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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name if you are attending the meeting remotely please announce during roll call you are attending remotely and unless your absence is due to military duty, announce the physical location by stating the county, city, township or village and the state from which you are presently attending the meeting. I will begin alphabetically. Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Attending remotely from Imlay Township, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present, attending remotely from Mexico.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry? Commissioner Eid?

- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Present; remotely attending from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present; attending from Lee county, Florida.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Present; from Carrollton, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Present; attending remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present; attending remotely from Highland Township, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner? Commissioner Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present; attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Madam Chair, you have ten Commissioners present. You have a quorum.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you, Ms. Young. You can view the agenda at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC. I will now entertain a motion to approve the agenda.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.
- >> ELAINE ANDRADE: Second.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Move and seconded we approve today's agenda. Is there any discussion on the motion? Commissioner Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes. I would like to move to amend the agenda to add under unfinished business the discussion to repeal the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, do we have a second for that?
- >> I'll second.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Motion and a second to you want to restate, Commissioner Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, it was to have the discussion that we never finished about repealing the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. It was said by Executive Director Woods that it would be on today's agenda two weeks ago.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, is there any discussion on that motion? Commissioner Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, Madam Chair. I have two objections to that. The first being that the motion being made by Commissioner Lange obviously comes

from the Plaintiff's point of view, not the Commission's point of view. And, secondly, even if it were appropriate, we haven't had an opportunity to visit with our attorneys regarding this. So it is entirely too early to even consider it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, with all due respect, Commissioner Lett has no idea why I'm doing this. I'm doing it from a financial aspect. When we look at the money, millions that are going to be spent on the appeal so also when we look at the process that we are going to be done with the first round of House maps here shortly so.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: What are you doing today.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Edward, you are not on mute. Thank you, go on Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Then it comes from the point of view of what happens, we approve these maps we have elections on these maps and then the Supreme Court comes back. So I think the discussion does need to be had. And it has nothing to do with the Plaintiffs. It has to do with the taxpayer funds, and we are already this far into the redrawing process so that is where I'm coming from. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to say if there is a concern about wanting to consult with the attorneys, our attorneys pretty much have been at our Beck and call for the last two weeks. So I'm sure we can arrange to have them join later this afternoon if we want to have that discussion. This was asked to be put on the agenda about two weeks ago and we were told at that time it was going to be on the agenda this Thursday. So you know, the fact that we haven't conferred with the attorneys that is not on the person making the motion, it's the Commission to organize to have them available so thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm sorry, my feed cut out for a little bit. What is the motion that is currently on the table?

>> CHAIR ORTON: To add to the new business today to have a discussion about dropping the appeal.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Oh, okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess I take exception to Commissioner Szetela's proposal we could meet with our attorneys this afternoon. There have been no contact with the attorneys other than the contact that said they were not going to work on this file until after we were done. She as an attorney is well aware that you simply don't drop everything in your practice to meet with another client on a moment's notice especially, especially in a case of this magnitude and complexity. It's just ridiculous to

consider that they would be ready or even that we would be ready this afternoon. So I oppose this motion most vehemently.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any other discussion? Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, our General Counsel Nate Fink has been on almost every call, and he can certainly confer with the Commission about this matter. He is an attorney who appeared in that case.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Again, Commissioner Szetela is well aware that Nate Fink and the Fink law firm is on the suit as local counsel, not as lead counsel. They have not acted, have not participated in the lawsuit as lead counsel. And to say that he would be -- he certainly would have an opinion, there is no question about it. However, he is not the counsel, the litigation counsel that we have hired that being Baker in order to have a reasonable discussion with them in a closed session.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, so you know obviously I have an opinion on if we should continue the appeal or not. But that is not what we are discussing right now. We are discussing if we should add this discussion to the agenda today. And I just I will say on that topic, I don't think today is the right time to talk about it. We should talk about it when the time is right, of course. But we have much more pressing matters to deal with today. Like finishing these maps. So I do not think this should be added to the agenda today. I do think we should talk about it when the time is right.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My last comment on this situation, the first time this subject was brought up we were told it would be placed on the next day's agenda. It was not. We received an e-mail from Executive Director Woods stating that he had spoken to our counsel and that they would not charge us until we had this conversation on the first. That was the e-mail, I'm sure we all got it. So I just want done what was said would be done. I just want to have the conversation, whatever the Commission decides so be it. But I think we should have a conversation as it was said would happen on this date. And that's all I'm going to say. If you want to call the question, call the question. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink?

>> Nate Fink: Thank you. I think primarily what I was going to say was already covered. But yes our firm appeared at trial as local counsel. We are not lead litigation counsel. Baker Hostetler of course is lead litigation counsel. And I know this topic came up a couple of weeks ago or it might have been last week about, you know, considering this issue. And, you know, it's appropriate for the Commission to have a discussion about this. But today there are very, very pressing matters. The Commission is very close to deciding on which maps it's going to send forward to the public and to the Court for consideration over the next month before the Commission

decides which map to ultimately adopt. And the -- there is no action date that's pressing on the appeal right now. I can confer with Baker to confirm that if the Commission perhaps decides to take it up sometime next week that Baker won't be or you know extensive work on the appellate related matters in the interim. I can seek to confirm that. But at this point, clearly, the business before the Commission, the most pressing and the actual pressing business for the Commission is completing its work on these maps. And taking time out to have a discussion of what should be a meaningful, very thoughtful discussion about the appeal, I don't think it makes sense and I don't think there is any reason to do that today. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, my apologies I was meeting with one of our contractors and then trying to assist Commissioner Curry to get online. A couple things, Commissioner Lange is correct with regards to the e-mail that was sent by me to the Commission. And so it was not on the agenda. So that was done inadvertently. But I know the concern with regards to money. We negotiated that they would not spend any money until February 1st. It would be appropriate that the Commission will take formal action today and they would not spend any additional money on this case until we meet February 8th so therefore the financial concerns that has been raised about money being spent and then the thorough discussion that our local counsel has made can be done as well. So I would suggest that the Commission take that type of action so it can have a fruitful discussion. And then not worry about costs being spent. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I would like to call the question on the motion to amend the agenda.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so there is, okay, any little help parliamentarian, the question has been called so we vote on that, correct? Without a second?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is correct, no second, no debate, two thirds required.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I'm sorry I was doing a few other things in the background for today's meeting. Can someone restate what the original motion was? And if there was a second?

