you want to, yeah, how do you want to proceed?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's totally up to you.

Ideally, I don't know if I'm going to be able to map in six whatever minutes so I don't care.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Want to begin to start with something and have a break time and come back to it.

Are you going to be with us after the recess.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: A lot of interview questions Commissioner Rothorn admittedly but yes, I will be here so it's totally up to you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, why don't you begin and then take that break, yeah, then we will take a recess and we will reconvene at 1:00 with you again.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, keeping in mind my good friend Bruce is here can we Zoom out keeping the neighborhoods.

Not that much.

Zoom in a little bit more, please.

Going back to the same thing.

What I'd like to do is start around what is that? The green is that District 2? Or is that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is District 2.

That is 2, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, so I'm thinking of drawing a District that mixes in that kind of northwest Detroit area again with some of the suburbs to continue this next to get the VRA right so we will see how this goes.

Okay Kent.

Can you select -- can we do Campau, Bangla Town, Highland Park, Highland Park that little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to start with Highland Park just to get us a base.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom we did not sort of in District 2 we didn't keep the neighborhoods whole so feel free to adjust as you draw your District if you want to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm less interested in keeping so I want to keep some neighborhoods whole but I'm more interested in creating opportunity and fairness so however that happens is what I think is best for Detroiters.

Because I think largely any way I'm just going to proceed.

So Highland Park is selected.

We can do Dexter Lynn wood Russell Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay let me get all this area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh and the area to the right as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select the areas and if I select an area, you do not want to use speak up before.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Of course, I'm not going to let you over select.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just get them selected and then you tell me to stop.

I'm selecting whole precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here we can't I don't believe.

Maybe we can.

I will try it.

Assign that entire area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm going to try to create a chute up wards.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Going the way my cursor is pointed.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Include to the right of that Campau and Bangla

Town.

That is Russell Woods, yes and go northeast, I guess.

Based upon what my screen shows that would be northeast.

To select Campau and Bangla Town yes that 1049 that number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here I'm kind of around in here?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Those are whole precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, okay, select.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can assign them and trim them back, however you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Because that little jagged edge looks strange to me but we are also very zoomed in right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me go out a little bit before we do anything out.

You still have 64,000 to assign.

Should I trim that off?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's see what is happening so I want you to select from greenfield park and Cadillac heights going north.

See if you can push into Royal Oak and Ferndale, those areas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me I'm not being very effective at this.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's okay.

We have after the break and you will have lunch and you will be energized and it will be me and you again, Kent.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, we will see about that.

[Laughter]

Okay you were saying this area here we are going to go this way or are we going to start over here and go this way?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: so Zoom out a little bit.

Zoom out a little bit please, Kent, I might be going in the wrong direction so I want to make sure.

Yeah, okay, so select the University District, Palmer Park, Brooksdale Farm, Greenfield Park, Cadillac Heights, Green Acres, all the way up to Ferndale and Hazel Park. So everything that is on that slant, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get that straight.

Precincts, precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kent we have one more minute.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I quit.

We are just going to highlight this and go from there, Cadillac, that little piece, that little piece in here.

Okay that is generally where you were wanting to go with it?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, now select pieces of Ferndale and Royal Oak.

I know we have the little outliers but I want to right now the population is quite Black, which I was aware of.

So we are going to try to pull in Ferndale and Hazel Park and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can start doing that at the, yep, at a higher level.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep.

And include Royal Oak, yep.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 36,000.

You need 45.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I got higher than what I even wanted.

Pleasant ridge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to assign those so we got a base.

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And I will likely have to go back and fix this.
I'm trying to see what happens.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're just 6,000 or .4% light so you can still add.
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So add all that little light area, that Martin park Pilgrim village Dexter Finkel.
I'm sorry I'm probably going too quickly.
Then the area north of that.
Yes, sir.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is correct?
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Bruce what are you thinking so far but it's 12:01 never mind Bruce you might have to keep your thought.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.
We will come back when we return from our break, we will come back to you and we will have you and Bruce begin to assess what you've got there.
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 8 needs to drop 6200 people to be perfect.
6.8% of the people.
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay 6200 people.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Well done.
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I will chew on it.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for chewing.
Without objection we will now recess for 60 minutes.
Hearing no objections we will stand in recess until it looks like it's 12:03 so we will be back here can we start at 1:00? Okay we will try to start at 1:00.
Thanks.

See you all then.

[Lunch recess]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As Vice Chair of the Commission, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:00 p.m.
Will the secretary please call the roll?
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely, Mr. Chair.

Commissioners, Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location as well. We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Anthony Eid?
Brittini Kellom?

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present, attending from Wayne County, Michigan.
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present from Reed City, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you without abjection we will continue the unfinished business mapping State House districts.

Objections? Commissioner Kellom? We finished with you before the recess.

Are you ready to help us continue?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

Okay, Kent, 6200 folks to shave off.

I'm wondering can you Zoom in to the western side of the District I have drawn, District 8? Wondering do we have the neighborhood overlay? I'm wondering if I have included some areas over there that maybe like I was thinking of like Pilgrim village Martin park not University District but the southern part of the District that I've drawn.

On the left side of Highland Park.

Dexter, Finkle that area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a split neighborhood according to right through that. It's got an L shape or C shape.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking at the western.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm sorry go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I thought you were looking at the western side of Highland Park in that area that you wanted to look at.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh I was thinking about removing some of the folks from Russell Woods oak land Dexter, Pilgrim village to see if it would shave down the Martin park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay are you looking to remove.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Unassign yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The precincts or just do blocks?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You can do it blocks.

I don't see the numbers for those, so it will probably be trial and error.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to start right here and just make and you direct me where you want to go.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Brittini because we don't have Commissioner Szetela here is this one of the neighborhoods you recommend we try to keep whole or is that less an important neighborhood?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know enough about Nardin Park.

I would have to see some cross streets.

Because, again, we don't all use neighborhoods.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, I'm learning that from you also.

I appreciate that.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, all right, Kent, I like what you're doing.

Let's see what happens.

And let's go chip away at Russell Woods especially since I split them up because Russell Woods and Oakman Boulevard are kind of tight and close knit so I won't feel bad about putting them back.

And go along Dexter avenue and keep going north and remove the blocks.

I think that is Davidson.

So yep, take out Dexter.

Finkle.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of this or just this part?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take out just that part.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take out all of it I'm sorry Kent take out all of it and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Shall I continue on further eastward?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Now we have that weird part though.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that is one census block.

Put that back in is that what you're saying?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take out that jagged piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this, okay, yep, census block, this is one so we will see.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I wanted to take out Dexter Finkle but we are 440.

And we need take off 425.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you take out that area to the left and the area to the right.

So that whole area is just unassigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole area here?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or this area of this community.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was talking about that whole area and then that Dexter Finkle portion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay Kent slow down because now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is all of Oakman removed.

Your 1008.

We could put so the splitting Dexter Finkle you could put that back in.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, let's do that.

And Bruce can you chime in to let me know what you're thinking?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, Commissioner Kellom.

It's always good to renew our collaborative relationship.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I know, I enjoy you.

The feeling is mutual.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Likewise.

Just glad that there is more light now than there was when we spoke last week.

[Laughter]

I like what you did with the population.

I think that the -- that where the cursor is now, I think it would be more preferable if that narrow adjoining strip were enlarged so it's not just such a small piece that connects those two pieces of the District.

So are we going to put some of this back into 8?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Or continue I'm listening.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm saying are you going to take more out of 8 or put where my cursor is back into 8.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It has to go back into 8.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So start at this part.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes please.

I'm sorry Kent I was thinking because I was also...did we inadvertently remove something from Nardin Park? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, that is the way 2 is built.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, I can confirm that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I'm going to put this back into 8.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I know Russell Woods and Nardin Park should be together.

I'm sorry that just caught my eye.

Yeah, you can put that back, Kent.

And.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right in here it was the way District 2 was built.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, I'm okay and Bruce you can keep talking to me.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: But I think geographically like taking into account the neighborhoods and the communities in this area I'm okay with the shape.

I'm not crazy about the numbers.

But I'd rather talk to you about like population and demographics.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

I mean what you have done in the District and your moving to the north so you clearly balanced the voting age and the total population, which I think is I think that's really good.

We will look at the election results in a moment.

But I think thematically this is similar to what we were talked about last week in looking to balance and the districts, particularly the Black population that you geographically will have to whether it's north, east or west go into other areas, which you have done.

For now geographically and with the population being slightly under populated, let's look at what the election results tell us and then we can go from there.

How does that sound?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, I like that plan.

I think I'm slightly over though my friend Bruce.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is what I was going to point out.

She is a little over.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I appreciate that.

The percentage is small and so I think that what I tend to look at is the column with the checkmarks to see where if you are over, under 5% and you clearly are.

So you know for purposes of where we are right now, I think that's good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So I suggest, and I had an opportunity to talk to Dr. Handley today, that there are certain elections that are -- should be consistently highlighted as bellwether elections and those elections would be the elections where a minority candidate was running.

So those elections just as a reminder.

And something we can look at going forward.

So the first one is 2020.

I'm sorry 2018 gubernatorial Governor Whitmer's running mate.

The Lieutenant Governor is an African/American so let's look at the 2018 gubernatorial.

Okay, yes.

And this is District 8.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have District 8 highlighted with my cursor pointed.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 8 for gubernatorial clear advantage for the candidate of choice.

It's about six times advantage.

So that's good in that this is as configured elects this candidate of choice then let's look at the 2012 U.S. president.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Bruce I always learn so much when you do this. Just keep talking, keep talking it out, I have to keep hearing.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you very much Commissioner Kellom.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 2012 Presidential again 8-1 advantage between the candidate of choice and his opponent.

The let's look at the 2012 U.S. Presidential.

I'm sorry we just did that.

2020 U.S. Presidential.

And the reason that this is a bellwether election is that the democratic candidate for vice president was a minority candidate.

So when minority candidates run those are particularly important to look at and analyzing elections so here again minority candidate of choice prevails.

About a little less than a 6-1 advantage.

Now let's look at the 2014 Secretary of State.

Okay and that is Dillard and Johnson.

Okay, and, again, Dillard is the candidate of choice is also I believe African/American.

So again in this District it's about a 4-1 advantage.

And Kent, we will just go let's look on the screen and then be will just move to the left and then we will just complete and just read through all the elections.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me look at this tab here to see what is under it.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's do it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not.

So this is the Presidential, the Senate the Governor and Secretary of State all at one time.

I think this is where you want.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I'm sorry that's right.

This is what Dr. Handley and I were talking about.

This will be the first tab that I would suggest we go to because if there are minority candidates running in all the elections, so that is in the terminology those are bellwether elections.

We will look at that and then we will go to the rest of the elections.

So first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To name the tab it's the focused.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I e-mailed Mr. Brace about finding a way to highlight specifically and ideally perhaps put all of that in one tab with the four bellwether elections at the front, on the left, highlighted.

But for what we have now, let's look at the focused first and then we go to the rest of them.

So let's go back to the full minority races, please and so we could just we will just look at the remainder.

This isn't the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Full minority races tab.

This is the focused.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Focused has more than the four bellwether elections? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Focused has two Presidential, two Senate, Governor, secretary of state.

That's what I was given.

This is a republican candidate.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: African/American candidate for Senate.

But there were more elections.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the focused.

This is what was given.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure but there were more elections earlier today? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is under the full minority races.

I will click there now.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go all the way to the left and this is what you have been looking at most of the day.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's go down the list to see how everything aligns.

Okay, to the left, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is as far left.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To the right, thank you.

Okay and hold on.

So these are our lining up similarly minority candidates of choice are winning.

The margin is pretty substantial.

To the right, please.

Okay, so Commissioner Kellom I would say that in all the elections that we're looking at including bellwether elections the minority candidates of choice win.

And they win by sizable margins.

So this is a minority opportunity to elect, ability to elect District.

The I think that there will be just as there are seemingly with virtually all the districts.
I'm sure there may be some additional adjustments.

But I think your philosophy of going north and encompassing additional areas while being mindful of the Black overall population and Black voting age population I think that that's a good strategy.

And right now as I said this District is an ability to elect District minority candidates of choice win all the elections that we have compiled.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, thank you.

I appreciate that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a comment.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I've got something that came to mind as Commissioner Kellom did this.

We've got an area between 8 and 5 that is unassigned at this point.

That is in Detroit.

And if that population is 100,000, we are going to have to split it in two districts.

One being close to 91,000 and one being very small.

So I would like to do like a quick analysis to see how many people in that area.

And hopefully it will provide us opportunity to move north as well.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a great point.

Let's see who is there and what that reveals.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to make a temporary District 9 just to hold the population while we do this.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 20,000 I will add to it.

Are we talking about including this? I guess we would have to.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Just for clarification Commissioner Clark you said 8 and 5 but clearly you meant 8 and 6.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I'm sorry 8 and 6.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Getting a little extra in there but I think for illustrative purposes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: As I recall in the northern part of Detroit up in that area had a significant population.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we have a little extra population but that is 85 and we will remove some.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it's about a District and we can go further north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not a District, no, sir.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With 85, no, I think we would need to go north to the north population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will continue to add to it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No what I mean to say what we understood it's about a District.

One House District.

A little bit less than what we need.

Was there other -- can we look at demographics here too? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can assign it and actually look at the demographics. It's including some little pieces and excluding some little pieces but that is the gist of it that is District 9.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We didn't get boxed in some way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 83% non-Hispanic Black and that is taking a little bit forward but we will undo it.

A thousand people which is a little less than 10% of the entire District.

And it will have an influence on the number.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you satisfied Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I personally am.

Just it's going to depend how the numbers work out when we do it.

But we have the opportunity in 8 to reduce by 2000 if we need to.

We don't have the opportunity I think in six we have the opportunity to reduce as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to make sure we turn it back over to Commissioner Kellom to finish up her side.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm pleased with what I have drawn.

I took into account over the break of shaving I said okay I can take away some of the eastern part of District 8 which would remove some of the Black population or I was thinking of Hazel Park as an alternative which has some mixed population in terms of demographics.

However, I just decided to leave it that way, that way, that way, that way pardon me with making that choice.

Thinking about the next District, that could allow someone to pull population perhaps from Hazel Park.

And integrate that so I would leave it this way so there are some options as Commissioner Clark highlighted.

But I am fine with accounting for the Voting Rights Act.

Voting age population.

Considering the demographic, the heavily Black population in the City of Detroit, I looked to incorporate some of our insular suburbs, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, Hazel Park, which makes the population as well as consider some of the LGBTQIA communities in that area.

So I think this is a District that works in terms of the numbers.

Population VRA but also gives some options as we move forward.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: From the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Orton did you have something before we move on.

Commissioner Lange will you with us and how are you feeling?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm with you and ready to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, I'm going to go to the south and kind of go around where Commissioner Witjes drew.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South Gate, Taylor.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Keep going south, south of Detroit, yes.

By the Wyandotte.

I want to start with the areas along the river.

And Commissioners, correct me, is this what they referred to when they referred to Down River?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are getting some nodding heads here, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, and Kent also before we start, before I start picking away, can I get the African/American dots brought up so I can get a quick overview and then the Hispanic after that just to make sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the African/American Black alone category.

