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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: Hello, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please Disclose your physical location when I call on you.

We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending 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?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County , Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing We will approve the meeting agenda all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the meeting agenda is adopted.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We do have a welcome from our hosts. I wish I could remember the name and status, so I apologize for that. I wanted to bring it to your attention and I would welcome. And let's turn it over to Director Woods who might be able to help us.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Madam Chairperson. We are excited to be at Central Michigan University.

Fire up chips!

And we want to give a recognition to our host who is here, Erica Johnson, director of volunteer services, to provide greetings on behalf of the University. Erica, thank you so much for being with us all the time, investment resources and marketing that you have done to host the MICRC. We greatly appreciate you.

>> Thank you so much, Edward. Welcome to Central Michigan University. We are honored to have you all here this evening and to be part of this historic process in the State of Michigan. At this time I would like to welcome Maddie Thomas, our student coordinator for civic engagement at the Brandell volunteer center. In her role she helps to coordinate all of our civic engagement and educational events for her fellow students here. And she would like to provide a student welcome as well.

>> Hello. Thank you, Erica. Preparing students for responsible citizenship in a global society is part of CMU's mission. Registering to vote and voting are vital parts of active citizenship and so is providing events like this that increase our understanding of our community and the processes that shape our democracy.

So I would like to thank all the students, the community members and the Commissioners for being here tonight. And we are so honored that CMU was able to take part in this historic democratic process.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much. And we are very happy to be here and appreciate that warm welcome.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment 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.

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First in line to provide public comment is number one you are now invited to address the Commission.

>> Hello again. Good evening. You heard from me this afternoon but I would like to speak to you this evening. My name is Katie Ellison. I'm a junior here at Central Michigan University.

And I'd like to share with you the importance of keeping college communities together as we consider this important redistricting process.

CMU specifically from south Crawford road to South Summerton Road and north of east Millbrook has the bulk of residents in the area of East Broadway Street and Broomfield Street is a population of 63.3% students. This area is greater than the campus itself, but still has many of the goals, mindsets and perspectives within campus borders.

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As students here we contribute vastly to this community. We not only learn here. We work and eat and play and sleep and live in this community.

This is also our community.

We want the best for it.

And if we keep fair districts here, we encourage civic engagement with young people all across the state.

There is potential to break up campus itself, not to mention our various apartment communities, housed almost entirely off campus students, as well as separate campus from our downtown full of coffee shops and mom and pop restaurants, all deeply tied to Central Michigan University's community itself.

These establishments often started by CMU alumni and attended by current students are in what I would best describe as a symbiotic relationship. We help each other. We benefit from each other. And we probably would not exist let alone thrive without each other. And to separate CMU from our community would be, to put it plainly, unjust.

Today I ask you to please consider the rights of the citizens of Mount Pleasant to elect folks who represent local values and understand local issues. And the best way to do this is by keeping the lines fair.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Commission greatly for time and consideration in this very important issue.

I also like to thank members of the community who will be making their voices heard alongside my own tonight. I implore you to keep this community together as this nonpartisan commission works hard making Michigan more fair and just. The fair and just thing to do is keep communities together. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number two?

>> Oops, good evening, Commissioners. My name is Caroline Ross.

I live in Gratiot County, St. Louis, Michigan. I'm a lifelong Michigander and a lifelong resident of this region. I'm also a proud member of the UAW local 6,000 State of Michigan employees, now retired since 1985.

I want to address this Commission on two points.

The first thing being our State House representative in Lansing.

I believe that due to many commonalities between Isabella County and Gratiot County we should share a seat in Lansing.

First, the environmental issues surrounding waterways and agricultural are a constant concern for this region.

Secondly, we share the concern for renewable energy and jobs it creates both in wind and in solar.

Lastly, is our educational institutions in both Mount Pleasant and Alma as well as our regional school districts.

Please consider this when drawing this District.

Second point I want to address is partisan fairness.
Our state has been heavily gerrymandered over the last decade.
I believe that the party who receives the most votes should have proportional representation in both State Senate and State House.
Partisan fairness should be included in every step of this mapping process.
It is imperative you stick to this constitutional requirement.
Thank you for your time.
And thank you for all that you're doing in helping to address this issue for us.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.
Number three.

>> Good evening. My name is Tapi. I'm a resident of Midland County. I've been a resident there in the City for 20 plus years.
And I want to thank you for having this meeting here in our region.
Midland is just a 30-minute drive from and is part of this community. So thank you very much.

I'm here now to comment on the three Senate maps that are impacting Midland County and Gladwin County.
Honestly, the proposed maps do not make sense to me for Midland because Midland County was sliced and diced and the City was removed from the rest of the District.
And Gladwin and Midland County, including the City of Midland, belong together in the same Senate District.
Both of them are rural communities.
And our flood recovery work will incur a major setback if you split the Senate representation up for Midland and Gladwin.
Midland and Gladwin Counties are together today, and they should continue to remain together.
Please change the Senate maps to reflect this change.
Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.
Number four?

>> My name is Terry Miller.
Thank you, Commissioners, for hearing us today.
I'm a retired Saginaw public school teacher, active local environmentalist and resident of Bay County.
As such I'm part of a Saginaw Bay watershed community of interest.
I believe you have a tough job.
And have worked at it with fairness and transparency.
I applaud your recognition of the importance of aligning the Tri-Counties of Midland, Saginaw and Bay in your State Senate District map.

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I also applaud your recognition of the shared industrial history, shared infrastructural needs, shared potable and recreational system of the Saginaw River and I-75 corridor in your draft Congressional mapping that includes Genesee, Bay and Saginaw Counties.

Great strides have been made to address the legacy of industrial contamination including brownfield development and wetland preservation.

But a Federal advocate is essential if progress is to continue.

It is in that context that I would ask the Commission to consider the City of Midland be included in your Congressional map.

Given the central position in the watershed and the importance of the Tittabawassee River to the overall water quality and the Saginaw River and Bay, I sincerely believe it should be part of the Congressional District.

Also, all four urban areas will play an important role in developing strategies of resilience and common efforts to roll back climate change.

I am wearing a 350 pin and have since 2011.

Ten years later 350 parts per million is a livable amount of CO2.

We are at 419 now.

We have to address climate change and we need Congressional representation to do so.

Thank you, Commissioners.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

We will now move on to number five.

>> Good evening. I'm Barb Handley Miller, a retired professor from Delta College. I live in Bay County Michigan where I raised a family. I'm a part of a Bay County community of interest. And I have submitted a map aligning Bay County with Saginaw, Genesee County and the City of Midland in a Congressional District.

I thank the Commission for recognizing the combined interests of Saginaw, Bay and Midland Counties in the State Senate District and urge you to keep that map.

These urban communities of Genesee, Saginaw, Bay City and Midland share the Saginaw Bay watershed and environmental concerns. They are a key industrial corridor and have significant populations of people of color in Genesee and Saginaw in particular, and they deserve to have a united strong voice.

One example of that is in higher education.

Over 40% of college students start at a community college.

At Delta College where I taught, 81% of students come from Saginaw Bay and Midland Counties. Those counties are very tied.

At Delta and Mont Community college in Flint over 30 percent transfer to four year universities, many to universities in this proposed Congressional district. SVSU, Northwood University in Midland, University of Michigan Flint, and now many CMU students in Saginaw that are medical students and have centered there.

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We need united representation to work for fair Federal loan and Pell grant policies for fair access for lower income students and for Veterans who deserve to have GI benefits supported.

These colleges also revitalize our downtown and would be helped by a unified Congressional voice representing these urban areas. This would be a fair, nonpartisan District and I urge you to consider again aligning the City of Midland, Bay, Saginaw and Genesee Counties in a Congressional District.

I thank you for listening well to us at these forums and wish you the best in your process.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commissioner number six.

>> Thank you for dropping by.

Last time that U.S. Senator Moolenaar was here, there were law enforcement officers were guarding him.

You ask why?

He did not represent Isabella County.

The reason why he didn't, why he was representing us was because there is a strip of Midland County had been attached to Isabella County.

That is the only reason why he was elected.

There is no commonality.

If you go east on M20 you see that.

Isabella County is a very educated County.

I agree, we should be attached to Gratiot County, not with Midland County.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number seven.

>> Hi. My name is Niki.

I'm from Lansing.

I just want to say thank you, appreciate the work.

I worked on census 2020 throughout the whole year, so I know how hard stuff like this is.

I want to comment on the Senate districts for Lansing and the Congressional districts as well. I think that those drafts do a good job of making fair maps. And I would like to see the same ideas for State House Districts. Greater Lansing is growing and compared to 10 years ago, there are more businesses, places to go, and things to do in the Greater Lansing, especially with CATA running into Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties. My House District could be Downtown Lansing, Old Towne and up to Dewitt. A lot of people who work at the main Lansing hospital, Sparrow, commute from Clinton.

I think that making a fair map is the most important thing. And I think splitting up Greater Lansing area into five or so House Districts would be the best representation of the community.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number eight.

>> Good evening, everyone. And thank you for taking the time to listen to our comments.

My name is John Snyder. And I also drove up here from Lansing to give some comments about it.

I have lived in the Lansing area for about ten years now and I do work in Lansing and in East Lansing.

I can only imagine how hard this work is and I did want to say that I deeply appreciate the results that came from the work that you've been doing around the Lansing Senate map.

I think that it's a new way of looking at the Greater Lansing area and creates a more fair map for the future.

When it comes to our State House districts, I do think that one of them should be the East Lansing and Bath Township areas and the southern Clinton County.

Bath has a lot of students and student housing mixed into the Township.

And in the same vain as what some people have been saying for this area, it is really important and crucial to keep those communities and groups together so their voices can be better heard.

