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For the public watching and the public record, I will turn to Department of State to take note of the Commissioners present.

Good morning, Commissioners.

If you are attending today's meeting remotely, please announce during roll where you are attending today's meeting.

I will start with Elaine Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Brittini Kellom.

>> Brittini Kellom: Present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Rhonda Lange.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Marcus Muldoon.

>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Present.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Rebecca Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present from Wayne County.

There's an echo, and we can barely hear you sometimes, and other times, you're clear. So it's going in and out.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Thank you for letting us know.

Richard Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Still hearing the echo, but I'm present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

Commissioners are present.

And if you could just give us a minute to figure this out.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Good morning, Commissioners.

Is this mic echoing for online attendees?

We'll continue on.

Thank you.

For the public, you can view the agenda at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Seconded.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Is there any debate on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor of adopting the meeting agenda, please raise your hand and say aye. Any opposed, raise your hand and say nay. Okay. Hearing none, the ayes prevail, and the meeting agenda is adopted.

Without objection, MICRC Executive Director Woods will review the public comment guidelines.

Hearing no objection, please proceed, Mr. Woods.

EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, everyone.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Excuse me, Executive Director.

We're back to the echo and cannot understand you at all.

I'm sorry.

>> EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Wagner, is that better?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Absolutely. We can understand you better.

Thank you.

>> EDWARD WOODS: You can, or you cannot?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We can.

Yes.

Thank you.

>> EDWARD WOODS: Thank you very much.

Once again, if at first you don't succeed, try again.

Welcome to Cadillac Place.

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We're happy to have each and every one of you here in person to provide public comment as well as those of you who are remote.

This is an exciting time of democracy where citizens weigh in about how the lines should be drawn.

I want to remind you that you have 90 seconds with regard to your comments to the Commission.

We ask that you address the Commission as a whole.

I repeat, the Commission as a whole.

And no attacks or innuendos to individual members as you share how you feel the lines should be drawn.

If, by chance, you are deemed out of order by the Chair, they might give you the opportunity to regroup yourself and ask you to end or might even ask you to exit the facility. So we really ask that you have civil decorum as we have this interactive exchange and know that your thoughts, your perspectives, and opinions are not only respected but being heard as the Commission considers how to draw maps in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Once again, thank you so much for coming.

Thank you for being here.

And Madame Chair, back to you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

The vice chair, Commissioner Vallette, will start this meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We will now proceed with public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide comment to the Commission will now be allowed to do that.

Please step to the microphone when I call your number.

You will have 90 seconds to address the Commission.

Please conclude your remarks when your 90 seconds have ended, and you hear the timer.

First in line is number one.

>> Good morning.

I'm Lawrence Klaus.

This is the third time I've addressed the Commission in person.

I drove here in the fog this morning because I believe it's critically important for all commissioners and the public to interact together in person whenever possible.

I'm a volunteer with Voters Not Politicians.

In 2018, like many other VNP volunteers, I knocked on more than a thousand doors trying to persuade voters to set up this redistricting commission.

I attended your first public forum which took place in Jackson.

At that first forum, I asked for your help in redistricting a portion of my township outside Dexter.

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It was cracked off, partisan gerrymandered to vote with conservative voters to the north. I addressed you a second time in Lansing.

There I thanked the Commission for your proposed map that fixed my township's cracking problem.

I told you I hoped the Commission could make Detroit voters as happy with their new maps as I was with mine.

That never happened.

The Voters Not Politicians organization urges Commissioners not to redraw any districts outside of those included in the Court's ruling.

These districts can be redrawn to reflect partisan fairness and the requirements of the Court's ruling while leaving surrounding districts intact.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, we urge you to work together as a group.

Thank you and Go Lions.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number two.

>> Hello.

I'm here on behalf of Access.

I have worked at Access for nearly three years and am an Arab-American myself.

The communities in Michigan live primarily in Dearborn, West Detroit, Melvindale as well as other cities such as Sterling heights. The community in Michigan has many shared concerns including labor conditions and discrimination, civil rights and equality, access to healthcare, culturally sensitive integrated health and social services, safe infrastructure, environmental justice, and immigration issues.

In addition to the constant work of being accepted in American society.

The Redistricting Commission has continued to marginalize our community by splitting our community of interest.

Please consider the Access community of interest map C1510 as you redraft the house maps this week.

This map was introduced in July of 2021, but I believe we can also submit that again if you need it.

Thank you so much.

I yield my time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number three.

>> Good morning, everyone.

My name is Ruth Johnson.

I have the pleasure of serving as the public policy director for a nonprofit nonpartisan organization called Community Development Advocates of Detroit.

We affectionally call ourselves CDAD.

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We have been around for over 25 years serving as the leading voice of the community development sector here in Detroit.

We have 200 members, block club, neighborhood organizations, community development organizations, community development financial institutions. I just want to say I am very pleased to have this opportunity, but I think there's some improvements in terms of the community engagement and communications as well as my willingness to work with the Commission and the staff here who have been wonderful to make sure that people understand this opportunity.

I think the registration process was confusing to me in terms of whether it was required for both physical and virtual as well as public comment.

In Detroit, we do have public comment cutoffs, very clear cutoffs, and it was not clear to me what that cutoff was. I would hate for someone who has just put out a fire, materially or figuratively, in their senior building to come down here and hear they cannot make public comment.

So, again, I reiterate my desire to work with you to provide greater nondigital communication and opportunities to be involved.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number four.

>> Good morning.

I've been a Detroiter, ancestrally, a couple hundred years in this city.

I thought there would be maps here that I could refer to, but there's nothing visual or written or displayed here about any of the maps.

I did see two of them.

I want to talk specifically.

My concerns about the map that shows in Northeast Detroit the Farwell community linked to a large area of Warren and isolated from its neighbors.

Farwell is integrated in Northeast Detroit.

We have a recreation center that serves areas way beyond the borders as defined in this one map.

You had another map that had it more -- the area reflecting the reality of more coherent integrated community.

And so I realize there's complex calculations.

I watched about an hour of -- seven-hour video on how you were putting it together.

I'm not insensitive to the complications but -- and I don't like to be narrowly focused on one issue when it's a big, complex picture, but I would like to see that northeast area be more coherent and have common representation so that we don't have people from several counties representing our area.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number five.

>> Good morning.

Blessings to everyone.

I'm Cindy Stewart.

I'm from a nonprofit organization.

We service the senior citizens, some autistic children, and people in the community of Detroit.

I'm here because the people in my community are totally and completely confused about the redistricting situation because they think that we just did this not long ago, and they're totally confused. I have no information to give them, and I thought when I got here that I would be able to see a map or something so I could explain. I didn't see anything, so I'm asking you guys to help us out.

I'm willing to work with anybody who is willing to work with me to get the information out to the seniors and the people in my community who have no inkling of what's going on. My organization is in the Seven Mile area, and we service all of Detroit and the suburbs. We give food, clothing, everything.

I try to give knowledge to the people in the area, but I have no information on redistricting.

Everybody is confused because they think that we're repeating the same thing over again.

So if you could please help us out just a little bit.

I thank you so much.

Blessings.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number six.

>> Thank you for having me, commission.

Are y'all sick of doing this yet?

It feels just yesterday we were doing this two years ago, but I want to say that despite these growing pains, this process is way better than what we had with the sort of winners stacking the field in favor of themselves.

The only ask from the Commission today is you do your best to keep House and Senate Districts 1 as they are.

These House and Senate districts house the largest LatinX population in the state which is a community of interest.

Keeping this together is absolutely essential to this marginalized community being represented here in the state.

And I understand changes have to be made, so the only ask is if you do need to separate these districts in some way, that you focus on the northern portion of those districts as that would keep that community of interest intact.

Thank you for your time.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number seven.

I just want to let folks know real quick we do have a station up in the back if anyone wants to look at a map, they can, and then you can sign up to give a second public comment if you wanted.

But they can help you look at any map that we have made so far.

>> Hello, I'm Tracy Pies, and I am with Allies and Coconspirators for Justice.

I'm here to speak to the Redistricting Commission and how many here identify as black and indigenous people of color.

I don't see very much as a representation of the city in Detroit here in this Commission.

Now, the city of Detroit, make no mistake about it, was divided into little bitty pieces specifically to go ahead and dilute the power that the city of Detroit and the black community has.

United we stand divided we beg.

That is the motto of the unions.

And you went ahead and drew lines that went ahead and not only did they lose what very little representation they had, two Senators in the State Senate, another two House of Representatives, state representatives that they lost.

What are we so scared of that we don't want them unified and what needs to be said is what you need to be very careful about.

That they will stand united.

The only way they know how is by not going to the polls, and not voting democratic.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is number eight.

That's it? Okay. That concludes the in-person comments.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed.

I will call your name and staff will unmute you.

If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and star 62 on mute.

I will call on you by your name or the last four digits of your phone number.

Also, please note that if you experience technical difficulties or audio issues or we do not hear from you for three to five 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, email redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you troubleshoot to participate in the next public comment period at a later meeting.

You will have 90 seconds to address the Commission.

Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line for public comment is Ryan Reese.

You are -- please take a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Okay. It's trying to ask me to do something weird, so I'll just start talking quickly.

Reverend Ryan Reese, House District 14. I want to, again, thank you very much for the time and the efforts that you put forward, and thank you as well for taking the time to hear our comment.

I would ask that you continue to pay attention to everything that Dr. Hanley gave yesterday.

It was an excellent presentation on the specific numeric needs you have to keep in mind.

As I've been saying since the first time I spoke with you, we must be mindful of ways to ensure that African-American voters in the metro area in my district and other neighboring districts are able to depend on a fair and balanced redistricting so that their votes are not disenfranchised in the process.

I would also ask that Dr. Hanley's presentation, which was supposed to be posted publicly, be made available on the website somewhere.

Otherwise, we risk the possibility of sleepwalking into partisan gerrymandering if we're not careful and we need to be as careful as possible.

Thank you very much for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Ruth Johnson.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute your line.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: That person provided in-person public comment today.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Thank you.

Next in line is Charles Hodgeman. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute your line.

>> I'm Charles Hodgeman from Kalamazoo.

In 2022 the economist group organization that annual reports the democracy index reported scores on 167 countries.

24 countries were rated as full democracies.

The United States was rated as a flawed democracy.

30th on the list and in decline.

This is because of state level gerrymandering, an unrepresentative U.S. Senate, an electoral college that allows the candidate with the lowest votes to win.

Michigan is now a prime example of full democracy due to fair voting maps thanks to MICRC and expanded opportunities for early voting and vote by mail.

When you draw new maps to comply with the Voting Rights Act, please keep partisan fairness as a top priority so that the party that wins the most votes wins the most seats.

Thank you.

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is James Galant.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> That participant is not present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Next in line is Mia Robertson.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

I'm Mia Robertson, and I'm a voting rights manager at Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

I'm also a resident of Roseville and the State House District 11, and I want to start by thanking the Commissioners for your time and efforts during this redistricting procedure.

I'm concerned some Commissioners are eager to -- identified by the court that Detroit voters have the opportunity to elect people to represent their communities without effects on multiple district boundaries.

The Commission needs to stay focused on the districts and avoid unnecessary disruptions.

Please consider the maps uploaded to the public comment portal to make it easier for you.

MSU's Institute of Public Policy and Social Research.

Urge you the -- and cause minimal disruption to other districts.

Please remember these public comments as you draw these lines for we are the real citizens within the lines you're drawing.

Thank you so much.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Asraa Bazzi.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning, I'm Asraa Bazzi, and I'm a resident of Canton but call Dearborn home for 20 years.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to address the concerns of my community.

Our region is the largest concentration of Arab-Americans in the country and plays a crucial role in our nation.

However our community of interest has placed disenfranchisement.

Our community of interest primarily resides in Dearborn, German Heights, West Detroit including Hamtramck, Farwell.

This community also plays a crucial role in acquiring funding to support programs contributing to the growth of our community.

I stand in support of the Access communities of the maps which aim to maintain the integrity of our communities.

I urge the Commission to consider the importance of preserving our community of interest and supporting map C1510.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Rylee McDermott. Please allow our staff to unmute you.

>> My name is Rylee, and I live in Southline, Michigan, and I'm here on behalf of Access and my community.

Our community of interest is in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, West Detroit, and Melvindale as well as other parts of Michigan such as Flint, Lavonia, Ferndale, Ann Arbor, Hamtramck.

The community is already a socially and politically marginalized group.

I urge you to continue your work by redrafting the house map and considering our community of interest map in the draft house map.

The Commission will determine the representation that the OI will have for the next ten years and the generational impact it will have for our future.

Take the time to redraw the map.

Thank you so much for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Muhammad Faquid.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> That participant is not present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Next in line is Rory Mcgillen.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you. Hello.

I'm Rory Mcgillen.

I'm a resident of Southline, Michigan and a longtime volunteer with the Access organization.

I'm here today to voice support for the Arab-American community, an already socially and politically marginalized group.

In the past, these communities have been marginalized in the redistricting process, and we hope that with the onset of new federal programs designated to help these marginalized groups that the maps of Michigan reflect these communities so they can take advantage of those programs.

The Arab-American community have unique cultural and linguistic barriers to Access programs.

They will need strong consideration to close the gap in this coverage.

I ask this commission to consider the Access community of interest map, C1510, which provides equitable consideration to this community.

Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Mikala Cox. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning, Commissioners and community members.

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I'm Mikala Cox, and I was born and raised in Pinckney, Michigan and worked in Western Detroit and Dearborn for the past six years and for the past three years. I live and call my home Detroit and the 13th District near the neighborhoods where my mother and grandmother grew up.

I am commenting today to ensure a fair democracy and up lift the voices of the Arab community.

I believe it is critical to keep the Access communities of interest which is referred C1510 that was committed in July of 2021 together which are the Arab-Americans and the Middle Eastern and North African communities.

Metro Detroit is one of the largest and most diverse Arab-American and Middle Eastern, North African communities in the United States.

Our community of interest primarily lives in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Hamtramck, and other communities.

Making the process much more difficult for a community to demonstrate the size and needs of our community.

For us to be considered in the redistricting process, U.S. census data is the only demographic data source used by the Commission.

Without a fair count of our community and the U.S. census, we are constantly invisible and not factored into the redistricting process.

The Commission will determine the representation --

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Meredith Love.

Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> That participant is not present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

Next in line is Alex McGuire.

Please allow our staff to unmute you.

You're still muted.

>> I'm sorry. You guys gave me a weird button to press.

I'm Alex McGuire.

I would like to thank the Commission for their hard work and dedication to making the best possible maps for the state we all love.

As has been mentioned in many previous meetings, the State Constitution ranks communities of interest higher than partisan fairness, but that doesn't mean the Commission should draw their districts entirely based on that criteria.

The process should be a give and take with a willingness to compromise being paramount.

As I've heard several times over the course of these meetings, the Lakeshore community of interest is significantly overrepresented if they have both a state House and state Senate seat.

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I worry that lumping Gross Point and St. Clair Shores together would not be good for the partisan fairness numbers mentioned in yesterday's meeting.

I want to say it was Vivian who shared on Michigan mapping other good examples of other COIs in that area that would be useful to the Commission in drawing lines for fairer districts in that area.

Let me close by saying once more that the Commission has the power to be selective with their COIs and balance them with partisan fairness.

Thank you and have a great day.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Kyle Stefanski.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello.

Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Great.

I'm a resident of the city of Warren.

First off I want to thank the Commission for the work that you all are doing.