And you want to look at the Hispanic?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the Hispanic alone greater than 10%.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I want to start at the top area that is unassigned next to 5 on the river.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange Commissioner Witjes has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I wanted to tell you Down River goes basically from where you see the District down south to the squiggly line at Monroe border so the things from browns town that is kind of a stretch.

But South Gate Wyandotte, Gibraltar, Trenton, gross Isle all those.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can we Kent did you hear all the areas he said? Can you follow the river down so I can kind of get an idea what that looks like? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the Monroe County line right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you want to see Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you missed the instruction to highlight it. Are you asking him to highlight it Commissioner Lange?

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the way down to Rockwood.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: To the County line, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right there.

Tell me if this is right.

We have to go to precincts Section here and the remainder, that is precincts.

Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Rhonda this really doesn't have to do with your District but wanted to say this before we get too far.

I wanted to ask Dustin.

Since we have the Hispanic bubbles up right now, the -- your little Section that comes down doesn't look like it contains any but right to the side of it does.

So would you consider putting those in to boost the Hispanic population?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sorry in response, yes, that would be fine if we want to jut that over, that's not -- I think I tried that when I was testing it and the population is quite high.

But imperfectly fine with doing that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area highlighted is 68,000.

So you're still 25,000 short of approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's go ahead and assign that for the moment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cleanup District 4 surrounding and go to block level but there is no population there so it won't impact what you are looking at other than it will look better.

So you are 24% low, 22,669 low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Dustin are you going to be cleaning up that little Section there in South Gate at the moment? Or can you give me recommendation on do I look at the south districts more than the northern when adding to this?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I suppose what we should or could do is take those -- take that little I don't know what they call it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The little finger coming down.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If we take those potential to southern most blue districts of 5 and put them directly to the left, so right underneath where it says Lincoln Park.

There is two square districts that are unassigned.

Yep.

The move right there then the one below that.

We can assign those to 5 and remove the other two.

There you go and remove those two and see what that does.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Would you remove them or add them to 9?

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well 5 we would add -- those two we would add to 9 and then shift it over to 5.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two districts here add up to approximately 4300. These two add up to closer to 5,000.

Not quite.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 700, that is fine, we will do that for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lange do you want to put these two in 9 and these two in 5?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then these two into 5?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The northern Section above 9 the southern part of District 5 that is still a part of Wyandotte.

Do you want to keep that northern Section of Wyandotte or would you rather have Wyandotte be whole and sort of move in the area where the Hispanic community I think where those dots were?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine the 3043 and 2316 population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like that is the one in Wyandotte yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just those well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe all three of these are Wyandotte.

And at the blue line, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is my understanding yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Dustin can we take those three and shift over and pick up the rest of the Hispanic population then?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That would be fine by me.

05, 04 and 08, are we talking about the same ones?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, we are.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, could you add those to 9, please?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I may briefly your point about keeping Hispanic community whole is good.

I think that is important and then the adjustments that Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Lange are making, I think are significant in that they are changing the demographics.

But also keeping the Hispanic community whole in 5 I believe and I think that is very important.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay ready for me to move this to 9?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The only thing we are doing here which really doesn't I think it would be fine is the reason why I had that finger type Jut coming down the south was to keep I think South Gate if I remember right South Gate and Taylor whole. But given public comments we received in regards to the Latin X community that should be fine to do.

I'm not married to the idea of keeping Wyandotte, I mean South Gate and Taylor whole. It will be close enough to whole minus two small little precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And Commissioner Lange I think you are initiating this so this is much appreciated.

You have the floor again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Exactly which of these precincts? We need approximately 8500.

So looks like that is Hispanic population there.

I'll mark them.

That is 2800.

300 Hispanic.

3600, 400.

So those are the precincts that are 10% or higher in Hispanic.

How do you want to get the 9 or so thousand?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Dustin 5 was yours originally so which way would you like to go?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right so those three precincts together is roughly 10,000, right? Pretty close? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right that one and this precinct comes up in here kind of splits it up, however you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 03 right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one right here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes and 09 which is the other one with the dot in it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 10,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Odd shape here I don't know what it's all about want to assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sure.

Now what we could do is take a couple off on the northern side.

If that would be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange why don't you and Commissioner Witjes figure this out.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm here Dustin and open to suggestions.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If you are 10,000 over, oh, wait, no we are 1780 over. I think we are good.

Let's keep that as is for now.

And then you should be able to continue moving down towards the Monroe County border.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 9 needs approximately 9700.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So do I add Dustin in your opinion would adding the rest of the South Gate area make sense with Down River or does that not make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: South Gate.

That is.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: 5 the odd shaped one.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Rockwood.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We could potentially do the South Gate but I don't know what the balance will be right now.

So we will find out.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area of South Gate is 13,000.

You would not get that piece up there so it doesn't matter.

So that puts you certain percentage over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Approximately 4,000 which should be about 4.5% maybe.

I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can you scroll down a little bit more for me, Kent? 006 and 007 we could potentially remove these two precincts which are on the west side of District 9 on the south.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And keep the South Gate is that what you are proposing?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can have a secondary subset of Down River which would be the more inland precincts.

My thoughts so.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm open to thoughts because you know this area better than I do.

So, Kent, let's when that comes back up let's take out those two areas he just suggested to the south.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Would that be right about, still has not come back.

Let me it's still I don't know why it's taking so long.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is fine we are here until 6:00.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm well aware of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He said I'm well aware of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's still not.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I saw that coming.

Just a moment.

Okay I think we are back to where we need to be.

I believe that is where it was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, this is not where it was adjusted.

This is back to the finger.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No the finger was right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Was it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It was here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good.

It feels like it's missing something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's missing this right here.

That is when it started acting crazy.

If I remember right and I'm sure you will let me know if I'm not, that was the three precincts we had put into 5 am I correct on that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see heads nodding.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can you bring back the dots to see what it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yeah, we can do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rhonda there was head noting in the room and Kent says does that look right and will you be able to help him answer that?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Was it 04 that is where one of the Hispanic dots are.

Was that included with 5:00?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think they are Hispanic dots right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me check again.

No, it's not.

It is at the town.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you turn on your mic please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sure this is what we had and I think it changed thematic layer again.

Okay, no.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1780 speaking of unassigning or assigning.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, going to unassign to the south the two districts to the west that kind of stick out, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This or that?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That where your cursor is on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so 19,000 this is a Township boundary line is the reason why I stopped.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Those two that you just removed, Kent, on the very south that line the border those need to be added back in, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This stays in?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, those two stay in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get this straight.

Just a moment.

Just a minute I want to make sure I'm not getting ready to have another problem.

Okay now is that correct Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The idea is you were now going to come up into here?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select them and you can see what need to be done.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Selected area is 13,528 and you need 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay go ahead and assign those, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're 1.96% low.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, I think at this point we will leave it in case something needs to be added or adjustments are going to be made.

The reasoning for this particular District is we had public comment about keeping the Down River Areas together.

And also taking into account the Hispanic population in number 5 and adding more of that population back into 5 to potentially give them a voice in voting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Lange.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One thing that between the two districts that kind of irk me here is the one little sliver of south gate to the north that is dis-contiguous with 9 and 5. And would want to potentially see if it could fit into 5.

No, because I'm over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do we want to highlight the census blocks and see how many people are in that area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Please.

Well, isn't that a precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a precinct so I will just select a precinct. It's 1800 people so that will throw you right around 4% I'm thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I really just don't want to bust the town into the Township into three.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sorry that area there what about adding that with 9?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Which just the bottom couple sets of blocks?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is approximately 708 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go ahead and add that to 9 if that is okay with you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lange shall I put that in 9, the highlighted area?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It's okay if it's okay with Commissioner Witjes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

Let me assign these blocks right here so we don't have to do it later.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're speaking of putting this precinct into District 5?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I assign it?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, that's fine, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Lange I recognized you finished your turn and there is a moment here where you and Dustin are still collaboratively mapping. So between the two of you sort of help Kent know what to do that will be helpful.

Commissioner Witjes has his hand.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm inclined to keep it as is District 5 keep in mind we will have to work with Taylor which is quite a large Township and down south if you want to work with the second third, not the second third, second half of the down river area potentially.

And then we may have to tweak A align at that particular point whether it's in 59 or whatever District number it would be for the Taylor and south area.

So I'm fine as it is right now for the District I drew and if Commissioner Lange is okay, I'll just let her continue on at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange do you want to continue with your District 9? I think you said you were good with it correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I think I'm good with the District for now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent all right thank you both for that.

And I do not see I think we are all set.

We got thumbs up from the Department of State so we are on to Commissioner Lett excuse me, Bruce Adelson.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Two quick points if we could just look at the election results for 5 just out of curiosity to see how it performs electorally, please.

Focused.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Bruce asked me in terms of focusing some of the contests, and I was just sending him back an e-mail saying they are actually there on the other tab.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We've got that.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Rather than have two tabs if it's possible to have it all in one tab and those four bellwethers highlighted in that one tab.

>> KIM BRACE: That is what is there in the focused minority races tab.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I know, I'm suggesting putting it all in just one tab instead of having two.

And then having the bellwethers highlighted in the one tab.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the way they are.

Full minority is all the minority races.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Suggesting to highlight.

>> KIM BRACE: Full minority is mislabeled and it should say all statewide contests.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: What I'm suggesting is that when the election results are looked at.

Let's say the full minority tab is selected that the first four races on the left be the bellwether elections and they're bolded, however they are highlighted then we proceed to the right because the four bellwether are bellwether.

They are pretty essential.

The others are also important too.

But the bellwether elections are not working out.

We don't need to go further to the right.

So I'm just suggesting one tab.

Highlight those four, put them to the left first and then proceed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I dot you now.

So these are all functions right now billing formulas to do that actually it would take a significant amount of changes in building these matrixes.

So it's not something we can do right here.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just wondering if that is possible.

And I'm not suggesting that it could be done right now.

I understand that it would take time.

But I'm just wondering for ease of use as we continue to go forward that that to me that is worth exploring as a possibility.

>> KIM BRACE: My suggestion is look at the focused minority races tab and it will get you what you want to look at.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just wondering if the other is possible, not today, I understand that but if it is just something you all can explore and report back on.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

So now we will review District 5.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The focus yes, I looked at the focused. Can we look at the full minority, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want to make sure we are still on District 5. We want to make sure we are still on District 5. I don't want to lose this.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

So I'm sorry.

This is not going the way I wanted it to go so.

District 5.

District 5.

District 5.

Okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

And to the right, please.

Okay, thank you.

Okay thank you.

So those election results are showing support for the minority candidate of choice I believe in all the elections.

Some of the margins are relatively close.

I was just curious about that to see how this how District 5 is configured and was performing electorally.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have a significant Hispanic population in there?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Total population is about 30%.

And maybe that is total, yeah, 30% and then the VA P I think is about 16, 17, 18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In District 5.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: VAP for the Hispanic population is 15, over all is 18, total minority is about 32%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, yeah, well done.

Okay.

Thanks y'all.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I believe we are on to Commissioner Lett.

How you feeling? Or Commissioner Witjes? Okay Commissioner Lett on to you, please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm feeling great.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please continue.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just so you know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I appreciate that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We will work north of your cursor between 2 and 4.

Pick some color so we can distinguish between what they are.

Don't pick green again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What color do you want it to be? Are we doing District 10?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett it's either green or white but not both.

Wait he is both.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: We don't typically do blue or magenta or browns.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What is your pleasure Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Red.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we start the District then I can start the color.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Red.

You start right where your cursor is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're welcome.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that red enough?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

Can we do the overlay for the communities? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

Neighborhoods or communities?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Neighborhood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want me to start assigning this area?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Please and move north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Basically this general region.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, any of the Detroit people see any reason why that shouldn't go in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just selecting them to do as you please with.

I think we have to go to the block level to get that.

I will look at it more closely.

Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to block level and I'm going to get this strip right here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

Zoom out, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to get one more flop that is causes problems when I do that.

Just to keep it from coming up, later, we would have to come back to it.

All right, I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So we are looking at 25% white, 63.3 non-Hispanic Black.

75% total minority.

Are there any districts northeast or west that are going to change those numbers? Folks?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think if we get into Warren, I think that is above and Commissioner Orton and then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe the African/American theme would help that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure, the dots, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, you will find East Point to be predominately African/American.

And I think as you go further west it's less.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe one of the struggles here too Commissioner Lett is East Point does identify with Detroit.

So to not put it with Detroit maybe, yeah.

Even though it's African/American I don't think we want to sort of cut it off from Detroit. So if you move east and include and sort of leave the let's say if you don't go towards Warren for example and if you just sort of continued sort of east in an easterly curve following District 6, and you took in East Point and then went past East Point. North of East Point is there a whiter population up there? Anybody know? To help balance the District? And I think that is what you're asking for Commissioner Lett to help balance this and know which direction to go in.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Of course I am.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think Roseville is north of East Point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know.

All along the border of 8 mile we are still confronted with you know pockets of African/Americans.

I don't know what you can avoid but I think East Point then north of East Point is going to be predominately Black.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: May I suggest what we have done previously is just start our artificial District up in that area and see what you have in the general region?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you okay with that Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just make 11 and highlight a bunch of area and see what it says.

So that area is roughly 68,999 people.

I'm going to assign it so you can see what that population consists of.

So District 11 is District 11 is 28% non-Hispanic white which makes it well 65% non-Hispanic Black and voting age population.

And yes, I can change the color so it can be seen better.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It's not helping us.

The other idea would be to make this more of a spoke and go further north.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, you could continue, go ahead Commissioner Eid.

Yes, I guess you are getting nodding heads.

So instead of going to the east you could head up and follow District 8 north and to the Warren area with your, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Commissioner Lett that was going to be my suggestion to try going north.

That's why I was quiet.

I had to make sure what I was thinking was actually what I wanted to say.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is that what you want to say?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yes, Commissioner Lett that would be my suggestion.

I will look at another map outside of the screen to see.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's go up the west side of 8 headed north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select it and then we will just go from there.

I will have to undo that.

That goes into 8 so far.

Shall I assign this so we can Zoom in.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And see what it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct most of this runs into north Campau so we need to go at the block level and get those.

Shall I do that?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, so you need 46,000 more people.

The democrat graphics are highlighted.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out, please.

If I continue going north, are we going to be able to assist ourselves in percentages?
Can we do a 11? Do a 11 again and go north of where we are at and let's see what it looks like? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

That is 38,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett, I think we have the dots on for the African/American.

At this point I might switch to Asian to see this is where the Bengali community also extends and so what you might want to do as you get into centerline and this area Warren, I think one or two streets over may break up that community unintentionally so we may want to have the dots and see if we can keep the Bengali in this northern Section together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So District 11 as it's drawn right there has 40,000 in it.

You need 46.

It's 13% non-Hispanic black voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's put the Bengali dots on Asian.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We don't have Bengali but we do have Asian.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As you can see it's south a little bit of your District.

And also north well, you will be getting let me click on it and get an idea of the numbers
500, 30%.

800, 24%.

700.

That is Asian alone.

No other race is involved.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Make that 10 and let's see what the total looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Margin.