I like to bike the trails in Bath just as much as I like the trails in Lansing and East Lansing.

And it's close to MSU and the bus routes run right through campus from areas in Bath Township all day long.

It would make for a more fair map overall and help keep the MSU community together.

Thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number nine.

>> Hi. My name is Dana. I reside in Midland County in the City. And I was born there. I grew up there. And now we have chosen to make our home there because that region is far more dynamic than a triangle or a 75 corridor. In a globally connected world our interests are not constrained by a single highway.

It was officially recognized that Midland had outgrown the Tri-Cities designation half of my lifetime ago.

Residents in Midland City share concern concerns with residents of Gladwin, Isabella, and Gratiot Counties. We work in these communities. We shop in these communities.

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We vacation in them. And our shared concerns affect the health of our greater extended community. When those communities flood, so does the City of Midland. It is possible to manage workers across District lines. It's possible to manage education across District lines.

Remote work and remote education have proved that now for a couple of decades. But it's really difficult to focus on your job or on your exams when you are pulling the waterlogged remnants of your possessions out of your ruined home.

Greater Midland offers something precious because it offers a wide variety of opportunities and professions while retaining real integration and mindfulness with the rural realities of the specific land it is located on.

So please, please do not carve off a part of our community and awkwardly bolt it to another community who has other management priorities.

Midland City and Midland County need to retain their places along with Gladwin and Isabella and Gratiot so that Midland can fully engage with the opportunities these places create together. And Midland needs to remain whole.

Thank you very much for hearing me today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number ten.

>> Hello.

My name is David Adrian. And I've lived in Midland for the past 11 years. But I come from a small, rural town of 2000 people in northwest Minnesota. I've spent many years living in larger cities like Minneapolis and Boston pursuing an education. And I enjoyed the amenities that those had to offer. I've even had the opportunity to live and work globally. However, I'm in Midland now because when I came here after I completed my graduate school education, I knew that I was home.

I met the love of my life here.

Midland is not a destination to visit.

It's a place to live and work and grow, to be someone rather than somewhere.

So when it comes to the District lines, please keep Midland rural and Midland County whole.

Thank you for listening to me today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 11.

>> Hello. My name is Jessica. I'm a 23-year resident of Isabella County.

I want to thank the Commissioners for their work towards more representative mapping, and hopefully thus more representative Government for Michigan.

I encourage the Commission to consider a State House map that pairs Isabella County with Gratiot County including the City of Alma as this extended community along the 127 corridor has many cultural, educational and economic ties and mutual interests.

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Other speakers have detailed these ties and I hope you will consider these in your decision making.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 12.

>> I'm Elizabeth Scott, a fifth generation Midlander.

Thank you for hearing our public comments and drawing a map that keeps Midland County whole.

The City of Midland should not be cut out or sanctioned out of the rural District.

I support the map removing Midland from the proposed 11th District with Saginaw, Bay City and Flint and keeping it with like rural communities in the 13th.

The City of Midland should not be sanctioned out of the rural District.

To do so would harm the rural counties that need to be connected to Midland.

There is a Midland area watershed.

We saw this from the flooding in Midland in 2017.

That was from the waters coming from Isabella and Gladwin, and then the catastrophic flood in 2020 from Gladwin where over 800 residential homes were either affected or destroyed.

Midland and its rural neighboring counties of Gladwin, Isabella, Clare and Gratiot clearly have different concerns than Flint, Bay City and Saginaw. Each area has its own unique set of concerns as reflected in its population and industry.

It is to everyone's advantage to respect these unique districts and represent them appropriately.

I support the map drawn by Commissioner Lange that keeps Midland County and neighboring rural communities together.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 13.

>> Hello. My name is Michael. I live in Union Township here in Isabella County.

This is a complex region for the legislative maps.

Former redistricting cycles have placed Isabella County in different districts for both the State Senate and the State House.

At various times in the last 40 years the State House has seen Isabella tied with Mecosta and Clare and Midland Counties. Past decisions have been political with a little care for the manner of representing the people of Central Michigan.

I'm asking you to consider pairing Isabella County and the northern of Gratiot County into the Michigan House District. The numerous ties between Isabella and Gratiot Counties are greater than most in Central Michigan. For example, the Gratiot, Isabella regional educational services students in public, private and parochial schools in both counties. Higher education is an economic and cultural driver. And Central Michigan

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University, Alma College, Saginaw, Chippewa Tribal College and Mid-Michigan College are located here.

The Chippewa watershed conservancy protects the land, water and the wildlife in Isabella and Gratiot Counties. Agricultural, recreation and health are impacted by the rivers in both counties.

Wind farms dot the landscape in both counties. One time Gratiot and Isabella Counties had separate United Ways, but now we are two counties, working cooperatively in the Gratiot, Isabella United Way. Isabella and Gratiot Counties have culture, historic, environmental and educational and economic connections. Together Isabella and Gratiot Counties form a community of interest.

I hope that my perspective has been some help as you, excuse me, strive to draw maps. And I hope that you take this into consideration, so thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 14.

>> Hi. My name is Lauren Hall. I'm a student here at CMU, but I'm originally from Bay City, Michigan.

Tonight I just want to talk about Bay County a little bit.

For me it's really important that Bay, Midland and Saginaw stay together first and foremost because that is primarily how we self-identify as a community. We are the Tri-Cities, that is how I tell people where I'm from when I'm on campus or around Michigan.

Secondly, I would also state that the number two employer of Bay County is Dow Chemical, which is located in Michigan or it's located in Midland.

So there is an economic interest in keeping the communities together.

Finally, when we mention Delta College, how we elect board of trustees to Delta College is through whether or not they live in Saginaw, Bay and Midland.

We have specific designators for those delegates to the board of trustees in our elections.

And then finally I graduated from western high school.

Which for those of you who are not familiar with the area is about halfway between Midland County and Bay County.

And I can tell you first and foremost from experience that a majority of my classmates were from Midland County even though the school that I went to was in Bay County simply because it was closer to rural Midland County. So there is a vested educational interest in keeping the Tri-Cities together as well.

And I hope that you will consider that as you make your maps.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 15.

>> Hi, everyone. My name is Isabella.

I'm from Holland, Michigan and I'm a first generation college student here at CMU.

As an individual whose parents are unable to voice their opinions in a governmental space, I've had to navigate this right in every aspect of my life.

So, anyway, I was here this morning and I looked for resources available to Spanish speakers and after realizing this entire event was in English and then looking for some sort of translation, I went to the front part where we could sign up for public comment and was told it was being worked on.

So I thought about that.

Looking at this tour has been going on for so long, why isn't in the standard and why isn't this available? The Latin-X population is the largest growing population going to University right now, so this is no excuse.

We want to talk about things such as voter suppression. And when looking around this room, I don't see a lot of VIPOC Black, indigenous people of color. Quite frankly I see where it's lacking. And if we don't have those resources for those people to come in, then they are going to feel like this isn't for them and their voice doesn't matter as basic resources such as having material translated isn't even here.

So if you want our lines to be accurately represented, we should be working towards more inclusive material, translated material, available to all individuals.

So thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Number 16.

>> Hi. My name is Kennedy and I'm currently a senior at CMU. First, I'd like to thank you so much for your work on this Commission. This is a critical feature of our democracy and I'm so proud of our state for this initiative, happy to vote for it.

I'm from a small town called Ovid, which is about an hour away from here for those who don't know, whose values and needs are vastly different from the diversity expressed in Mount Pleasant. I implore you to help draw this district more fairly so elections are more fair and competitive in our district. In my experience student votes are often cast in the wind in this District and cannot hold their true power with the current District lines.

And, additionally, it's important that public comment is held beyond the 9-5 working hours to be more inclusive of young people and those who cannot afford to speak before you during the constraints of work hours during the day.

I thank you for opening the floor for us today and hope this practice continues in the future.

I really appreciate your time and attention on this issue as you have a really great task at hand. And thank you, that's all I have.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

I will note, in terms of accessibility, our Department of State staff did put up the screen that we have that shows the accessibility options in terms of translations. But

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everything that happens in our meeting is translated into ASL and Spanish and Bengali and Arabic translations. The information has been put up on the screen for the convenience in response to the prior commenter.

Number 17.

>> Hi. And thank you to the Commission for all your hard work.

We appreciate your service and your care and your work for fair districts.

My name is Ellen. I live in Midland, Michigan. But I've had the immense privilege to serve on the MICRC outreach and communications committee as part of my role as the campus election engagement project. We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit whose mission is to ensure youth are as politically engaged as possible. I want to praise the Commission for your commitment to hearing from as many Michiganders as possible, especially underserved and underrepresented groups like young citizens. Your presence here today at CMU and the previous weeks at U of M, Ferris State, Grand Valley State and next week at Oakland University have been vital to demonstrating to young voters that their voices matter.

If we are to create a generation of active citizens, we have to show up where they are.

As you move through the mapping process, I ask that the Commission to remember college students as communities of interest.

As citizens with dual residency, students have a unique challenge in choosing where to vote.

Their economic and cultural contributions to college towns across the state cannot be overstated. But their voices are often diluted by District lines. Roughly 1-16 Michiganders represents a college student, so it's important we continue to think through their educational and civic needs.

Again, thank you for your attention to the needs of college and youth citizens.

This campus tour could not have been possible without the dedicated work of campus professionals including Erica Johnson here at CMU. And we owe all of our campus hosts a debt of gratitude. I'm grateful for the work of countless partners on the outreach committee and in particular our sister organization on the campus vote project.

Finally, a word of thanks to Edward Woods, III, whose leadership and work for the entire state should be commended. Thank you for your work and your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

So that concludes our in-person public comment this evening so we are now going to move on to remote public comment.