I know it's not easy work.

But I want to make sure that you guys incorporate partisan fairness in your maps as you redraw them.

As of right now, it appears you have made some of your decision based on municipal boundaries instead of partisan fairness.

For example, the Lake St. Clair community of interest has their own state senate district and it's not fair that they have their own house district too.

Partisan fairness is greatly as a result of Gross Point and St. Clair Shores being part of the same district.

Please follow the Constitution and ensure that partisan fairness is part of your redrawn maps.

We the people voted for it and it's what we expect.

Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Anthony Skanell.

Please allow our staff to unmute you.

>> That participant is not present.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Next in line is Chris Gilmer-Hill.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

May I be heard?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Okay. Thank you.

I'm Chris Gilmer-Hill.

I would like to comment mostly on the map from yesterday, specifically to point out that I think that's the best draft that we have so far.

So thank you to Commissioner Kellom in particular and everybody providing input on that.

I think it does a much better job of reflecting most of the communities of interest throughout metro Detroit, but it is still -- it doesn't reflect communities of interest in my area in particular.

It's still relying very heavily on eight mile almost as a proxy for race just relying on this vague idea that there are black people on one side of eight mile and white people on the other side and as a result it's splitting up these communities of interest that I and several other commenters have told you about that do cross eight mile.

Places like South Warren, Oak Mark, Royal Oak Township and Ferndale.

I know that the Commission has been reluctant to cross that boundary and I don't think that you should do it without consideration for communities of interest, but it does need to happen.

I have submitted a proposal I'm calling tiger lily in the public comment portal that I think does a good job of fixing those issues as well as fixing partisan fairness with limited tweaks elsewhere in the metro Detroit area and I would ask in possible that that be used as a new consensus map or independent submission sometime before Friday so we can pass that along.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next is Caitlin Neiling.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Thank you so much for hearing me.

I live in southwest Detroit and what's currently district 1.

I am a community organizer with we the people Michigan.

I was part of door knocking and campaigning in 2018 when we -- Michigan voters voted by far to create this Redistricting Commission and to -- for you all to impartially redraw maps and I think it is one of the most exciting things that is giving democracy back to Michigan so I was really proud of when we did this as a state and really proud of the work the Redistricting Commission did and I'm grateful to you all for on a really short turn around trying to redo it right now.

So I understand that you have a really tough job right now and we're all really grateful that you're trying and hoping that you work together to create impartial maps again.

Living in southwest Detroit I am a parent of two toddlers so schools and just community identity I guess are what I bring as far as redrawing the maps.

I believe you heard testimony last night from my friend Diego as far as the District that -- the neighborhood of southwest --

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Robert Dindoffer.

Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello.

Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Great.

Hey, folks.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you all again.

And I've asked for a second comment as well because I have a few things to say and hopefully get across.

I think the first thing I wanted to point out is there's some folks from outside of my home area which is the lake St. Clair suburbs who have a concern that if you put the gross points and St. Clair shores together like it really I think everyone believes ought to be just purely from a COI standpoint that it would somehow impact partisan fairness but I think there's a fundamental misconception and I think the new analysis that your consultants have put out to you shows that are on a seats votes basis which is the most important measure of partisan fairness that there is actually a little bit of a bias in favor of the democratic party now following the 2022 elections under the new analysis.

There are some other measures that go the other way and if you have a competitive loose seat on the lake shore it would not impact partisan fairness negatively I don't believe it would actually change anything materially but if it did, let's just say --

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Sarah, do we have another in person?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: We do.

We have two individuals who have indicated they would like to provide a second public comment and three virtual participants so we'll start with the in person.

Our first in person public comment participant for this second round of public comment is Ruth Johnson.

>> Thank you for this opportunity to come before the Redistricting Commission.

I'm Ruth Johnson from CDAD and I wanted to get more clarity and be able to share information with my members and other community members in the city of Detroit regarding the timeline especially what is the cutoff for providing public comment or submitting maps.

But I still feel a lot more information needs to be provided in nondigital formats such as public libraries, convening centers having maps.

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Take advantage of organizations like CDAD and others to help you get this information out.

There is a digital divide I think even with the mapping I'm not clear on how to submit -- I'm not a map girl.

I took the triple A class.

Don't worry.

But not everybody can do that, but they may have some concerns or some suggestions.

I think there is confusion with the Detroit city council redistricting, so I think it's important to distinguish it.

I know you have not created the confusion but there's just so much going on.

Lastly I would just be curious to know how many Detroiters have participated whether in person virtual or providing comment or maps because I think that's an indicator internal metric that you can use to see how effective this has been but as importantly even after adopting maps what is your plan to make sure Detroiters know about these changes.

Thank you.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Our second public comment participant for this second round is Tracy Peis.

>> Good morning.

Besides being the President of ABC for jus sis I am also a senior organizer for our future Michigan in house district 27 in Wayne county.

In 2022 first time in 40 years the democrats gained control.

93%, 93% of black Michiganders voted for Whitmer and 90% voted state reps democrat and what did they get? Nothing.

They lost two of five black Senators and two out of 15 black state reps.

Now, I live in district 8 in hazel park.

I love my state rep.

I think he's great.

I helped him get elected.

What I didn't get until this morning was that his constituents demographics are made up of 90% black.

I live in hazel park.

Can somebody tell me how my white state rep can represent 90% black in Oakland county? He's in Oakland county state rep.

How are you bringing the city of Detroit into Oakland County? It's not fair.

It's not fair.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Madame Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Executive director Woods would you please provide the last speaker on information about our town hall that taking place? I think that's a useful tool to get out to members of her organization for more information.

>> EDWARD WOODS: Absolutely.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: We have three virtual participants who have requested to speak for a second time.

First we have Robert Dindoffer.

>> Hi, everyone.

Can you hear me? Hello, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Okay. Thank you.

So what I wanted to say with my second comment is that not only would creating a lake shore district in the way I originally proposed it and a couple of variations of the configuration of district 10 not negatively impact partisan fairness but it would also concentrate and reflect the community of interest among those folks in these lake shore suburbs that care about primarily the infrastructure issues related to the lake, protecting the lake, and for those Commissioners who were not here when I first started talking about this a couple of years ago a big part of it is the dumping of human waste into our lake which shuts down parks.

There's an actual issue that we all care about in these communities.

And while I appreciate that Harper Woods does have some connections to gross point because two of their prefixes are in the public schools there they don't share that same aspect of the community of interest but there are also a number of other aspects that are a little bit different and I'll just point out the tulip map reflects that one of the two from Harper Woods is actually included in a configuration and I like it but in terms of being a renter community versus homeowner community the median age whether people have cars or not.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Our second remote public comment participant for the second round is Ryan Reese.

>> Can you hear me?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, we can.

>> Once again thank you for the additional time.

I appreciate the difficulty of going through the process the last day or so to get that set up.

I would say specifically add that the presentation Dr. Han.

>> What I made yesterday was supposed to be up on the website not only for U.S. participants and it's of exceeding value to you but also to us as public commentators. I would greatly appreciate it if that could be up as quickly as possible so that we can make use of the rubrics she explained in helping to further clear up our concerns as we are attempting to promote partisan fairness and also the protection of COIs in the area. Thank you once again for your time and I look forward to reading Dr. Hanley's presentation.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Our third and final public comment participant virtually for the second round is Alex McGuire.

>> Can you hear me?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, we can.

>> I'm Alex McGuire.

I would like to thank the Commissioners for giving me another community to speak. I would like to expand on my earlier comment.

It was suggested using school districts as communities of interest which makes so much sense to me.

These are areas that already have a common interest in seeing that their children's schools continue to succeed.

I would like to bring up the unity within gross point school district, South Lakes school district and St. Clair Shores school district.

Thank you again for your hard work and have a great day.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: That concludes our second round of public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Email public comments redistricting@Michigan.gov or submit comments on the mapping portal.

We appreciate everyone who offered public comment in whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Next on our agenda is the mapping process.

Without objection we'll start with the next commissioner in line, which is Rhonda Lange.

>> RHONDA LANGE: I'm passing.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Next up is Steve Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, Madame Chair.

John, if I could have the map which I was provided to us from IPPSR.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Okay. I'll bring that up.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> JOHN MORGAN: So the map that you sent me was let's say it was it was in the form of a shape file which is generally good but the shape file did not align exactly with

auto bound edge so what I did is I used the shape file as an overlay and then I clicked in the map that you asked so from the mapping point of view, what I did is I took the copy of the hickory final and then I overlaid the map that you sent and I went through and verified that all the districts outside of the Detroit metro area focused on were the same as you would expect them to be and they were and so I was able to focus on the areas that changed and then click those in and then I also ran a check on the population totals of the map that you submitted to me with the map that I made in auto bound and they were all the same exactly.

So for our purposes it should be basically identically the map should be identical.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay and what are we looking at on the screen right now?

>> JOHN MORGAN: Okay. So at the moment I have this titled copy of hickory final with changes because I believe that was the name of the individual who sent the map to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's correct.

>> JOHN MORGAN: So I'm identifying it that way until you give it a new name whether it's a collaborative map or it's a commissioner drafted map.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We'll end up hopefully it will be a collaborative map but the name I want to give it is Trillium.

>> JOHN MORGAN: I'll just let me pull up the shape file.

Okay. So here it says polygon.shape and that is the -- that should be the shape file that was sent.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: For the public if you would like to review this map it was submitted in written public comment from January 17th.

So on the website Michigan.gov/MICRC, if you go to the meeting notices and materials section under the January 17th meeting, it is included in written public comment.

Thank you.

>> JOHN MORGAN: So the thick blue lines here are the shape file lines.

So again I'm just showing you that the District boundaries on auto bound are align, the shape file boundaries and the only area where it may have been a little different are in these water blocks which have no population so I'm going to turn off the shape file now.

Okay. So these water blocks were assigned to district 10 which is where the population from Belle isle park is which is how the map was drafted.

So that is basically correct and that it's contiguous from auto bound's perspective.

This is the map you sent, and I entered it in, and it is congruent and is the same so now I'm going to rename this Trillium.

>> KIM BRACE: Madame Chair, this is a good point I would like to raise with the Commission.

The various plans that you have and have been created for you or given to you one check we try to do after the plan is fairly settled is go through and double check to make sure that all the territories assigned that would include maybe little slivers that could not be seen as we were mapping and drawing and zooming but it also does a cross check in terms of continuity and completeness and some of the plans that we've drawn early on in the process, those two steps have not gone through and so I wanted to raise it with the Commission that we would recommend that those two steps take place.

The only issue that I have at that point in time is what do we call the plan. Does it get an additional name of checked or something along the lines of you know that this indeed is something that has been a little bit altered for correcting anything but nothing substantial on that side. That's the question for you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay. Thank you.
Mr. Morgan.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Yes.
For example if there's an unassigned block of zero population is that a new plan or am I revising the old plan?

It's a tiny difference but we want to acknowledge it's been updated or changed and we have not run the final check and we would want to do that before you would pass anything final.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Would we designate them FC final check?
>> JOHN MORGAN: Something like that seems appropriate.
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.
>> JOHN MORGAN: So this is the map I just gave it today's date version 1 for first map today HD house collaborative and Trillium.

I hope I spelled that correctly.
T-r-i-l-l-i-u-m.
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I believe so, but I stand corrected by anybody else.
>> JOHN MORGAN: All right.

So this is the map and let me know what you want to do with it.
This is as is.
I do have the original copy and so if you make changes and want to go back to something we have that original copy.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay. Can we make it a little larger?
>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela's hand is up.
>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Are we planning to make changes or using Michigan state's map.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right now we're using Michigan state's map but if the Commission determines changes that's what the Commission determines to do. Right now I want to go through for the public.

I'll make an assumption that Commissioners may have looked at it, but we'll go through it and see what the changes -- what the -- was done here so if we can have a larger map.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I do have an objection calling it collaborative at this point because this is not collaborative.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I didn't say it was collaborative. I said we may make it collaborative.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: May I finish, please?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I thought you were.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Mr. Morgan said it's labeled collaborative but as you indicated it's not collaborative.

I'm just noting I have an objection to having it labeled as collaborative when it is not a collaborative map.

This was wholly drawn by someone else and is being brought in.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: John if you would be so kind as to take collaborative off.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Would you like your initials on it?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That would be fine.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Okay. Okay the plan has been renamed with Commissioner Lett's initials on it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Okay. To point out the court has required --

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Changes to districts 12, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14.

Those districts and this map have in fact been changed to some extent.

In addition, section 4, 9, and 13 have also been changed because of having made changes in the court ordered districts.

The idea behind this map was to affect only the court ordered district changes as much -- limited as much as possible.

At the same time limiting the effect on other districts.

And that is what this map shows.

In addition, this map if you look at it, shows I believe a better compactness of the Districts than we had previously.

If you look at district 10 which runs up to eight mile and district 12 which is north of that, ten formerly ran up into 12.

It no longer does that.

The communities of interest are shown on this map, and I'm sure that people will either agree that they're good or not agree but the idea behind this map was number one

obviously to have the equal population and if you look at the population numbers we have an overall population deviation of 4.96, is that correct, John.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Yes, generally plus or minus 2.5 in that range.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

So we have no glaring population deviation that he has are -- that are overly concerning.

The Districts are contiguous.

I've already spoken about compactness.

The -- we have not -- I have not considered in reviewing this map any racial data, race has not been a consideration of mine when I looked at this map for consideration by the Commission.

The Districts as far as I know do not favor or disfavor an incumbent or potential candidate.

I certainly, in my drawing of maps previously and now in submitting this one, have not looked to see who the representative was.

If you asked me I would not know.

I would have to go look.

We have this map, I believe, pays attention to county, city, and township boundaries as much as possible and still coming up with maps that are population qualified.

So that is the map that was presented by -- through the institute for public policy and social research.

This map has been mentioned on more than one occasion this week by commentators who thought it should be considered, thus, I have in fact I am putting it in for our consideration and would be happy to answer any questions if I can.

>> I have a question.

Can we see the bottom part a little bit? And could we see this map with the neighborhood overlay?

>> JOHN MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think the names without would be okay. Just the outlines.

>> Commissioner Wagner has her hand up.

Thank you, Commissioner Wagner.

We can't hear you, Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

I apologize.

Commissioner Lett, is this a map that you had any drawing in any of it or is this just one you're bringing forward?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It is just one I'm bringing forward.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: --

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Were you still looking at the neighborhood map?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I am.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: When you're done I have a comment.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It does a good job of keeping the neighborhoods whole.

Thank you John for showing us that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Do you have the Detroit COI's shape file that I sent out to you and Kim a day or two ago? I'm wondering if you can take off the Detroit neighborhood's map and apply that map to the one with just nine districts.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Just a moment.

Let me confer with Kim.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> Yes, commissioner, this commissioner, I have that on my machine and will need to export that to get it over to John to put it on top of his.

>> CHAIR ORTON: While we wait for that are there any other questions or comments about this map?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Just a quick bun.

This is commissioner Wagner.

Mr. Morgan on number the on the green areas, are those supposed to be part of ten? I'm not --

>> JOHN MORGAN: That is the background map so those are parks.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay. So on the bottom of ten there.

Next to belle isle.

Those parks as well on that side of ten?

>> JOHN MORGAN: Yes.

So it is tracing the neighborhood map is tracing the outline of Belle Isle, but it doesn't do anything with the water so that's why there's a difference.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It was just like that green rectangle right above that I was wondering about.

Thank you.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Yeah it's parked on the underlying map.