You still need 6,000 poll.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is that looking like, Bruce?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think Commissioner Lett this is an interesting looking District.

You certainly have made a lot of changes.

Of course we will look at the election results.

But I've been following what you have been doing.

I think this is a very interesting looking District.

And I mean that positively.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out so I can see the whole District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to turn off that one layer so you can better view the.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Uh-huh.

All right.

You are moving your cursor too fast, slow down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I understand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right to the east of our -- there, that line.

See what we have there for population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1700, 1500, 584, 32, 37, 3800.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay put those in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Steve, I just happen to notice the one down at the bottom that's only 424 people.

That split a neighborhood, one of those neighborhoods so you might want to consider that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't want to interrupt Steve too much

Commissioner Lett excuse me.

But I don't know if this is too much of a plug.

I appreciate what Bruce is saying.

And I understand why Commissioner Lett you're choosing to draw it this way.

I just wanted to highlight that initially.

Just in terms of the demographics like that central area of Detroit we are starting with and it's extending all the way up.

What is the City up there? Is that Madison heights? Led Lett at the north.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I didn't know how far.

No, Madison heights is over there.

What is that? Sterling Heights maybe? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Centerline Madison heights Warren that is Hazel Park right there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay I will let him continue but that was just a preliminary thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The dots are the Asian community; is that correct? So just noting right that Bangla Town, Hamtramck area, yeah, it would but I wonder if there is a way to not corrupt the demographics in 8.

Sort of keep a community more together just you know one of those areas I would love to explore, play with.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move down, please.

There.

So where you are talking about Cynthia, where are you talking about?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Coleman airport that is what she is talking about.

That area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Oh, I'm splitting the Coleman airport? 424.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a neighborhood.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can put that in, sure.

Probably the runway.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It is.

I was looking at you and I did not know that was runway in ASL, Toi when I was looking at you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That brings me to 3.52%.

And I'll go back to Bruce and let's take a look at this.

I want to see what you think.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well can we look at the election results? Let's look at the focus first.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So District 10 is line 12.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Can we look at the full, please? And to the right, please.

Thank you.

I think that this looks like a strong opportunity to elect districts.

The margins are I think typically about 3-1 in favor of excuse me the minority candidate of choice.

Then what is interesting about this District, just numerically is this is not a single race majority-minority District.

It is a majority-minority District among Black people Asian people and Hispanic people.

Now, as you know we don't have information yet or analysis yet about coalitions and coalescing and we talked about yesterday.

Right now the District does appear to be performing in the sense that minority candidates of choice are winning.

And if they are not winning in all elections, they are winning in just about 90% it seems to me.

So that is why I said I think this is an interesting District.

It's not a single minority-majority District.

It is on the surface a primarily a coalition District between Black voters, Asian voters and then I'm also imagining there is some cross over support too.

So I think this is a you know similarly to what Commissioner Kellom and I were talking about earlier, this is an interesting District and going in the direction you did to the north, you have more -- you've balanced the District demographically and I'm not disconcerting any weakening in the ability to elect.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm raising my hand for me.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

I will get used to this someday.

My one concern is that we do have that Bengali community that was vocal over three districts 8, 10 and 2 and what I'm thinking about Commissioner Lett I think we can have a couple options here.

If we Zoom in with the Asian dots, I think we can add -- I guess what I'm saying Commissioner Lett because it's still your turnip going to suggest this: Either in Bangla Town in particular the northern part of 2, southeastern part of 8, the western edge of 10, right, Bangla Town in particular is what they had asked for.

And so I think and that is that one dot and because 8 is I believe over, 2 is under, population but 10 is also under population I think I want to leave it to you to sort of help them be in two districts primarily rather than three.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I'm not necessarily opposed to that.

I will say that I talked with them personally at the meeting.

And they understood that they are spread out far enough that they are going to have an issue trying to get into one District or two.

So but I'm more than willing to take a look at you're talking about the 2853?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That corner.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm fine with that being removed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Eid Commissioner Lett keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 8 is over so that would be one possibility.

And Anthony seems to have a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was just going to agree with what Commissioner Rothhorn said.

I think that the borders of 10 right now are so close to Hamtramck and into this population where there is the 2853 people this might be an opportunity to just extend 10 into this and maybe extend 8 north, north a little into maybe to the west a little bit to make it up, see what happens.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We make the one change on the 28, that is going to balance out 8 and 10 really well.

And not affect the I don't think once we do it, we won't affect our demographic percentages which I I'm very comfortable with.

So let's do that, Kent, let's take that 2853 and put it in 10.

I like it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Stick a fork in it.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Lett.

Questions? Thumbs up well done.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Does the state have anything for me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They do not you got a thumbs up .

We are on to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay well I guess we will just take that part that's left right there and see what we can do with that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 11?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to go down to the block level to get this remainder.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11, 64,000 more people are needed.

Just continue signing into this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you select that and see how many it would be? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We will still have plenty I think to go up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area contains 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay assign that, please.

So this is still part of Detroit, right? And someone was saying that East Point associates with Detroit, so maybe we should go that direction.

So can you Zoom out a little bit? Okay, will you choose East Point? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 34,000 you could put all of it in there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we also put on the African/American theme.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, approximately 34,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay assign that, please.

I don't think we are going to be able to get up into lower minority areas.

So that might be a problem.

So it looks to me like in order to try to balance it more racially, we would have to split this into two and do two spokes up.

Do people feel that's what we should try?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, Commissioner Orton that is Commissioner Kellom.

I support that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, then, Kent, we will -- so I'll just give direction, if anyone else has reasons that we should do something different pipe in.

But I'm thinking right where that right angle is, yes, if you just kind of come down, follow that diagonal line down, that must be a road but I don't know what road.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Isn't that Gratiot? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thinking we will just create a holding District called 12.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That would be great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To hold that area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe that is too slim of a spoke.

I don't know.

But we can take a look.

Okay so I'm thinking what would be next.

Let me see it.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this where you have in mind this area?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I want you to go back to Townships and Zoom out a little bit.

Okay so I'm thinking do we go over to the shore? Or do we leave the shore to be altogether?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With the environmental concerns the shoreline has, I guess I'm tempted to try to keep the shoreline separate in that the industry and I think Commissioner Clark you've talked about this yet that as a sort of light industrial, there is a difference between light industry, heavy industry, there is a lot in the suburban centerline and Roseville area.

Do you have any thoughts on where in terms of environmental impacts and what the industry is like?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Most of the industries over in Warren and Sterling Heights area.

The heavy industry.

I would tend to go north to Roseville and leave the shore because one of our conversations was it was easier for us to get districts in the house than it was in the Senate because the Senate was so big.

So I tend to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so Kent will you choose Roseville and let's see. That will be over.

But choose that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of it or precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Choose all of Roseville then we will look at it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then you can slim down Detroit area too to get the population right.

We are --

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We are 7600 over.

Can we see the whole District? Can we see the whole District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry I didn't understand.

Okay the racially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's highlighted.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, what do you think, Bruce?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think it's similar to the last couple of districts.

It's not a majority-minority District single race.

The you know the election results will tell us a lot.

But I think as with Commissioner Lett, Commissioner Kellom and you're going into the direction you are to diversify the population which you have done.

It's changed dramatically.

So I think just from the demographic perspective I think it may work.

We will look at the election results.

But just you know right now I could see that it may well work after we look at the elections.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay before we look well, I don't know before or after we are going to have to take off some population so I'm thinking the top two precincts which shouldn't change things much, I'm thinking.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're still 3200 high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that is still too high, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to look at our aggregate to see if we are over or under aggregate total? Or keep chipping.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would like to be 2% over or under if I can.

These are the African/American bubbles? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then okay let's look at the aggregate ap see whether we are over or under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will load that up on the spreadsheet.

It will take just a minute.

12 doesn't count.

It's just a holding District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me see if I can find this.

This should work.

Let me make sure I get it right.

The eyeball test here, yeah, it looks you are actually high on most everything.

Five and six kind of tilt it and 11.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are what tilts it upward.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so we need to be under.

Okay so thank you.

I think I would like to take off the precinct, the 0-2 on the left corner, yeah.

It would look better if I took off the right one but it wouldn't help with our populations.

So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 11 now is less than 1% under.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, okay, can we look at election results now?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Also let me mention the precinct that you took out, since it is, what is the minority population there, Kent, please, in the 002? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you're looking for.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The one that Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just that one precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: One precinct 002 to the left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

That precinct has 4100 people in it, 1097 and 26.64%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This is an example of a precinct in moving forward with other districts we want to make sure to include in a District that has an opportunity to elect because this is the area getting closer to the County line where districts in the current plan could elect but the minority percentages were very high.

So we will want to do all we can reasonably to retain that ability to elect.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So just to while we are here to have a conversation about this.

I chose not to take out I can't see the precinct number but yeah where his cursor is chose not to take that out because I was trying toed an a little more white population in to balance it.

So then in order to do that, to have a reason to do that we should look at what's around it that is not assigned yet to make sure there is going to be something we can assign it with.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a great point and I agree.

I think the way your District is now and the way it had been before you took that precinct out the numbers were already looking pretty good.

I appreciate your concern.

And I largely agree.

I think that in this case it's if you take out the precinct that you did, then that's just I think as people talked about like putting a pin in it.

And an FYI a population to be aware of on the adverse if you ask to take out where the cursor is I don't expect it would dramatically change the numbers.

So that is really the key points about those two areas.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So, Kent, I'm going to just if I can just have an extra minute, please.

I'm just going to write these numbers down.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to offer if you want because what I also heard with that comment was that the next District 12 which is what I'm going to draw if you want to draw that one and see how that would fit, that particular precinct you took out to make sure that it does have that opportunity to elect by drawing 12, you might get there.

I would appreciate that.

Because then I can continue to Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Oh, okay, but first.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner I could say also we can just do it and look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what I would like to do.

I wrote down the number so do it.

Make that switch and then we will see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 42.11% non-Hispanic.

I'm going to put this back into 11 and take that out.

So now we are going to take this out.

Now you are 42.13 you are within 10ths.

Which way do you want it?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, switch back just because that was my, you know, original thought.

And we will see how it goes with this next District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It makes the lakeshore narrow which I think what you want if you expand to 2083 those people are kind of away from the lake.

Don't have the same concerns.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so I'm happy with this.

Oh, we haven't looked at political races yet.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure let's do that.

Let's look at the focus minority first, please.

And the full minority, please.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get back on district 11.

We were on 10 I was afraid of that.

This is District 11 highlighted now.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

And to the left, please.

Okay thank you.

So Commissioner Orton, this District elects across the board and the margins are two to three to one so typically so they are not close.

So this seems to be a pretty good ability to elect District.

And I think that what really is interesting with what you've done and Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Lett the numbers are all relatively close.

But they are all from looking at the results solid ability to elect districts.

The margins are pretty good.

And certainly the margins are good in the District you drew.

So I think right for now I think it looks pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I'm happy with that then for now.

Are there questions?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Will you continue with 12?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay who is after you so.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Me.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You're good with that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For Commissioner Rothorn I will just fill in that other empty part, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me 12?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Fill in the -- so District 12 we are going to add to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just want to make sure I was on the same Page.

This area through here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

So MC are you thinking that wide? And just keep going up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I am and particularly to try to see if that one precinct still has an opportunity to elect.

So I think the African/American squares where the dots may be useful because I think that is what was on, yeah, African/American.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just going up until we get up in here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, go up to there and also add in the theme, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I'm just going to select it and then I will turn it on.

This is the -- this District is at 91.

So you want me to add this in?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Please do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm assigning that area now.

It's going to be 3,000 over or some 4,000 something like that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's a lot over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's way over.

That's right.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We had this area here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Do we want to think about making two skinny ones?

Or.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's look at the dots.

And because if we split 12 east and west to go, yeah, we don't quite have enough for I guess we could go into is that Sterling Heights and Warren? Above 10 when it says Warren Sterling Heights.

Yeah, so I think Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I don't think we need to split it up.

Because non-Hispanic Black population is only 36%.

So I wouldn't want to see that get lower by splitting it up.

Maybe just take some off the top and see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The top you mean the north.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but we do get whiter as we go north for the north so I think right because we took the spoke mentality.

The question is whether we can have that, yeah, that balance of population of the minority and the majority, majority being the white population and African/American being the minority and if we have that we are trying to, yeah, break up Detroit so that we have more balanced districts with Black and white.

And so that is why I was thinking east west rather than north, south, right because it's does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, I agree.

I think our I mean we are nowhere near being packed now.

I mean the Black population is only at 36% so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The wisdom that comes from that community right to spread that wisdom out if you will further north, and Cynthia I guess what I'm asking I do appreciate the idea that I'm continuing to Chair if you wouldn't mind directing are you okay?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I think one issue that we're probably thinking of is that one District that I had deselected out of that area.

There's not much left if we don't put it in this District, there is not a lot of African/American population left to put it with.

So that they would have an opportunity to elect.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: What I was going to suggest it's interesting when we looked at the election results for District 11 that you did, since the minority candidates of choice win in every one of the elections including the bellwether elections, I would suggest that precinct that we were thinking about, instead of it being in 12 it could be in 11.

Because 11 does elect.

So if you are looking to reduce population, I think putting it in 11 shouldn't really change things dramatically to get relieves you somewhat of access population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And it does solve that problem.

Bruce, will you do this or I mean Kent, so many people here, would you please switch those two precincts back for 11 like we had tried.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this in 11.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Deselect that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Deselect or unassign is the terminology we are looking for.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

So 11 is a little bit high.

I mean from ideal.

I mean, and 12 still needs to drop of 30,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

So right under the word Warren there is kind of a line that goes across.

Can you select all of 12 that is above that line? Just so we can see the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area I think you're referring to.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area contains 33,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is about what you need.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Puts you in the ballpark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Please deselect or unassign.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12 is 4.5% low.

Non-Hispanic Black is around up to 47, 46.5%.

Voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we need to add in a precinct or two probably to get it a little bit closer.

Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 3500 by itself.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would say follow the dots.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So are you thinking the one that doesn't show African/American population because we don't need it to be quite that high?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that is what I'm thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So 3032 will you assign that to 12? .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what was requested?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, thank you.

Do you think that is close enough to look at the result?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we look at it taking that off and looking at 3512 as well, the one right next to it? Switch it.

Once you do your analysis on this.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, yeah, so, Bruce or Mr. Adelson, sorry, you can see the populations there.

So can we then look at the elections, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted is District 12.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

Can we look at the full minority, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is District 12 highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay, and to the left, please? And just a bit more to the left so we can see the last couple.

Thank you.

Okay thank you.

I think it's the same, that this minority candidates of choice looking at the election results when all the elections, the margins are typically I believe 2-3-1.

So this seems to be a good ability to elect District.

As you know this is not a majority-minority District.

With a majority of one race.

It is primarily a plurality Black District but the election results show that the candidates of choice win particularly the bellwether candidates.

Across the board typically by two to three margins by two to three times.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent, can we Zoom back into I think Township so we can see the Townships? Commissioner Clark wanted to take out that top maybe it's precinct, take out that top precinct and add the one in that is to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add this one, remove this one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes please.

And we will look at the minority population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Next one down.

So it went from the non-Hispanic Black went from 4527 to 4544.