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.

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 Alison.

>> Hello. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can hear you.

>> Okay, awesome.

Good evening. My name is Alison Ranusch. I'm a resident of South Lyon, Michigan. And want to thank you for your work on this Commission.

South Lyon and Lyon Township are more connected to the Novi and Farmington area and southern Oakland County communities as opposed to western Oakland County. South Lyon School District includes parts of Novi and Wixom. And walking and biking trails and our roads connect South Lyon and Lyon Township to the Novi area, making our communities and economies connected.

South Lyon is growing more each day, but we are still small enough that I take a short drive to Novi a few times a month for various things I might I need.

They have a Target there. They have a Meijer there. They have lots of great entertainment and recreation. So I spend a lot of time in that community.

Additionally, the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in South Lyon has grown significantly recently, further connecting us to the Novi area through this community that lives in Novi.

I do not want our AAPI community to be severed from the larger AAPI community.

I also wanted to thank you for working to unpack our cities.

It's important to ensure fairness and equity especially considering our history of racial gerrymandering.

Creating competitive districts, not just drawing only safe democratic and republican districts matters to the public and our perception that these maps are fair and legislatures will be accountable to us. Thank you for your time and I appreciate you doing this for us.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Anthony S.

>> Good afternoon, Commission. Thank you so much.

I want to give a shout out to two different submissions to the public comment portal, neither of which were mine but I think they are useful. One was that Hamtramck and

surrounding community of interest, that was submission P1037. I think that map covers that really well.

And then I want to shout out Will Ferguson's Detroit State House districts he put up I think today. That's P5334.

And I think he did a spot on job. And to be honest it looks a lot better than the ones you created.

But anyway that is State House.

My own thoughts on Congressional map.

I'm just going to run down my Congressional map. I had three Metro Detroit districts comprised of an east side and Southern Macomb District. A northwest District including Oakland and Wayne Counties. A southwest District entirely in Wayne County. Another District entirely in Wayne County. Another district entirely in Oakland County from Oxford down to Troy over to South Lyon.

Another Macomb, Sanilac District with a little bit of Lapeer. One Down River, Monroe, Washtenaw. One Flint District which may not be very popular given the comments here, but one Flint District including Shiawassee, Livingston and Southern Saginaw Counties. One Lansing District including Clinton, Ionia, Eaton and Jackson. One border District including all the border counties except Monroe and Berrien but also including Kalamazoo, Barry and a part of Calhoun Counties.

One Grand Rapids including part of Ottawa.

A western lakeshore District up to Ludington, including Lake and Newaygo Counties. An up north District straight across from Manistee to Tawas. And finally a thumb, Bay, Saginaw, Midland, Arenac, Mid-Michigan District. And that is my configuration, thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

We now move on to Karen.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For purposes of the public record, that participant is not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so we are going to move on to Topia.

>> P5334. And I think he did a spot on job and to be honest it looks a lot better than the ones you created.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can hear you.

>> Thank you. My name is Loida-Tapia. I'm a resident of Detroit, Michigan. I just want to reiterate the information for the public hearings starting on October 11 the need to be updated on the Commission website.

Currently you're using three websites for the public to find information. And you have not been releasing the shape files for the maps that you're drafting.

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This has made it very difficult for the public to analyze and look at their communities and see how they are being impact bid your drafts and properly provide you public comment.

Unless they are watching these public hearings all day, which is very difficult, it makes it really hard for public comment to occur.

It also makes it very difficult to provide public comment for public hearings you are not advising on your website.

The website currently has the wrong information for the public hearings.

And I don't want to repeat the wrong information, but you are starting on October 11 in Flint, Michigan.

I want to reiterate to please put the shape files on Michigan.gov/MICRC.

They have not been updated.

And the new website that you have now, Michigan redistricting for the map viewing does not allow you to download the shape files.

Those are partial files and doesn't allow for the full understanding of the maps that you are drafting.

You will be finalizing maps and voting on them next week.

And the public hasn't had an opportunity to properly view those maps that you have been drafting.

We want to support the work that you're doing and support the maps because some of them seem really great.

But it's really difficult to be able to know what work you have been doing when it's not being publicized in a timely manner.

I'm happy to help in this process.

And if there is anything that the public can do, please let us know.

I have worked with Edward. And I would love to continue to help and support you all in the hard work that you're doing.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next to speak is Dave Adams.

>> Hello. Thank you for...thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission. I'd first like to congratulate and thank all of you for the time and effort you have put into serving.

I'm sure you probably are tired at this point.

But what you are doing will hopefully have a positive effect on democracy in our state for years to come.

On a personal note, as a lifelong Saginaw County resident I would love it if Saginaw County was not split for the Congressional or State Senate seats.

Saginaw County has been split in Congress for my entire life.

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But even better would be to keep Midland, Bay and Saginaw Counties altogether in a Congressional seat.

But if you need to split the Counties, et cetera, to give the voters of Michigan partisan fairness, please do it.

As I talk to friends from both political parties, I hear because Michigan is a 50/50 state, we should have a Congressional delegation that is 7-6 and a State House that is 55-55. And that makes sense.

But many of these people talk about six democratic districts, six republican districts, and one District with partisan fairness or competitiveness.

I think all of us voters would want to be in that one competitive District. The politicians want 6-8 districts for each party. So I know it won't be easy and might require you to be creative, which I have seen in some of the already drawn districts. But I'd encourage you to maximize partisan fairness, maximize competitiveness with something like two democrat and two republican. Same concept for the State House. Not Saginaw County with one democratic, one republican, but two fair districts.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

We now move on to Mr. James Gallant.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you.

>> Okay. There you go.

Yes. James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions.

And considering the past speaker who said that you will be voting on your maps next week, there was some public comments on the chat at the earlier meeting about the unpublished rules that you are using right now, you are in the middle of, and do not recognize what you are doing now as drawing maps as deliberation.

That is scheduled for next week.

September 27.

Now, the person claimed on the chat that the reason that you have no motion pending is because you're not considering the final final maps.

I've heard that before many times, that is how I found the rule that says you shall not deliberate before there is a motion that is properly seconded.

That is why I found that.

I had to find it because people kept saying that, final final. It's not the final final. But just consider this: That if you don't go back to every single map now and change it, then the map that you have drawn now will be the final final maps. And you will be voting on it. So you deliberated towards the final final map unless you change every single one of them now that you have in place.

That is why you need the motions pending.

As I said before, this is supposed to be committee of the whole. This is committee of the whole structure. And are only supposed to have two statements per person, per member during the agenda item unless you are in committee of the whole. Then you have unlimited amount. And then committee of the whole is just making a recommendation for the draft maps.

That is how this should have went and what should be happening now.

I would like to request that you hire a registered parliamentarian to provide you a written report on the subject. And I'd like to request that the Central Michigan University student Government to consider on their agenda whether this Commission is this decision making process, is actually according to the rules of procedure that are approved in the Robert's Rules of Orders requirement for a motion second establishing the immediately pending question. So CMU student body Government, please, political science department, please, somebody.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next is Mike.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That participant is not currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, Lisa Coney.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Good afternoon. I'm Lisa Coney, 35-year-plus resident of Saginaw County.

And I just wanted to thank you for the hard work that you have been doing and that you continue to do.

I want a State Senate District that includes the Tri-Cities, Saginaw, Midland and Bay City.

The Tri-Cities are a community of interest and have long been called the Tri-Cities because they share economic, cultural and historic interests.

We are called the Great Lakes region because of how closely linked we are.

We share an airport.

The people of the Tri-Cities travel to each other's cities for shopping, entertainment and cultural.

We share economic interests in Michigan including the Michigan sugar, General Motors, Dow Chemical and SC Johnson.

There is even a Wikipedia Page highlighting the ties between the three communities.

I want a U.S. Congressional District that includes the Tri-Cities and Flint.

Saginaw, Midland, Bay City and Flint are communities of interest.

We are connected by the I-75 corridor.

And share many regional airports.

Saginaw and Flint have significant Black populations that would benefit from shared representation in a single Congressional District.

Saginaw has a large Hispanic population as well.

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When joined the first draft of the Congressional districts, the Commission's VRA expert was not on hand and the Commission gave little to no consideration to Black or Latino populations in Mid-Michigan.

We all share common media markets.

We share educational ties through local high school sports.

We are also closely linked through our colleges and universities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

I know that timer is a little hard to hear.

Bill Meyer.

>> Okay, yes. Hello. My name is Bill Meyer. I'm from Hamtramck and I'm with a group called One Hamtramck, which is an organization that addresses social, peace and social justice issues.

Born in this area 77 years ago.

I know the area intimately.

And I want to say that many of you are probably unaware of a couple statistics of Hamtramck because they are usually not recorded.

One is that the City has majority of the two largest ethnic groups are Yemeni and Bangladesh.

It's not a polish City anymore, although many people think it is.

So this makes it the highest percentage of Muslims in any City in America, as high as 70 to 80%.

Probably in the entire western hemisphere.

And for a long time these people have been marginalized in City Government and issues and media and everything.

They are speaking out now.

They are finally asking for their fair justice.

And I want to mention that Rebecca Islam has provided a map from APIA, which I hope you take a look at.

And, first of all, I wanted to thank you for letting me speak.

This is a map that shows the density of people of color in this area.

And to break that group up would be a tragedy.

Our group in Hamtramck works through culture and we supported the Bangladesh mural on the border of Hamtramck and Detroit, carpenters.

So many Bangladesh are in Hamtramck and also across carpenter into Detroit.

I want to thank you for listening to me and letting me speak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Roman.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, we will move on to Reverend Tyler Wagenmaker.

>> Okay. There we go.