At some point we can change the underlying map if it helps to visualize that.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No, that's fine.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Anything else from anyone while they're working on that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid.

>> Anthony Eid: I like this map.

It solves problems.

It only changes three districts that we have to redraw but also keeps a lot of the districts we've redrawn already in a similar configuration to a lot of the other maps.

District one is similar to down river districts drawn.

We've already talked about a downtown plus midtown area which happens in district nine and then a few more districts that are wholly in the city of Detroit.

Such as district eight.

I think it does a good job.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Do you want to take a pause for me to get that shape file from Mr. Brace?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, but -- yes.

Go ahead and work on that.

We won't require you to map while you're trying to work on that.

We do break for lunch in half an hour, so I hate to take a break right now.

But, Director Woods, would you be able to -- oh, I see a hand by Mr. Fink, and then I wonder if you would be ready to present something.

Okay. Mr. Fink.

>> MR. FINK: Thank you, Madame Chair.

I may have missed this, but it may make sense to run now that the parks and fairness software is available to be run it might make sense while you're looking at this map to do that and I apologize to commissioner Lett if it was in discretion of that but perhaps that would make sense.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: There was not discussion of that yet.

That's a good idea.

And some other Commissioners agree.

However we can't have them do that right now can we? If they're busy.

>> JOHN MORGAN: I can.

I just have to wait for the email, but I can turn that on.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay. We can do that while we're waiting.

>> JOHN MORGAN: Okay. This brings up the excel spreadsheet with the partisan fairness information and again the idea here is that the partisan fairness is done after a plan is completed.

This plan is complete.

There are no holes in it as Mr. Brace was saying yesterday.

So I have this available to view.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you walk us through them?

>> JOHN MORGAN: Sure.

If you're looking at the top line numbers on the lopsided margins test.

All the information here has the partisan numbers and then the partisan percentages and this is the composite number that Dr. Hanley was talking about, and this is the new one with the 2022 information so on the lopsided margins test it's 5.5.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I have a question.

We will get all of these partisan fairness numbers for all of the completed maps that we go through together in a spreadsheet?

>> MR FINK: Yes, ma'am chairman. I'm putting those into that spreadsheet.

That master spreadsheet and hopefully we'll have that for you first thing after lunch.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> JOHN MORGAN: This first one is the top line number here is 5.5 on the lopsided margin test.

The mean median difference.

So the District median percentage, the mean, and the difference is 2.4 and sorry let me go back.

It's republican 5.5 percent.

The mean median is republican 2.4 and on the efficiency gap, it's 3.1.

For the republican.

And then on the seats vote ratio, it's positive 1.7 for the democrats.

The count of seats is 60 to 50.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

So while we're still waiting for that information to go over, director Woods, do you have something to share with us?

>> EDWARD WOODS: Sure.

Give me a second and let me pull it up.

What I'm sharing is the budget as presented for fiscal year 2024.

This is the original budget.

The original budget came as 25% for those who may not be aware of the Michigan department of state general fund general purpose budget for legislative appropriation of \$3,331,200.

The Commission voted 745,000 for salaries.

\$10,000 for travel costs.

33,000 for technology.

10,000 for 12 virtual meetings.

2 million 530,000 for consultants including litigation counsel, Baker Hostetler litigation council local council Fink Bressack.

Voter's rights consultants which is federal compliance and professional services assists with our financial reporting.

We did not have the any advertising because we were only doing virtual meetings and we had minimal office supplies for a total of \$3,331,200.

At our commission meeting in December, we were told by the court that we had to pay the additional costs for special masters as you know we filed the state with the Supreme Court which was denied but we still have an appeal and as a result of pending litigation, we voted to ask for an additional \$3,331,200 from the state legislature.

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For that proposed budget which would include total amount of \$6,662,400 we have \$835,000 for salaries.

This reflects the executive director being full-time.

Our travel costs have increased obviously because of our court cases in Kalamazoo and our in-person meetings this week in Detroit and we will also have a public hearing on the 15th and additional travel costs when we do the senate maps and not sure how many more court hearings or things that we have to attend so that's pumped to 100,000. We have cellphones as well as Zoom.

With the cellphones we purchased three additional cellphones because we have flu Commissioners but as a result of pending litigation all the cellphones that have been returned whether they've been staff or commission are on a litigation hold and our approximate payment is about \$50 a month to keep those phones on litigation hold.

In addition we have DTN support for our commuters and cellphones plus we purchased three additional computers for our new Commissioners.

That's why it's at 55 thousand.

We have 235-0000.

These are the costs to actually run the meeting.

As you know we're responsible for our closed captioning costs as well as the sign language interpretation.

Facility AV all of that represents those costs.

In addition to our virtual meetings.

Our consultants in terms of pricing is 5 million 305,000.

4 million for the litigation counsel.

This is Baker Hostetler.

They're our lead in defending us at the federal or potential state litigation.

We have our local counsel.

We have special masters.

This is for the two that the court required us to pay.

Thanks to Baker Hostetler we were able to get an estimate of \$160,000 but that was a deal, nine districts and we're dealing with 11 districts actually, so we want wiggle room in there for that.

The line drawing is what we have in here with election data services.

That also includes the partisan fairness contract that they have with Lisa Hanley's just so we're clear on that -- Hanley just so we're clear on that.

We have a wall of separation for Baker Hostetler, so we have to have noun pay that.

We also have legal fees just in case there's a potential as it relates to the notice to vacate proceedings whether the Commission -- however they decide to vote for it yay or nay we just have to have that built into the -- we have a cost allocation to cover that.

Professional services.

And then we have upcoming public hearings.

You've heard the concerns from some of the citizens and with have one for the house on the 15th and, you for the senate and so that would be used \$35,000 for each one to promote that.

And then we have postage copies toner what have you those things.

\$22,400 which gets us to our total expenses of \$6,662,400.

If there's any questions I can answer them at this time.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I did have one question on that \$90,000 for the staff salary.

Did you tell me exactly what that increase entailed?

>> EDWARD WOODS: Part time to full time and includes the fees that we pay Abbacus.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: What was the difference between the professional services and legal fees.

>> EDWARD WOODS: The professional is insight three for financial reporting if you remember we hired them before going through our audit.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And what's the 50,000 legal fees?

>> EDWARD WOODS: That would be legal fees depending on whether or not the outcome of the notice to vacate proceedings.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So you're anticipating fees of \$50,000 related to the notice to vacate.

>> EDWARD WOODS: It's just a place holder.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. I also didn't see on here and maybe it's someplace else, but my understanding is because the plaintiff's prevailed in their Constitutional claims before the federal court that they're entitled to their attorney's fees and costs for litigation as well which I assume is going to be significant.

Do we have that baked in anywhere because if not we should because we're going to have to ask for that money at some point.

>> EDWARD WOODS: That's a great point and that is not currently in.

Not sure whether or not that would actually be incurred for this year because I am assuming if that is the case there might be an appeal.

And so did not see that happening in this particular fiscal year.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Nigh questions for director woods? -- any other questions for Director Woods? Do we need to take any action?

>> EDWARD WOODS: Definitely need to vote so I can file the letter with the state legislature.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: One question first, please.

>> EDWARD WOODS: We have two more questions from commissioner Wagner and commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You go first.

Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Now I'm thinking.

I hate when that happens.

I have you to go first, Rebecca.

Come back to me.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Should we have a discussion about whether we want to continue with the Supreme Court appeal in light of the fact that the stay was denied.

That's generally not taken as a good sign particularly when the full court panel denies the stay instead of a smaller subset to have we considered that? Should we consider that?

>> EDWARD WOODS: That would be a decision for the Commission.

I just need to present the budget to request the money for the legislature.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm going to make a motion we drop the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court h.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We have a motion and a second on the floor for discussion.

I'll turn it first to Mr. Fink.

>> Point of order.

>> We're discussing the budget right now.

We can discuss whether or not we want to go through with the appeal but that's not on the agenda for today.

It can be added for the evening session if that is what has to happen but given that it's not on the agenda for today I don't think it's proper.

>> CHAIR ORTON: There's no evening session first of all.

Okay. So I think that would be a better use of time.

We can add that to the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

And we can go on.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Point of clarification.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Go ahead.

>> RHONDA LANGE: Okay. I'm just confused with the point of order because it's saying that it wouldn't be appropriate to discuss it but in the budget itself it's talking about the financial aspect of this case and what it's going to cost us so wouldn't that make it appropriate? I'm just asking.

>> For a point of order the judgment whether or not to sustain it or not is left to the chair.

I would note the motion has been made and seconded so it is currently before the Commission but if the chair rules it as out of order then it would no longer be before the Commission.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So I'll rule it out of order and add it to tomorrow's agenda.

Mr. Fink, did you still want to say something?

>> No.

I was just going to note that the issue before -- I don't want to sound redundant here.

I was going to say I think what commissioner Eid said.

It's not on the agenda.

The Commission can instruct the legal team on how to proceed.

I will note there's nothing imminent right now.

No work being done between today and tomorrow on the Supreme Court appeal.

Of course the Supreme Court denied the request for an emergency stay and so we're just waiting what could frankly be quite a while to hear if the court will take up the appeal and so there's no additional work being done between now and tomorrow or even probably weeks out in terms of when the Commission may want to take up this for discussion.

But I think it should be done through a more formal process putting it on the agenda as a regular agenda item and that's it.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay. Thank you.

Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would say table discussions on the budget until after the discussion about whether we're continuing the appeal.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I second the motion by Mr. Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So we have a motion and a second to adopt this budget.

Is there any discussion on that? Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Oh, my gosh.

I finally remembered what I had forgotten before but my whole thing before everybody threw the motions on the table was how can we have a budget discussion if we don't know what plaintiff fees and everything are going to be and how can we destruct you as to how much to actually -- instruct you how much to ask the legislature for but those are my thoughts.

If you want to continue go ahead.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela.

>> Same point.

We should be increasing our budget \$4 million over an appeal we're going to discuss tomorrow not continuing that appeal, so I think it's premature.

>> EDWARD WOODS: I want to be very clear if the Commissioners take an opportunity and look at the tabs at the bottom the first one is fiscal year 24 budget. The second one is -- am I on?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't think --

>> EDWARD WOODS: I'm not sharing but the budget was presented I'm just saying if you look at it on the left it's fiscal year 24 and I can share my screen just for the benefit of the public.

Let me know when you can see it.

You have fiscal year 24 and you also have fiscal year 24 revised budget and so I just want to be clear there is an insinuation that it increased by 4 million litigation counsel only increased from 2.1 million to 4 million so that's a 1.9 increase.

There were other increases as well throughout the budget.

That's why I utilized the budget with the tab function so the Commission can see the original budget and the increase.

Just for the public's clarity and for everyone that's watching this presentation.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

Is there any other question for many Woods or discussion on the motion? Okay. Seeing none.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can we get a roll call, please?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Roll call vote, please.

>> Certainly, Madame Chair.

>> EDWARD WOODS: Just because we approve this budget and find out we have different expenditures we have a right to go back to the legislature because of pending litigation to get additional funds.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink, did you have something in you're on mute.

>> I apologize.

Just one thing.

The litigation expenses are not just for the appeal because there's still this pending case.

In the District court and so there's, you know, going to be additional briefing potentially additional hearings and so there will be additional work required of the legal team in the District court whether or not the Commission ultimately decides not -- whatever the commission's decision is on continuing to pursue the appeal.

I wanted to add that.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you for the clarification.

Roll call vote, please.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Roll call vote is for the approval of the budget as presented by the executive director Woods for fiscal year 24 revised.

Yes vote means you're in approval of the motion and a no vote means that you are not.
I'll begin roll call.

COMMISSIONER VALLETTE.

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: COMMISSIONER WEISS.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: COMMISSIONER ANDRADE.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Donna Cal.
- >> Donna Callaghan: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Anthony Eid
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT:
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Steve let.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rebecca Szetela.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: With a vote of eight yes, four no, we pass.

Thank you.

- >> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

I'm sorry.

Eight yes to three no.

- >> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you for the clarification.

So the budget is approved, Mr. Woods.

So at this time it is nearly noon.

Our lunch --

- >> Mr. Fink had his hand up again.
- >> JOHN MORGAN: I wanted to tell commissioner Szetela I was able to load the

Detroit areas of interest and that will be available after lunch.

- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.
- >> I just put my hand up.

Sorry.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay. So at this time, I would entertain a motion to recess for lunch.

- >> So moved.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Moved and seconded that we'll recess for lunch until 1:00 o'clock.

Is in any discussion on that? Okay. All in favor say aye.

>> Aye.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay.
The ayes have it and we are recessed for lunch until 1:00 o'clock.

[Recess until 1:00 p.m.]

>> CHAIR ORTON: I call this meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:11 p.m. Will the secretary please call the roll?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Certainly Madam Chair. Commissioners, if you would please say present when I call your name. Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Elaine Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Donna Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittini Kellom? Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Marcus Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Cynthia Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You have ten Commissioners Madam Chair you have a quorum.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you very much.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we will continue with our mapping process. And it's Commissioner Lett's turn.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We were looking at the partisan I think we are up to looking at the partisan fairness, is that ready to go?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, just a moment.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the partisan fairness for the map designated as Trillium? So we went through the lopsided margins, the overview, top line number is 5.5.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We're not seeing anything.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment. Okay you can see this now?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so on the again the lopsided margin test is 5.5. For republican. The mean median test is 2.4. For republican. The efficiency gap top line number is 3.1 for republican. And the seats vote ratio is positive 1.7 for democrat. And the seat counts 60 democrat, 50 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And just for those I guess watching on YouTube or wherever, if we could, again, have a quick explanation of those.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, Commissioner. The lopsided margins calculation is based upon the average winning margin. Which I think he is showing you on the screen. And the difference between the democrats and republicans in terms of the average margin and in this instance the republicans have the advantage. 5.6%. And the mean median, your difference is 2.5. And it's advantaging the republicans. On that side. And the efficiency gap, which looks at the wasted votes as a percent of the overall wasted votes, you have democrats having more wasted votes than republicans. And therefore the republicans are advantaged 3.1%. And on the seats votes ratio, you're looking at the vote share. In terms of the seats. The overall and then the number of seats that are there. And then the seat share. So the 60 seats that are for the democrats, that's 54.5% of all seats. And democrats have a 1.7 advantage.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So can you give us.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: How does this compare to the plan we are trying to replace?

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, so some of these as I have been cutting and pasting from the various reports into the master that I've set up, you end up actually with the same numbers. So, for example, I was just looking at seat votes between the Daisy and Lily and Rose bud plans, they're actually identical. Democrats would gain 60 seats. Republicans would gain 50 seats in each of these three plans.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Can we see that?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes. Let me see. Let me have the...okay. Sure that I'm in. But I share with you the summary table so far as I noted to you yesterday, it has the three plans that Lisa had reviewed, Dr. Handley had reviewed initially as well as the 2012. Can you see these?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: And so what you have now, this one is on the seats votes ratio. So you see that the original plan with the 2020 data for Hickory was getting 57 seats for

democrats. Democrats on the left, republicans on the right. Make this a little bit larger for you. There we go so what you have democrats had in what you had created before 57 seats. In what was using the data from 2022 added to the data set, they increased that again on the Hickory plan to 60 seats. And so what we have seen in the seats vote ratios, at least for these three plans that I've been able to put in for you so far, it's basically getting the same amount of seats votes as what was happening in the old plan. On that side.