Is that significant Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is an incremental change.

That is not going to change any of the election results.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: When we look at what is left that we can make another District of that includes African/American population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I think if you look at going north from 11, 12, 10, there are significant African/American communities and then maybe potential communities of with the Hispanic or Asian.

So yes, I think there is still a lot of possibilities so that is going to change a little bit as you go north from 10-12 and go beyond go north of Utica for example.

But then you perhaps the districts that are to the west look more to the northwest while the districts like 11 for example look to the north and northeast.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton, how do you feel?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent, put it back to the way I originally had it because I think you should always go with your gut feel.

We can all revisit it if we find a problem.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah.

All right.

Commissioners Commissioner Orton.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we just Zoom out real quick and look at what we got so far? Like in Detroit specifically.

Trying to see how many districts we have.

All right thank you Commissioner Orton for that.

And I think we are okay from the Secretary of State? All right very good.

And if I'm not mistaken Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One more thing Kent would you save just you know so we don't have to do that again.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want me to export another copy?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we are fine and okay to keep going here.

We are scheduled to take a break or a recess a small ten minute recess between 3:15-3:25 how are you feeling should we do it right now? Yes, we are going to take a ten minute recess starting right now.

See you back here at 3:10.

Excuse me without objection we will recess.

Let me look at my script.

Without objection we will now recess for ten minutes.

Hearing no objections we will stand in recess until 3:10.

Thank you.

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[Recess]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

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As Vice Chair of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, I call this meeting back to order at 3:10 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Mr. Chair.

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location as well.

Unless due to military duty please disclose your location.

We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present attending remotely from Wayne County Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you secretary of state without objection we will continue mapping State House districts and we left off with myself so it's Commissioner Vallette's turn.

Please proceed.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm going to sharp on the shoreline so right above the streak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area or south?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Start there and go north at St. Clair shores.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select them and take it from there.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All mermaids.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that approximately where we want to start there is a piece of a precinct in there?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

Can I see the population? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The population now you still need 18,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right but can I see the population on the map? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yes, I'm sorry.

Those are the precinct numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And can I see the African/American bubbles? Is that what they are called? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is the African/American.

Black dots, I didn't get this area so there is still some and you need 18,000.

And there is that non-Hispanic Black percentage, which is 12%.

Can I see the Townships? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the Township of mount Clemens do you want to see the population?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What is east of mount Clemens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Clinton.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: East Harrison is 24,000 but I believe we have half of that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so can we finish Harrison.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you need 6,000 and the non-Hispanic Black population is 11.36.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you go south a little bit? Thank you.

And then thank you.

So I only need 6,000.

Next to Frazier and below Clinton in that corner there, can you add those two? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If the objective is the shoreline, I think we are getting too far inland.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would consider going further north even if you have to split, I would see what is further north.

Because it goes all the way around new Baltimore and hooks back around.

I mean there is more shoreline here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Should I take something out and go up to Baltimore?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take something out.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 810 people low so you are right there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keep to the shoreline.

What you put in I would take out Frazier or short near Frazier.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can we go all the way up to new Baltimore.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It even hooks around, sure.

So there is plenty of room.

There is more population up there than you are going to need.

I would consider that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so put that in and then we will take some out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think if you look at what is just north of that it will give you the population and probably a little more.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I want you to add all the way up to new Baltimore and then we will take some out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I need to remove some of this I suspect.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Remove whatever that is sticking out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Something like that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what does everybody think?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes you have your microphone on do you want to speak? Commissioner Clark do you have a hand?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, do you still have Frazier precincts in there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Frazier is not included.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The ones you added near Frazier?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I would offer Janice is that I think we heard when we did get feedback on the shoreline District, we were drawing in the western edge of the state that one Township in was enough.

And I don't think you quite have a Township there right I think you have precincts but not necessarily a Township so you might want to consider that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I guess are you saying put Frazier in?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have the three most western dots.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay we are taking those out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would and put in new Baltimore in.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Depends on the numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 23,000 high and that is 7500 people.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're not going to be able to add anything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need to get 23 out maybe 40 out to get new Baltimore.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so take those out.

Just below mount Clemens the one like a triangle.

Take the one that has the point on it out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would go back up to northern part and come down.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I should go all the way up to new Baltimore.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And take some of those precincts out that is how I would deal with it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Should I go all the way to that blue dotted line?

Oh, he wants you said I should take it out? Okay, so I'm taking out.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You have to get 20,000 out somehow.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Start taking out like the very top ones.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Chester field, shores, take those three out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this area next to new Baltimore?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, and then that one.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can add some back in.

I did a chunk now you are 9,000 light so if you Zoom in you can look at the numbers and choose what you want to put in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I take out the 1918 and the 1946, the top two?

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are now 13,000 short of an ideal District number.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, just east of mount Clemens there is a big Air Force base so that will probably be lowly populated.

But that is still I think somewhere around 20,000, in that area.

Maybe not, no.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2400.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Air Force base right there I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, can you bring it in so I can tell you where to go? Because if there is no cities or anything I don't know how to tell you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we are going to add -- let me just get my bearings here again are we going to add population from up here or add population from down there.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: From there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add population here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will Zoom in here and you need approximately 13,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The 2141 and 2481.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, 2141.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Where your cursor is that one and the one neck to it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight them.

I took a piece up here so we will have to go back and either take it out because it's disconnected.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well maybe not.

Maybe I will get up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or go in there and add in this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 2481 yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So we need 13.

So the one above it is 1562.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's in the town of mount Clemens Township of mount Clemens.

Down in there.

See the blue line is the Township.

1562.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There seems to be a precinct right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Janice, I think you are taking parts of mount Clemens did you want to go into the City?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No but you said you thought I was too far inland. Okay don't add the 1562.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Now we are going north the 1946.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right let me get back here. All right, 1946, 1946.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 2576 and 2608 going around the shoreline.

I still need 6,000.

2691, 2280.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point you're only 1.38% low which is 1200 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I thought it had been added.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It just not did not update the tables.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a question.

I find it hard to tell what exactly is the town or village of mount Clemens.

Because those little it's got a little dot in there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get it so it's more obvious.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: For your reference mount Clemens is not a village.

It's a decent size town and it's the county seat for Wayne County.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I stand corrected.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I stand corrected not Wayne County but Macomb County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turn off voting precincts just for a moment so we can clearly identify.

So the Township boundary looks you can't hardly see it but it goes around here.

Goes up here.

Comes down.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So we are taking this out.

Take that one Section out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is part of a precinct down here.

I'm really trying to see the Township boundary myself so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent I think Janice was directing you to unassign that little Section.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I am.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's still working, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What am I supposed to do about that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's still not responding appropriately.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Got a hammer? I really don't know what it's doing at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What if you reassigned it to something else then tried to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, and right now it's churning in the background. Because if you come over here my guess is you see it, it's still processing data.

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And so anything I do now that calls it to add to it to make a bad situation worse.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if while we are waiting Commissioner Lett, I do remember you said that there was we had new business and it was just going to be a five-minute report.

Should I not -- should I jump to new business while we're waiting and then come back to the old business? Okay, so while we are waiting let's so I'm going off script.

Uh-huh.

So while we are waiting so we are going to move from unfinished business that is processing in the background we are going to move to new business item 6 on our agenda.

And particularly 6B with I is the subcommittee report.

So without objection I will ask Commissioner Lett to provide information on new business item 6B.

The subcommittee report.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, I don't know how many of you bothered to look at the evaluations for the local counsel.

We had three responses.

One from Fink Bressack, one from James Lancaster and one from Honigman being a rather large Detroit law firm.

We take care of two of them quickly for you.

Honigman wrote a letter we are kind of interested but we did not fill out an RFP and if you want us to really do that get back with us and so we are not getting back with them. You had your shot.

Jim Lancaster did, in fact, reapply I guess would be a good way to say it because he took the RFP that he had previously submitted it for General Counsel, which would contain pretty much the same answers.

Referenced them in his response.

They did a vendor valuation and redid not score above 80 therefore we are not considering him.

I know Julianne had a conversation with him I also know him personally so we are just disclosing that.

Really has no impact on it.

Fink Bressack scored 93 out of 100 on the vendor evaluation score sheet.

They are what I would classify as a municipal law firm.

I've done a lot of work for Detroit, Detroit City as well as other municipalities.

Have a broad range of experience.

Have done work in election law, voter rights law, et cetera.

They appear to I think they had four attorneys.

The firm is seven employees altogether.

If you look at their RFP, they donate exclusively to the democrats, democratic party, et cetera.

They were -- they certainly have the where with all and the knowledge to be able to assist us with local legal questions and assist our litigation counsel should the need arise.

One of the things that they would do would be to act as local counsel in a significant voter litigation.

You have to have typically have to have local counsel go along with the out of state counsel.

We would use them for, well, take the Davis lawsuit that was filed, if that had gone further, we might very well use them in that type of lawsuit to start with.

The process from this point after any discussion or questions would be to put it on Friday's agenda to have a vote as to whether to extend them an offer of a contract. Given the responses that they provided, it was the subcommittee's, is the subcommittee's recommendation that we don't really need to have them come in for an interview.

And that is our recommendation.

Subject to everybody's approval.

So, with that, are there any questions from anybody? Cynthia?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Why do you feel that an interview is not necessary?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't think we are going to learn anything that we don't know already.

We -- their answers were very thorough.

Their experience is broad in the area that we are looking for.

And there just weren't any questions we had that we didn't feel were not already answered.

Clearly, they you know they donate to the democratic candidates and parties and make no bones about it and so we didn't really have a quick about where they were politically but that really doesn't have anything to do with what their ability would be in representing us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm going to say that I'm against not having an interview.

We've had an interview with every RFP position.

We've done interviews with every hire that we've done staff wise also.

And I just don't think that it's right to break protocol I guess you would say.

So I would be all for an interview.

But just offering a job sight unseen without talking to any of them I would not be comfortable with that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Any other questions? Comments?

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you Mr. Chair.

I know that MDOS has the pricing sheet for the Fink firm if the Commission would also like to see that and for the record my disclosures were as Commissioner Lett indicated on August 24th, I received a telephone call for James Lancaster inquiring about applying in the Commission reviewing.

And the conversation was what I would have expressed to any individual or law firm representative asking me that question, was the Commission is inviting bids on the RFP and we will review all of the bids submitted.

And for the Fink firm I did want to acknowledge that they have extensive City of Detroit experience and that I never worked directly with them on any matter or worked with them on any matter.

I was not in the litigation Section and I had no reason to interact with them.

So I just wanted to make sure that that was on the record as well, that we have -- I have no past dealings or history or interactions with anyone from that firm.

And again we have the bidder pricing for I did also want to highlight I opened up the MICRC's amended rules procurement guidelines.

That the Commission is operating under.

And if the presentation was determined by a majority of the Commission to not need to go forward, the Commission would just need to wave that portion of the guidelines depending on the outcome of your discussion.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, as I think through what Rhonda just brought up, I think I would support her in that.

I want to only because we should stay consistent with how we deal with things.

I was part of the subcommittee.

And we discussed this, this morning.

And I had not thought it through well enough.

So I think I would support her consistency being the most important thing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Two things.

First, we don't plan on opening the RFP up again like we did at all, correct, for the local counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Witjes we really can't reopen that RFP.

Certainly if the Commission wanted to submit another RFP and this again was the hybrid proposal.

So it went out to all the vendors in Sigma.

The law firms in the state's procurement thing.

The Commission identified numerous it went out directly to local law firms that have Government law practices.

So there was outreach done.

But certainly this would be the three responses excuse me the three submissions received for this posted RFP.

This RFP would be closed so it would need to have a new issuance.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Excellent so hearing that, I do agree with Commissioner Lett that an interview is not particularly needed at this particular point in time for local counsel.

For two reasons.

First one being is if we do the interview, we are going to take away time of ours where we could be mapping which is probably the most important thing that we're doing right now.

We only have one person that we brought to the table in regards to the scores that we got on the RFP.

And it was pretty high.

I believe it was 93 out of 100.

Second, it provides balance.

We have our litigation counsel who leans republican or to everything that we have heard leans republican.

We have local counsel that now leans democratic.

The fact of the matter is, is that this interview in my opinion I don't want to say it will be a waste of time.

We really don't have anyone else to interview at this particular point so why waste the time and effort when we could be doing something that we are supposed to be doing, which would be mapping the lines.

So I would once Friday comes I would be in favor of just extending the job offer to the local counsel.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I kind of agree because there is no one else we would even remotely hire, right? As far as you guys are concerned.

There is only one candidate that you would even consider hiring.

So I also don't know why we need an interview.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State has a hand.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Just wanted to add the option, this is something I know the Commission has elected to do in the past is to have your Executive Director do sort of an interview or prescreening of candidates.

That would save the Commission valuable meeting time.

But also provide additional insight into the candidates, so I just wanted to raise that as a potential option, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Secretary of State.

Oh, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I got to agree with Commissioner Lange on this one.

We've done interviews in the past for everybody even if there has been one candidate and even if we think it's the best person, I think we should also give the public a chance to weigh in.

Maybe they will find something we don't that should be brought up to us and we should consider when deciding on this hire or not.

And I think it keeps it consistent.

Plus I want to see if I like them or not so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Any further or Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My only question to you Commissioner Eid is who else if you don't like them?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well if I don't like them, I would vote no and if we don't get majority of votes, we would either have to see if we bring in one of the other two people that applied or reopen the RFP for other people, I guess.

Yes, it takes longer I agree but we have time on this too.

I mean we are not going to this person is not going to be doing much for us until much later in the process, correct?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: No.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We hope not anyway.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Mr. Chair.

Certainly when you're dealing in the litigation area which again as Commissioner Lett indicated the local counsel would be handling Michigan specific matters and working in conjunction as local counsel with your out of state litigation counsel as none of the members of the litigation counsel team are licensed to practice in the State of Michigan. What I would like to highlight though and again, MDOS has the pricing break down that the Commission should review.

But I also wanted to highlight that the guidelines in your procurement thing speak of a presentation as opposed to more of a traditional interview.

So it's really the opportunity for the vendors to come and present to the Commission.

Again, the scoring was 93 out of 100 of this vendor.

So they had relevant experience in the three deliverables listed in your RFP.

But the opportunity to present, again if the majority of the Commission does not want to receive that presentation, then that portion of the guidelines would need to be waived.

The other comment I would really like to make is on the notion of the political aspect.

The Commission has consistently asked for political donations and contributions and disclosures and that regard.

This RFP was certainly no different.

One key difference between other RFPs issued and the litigation counsel and the local counsel RFPs is that attorneys have professional obligations and ethical obligations to their clients.

So I believe that when the litigation counsel presentation was going on, that they very clearly expressed that when you are hired by a client you zealously advocate and work on behalf of that client.

Because that's what you are hired to do.

And so I would encourage the Commission to view, again, similar to the comments made not only by the litigation counsel but by the questions from Commissioners in regard to that presentation.

Is that to think of it as that they are working on your behalf.

Because we will have instances where litigation counsel is taking the lead on redistricting litigation and we would have instances where your local counsel would be performing work for the Commission independent of your litigation counsel.

Again, for local Michigan election matters or other things that might arise.

I know your RFP spoke specifically about the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act issues.