I think we are back on now correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Wonderful.

Good evening. My name is Reverend Tyler Wagenmaker. I'm a longtime pastor here in Ottawa County on the west side of the state and a lifelong resident actually of Ottawa County. Grew up on the northeast side and went to school northwest and Central side of the County. I've lived and pastored down in the southern part of the County. The last time I was in Ottawa County and I lived here actually was when I was overseas as an Army officer in an operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad.

So I know Ottawa County very well.

The County as a whole has its own unique and wonderful character. As somebody whose what lived here. I have gone to school here. I friends here. I play here. I work here. I shop here. I worship here.

I can speak to Ottawa County very well.

And so I've seen on the map the proposed splitting up of Ottawa County into three Congressional districts, that actually, tremendously saddens me.

I think about my own small congregation. We have not even 200 people. And they all live very near to church. And with this proposal that you have, they are split up into three different Congressional districts. So I'm in the proposed 9th District. Just two miles to the east of me is the proposed fourth District. And four miles to the west of me is the proposed 13 District.

I think only those who really don't know or understand Ottawa County would come up with a proposal like this that splits up Ottawa County.

That's why I need to speak to you about what Ottawa County is.

And that's why I'm asking and pleading with you to change this proposed layout, to keep Ottawa County together.

Because that's how the people of Ottawa County live their lives.

They do it together.

This proposed redistricting of things, the way I understood, it's supposed to keep natural communities together.

There are deep generational ties.

Deep, long time friendships, common values, interests.

I look at Borculo, a small little village, and it's cut in half right down the center.

Please keep Ottawa County together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Cindy.

>> Hi, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay. Hi. My name is, first off, I want to say that Mike was passed up, that he wasn't here but he is here.

I'm not sure what he is here for though.

I mean, what his name is on the screen.

I just wanted you to know that he is here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay. Thank you.

>> Okay. So I'll get to mine. My name is Cindy Weir. I live in Midland, Michigan.

First, I would like to thank the Commission for drawing a State Senate District that includes the cities of Midland, Bay City and Saginaw, also known as the Tri-Cities.

These three cities are an obvious community of interest.

And we all have like things in common, industrial based communities, our economies are connected.

We have a shared airport with Midland, Bay City, and Saginaw.

And we share several media outlets and regional colleges and universities.

That's my comment regarding the State Senate District.

And I appreciate you drew those together and I urge you to keep that map.

But also like to request the Commission to include the City of Midland in the Congressional map along with Bay City, Saginaw, and Flint.

These Cities are the core of Mid-Michigan and a community of interest for all of the same reason I just mentioned for the State Senate District.

We identify as the Tri-Cities.

And we should stay together in both the Senate and the Congressional districts.

I just want to thank you for all the work you are doing, hearing us and making changes based on our comments.

I'm looking forward to seeing the new maps with our districts drawn that are fair and competitive, which will in turn make for much better governing, which we need in the State of Michigan. So thank you for your hard work.

That's all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

It's my understanding Mike has joined so let's go back to him.

>> Mike Curell.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can hear you.

>> All right, good afternoon.

This was difficult.

Good afternoon my name is Mike Curell. I'm a long-time resident of the City of Midland. And I want to thank you for volunteering and for all your hard work.

Your work is so important for fair elections in Michigan.

I'm speaking today to advocate for the cities of Midland, Bay City and Saginaw being recognized as a community of interest.

I'm a long time Midland resident, recently retired. I've spend most of my adult life working in the area including jobs and all three communities.

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Tri-Cities have a long history of connections and common concerns whether it's our shared infrastructure, our schools, our colleges, the airport, common healthcare providers.

Large and small business issues.

And keeping the rivers that connect us healthy and clean.

We are connected and share common concerns.

Communities of interest by definition refer to a group of people who have a common set of concerns that may be affected by legislation.

I think the Tri-Cities more than meet that requirements.

Please take into consideration my concerns.

I believe our unique issues merit common representation both in Lansing and in Washington.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is James.

>> Hello. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. We can hear you.

Now I can't hear you.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you now.

>> Wonderful.

My name is James.

I'm an educator.

And co-Chair in Ottawa County.

I'm calling you straight from where I coach our eight-year-old boy is here.

And the way the map is drawn right now, the entire team, we would be represented by three different Congressional districts.

Despite the fact that the boys all live two miles apart from each other.

The Commission shouldn't divide Ottawa County as it has currently done in their proposal. Despite the fact that Ottawa County is the fastest growing County in the state, it's now being treated as a point of interest.

The Commission has an obligation, a constitutional obligation for Ottawa County because it is a community of interest.

Not just for the importance to the state but because of its shared economy, heritage and history.

Ottawa County truly is unique.

It's unfortunate no one from the Commission is from this side of West Michigan to really understand that, but that is why I'm here today.

I'm here to speak on behalf of Ottawa County and our future dividing us into three Congressional districts takes away our Federal voice.

There is a lot I teach to my boys, and that is diversity, in the face of diversity we can only triumph through unity. Please maintain the unity of Ottawa County and keep them together as one Federal District.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Delia Johnson.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can hear you.

>> Okay, thank you, Commission, for all the work you're doing.

I really appreciate it.

I'm speaking on behalf of asking if Jackson County can be included in the western part of Washtenaw County.

My reasoning for this is that I think we have some similarities.

I'm particularly proud of a group here in Jackson that is working with African/Americans to make them more involved in our community.

And getting them what they need to get their work done.

I think that if we were paired with Washtenaw western Washtenaw County, we would run into other people that are similar in our beliefs about the sanctity of every group of people.

I would hope that other people would be pleased to be paired in our group.

I'm in a group of African/Americans and Caucasians and we are doing some good work.

I hope that people in that group would be paired, would be pleased to be paired with western Washtenaw.

There are so many hard problems to solve, there aren't any answers, easy answers in this work but I think that being paired with western Washtenaw would give us a better chance of coming together as we embrace diversity and build stronger and cultural communities in Southeast Michigan.

Thank you very much for hearing my comments.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for -- thank you for addressing the Commission.

Ray Hall.

>> Hello. Can you hear me? Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can hear you.

>> My name is Ray Hall. I'm calling from Flint, Michigan. And I will start my video.

What I want to say is that I was treated unfairly from the start.

I tried to join the Commission, and I was blocked out from we were the first ones to do it here at the University of Michigan Flint. And I was told that a notary was not in the position to put forth my application.

So I got dropped or whatever.

I got the paperwork and everything.

I plan on bringing that to the table, but I want to keep 34 District in the City of Flint with the maps, that is why I came to this point right here. I would have been involved a long time ago and I'm just catching up now. And all of us are not a color Black or African/American, but there is an indigenous community here in the City of Flint. We are growing expeditiously in a large number. And we would like to also add it to the map at the same time. Someone, I think I need information later on. But also trying to file that complaint because I was supposed to be involved with this a long time ago.

That is basically what I wanted to bring to the table is that there is indigenous community here in the City of Flint. We are by water and we got land and all that stuff and everything.

So I just want to get that point made and I guess that's it for me.

My minutes passed quickly, but that is basically all I had to say was that that is basically it, yeah. And how to get more involved with what is going on here. And that's it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission Mr. Hall.

All right. That concludes our first opportunity for both in person and remote commentary. 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.

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 with two minutes per commenter.

First in line to provide public comment is Anthony S.

>> Thank you, Commission. Once again, shout out the Hamtramck community of interest map that's public comment portal submission P1037.

Shout out Will S Detroit Area State House districts, that is P5334.

And, yeah, that's it for now, thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Mr. Skinnel. At this point we will move on to Mr. James Gallant.

>> Hello. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can hear you.

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

And I would ask that this Commission would get complete transparency concerning your unpublished rules that Commissioner Lange said you voted on, Commissioner Witjes is always talking about. Ms. Kellom is one. And Vice Chair, you know, to facilitate discussion, you know, the Chair and Commissioner Lett said it all.

It was like you are working as one.

It's not the way that it's not separate, it's all one. He doesn't want to disrupt the unity, you know, and all that.

So please publish those rules that so we can understand the part about you don't make a motion until the final final vote.

So that means you're going to own the discussion and the final final vote. Then you are going to say again like you usually do, is there any more discussion? No, because it's already been done, already been done.

Please explain to us how this works because you're going to have to go back and see a bunch of maps. You are going to have 200 maps, right? You will have 140 plus alternatives, so it will be about 200 maps. So you have to figure every single one of them for final final consider them. And five minutes each, okay, then you have 16 hours in doing it in just five minutes each. So you are going to have to do like Commissioner Lett did at the committee meeting the other day, bam, bam, bam, okay. We are good, out the door in 14 minutes. Well, 14 minutes means you would have like 30, 35 hours just to do that revisit thing.

And, you know, please consider the Central Michigan University and you folks that hosted this, please consider looking into this for real as students looking into how we work in America.

These people, this is the insurrection is how this Commission is saying the rules, their process type-rules override the fundamental principles of parliamentary law and the Constitution. And you say, no, this is the finished process. They call it a rule and before you know it by consensus, they think it's a rule. And Commissioner Lange, it's her perception that they voted on this stuff.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

That concludes our public comment for this evening.

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 the public comment portal on our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis. 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.

At this point we are going to return to our unfinished business which is continue mapping the State House districts.

So we will get started on that.