>> CHAIR ORTON: The original motion was to adopt the agenda. The amended, there was a motion to amend the agenda to include new business. And then this is calling the question on the amended.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: The amended portion, Sarah, motioned by Commissioner Lange was to move to discuss repealing the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, seconded by Commissioner Szetela.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you for clarifying, appreciate it.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so the question has been called. We will try this without roll call. We may have to do roll call but all in favor of calling of ending debate raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay. Okay, so debate is ended. So all in favor of amending the agenda to include new business 6B, discussion on.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Madam Chair I apologize but I asked for it to be added under unfinished business because the discussion was started prior.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, sorry. I misstated that. Okay so the motion -- the motion is to amend the agenda to include unfinished business, that would be 5E. To have a discussion about appealing the appeal of the U.S. Supreme Court. I believe we need a roll call vote. Are we getting a roll call vote?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yvonne? Okay I will do it for you guys. Okay Commissioners please state your support of the motion with a yes or a no. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Marcus Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Is yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner? Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Elaine Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Donna Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry? Has she been able to join? I don't see her. Okay.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom? Is Commissioner Kellom on?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't see her.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of two yes to eight no, the motion does not carry.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so back to the motion of adopting the agenda for today. Is there any further discussion on that motion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Your vote to end debate covers that motion also, so all you need to do is vote on it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay thank you. Okay, so all in favor of adopting today's agenda raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> Nay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so the ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

Okay, so Vice Chair Janice Vallette will facilitate the public portion of today's meeting. You're muted, Janice.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Without objection we will begin the public comment pertaining to the agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection we will now proceed with the public comment. Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone, a voice will say the host wants you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call on you by name or the last four digits of your phone number. Also please note that if you experience technical 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 you can e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you trouble shoot so you can participate during the next public comment period and 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 to produce public comment is John Weiss. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

Thank you to the members of the Redistricting Commission for your work. In 2021 the citizens Redistricting Commission drew and approved the fairest legislative maps we the voters of Michigan had in 40 years. Unfortunately the result of that process impacted the ability of historically marginalized voters in Detroit to elect representatives of their choice. As the Commission works to fix this issue, I implore you to do three things. One, not redraw any districts not included in the Court's ruling. The Court ordered districts can be redrawn to reflect partisan fairness without impacting surrounding districts. Two, consider existing maps submitted by the public. In 2021 the Commission urged the public to submit maps, however, these maps which would have

avoided the harm to Detroit area voters were never seriously considered. And three adhere to the requirements set out in Michigan's Constitution. As it was written, this Commission is the group empowered to draw District lines, not politicians, not the courts, not lawyers. I'm sad about the effort underway to undermine this Commission and your important work. I hope you will rise above the partisan rhetoric and work in a collaborative spirit, centering the important mission you have to uphold the democratic principles of our country. I'm grateful for your work. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Katie Olsson, please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hi, I also want to thank the Commission for your dedication and creating fair, unbiased maps and I'm confident you will achieve that goal. Please take care while you are striving to create opportunity districts for minority voters that you do not confidence those voters into a few districts. Obviously this would restate in under representation, again, of minorities. Which would defeat the purpose of the 2018 amendment. Please be sure to strike the right balance before submitting those final maps.

Also, again, please refrain from redrawing any districts outside the Court's ruling. It is simply not necessary, and it could jeopardize the process. The public has already submitted maps which illustrate how to establish majority-minority districts which have over 50% threshold of voters of color. But do not pack them into a few districts. We adopted this amendment to avoid giving disproportionate advantage for districts surrounding a few districts packed with historically marginalized voters. That's how things worked before 2018 and the result of this partisan gridlock. Minority communities need to be heard while balancing the other criteria in our Constitution particularly partisan fairness. I hope you will consider these maps to expedite the process. They have been studied and not recreating the wheel and as you know time is of the essence. It's critical this Commission redraw.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Sarah Howard. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Good morning.

>> I'm Sarah Howard the attorney for the Michigan AFLCIO fair maps project. You are here because the Court found that the Commission used race as the predominant factor in drawing the Hickory maps. But the Court did not tell the Commission that it could never consider or that it must draw new maps in a 100% race blind manner. Federal law is clear that race consciousness in redistricting is permissible. In fact, it's often required to produce maps that comply with the Voting Rights Act. Consideration of race, of course, becomes a problem when it predominates or leads map drawers to set aside race neutral criteria such as those laid out in the Michigan Constitution. We are concerned that the Commission is over correcting in light of the Court's ruling by considering only maps that were drawn without any consideration of

race. That was not what the Court ordered. And as VRA counsel's analysis shows drawing maps without consideration of race simply leads to new legal challenges under the Voting Rights Act. Rejection of maps submitted by members of the public after soliciting these maps would be an example of an over correction. These maps are not illegitimate simply because you were not in the room when they were drawn. If you find that these maps adequately satisfy the criteria laid out in the Michigan Constitution, they are permissible and there's no legitimate argument that race was a predominant factor when drawing.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Elizabeth Gary. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Good morning.

>> I'm Liz Gary, another lawyer working for the fair maps project and Sarah Howard's colleague. The Commission's decision to consider only maps drawn blindly prevents it from adequately in the Constitution. The process of race blind map drawing have resulted in a batch of maps that do not meet the first criteria because they violate the Voting Rights Act. Efforts to ignore this prevents the Commission from requiring drawing maps that reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest. Race cannot be the only factor in defining a community of interest. But race or ethnicity can certainly be one of the characteristics that ties together a group of people. In his presentation, VRA counsel raised the example of a Black Baptist church congregation that wanted to be considered a community of interest. To say that the only characteristic that tied this group together was religion would ignore reality. The Commission has been advised that a race blind process will save its maps from the 14th amendment challenge. However, the Federal Constitution does not require you to ignore race. And the advice ignores Michigan Constitution, which requires consideration of other criteria like communities of interest. I thank the Commission for their thoughtful and consideration of these facts.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is James Galant. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

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

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you. Next in line is Ryan Reese, please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Can the Commissioners hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> Once again Reverend Ryan Reese District 14. I want to thank the Commission both for the time to speak to you and for your efforts in this matter. I want to as my final comment in these proceedings to restess that the faith communities and the bodies of COI throughout my area are testament to those who live, work and share a life together across many boundaries that have been spoken about over the last several times.

Around 8 mile and 696 arbitrary boundaries are of no use in helping to identify where the COIs are. It is pivotal that both COIs be preserved, and also partisan fairness be protected so that the effort that has been made, that was begged for, for decades to preserve the enfranchisement of the people of my communities be fulfilled. Take into account all of the rubrics necessary to ensure complete fairness in this process or we will be back doing this all over again soon. Thank you for much for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Corey Morris. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Hello.