So in those types of matters it would do that.

So I would really encourage the Commission not to view it in any sort of way as balanced between those two.

I would encourage you to view it as each of them independently and collaboratively when required working very hard on behalf of their client which would be the MICRC as a body.

So I hope those comments were helpful and again we are prepared to show the pricing break down whenever the Commission would like to view it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark then I want to try to answer that question.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to put forth a motion that we bring the Fink law firm in for a presentation/interview and the justification is what Rhonda and Anthony and I had spoken to this afternoon.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'll second it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Any discussion on the motion in front of us?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I got a Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I initially didn't not only initially still don't think we need to do the interview but I think that it probably would be good.

They are three people certainly.

I suspect there is more that would like to see the interview.

So I think that is you know let's not divide the Commission over an interview of a law firm.

Also so it's seconded so we can do that.

Friday we were going to vote on whether to extend the contract so we don't have to post that any longer.

So we did have the fee schedule up.

Sarah, can you put that back up, please?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett will you help with the fee schedule and form the vote Lett led it won't form the vote they are 480 an hour for senior managing partner down to 290 for an associate.

Those are certainly within the range.

Especially within the range in Detroit area.

Which is where we are hiring these people from.

And the ballpark.

There is nothing super high and nothing super low.

So those are reasonable rates.

There would be, they talk about a fixed fee work.

We are not doing that.

That doesn't mean we can't do that if something comes up that we want to do initially, certainly there is going to be some work done by their clerks that are going to be billed.

That is to be expected.

So are there any questions on the fee schedule? Pretty straightforward it's hourly fees I would be happy for address them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Lett.

Any further? We have a vote? Excuse me we have a motion on the table that has been seconded and it is can I ask General Counsel to repeat the motion, please?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly Mr. Chair the motion that I captured was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Lange.

The motion was to invite Fink the Fink firm for an interview/presentation before the Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Without a date.

That is what we got on the table.

All in favor of the motion as stated raise your hand and say aye, please.

All opposed please raise your hand and same sign.

Two nos.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Vice Chair Rothorn I don't think you captured my aye vote.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

Do we have Commissioner Wagner also? We do not have Commissioner Wagner.

Okay.

Thank you.

So I believe the motion passes.

Thank you.

So with that thank you for that presentation, Commissioner Lett.

I'd like to return us now from new business back to our old business, we were at excuse me Commissioner Lett, please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would request that the Chair direct either counsel General Counsel or Executive Director to make arrangements to have the Fink Bressack law firm do a presentation or interview however they want to do it either in person or virtually post haste.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I received that direction and we will make that happen.

Do I need to do anything? Okay.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair, again, and thank you Commissioner Lett. I was just about to raise the same question.

As it's standard practice for the Executive Director to schedule that within your agenda being sensitive of course to the Commission's time.

And have that be done either in person or remote in conjunction with an upcoming meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

All right with that I believe we are going to close our new business item 6B.

And return to 5A which is our mapping the House Districts and we will continue where we left off.

How we doing Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have it back up.

I need to have everybody look at 13.

Where we recovered the plan to.

We had removed these two.

I recalled.

This is where we are back down to.

At this point we are 6400 short.

Now had we put these two back into these two precincts back into 13 or had we just taken them out I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette has the floor whenever you are ready.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Kent, were you not able to get rid of that little part that's not connected? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That I had started to do that when the machine locked up. So I haven't done anything with it so I will remove that now if you so.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Please do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I need 4,000? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 6500 people short.

Now had we removed these prior or had we added them in I just want to make sure this is where we left off.

I can't remember.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So I guess go ahead and add those two in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That poor computer is Tuckered out.

We worked it today.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is where IT support says shut down and reboot.

I hesitate to move on to other business but I want to use our time well.

What do you think Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One more minute here and I'll tell you whether we should.

>> KIM BRACE: Did do a shut down and reboot.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was a shut down and reboot already so this is, yeah, so I need to unassign that and add those two in first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You still have the floor Janice just so you know.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: While I was waiting for him to add those two to see if they changed the population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you turn on your mic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are 2000 low.

I need to go in and take those out.

Okay I think we are back up to where we need to be for now.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm 2000 short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I see the populations again? And can you go further north? Can you put in anchor Bay harbor? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is actually not touching the lake front because this little precinct here wraps around and gets the lake front proper but your numbers are right where ideal is.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What if you switched them, put the one that's actually on the water, take out the other one? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure we can do that.

And then you know it will have this little bit of an odd shape to it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What do you think? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just thinking if you like both of those in and you want to keep this fin maybe there is somewhere below you can make it a little thinner.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

Take those two back out again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take these two out?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I see the populations? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put this back in just so when we do it, it's just a minute it's another odd activity.

Okay we are 1347 people light, which is 1.47% low minus.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The Section above that curve below Chester field, that is what it was Chesterfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This? You're right at it 1.47% low, which is only 1300 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, I guess I will leave it at that.

Mr. Adelson do you have any comments?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: My comment is I was going to make a comment if you had gone west a little bit into mount Clemens to see if there might be an alternative way. But that didn't happen.

So I think that the District as configured is the minority voting age population is pretty low.

It's probably 15%.

The interesting thing about this District is potentially the same as in the Senate.

The Senate District elected the majority of candidates of choice.

Now we can certainly look at that.

If that is something you're interested in.

But I think that surprised a lot of people.

It certainly surprised me that District just came out of nowhere.

This could be it's house counterpart.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds like a thumbs up to me.

What do you want to do Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm good unless someone has any comments or suggestions.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Great job.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: One question Commissioner would you try to get your numbers a little closer, would that maybe what you would want to do? I was looking if you put the two back in the bottom and take the two out up above and right where that little triangle sitting there like a pyramid that would almost put you close to 0.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so you're saying put the two that we took out, put in.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: At the bottom.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And then what? Up at the top?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Up north.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And taking out 2576 and 2608.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The last two that I put in?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before you do that, I wonder if we could see the African/American theme again.

Because I think there was some, maybe we would want to save any precincts that were high in that to try and create another District, just if that would have any bearing, just wondered.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If we do that, we are actually going to add some in and take some of the white population out as you see on the map.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do that and see what it looks like.

We are taking out the two we kept taking in and out, putting them back in and then I guess we are taking the dragon head off the top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The triangle at the very top you were referring to Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If you add that in.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right under Chesterfield yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: 1918.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think that is going to make you quite a bit closer.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We still have an opportunity to elect District which is what Mr. Adelson was saying the likelihood is pretty good.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Based on the Senate is but we would have to look at the results to confirm.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right.

Got you closer.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm good with that.

Does this look better to you?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This looks good.

The other looks good and I think the next piece of the puzzle as Commissioner Rothorn was suggesting we can look at the election return and that if it's good with you then it will likely be good with me.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'm good unless anybody else has suggestions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's look at the election returns.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Oh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It does not look like we have an opportunity to elect at this point.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Again minority population is low.

It's the voting age population is under 20% so this would not necessarily be a District I would identify or I would think we would be able to elect.

Bellwether election results as you said are mixed.

So again my thought is this it's not an opportunity to elect District for it to become one if that were something you would be interested in.

You would have to add additional minority population.

So whether or not you decide to keep it as is, retain the precincts that have large minority populations, those are choices.

So this is -- most of the District is in Macomb County am I correct about that? Where is the line, the County line on this map? It's all the way down there okay.

So that is my sense.

It's not an opportunity to elect District.

I don't think the fault was that it was going to be.

The minority population is pretty low.

So this is not a situation where like we were talking about earlier that it's a border District, bordering Wayne County with large minority populations on the Wayne County side as in the 2010 District.

So the consideration here is a little different than the neighboring districts.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you very much.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right Commissioner Weiss, we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

Could you scroll out a little bit so I can see where I can get into the most trouble? But I'm not too worried because I have some very wonderful Commissioners who will probably bail me out here.

I guess I'd like to I don't know.

I'd like to start in the area right around District 2 and 3 and 7 in there and see what we have there.

I guess I need the little dots.

Oh, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner I don't know if you saw Commissioner Orton sort of talking about looking at spokes.

Do you want to say anything Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is called chutes and ladders.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what I was thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is what I was thinking maybe the way to go.

Why don't you back out a little bit more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I'm not mistaken it's the grand river that divides it on the diagonal.

There is nice.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's fill in and see what we get here. Probably starting, yeah, down on the right-hand side.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In this region District 14?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We can grab quite a few.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to get a square here and you know is that a starting point?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's add a few more. Let's go west maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Saying you want to get these sticking down in here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

Keep me straight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue westward.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, go west and get some more.

All right could you Zoom out just a little please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: On the side I just highlighted them.

That looks like the, okay.

You need approximately 19,000 more.

This appears to be a Township boundary.

So I don't know if that matters.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Kent, can we change the color for 14, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What is that Redford Township? What if we were.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That says Redford Township.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is probably way too many.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turn it on.

That is almost 50,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

All right any suggestions?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well there are plenty of places you can go, you can go into Redford, could go to Livonia and go north and all the way up to Royal Oak that is where those are the places where the population that you need are located.

So I don't know if that helps, but.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well, I guess like I said time to bail me out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These numbers are the population.

I turned off the precinct long number because in my opinion it cluttered it up and hard to see what we were doing.

That's okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom are you still with us?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is why I raised my hand.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can't see the video, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I thought you could see the hand.

I was going to say I agree with Commissioner Eid.

Commissioner Weiss, you could just continue to go north and kind of include that chunk of Detroit that I left out and then head up.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, and you know going up to Royal Oak area then you could put Redford with Livonia or not you but the next person or however.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Kent let's try taking in the corner the odd angle there and maybe bringing it all the way over to 1284, which that is too far.

Come back to the east.

Right about there, yeah, take them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is census blocks but we will get to it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom since we can't see you, we want to make sure you can participate because I know Commissioner Weiss is asking for help so I want to acknowledge if you need to speak, we don't see your video so just speak up whenever you are ready.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I will just jump in like I have been.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm not going to leave anyone hanging working in the Detroit area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Should we have the neighborhood overlays on?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is Russell area Russell Woods and Nardin Park that I left out but it's up to Commissioner Weiss as opposed to going north to kind of add some contiguity and keeping in mind some of the Black population, white population that he might need that it would be he could think about taking that perspective.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: District 15 up above and see what that does.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take it here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rhonda for what it's worth you feel the same invitation but I think your video is working better than Commissioner Kellom's.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, I'm good, if I need something I will speak up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We see Commissioner Kellom again.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm trying and I don't know because it's already being robotty so we will see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 6,000 people light.

And your demographics are highlighted down here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss what I'm thinking of you have gone over that diagonal which I believe is Grand River but I was thinking of like that you're going to get a less fewer African/Americans the further to the west you go into Livonia area.

And, yeah, since so you need 6,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is not very many.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly I guess what I'm saying is to maybe you need three actually districts or three spokes in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Kent, can you like create a District 15 and go from where the on 14 is, taking that line right there and creating that as and take it all the way up to the dotted line, taking that area in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No sir to the right further.

No, no, get rid of that.

Yeah, take that out completely.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: From here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No I want to go straight up.

I want a different shot here.

The number 14 is on the map of the District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right straight up that yellow line to the top of that well to the right of that actually is what I would like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can keep moving that is 32000.

You need 6.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No, take that out, please.

Go to the right of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, take it all the way up to the dotted line right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: From right where I'm at.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir how far to the right? .

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far to the right.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All the way to the right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area right there is 76,000 people.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Catch that again 1360 quick.

Now what I'd like you to do is come down where we started and take from there down out, that left side of that line.

All of that area there.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take it out?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm still mildly confused where we are going.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Where your cursor is go right there from there down all the way down to 292.

Leaving that line up with the rest of District 15.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put that in, make that 15.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: My apologies Commissioner Weiss I didn't know you needed 10,000 people I would have said to go in the other direction.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I just thought I would try this quick to see if we were to take that out.

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You could go.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Total.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area of 15 is 93% non-Hispanic Black.

So you want to unassign this from 14.

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just to see what it looks like.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

That area?

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, and take those two out.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at 14 and 15 now and adding them together.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you turn on your mic.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are way over.

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you speak in the mic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Adding 14 and 15 together you would be 118, 119,000 people and it would be very high non-Hispanic Black, in the 90s range.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Kellom do you think I should shave off the top of 15 or put it back the way I had it and go a little bit further west?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you shave off 15 west and picturing an upside down triangle and geometry full disclosure.

To get less of the Black population to go west and that could give wiggle room Royal Oak Madison heights taking some of the Black population to try to replicate what we have done with Commissioner Orton, myself and Commissioner Lett that is my train of thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I should put it back and go a little bit west.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could you do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will leave 15 alone for the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Another person can create another shoot using Detroit population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Left this would be 45.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Whatever we need to.

And then we might even shave some off of the right side of 14 to go further west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Doing its thing 14 needs a couple thousand people so we want to take some off and then add in some of this.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What do you think Brittini?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, but you might want to go kind of northwest on the diagonal like Commissioner Rothhorn was thinking because Redford has a high African/American population.

I don't know if that helped you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We need 2000 more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You have that 2717 right there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

If I was to take 29 off, if I take 2951 off.

No that is not going to work never mind.

Yeah, put in 2717.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Puts you .64 high.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Bruce could you give me a hand here?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

In this District the voting age population the Black voting age population is almost 84%. So that's pretty high.

And I know that Commissioner Orton had talked about earlier that there may be certain points, it may be not entirely possible to bring the majority Black population down as in some of the other districts 47%, 45% and retain the strong ability to elect District.

So I think that that is a trial and error process.

I know you are pretty close now to the ideal population but there is the issue with the Black voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I got one other shot.

Kent would you please get rid of 15? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Blow me up a little bit so I can see the numbers.

You want to go more up?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right where the 14 is take out 1282 and 1206 and then come right down that angle line all the way over and take all of those out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 967 out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this a river, I guess?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take all of those out at the angle.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of this.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think that is a freeway.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I put this back in? Census but looks like precinct level in there.

That was not the correct thing to do.

Let me ask you a question.

Do you intend to put this area in 14 as well?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm thinking to go west.

I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right go west young man.

Let's see if I can pick up some population there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: West into Redford you will not pick up a lot, not much white population but you will pick up more Black.

So up into the Livonia area like a pretty skinny District along that Grand River.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Starting where at? Going up that, yeah, I have to connect them two across, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is where I think.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It's going to be a weird looking District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'll just say from west to east on your 14 it's pretty like I'd say a big foundation.

What I think you want to do is shrink your foundation in sort of that triangle where Grand River that diagonal with a real skinny District going along.

Want me to try it?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, so Kent I'm going to try to fill in here for Commissioner Weiss or give some ideas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need 14,000 approximately.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right at this point I would like the overlay the anybody's overlay and then the dots.

The African/American dots, please so we are going to take out so the southeast corner of District 14 we are going to keep.

We are going to shave off from let's see joy where the 14 is that neighborhood Joy Channing maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Joy community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will remove joy community and the District north of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Warren avenue, you can leave that in there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Remove that and we will make it skinny going up. You can actually let's not unassign it but put it to a holding District like 15 for example.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

I'm just going to select them and then you tell me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please everything to the north and to the west that is currently in District 14 we are going to assign for 15 for a holding.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area will be 15.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please as a holding District and back to 14 and we are going to go to Schoolcraft Southfield, yes, we are going to run that northwest line and try to keep the neighborhoods whole if we can but just assign at precinct level, please.