We finished off with Commissioner Lett finishing his District and at this point we will move on to Commissioner Orton to direct the line drawers so I will hand it over to you Commissioner Orton and once again I will ask my Vice Chair MC Rothhorn if he would mine facilitating the discussion to make it more convenient for everybody since I am not physically in if room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Our VRA consult and Mr. Adelson had to leave so those of you who are virtual we will be mapping until 7:50 or shortly before 8:00. And Commissioner Orton you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Lange. Well, I was thinking that we would look at Saginaw since that was one of the areas that we were suggested to look at having to do with VRA. But since Mr. Adelson isn't here, what do we think? Should we avoid those areas until we have him again or?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, looks like our General Counsel has an opinion and I also have something. Please General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Good evening thank you Mr. Vice Chair. Commissioner Orton, I would recommend again that similar to your work last week when the conversation was facilitated by the Chair and the Vice Chair, that the Commission proceed forward with its work and Mr. Adelson will be reviewing and providing that input. He will be back with us on Monday morning or excuse me I misspoke. I apologize. He will be back with us about right after the recess break on Monday. So 1:00 on Monday. After lunch. And he will be with us the remainder of the week. So that those any issues or the feedback can be provided similar to the feedback he provided when he joined us this past Monday after the Commission had a few days of mapping without the benefit of his presence. But my recommendation would be that the Commission move forward. And that as part of the process next week Mr. Adelson can participate at that time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would offer you have done nice work figuring it out so it's worth trying.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I will move forward with the Saginaw area please Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So is 30 our next one that we are working on?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think it's 31.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John can you raise your mic a little bit so we can hear you better? Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is that better?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It is, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this just shows the population of the Counties.

So total of Saginaw County is 190,000 so let's see that's a little more than to districts in just that County.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so can you turn it to Townships, please? So just to preface this I've been doing some work here and considering it was a possible VRA consideration area, I put together a District that I will create here that is as balanced as possible.

And yet I think the numbers are pretty low.

I think it might be surprising that they are low.

So will you choose the City of Saginaw? And I think we need to go to precincts now.

Okay can you choose just to the right that long, skinny precinct? To the very east of the whole.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is east at least I think it is unless I'm wrong.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Please choose the two, well, okay, choose the portion that is under that two.

And those two kind of right, not the -- not that big one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay hang on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: These two to the south?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

And the next one to the south by the way I was going to say Commissioner Weiss feel free to jump in whenever you like.

I don't know where you live but I know you live around here.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was analyzing the view but I don't think it was helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's not helpful to me since I don't know.

The one to the south, the horizontal one.

Okay and the two the Bridgeport, the words of Bridgeport, yeah.

Thank you.

We are going to move, okay, I think we might need to do blocks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can Commissioner Clark have a word?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Commissioner I would suggest we do what we did in Flint and create two districts and then try to balance them as we go forward so we can see.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But went we get enough population in there even using the highest African/American populations there not enough to make it more than 32%.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is a problem.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: At some point we may want to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I thought I would put it together with as high population as we can and then if there is no then we will see.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I think I must have -- I must have done blocks because see where the river is, there is the empty area and then there is the river down below.

Well I don't know if it's a river.

Not that one but the one coming the other direction.

Not that one.

But the one going that direction.

Maybe it's not a river.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think this is the municipal boundary here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So just below there I want part of that, but not that whole big block.

So I think it might be a block since I don't see a boundary.

The Cass River it says.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want this whole area down to the river including this area up here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and everything below, everything down to that river.

So those blocks to the west of, you just did, up above the river.

>> MR. MORGAN: So do you want the actual river? Or just up to the river?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just up to the river for now since there is no population there.

We will worry about that later.

>> MR. MORGAN: This, these?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, that up to the purple.

>> MR. MORGAN: Up to the river.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like Cass river and Shiawassee river.

Are you using any of the COIs like the river? There is the Tittabawassee River community.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you for reminder me.

Can you put the COI overlay for this area? Do we know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Which COI? The one I'm looking at right now is C373.

There is a couple of them though.

None of them have a House District.

They are all COIs but I thought maybe since the river you're thinking it is C373 or 21544.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're looking for a number as a reference report .

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What was your question.

>> MR. MORGAN: Were you going to give me the number of the COI?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: C373 there is two different numbers here so okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I'm turning off some of the other plans.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a different number.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I thought you might.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: P976.

It's a P instead of a C.

So this is the one that you reference when you say it's a different one?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You said it was P.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: P976 most community of interest we received in the area are about the Tri-Cities which we cannot fit that into a House District so.

>> MR. MORGAN: The one that is blinking is the one you were referencing.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's this entire.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So what we are doing is within that and we can't cover that, all that, in a House District.

So okay, thank you.

You can leave that on if you want or not.

We won't be going outside of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I like what you have highlighted or what you have currently in 31.

And I think the rest of or Saginaw Township to its left could be the start of problem a different District.

So what were you thinking? Were you thinking go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So what I'm thinking is so it won't all of that Saginaw Township won't fit in to the District with Saginaw.

But when I chose precincts that had high minority population, to try and maybe comply with Voting Rights Act, if that applies here, that's what I added in.

And it still is fairly low.

So I'll go ahead and add all those in and we can look at it and see.

It still stays within Saginaw and Saginaw Township and the areas that we have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just as a reminder Commissioner Orton I think Mr. Adelson said VRA applies to the whole state.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is one of those it's worth an experiment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I thought when we had the numbers up there it almost looked like Saginaw City and Saginaw Township might be very close.

And then I was trying to look at the other, yeah, what do you have 41, almost 42.

46, that would be and then what was I going to add.

I think it was Carrollton is what I just did some quick adding.

Could you add that up? And see what that total comes to?

>> MR. MORGAN: You were saying.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Saginaw Township, Saginaw City and Carrollton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Are you asking him to add it in his head.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Population just to see if it would get you close.

>> MR. MORGAN: 92 is right on the button.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'd like to see what you had in your thoughts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'll continue with mine and then that can be our we can go to that as well.

Okay, so try and do this quick.

So we are on precincts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Anything at the south I missed like this or something else?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, that is good so we will go to the west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sag thank you Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I want that where the river comes down and meets the purple, yes, I want that in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Same as Commissioner Weiss can I have reasoning why you are splitting Saginaw in two?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not splitting Saginaw.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Saginaw and Saginaw Township?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

So I was trying to see if we could reach that threshold of minority population for the Voting Rights Act.

Because this was flagged by Lisa Handley as a possible polarized voting area.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I completely forgot about that so sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I will just continue and we can pick it apart after.

Okay, so, John, I want to this makes a shape maybe a little weird but skip those three that are kind of in that triangle and then go up.

I want, yes, I want that one.

And that one.

And then keep going one more out.

Yes.

Yes.

And the one, the one above that, yes.

If you would rather select a box, I can try to show you.

Either way is fine with me.

I'm not sure how it works not the top one over to the right and clear over to Carrollton from where you are.

Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Including the village of Carrollton? And Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Include that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: And the ones in the middle.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss it's pronounced Carrollton, it is Carrollton or Carrollton?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It's called Carrollton so I don't know either way, I guess.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe someone will let us know if we are miss pronouncing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You say Carrollton I say Carrollton, let's call the whole thing off.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay this is what I had and it's down 1.31%.

Which is 1198 people.

From ideal and the voting age non-Hispanic Black population is 31.93%.

The over here the total minority population 53.59%.

I also looked at the Hispanic theme and this does encompass the areas that are highest Hispanic population as well.

And that's what I came up with.

I checked, I didn't see that we broke up any communities of interest.

But like we saw the only communities of interest that I could find were much larger than this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Nice work thank you Commissioner or John has a comment.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you have population number to see if it's exact or close?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have we are down 1176 people.

So we must be missing.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are off by a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see it, yeah, it's that one down.

>> MR. MORGAN: This.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: South.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just this portion or the whole thing?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's that but I think maybe that was tied to something else so it might need to come in blocks.

That whole portion to the river is what it was.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I do.

You're down 1198 people.

And this Township or Saginaw area had 190,000.

I think we could add some to that.

One of the things we saw when Dustin asked for the aggregate an hour or so ago was, we are down 10,000.

So we don't want to keep driving that in that direction at this point.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are down relative 10,000 here over 30 some districts.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: But we never really looked at all of the districts you created and the pieces you previously done.

So I have no idea what a blending of those would do at this point.

So for example, in the many other times you drafted some House Districts you might have drafted another 30 or 40 districts.

And I don't know what the cumulative deviation of those is if you would have merged them.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: The region I mention is because we have been working in high population areas.

And so we are going to get ourselves in rural areas which are not high population then we may run into a problem so that is why I brought it up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

Wondering if we are willing to look at the voting because I think you have a significant Hispanic population like you said and maybe a cross over vote we can look at.

And if we look.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you.

Just briefly, Dr. Handley's analysis found in Saginaw County the number of polarized contests all of the general elections with minority candidates were polarized.

All but two of the statewide general elections in the singular statewide democratic primary was also polarized.

Based on her analysis for Saginaw County, it looks like 35-40% VAP would be there is a couple that are just under 48 or excuse me a couple that are just under 50%.

So that range again would be consistent with her finding.

And conditioned on Mr. Adelson's weighing in next week.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Of course.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So my comment is that we can of course add more population.

But I have gone around every precinct around the whole, this group.

And the population and the percentage would just bring down the non-Hispanic Black voting age population that we were looking at.

So if we were trying to get up to a certain amount, we -- this is as high as I could find it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right which is why I thought it would be instructive perhaps to try to look at the voting because we do have like I think you pointed out we may have cross over.

We don't know.

And I think Lisa Handley's as General Counsel has pointed out we need 35% if this is as you said like we can't get there, what I think we want to do is yeah but we are not breaking up any communities of interest.

We have a reasonable minority percentage of almost 54% but we don't know if there is cross over.

That is why I thought the voting election 32 non-Hispanic Black and percentage of voting Black population candidates, EP candidates.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair for Saginaw County looking at notes I have 40% to 45, Genesee was 35-40%.