>> Good morning Commissioners, thank you for allowing me to have these comments. I am from Taylor, Michigan and I was just hoping if there would be a way of looking at the 28 and 29th districts and turning them into a northern District which features Taylor, wood haven and parts of Romulus and Brownstown. And then a southern District featuring Monroe County, Huron, Flatrock, Rockwood in the southern disconnected portions of Brownstown and Taylor has historically always been one cohesive District. And a lot of talking about communities of interest, there is a cultural and political significant difference between these two communities of Taylor and Monroe. And so I would just appreciate if you would take some time to reconsider some of the submitted maps that have redrawn districts 28 and 29 and kept it inside its own little bubble so it would not be impacting any other District. Thank you and everyone have a good day.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Mari Rymar. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello, hi.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Hello.

>> I'm Mari-Rymar and wanted to add my voice to all the people urging the Commission to make sure the maps we get this time around will remain fair and nonpartisan. Because that's what we, the people of Michigan, chose you to do. And what we voted for and what we want. And I see no reason to redraw any districts besides the ones the Commission was ordered to redraw. And I believe fair representation for the people of Detroit and partisan fairness are what we need from these District maps. And one doesn't need to be sacrificed to achieve the other. I also thank the Commission for doing this work. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Meredith Kennedy, please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, we can.

>> Meredith Kennedy. Good morning Commissioners I'm here once again in fronts of you with indigenous voice. A couple years ago my community showed up at several

locations for public comment. We respectfully reminded you, you are a guest on our land and requested you to follow our Norms and protocol in relation to this process. We asked you to follow the good life by keeping equity with BIPOC relations we followed being part of Promote the Vote. We stand community with partner organizations to make sure all of the collective communities of voices can be heard. We stand with APIA vote because we also have immigrants within our community via the U.S. boarding school policy and stand with access as a community of interest with lack of Mena because we faced genocide by paper with blood policy and stand with Black and Brown members because we know America is built on a land of stolen people and stolen land by U.S. policy. We share historical trauma to make our voices heard. PTV unity map is a collection of community of interest and have come together and will continue to come together. Race was only one factor in the map and that is permitted by law. We request you continue to take public comment input. My community is Matrilineal, and you will find portals with aunts and grandmothers in it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Kyle Stafanski. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Good morning.

>> I'm a resident of the City of Warren. First I want to thank the Commission for the work you all are doing. I know it's not easy work, but I want to make sure you incorporate partisan fairness in your maps as you are redrawing them. It appears you made some decisions based on municipal boundaries and compactness instead of partisan fairness. For example the Lake St. Clair community of interest has their own State Senate District. It's not fair the Lake St. Clair has their own House District too. Partisan fairness is greatly effected of Grosse Pointes and St. Clair shores being in the same District. Please follow the Constitution and ensure that partisan fairness is a part of your redrawn maps. We the people voted for it and that is what we expect. So please incorporate partisan fairness into that. Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Aiden Ross. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Can everyone hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, we can hear you.

>> All right I would like to thank the Commission for hearing me today. I'm Aiden Ross. I'm a trade student but also a long-time student of history. I would like to talk to you about highways. It's well documented how the original construction of these freeways were designed to divide up different communities. City planners at the time proudly admitted that the routes were designed to establish racial gerrymanders. They were used as a weapon to divide then growing minority communities in the Metro Detroit area. 696 was used for that in Warren. And the Chrysler freeway went through paradise valley and Black bottom destroying Black businesses. 8 mile were expanded

on a similar bases. The people coming before you saying their communities of interest cross these roads are right to complain. These roads were designed to divide them and gerrymander, nonetheless. This Commission finally has a chance through historic justice and representation on many of them. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Monique Stanton. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes we can.

>> Good morning I'm Monique Stanton member of the Arab community and league of public policy. Our organization is 112 years old. Focused on addressing economic and racial justice in Michigan. We believe voting is an essential part of our democracy and policy making process. As a member of Promote the Vote our goal is to produce a fair and equitable map for the people of Michigan. The Michigan league for public policy is part of Promote the Vote because our organization values the role of community voice and democracy. Promote the Vote is led by community and members. We believe it's critical for this work to be done in partnership with local residents throughout Michigan and Promote the Vote has prioritized collaborative efforts among partners. It's essential that Michigan citizens are at the heart of the redistricting process, and I am fully supportive of the Promote the Vote unity map because it is fair, equitable and representative of the communities we serve. We are a coalition, and all of our partners are members of a resource for the Commission. And like you our goal is for the people of Michigan to have a fair and equitable representative map. You as a Commission are responsible for drawing maps and want to ensure they are the best they can be for all of us.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Alex McGuire. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes we can.

>> Hi, my name is Alex McGuire connecting from Sterling Heights thank you members of the Commission for holding these public meetings and allowing us to speak. Transparency is incredibly important to the democratic process and glad you are doing your part. I've heard a couple of times and the suggestion we start dividing communities on the basis of socioeconomic status and whether they own or rent their properties and I want to say I find that patently offensive. The idea that I don't have anything in common with my neighbors who might be renting an apartment in my local community is ridiculous. We share the same schools, the same roads, the same churches. My family and friends in Warren and Detroit don't see 8 mile or 696 as a wall. It is something our community bridges. I ask the Commission to respect partisan fairness and continue to let districts cross these roads. It fosters not only long-standing

COIs but also partisan fairness. I again would like to thank the Commission for their efforts. I hope that you all have a great day.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Michael Davis. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning, can I be heard?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes you can.

>> Hello Commissioners, Michael Davis, Executive Director of Promote the Vote. The coalition has always aims to be a resource to the Commission so I'm not sure why our voice is discounted, and the map discarded. We encourage members to turn out for public comment. It's odd participation in the public portal is a strike against the coalition. It's an organization for COI maps and grouping of the same organization for expressing voice collectively. Nonetheless we deliver every time because they represent tens of thousands of Michiganders across the state. Everyone that cares about redistricting does not have the time to address the Commission or this process. So remember we are a very real coalition of partners with-engaged memberships. I never came before you to waste your time or my time. The maps you have is gerrymandered and it's the observation highlighted by BVAP and share. We submitted six full maps in 2021 and they did not skip to the front of the line and unity goes to the top of your evaluations it should not be an albatross but an aspiration. So we applaud when we see you using data and statistics when mapping this time to improve your plans. That is the point of this exercise to see you all get better because when you do better we all get better map options which remains the goal of our redistricting project for fair and equitable maps for the people of our great state. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Christa Phelps please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Christa Phelps and I'm a community organizer with APIA vote Michigan representing diverse communities of interest primarily among Black and Brown voters. Be open and seriously consider public submissions. It's our attention the plans under consideration with the exception of the ones submitted by PTV potentially violate the Voting Rights Act due to a lack of adequate majority-minority districts. In light of this, I strongly advocate for the Commission to consider the unity map proposed by PTV as it aligns more closely with the principles of the Voting Rights Act and represents our communities' interests. Thank you for your time and consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Fatima Din. Please allow staff to unmute you.