The efficiency gap is kind of on a similar vein in terms of wasted votes and percent of wasted votes. There is not really any difference in that one compared to the 2022 version of Hickory. So you're ending up getting the same effect. And it may be that, you know, what we are looking at all statewide counts and all statewide districts. And we are really only changing a small amount on that side. So it may be that what we are seeing is the impact of all statewide numbers coming into play. As opposed to just the numbers in Wayne County, for example.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Could you just go back one slide or one tab?

>> KIM BRACE: The efficiency gap?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, why on Daisy there is not an X in the 2022 data row. Is that just a.

>> KIM BRACE: I'm sorry, yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Just making sure.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep. In the mean median difference, again, is very similar in all these. There is a little bit of difference in the plan between Daisy and Lily from .76 to 9.0 on the statewide mean. So you can see a little bit of shift from that side but it's not enough shift to cause the number of seats changing. If you remember from the tabs before. And the lopsided margin, you're basically looking at the same thing. Daisy was a little bit less in terms of the advantage, 5.4 compared to the plans that you developed two years ago at 5.3. But moving into Lily and Rose bud it's 5.6. And we will continue to cut and paste the spreadsheets from the other plans into this so you will have them altogether. But just in doing that for the three plans so far, as I said, I'm not seeing a great deal of difference. We will have to play around and see why that is. And I'll talk to Dr. Handley. But it may be the fact we are looking at statewide and statewide percentages for each District when you've got, you know, out of 110 seats, only ten of them changing, you're not going to see that much impact from just those ten changing. Particularly in a City like or in Detroit on that side. So it may be that looking at the election results for the individual seats, which is part of that -- the spreadsheet at the bottom of the screen as you are drawing. You might be able to see more impact on that because you're going to be looking at the individual districts to see what it may impact on that side.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't have anything else unless somebody has some questions. Certainly, the e-mail we received sets out everything in detail that was presented. If there are changes that we want to make, I certainly would -- now would be the time I would think. And we can set this as the original and then move to a one that we would manipulate, we so to speak.

>> KIM BRACE: As we have seen here we are date time stamping when the runs are done. So that if we are changing Lily, for example, we will get a new run and that will have a new line in it with a new run time analysis time, date time stamped.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay we have a few hands so Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, when we are done with the partisan fairness, before break we were going to do a community of interest overlay. Can we do that? I'm kind of curious to see how that works with this map.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes. I think John has brought that in.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah I was just going to ask to have the community of interest displayed on it.

>> KIM BRACE: Let's flip the machines and cord.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Daisy at least the one that was uploaded that I just pulled down off the website, it's not complete. I mean it's complete, but we are way out of, yeah, we've got District eight has 8.7% over population. Daisy, yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the one we were working with Commissioner Eid and left it unfinished and acknowledged the plan had the two districts out of alignment.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: So the Daisy that is up there is not the Daisy you are working on.

>> MR. MORGAN: No, it is the same.

>> KIM BRACE: It's what we worked on but it's not reflecting any further change because you still have what.

>> MR. MORGAN: Two districts are out of balance and left it that way at the end of the session rather than come back and fix it. It would take ten minutes to fix it.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: My point is running partisan fairness on it, is it accurate?

>> KIM BRACE: That might have a potential, yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: What is your turnaround like with the Trillium and has not had a partisan fairness if we change a map what is the turnaround for you to run analysis and put it in the spreadsheet to show the impact?

>> KIM BRACE: To run the analysis it's like this and immediate as I showed last night. And John has it on his machine. He can run it too. So you can draw, and we can run the analysis immediately. It will create a spreadsheet. We then take that spreadsheet and cut and paste into that summary table. But the spreadsheet is there.

So, you know, it can be e-mailed to each of the Commissioners. Or whatever you desire. If you wanted to have those in that regard.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: What you're doing can technically be part of the mapping process if someone wants to make changes. Show me partisan fairness, that is something you can do on the fly?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you download it to your machine in Autobound you can also bring up the partisan fairness report.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, that is actually pretty much what we did last time, make small minor changes, run the data a, see if it changed anything and decide if we wanted to go with it or not. I also have a question. What is this overlay? Where did it come from? That we are talking about now?

>> KIM BRACE: The overlay Commissioner Szetela sent it to me as communities of interest, COIs, for Detroit. And so we brought it in and created the overlay. What you're seeing in green on top of the -- this particular map, which is Trillium that Commissioner Lett introduced this morning.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Who made it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I made it Anthony.

>> KIM BRACE: The plan or overlay?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Overlay.

>> KIM BRACE: The overlay we are calling it Detroit COIs, which is what Commissioner Szetela had said it was. I pointed out to her when she sent it that it's only got nine territories. It's not the entire City or anything like that. And she said, no, that's what it should be. So that's what we went with.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela, were you saying something?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to say this is exactly what this is. Community of interest map of the communities of interest we had previously identified as a Commission that we were trying to respect. And I just wanted to see this overlaid on this map to see what it is. And, Kim, do you mind Zooming in? Thank you very much. So that one community of interest that Kim just or John are you controlling or Kim the cursor?

>> MR. MORGAN: I am.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is Latino community of interest we received public comment on and is split. The one below that is Native American community of interest and looks like it's split too. Can you pull up a little bit? Yeah, I'm not so concerned about Westland because that is kind of out where we are looking now. Looks like morning side is together but Bengali is split. Dexter Linwood is still together. But the LBGTQ looks split and the last one between 16 and 17 is also split. And that is Rosedale, Grandmont and Minock Point. The Grosse Pointes do appear to be together.

I just find I use it when I'm mapping because I find it's useful to see where the communities of interest are that the Commission agreed we were going to try to preserve during the last map drawing process and I think this kind of illustrates this is kind of the issue with bringing in a map that someone on the outside drew because they are not aware of what our communities of interest are and they are not going to respect them because they are not aware of them. So I think it just kind of shows that nicely. That was just kind of the point to put it on this map so I can see what it splits and what it doesn't. Then I do have another point on the name. Our naming convention for individual maps is they are not given the same naming convention as the collaborative maps such as the Trillium so this map name should just be changed to just the Steve Lett. It should not have a Trillium name until we start editing and making changes. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I'm sorry. So -- [off mic]

Commissioner Szetela you referred to this as the Commission's community of interest. I'm a new Commissioner so I have not been privy to discussions we had does the Commission as a whole agree that this is the agreed upon boundaries for the communities of interest that were previously drawn by you guys?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, we actually had a list we were using during the last map drawing procedures, and these are the ones on the list. We were checking all of our maps against this. We did not have this nice, pretty community of interest map I created. We were just going to the portal and comparing what was sent to us, but I personally find this easier to have them all in one document and be able to see what we are looking at.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If I pull the Commission would you agree they are the boundaries of communities of interest we should all be working on?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So I'm just trying to figure out you know where we are at with the agreement on this is the official communities of interest we are working in. Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid, did you have your hand up?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Which community of interest do you disagree with, Steve?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I disagree with all of them. I disagree with the concept that you said this is the official community of interest. And to my knowledge we have never, ever had an official community of interest.

In fact, if we go back and talk, I can remember Doug Clark saying how do we define a community of interest? And we've never figured out how to define a community of interest other than generally speaking looking at the maps and trying to do that. So, no,

I don't agree this is something that the Commission is settled on, these are community of interests.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We did create a list when MC and I were Chairing, and this is the list so you can disagree with it, but I would suggest, and I'll find you the transcript and show you where we are talking about it and maybe that will convince you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Feel free.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think this is a pretty simple question. Who created this overlay?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I created it using the community of interest submitted on the portal.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you repeat that we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I creased it using the community of interest maps submitted to us on the portal. So P1206. C826. W9474. C1510. I believe that is an F3493. So it's just putting them altogether in one place. But I mean we can go one by one and look at the comment portal as well if you prefer to do that. Again this is really just I find it convenient, if you don't find it convenient or choose to distrust these community of interest we spent two years talking about don't actually exist that is fine but for me it's a useful check to see if it has communities of interest the Commission prioritized being ones we wanted to preserve.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange, your hand is up?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm not familiar. I say it a hundred times I'm not familiar with the lines in Detroit, so I don't know how well they line up. These particular maps. But I can say in the past mapping experience those were repeated comments that we had about communities of interest. And actually in our recent comments that we've had we've heard about the Hispanic. We've heard about the Bengali and heard about the lakeshore community. So I understand there might be some bias going on. But these are actually communities of interests that have been spoken about repeatedly. So I think we should look at it from that aspect and not necessarily who drew it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I will read what the preparer, Mr. Aqua said it's in almost every revised District line in this proposal follows either county boundary line dividing Wayne County from Macomb or District lines within the City of Detroit and neighborhood boundary line according to the map neighborhoods that the City of Detroit's department of neighborhoods compiled, quote, in concert with community groups, close quote.

This is arguably the best approximation to the map of communities in the City of Detroit compiled by the very same communities that we seek to represent. That was

what the preparer put in his description of how he arrived at those communities of interest.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If there are no more questions that completes my presentation. I would submit this on my behalf as a map unless there are some changes and somebody wants to make, I would certainly be open to it, and we can make a copy to work on.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I do have one question, please.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you. Commissioner Lett, I had -- crap I hate this -- I don't have a problem if you're going to do that. Can we -- since we have not done changes at all and this is the IPPSR, I don't have my reading glasses on. If it's their map can we make sure that we reference that with Commissioner Lett's name on it so the public can easily find it, please? And.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: My initials are already on it.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: However, theirs are not.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I stated at the top it was the IPPSP certainly we can add that. I have no problem with that.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you. And thank you in terms of the public who is not watching right now and they might be looking for that map, where to find it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: You would like me to put some additional information on the name of this plan?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would suggest simply putting in quotes the IPPSR. After my initials.

>> MR. MORGAN: And was there any change to the flower name?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The flower name needs to be dropped. It's an individual map. Our mapping procedures specifically dictates that individual maps do not use the same naming convention as collaborative maps. So it should not be named the Trillium. It should just be Steve's name and MSU, IPPSR, whatever it is as well if he wants to include that. That has always been our naming convention.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This is more of a general comment. And again a call to be more collaborative, if Commissioners want to have like I named my map Lily, I don't think that that is a Michigan flower. I decided to name the map Lily. If Commissioner Lett wants to name his map lawyer Lett Trillium he should be able to

name whatever he wants to. I think we are nitpicking. I think the other issue is that because Commissioners don't trust each other, then we are no longer drawing in the spirit that we should be drawing. The communities of interest are the communities that have spoken in both written and public comment to describe their communities. There are Commissioners that are apart since we are focused on the Detroit Metro Detroit area, there are Commissioners that are a part of that county that unfortunately some of the individuals that are on virtual do not trust those Commissioners. And so now we are really drafting map after map after map, and we are disrespecting Detroit residents. We are disrespecting ourselves as professionals because we are no longer listening to the people that are from, you know, these places. As well as able to speak to them. Coupled with there are folks Commissioner Lange who have asked repeatedly for Commissioner Szetela to draw the maps and not seeking input from others. If we are going to have this complex where we are saving Detroit from Commissioners that did not want to draw from Detroit, have not attended meetings in Detroit, have not visited Detroit and don't frequent Detroit, this is not the way to do it. Apologize to Detroit as you publicly embarrassed Detroit not wanting to draw from them. You are not going to save them with these poor attempts to now defend Black people in Detroit. I'm quite sick of it and we are not going to pull apart this process by nitpicking the name, so Commissioner Lett Trillium is an outstanding name thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Point of order.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I said what I needed to say Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You go ahead point of order.

>> CHAIR ORTON: What is your point of order?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sick of accusations that violate our rules of conduct and don't tell me that I have disrespected anybody because I have tried more to get more public input for the City of Detroit than I've seen from most Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: They don't want the input they want you to draw.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I need to hear from them in order to draw.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You have been hearing from them for years. Just draw and take your input and draw and apologize to the citizens of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I have nothing to apologize for because you have a vendetta against me Commissioner. I'm done. I'm done. I will shut it down. My apologies to whoever is listening. Apologies. Apologies to everybody present. Apologies.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay we need to speak one at a time and not talk over each other. End of discussion. On the point.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can we please show the mapping procedures? Because this was something that was an issue previously. And like I said this is what our mapping procedure says, it gives a specific and this is kind of what annoys me there is rules that apply to some people but not others. Commissioner is submitting a plan

that should utilize the following naming convention. The date, the version type, the District, and the initials of the individual submitter. Okay that is our rules. That's what it says. That is what we have always followed. And it just gets a little annoying when we have rules that apply to some people and not to others. Commissioner Lett in particular didn't want people's individual maps having tree names. That is fine, that was his position in the past and should follow the same procedure. I mean the whole point was to distinguish between what we worked on collaboratively as a Commission for the public between what individuals were submitting because some Commissioners felt there was a big difference on that. I personally have never seen the distinction. But whatever. That's our policy. That's what we have always done. So why should it be different now? Whatever. You guys are ultimately going to do what you want to do. I will also second what Rhonda was saying is there just seems to be a lot of unnecessary rhetorical comments and jabs and shade being thrown and it's not frankly coming from the people who are virtual, I will be very clear about that. Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Lange and we have actually had three complete maps done by Wednesday of last week because we came to our turns. We were ready to draw. We draw things and got it done, and we have been sitting here politely listening to the rest of you working on other maps you want to work on. That has been a consistent process. So it's not that we are not working. We have been working all along which is why we now have at this point actually four full maps we have worked on starting with the 7 districts that we all drew together as a Commission last week. And we turned those into full maps, and we have just been letting you do your thing. I don't know what the problem is and what the hostility is.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela, I think respectfully that's the point. As you've stated it in the spirit at which you were just speaking, it's more of a competition. It's not about who created what. I wish that you would use your brilliant and expertise to help us draw rather than compare about what was drawn virtually and what's drawn in this space. And that's exactly what I'm talking about. The issue that is coming up, with communities of interest, the issues and challenges that are coming up, with names, that's not coming from inside of this room. And I'm not wishing to compare what's coming from inside of this room versus the virtual space. The hostility is coming from this idea whether it's Commissioner Eid, whether it's naming maps, whether it's protocol, we get that you have this mindset that you know best and that we are peons. You stated that without saying those words. But what I'm doing is calling desperately for a spirit of collaboration and the nitpicking stop. So if the shoe fits put them on twice and tie it up but what I'm saying is we need to stop and work together. I don't wish to engage in any more discourse where we are going back and forth. I just want to draw the maps. And do right by my fellow citizens of Detroit in which I have lived forever. So

if you all want to draw separately and vote things down and keep doing that have fun.
But I'm tired of it and that's why I'm speaking out about it today.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Point of order.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't need a response.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Point of order.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I get silenced, thanks.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Point of order we are done with this discussion. We are moving on and it is now Commissioner Muldoon's turn.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, before I close this map I just wanted to get those initials again if I could. Just one moment. Let me get those initials correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: IPPSR.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And, John, you are not sharing your screen in case you didn't know.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just typing those names. It will just be a moment.

Commissioner Muldoon, I'm ready.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'll start with Trillium.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so we will start with that and make a copy of it for you to edit or do what you will.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment. Okay and do you want me to give this a different name other than version two?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again it was IPPSR.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Version two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

I think we can go to the south end of Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Towards one and two?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah. Right where one and two meet.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner this is the first time you and I worked together in this forum so I will just say what I'm trying to do here is show the population for the districts in the view. That's a common way to do this. So I don't have to scroll through 25 things. So if I Zoom in to just District two this should update to just one and two and a little bit of three. So it just shows you what's on the screen. All right and that is the population, and we can reference other things as you direct.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So we can -- one and two's population was, what is it, between two and three.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Low so you can take a little of two.