Saginaw is 40% so I wanted to make sure that I updated that from my prior statement. And Oakland County I wrote 42-43% just to be different there but for Saginaw County 40% would be the appropriate measure.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I have a question then which may be a Mr. Adelson or a Lisa handy question but so she identified this County as one of the counties we need to look at.

But according to my work any way I could not get to that threshold of the 35-40% or maybe it was 40% in that County.

What does that mean then for this area? We do the best we can but we can't get up there? I don't know what alternative we have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sound like that is a question for Mr. Adelson.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I appreciate that Vice Chair. And if I understand Commissioner Orton's question, if I understand her question correctly, it's that reaching the goal of a 40% minority VAP is what you are struggling with when you were mapping. Again I would encourage the Commission to do their best efforts at this time. And then Mr. Adelson will review the maps and provide his analysis and feedback as he did last Monday.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

Do any Commissioners have any changes or?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: John could you put the dots up for that please and see what we have?

>> MR. MORGAN: Just clarify what you mean by put the dots up please.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: True would you put up for the Black community please first.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John, we thought you were a mind reader.

>> MR. MORGAN: I know what you meant but for purposes of the meeting I thought I would clarify.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I remember Cynthia, you said you looked at Hispanic population so maybe after that we might look at the other ones Commissioner Weiss let us know when you are ready.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just kind of look at what the map is. I think Cynthia has hit it pretty close and it may be tough to make any adjustments.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John can you click on the one just to the right of the word shields? Yeah, that one.

So there were a few in there that might have been slightly lower than that percentage but in order to get that percentage we had to go through areas that had none so anyway.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let us know when you are ready, Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could we look at the voting percentages, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: This District 31, which is principally Saginaw and Saginaw Township and Bridgeport is 70% for Biden.

Sorry 68% Biden.

32 for Trump.

Clinton is 68.

Trump 32.

Obama 71.

Romney 29.

Peters for Senate is 68.

And James is 32.

Stabenow is 68.

James 32.

Peters is 75, land is 25.

And 2012 U.S. Senate 76 Stabenow, 24 for Hoekstra Whitmer is 70, Schuette is 30.

For Governor 2014, 68 shower, 32 Snyder and Nessel 68, Leonard 33.

For Attorney General.

Totten, 62.5 and Schuette is 37.5, Benson 70, Lange 30.

Dillard 66, Johnson 34.

And then the Governor's primary is here as well and El-Sayed 23, Thanedar is 30 and Whitmer is 47.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it looks like I mean it looks like we got at least double the percentage for the democrat over the republican. It seems like that is the party that is the of choice for the Black and Brown community and we may have a cross over vote there.

We may have a good District.

Is that how you read it Commissioners? Is that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seeing nodding heads okay and I think what we got is essentially we will wait for Mr. Adelson but Commissioner Orton thank you for doing this and putting it together and I think we want to acknowledge too we done have Hispanic community dots at this point but we can you have taken that into consideration and we want that reflected in the -- when we okay.

Commissioner Lett? Okay.

We have not broke any communities of interests up.

Secretary of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes Cynthia, the COIP976 that you pulled up for this District could you tell me what that community of interest was? I'm sorry I'm not sure I heard the description.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I may be able to do that.

No, I'm going to bring it to her.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have to look at the paper.

Thank you.

P976 right is that the one? So that was about the Shiawassee river, I guess.

And the areas around there.

But it was very large.

So.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right, thank you Commissioners.

I believe I'm next.

And I would like to acknowledge I would rather facilitate at this point and wondering I do know Commissioner Lange is with us and wondering Commissioner Lange if you would help me draw a map? If you are still there.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I can do that, I'm still here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent so again I would rather facilitate and I can facilitate hands if you have a place you would like to draw I would appreciate your help.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Actually I do.

John if you could, could you go to Midland, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And could you select all of Midland County?

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>> MR. MORGAN: Okay for 83,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

And then could you take the four Townships of Gladwin above it and that should give you a direction.

>> MR. MORGAN: And the village here as well?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is within 500 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, and the reason I picked this is because of public comment, again, concerns with the watershed and the Tittabawassee which does come down through Gladwin.

The recovery that Midland County is still going through with the floods, that is an economic concern.

We've had a ton of public comment about keeping the County whole.

One voice.

And it works.

So that's why I did that.

Taking into account the public comment about watersheds, about flooding, and about keeping the County as whole as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lange, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think there might just be one little spot of Midland that is across the County line.

Is that or is it something else? I'm not sure but if it's Midland.

>> MR. MORGAN: I believe it's the City of Midland that crosses the County line.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So is everyone okay Rhonda are you okay with adding that in since it's part of the City of Midland?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That's part of the City? Part of the City is in another County? I did not realize that.

I'm fine with adding that in.

The number 160 just brings it closer.

>> MR. MORGAN: And I believe again it's one voting precinct and the equivalent of one County sorry one Township or municipality.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay please add that in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There may be one above it Commissioner Orton was saying.

Commissioner Clark concurs.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did someone want me to add this for sure?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: John, go ahead and add it it's fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are adding it because we think it's part of the City. Is there a way for you to confirm that, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: It might take a minute to do that but I can.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please I think that is the reason we added those two little pieces so if you can confirm it somehow that would be helpful.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to do this right now or at a break?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that suggestion.

Let's do it at a break.

I think we are moving along pretty well thank you Commissioner Lange.

Are there any questions at this point Secretary of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We need a moment.

Commissioner Lange did you have any specific COIs or any plans you very were referencing at this point?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: There were public comments about the watersheds, there was a couple 5340, 5354.

And a lot of pardon me a lot of the ones I was going off from were the Midland hearing that we attended.

There were over 20 of them about keeping Midland and Gladwin the watershed.

So I went off my notes from the public hearings also.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent.

Thank you and then Commissioner Orton has something.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: With a little checking it does appear that that is part of the City.

But if you want to double check.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again when I have an opportunity, I'll bring up the layers of the cities and I will confirm that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point I think we are okay.

Secretary of State do we have a thumbs up.

We have a thumbs up thank you for helping me Commissioner Lange.

I believe we are up to Commissioner Vallette.

No.

Szetela.

I apologize Chair Szetela.

I can't find my notes at the moment I apologize.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I'm next and then Janice.

All right can we go back down to the Westland area? And so can you stroll up just a bit? I just want to see where those red boundaries are right now.

So down, there you go.

All right so I want to draw Canton but I have to readjust Steve's District to draw Canton properly so we are going to start in Canton with a new District.

And I want you to grab we are going to do precincts.

So those.

>> MR. MORGAN: A road boundary on to help?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No I know it, I live there and don't need a road boundary.

The bottom three precincts in Canton on the starting from the eastern edge if you could select those and assign them.

And then if you can once the computer is don't thinking if you can scroll into the most western precinct that you just selected.

We are going to need to go down to the block level.

So you see that little block right this that is cut out? I want to put that into 33.

Right where your mouse just was.

Okay so let's Zoom back out.

And we are going to go over to Wayne.

We are going to grab Wayne.

Then you are going to need to switch back to precincts.

Okay the top three precincts right above Wayne on the westerly edge assign to 33.

Okay now the next row above it there is two and two I want you to take those four that are right above it.

Yes, those four.

Okay so now you're going to take the next three both rows, yep.

And that little part that is to the east, those two blocks there, yep, take those.

The ones that are currently in 29 just to be clear.

Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want the one I took?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is fine because I was going to send you that way any way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So now you will wrap around Garden City and take everything in Garden City that is left of Westland.

Yep, take that little portion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela can I request you have the Asian dots up or the theme that allows us to see the Asian community?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes John, if you could go ahead and do that, that would be helpful.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want you to grab that one little part that butts up to 15 above the one precinct that sort of has the curved line on it, looks like a shoe almost.

Yeah, that one right there.

Put that into 33.

So 33 should be good.

So now we need to adjust 29.

By assigning Garden City into it.

Oops, so now I need you, once it settles, you're going to go down into Romulus.

And you see that diagonal line.

This would be precinct so follow that diagonal line and put that all into 29.

Okay so that should fix 29, 35.9 African/American.

For 1 we will add a little bit to the bottom of Taylor to rebalance that and move some things.

So you will grab the top three precincts.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will put them in 16.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Or to 29 you know.

All right so then the next three below that so there is two block one block you want and two diagonal parts, put those in as well.

So that precinct go up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which one did you not want in?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just the bottom one and take that other triangle just to the right of the one you selected.

>> MR. MORGAN: This one out or in?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Leave that in but take off the bottom one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And then take the triangle sitting next, yes, that spot right there.

Okay, so can you kind of Zoom back out so we can see it? All right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a comment Szetela se yes.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just want to understand your logic.

I see what you did and I understand that.

But one of the other alternatives was just to take all of Canton County or Canton Township or why didn't you take that approach? Szetela se because you can't take all of Canton.

The population is too high. It's 98,000. And so this way we are taking the portions of Canton that are in the Wayne Westland school District and putting them into the Wayne Westland School District and keeping that district together.

And then for Inkster, there is also, Inkster is actually split into four school districts including Romulus and the eastern part of Wayne Westland. So it's putting Inkster into the two school districts that it's in while still maintaining the VRA percentages.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A lot of this is based on school districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Based on school districts and based on preserving the VRA population in Inkster and based on preserving the Asian population in Canton.

Because the way that the District was drawn with Wayne, Westland, we were going to have to cut up Canton.

There was not going to be a way to balance Canton and a way to put that Wayne Westland portion of Canton into Wayne Westland. We would have to break up the Asian population. And you can see in the area of Wayne Westland it's very minimal.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to hit a couple communities of there at the same time while making it easy to keep Canton together as they requested as much as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They Chair Szetela.