>> Good morning Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Good morning.

>> My name is Fatima Din and represent APIA vote Michigan. As a community organizer focused on Bangla Town and immigrant communities, I want to highlight the unity map is the only proposal that truly addresses the needs of the communities we serve. For Asian Americans including race is part of the redistricting consideration is crucial. The unity map proposed by Promote the Vote appropriately incorporates race as one of many factors in compliance with legal standards. We respectfully urge the Commission to consider public feedback and give due consideration to the unity map. Thank you for your attention and with this matter.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Chris Gilmer hill. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning can I be heard.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, you can.

>> Hi, my name is Chris Gilmer Hill, lifelong Detroit resident in the Palmer Park area. First I would like to thank you for all the work you have been doing. I know this has been very difficult and tough and stressful at times. But we have some really good options that have come out of this that I think do a great job of respecting communities of interest in my area and around Metro Detroit and I want to applaud you for that. In the first comment I would like to stress the partisan fairness aspect I know a lot of people brought up. When people bring up partisan fairness we are not doing it as democrats or partisan actors trying to get the most favorable map for our party. We are stressing this because this is one of the core reasons why this Commission was created. Nobody -- everybody would be perfectly happy with a map that you know got to 0 across all these criteria. But we would urge that you should really use common sense and think about what choices you are making when it comes to partisan fairness because as should be obvious you've made some choices that currently shift things clearly to republicans. In particular the change you made to District 13 take a District from safely democratic to basically a toss-up. That is not the lakeshore District, that goes from Warren to northern Roseville. I would urge as some other commenters have the Commission should consider a narrowly targeted tweak 28 and 29 and Taylor which would combine Taylor City COI and a new District of what is a toss-up District balance the change you made in District 13 thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Yvonne white. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes we can.

>> Thank you so much. My name is Yvonne white. I'm the state president of the NAACP here in Michigan and live in house District 10 in the City of Detroit. As a nonpartisan organization the NAACP is a very proud member of the Promote the Vote, a coalition of civil and human rights organizations who have a strong trusted voice in our communities of interest throughout Michigan and nationally. The Promote the Vote

District maps submitted can help return power back to the people where it belongs. Our coalition's 2024 redistricting project is guided by four fundamental mapping principles. They meet or exceed Michigan's constitutional criteria. They improve our current maps and ensure no retrogression in the number of Voting Rights Act districts. They incorporate community of interest submissions and input from coalition partners. And they eliminate legislative maps where one political party has a lasting, unfair advantage by aiming for overall partisan fairness. We know the Commission is ultimately responsible for drawing the maps. We want to ensure they do the best for all Michigan voters. Thank you for your time and dedication and we sincerely hope you take into consideration and support the Promote the Vote.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Chris Andrews please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning this is Chris Andrews from Haslett. It is right and necessary for you to address the racial unfairness of the Southeast Michigan maps. It is also right and necessary for you to improve on or at least retain the level of fairness in the current republican leaning Hickory map. The worst thing you can do in fairness is rely on the number of projected seats for the parties. I hear simplified analysis that conclude that maps with measurable republican bias will result in 60 democratic seats. That is deeply flawed. If it happens because narrow wins are treated the same as comfortable ones, a 52% democratic District is a coin flip, not a democratic seat. You can fix racial disparities and improve fairness if you have the will to do it. Please consider all of your fairness metrics, the millions of people who pass proposal two in 2018 are counting on you. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Anthony Skannell. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning.

Yeah, I'm well I'm looking at districts 1 and 2 that I care about mostly. And I'm happy with all the configurations of those under consideration. And I liked what Corey Morris from Taylor was saying I agree 28 and 19 I wish for my friends and family in Taylors, wood haven and Brownstown that could be reconfigured, but I don't know if it's under consideration. You know, I don't know if the Court and the Plaintiffs want more compact really or what they are getting at more compact and kind of COI oriented districts. That lends itself to the geography of Detroit you were talking about. Or like your Hickory map it was so far extended into Oakland and Macomb counties they just wanted that if the Court wants that to a slightly lesser extent. I don't know. It seems at times COIs and creating opportunity districts could be at odds or intention. I don't know. I'm not an expert. But the more I hear about Promote the Vote's map and look at it I don't think it's too bad actually. I think you should forward it to public comment for the cause. So many people want it. And yeah, I will leave it there thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Robert Dindoffer. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Hi folks, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes we can.

>> Okay, hey, so listen I love the work you are doing. I know it's really tough. I know that I have spoken up on behalf of my communities of interest in the Grosse Pointes narrowly and more broadly the Lake St. Clair-lakeshore communities. During the last round of redistricting, based on the feedback you all have gotten from your counsel, I tried to think of what area fits with my home area that would make an opportunity District. And I proposed it. And it made sense that the Detroit river front plus the Grosse Pointes. And the Court struck it. They said, no. You know, I didn't agree with everything the Court said. I think I agreed with some of it. But it was the best based on the feedback you all had received. And at least it somewhat made sense from a COI standpoint because it's all waterfront and at least there is some shared issues. Despite any differences. Right now I continue to advocate for a lakeshore waterfront District for my community. But also as you look where can we create opportunity districts? The answer is obvious. I think you all know it's obvious. I proposed an answer and if the folks who live in places like.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Paula Bowman, please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission. My name is Paula Bowman I'm copresident of League of Women Voters of Michigan a 105-year-old, nonpartisan organization. The league is proud to be a member of the Promote the Vote coalition which advocates for fair and equitable voting maps in Michigan. The coalition as you have heard includes organizations such as Detroit disability power, access, APIA vote, Detroit action and the NAACP among others. All of whom are advocating for fair and equitable maps on behalf of their members. Many of their members live in the Metro Detroit area. And will be effected by how the Commission draws, redraws the maps for House Districts 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 14. Many of those residents have addressed the Commission about the maps and have submitted comments concerning their communities of interest. They have spoken as individuals and as members of organizations that are part of the Promote the Vote coalition. The league urges you to listen to them. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Susan Smith. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Susan if you are unable to unmute yourself you are free to provide public comment to the Commission. We might move on to the next participant and come back to Susan.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay next in line is John current. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: John, if you are unable to unmute yourself you are free to address the Commission.