>> MARCUS MULDOON:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Look at River Rouge.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Go to River Rouge and see if you can move a little of one into two.

>> MR. MORGAN: A portion of District one into two by River Rouge.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Stay down by the river where it's more the course I think.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again if it helps I can bring up the population totals of the individual precincts and also of the whole town if that helps visualize things for you.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will do this so I can show you how this is done. So we go to the edit tools and there is a labeling convention. The labeling part of the menu so I've got it has the name but the names of the voting precincts won't mean that much to us so I will remove that and apply it. So now this has the population of the voting precincts and then up here on the menu I'm going to select townships. And so when I do that now it shows the total population for River Rouge Township is 7224. Ecorse is 9305 and I change my view back to precincts. So for example, this precinct which is right on the border is 1437 and the one maybe you were talking about on the river is 1734. And this is the population difference between the two.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Move 1403 over.

>> MR. MORGAN: 1437 in District to.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: 1403.

>> MR. MORGAN: 1403. I think that is in the City of Detroit to because the municipal boundary is this blue line here.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Do the 1176.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, got it. Again, I'll explain what I'm doing here. So I selected the District, so you want to put that into District two.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then I'm going to assign by the voting precinct and now that has been added. And it updates the population total so now they are both within 1%. So, again, that just shows you it's closer in population.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: That is good, I wanted to even out the population there. You can save it. Resaved as collaborative now that we have narrowed that out and can we open Lily?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so you want me to rename this?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes, just change it to collaborative.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Can you rerun the partisan fairness also, please? Sorry.

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

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Is this a different map than the original, I know it's just a small change, but the original IPPSR maps out there and this is a separate version of it? Okay, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just one more moment. Then when this opens you want me to run partisan fairness on this plan?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes please.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That was a good tweak.

>> Is that your House?

>> No, that is not my House.

>> You can look it up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again, I go through this very quickly but let me slow this down just to give especially the new Commissioners how this partisan fairness stuff is created. So in Autobound I'll go back one so what you do is you have these various menus, so we go to reports. Run report. There's many different reports to run.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: John we can't see the menu because.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's share. Is that better?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: We can't see what you are actually clicking on because of the Zoom. Perfect thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I see now. Okay let's try that again so run report and then there are several reports you can run. The ones that we typically would run is the partisan fairness and then sometimes people might, you know, run another report off of this. But partisan fairness and then we look here and there's many different options but what we want to do is we pick the updated index, which is the 2022 data included. And so we pick the democrat first, that's how the political scientists generally have the democrat party it goes first and the republicans second. So we picked the updated democrat index and that's going to be the total votes for the democratic races averaged or not averaged but that have been apportioned by year as Dr. Handley described but it gives you a number as opposed to a percent. And then down here the matching side of that is the updated index republican. And you will see right under here it says updated index republican percent. You don't want that because that's a percentage. So here we are using the raw numbers. So the updated democrat index and the updated republican and then that provides the input for the partisan report. Partisan fairness report. And then it will take that information and export it into an excel sheet. The other thing I would say is Autobound will save this in the same folder where that plan resides. So whatever your default settings are for a plan, for example, the default will probably be into a data folder on your computer or on my computer here and it will be State House plan and the name of this plan and under that it will be this excel sheet which we can then export on e-mail or whatever you need to do. So that is what happens here. Then again Autobound not only creates this, but it opens it up immediately. So that's what we have here. So here are the top line numbers for this plan. Partisan fairness for COL Trillium IPPSR. And so the first one is the lopsided margin that we discussed earlier. It's 5.5 for republican. The mean median is 2.4 for republican. The efficiency gap is

3.1. And the seats vote ratio is 1.7 advantage to the democrats. And, again, this is very much in line with the other plans that we've seen. They are generally pretty close.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Thank you. Now I want to look at Lily real quick. There was a spot that was unassigned. I don't know if it will make any difference or not.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so we are going to reopen the Lily plan and then you're going to make changes to it potentially.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: There is one little spot not colored in 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay very good. Okay so I understand you're going to point out where.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Where the 12 is.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to do two things as we look at this. I'm going to Zoom if and it will show you the population of the census blocks of that area. And then the other thing I don't have to demonstrate this here but I can say we can run an analysis of the plan which would do two things identify that as not contiguous and it would identify it as unassigned so those are the checks we would make and since we have been drawing a lot on the fly we have not been making those final checks. So I'll just say that we can do that. If you want to do that all the time, we can potentially do that or on certain plans.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think unless someone has a problem with it we could just assign you to do that. Make those cleanups on each plan that we work on that's what we did before.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, here is an example the plan that Commissioner Eid worked on last time it ended up being out of population alignment, so we knew that when we concluded, and we did upload that. So that would be a circumstance where I wouldn't want to make those changes because those are substantial. But if it's something like this I would suggest that there are two ways to do this. If in my opinion or the team's opinion these are fairly unsubstantial changes I can say these are the changes, make them and tell you what they are. Or if I say I found a problem, it's bigger than a minor change, I could not make the change and bring it to your attention if you like.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Do that for this map.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is 0 population so purposes of the report it won't affect the partisan fairness and the population counts and won't have impact in any of the statistics other than to correct this contiguity issue and you can see it's basically along the Interstate, so we probably just missed this while we were drawing.

>> KIM BRACE: I would add if we were running compactness scores, that kind of it would make an impact because compactness scores are looking at perimeters and that would be an interior perimeter to the District so compactness scores would be impacted by the little pieces.

>> MR. MORGAN: After having said all that it's relatively simple to select that whole area that is in 12 then we will assign that to 12 and that takes care of the whole. Then I

will represent that I will run those analysis on this plan and other plans certainly everything we do today moving forward then we will go backwards and address those that are essentially complete plans which I think is the gist of what you were saying.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes. Did you want to do any other --

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to do any other adjustments?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, I'm good.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Are you all done? Okay, so next in line is me. I think I would like to see that plan. That same plan and I would like to see about changing the lakeshore area. And I don't know if we want to make a copy and start over. Maybe that goes against.

>> MR. MORGAN: The Lily plan or a different plan?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Sorry, the Trillium plan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Trillium plan okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I thought that was the one we were just fixing up.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want me to make a new copy of this because you will make changes to it?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again to clarify this, this would probably be considered like a version three for today's work.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay? And if you want to give it a different name at this point you can.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't really care what the name is. After I get done we will see what to save it as. With this plan, yeah, District 11. So I like this plan. I like the compactness and that it worked really well with the neighborhoods. I know we've heard lots of conflicting comment about the Grosse Pointes and St. Clair shores together. But I have an idea in my head of what I think the community of interest is. And I would like to see that on this type of a map. And see if we can just do that. And what it does to the scores. So if I can work on that. So I'm thinking can you Zoom in a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes so the lakeshore area here you have the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and then you have St. Clair shores up here in this District. Then you have 10 and 12 are around those.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so can we see the population totals for those districts? So 10 and 12 are a little low. Sorry that was 11 and 12. 11 is a little low. Okay. So, first, will you put all of St. Clair shores in there?

>> MR. MORGAN: The entire Township in District 11?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Sorry, let's see. St. Clair shores might go into this District 62. So did you just mean the portion that's in 12?

>> CHAIR ORTON: For right now, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry that is locked for me. I unlocked District 12. So this looks like all the territory and there is some water blocks here. Would you like me to include those at this point as well?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can clean that up later.

>> MR. MORGAN: Clean that up later.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can give you the assignment to clean that up offline.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes. So that was about 11,000 people. And, again, there is still some St. Clair shore in another District but that was the portion previously in District 12.

>> CHAIR ORTON: But for right now so put the rest of Harper Woods back with Harper Woods in ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: In ten?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry you said ten not 12 because 12 is the one that was under.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I did say ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So bring ten up -- okay so 12 has too many. Ten doesn't have enough.

>> MR. MORGAN: That's the opposite. 12 is under, 10 is over.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we need to move some. From 10 to 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Two adjacent areas this is part of the City of Detroit, and this is Harper Woods.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does anyone have any suggestions? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, you could also move 12 west into 13 and move 13 east into 10.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I like that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's kind of like the alternate versions that we have on Bergamot one with St. Clair shores and Grosse Pointe with Harper Woods versus Grosse Pointe being with St. Chair shores, similar to that choice.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay let me just look at this a second. Can you scroll in so I can see population?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay let me change to voting District populations. Do you need the Detroit neighborhoods on or not?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, please, but not the names, just the outline.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just the boundaries, okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Too much information on there. I can't... Anthony, do you want to help move those?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I would just so what you are trying to do since 12 is low and 10 is high, and are trying to use 13 to shift the population down into ten so I would start by taking off those most northern precincts of 11 and putting them into 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Of 13? Okay.

That is 13 so these two are the most northerly.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, start with maybe like those six. Like three, four, six, two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Then on the other end some of the neighborhoods.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these two so far and then do you want to go to this one, to the south, the 3180, or do you want to go across the north?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Across first then go south to make at least a.

>> MR. MORGAN: And of course I put them in ten. Sorry.

>> CHAIR ORTON: You're allowed one mistake.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just one. Okay so if you add 5,000 and you could take out 25, that would be even. Or you could split this or do something else.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, I think do the 5,000. Into 12 and take out that 2514.

>> MR. MORGAN: 12 is on population. 29 people off. And then you have 13 needs to get population and I'm sorry, yeah, 13 is under population, ten is overpopulated which is what you were expecting.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes. Okay, so where your cursor is just one at a time, so, yeah, that one. And we will just go down if we need to.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is about 9,000 people, assign that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes. And then looks like the whole next neighborhood can fit.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that leaves 13 at 1.8 under, 1600. And then 10 is a little over.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So ten is a little over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, there is -- you could potentially take another, yeah, this is 1727, that would probably work. 27 would take ten to 0 and if you add it to 2700 to 13 that would be a thousand over which is in toleration.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Try that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What if you put 817 back into 12 that is up north that way it does not jut out so far?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Where are you talking about?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: On the northern edge of the District.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Oh, I see. It's more than 817.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Oh, yeah.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, try, yeah, this one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then do you want me to...this voting precinct divided the neighborhood, so you want me to follow the neighborhood line in this case?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, I do want you to follow the neighborhood line.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Scroll up just a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: I just need to adjust this one here.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay and then down just a little bit to the.

>> MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes. Got to figure out the direction. Where am I? And.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry, let me finish this.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Sorry. Okay so looks like the neighborhoods are all being reflected. Where? Commissioner Callaghan says there is something in the purple District, a little sliver. Oh.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Maybe into.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So you're getting closer. I don't know. How to move your cursor.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry go ahead.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we are looking between 13 and 9, there is just a little sliver right there that might not be in the right spot. She was pointing out, yeah. I don't know if that will -- I can't really tell where the line is supposed to be.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so what I think will happen here, I think that this is going to be an entire block so I will click it without assigning it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does it have population? That little area or do we know?

>> MR. MORGAN: It does not. So this wants to go to potentially go to 13. But that's the entire precinct so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So leave it like it is.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you for checking that out. Good eyes. Populations look good.

>> MR. MORGAN: 11 is off by 2500.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so and 12 can lose a little. So I need one little thing. Move maybe the 924 needs to be moved out for 211, yeah, 11.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry to 11?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So they are in. Can I look at the top of District 11? Zoom a little more in, please. Okay, I think I'm good with that for now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, that is the next one. I was explaining the green, so the green in that last precinct we added in is just a park, right? Or green space?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, this here.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, it's the same color as the District 12. So.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me take ten seconds to point this out. When you have your Autobound open you can change the District color on the fly for circumstances like this, so you go to manage districts and it brings up the list of all the districts and in this case we are talking about District 12 which happens to be green. So we will quickly change the color of District 12 and we will make it a bright red or red-ish. And sometimes you do this, and it actually makes it worse because for example look up here this 62 is similar to 12 but for what we are pointing out here now you can clearly see that green is a park and not part of that District. So that's why it's a quick example how you can change the colors.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you very much. I think I'm good with that for now. Do you want to save it as something and run numbers on it? Is that what we want to do? Okay, so would we say it's a collaborative map at this point?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So what is the naming convention, version three, it's Trillium, okay.

Yeah. I'm good with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it's saved as this, okay?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: I saved the plan and closed it. Did you want me to do anything else at this time or not?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Would you run the partisan fairness on that map?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay just a second.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Was that version three?

>> MR. MORGAN: I called it version three because technically this is the third map we worked on today. Just for what we do, and we decided that in the sense the Lily map was a technical change rather than a whole new map, I think that's what we discussed. Sorry, it's a little slow at the moment. Okay just a second. Let's try that again.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Would it be errors because we did not assign the water?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think so. I think I just need to maybe close the plan, open it again. I'm just going to close the plan and reopen it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. So while we are waiting on that somebody asked me if I had stated why I was doing this. I think I did. But I will restate it. One of the first communities of interest I remember hearing about was the lakeshore with five Grosse Pointes and St. Clair shores. And I know we have heard lots of public input for that. And lots of public input against that so I just wanted to see this type of a map with that community of interest in there. And see what it does to the numbers and see how it shapes up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I will share the screen again. I had to exit Autobound and come back in we are Black in the plan, and I will try to run the report again.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Much better result. This is partisan fairness for today, collaborative, Trillium, et cetera.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: The top line numbers on the lopsided margin test is republican 5.6. Mean median is republican 2.9. The efficiency gap is republican 3.1 and seats vote ratio is democrat 1.7 and the count of seats is 60 democrat, 50 republican.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay I don't remember exactly the numbers before, but I think they were about the same.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Efficiency gap and the proportionality metric are the same. Lopsided margins and mean median difference are up by .01 or 0.1 so pretty much the same.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, just thinking about the numbers, considering that the Hickory map that we passed was .5 but then with the new data added in we are no longer seeing .5 we are seeing 1.7.

>> MR. MORGAN: On the yes on the seats vote ratio the new 2022 data shows the proportionality bias 1.7 towards the democrat but the previous Hickory plan, sorry, the Hickory plan is also 1.7 on this metric towards the democrats. But the pre-2022 partisan fairness 0.5 towards the republicans.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so it's very close.

>> MR. MORGAN: This particular metric is the same as the Hickory plan using the 2022 updated numbers.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay thank you I'm done with my turn so Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Can we look at that map again with the neighborhoods on it? And Commissioner Kellom, could you -- you were working on the southwest neighborhoods yesterday in your map. Does this maintain the same neighborhood boundaries you were working on? For the Hispanic community? Mexicantown and there was a whole list of neighborhoods that they cited off that started at Mexicantown that went up north and to 96, 94, Dearborn.