Staying south and west of that.

I believe that is Grand River.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: MC do you think the direction you are going will end up splitting Rosedale Park? I mean I'm just inquiring I didn't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I couldn't hear what you said say it one more time.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Will you split Rosedale park going that way?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If there are neighborhoods so for me, I may have lost Britton but I think what I heard her suggesting is Rosedale park should not be split so let make sure we grab so we are going to go the north Rosedale park neighborhood. In so north yep yes right there.

We will grab that area too please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put all of that into 15 or what will be 14.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Into 14 correct and we are at 36,000.

And we may have to so I want to keep that is a big neighborhood there but we will take off how much they associate and take out Eliza Howell so the southwest corner.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 36 and broke up this neighborhood a little bit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are going to do precinct level and go northwest and I think it's Livonia.

Assign that please.

And we can do a save if we need to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 needs approximately 30,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe what I remember is we want to keep Farmington and Farmington hills I apologize I'm going over it myself here 14 we will continue south of that Grand River line so let's add those neighborhoods there. South of 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area and this area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

And then we are going to move north until we get to the I think the border of Wayne County.

Northwest we are not going to go north we are going to go south of the Grand River.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: County line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just the precincts that are closest.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are whole precincts so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are at 12 and we are about halfway, we still need 12000 more.

Can you Zoom out a little bit? I don't want it to be too skinny.

I guess it's got to be skinny.

And we are so we are going to go into the Livonia area, yes.

And my hunch is that this is what I'm going to try to do is also have 15 run south of this. Like sort of a similar spoke into Livonia area.

I'm going to try not to get into the Farmington, Farmington Hills area unless other folks can tell me.

That is what I remember.

You are shaking your head Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are confirming I should not go in Farmington, Farmington Hills I will stay on the trajectory 14 we will stay at the County line as the northern border and yes take those Townships.

Yes.

Just looking for population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 13,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take out where we want to be.

Let's assign that.

Okay so we are a little bit over and now because of this Commissioner Weiss if you will allow me, do you see what I'm trying to do? And I think that you know that 15 and then again 16 but I think it's that kind of pattern that I think we want to try to, yeah but the north of that Grand River line is going to be that.

And what are the numbers now? It's still 77% non-Hispanic Black but it's not 90%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Non-Hispanic Black VAP is 68.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 68% I was looking at 15, 68%, okay.

Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Orton thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Instead of just trying to think how best to communicate my thoughts instead of taking the top part of Livonia why not take the more middle part that way you can have more of a horizontal District.

I mean the shape of the District I think is just not ideal.

But if we take that middle part of Livonia, it might give you the population that you need while bringing the Black population down.

Do you see what I'm saying? You could extent that purple one 15 also in Livonia and maybe have a third one on top of it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do see what you mean, Secretary of State. I saw Orton. Secretary of State, do you have something relative to this?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Kellom, I think we're getting just a bit of feedback from you on occasion.

So if you don't mind, I'd like to place you on mute until you would want to contribute. Perfect.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Commissioner Eid you were trying to say the middle part.

So you're saying south of whatever I've drawn that northern top line not select the northern tier but maybe the two like a tier like the next southernmost not southernmost but the next tier south of the northern line is that what you are thinking? When you say middle, I want to be as clear as possible.

Okay and then okay and then that would allow us to stay out of the Farmington Hills area with a northern like that spoke.

Okay so I'm open to that.

So what and do you know what Commissioner Orton did you want to say something before?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So to me I realize this is not all filled in but looks like a reach to me looks like we are reaching like Mr. Adelson talked about which we are. So and the populations are still not anywhere close to the balance we are looking for. So I just want to ask Mr. Adelson where do we know how to make that choice?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Fortunately for today we don't have to make the choice. You are not making final choices today and there is still room to play and experiment. And if I can suggest would looking at the population currently in 14 or the population in areas in Livonia, Redford Township and Stark, what -- how the District would look better and likely won't work is if you brought that southern line down to Livonia and then go straight east.

That is just from a shape standpoint.

Again I'm not factoring in population at all.

Excuse me.

But it does seem you are at the area potentially where you might want to go.

But the difficulty as you said is how do you get there.

I agree that that does seem like somewhat of a reach and with the again the primary reason is racial.

So this is not like in the other districts where you just in a way just took a straight shot north, northeast or northwest.

This is a little more challenging.

If in the end it's something with additional experimentation, if it can't work, then it's important to of course show that.

But the Commissioner Rothhorn brought down the Black population significantly.

So this is not as if you're leaving it at 95% Black VAP District.

So there is more room potentially to experiment.

And since today is not the day where final decisions are being made, you still have a little more room to experiment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett and I want to come back to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why do we have to stay out of Farmington and Farmington Hills?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think there was a community of interest, an interest in keeping Farmington and Farmington Hills together and I think they have a pretty significant population so for the house that was my reasoning to try to not break up that community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is where all the population is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, I think Farmington and Farmington hills have been separated for ten years and I think they want to join themselves.

In the current districts they are separated current 2010 districts.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We don't have to stay out of it we can go into it if that is what we decide to do but Farmington and farming town hills would be enough for one House District.

Which is something I would think is appropriate.

But you know you're just putting up something.

Now we are splitting up Livonia so it just depends while we did not split up Grosse Pointe down at the river so decisions will have to be -- that we will have to make.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the record I just wanted to state that Commissioner Szetela has joined.

Commissioner Szetela can you disclose where you are attending from.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Attending remotely from Wayne County Michigan and I don't have a lot of time here guys I have to jump back off but I just kind of wanted to provide an idea if that is okay if someone else wants to comment first go ahead but.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

So I'm assisting Commissioner Weiss at the moment and Anthony had given an idea on where to adjust line 14 and where I think you have you been able to follow sort of why we are reaching with District 14?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I've been in and out and caught part of it but wondering if we gave consideration into breaking up Dearborn more and we have a lot of population there and we have a joint interest of kind of balance Arab American community but it seems like we could create whether you want to call them chutes or chimneys or whatever similar to what we did with 10, 12 and 11.

Leading off of the Dearborn area into the area you are trying to currently map and that would negate the necessity to sort of have this stair step type District that you have right now.

So just a suggestion.

I know that is going to involve redrawing some other districts but it seems like you could pull up three districts off of three pretty easily and balance things out maybe a little better without having to do this.

So just a thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

For the moment, yeah, I really appreciate that.

Like you said it would break up a, yeah, some of the map.

I'm not sure I have the energy at this point in the day before we have to sort of attempt that.

Honestly and so I suppose I'm thinking about what Commissioner Eid was suggesting and recognize this is still Commissioner Weiss turn and turn it back to him after attempt. Commissioner Eid because we do have Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Szetela and I think that the three of you have a good sense of the neighborhoods if we could get that what is drawn here this reach District 14.

I want to make sure there are neighborhoods that are together that should be together and if we, yeah.

Commissioner Szetela first.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I would also just say you know I am again asking that you facilitate as Vice Chair because I'm not in the room even though I am present as Chair. Just for the record.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, one thing I think we should consider as we move forward the whole unassigned space in Detroit which is just east of 14 if we have to expand that north we are running into Southfield which has a significant Black population.

So we are really putting ourselves in a bind in that area.

So I think one of the approaches could be maybe three districts heading west.

Out of that out of where the white space is.

And try to dilute the Black population to where it's we have more whites and the counts.

Do you toll that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think I do.

And Commissioner Kellom we are not seeing you on the video.

Are you still with us?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know if you can hear me.

I will lower my hand and I don't know if this has been said but when I was looking at 8, 10, 11 and 12 I was just thinking you could similarly create these kind of boot-shaped I don't know what you want to Commissioner Lett is kind of like a knee high boot but you can create those shapes and get four chutes in that area but we just have to undo the 14 and 15.

And Southfield I mean you can...probably would have to pull in some of Farmington and Livonia but I feel like those shapes worked and so we could try to replicate that in this area.

Not that it's about shape.

But it's you're working with the same population and trying to quote unquote fix the same thing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So what and maybe we will get to that shape.

So what I heard you saying is 14 and 15 not that, yeah, that we are going to try to look at the shapes that we drew in 10, 11 and 12.

And try to do something similar here with 14 and 15.

That's what I heard you say.

I think that is what we are I think I'm trying to do that and I think we are trying to do that sort of in general trying to peel off pieces or create spokes, chutes and ladders to create a, yeah, a more racially balanced District.

And Mr. Adelson has a comment.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Mr. Chair.

This is really just for purposes of the record to kind of summarize and codify that as I understand the Commission's goal and the Commissioners in creating these districts is not to pack voters of color, Black voters beyond the point at which they can elect candidates of choice.

So you know I just want to suggest again to please be aware of terminology and to keep that stream going that the effort as I understand is not to pack people based on race and not to pack people beyond the point at which they need population to elect candidates of choice again.

Following Dr. Handley's analysis and the points she has made, I think that is also important for everybody who is watching.

That the -- this effort is to unpack, to not create 70, 80, 90% majority-minority districts which Dr. Handley concluded are not needed to elect candidates of choice.

I just wanted to mention that to codify and summarize and please let me know if you have questions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is exactly correct and I think we are recognizing it that this seems like an awful reach.

Like this District 14 feels like a reach so trying to recognize that shape and that reach because of the like trying to not pack, trying to unpack feels like a reach.

And so we are wrestling with the shape, I think.

And, yeah.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I agree and an important point.

Like we were talking about the other day, yesterday with Commissioner Orton's effort in the Muskegon, Grand Rapids area.

That if you have a narrow arm that is reaching out primarily because of race, that's something that I would suggest and there is an alternative because again if you look at the districts you mentioned, if you look at 10 and 12 and 11, there you don't have that. You don't have that I'm going to stretch out here and just take this population.

And admittedly as we talked about this is a challenge.

There is no question about that.

But you have made some really interesting districts that fit the criteria that you've expressed.

So that, yes, that I agree with the direction.

It's going west to see what that holds for you rather than the staircase type District that kind of pivoting off that to move to the west if that works.

And to the northwest.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent Anthony do you want to try was that one of the things you wanted to try to do is move west and sort of bring it a little bit further south whereas far north as is it in Livonia.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't want to do it but think we have to with this configuration that we have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you want to sort of take over and try to lead it or do you want me to just do it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that if you just so there is a lot of the screen right now.

It's hard to see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The reason this was up forgive me Commissioner Eid I remember that I did want to before we moved west, I wanted to make sure we did not have Detroit neighborhoods that were not together that should be together while we have Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Kellom present in particular.

So if we can just, yeah, make sure this District 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is up there is up there by request.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Actually what I would do is I would include that part of 14 to the right with 15 and extend it west to Livonia and make stacks of squares.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That makes a lot of sense to me too.

If we take off so the if the Schoolcraft Southfield in 14 just north of 15 Schoolcraft Southfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Schoolcraft right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Northern let's take that off.

Let's take District 14 we are going to remove everything, yep, erase the District from there and from there north and west so we will remove everything and we are going to just add 14 and merge 14 and 15 eventually and just move west into Livonia.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that where Commissioner Weiss had gone right across here? That is where we started.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was too much population right, is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I could assign to 15 and this is exactly would have been.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I appreciate that, no, but, yeah, we are returning to where we were.

Full circle.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I guess we could make it thinner.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess we would have to make it thinner, yeah, that is true.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Why don't we call it 15 and I will start assigning parts of 14 to 15.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Rather than unassigning all of this if you all are okay with that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a sign right across here now I'm just going to highlight it.

I'm not going to assign anything.

So that area is 13,000.

You want to put that what into 15?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and I think that north to south that two sort of precinct, gosh, just one precinct level, that width we are going to go west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to finish.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are dividing neighborhoods here so any input from Commissioners that know the neighborhoods here is appreciated.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select this precinct and see where it takes us. So I assign that to 15.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Two different and that is 15 and I will change the colors just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I will say let's.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead when you are ready Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Southfield Plymouth whether bee area let's assign them or put it in 14, 14 is our placeholder at the moment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Undo this or do it like that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Undo it and we will come back to it in a bit and we need another 28,000 people in District so let's just run it west until we get that number of people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right I'll do an area and see what it looks like.

And that is 16.

I am just adding to it if you say stop or up or left or right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is 21 so let's go a little more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two precincts run high do you want to get those?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, I would keep going to the left.

25 let's assign that and see what it does to our demographics here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still can get some population if you decide to cut across there.

Let me repeat what I just said.

Yeah, we have that in there.

So you're 3,000 under.

61 plus percent non-Hispanic Black.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Brought it down from about 80% to about 60%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole 14 was up around 67, 68.

The one that was the stair steps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we have a much nicer sort of District that doesn't look like it's quite, I mean it's still it's a long District but it does not strike, yeah, it doesn't have the same sort of reach feeling is that accurate? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have you can add more to it because you are 3,000 under or you know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we set up a pattern here thanks to Commissioner Weiss thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

I told you I would get into trouble.

And you bailed me out just like I figured.

Thank you.

Appreciate it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

That was an excellent collaborative mapping.

I think what we've got here is 15 but I do think we have 14 as a placeholder but not an actual District yet so I think do we need as far as rationale or I mean I'm wondering if we want analysis at this point too so sort of be consistent, Bruce?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Certainly why don't we look at the bell fore bellwether elections and that will give us all the information we need for now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's do it.

8020, 8120.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The margins are a little bigger than some other districts about four times.

The but the minority candidates of choice when in all the bellwether elections which is always the starting point, so the District just from an ability to elect standpoint not looking at anything else is likely pretty solid.

And I would expect we would have similar results if we looked at the full range of them.

But for now this gets the check is clearly it's ability to elect and it's a strong District in that regard.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks very much.

All right so I think we've do we have enough detail for the Secretary of State do we need any more detail for District 15 that we have drawn? Okay, thank you.

So Commissioner Weiss thank you very much.

Mr. Witjes we are on to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right.

Go back down to southern Down River Area of Detroit.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: More or less?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine take the Township of Taylor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Township of Taylor.

This will be District 16.

We will leave 14 alone if that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay you need 28,000 more people.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's go with Romulus.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're minus 3.3% short, which is 3025 people from ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: With the configured like this, can I get the total deviation population deviation? Thank you.

14 is going to be all messed up right, I believe? Yeah, one is negative 15,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't believe that is quite right.

Well 14 in there.

Let me delete 14 out.

Now appears to be minus 6%.

Just make sure this thing is adding up correctly.

That is 86 through 124.

I had not checked this in a while.

If I hit something that messed it all up so that is right.

That is 9 and 6 which is here.

B9 divided by A6.

So that seems to be right.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine for now if I can take a look back at the map.

Yes, please.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have done so few districts it doesn't take much to change that variance greatly.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let me Zoom in a little bit to see the population of the Townships real quick.

And I apologize I meant voting precincts, not Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I thought I was going to bring them up here.

Okay there we go.

So you have to be zoomed in fairly close to get the precinct numbers to show up.

You need 3,000 approximately.