>> Sorry about that. I just wanted to say thank you to the Commission for all of your efforts in this matter. I think that primarily what we need to see from the Commission is its original mandate which is to maintain partisan fairness and make sure that when we provide representation to minority communities that we are doing so to maximize those votes and not packing them into jurisdictions that actually end up diluting their voting power. So I realize that there is a lot of cynicism going around with the Commission and some of the decisions that is being made and it's not an easy task. So I want to say I appreciate what you guys are doing. And that as long as we maintain partisan fairness, we are empowering the citizens of Michigan and I hope that that's the goal that this Commission has and that's what you all are keeping in mind. So thank you all.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Camilla-Landrum, please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That participant is not present. I would recommend we return to Susan Smith.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, next in line is Susan Smith. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Susan might be experiencing technical difficulties. She just left the meeting. So we may move on to the second round of public comment. And return to her if she rejoins.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, next in line is Chris Gilmer hill. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning again, can I be heard?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes we can.

>> In my hopefully brief second comment I would like to address the question that came up yesterday how to know when you are going too far in terms of using race as a predominant characteristic. This is a thorny legal issue, and you have lawyers that have been advising you along the way on this specific question. I would like to urge that the Commission should be willing to absolutely consideration, consider communities of interest when necessary. You should still have sort of a line beyond which you would recognize something becoming unreasonable. I think it's absolutely worthwhile to try to create a large number of options that match or do as well as possible in terms of VRA compliance. But at some point if you're looking at a District and the only justification that you can imagine for the choices we are making or the configuration you end up with, if you only explanation you can imagine is race and is trying to hit very specific threshold in terms of Black population or Black primary participation, et cetera, that should be a signal to you that that configuration that you're looking at is not reasonably configured. If you're getting to that point regularly when trying to add in a new District of a certain threshold, that's probably justification that you've already hit what is required

by law. You have already made all the reasonable districts that you can. And that you should focus instead on protecting COI and making the best maps possible. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Sarah Howard. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning and thank you again. I'm Sarah Howard the attorney for the fair maps project. Both Federal and state law require the Commission to consider a number of criteria in drawing maps. The Michigan Constitution instructs the Commission on the order of importance for considering such criteria as I know you are well aware. As the Commission knows compliance with the U.S. Constitution and Federal law in the VRA is the most important criteria. Partisan fairness is another highly ranked criterion that the Commission must meet. This ranks above considerations of compactness and City and Township boundaries. Despite the place of criteria partisan fairness often seems to be an afterthought as the Commission considers maps. It appears to be given less weight than compactness and respect for municipal boundaries. The factors may affect how pretty a map looks. The law says it should be a lower criteria than others. The party that wins the most votes should control the most seats in a map that is fair. The Commission is focused on drawing maps comply with Federal law and Court's order as it should be. However the Commission must also remember what is required by Michigan's Constitution and consider partisan fairness ahead of those other factors. Thank you again for your dedication to this process.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Liz Gary. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Good morning again Commissioners. I'm Liz Gary another lawyer working for the fair maps project and Sarah Howard's colleague. The Commission must give significant weight to partisan fairness as it chooses a map. And ensure the map complies with the Voting Rights Act. These two considerations are not in conflict. On the contrary maps with fair representation to Black voters also tend to score higher on metrics for partisan fairness. The Commission must ensure that any map it chooses complies with the VRA. Although we disagree with some of the advice you are receiving from counsel we agree the Commission should adopt a plan with 11 opportunity districts to ensure VRA compliance. The Promote the Vote Peony and Peony 2 maps include 11 opportunity districts. That is districts for Black voters have a fair opportunity to elect a candidate of choice. These plans also score well in metrics that measure partisan fairness, another important consideration for the Commission. These plans should not be rejected simply because you did not draft them. Analysis of the plans shows they were not drafted with race as a predominant factor. On the contrary analysis of maps demonstrates race criteria were used. Thank you so much for your consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Anthony Scannell. Please allow our staff a moment to unmute you.

>> Thank you. The more, yeah, I think in looking at the Taylor area, Taylor wood haven Brownstown 28 and 29, I don't know. I think they could use an adjustment even though they were struck down and justify partisan fairness to balance that out. And I think that could be justifiable. But on a totally different note, it's hard to keep track of the maps with duplicate names Daisy 1 and 2 and Water Lily 1, you know. So it would help me, and I don't know if it's a good idea, but if you changed or had a version two, you changed it to a different flower name but that starts with the same letter so at least you kind of know that it came from that map. So if it was Daisy 2 you could change it to Daffodil or Dandelion. If it was Bergamot, you could change it to Begonia. Do you know what I mean? Lilly you can change it to lavender or Lilac, and it would help instead of a 1 and 2 version.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Should we try one more time for Susan Smith?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I do not see them on. So I think that concludes public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, that concludes public comment. Please feel free to e-mail public comments to the Commission at redistricting@Michigan.gov. We appreciate whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts, thank you very much.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you. Next on the agenda is business 5A, deliberations. Without objection, I will ask legal counsel Nate Fink from Fink Bressack to provide initial comments on this before the Commission continues to do its work. Hearing no objection please proceed, Mr. Fink.

>> Nate Fink: Thank you. I apologize I had a little bit of a connection issue and so I heard you call me. But I didn't hear your preface to it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So we are ready to move to agenda item 5A, deliberations, continue working on the maps. And so we are going to hear from you before that.

>> Nate Fink: Thank you I appreciate that. Yes, I will be brief because I'd like to give the Commission as much time as it possibly can have today to work on finalizing the different maps that it's going to put forward to the public.

I think that it's -- you know, I understand that this has been, you know, an intense process over the past couple of weeks. And the Commission has done a wonderful job of diligently working through this, listening to public comment and trying to put the absolute best maps, best options forward that it possibly can. And you have been considering the ranked criteria and the Constitution. I want -- I could -- I think it's very important that the Commission takes time today to continue its work on the VRA compliance efforts that you've been working through over the past couple of days. You received a lot of information from the VRA consultants. This was all part of the method that was laid out from the beginning of this remedial mapping process. You're now in the stage where you can hopefully address some of the VRA concerns and the different

maps and put forward different options to the public. Again, you already voted to send forward the six maps that were all drawn, you know, race blind in your public meetings. And now you put in the effort to start working on trying to address the VRA compliance issues.