>> MR. MORGAN: The ones from last night that the gentleman readout.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

[She is off mic]

Asked about that area.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I would like that area and District eight as well.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Or just the overall. You can comment on all of it.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: You can comment on all of it, and I was going to ask Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Szetela about the Dearborn community. Because there's a lot of different ideas there as well. I would just like to see.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: In order for me to comment on District eight, John, you would have to go north so I can see it. I think for me as I've said before I think Commissioner Callaghan you started us off with an excellent exercise where you only tried to attempt and changed the districts we were required to change. I think the problem with that is it boxes Detroit in a way that does not allow us to creatively and accurately draw.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think it's really not sticking too closely to the Court's ruling I think it's a misunderstanding of what the Court meant. You changed and make Detroit better like in layman's terms and if ineffably you will have to adjust surrounding districts. If you don't adjust the surrounding districts without anything to willy-nilly then you are going to still be sacrificing Detroit.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't want us to play it safe because we are worried we will make a mistake and we heard communities come out and say we want this and that. Particularly on my turn I want to edit Lily a little bit more to incorporate going into some of those Royal Oak places. So I can look at eight. Just in kind of scanning those neighborhoods are together for Mexicantown and Condon is right there in the center. Why am I doing this? When I have a screen right here? So all of that is together. It's just a matter of and eight is -- is that unassigned?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is not unassigned. This is eight but this is the plan that Commissioner Lett brought forward from the University. So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That's what Commissioner Callaghan was asking me about, what I thought about eight. So the issue with eight it pulls in north Campau and Bangla Town and that separates it from a community in Hamtramck. So that would be misrepresenting that community of interest. In my opinion. I think eight pulls in a little too much but it's not the end of the world for Boston Edison and Piety hill to be included into eight. I don't know how familiar we are with Detroit.

But essentially you've included like the state fair area with areas that are past Highland Park if you were going south on Woodward headed downtown. So you are extending that into the old historic homes so if you just think about Highland Park as a municipality you crossed into several neighborhoods and slammed them together. So these are the consequences when you want to keep five and six the way that it is, that is what you are sacrificing.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: This is a discussion I want to hear. Exactly what we are talking about here. I want to look at a map, why is it good, why is it bad.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John has a polite hand raised.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Szetela has a hand raised.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I was waiting for a break go ahead Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I understand the purpose behind this was to lock districts but as Commissioner Kellom just mentioned you create tradeoffs and Dearborn on the map is divided three ways in addition I don't think that is the right way to divide Dearborn because two districts at the most works for Dearborn. You also have over one hundred plus comments at this point from people of Arabic dissent and asked not to divide Dearborn into three districts.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay, any comments from anyone else on that area? Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm of the opinion that districts 3 and 15 shouldn't be changed because they don't have to change. I think we've heard quite a lot about Melvindale being within the community of interest and I think we actually drew these three districts correctly the first time around. But we have plans that do change three by moving Melvindale out of three, into two. And replacing that with the rest of Dearborn, which I also think is okay.

But I do not think 15 should be changed. And I think that that is actually what represents the comments that we are seeing. So you know it's a tradeoff. So it just depends what you want to do I think. This current configuration is fine for the area and configuration in Lily and Bergamot are fine for the area.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay, the other one we get comments about is the Ferndale, Palmer Woods and Oak Park what are going on with those districts?

>> MR. MORGAN: We pointed out earlier five and six were not changed and Commissioner Kellom referenced that, and Commissioner Lett did as well.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yeah, that would be the problem. Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I just have a carrying voice. In order for those communities for instance in Ferndale there is a place called affirmations that is a safe space for LBGTQIA community. So there is also a blossoming and robust community that is on in Palmer Park, in the Palmer Park area. Not to be confused with palmer Woods. So what they are saying is there is an area not Royal Oak park and Ferndale can be included with areas of Palmer Park, palmer Woods, that northern part of District eight, those could be blended together. Both because, again, like I've said before it's not saying, and you've heard people comment it's not saying that community takes up all of those areas, but they are important connections that they would like to maintain. And I would imagine possibly build by merging. But I also agree that whole crossing eight mile this piece of our District eight is not to be confused that it's like the hub for all the African/American community or for the COI. So to be careful not to use that as a center for how all the other COIs, you know, the districts are drawn. Does that make sense? Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So I have a question if we think that there is a little work that could be done on this map to does it seem a little work to turn this map into something that would make sense? So according to you?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Here is a friendly question. What is the connection to this map? Like the need to turn this map into something?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't know. I'm just wondering. I'm just wondering as we work on maps I'm just wondering how close are we to getting something that we think works.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So I think Lily you could start there. Because it did not have five and six locked.

It changes other districts only as it pertained to the districts that were in violation. And you will have less work because yesterday and before I worked very hard on with you all's input with District eight. It allowed for Commissioner Muldoon to impact how Lincoln Park area is drawn. I think had a little bit of everything. It was and then it did not kind of satisfies the miserable spot of everything is not wholesale change. So I think if we start there, not because I named the map Lily I don't care it can be the I don't care map. I think you will have more freedom if you start here you are starting the process of tweaking and tweaking and tweaking and tweaking. And I echo the sentiment of like what are -- if it's a collaborative process, we should take the best out of the maps that we know that we have done the best in here but also because as I was talking to commenters yesterday, they want a map that where they see themselves. And I think in areas where the Detroit Commissioners have spoken up, the Dearborn Commissioners have spoken up, and you all are able to add value because you have listened to the communities and now you are starting to understand what Detroit looks like I think that ultimately is going to be the best map. I think if we continue to work on the map that is the least changed because of these five and six areas I think we are going to be lost in the weeds forever. We are going to have 12 maps and that is going to be very confusing because the public is not watching and following how, I mean, yeah. If you go and look at comments, there's not even a lot of comments yet. So, yeah, that would be my opinion on this map. But I feel bad because I like Commissioner Lett and Trillium is a cool name.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I'm sure he would let you borrow it. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well we don't need to decide that now, right? It's a whole map now. This one, this is a version that doesn't change five and six. And that is okay. We have other versions that do so.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: We also have 5,000 versions that don't. We have to admit we have to change five and six. It's okay to let go if something is not working. Because I think what has happened here is we have given so much time and explanation like we have shown ourselves and the public why five and six is not working, which also gives someone that could be questioning why we changed it, that is so much that explains verbally so it's like we have to undo our feel bad.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: The exercise I did earlier on was to try to make sure we have a record that shows we or we are methodical deciding what is reasonable and get to a good result and tried with five and six and I'm not sure we have a good result yet. I

don't think at this point in time I have come to believe we are not going to get one. So I'm ready to let that one go. And move on to something else that would just be my opinion. So this is a perfect exercise for me to understand which maps to be pushing forward and which ones we show stop.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I agree this map is one iteration. We are not going to give them all the same map at the end. So I'd like to work on Lily next and keep this one with the few minor changes we've had as one of them and run all the partisan fairness and everything else. But I agree. Let's move on to Lily and try and do the same process with Lily, you know. Because that one has changes, correct? Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, it has.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: That is the one you tried to change five and.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, Lily has the districts that were in violation changed and it has 4, 9, 13, 1, 3, 5, 6 to accommodate for the districts that were in violation, but we can pull it up.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Tweaking on population so if you want to do that that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's not my turn.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is nice is both of Lily and Bergamot change the same number of districts so that is something to keep in mind and I will just say for this map I do like what Cynthia did as far as creating that lakeshore COI if it doesn't negatively impact partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you go to the top of 11 just so I can see what that looks like? Okay, I call it the elbow.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay well I'm good with this. In my mind we complete several maps, give them the flower names and send them on to be VRA tested at the end of the week. So I'm happy with this one. You can close this, sorry, Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's take a break. We have been at it for two hours.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We will take a break after we close this map and give it its little name. I think at this point maybe we can take off the initials at the end. Is everyone okay with that? All right no one cares.

>> MR. MORGAN: So would you like this to just retain the version three?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: But take off the name, the initials.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Got it we had a request for a break so we will take a ten-minute break. We will come back, a nine-minute break we will come back at 3:05.

[Recess until 3:05 p.m.]

>> Time is up, and we are getting ready to start.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I call this meeting back to order. It is now Commissioner Szetela's turn to map.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Hi guys, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right, so John if you could pull up the Rose bud please, I would appreciate it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment. Okay Commissioner Szetela I believe this has an older date on it but should be the correct one. It's 1824 version three collaborative Rose bud.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah so I'm just going to make one really technical change to this and save it as a new version. So in the Southfield area the brighter yellow there next to the brown there is an area called Lathrup Village with a precinct split out of it. I want to put that back in the yellow District. And.

>> MR. MORGAN: For 18? Okay, sorry, you said yellow District so is it 18 is the District?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 18.

>> MR. MORGAN: You say you will be saving this as a new plan. So if I could, could I make a copy of this and then make the change?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, that's fine. Could you name the new plan the sun flower?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure, just a second. So I'm just putting internally I have this as the old name and then what we will do is it gets today's date which is 24 and then it would be version four because it's the fourth map of the day and you want sunflower, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So District 18.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep, so see the little jut out that is Lathrup Village cut in half.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Further up north. No. Go to the left/west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay one second. That is okay I'm putting on the townships just for a second for my reference.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so you see that little bit of green in the upper right above where your cursor is the little bit of green.

>> MR. MORGAN: Six here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That should be Lathrup Village.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want the whole precinct here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 18 and grab another precinct to the right to just balance that out so we are not splitting that community.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this one here is going into 18.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: And I put the pop on so if you want to while I'm quickly changing this if you have a candidate or two for swapping.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry, let me bring the pop or the District summary into view.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So that precinct currently in yellow 1890 is the one I was going to pop back in. Right there. Put it into six.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry 1890 into six, right here, got it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right, stop, stop. And then I need you to go Zoom back out and I want you to open up that Detroit community of interest map that we had used earlier.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this plan it's not in there so I just have to find it. It will just take a second.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should be it. I believe this is it, yes?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, so I just want to fix in nine I want to fix that precinct that isn't completing that community of interest there. Yep. So put that into nine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay do you want to follow the community of interest boundary or precinct boundaries first?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Into nine. Okay I think they are both balanced, so, yeah, you are good.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can you Zoom out? So I want to go over to oops a little too much to 16, 5 and 4. You see that community of interest there? That is the Rosedale gardens Minic park grand Mont I want to take all of that and put it into 16 then we will have to shift four and five a little bit to make up for that change.

>> MR. MORGAN: Follow the precincts right?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Follow the precincts is just what I was going to say.

>> MR. MORGAN: Got it, I'm with you. So I'm going to add this and take that back out.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Or leave it in 16 that is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's see what it does and adjust if we need to. Of course I put it into nine. It's in 16 so you are 10% over in 16 and then four is 7.5 under.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So.

>> MR. MORGAN: It also affected five as well.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. So if you could Zoom out a little bit so I can see a little better. Okay so what I want to do is for five I want to on the western border

of five I want to grab the presents along there to rebalance population between five and 16, actually take population out of 16 at this point. What is 16 over by? 9,000?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, almost 10,000.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's go along there and grab the precincts until we get to just about 10,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: So, hang on and let me do this. This is a trick that sometimes works. Now I have it set up so I can do the selection box then it's going to show me and has not assigned it yet but keeps track of the pop there.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Pop exactly, I use that all the time too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Mine was disabled so I got it reenabled. Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Just saves you time is all.

>> MR. MORGAN: Exactly continue?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, north, middle or south?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would grab that north population.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: What are we at now? 8700 so let's do 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: Assign that 13 and then assign it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes then unassign it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay you should be within toleration now. Well I did the same thing I did before. Some programs I usually don't have to select the District you put it into, you just use the pointer to do it and sometimes I do that. But we work with the tools we have. 1302. And now it should give you what you want. Okay so you're right on the money on 16 then you need to ball and four and five.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We will do the same on the border between four and five take some of the precincts and just go ahead and put them in to four.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, all right, so starting here or starting here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's start on the western edge right there, yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We are looking for about 7,000 so.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to continue on the southern border or go north?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would just assign that right now and see how much that is then I think we will need a little more too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure. You need a little more and have 14, if you do all of those it would be about right.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's go ahead and do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should be about 3,000, 3700. And you need 31 you will be 600 so you are fine.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So if you just scroll out that should be good.

>> MR. MORGAN: Save the plan and scroll out.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I was going to say save the plan and if you could we are now going to rename it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I did rename it already, sunflower.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, I want to do a separate one because I want to change Harper Woods as well and want it to be a separate plan, so we have two options.

>> MR. MORGAN: Exit and rename.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes so save, exit, rename.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela do you mind going District by District and saying why and what you have changed so I can make note of it, please? If this is a sunflower the current sunflower map.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry, one second, please. So you want the districts I changed is that what you're asking?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes and what is different about them as pertains to area and COI.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I shifted Hamtramck just to complete that community of interest. And then for District 16, 5 and 4 I'm trying to preserve Rosedale community of interest we received comments about, put them all back together because they were split in three different districts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: When you say preserve Hamtramck in District nine what do you mean by that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The Bengali community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do you have A Street marker or Major Street or something you used to guide that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I used the community of interest map that I mentioned earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So sunflower focuses on Rosedale putting it together because it was split and Hamtramck preserving Bengali community and the changes outlined in green came from the map ID numbers pulled from the website that you are stating is a community of interest map. Do I have that right?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's what the community identified as a community of interest, yes, the Bengali community.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, all right, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wanted to add a new name to the map which will be version five because it's the fifth map of the day.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We will call this one the Marigold. And I'm sorry I meant to have you run partisan fairness but as soon as you rename it you can go ahead and do that and see how it changes with the changes I'm going to make.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay actually it would be better to go back to the original plan because it saves it in the folder with the plan. So.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is that okay? Just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Whichever is easier.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm still in sunflower here I think so it should work.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just to be clear you want the updated partisan index, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Do you want me to review the top line numbers or just save it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you can just announce what they are lopsided looks like it's 5.6.

>> MR. MORGAN: Republican 5.6 on lopsided the mean median is republican 2.5. Efficiency gap is republican 3.1. And the seats vote ratio, I will check, and it moved, there it is, okay so it's 1.7 for democrat 60 I think was said.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay, thank you. Sorry for all the occasional noise in the background, I'm doing a school pick up so it's a little crazy.

>> MR. MORGAN: I tried and didn't like that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry can you repeat that John?

>> MR. MORGAN: I tried to rename, and it did not like the rename so it just takes a second.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

Did you spell it MERR just curious?

>> MR. MORGAN: I did is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's MAR. That is okay though.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry about that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's okay, no worries.

>> MR. MORGAN: To rename it correctly. Okay it should be ready.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So we will go back up to the kind of Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe shores area, between ten and 12. And for this map I want to treat that alternative District where we have Harper Woods put into 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so all Harper Woods in 12.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: For some reason I'm getting like an echo with you now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Testing.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is better.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now it's okay? Check, check?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

All of Harper Woods into 12?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you scroll up, those green presents that are part of 12 that are west of East Point you will put those into I believe it's 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so these four, five, six-ish to the west of East Point into 13?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Exactly.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Is 12 back to correct population?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes 12 is okay as is. And then ten and 13 are off.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Grab those precincts that your mouse is right above and put them into ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that leaves ten negative 2.7.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's just a hair over but not concerned about that. If you can save this and run partisan fairness I will be done.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Sorry, when you said recreate that other District did you mean that, oops, I'm muted. Testing, hello.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I could hear you.

>> MR. MORGAN: It said I was muted but wasn't. When you say recreate the District did you mean exactly or just close to it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I think this is within deviation, so I think we are good.

>> MR. MORGAN: If it's 2.5 it's outside but if you don't.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would rather keep the precincts intact than chip away at them just to hit deviation.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay save the plan, just a second. And now run the partisan fairness?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to review these or just save it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you can read off what the values are 6.1 for lopsided margin.