I'll go around and you just kind of figure out where you want to look.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Metro airport for now.

Zoom in for me.

Scroll north.

I thought I saw it but I guess I don't.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not sure I heard you, Dustin.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go north a little bit.

I'm looking for it's already in there.

Never mind.

I'm going to leave it as is for now.

And then we have Romulus and Taylor those are closely related.

And we have 42.68 minority which is something we've been working on all day to keep low.

And plenty of room to make adjustments in districts 5 and 9 if we need to with the Down River Area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Well done.

Thank you, Commissioner Witjes.

Commissioner Lange? Do you have your hand raised? No, okay, thank you.

All right thank you Commissioner Witjes and Secretary of State.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can we look at the voting?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent, did you hear the request.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: He said voting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that's right thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we good? All right, Commissioner Kellom, do you have your hand raised? Okay, very good.

So we are at 5:10.

We want to stop I suggest we stop around 5:30 at the end of the day and I also know we have been working for a long time.

And we have one more item of business but I see Bruce has a microphone on

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Mr. Chair.

I just remembered something related to what was asked about gubernatorial regarding an Arab American candidate.

I spoke with Dr. Handley and she confirmed there was a democratic primary election. I think she said it was in 2018.

She has analyzed that election and she asked I told her about our conversation earlier.

So she suggested and I agree that this election could be informative.

So I wanted to just let you know about that.

And ask you what you think about including that as one of the election results?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Want to respond Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: More data is always good for me.

Depends on all of you.

I'm not going to say no to an extra tool in the toolbox.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Great thank you.

So then I just wanted to mention.

>> KIM BRACE: So we will have to reach out to Secretary of State's office to see what is available on that side.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, and then I know that Dr. Handley said she completed her analysis so to the extent that is helpful.

But I thought that that was a good potential addition as she described tool particularly since there is a minority candidate, those are always bellwether elections. So that has it seems a lot of potential.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think and specifically help in regards to Dearborn.

With what Commissioner Szetela said as well when she was on a second ago.

Maybe we could go into the Dearborn area and add it to that northern area.

But I wouldn't want to do that at the expense of getting the Arab American population their own ability to elect somebody.

So that data could come in handy with evaluating that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that is a great point.

I think the attractiveness of the election potential it could actually give us some data that we done have electorally specifically for the Arab American population.

This is what Dr. Handley is very excited about and I concur with that.

So it does have the potential to do that.

Particularly since we were talking.

There was discussion about going back into the Dearborn area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent thank you.

Secretary of State did you have something? Okay excellent.

So Commissioners I know we are tired.

And Commissioner Clark is ready and I'm going to go see if we have so we are going to wrap Commissioner Clark going to be our final map for the day.

And then I'm going to make sure we can actually move on to our new business with our Executive Director so while you are mapping, Commissioner Clark, I'm going to step out of the room and go see if I can find our Executive Director.

I will be right back.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I should probably designate a temporary Chair.

We have the Chair.

Are you comfortable doing that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I can hang on for a few more minutes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was going to do Farmington, Farmington Hills because it's a quick easy one but I'm going to leave that for Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going to take on number 14.

And I want to have it go the same direction as 15 on top of it.

And so let's go into Detroit to the white area that is right up next, to 8 and let's start there.

I don't know if you want to do this as a District or however you want to handle it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I figure since the majority of it is going to be 14, that is the way we will do it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep so, we will make it as parallel as we can to 15 and hope we get the numbers.

The reason I went I tonight think we will go as far and I want to make it narrower because we went into Detroit and we will get more Black population and I want to try to neutralize that as we move west.

So it gets 635 and 1821 the two on top of that census blocks I have to go this there and part them out.

They are a big part of 8.

So I was just getting some.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay as I try to balance this going west, I want to keep it narrower.

So if we could take a look.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will Zoom out as it's processing.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will tell you how many precincts I want to go up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a precinct that kind of wraps all the way up to here like that.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's do that.

I mean.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct runs all the way around this way.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to go that far north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's start at do you see it's already in gray, 962.

You see that one? Okay let's just use that as an imaginary line and head west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 962 right here.

I will select them and we can always kick them off.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Head west and I don't want to go too far north at this point.

So that one, the next one I would get is 748 and 1212, the 1925.

Now I don't want to go any further north than that.

So you can reassign all that above it if you want, I don't care what you do with it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign it just to keep us on track.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do care but I mean we are going to get to it eventually.

Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Erasers.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Richard taught me about erasers.

Let's go to 1525.

We will head west two precincts up.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about 1212 it kind of sits down in there?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's add it, please.

Okay where are we at number wise? Good? Okay let's go west.

We may come back east and add another layer of precincts.

Let's go west a little bit.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just continue right on up this way.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: A little ways, yeah.

Let me take a look where we are at number wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have a long ways to go I believe.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we do.

Okay let's get the next three precincts, there is two on top and one that goes down toward the pink.

No, no go west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those three?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, and see where we are at then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one you can only put 7,000 in.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So let's where are we at? Percentages? Okay, let's go back to Detroit and add another layer of precincts on top of 14, yes, that one there.

Yep.

Those four.

Five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I just want to acknowledge I'm back in the room and Chair Szetela if you need to leave, I'm here to Chair.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay great.

So we are looking at another 23,000.

So the next layer but keep going west.

And you will get 1013 and 563, yep, let's take a look at those.

And yeah, go ahead and assign those.

Okay so we need 16,000.

So let's go back to the Detroit area and let's add another layer of precincts.

Yep.

Keep going.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3700.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Keep going, yeah, keep going until we hit the gray line at 1031.

Yep.

Let's see where we are at now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put you pretty close total population wise.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is a little bit over but I'm good with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Balances and we have not done one that is significantly under in 15.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct and we are heading in the same general direction and seems to balance things out well.

Cynthia?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wanted to make a comment that when I was watching the populations, the minority populations it did not change at all with that last group that you added.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I saw that.

That was kind of interesting.

So can we get your analysis? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nothing changed.

The population didn't change at all?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Very little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay let me rebuild this plan.

It's a check.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not going to change all the numbers we got everywhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sure it's not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid and after the plan is rebuilt, we will head to Bruce.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was looking at non-Hispanic Black age population and when you added the top row of districts it went from about 67% to 73%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So it was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is good news that we are working.

So Bruce I think Doug had asked for an analysis.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

Well, excuse me, I think that last point is very important.

That the Black voting age population increased by about 5% with those added precincts and clearly compared to where you were previously with the Black voting age population, now you have diversified the District more.

I think though that in moving forward and we can look at the elections in a moment being able to further diversify paying a lot of attention to whether it's adding districts in the west or adding precincts in the west or adding precincts in the north, you could get that same impact that if you found additional precincts and continued to potentially go

from 68 let's say to 63 to 58 to 55, you just have to find that sweet spot, the direction where you, where that brings you.

So let's look at the bellwether elections, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 14 is the District he just built.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, thank you.

Minority candidates are elected in all bellwether elections, but you will note the margin of victory is pretty substantial, sometimes as much as six times so that suggests that you have more voters that are needed to elect candidates of choice and that is the Voting Rights Act test.

So I think clearly that this is moving in a very positive direction.

I think that as you continue to address it, I would suggest that as Commissioner Orton pointed out if you add however many precincts, two, three precincts and you have such a significant effect where the population goes up, goes down, 5, 6, 7 points that is the direction I think that you want.

That would be more to the west and to the north but that is something to explore at a later date.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: At a later date.

You don't think I should reduce that now? I can reduce it by taking some of that eastern precincts out.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I will defer to you if that is something you would like to try, that is up to you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think I'm good with this.

Okay thank you so much.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have enough information? We have thumbs up from the Secretary of State.

We are at 5:20 and we are for the moment I should read my script.

We are not in minutes.

Thank you and Commissioner Eid do you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to say while I don't like going into Livonia at all I like this configuration a lot better than what we had before with going like to the top of it. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We did some good drawing, good collaboration and good to have help with it thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome my pleasure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we are moving on.

So thank you for an excellent collaborative mapping process.

That was unfinished business we are moving on to new business without objection I will ask Executive Director Hammersmith excuse me this is item 6A because we did finish 6B in our new business already so this is item 6B under new business so I will ask

Director Hammersmith should the MICRC open up my Districting for comments on the maps drawn by the Commission? Hearing no objection please proceed Ms. Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you so much Vice Chair Rothhorn. Appreciate the opportunity to share a little bit of information this afternoon about the my Districting website.

We are going to have Kent or Kim bring up a demonstration this afternoon that will show you how your maps a posted on the my Districting website.

Then a person can go in and comment and you would have a specific comment pinpoint exactly where they are talking about.

So we would certainly anticipate keeping the MGGG portal open for public comment.

But I think this might be a helpful avenue for specific mapping comments that would be specific to the maps that you have drawn versus someone posting the maps they have drawn on the MGGG portal.

Again, it's just another opportunity and I'm aware that you did vote initially to not open the my Districting portal.

It is harder I think to try to look at more than one place.

But given the specificity of the information that you would receive from this portal, I think it might be an option that you might want to consider after you have seen the demonstration, they are going to give about what they can do.

So I would turn it over to Kim.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Before you go there, I see Commissioner Lange's hand do you want to wait for the demonstration Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I want to wait until after yes please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it away Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: All right.

Let me share my video on that side and share screen.

Okay, can everybody see?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe we can, yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay this is my Districting website that has been set up.

This is where we are putting the various plans that have been created.

Kent is adding them on a daily basis.

You see these are the plans that we -- that you drew yesterday.

There is a State House, a Congressional District tab, and a State Senate tab.

We will be filling in all of the various plans so that you'll be able to look at and see these plans.

You will be able to download shape files.

You will be able to add comments to each of the plans.

And see those on that side.

And so there's a way of then taking a look at the various plans on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Brace can you be clear when you say the various plans does this go back, I know we have had a lot of public comment that said they really would appreciate being able to see it.

Is this sort of retroactive, is that what you are thinking when you say various plans?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, we will be adding in additional plans.

Kent has a whole bunch of the plans available.

And so we are going to be adding those.

In fact, he is sitting here adding as we speak on his other computer right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Question for Kim.

These are going to be chronological? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are defining and naming convention.

You are about to see the house plan you just created show up, I hope.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: There it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You see the naming convention 921-21 then a version and then an HDCD if you look at Senate plan you see EID the plan from yesterday is a version he did so the chronology is you sort them by that date because they can get in there with different naming conventions so.

We put the date first and will be in there chronologically with a version number 1234 however many you all do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So from the version number I should be able to know which plan was first and which one was second and so forth?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, for that day.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: For that day correct.

>> KIM BRACE: Keep in mind it will be majorly sorted on date and then the version number within that date.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Great.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I apologize we did interrupt your demonstration but I do want to take Commissioner Lange's question because we already interrupted.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just for clarification, would this include also if Commissioners did an individual plan, that would be put on here for the public to comment on also?

>> KIM BRACE: I believe if you want them to, then we can.

I've gotten several plans from several Commissioners.

But we have not -- I haven't heard a vote that you guys have taken to say that those would be released.

Usually you know we are waiting for the Commission or Commissioners themselves to say they want to release that plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly.

I think excellent question.

I think what we are trying to do is figure out today if we want this functionality, we would have to approve it.

He is demonstrating what we've got.

Sort of in the wings if we want it.

I think we are talking about this because we have not had it up to this point.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can I offer that Mr. Brace continue and finish his demonstration then we have questions at the end.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Vice Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I apologize for the interruption may I make a question that Commissioner Lange's question can be on an agenda and it would be helpful for responding to FOIA request and other matters and I had that very same question in an e-mail two days ago internally that I posed.

So that would be very helpful to have the Commission answer that question.

I recognize now may not be the appropriate time because we are going to have a presentation.

But I did want to acknowledge Commissioner Lange's question and make that recommendation to the Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent so we will somehow acknowledge that question and we will put it on the agenda for a future agenda item.

Okay thank you Mr. Brace, please.

>> KIM BRACE: What I just did is this is the plan that you guys just drew.

It is now up on this website.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was fast.

>> KIM BRACE: That's right.

That is what my point was.

So anybody can go in and take a look, see the plan that you've drawn.

See all the population information.

Now in my Districting there is only 20 columns of data.

You've been looking at in Autobound end you have enormous number of columns of data.

So what is up here is we only have the capability of putting 20 columns of data on the website.

So we've ended up putting up the population and the voting age population and so that's what you see on the bottom.

But you can go through each and every District.

It's got both the population and raw numbers but also the percents.

So they have now expanded that to be a two row kind of a row on that side.

So it's more information that is being shown.

You can end up going and selecting the individual District and Zooming to it.

And seeing where it is.

You can end up having different map overlays and under lays.

So both maps and satellite images like what you have.

You've got different map styles that you can pull up.

So you know, various ways of looking at the map, night, retro, whatever the case may be, silver.

Gives you the different capabilities of going in and seeing where streets and streets names are.

And so you can see how that, yeah, let me go to full screen.

You can see how you can go in and look specifically at the District that you have drawn.

And put up here.

So all of this information is here so that you've got a full way of communicating with the public what indeed you have drawn and as you see this is exactly what you just did 15 minutes ago.

So these plans and thanks to Edward he is not here but he will be happy to see that we are up and running immediately on that side.

So and all that is, is simply a way of looking at the plans and let me move this over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kim it may be useful because we have the public watching too so when you are walking us through it help us understand if you are sort of walking through the public or like because as a Commission, I imagine it's a little bit different how we will receive public comment or receive right whatever they make comment on.

So if you could give us both sides of that, that would be useful, please.

>> KIM BRACE: Right so what there is, is by doing this comment link, this will open up the plan.

Okay? So that's what I just did.

I hit comment link and open.

And that brought open that view.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is public.

>> KIM BRACE: This is what the public will end up seeing.

Now we have the capability, we've turned it off right now, but it is your choice there can be a comment field here.

So that people can specifically on the plan can add a comment and they can do that by even Zooming down to the individual block and being able to click on the comment, put a point here on the image, on the screen, and attach the comment.

I think you shouldn't have turned right at this corner or whatever the case may be.

And so all of that kind of commentary can be documented and be available for both the users to view as well as the Commission to view.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Got it so one plan all the comments.

>> KIM BRACE: Right so you will be able to see as the public comments in and comments on your plan anywhere in the plan wherever they put the point wherever the case may be so you will be able to review than a see that information.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to just to add with Kim when he says put a point on a map that comment is attached to that point on that map.

So the comment doesn't have to be about the whole plan.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It may be about this census block, this neighborhood, this point of interest.

I'm talking about right here.

Not the whole plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very specific.

>> KIM BRACE: That is part of the key and one of the keys looking at specifically a point on the map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to make sure before we take more questions does this conclude the presentation? Should we take questions?

>> KIM BRACE: I think go ahead.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Please answer I don't want to be rude please finish you were going to conclude or.

>> KIM BRACE: The only other piece that's on here is that you can type in your address and it will Zoom to your address.

So you can see where are you in your house, your address what District would I be in, in this plan.

You can open up different plans, type in your address again and see that you know oh, I'm getting moved in this plan over to this District.

But in that plan, I'm in District 4.