So I would strongly encourage the Commission to continue its work on that. And put in that effort, you are almost to the finish line on this. And do what you can to work on these maps. And try to address the VRA issues to the greatest extent possible while of course factoring in all the other considerations. Keeping in mind VRA is one of the top ranked criteria. And so it's very important that the Commission considers that in presenting options to the public. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you. I believe we have some Commissioners join after we started the public comment. Sarah Reinhardt?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, I believe Juanita Curry, Commissioner Curry, could you let us know where you are attending remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes I'm attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan, and I'm-present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you very much, also I'm looking at Commissioner Kellom. Can you let us know where you are attending remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good morning attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Wonderful thank you so much. Was there anyone else that joined?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: No ma'am, that was it, thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. So we are back to where we left off yesterday. We had worked on a couple of the maps. And we can continue working on those. We can go to the next one. Mr. Brace, you have your hand up?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, Madam Chairman, thank you. I thought I would start off before you get into a specific map and just give a couple of overviews. We've sent to everyone a number of documents, filled up your e-mail folder probably. But I wanted to go over a couple of them before you get into deliberations with my colleague, Kent Stigall. First of all, let me share my screen with you. And I believe you should be seeing the tables that were generated by Dr. Palmer.

>> CHAIR ORTON: E Y yes, we can see those.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, a couple considerations on these for you to think about. First off, there are two tabs at the bottom. And the Wayne County tab presents the districts that are just in Wayne County. But also any District that crosses over but only, only I repeat, the Wayne County portion of that District. So be careful when you look at the Wayne County tab that you don't get caught with some piece of the District that's not over on the other side.

To resolve that you can go to the Wayne plus Oakland plus Macomb tab that does present you more districts, because obviously those two additional counties have additional districts this them. But you're getting the entire District then in the Macomb plus Oakland plus Wayne tab. So I would recommend that you go to that tab.

The other consideration is that when you look at these tabs and you first bring them up, you will see that column A is a blank column. And what I have been doing is deleting column A by simply going over to home, delete, identify column A, and delete the sheet columns. What that does is it moves over this first column to column A. And then when you go and look at the view in your screen with freeze panels, you can freeze that first column. When you do that, when you go and start looking across the spreadsheet, you will notice that column A still stays there. That way you can see easily what District you're looking at all the way over to the far right-hand side in your considerations.

So do that at the beginning when you open up those spreadsheets when you are doing that consideration.

Secondly, what we have done is we have provided to you, yep, a question?

>> CHAIR ORTON: No, sorry I coughed.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay sorry about that. We provided to you these spreadsheets for I believe it was six different plans that were worked on yesterday and drawn. So the 131 designation is partly your clue that you have the most recent one. And this is, of course, Spirit of Detroit B plan. That lets us look at what you did on that particular plan.

We have also submitted to you the maps that reflect the additional designations and changes that you did yesterday. So when you look at the maps that are in your folders, you can see Spirit of Detroit B plan. And that reflects the new configuration that you drew yesterday as it relates to column B. Sorry, to Detroit B. I would also point out that we did make a modification to the legend so that it's a little bit clearer on the legend what is making up the colors or the labeling. So we are trying to make sure that you understand the data that goes into the colorization as well as the numbers that go along the side.

So you can end up seeing with any number of these districts that you have dealt with yesterday the new information as you start looking and you start working with Kent, for example, for this morning on what additional changes you might want to make.

That's kind of my overview. All of the maps are there. The new ones from yesterday. This is Detroit C. And you have Water Lily. B as in boy. And Water Lily C as in Charlie. I believe you will have individual maps coming up, later. And we so some of those or at least the one by Commissioner Szetela that is there in your packet also.

All of these materials are up on the website. So the public can look at these. When you go to the website and my Districting and when you look at the listing of the plans, there is a column of attachments. And these documents are in that attachment directory for that particular plan. Those are contained in a file. Usually a PDF file that

has multiple pages in it. Both some maps as well as the tables so that the public can see these also.

I see Commissioner Eid has a question or whatever. And I'm happy to accept that because I'm basically done with my explanation for you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thanks, are we going to hear from Dr. Palmer? Or wondering if not I'm wondering if you could go over how those changes in Spirit of Detroit, see if that changed anything, the last thing we were doing yesterday.

>> KIM BRACE: Dr. Palmer will be available. He has a class partly this morning. And I think his class has already started. But he is -- will be available when his class gets over. He was monitoring the communications and your webinar. But he is in class right now.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Braden I see you came off mic. Did you want to say something?

>> Mr. Braden: I will say something very briefly while waiting for Dr. Palmer to explain it in detail I think makes sense. But I do think we can go to the columns, and you can just take a quick look at the last columns. And get a notion.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think we were looking at Spirit of Detroit C, Kim.

>> KIM BRACE: All right, let me go to that spreadsheet.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Is that right, Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We saw yesterday that B worked in the yellow column. I'm sorry it worked in the blue column but not in the yellow column. So we were trying to see if we could make those both perform.

>> KIM BRACE: All right. So if we go over to the Spirit of Detroit C as in Charlie, and bring up that spreadsheet, let me move it from one monitor to the one you can see. This is C and going over to the overall counties' tab and going over to column AH and you see that indeed, the yeses are -- we've got a count of 14 but one no. So there's 13 on that side. And if you go and do a count here, that's 14 also. But you do have one no on that side so that is 13 districts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you go to the Wayne tab and just highlight districts 10 and 12? That is what we were working on.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. Let me go over and make that modification like I mentioned to you earlier in order to see that on a constant basis. So A and go over to freeze frames and the first column. Let me expand the screen so you get a little bit more up here. And so now if you look over here, that's District 26. That is a no and a no.

>> CHAIR ORTON: He asked for 10 and 12 I believe.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

And 10 is a yes and a yes on that side. And 12 is a yes and a yes. So in essence there were more African/Americans in turnout and in the share of the electorate so that they

have an effective voice in both these considerations for District 12 is strong in the spirit C as in Charlie.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I believe we have not yet seen the outcome of the changes we made on Water Lily C yesterday.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can we see that.

>> KIM BRACE: Water Lily, C.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Can I ask one more question on the Spirit of Detroit map before we switch?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If you go to the column that shows the voting age population by percentage and I think Braden was really worried about the districts that were packed particularly District 4.

>> KIM BRACE: Right. So you see in District 4 it's 87% African/American in pop and 88% in voting age population.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: What about 5? 5 is pretty similar, right?