>> MR. MORGAN: 6.1 lopsided margin towards the republican. The mean median is 2.9 towards republican. The efficiency gap is 4.2 towards republican. And the seats vote ratio is .08 towards the democrat. The seat count is 59 democrat to 51 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay thank you very much. That concludes my turn.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So next to map is Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I pass.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay then Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> CHAIR ORTON: You are muted, Erin.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I swear I keep on muting that dumb button. What maps are ready to present to the public that are not quite there yet?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Eid was working on one plan that needed to adjust two districts that were not contiguous so it would take, you know, maybe ten or 15 minutes to get through that, tops. That one was very close to finishing in my opinion.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you go ahead and pull that one up too, please, John? Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Eid did we give that a flower name? I think we did. Let me check. Yeah, I think it's Daisy. Okay Commissioner Wagner, I'm going to open the plan and confirm what we think it is and if you want to make the changes we give it today's date, a number and potentially keep the same flower name if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Wasn't there some discrepancy over the Daisy plan earlier? And if someone could refresh my memory what that was. I don't recall. I think it was when Brittini was -- we brought up the Daisy. So go ahead and, Commissioner Eid, if this is the plan you were working on yesterday, please feel free to jump in and help with it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I believe this is one where Commissioner Eid was trying to make the point of not drawing outside this specific districts the Court had named; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay and just to point out so at this point District eight, which is over here, is over by 8,000 votes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We have to work 8 into 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: No, ten is the one that's under populated. So we basically would have to pass the population.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Through many districts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, if you follow Commissioner Eid's mandate that he chose, which was to not really affect the districts that were not named by the Court, then you would have to basically do the population around, through District one.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: To eight and ten so it would involve three districts moving population around if you want to work on that in that way.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: How do you feel about that, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That's fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we identify that is the correct plan. So I will save it as a new designation, is that what you would like?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Sure, why not.

>> MR. MORGAN: Today's date version six because it's the sixth map worked on today and retaining the name Daisy.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Probably label it with a two or something after the Daisy but that is up to you guys.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I can do that. Okay Commissioner Wagner, so, again, what we are looking at here is needing to move population between eight and ten through 11 and 1.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So Commissioner Eid if you want to Spear head because it looks like we have to go from eight through one, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: That would be correct and eight is over so you have to give from eight to one and then one would give from one to 11 and then potentially 11 or 12 to 10 because I believe the idea was not to touch 13 or 9, which were not named by the Court.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So let's go ahead and do that, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so do you want the neighborhoods on?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think that would probably be beneficial, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Eight is funky to me because I don't see how people from the northeast have anything to do with the northwest that is over there. So it's all...a moot point at this point.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well again I think the exercise was not to touch nine and 13 so they are blockers basically.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I know, understood.

>> MR. MORGAN: Excellent.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That would suck at a Tetris game trying to fix that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the neighborhoods on the border you can see here. I can put some population figures on if you want an estimate of that or tell me take this neighborhood and that neighborhood.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Oh, good, Lord, that is too much right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will get rid of that in just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No problem.

>> MR. MORGAN: There, what I was going to show you is this voting present has 303 people. And these 434 so these are relatively sparsely populated and the total you are looking for is about 8,000 people. So you could take a number of these along this border and generally you're not trying to touch nine. So this is locked. So right here, these right here.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would go ahead and do that. What do you think about that, Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Go for it.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> MR. MORGAN: Of the three do you want to start with Petosky, Otsego, Northwest Goldberg, or Woodbridge? You will probably need all three.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead and do all three, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure. I was selecting by voting districts. And we will still need another, sorry, another -- remove about another 3,000 or so. So I took a portion of this neighborhood. So I could take the rest of that. And the rest of this one as a starter?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would definitely try to keep the neighborhoods intact. So go ahead with that.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Is Commissioner Kellom still on?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry Erin I was whispering and did not hear you what did you say?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Since we are close to your eight if we are swinging that over does that make sense to you?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Swinging what over the bottom part of eight?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: What John is working on. I just don't want to mess with how you had eight configured, that's all.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So I will be completely honest Commissioner Wagner I did not configure eight in this way. So my comment will be limited, not because I don't want to assist you just because I wouldn't redraw eight in this fashion. Where I've drawn eight again is in a completely different map. I hope that makes sense. If not tell me.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay well this does do what you set out to do which is take just enough population from eight into one. So eight is now balanced and it's following the neighborhood boundaries. So then if you wanted to do this without affecting nine, then you would take some of this into 11 here.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: John, where is the major discrepancy we are so off from one? Where does that population need to go to into ten?

>> MR. MORGAN: One into ten. So basically we have to put it in one then you can move from one into 12 and ten depending on what you would like to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So let's go ahead and do that. I don't like the way this is coming out. But and Commissioner Eid, if you have any input go ahead and speak up, please.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think if you are just trying to normalize the population you are doing very well.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It would be nice to keep all the communities of interest together so...

>> MR. MORGAN: Again just to give you the idea of the difference between one and ten. So ten is 7800 under. And one is 7690 over so between the two of them they should equalize but again we have to take away from one here. So you're going to end up taking probably all of this area here, 23, 4,000. 3,000. So maybe just these here.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: That's what I was thinking.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will start with this and this and this.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point you still need to move some population out we have Lafayette park and then I'll just point out this one block is technically going to go past the neighborhood line. But it's a choice. It's either in this District or that District.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> MR. MORGAN: Do Lafayette park first?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I would do Lafayette park first, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

So one is on population, 11 is over 6400 and ten is under 7400 so you split the difference and they would both be within toleration so there is enough population, and you can use ten and 12 if you want to make changes but ten needs to gain population.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I see that. And the only thing is messing with the Grosse Pointes.

>> MR. MORGAN: You have East Point so if you don't want to mess that take a portion of East Point to take care of this.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Right. Anthony, any suggestions or anyone else any suggestions?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can do what we did on the other map and add Harper Woods to 11. And then add -- you can go north, above East Point on 12 to make up for that deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's go ahead and do that. Do we have an alternative if without including Harper Woods in one of these maps yet? Do you know what I'm saying? If we stick Harper Woods.

>> MR. MORGAN: At this point the problem is you have to lose...

>> Nate Fink: Apologize for butting in but we can't hear from the in-person room on the Zoom.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I wasn't talking at that point.

>> Nate Fink: Commissioner Wagner, not you.

In fact, I think we may have lost the room.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Hey, that's interesting. Because I notice they just went by. So.

>> Nate Fink: Maybe I'll try to give Edward a call.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hi everyone if you can hear me we are having Wi-Fi issues in the room. We will resume shortly once those have been resolved.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Let's see, can people that are online hear me? Okay, so we've lost connection here in the room. And they are working on getting it back so that we can get back live. So you can just stay connected as far as I know and we will take a ten-minute break and hope to be back.

[Resuming at 4:10 p.m.]

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay we are back. We are back from break. Everything seems to be working on this end. Can someone that is online say if they hear.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We can hear you fine.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Great, thank you, back to your turn, Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Once again yee-haw. Where is the map?

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Wagner it's John Morgan I'm back.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Hello John we are still swinging population.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think when we last left we were going to move these neighborhoods out of 11 into 12 which will help you with the population you need to take away from 11.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: You can go ahead and try that. I thought Cornerstone and East English Village and morning side wanted to stay together. Weren't they a COI though?

>> MR. MORGAN: The answer is yes. But the problem you've got is in this exercise unless you want to change the purpose of this it was to not touch District nine.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Understood.

>> MR. MORGAN: Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I don't like splitting up COIs.

>> MR. MORGAN: I understand. I don't know if you can see it on the screen, but the hash marks indicate that District is locked as I pointed out earlier. So those will not transfer, that is all.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I do recall that from earlier mapping, John. Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: You bet.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> MR. MORGAN: There is more population here. Let me put on the precincts for a second. Yeah, there we go, okay.

So I'm going to transfer this first and that is going to be about 6,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So is Cornerstone and that bottom of Cornerstone village, East English Village is that in any -- that is in 11 right now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Just give me a second here, yeah, something was wrong and so the program just crashed. So.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Oh, no problem.

>> MR. MORGAN: I realized the population totals were not correct. So I stopped then the program crashed.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was looking at that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, hang on.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No problem.

>> MR. MORGAN: Stepping back and looking at the population totals again. Okay we are back here so the same thing, just going to move the population as we discussed into 12.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, thank you. John, can you zoom out for a minute? Because I thought eight looked like it was substantially overpopulated.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, it sure does.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So what happened?

>> MR. MORGAN: So what happened was what -- so when we lost the Internet here, we lost the connection to the server. So it undid those connections back here.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So can you fix that?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, so basically I have to redo that. I don't know if you want to take the time to do that, or if you want to move on and do something else?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Well, I think it would behoove us to get it right just because they weren't so substantial before we disconnected the Zoom. So.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well one thing we could do if there is some other business the Commission can do for a few minutes, then I can do what we have already done, which, you know, I've been commissioned to do.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That's a great idea. Director Woods would you be ready to present your information?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Sure we can probably just have a conversation. I just want to kind of remind the Commission what has been voted so we can identify where we are today. A couple of things are happening. I did talk to Election Data Services and Megan Schaar will help move forward and gather the information for the partisan fairness so you can have it on each individual map and turn that around quite quickly. I know that was a concern raised by some of the Commissioners so want to address the quick turnaround. In addition you will start seeing picture files for those who do not have shape files in the draft maps and when they are completed you can see the picture file and see what the new districts look like instead of hitting the comments and seeing them because I know a lot of people want to see the maps in real time and want to see what they look like. So want you to know that.

I want to give a shout out to DTMB for working feverishly to help with the new computers and shout out for making that happen. Greatly appreciate it.

Now going back to our mapping timelines. If you remember yesterday we agreed, we agreed that by Thursday we would vote for the maps to approve to move forward. So we are sticking with those timelines but Thursday. We also agreed on Friday to advance the maps that we wanted to be considered by the VRA Council. I just want to make sure we are looking at the timelines and what is needed. To meet those

timelines. So I also know that people are also tired. We have been at it since Monday. And we have all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and we have tomorrow to do it. So I don't know how many more maps you want to do. How many more you want to go, because it seems like in some cases we have some duplicates. Maps that make -- that have not changed at all and some that might need some tweaks. So in order to be efficient and kind of not repeating ourselves, how do you want to spend your time over the next few days? Because obviously there is costs involved for closed captions, for interpreters, all that type of stuff. And so I know people have also skipped some turns. So I just want to be cognizant of kind of where we are and then, you know, what is our path moving forward Thursday and Friday. I know Thursday we are going to talk about our notice of draft proceedings. And I know on Friday we are going to look at our mapping policy in terms of updating that. But in terms of if there is anything else, you know, let's kind of talk about how we want to spend the rest of our time this week knowing that next week we will be finalizing on which maps to move forward.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Are we going to set dates for individual maps like the last round?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We were asking for individual maps to be turned in this week and I know some wanted to make some adjustments based on some of the comments. I know we have a virtual meeting tomorrow as well. But I was hoping that those individual maps would be turned in by Friday at the latest.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS:

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, what I was going to do on my turn, which is coming very shortly, I was going to suggest that we have a list of maps that maybe we should put forward to the VRA compliance. And then I wished to take a look at any maps that were turned in by Commissioners or I believe Commissioner Szetela has some. I'm not sure about Commissioner Lange or Commissioner Wagner. But I do know there is some from Commissioner Szetela. So I would like to take a look at them. And like I said if that would be all right on my turn when it comes up to create the list and look at those maps. Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I think part of the problem, Commissioner Weiss, is we really have not given a definitive date for people to submit maps. I know some people are waiting to do maps and adjust based upon public input. So we are kind of at a crossroads. So maybe what we need to do is set a firm deadline for those that want to submit individual maps so they can share that with the Commission.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, I was thinking we need to at least the collaborative maps we are working on need to be in time for VRA compliance review. So that's by Friday. We decided. So if everyone can have their maps in by then but I see what you are

saying people are waiting to hear what the public has to say. But we may need to work on maps after they have a VRA review. So that would be next week. We are running out of time.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Absolutely so I mean the individual maps are not necessarily something that the Commission would actually review. But they would need to be turned in as relates to for VRA analysis. And then obviously the Commission would vote whether or not they wanted to move any of the individual maps forward.

So if it's okay with everyone I probably would like to throw out a suggestion that all the individual maps be turned in by 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: That sounds reasonable.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Do we have a motion to that effect?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move that anybody who wants to have an individual map considered would have it in by 1:00 p.m. Friday.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: For the record it's Friday, January 26th.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we have a motion and a second that all individual maps be submitted by Friday at 1:00, January 26th. So they can go through VRA review as well.

Any discussion on that motion? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is 1:00 p.m. good for the folks that want to do that? I don't know who wants to do that, or not. But is 1:00 p.m. good? Or 5:00 p.m.?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Eid it's a matter of getting them turned over timely to the VRA Council and getting them loaded, uploaded to the computer. So we have been asking for the maps or hinting to that since last week. So it's not a matter of you know trying to be accommodating. I think the maps are pretty much done and waiting to see whether or not there is a ground swell of support versus one way or the other. So if people are creating maps now and not taking advantage of the resources that have been provided, you know, that is a whole new different ball game. But we need to get these maps in.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And the 1:00 p.m. deadline for Friday, would that allow the Commission as a whole to have a look at the individual maps that are going to be submitted?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Remind you they are voted on the Commission to go forward, not to review or change them.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So they could go through VRA review without us looking at them. Then we look at them after. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm just not clear. I thought last time individual maps just got advanced and published automatically. That there was not approval process on it. Am I mistaken on that?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That's exactly what we are saying, Commissioner Szetela. But once again, in order for the maps to proceed, you know, as to whether or

not to be considered by public, the Commission would have to vote on that. Are you saying they go straight to the public without consideration by the Commission?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah I thought last time they went straight to the public. I agree we need a deadline to have VRA review on that, there is no question on that. I'm talking last time because individual Commissioners have a right to submit a map. We did not have like a voting process on it. We just had a deadline when they had to be turned in by. At least that is my recollection. I could be wrong.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Well let me go back and check it out. I will get back to you on that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would add for me 1:00 p.m. for me on Friday is fine. Obviously I would love to have more public comment than we have been getting but I can work with that deadline.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any other discussion? Okay, so then we will vote on that motion. All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted. So 1:00 p.m. on this coming Friday. Anything else, Director Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Let me -- hold on just a second. At this time I'm seeing the Lily, the Daisy, the Tulip, the Bergamot and the Rose bud as the five maps that have been done by the Commission. And I see some other collaborative maps but is it safe to say, just, you know, for public purposes that those are the five collaborative maps that are identified completely by the Commission? The Trillium? Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think we had sunflower and Marigold, no?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay so we have three more that will be published tonight then. is that correct, Mr. Brace or Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think we have a total of six maps today. Some of them may be considered updates of previous maps so we have the Trillium map. We have the sunflower. And, let's see, one moment, here.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I see the Rose bud the Bergamot and Tulip and Daisy.