We have a thumbs up which means we are moving on to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I want to go a little bit north into Oakland County.

The rest of.

>> MR. MORGAN: Putting Townships on.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, I'm going to do Highland and Melford.

>> MR. MORGAN: That would have been my guess.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What did he say?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That would have been his guess.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> MR. MORGAN: That is about 36,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And the rest of Commerce.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think that is the balance of Commerce there.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And White Lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should be pretty close.

Okay, that is 315 people low.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I'll stop there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette.

Any communities of interest or anything you want to share with the Secretary of State?

Can you use your microphone, please.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you these communities are very similar.

They cross over each other to shop.

There is parks that they use.

There is medical facilities.

Actually there is a hospital in White Lake that these facilities all use.

So that's oh, and the school districts.

Highland and Melford use the schools, while lake has part of Huron valley schools and have five school districts this their Township.

And Commerce has Huron valley schools and Walled lake schools so that is all I have on it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are we okay with that Secretary of State? Thumbs up.

Fantastic.

Commissioner Wagner, how are you feeling?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Same as yesterday but I'm going to try this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for being with us and please continue.

You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

Gosh, John, can you Zoom in on I this I it is Livonia and Novi area?

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is Livonia.

It's in it has parts in three other districts.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you capture of what is left of Livonia and see what the population is there please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment.

I will switch to Townships.

Okay this is the balance of Livonia it's 55 almost 56,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay, thank you.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I was just going to say the 17 is still really high in percentage for the African/American community.

So if we assign all of Livonia right now to 35, it kind of makes it so that we can't make many edits to 17.

So yeah, I just want to make everyone aware of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Wagner I think as you I think also know we will be able to make adjustments later.

So, yeah even though we have got 35 there and Commissioner Wagner is drawing this I think we can still adjust as needed just like Commissioner Szetela right she adjusted a lot of things and we will get there.

You are the floor Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

John, if you could just pan out for just a second just so I can, okay, thank you.

Looking at Northville.

>> MR. MORGAN: Northville and Northville is pretty close to the population you're looking for or Plymouth.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It makes more sense to do...I was looking at Northville.

It could be under if I put Plymouth in with Livonia.

And I do not recall, does anyone recall if Emmet and Livonia were a COI?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not sure about that but I know Novi and Northville are.

But I don't know about the others.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Well let's try Plymouth, John, both of them, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should give you almost exactly the right amount of population.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are a little over Commissioner which is something we want because we are relatively under with the other districts we have so thus far.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Right, I've got nothing to add to that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent.

Any questions we have a thumbs up from the Secretary of State.

Thank you, Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are on to you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just give me a second here.

John, could you go down south further for a minute? I'm looking at what I want to do here.

South.

>> MR. MORGAN: Down by the border of Monroe.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I just selected something but the red lines there reflect some districts that may have been drawn in other plans.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we bring that up?

>> MR. MORGAN: These are Directors that were drawn in other...so this red outline is one District that was drawn in a different.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Drawn on a different before.

>> MR. MORGAN: A different session of drawing.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we just fill that in then? And.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well if you want to.

Or I guess what I'm saying it's already been done in another map.

I don't know if you want to try to merge those or focus on areas that you've never set pen to.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go back up north a little further then.

Let's see what we have up there.

Just below 34, District 34.

We have Walled lake.

Wixom, lions and Novi not lion but Novi and Wixom and Walled lake.

Could you fill those in?

>> MR. MORGAN: So would wanted did you want Northville towards Novi or not?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess I'm not sure yet.

What the population would be.

Probably take part of it and see.

Do the whole Section.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry let me establish a starting point you said Wixom, Walled lake and Novi?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking good Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: How about that?

>> MR. MORGAN: 90,846 within 1%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Richard I think there is an Asian community within Novi.

And I think it may be useful to have the dots, the theme, the Asian theme.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just going to ask.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can look at the statistics down below also.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm thinking about is that the choice between Wixom and Walled Lake versus Northville, and they both identify with Novi. And I would just wonder about the Asian population in that area, so it may be useful to help. Yeah.

Understand the, yeah, the costs so to speak of this kind of certain District.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Anybody have any suggestions? I'm thinking I might leave it that way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela and Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to suggest Northville with Novi because we have public comment about Novi and Northville and significant Asian populations in both and possibly take out Wixom and see where you are at and not leaving Northville as an orphan sitting in there by itself.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right John.

Let's give that a try.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the City and Township of Northville added in then you wanted to take out Wixom.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I was suggesting.

Richard it's up to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I want to try it because obviously you made a comment and it looks interesting.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are about 20,000 overpopulated at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What do you think Rebecca, what do you want to go from there what is the suggestion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Back off Walled lake and see where you are at, you are 20 over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, try that, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd do the lower part of the lake too because that lake kind of crosses the County line.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 22.6% Asian population so it went up.

That is what I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That does look better 36 looks pretty nice and I don't know about above it but I guess I like it.

Anybody have any other suggestions? I think I will stick with that.

Thank you, Rebecca.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I like it too Commissioner Weiss.

And I'm guessing we have a thumbs up.

We have a thumbs up.

All right and from Chair Szetela as well.

Excellent.

We are moving on to Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well, let's stay in that same area.

We are going to just grab Walled lake, Wixom, lion Township and South Lyon City.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Then the balance right there of Walled lake.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So at this point I would suggest taking a little bit of that part of Commerce that is in between Walled lake and Wixom and making up for that difference at the top of 34 maybe by going into Waterford a little bit, what do you think about that Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine before I do that can we add the Township that is below directly south of 37? Salem? Then we can square up Walled lake underneath where it says Commerce.

We will take the piece that is dipping down into 37.

And then that triangle as well.

Then take the voting precinct that is the little Jut on the left right there.

All right now to fix, oh.

>> MR. MORGAN: It appears that is one voting precinct.

So I'm just going to move that back out and look at what you want to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's add, hold on a minute.

Give me a second, I'm thinking.

Let's grab the 2109 directly north.

Okay now District 34 let's take a look at what kind of damage happened there.

Take a couple precincts going into Waterford.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want to look at Waterford here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Some of the precincts directly to the east of the White Lake border.

Commissioner Vallette what do you think about that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think they are conferring.

Commissioner Witjes would like to hear from you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Anthony said take rose.

Rose is very rural.

Their Township supervisor moves from the supervisor's house who is ever doing it, they don't have a town that you would know.

So but I mean.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine because I was thinking it was Tyrone when I was looking at it. So let's take rose now and that will get us down to where at least we are down in proper deviation at this particular point.

And into 34.

At this particular point.

I can't see the total population of District 34 now.

What is the total population of the precinct that is part of the lower left corner of Springfield Township? Next to rose? We will take the bottom to and I'm going to call it a day.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right thank you Commissioner Witjes.

Any questions.

You have a thumbs up.

All right so I see Secretary of State.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hi Commissioner Witjes.

Could you describe what COIs were considered when drawing this District? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Kind of because I'm taking into communities of interest around it at this particular point not necessarily the distribute itself.

In a perfect world based on what we have drawn are so far it puts South Lyon in with Novi.

However, I'm also cognizant of the fact that Livingston County and Brighton, those particular townships that are in the bottom corner of Livingston County are indeed a community of interest itself that I do not want to have be changed. And it also allows for a second community of interest in Livingston County to be maintained going south into the Washtenaw County slightly seemed like the best alternative at this particular point. And that's the only real way I can describe how I was able to take communities of interest into account. And I didn't have much to work with in that particular area.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Great. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you. We are on to Commissioner Clark.

And we do have about a good 20 minutes left so we are doing well.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go up to Rochester.

We will take Rochester, Rochester Hills.

So we are short a little.

Let's go take Oakland Township and yeah take the first the bottom three.

The precincts that bump up against 38.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you need 2200 so the 24 would be enough.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's not take all three.

What do we think where we are at with this.

Yeah, let's take the 2470.

Let me think about that a little.

I don't want to take the middle one.

Absolutely not.

Yeah 2470 yeah that is good.

So where are we at? 93 over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right on the money.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I'm good with that.

And the point I will make to the Secretary of State is I went in Oakland Township because we needed population but Rochester Hills is growing north into Oakland Township so it's more of an extension of Rochester Hills.

I'm good with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right, thank you very much.

So we are on to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No one wants to use their turn to finish up Canton, huh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are welcome to do that sir.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was trying to make a joke it's not that funny.

So take Waterford and go around what we have for Pontiac and Auburn Hills and that should make a District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Lake Angelus.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, maybe a little over.

Let's see.

Commissioner Clark, how about instead of going into Oakland you put a little bit of that into Auburn Hills?

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me think about that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are pretty under.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we are way under like 10,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well again that is of the districts that are drawn, not taking into account the other districts you have drawn which we don't really have a good handle on at this point.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's leave it at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right I'm good with it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: An area we can adjust later if we need to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Waterford is an interesting community my family had a business there before I was born.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why are we making such an unusual design?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well we have Pontiac there.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why can't we go forth of Waterford and down from Orion and go to Auburn Hills.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Waterford and Clarkston but wondering at that point what do we do with Auburn Hills.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would come from Orion and come down. We are making a C and one of the things that people have repeatedly said to us is not to have unusual districts so I mean if there is a good reason do it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think that Pontiac has really nothing in common with Bloomfield Hills.

I think they have way more in common with Auburn Hills or Waterford.

But I don't know what you would do with Bloomfield Hills because it's kind of in a block there.

In a circle.

But I just think that since Commissioner Lett made a comment about the unusual shape, but I really don't have a suggestion other than the fact that Pontiac has more in common with Waterford than Bloomfield Hills.

VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I completely agree with Janice. Waterford has a lot in common with Pontiac.

Clarkston to the north and Orion and Oxford which is north of Orion and the rest of Oakland Township to me would be more appropriate to group together.

And keep Waterford and Auburn Hills associated with Pontiac.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Speaking of the Pontiac area, if we -- that was one of the areas with the racially polarized voting I believe.

If we pair it with Auburn Hills and maybe a little bit above, I don't know how far Auburn Hills goes but a little bit north of Pontiac Auburn Hills area, it can bring up the -- it can balance the racial data a little bit.

Balance the percentages a little bit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Anthony, what would you like to do?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree Pontiac has more with Waterford I drew the Pontiac direction and said it at the time but we drew it at that way because we had Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills left and we had the VRA considerations to take care of. So that's why we drew it like that.

So if we change that now which we can do if that is what the Commission wants to do. But we would then have the rest of the Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills without really anywhere to go with them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And north into Auburn Hills is not a good fit? So Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to suggest why not pair the northern part of Bloomfield Hills and Township with Auburn Hills and put Pontiac with Waterford if that is what people are saying there are more similarities there.

You might end up with a really weird District doing that too because I don't know if the population is going to be enough to make a whole District and you might have to go up into lake Orion area.

I don't know you would just have to play with it and see but.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: To point out the two districts 30 and 39 in that area have enough population for two districts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's mess with this a little.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it away Mr. Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I was originally going to do then there was a suggestion of since we had that Bloomfield Hills Township left to use that.

So now that we have this configuration, let's unassign Waterford from the District you have it in but keep Auburn Hills in it.

Can we are make note of the% tables before? Yeah, it's fine, just the percentage for 30 is what we need.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which percentages you are making notes of that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Non-Hispanic Black 34.21.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a thought is there a diagonal we can do from Sylvan Lake to the corner of the District 39 and basically make it square?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Not really, Pontiac then you would be splitting Pontiac in half and we don't want to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well either way if we have 39 and 30 the way they were drawn as two districts you will have to do that any way.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We could try it.

I think we did that we would majorly reduce that percentage we just got.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, and I think we don't want to reduce that because this was identified as the racially polarized voting area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I think we have differ socioeconomic areas in here too, right? Is that also a factor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: In Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills do bring in more income. And Auburn Hills too than Pontiac and Waterford typically. Waterford Waterford goes up into Clarkston and Independence and they are all kind of similar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay. Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to clarify what I thought Commissioner Witjes said possibly combining Bloomfield Hills with Waterford.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No imagine a line from Sylvan Lake up to the corner of 39.

Straight across and then make two whatever shape that is but they would line up together.

I'm not from the area.

So I'll yield to whomever knows more than me but I figured that would be a nice shape and would split it equally in both directions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm just looking at the numbers but it would appear to me that taking Waterford and going north up into village of Clarkston and independence would just about make a District, probably a little over.

And then going Auburn Hills up into Orion and lake Orion and Orion would come might have to go a little further north or east or west.

And then you wouldn't have to come back down into Pontiac and Bloomfield Hills.

And work with those.

I mean I think you can do it by going north.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I like the original configuration where we had Waterford in 39.

But what are we trying to accomplish by breaking it um, breaking up what we have in 30 right now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it was in response to Anthony and Janice's feeling that Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills didn't really go with Pontiac and Waterford was a better fit and what we were trying to address this was a suggestion pair Pontiac and Waterford instead of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield and Pontiac which I frankly agree.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know how the numbers would work but I would what I would do is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The numbers would work just to be clear THE CLERK: Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills up through Auburn Hills. Maybe not all of Auburn Hills.

Maybe just that piece that is headed north and then into Orion Township.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just a reminder to Commissioners and consultants not to speak over each other.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid I would like to give you the floor and continue your experiment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 39 has Auburn Hills in it lets assign Bloomfield Hills and the rest of Bloomfield Township north of 22 into it as well.

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>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to put this portion of Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Auburn Hills in one District.

If I may for Simplicity if I assign this in District 30 and assign Pontiac into District 39.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

I will put lake Angelus for the moment and use 39 and just put Pontiac in that by itself.

>> MR. MORGAN: We flip-flopped the numbers and focusing on 30 portion of Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield and Auburn Hills and that's yeah you need 30,000 more people, so, 40,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we can get that from Orion, I think.

But let's before we do that, let's look at 39, what's our percentage at now? I can't see it.

>> MR. MORGAN: 39 is 3,000 light on population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay I'm talking about the demographic.

I think I'm seeing 46.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's Zoom in to that area with Waterford and let's turn on the overlay for the Black population.

I think you might be on Asian.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think so too.

Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Add eastern parts of Waterford until we get, we add 30,000 people.

Let's see what that is going to do to the demographics percentage.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You may want to look at the overlay of the Hispanics over in Waterford Township rather than Blacks.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's stick with this.

Let's try it and then we will see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to go generally to the south or generally to the north?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Both of them going kind of vertically here.

Actually south is a better idea and compare the north with Clarkston.

>> MR. MORGAN: With the oust earn ones it's over by a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now we dropped the demographics number a little too much.

Because we were at 34% before and now, we were at 31%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For Black voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What about minority.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We increased the Hispanic population because it was 13.6 now, we are 14.6.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We don't know if we are cohesive and Chair Szetela has something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anthony you have 34.21 Black.

5.26 Asian, 13.64 Hispanic so you lost some Asian, gain some Hispanic, lost some Black.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm wondering if we can which precincts in Waterford have the highest density of African/Americans?

>> MR. MORGAN: Highest ones seems to be about 12%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And where is that one? We already have that one assigned.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's see what else is around there? Do you understand what I'm trying to do unassign essentially the low ones and add in the high ones to try to edge that percentage up to what we were at before.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't think there are any high ones because the dots are so small except maybe over there and that is still 11.7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign that precinct and see what it would do.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay you are already overpopulated.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We will have to take out a lower one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Any precinct under 31.88 is going to lower your percentage.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think I saw one close to that border that had a percentage lower than 11.

Sorry, the eastern border there.

I think it was that precinct with the 4104 people.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that is 15% so no.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Maybe to the left of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: 12%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so unassign that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So that brought us to 32 from 31 so we are increasing a little bit.

And where we were at 34 before, correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct 34.2.

Chair Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One of the things that Mr. Adelson had mentioned to me too was to achieve voters rights compliance you can slightly under populate as well. So maybe just taking off some of Waterford might put you higher if you are say you are 2000 under instead of 2000 over you can just take off population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It does.

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So what do we want to take off then would be the question? And we would want to take off probably the ones with the lower density to increase the overall density.

Can you hover over the Oakland airport? It's the one on the top left above yep right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a moment, I had the assign tool on.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you unassign 3652 you will be a thousand under and the percentage will go up.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's unassign that.

All right okay I'm fine with that percentage now Zoom out and go back to District 30 and add the Township on top of it.

Okay I think that is generally what I was going for.

We are a little low on population, both in District 39 and in 30.

39 is as Chair Szetela said if that helps us give VRA compliance that is okay but I'm wondering do we want to add to 30?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know one of the things you might look at is the Black population in 30 that's just north of Pontiac.

It might increase and take that out of 30 and put it in and I don't know what the Black population is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's check the precincts directly north.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is two of them one well is a lake which is a small population.

>> MR. MORGAN: 16% so if we add in.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What would that do to overall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bring it down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Anything below the value of the District negative will bring it down.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If we exchanged it with a different precinct down below that had a lower than 16 it would increase it overall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it has similar population overall.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I wonder if we can fine that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can pick up with you again tomorrow too if you would like to sort of think about it tonight.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are out of time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are not out of time.

We are doing well.

We are mapping and doing well.

Do you want to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can pick up on this tomorrow.

But I do think this is a much better configuration for both communities than what we had before.

We still have about the same number of non-Hispanic Black voting age population which is the reason why we drew it the original way.

Only now the communities of Waterford and Pontiac go together.

Which they do go together.

You can we are not exactly covering M59 right now but if you take M59 eastbound it's like the border no one really knows where the border of Waterford and Pontiac is especially when you get down to the telegraph area especially as my lifetime has gone on it's been a community that has been more cohesive as one and didn't always used to be that way.

I like this configuration a lot more and I also Auburn Hills goes much more with Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills than Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills going with Pontiac.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid the Secretary of State has a comment.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just a question actually.

In your configuration here you mentioned that you felt that Pontiac and Waterford and I believe it was Auburn Hills and Bloomfield Hills go together better.

Can you elaborate or other Commissioners who are familiar with the areas can you elaborate what you mean by that or what specific COIs exist in the communities that would connect them? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think economics would be one of the main factors here.

Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills have a much higher average median income and so does Auburn Hills than Pontiac does while Pontiac is the average income of Pontiac is much closer to Waterford that is the first thing. And historically there is much more in common with Waterford and Pontiac by virtue of sharing main highways that go into each other.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

So we will pick up with you at the as we start again tomorrow and that concludes our mapping and I will kind of hand it back over to Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. All right. Let me look at my agenda real quick. So we do not have any new business to discuss at this time and we don't have any meeting minutes to approve.

We have no staff reports.

Sarah Reinhardt, do you have Michigan Department of State reports?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I do not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we do not have any updates from Michigan Department of State.

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So in terms of correspondence we received correspondence in advance of our meeting today, it was provided along with written public comments submissions to Commissioners in their meeting materials do we have future agenda items to discuss?
None.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Not at this time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any announcements from anybody.

Seeing no announcements as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission mass no further business motion to adjourn is in order may I have a motion to adjourn.

So moved motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

Seconded by Commissioner Rothorn.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail the meeting is adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Thank you everybody and have a great night.