>> KIM BRACE: Yep 81% for pop. And basically 81% for voting age, a little bit less.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I don't have a suggestion to fix it. I would like to put a question out, is there anyone else on the Commission that has any ideas here, if that is something we wanted to attempt to address? So that we could not be accused of packing that District. Basically they I mean it abuts Dearborn so unless we cut into that community of interest, I mean, other than that, I don't know what else we could possibly do with 4 besides turning it into some non-compact, long, skinny District that goes way north that disrupts a whole lot of things or to chew off some of Dearborn which we tried very, very hard not to do as well. Does anybody else have any other thoughts on that? I would like to hear them.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean I think you are right. Those are the options. Right? I think we talked about it a little bit yesterday. Unless we want to recreate the Hickory districts 5 or 6 or go into Dearborn. There is not really a way to do it. But what we did show at least is that we got one more opportunity District from the changes we made yesterday.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Wondering what our attorneys would say is it more important to address that packing issue or is it acceptable to given that we have enough districts in this map to leave 4 packed and maintain that the very strong community of interest that's now Dearborn?

>> Mark Braden: I will get my little crystal ball here and try to give you an answer. Certainly in 85% Black District will raise questions in the minds of the people if you look at what they write and what they say of people looking at this, this will raise a question as to whether it's packed, or not. But there is geography and there are other

countervailing issues. My understanding is that one of the obvious places to potentially change this would be go down to 3 by just visually looking at it. But I understand we have a competing racial issue. Am I correct, Anthony? That we are talking about a District that was created with the notion that we were protecting Middle Eastern community there. So I think that's a strongly competitive argument that would help us defend that District. But, certainly, it's an avenue of attack on the plan as a violation of Voting Rights Act. But geography may dictate a District like that if you view the importance of creating a Middle Eastern based District as -- and I think that is probably equally important in considering compliance with the Voting Rights Act. That said, I would argue that the real question here is the broader question of equal opportunity to elect. So if you are creating 11 districts as an example, I think that is where we are right now, where there is the democrat Black democrat voters control the democratic primary, then I would argue that looks to me to be an equal opportunity. Let me not to make people's heads explode but let me also say, bring up another factor, which is when we examined the primary elections, we had -- there obviously are a significant number of democratic primary elections, about half, which are not polarized. So if you have districts where there is a significantly high Black number but not a majority, there is, I think, a reasonable argument to be made that the Black community has an equal opportunity to elect its candidates of choice. It's easiest to defend it when you can point to this nice, clear line, clearly they must have an equal opportunity to control the District if they are a majority of the turnout. When you get to the next step down from there then you are talking about cross over white voting. There is, you know, there are places where there is very little of it. There are places in this area where there is significant white cross over voting. So if you agree to one of these plans that we would look at that issue, if you got Districts that are close to that number, we can make a sound argument that they are performing districts. It's not as easy to make as having plans that have nice, clear linear numbers. We have a totally sound argument. So I'm comfortable and would be more than happy to defend this plan as in compliance with the Voting Rights Act as you made the changes. We will be -- you will be criticized and an argument against it because of the 84. I don't know for sure how that will come down, but you have arguments why to do it that way that I think are sound policy arguments.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> Mark Braden: Did that help? I know that was totally unmurky, but that is sort of where we are.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think so. The only other question I would ask, maybe Szetela or Eid knows this area a little bit better is it possible to extend 4 into Dearborn Heights and possibly unpack that District a little bit? I don't know.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean, it is possible. Like anything is possible, right? We can draw these in any number of ways. I think you know when we originally created

these districts, we created, you know, we tried to create them in a way to create three districts that could be supported on the Middle Eastern community out there. Now, that included having Melvindale in District 3 and then having 15 how it is and remained unchanged in this map. And then having another District that kind of combined 4 and the top part of Dearborn, which is kind of what you are suggesting, Ms. Callaghan. What we've done though is we removed Melvindale from 3 and in my opinion we have gone from potentially three districts that could support this community of interest to two. Which, okay, right? Like that's what we got to do that is what we got to do. But I think if you go into Dearborn Heights, if you go into Dearborn Heights what is likely to happen is then you go from two to one. And that is my opinion on it.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I wouldn't necessarily agree with Anthony on that. I think that there are bordering neighborhoods along the border of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights specifically Warren Dale and the Warren community that continue to have a high Middle Eastern community. Such that I don't think it would necessarily dip 15 down to an area where there is no longer an opportunity to elect for Arabs. Keep in mind that, you know, both Dearborn and Dearborn Heights are approximately 60% Arab American so they have pretty high population so you do have some room for flux and we have received comments from people in those communities specifically asking that Warren Dale, which is part of Detroit and then the Warren community neighborhood next to it be included in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. I mean there is some room to play there. It's just whether you think it's worth it to do it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, from a mapping standpoint, as a mapper, I think the other consideration that indeed Detroit is one that does have a high concentration of minorities. And so you're going to end up having at least one or two districts that are in the interior part of the City that may not have some white interior communities like Hamtramck or something like that, but you're going to see that indeed, you're going to see some concentrations at least, at least once. Because you can't draw everything way out. So by its nature in terms of drawing, you're going to end up having at least one District that is high. I think the question is making sure you don't have too many that are high.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just wanted to mention when you are at, and I see the conundrum looking at it. 85%, 75%. But 10% of a District is 9,000 people. So if you wanted to bring that 85%, say, down to 75%, you would literally have to move, you know, a high unless you have, you know, adjoining areas, just for example, there is a race A and adjoining precinct is race B, 100%, you know. If you are shuffling people around on a boundary you may not get significant changes in the southern part of 4.

You would have to move a lot of people to get that number down to say 60%. That District would change significantly.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. There is still some hands up but I think they are still up. Anthony, did you put yours up again?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, no, I would not mind, you know, a small change like moving Warren Dale into either 3 or 15. But that could make sense. But as we just heard, it's a pretty small change. I mean, that's cool with me.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That's what we are doing today, if people want to do that. Before we get started on mapping I would like to talk about the outcome of what we did yesterday with Water Lily C. So looks like we have the one District that is close. That has that purple box on it. But can we see the spreadsheet for that?

>> KIM BRACE: Sorry about that my mute. Which District were you looking at in terms of the Water Lily?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I want to see what the numbers came out to be and that was District 14 that is very close, so I want to see what it looks like over on column Z I think.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, bring us a little closer here. So indeed what you end up seeing in District 14, you have a plurality in 2018, but not a plurality in 2022. You see 47 to 41. Which is why that got a no in this column. It did get a yes when you look at the percent of the electorate by race in the primary. So that there is enough democrats potential in the primaries, according to this analysis. 34 to 29. And therefore you get a yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Braden, do you want to say anything about that?