Whatever the case may be.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Vice Chair may I make a suggestion that was extraordinarily helpful in our internal meeting? If Mr. Brace would indulge the Commission and pull up another state, I believe we were looking at Virginia. And where the Commission and the viewing public can actually view the functionality that Mr. Brace is referring to, that might be of great benefit to the Commission.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

This is the site for the Virginia Redistricting Commission.

Their website and you can go in and citizens redistricting, right? Oh, this is the one where you got to sign up.

View plans.

Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That previous button he hit was actually for drawing districts in my Districting.

I don't think y'all are going to utilize.

But this is what this is basically the same as what y'all we have in Michigan.

>> KIM BRACE: So in this instance this is a plan that they just put up.

We can look at this one here.

And open it up in their website.

Again, and in that same scenario, see that plan and indeed you can see that there are already people that have added comments.

So if I go to that one there, it shows exactly where that person put the comment, on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful.

Thank you.

Commissioner Clark? I'm sorry I just want to make sure is this finalized the presentation we are going to take questions?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark then I think it was Commissioner Lange then Commissioner Eid.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: My question is going to Executive Director Hammersmith. How is this going to get communicated out to the public?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That's why you have a communication and Outreach Director.

But obviously there will be a press conference.

And we can look at strategically opening this up so maybe when you have draft plans that you want to have on the website for people to react to in the second round of public hearings that might be an ideal time to have this available for people to go right in to here and make their comments.

And utilize those pinpoints.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I've got a stack here and I just recognize that our communications director just joined us.

Did you want to respond?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you Vice Chairperson Rothorn.

In addition to a press conference we were also providing materials so that people know how to do it.

We just can't assume they are going to know how to do it instinctively and want to do a campaign with that.

We also believe having this additional public comment it will be helpful for the Commission to see what people are talking about because they can actually pinpoint their location.

We do not see this as a conflict with the public comment portal just so we are clear.

But it would give them one spot to go to to make their comments instead of trying to go back and forth where the Commission has it.

So I think that clarity would be helpful.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you communications director Woods.

I will acknowledge that okay so we've got Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Lange, Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Orton so Commissioner Eid next please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So excuse me, some water two quick questions first is there any sort of verification measures in place for this? Like for the MGGG portal MGGG portal our public comment tool they verify e-mail addresses of the people commenting.

You know to prevent spam and what not.

Is there anything like that on here.

>> KIM BRACE: In the Virginia website when they activate comment, when you add a comment, so I'm just going to add a comment in this particular area you end up having a bunch of screen potentials, okay? So this is what they have implemented.

You have the capability of telling us what of these do you want to have on here.

You know, I know that you talked about earlier of do you have addresses? Do you -- what kinds of things do you want to have? So you have a bunch of different ways for people to express their comments alike an opinion, a dislike, all of that sort of thing.

And name and address.

This is kind of the generic attack capabilities.

I mean if they say that you left out this part of the community and here is a picture of it, there is a file that could be attached of the picture.

All of that sort of thing would be able to then add to the comment.

So that any kind of information could go.

If they wanted to draw something separate and take a picture of that map that they drew on the back of an envelope or whatever, or with you know Google maps or whatever they can attach and then you will have that.

All Commissioners will be able to see these, see these comments.

If indeed we implement them on your recommendation.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful that answers my question and I like that a lot. My other question was is there any talks of somehow exporting these comments to be compatible with the MGGG reports that we get? And the only reason I ask is because I'm a little worried about recency bias or taking the most recent comment we receive and putting more weight to them like the first comments we might have received during our first round of public hearings.

So being able to have all of them in a report like we have been getting from MGGG would be helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd like to point out that this is EDS and this is EDS product. And what MGGG does is we have no control over that.

We don't interact with that.

That would be something else's responsibility at this moment.

As far as I know.

But this is totally separate.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you Commissioner Lange to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I think mine is pretty simple.

As far as the Commissioners go, when we -- when there are comments, do we get notification of that? Or is it going to be something like MGGG's website where we have to go in and check it repeatedly multiple times a day to get updated comments? Or do we get sent some type of notification or how exactly do we check the comments?

>> KIM BRACE: As I remember what Fred had mentioned there is multiple ways of doing that.

So we will explore that and share that with you.

In terms of automatically on your you know you guys have all set up already an account in Michigan's my Districting.

Remember, that from way, way back, way, way, back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do remember that.

>> KIM BRACE: So you guys have an account in there.

And let me explore with Fred the way that those things are notified to you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay so I just want to say this is awesome and fantastic and I've been waiting to see this for a while.

And I was just being patient because I knew it was coming.

I don't think it's going to add any kind of complication to our user base at all whatsoever. Currently there is a link on our website that says view proposed maps.

You click that, it makes you download an excel file with a link in it and takes you right to this website so the best way I can think of to implement it which I hope that we do would be just to change the hyperlink to on that website to what it is to be to the main website that we just saw.

And there we go.

So that is going to be awesome.

It's going to be another great tool for us to receive comments and we are all going to be on our own responsibility to check those comments.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Witjes.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I had several questions and comments.

Most of them have already been said or answered.

But I do think those should be the link like Dustin was just talking about so that it's easy for the public to get to both places.

And I think this will be awesome.

I think it's what the public and we have been asking for.

And wanting.

So I'm glad we finally have it.

And so will the public be able to see all the comments as well? Will everyone be able to see the comments that come in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kim may have a better answer to it but we were just on Virginia's website and we don't have special admin rights or anything there and he just went in there and saw the comments so the answer is yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Along with that, will it be -- is there a way to comment on someone's comment? Like people are used to doing on the public comment portal?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: , in fact, the first comment he clicked on was a reference to somebody else's comment.

I don't know if there is a one to one tab.

But I noticed this person was commenting on somebody else's comment.

So it will be there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right, so thank you to the staff and to our contractors who are helping with this, put this and respond to our public comment so we will need a motion if the Commission chooses to open up the portal for comments on the Commission maps.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a first from Commissioner Witjes and a second from Commissioner Clark and from Commissioner Lett that means a third so then we will have discussion on the motion Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So when would this be live? And when would the link be on our website to go directly to this? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is live now.

When y'all update your website that we don't administer it will be there.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds immediate.

Any discussion Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think what you're saying is you are not in charge of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Did you hear Commissioner Orton's question.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You are saying you are not in charge of that so whoever is when will it be ready.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Orton, we are doing our due diligence but the goal is tomorrow.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All personal created maps would have to be submitted to you folks for them to be uploaded or do we need to do it on our own in the software.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I upload the maps when told to do so.
We don't upload anything until directed to do so.

>> KIM BRACE: Kent just pointed out one thing too.
I mean we just uploaded what we did today.
And so if there were still pieces in here that you know it was partial, or that sort of thing, there will be up there as partial.
Of wherever we are at the end of the day for example so just keep that in mind on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent thank you so a motion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I can speak to that that pink, purple area at the second lower part is part of District 4.
Unassigned blocks, unassign water blocks, any flaws that were left in your plan a long way ago is no point somebody might see them and bring them to your attention, maybe we take that into account and make sure they are nice and neat before we close up for the day.

I also like to mention just like any address search feature on the Internet you type in an address and it pinpoints it the best it can but we all know you drive to that location and that address is actually on the other side of the street or three you know a little ways down.

So you may have yourself key in your address and go that is not my house my house is 50 feet away in another District.

So you will get oddly enough some of that kind of feedback but you have that on any online mapping system as we are all aware.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A motion on the table so director Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to thank EDS because they are putting all the maps, I just want you to know when you go it's not going to be just what was done today.

The Congressional maps, it's going all the way back and forward so that is why Commissioner Orton I said I want to make sure we do our due diligence so when that goes live you can see everything.

And then also for those that want the shape files all of the shape files will be there for the press.

So you get it both ways.

And that is tremendous.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for the debate.

We do have the motion on the table are we ready to vote? Commissioner Lange yes please.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: One more quick question if they are looking at getting it up possibly as soon as tomorrow then Anthony brought forth a question about what information would people have to provide to use it.

Is that something we should address in this if they are going to be trying to get it up ASAP?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: Right now this viewer you don't have to sign in.

So anybody can go and go to the site which will be on the site that was just talked about.

Your site.

And so you will go directly to here.

Now, if indeed we want to open up the other potential of this site is for people to draw plans on then right now it's set up so that people have to sign in and like what you guys did when you initially signed in to draw plans originally.

And so that is you know subject to what you guys want to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point we are just looking at review of the plans. Director Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to make sure I think she is talking about the public comment when they can comment on the pinpoint is what Commissioner Lange is referring to and Commissioner Eid had the question with the name, address and she is saying what does the Commission need to do in order for people to provide pinpoint comments into my Districting.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

Your conference has been going on for ten hours and ten minutes otherwise if you don't press it your conference will end in an hour.

>> KIM BRACE: Right now when we open up the comment thing you will get the questions for people just like what we just showed you on Virginia site.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Asking for a recommendation in terms of what should the Commission ask for for people to put comments.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Actually what I'm asking I'm sorry to interrupt gentleman but I'm asking does the Commission have to make a decision on that before the commenting goes live? Mr. Brace, I believe you said that on Virginia's example that they pretty much picked what information they wanted input to do the commenting. So I'm saying as a Commission I guess the question was more so to the Commission hired to do that.

>> KIM BRACE: Right now if we activate that comment field or comment portion the default is what Virginia shows, okay? So that would all be there.

If you want to restrict so that not everything is being asked or whatever then that's a modification.

We will put into place.

But for right now if you say, yes, let's add the comment capability to the system then it would have all of those fields I just showed you in Virginia.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay let's make sure we hold only to what you just said Mr. Brace.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That seems like a pretty good idea to me have people put the information they are requesting in Virginia why reinvent the wheel and if people don't want to put the information in, they have the second portal to go to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Lange nodding heads and we do have a motion on the table.

And we Secretary of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just speaking to Commissioner Witjes' and Commissioner Lange's comments regarding what information to require, for the current public comment portal I would just point out that the Commission had a discussion about what to require for that and one would be consistent between regarding what kind of information is required for submission of public comment.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I disagree.

These are going to be actual plans that people are going to be commenting on.

I feel the information that has been requested by EDS in the past works fine with the system they have created.

Might as well keep using it don't reinvent the wheel and if individuals don't want to give that kind of information, they can go to the public comment portal and leave comments on a particular plan there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Secretary of State, please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sure, Commissioner Witjes makes a very good point that these would be comments on proposed maps going forward or the drafts that you all produce.

But I would also add that members of the public will continue going forward to also comment about these maps using both public comment portals.

So a varying degree of information required from portal to portal.

It would be inconsistent between the two for both commenting on the same drafts, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to acknowledge Commissioner Lange's hand and also want to acknowledge we do have a motion on the table and we are trying to finish in about five minutes and we have one more business item but sorry who was it? Commissioner Lange sorry to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'll make it quick I'm seconding what Dustin says.

I agree with him 100%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, I am I do believe we have a motion we should address and maybe let's come back to this.

I need help understanding how we sort of modify it or take let's just take the vote and we will come back to okay let's take the vote.

So the motion that we are voting on is to open the portal for comments on the Commission maps.

Is that General Counsel do you want to read it back.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Restate the motion Mr. Vice Chair the motion was to open the my Districting portal public the commenting feature.

So open the EDS my redistricting portal the commenting feature, a display feature the Commission already voted on so again this is strictly for the commenting feature that was done.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, we have had discussion.

All in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

In favor use the same sign motion passes with the ayes now we want to talk about Mr. Lett please?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move the information required for the information that is currently on the EDS Virginia site be carried over to the Michigan site.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Motion from Mr. Lett seconded by Commissioner Witjes any discussion on the matter? General Counsel, please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I apologize just for clarity this is providing the link on the MICRC site.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we are using the credentials that are requested by EDS and the Virginia site also to just have those same ones apply here for our redistricting site that EDS standard credentials any discussion on the matter, no.

All in favor will you we did have a second from Commissioner Witjes first by Lett and second by Witjes all in favor of the motion as stated raise your hand and say aye.

Thank you I'm hearing Commissioner Kellom and all in favor of the motion excuse me all opposed to the motion please use the same sign.

The motion carries.

And we are moving on, thank you, Commissioners and staff and contractors.

Next without objection we will proceed to the approval of minutes from September 9, 13 and 14 are there any proposed to the draft minutes that have been provided? Seeing none, may I have a motion to approve the minutes of the second meeting held in big hands Michigan on September 9 2021.

Motioned by Commissioner Witjes, seconded by Commissioner Lett.

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All in favor of approving the MICRC of the second meeting on September 9, 2021, signify raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed raise your hand signify saying nay.

The ayes prevail and motion adopted.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held in Lansing Michigan on September 13, 2021.

Commissioner Witjes first, Commissioner Lett second.

All in favor of approving the MICRC meeting minutes of September 13, 2021, signify raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by raising your hand and saying nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Finally may I have a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held in East Lansing Michigan on September 14, 2021.

Commissioner Witjes is first and Commissioner Eid is second.

All in favor of approving the MICRC meeting minutes of September 14, 2021, signify raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by raising your hand and saying nay.

The ayes prevail the motion is adopted.

Staff reports.

Without objection.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Chair, if possible, could we get an audible confirmation of Commissioner Kellom's votes?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Aye sorry delayed on my end.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Audible confirmation for all three.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, please for the record.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Would you confirm your vote for the second meeting held in big hands Michigan on September 9.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Aye.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And a motion to the your vote for the approving of the minutes for the meeting in East Lansing Michigan on September 13, 2021.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Aye.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The approval of the minutes for the meeting held in East Lansing Michigan on September 14, 2021.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Aye.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

Okay without objection I would like Executive Director Hammersmith to provide schedule updates for the dates and times approved at our meeting last Thursday.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I'm going to let Commissioner communications and Outreach Director Edward words the third do his report and I will forgo mine today.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonderful thank you Director Hammersmith.
Director Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thanks to ED.

Is -- EDS you received the update and delay the public until we got it done because there with are concerns and wanted to be adamant about addressing them this a better and transparent way.

We do have a better product.

I want to remind the public and it is an easy and you can get the meetings and see the maps.

It was not the ideal way in terms of screen shotting the pictures, this is a better way. But the openness and transparency in terms of the values of the Commission were never tarnished or diminished but it's a better and user friendly way to do it and reiterate the transparency is there on YouTube or Facebook with regards to how maps were created but I this great Commission thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you director Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Friday we just want to it rate just so everyone knows we are going to stay at central Michigan University for Friday.
And the meeting will be 10-5.

And we were able to work out an arrangement at the ninth hour and thought it would be better for the Commission you are there Thursday night and go there and take care of it and reiterate Friday we will be at central Michigan University and the time is 10-5 we have the room available obviously you have the right to alter the times.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A lot of thumbs up without objection.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I object I move to adjourn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Legit there is a second.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The second was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: For the benefit of the Commission a motion to adjourn if there is no pending business on the floor is always in order.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right no motions on the floor.

We have no more pending business and therefore a motion to adjourn is in order may I have one? We already did it so let's just say let's vote.

All in favor of adjourning say aye.

Raise your hand.

All opposed same sign.

Thanks very much.

Have a lovely evening.

[Meeting concludes at 6:04 p.m.]