>> MR. MORGAN: Marigold.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Marigold and Trillium and sunflower.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you say Tulip as well?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, sir.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Did you say Daisy?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I said Daisy probably from today. Sunflower, Trillium and Marigold so that will be a total of three.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Those maps that were just named are considered collaborative maps worked on by the Commission including sunflower and Marigold?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Sunflower and Marigold I believe were collaborative maps; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did not think they were, but I don't want to be incorrect I thought they were maps that Commissioner Szetela worked on mainly with the communities of interest, the COI overlay. If I'm incorrect I don't care either way, I'm just making sure that.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We spent a lot of time.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Being decisive.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Spending time on the naming and want to be correct because.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Those are absolutely collaborative maps. They were variations of Rose bud which was also a collaborative map.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so you're saying we will have those.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They are posted now.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to thank Ryan from EDS team for those that want to look at a picture file. If you download the attachment, you can look at it from a picture file if you don't have the shape files software to do it. So thanks to EDS and Ryan in particular for getting that up and going.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The only thing that I would say about the Lily map is that there are changes that I would like to make, and I was planning on renaming that map. But I'm not certain that that will happen today unless another Commissioner makes those changes to the Royal Oak Township, Oak Park Detroit area and I would also like to see the lakeshore community shifted. I think that would make it a pretty good map. So that's the only caveat I have to that being put online.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I have a suggestion. We've been going in order of Commissioners. But at this point we have several maps that are ready or pretty much ready. We have some others that might still need some work. So maybe we can continue with this map that we are working on with Commissioner Wagner. But when we are done with that, or when people are satisfied with that, maybe instead of just going in order by Commissioner we see if there is any maps that anybody wants to do something on such as Lily and see who wants to do it. And try and get the others wrapped up because we have one more day to map basically.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Orton. That is a great plan so we can get this finished by Thursday, you know, we can spend time Friday tightening up

the procedures and if there is anything else missing, making sure the partisan fairness number and all that data is together so that and possibly leave after lunch on Friday.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, and then we have next week after we get the VRA review, we have next week to make tweaks and do anything that we need to meet our deadline. Sounds like a plan. Okay Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I am wondering about next week if we will be handing things off on Friday is that VRA analysis going to be complete on Monday? Or should we potentially consider not meeting that day and picking up on Tuesday?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I'm told they need 48 hours, Commissioner Szetela, that is why we are asking it on Friday, so they have time to work on it over the weekend.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, Mr. Morgan or are you -- is that everything, Director Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, thank you very much.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And, Mr. Morgan, are we ready to pick back up?

>> MR. MORGAN: Pretty close. Yeah. What happened was when the Internet went down here it crashed the Autobound system and when I brought it back online it setback several Directors that had been drawn. So it's not quite where it needs to be. I can, you know, I think we got the concepts down. But the population numbers aren't jiving the way I expect them to so I feel I would need to rebuild and verify this.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid? Sorry Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was just going to move if we go ahead and give John time to do that if we are done with pressing business maybe we can revisit this map tomorrow morning after he has put all the districts back together that we lost earlier.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That's a great idea. Okay, Commissioner Eid, you have something.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was going to ask John can you fix the population deviation overnight on that map?

>> MR. MORGAN: I can bring it back.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: As you see fit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me put it this way I can get it to the point we were, and I think the intention was to move some of the Detroit neighborhoods into 12 and then I can stop there and bring that back in the morning. I just -- there is just something not quite right with the population and rather than move forward with something I'm not sure is correct I think it would be wise to pick another plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, that is great thank you. Okay so at this point it is Commissioner Weiss' turn. And I think you expressed a similar thing. You want to see what we have going on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I was going to suggest I would like to start a list if that is acceptable. And obviously then most of them have been named. One was the Rose bud, the Lily the Bergamot and crazy and I believe Trillium three version, if that is acceptable. But I would like to have I guess we can't do that any how, but I was going to have Commissioner Kellom do Lily. She said she had some changes, I'm kind of interested to see what changes she would like to make. Even though it is a finished map, I believe.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It's not finished but yes she is coming on. Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So if I understand you correctly, Commissioner Weiss, you would like me to make changes during your turn? Or.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, because your changes I thought the map was pretty good and it's been checked out. It's partisan fairness has all been done so I would like to see what you want to do to make it better.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah and before I get started I can simply explain there have been several comments about the Oak Park Royal Oak Township and the COI that is in Detroit Palmer Park being merged. So that it crosses eight mile, not dramatically so. But in a way that more accurately expresses that community of interest. We had to my recollection we have the same individual three different times. And in our online platform put forth a plan that I would say I also agree with that could work, that makes minor changes. This individual also supplied a map. I think we heard him this morning and he called the map Tiger Lily so what I was proposing is that map be overlaid with the current Lily map. And those tweaks be made as quickly as we can. If we work together it will happen faster rather than go ahead, take it away Commissioner Kellom. If we do it together we will work quickly. Then the changes that Commissioner Orton made to the lakeshore area I think that can also be included in this map. And then we take a look at the numbers at such point I would like to rename the maps spirit of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sounds good to me.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

Take it away, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So I think Commissioner Muldoon through the Chair, if you could give the ID number so that John can maybe pull it, if that's possible. Is that possible?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: The ID was P9920 under the public comment portal.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, generally I don't have access to that. But I can get that. Just a second. Okay so that is a different website from the one where we have been uploading plans; is that correct?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct, it's under the Michigan mapping.org.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are you able to download a shape file from that?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: That's what I was talking to you earlier about trying to do.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm not sure how to do it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay does someone have that open or available?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I have it open on my screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can help, or Kim or Ryan can help you do that real quick. And then you wanted to look at the Lily map as well?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah if you pull up the Lily map and while we are working on that Commissioner Orton can jump in and change the lakeshore area.

>> MR. MORGAN: So for right now the Lily map was updated by Commissioner Muldoon to account for those unassigned areas.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we did that. So I will bring this up and you want to rename eventually the spirit of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Got it. So I will bring up my screen.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: In the meantime Commissioners and member of the public and Commissioner Weiss, the overlay is from the public comment that says Royal Oak, Oak Park belong with Detroit, not Birmingham. Which I think is fairly accurate. And then in the current map Royal Oak is split in three ways so by bringing Royal Oak over to the east royal Township excuse me, we will be fixing that piece and then we are also keeping Royal Oak Township whole. Which is an area that is just across eight mile on one side you have Detroit it's eight-mile Wyoming area on the other side because I'm very familiar with the area, there is Royal Oak Township. You can literally drive across from Wyoming, which is Detroit, cross eight mile, we have to make a U turn. You make the Michigan left, yeah. You make a Michigan left. And you can continue down Wyoming if you drive through Royal Oak Township and what do you have Ferndale is right there. So to give a visual representation of that area. I don't think that Palmer Park, palmer Woods especially since we heard from Palmer Park wanting to be merged with those communities and green acres and that northeast corner of eight mile is going to or Detroit, I don't think that is the hill that anyone is going to pass out on. And I think it does a great service to those communities of interest. So that's the explanation of the change.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John this is a petty aesthetic question the spirit of Detroit does it have to be broken up by all the underscores?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't know. Probably not.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's fix the map first.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think that is probably the better way to handle it. Honestly the naming conventions some programs are fine with spaces, and some don't like it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It does not have to be altogether. I just didn't know if the underscores. Disregard and let's work on the maps first.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just to confirm this shows the area of District 12 we updated earlier in the day. So otherwise the plan is exactly as you left it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, so what I would like to do now is Commissioner Orton, can you walk us through the changes that were made to the lakeshore District simply because it will be faster if you do that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, could we just overlay and just fill in? I think that would be quickest.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure so what I need to do to facilitate that I will export that as a shape layer and import it. So it will just take me a second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I'm just going to share my screen again to verify we have the correct plan, it should be. This is today's date, it's number three plan of the day. It's collaborative Trillium. And Commissioner Orton, does this appear to be the District that you drew?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay then the rest of the plan is I think the other way we look at it is there was a small change here that Commissioner Muldoon made. So that's the plan. And I'm just going to export that as a shape file.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Great.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so the blue outline is the Trillium plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so if you could just Zoom in and fill in, yeah, make District so it's ten in this case.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's correct.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Make it match that outline and I guess we will work our way to take care of the populations. Is that what you would like, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, Commissioner Orton.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this should be the same configuration as before. We can check the population to make sure it's exact. Or we can stipulate that it's correct. It appears to be.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, it is the same percentage anyway.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay on the deviation?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Great then it should be correct. That is the District ten all right.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So now we have the discrepancy between 12 and 13. So do you want me to work on that Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Weiss? Or does somebody -- do you have something you see?

>> MR. MORGAN: Also I can turn off the blue lines if you don't want to reference the other plan anymore.

>> CHAIR ORTON: True, yeah, you can do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I feel bad because I'm slightly rethinking that choice.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, I'm thinking that East Point could just go up to 13 and it keeps it together. And keeps it up there. We can try it any way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Well again there are several options. You have 12 and 14, whatever you need, whatever works. And plus you were going to look at a different part of the Royal Oak area as well. So that could impact what you want to do in this area.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we have this choice. And we have this choice in like, like in Bergamot and choice in Trillium, am I saying that right? Beautiful flower by the way, Steve, you taught me something new today. What I would suggest is actually making the other changes, you want to change first, and then at the end doing this change so you can have like an A and a B and seeing how that affects things. Or you can make it now and resave it and go back to it and make another copy. So it's your call. But that's what I would suggest.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay I think, Commissioner Orton your work is not in vain but prematurely. Can we reverse and undo thinking the office land.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I have a question or suggestion. I think since we already did this part, can we just save this as one version? Because this was a copy, right?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we still have the original and then you can work on that just so we don't go through this exercise again.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay and name this one Lily and I will name the other one the spirit of Detroit. Let's do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry it looks like I get disconnected. Maybe other people did too or maybe it's just me. Okay.

Yeah, it's showing I have no Internet connection. So I will try to reconnect. Okay so what I've done here I have good news and can dispense with the underscores and renamed this spirit of Detroit. And the other one is just going to stay with that one District change and it's still in my system and saved. So this, you wanted to work on the Royal Oak area I believe?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, with the shape file from the public comment portal, the Tiger Lily is the name of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right, I will see if I can get that overlay, just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I just wanted to interject something if I may. When I asked that if John could correct the population on eight, and we could come back to it I

did not realize I was giving up my turn to draw so I don't know if we just skip that or what the issue is.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can go back to that tomorrow, I'm sure. Right now John is not able to do anything, I don't think.

>> MR. MORGAN: So, the shape file that we downloaded isn't a plan. It's something else. So we have to get a different download of the shape file to make the overlay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So maybe we work on that tomorrow.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, to get that Tiger Lily shape file, yeah, we have to do something else because the file that came across is not a District plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Oh, I understand. Okay, so Commissioner Wagner, what you were wanting to do we need to wait for John to get.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It appears we are at a standstill. I was interpreting what Mr. Morgan just said as the Lily shape file, which was Commissioner Kellom's request.

>> CHAIR ORTON: He is talking about that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is correct the Tiger Lily shape file is not coming through.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Basically we are at a standstill with mapping until we fix that issue is that correct?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can work on something else mapping.

>> MR. MORGAN: I just can't -- the shape file that was sent to me, if I share my screen you will see it's basically it's the voting districts for the entire state. It's not like whatever was downloaded isn't the right file. So we have to go back and get the correct file. And then we will be able to do that. So we could continue with what you were doing before, you know, but you want that specific file, Commissioner Kellom, wants a specific file.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It would be easier. I could eyeball it, but I would rather not spend time doing that. It would be easier what I'm envisioning because the idea for Tiger Lily had some other changes. And I'm just trying to get the marry the two together. So not perfectly. So I would rather not vocalize all those changes and do something completely different and wait for you to get the shape file.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Wagner, is there something else you wanted to do something different if that is appropriate.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I wanted to work on getting the population switched over and it would at least give us one other map that we could put out there. So however you guys want to do it is fine by me at this point.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, I'm thinking we can't do what Commissioner Kellom wants to work on until tomorrow. We can't do what Commissioner Wagner wants to work on until tomorrow. So Commissioner Weiss, is there any other map that you would like to work on? We have, you know, maybe ten minutes left. Or Mr. Morgan has something.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Weiss do you want to look at the maps to help summarize the maps.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I wanted Brittini to have a chance to change her Lily map and wanted to know if I could start a list of some maps that are completed to put forward, if that is possible.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, that is possible. I think Commissioner Eid had his hand up. No, he didn't. Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And we had an e-mail that came through here from M Brice that stated that Rosebud, Lily, Bergamot, Daisy and Trillium 3 were on the list so I was going to suggest if we put that move forward list if that would be already with the rest of the Commissioners unless they would like to add or change some of those? (.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think that's great.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess that's all I have then.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Lily still has I mean the lakeshore District was changed so now that one is Lily.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We can take it off.

>> MR. MORGAN: I saved that plan, but I didn't rename it. The only thing is I gave it a number designation so again for purposes of today, that is today's date, version six and then I have that currently spirit of Detroit, but I can change it to Lily.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is great to change it to Lily.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So really there are two lilies, then two different versions.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes and no because what I've done is by doing this sort of there are six total plans we worked on today. And the one that was previously designated as Lily still exists. And is uploaded to the site because we worked on that in a previous day. We would upload the new version of Lily with that number and date designation. Technically they are different but as we are talking about basically it's the evolution of the same plan. So you can consider that an updated version of Lily if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, you can call that one lakeshore Lily if you want to. Just because I know it sounds silly but a part of what Commissioner Weiss and I don't want to be labor the time but what he is doing I think is brilliant because it's hard for if I was just watching this I want to know what is different about every map in the Detroit area. And we don't have the time to do that necessarily now I'm going to go back and try to categorize that because I think that is important. So I don't want someone that in the past is like oh, I love Lily but then I changed it so now they know the lakeshore is different so it's lakeshore Lily. And tomorrow I'll make the changes to that other area that I talked about and that is going to have a completely different name because I was trying to get away from having version one, two and three and I didn't want to do that with the map we have been working on, okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay understood, Mr. Brace you wanted to say something?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, two things we are planning to do overlays of plans that have been drawn that are finalized so that we can show those on the screen and show differences or similarities. Particularly to make sure that which districts are changing and where they are changing on that side. And the other thing is Commissioner Weiss made a comment in terms of various plans on a list that I sent out. But I don't think I sent it out. I don't know if Edward sent it out. Or whatever. I did create a -- the table of all the political partisan fairness scores, which I've sent to Director Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: It's already out, Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep, okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay thank you. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to suggest water Lily to Commissioner Kellom rather than lakeshore Lily because water Lily is an actual flower.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sure, I don't care either way, Lake, water, river, pond, it doesn't matter just so people associate it something by the water changed.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That's fine, John, you can.

>> MR. MORGAN: So, again, I don't need to direct this, but I do have between Sarah and I you know we have been basically keeping a list of plans. I have most of the flower named plans on my computer. So if Commissioner Weiss is directing that, I can bring up my list that might help inform this process.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I believe that's the list that Mr. Brace sent out that Edward got and of course I have looked at it. And those maps were ones that were done in the partisan fairness numbers were done on them already. So I guess like I said Rosebud and Bergamot and Daisy, and I believe it was Trillium three, I think that was on there and Lily, but I think we have changed that. So maybe we will wait on that one. Like I said we can add or subtract but I'm suggesting we start a list. We need to move forward on this.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, we have been trying to create a list too. But as John mentioned we are working with Sarah who is keeping a very good list on that side.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So maybe tomorrow we can review all those, finish up whatever we want to, finish up the two we have not been able to finish up tonight and see how far we get. Because that's our kind of last day to do this. Okay, so it is now 5:21. Commissioner Weiss, do you want to do anything else, or should we just wrap it up for today?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think we should wrap it up and give the computer time to rest. We worked it pretty hard.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think we did. Okay so are there any announcements? From any Commissioners? I don't see any so I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move we adjourn.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Any discussion? All in favor of adjourning raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay. Okay, we are adjourned at 5:22 p.m. See you tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.