>> Mark Braden: This is the exact I was sort of talking about earlier. I look at that and I think I'm comfortable, of course I'd like to have some think a little bit more about some statistical analysis that we can do it, but there is obviously some limitations as to what's available to us. But I would look at that and think it's highly likely that the Black community given white cross over voting, the candidate of choice of the Black community is likely to win the democratic primary most of the time. I think that would be the logical conclusion from those numbers. Because there is white cross over voting. This is relatively close number and clearly there is sufficient number of Blacks available that would control the general election. So I think this is an equal opportunity District for the Black voters. Even though it would be easier to explain if both of them were yes, but I think the reality here is the Black community is -- the voters are likely, very likely to control the democratic primary.

>> KIM BRACE: I guess my only concern, Mark, would be if you look at a trend of 2018 to 2022, people would have more experience in what was the contest in 2022 that had, you know, it flipped to the whites, that would be a valid issue to at least discuss.

>> Mark Braden: Absolutely. And let's be candid. When you have the differential turnout that makes the argument a little cloudier, and certainly in this case and, you know, we have, you know, this is a dynamic situation, as I've say before. This isn't

chemistry. So we are talking about political science. And none of this is any guaranty that whether the candidate of choice of the Black community gets -- wins, or not. You look at these numbers and you think it's likely that, you know, but is it as likely as in a District where there is a majority of the actual turnout? And the answer to there is not quite as likely, yeah. But I would guess, you know, reasonably likely, but these are, you know, using words like reasonably likely, I'm sure that everybody is listening to me going that doesn't help us too much. And I think at some point you have to sort of think about this in the reality of this political process where in the end you're looking at sort of a dynamic situation where you will have different situations. How many -- I don't know or have any notion to how many Black candidates will run in 14. Clearly if you had two or three Black candidates running, then it would, you know, and there is polarized voting then it's likely the white candidate of choice would win. If you had one on one and you have significant white cross over voting, which there is some degree of white cross over voting almost everywhere in our efforts to look at that number, roughly half of the Detroit Metropolitan area, you can't really find in the primary polarized voting. So if you, again, for whatever it's worth if you ask me would I reached in my pocket and put my money on the table? I would think it's more likely than not that the candidate of choice of the Black community would win this District most of the time in the primary. Is that a guaranty? Absolutely not. The numbers are not that strong. I mean, I can look at the District that is 84% Black. And I can tell you that 99 out of a hundred, the Black candidate of choice is going to win. It would take an incredible set of circumstances that that number and you just go down and the lower you go, the more speculative becomes the notion of who controls the primary. I think probably the Black community controls this primary. If it's a one-on-one race.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. So to the Commissioners, we worked on this quite a while yesterday. We obviously created one and a half or one and three quarters more opportunity districts. Is it worth working a little more on this one? Or do we want to set that one aside and move to one of our other maps? Or what would people like to do?

>> KIM BRACE: If I could, let me raise one idea for you. I'm certain that if you were to take 14 and just come down a little bit more here and take off some of the top and put that over into 11, for example, you would probably boost the 14 up so that in both elections you would have a Black majority.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, I understand that. I wonder if that is what the Commission wants to do. Because 11 is getting kind of looking like our districts were in Hickory, you know.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Which is, you know, what has to be done if we want to reach those numbers. What is the will of the Commission? Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I was wondering if Kim Brace or Kent can show the whole total of 14. I can't see what is beyond 8 and 14. I'm only seeing a portion of 14. I can't see how it looks beyond that.

>> KIM BRACE: Right. We would have to switch over to Kent's screen. Kent has the entire area. These are just kind of fixed looks at data. And I understand that's the case. But when we flip back to Kent, we could do that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, let's do that.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, I'm removing my share and it's now over to Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm loading it up and a hit share before somebody.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And, Kent, your hand is still up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just have an urge to be seen. All right, this is Water Lily C. And I got way too much stuff on the screen here. This is Detroit back there. So Water Lily C. Everybody can see it and then 14 is this is Hazel Park. Let me get this table up here where you can see it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, because I can't really see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm getting there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm sorry, I will wait.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here we go. Can you see those numbers now?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Vaguely.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I will make it bigger.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you make your Autobound fill the whole screen?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Magic, done. Okay, 14, I want to keep Zooming in here a little bit. Well, go back out. Let's get some of this out of the way. I'm going to turn on the neighborhoods. That seems to be a good way of.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The neighborhoods are clear up there but if we go down we will need that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It will just give you a reference to the location.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I mean there are neighborhoods up there, but we don't have lines.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 14 goes -- let me change the color of 14 because 14, 6 and 7, they all run together. So let's get 14 and look at it. Is that better? So 14 runs, this is Madison Heights where my cursor is at the moment. This pushes up, this is unchanged from the original 14 up around Warren in 58. And then the southern part of 14 is Noland, Butler, Pershing, Farwell, Sherwood. And the horizontal line is 8 Mile. That is the community of Centerline.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So just going by for numbers for considering this, I would think we would do 14 down just a couple more of those precincts down. And then 11 would need to give to 14 or 14 would need to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It does have the margin.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The opposite up above.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11 and 14 are both high so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Juanita, do you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm having a terrible time seeing numbers. I can see 14 but I can't hardly see any of the numbers.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The pink-ish one is 11.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They change colors on you which I find extraordinarily aggravating as you load and unload the plan. So now the red area to the east of 14 is 11. Connor creek down to airport sub, grant, Krainz Woods. This makes 7 more visible as well. I mean if we are going to study it, it makes life easier if we can see it well. Commissioner Curry, can you see that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can see the numbers now, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So, you know, if you could push 14 a little down into Detroit, put more neighborhoods of Detroit in there. And they would have to give up some when you do that. So if you took a little of 8, 8 really can't give up much. But 7 can give a little bit. So 14 goes into 8 or 11, then you could, you know, trade some population and maybe I don't know what is up here at north Madison Heights. But actually 5, 5 is under. 6 is over too. So you could take a little out of 14 up this way, north.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Why don't you save this and make a copy to D in case we mess something up we can just go back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Agreed.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That will be good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Copy Water Lily C is that agreed?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is that called, what is that called?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Water Lily.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Water Lily and the young man was saying something about giving it another name that is pretty much like it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The pattern we have been following is, well, we have a bunch of versions going. We can change the version number and the letter number. I mean, I'm looking for direction here. So do you want to make it with this D version 3 or.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What were you going to say?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think for right now make it Water Lily D, so we know it was C and see how it turns out. We can change the name if we really like it and do something with it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because we have the date then a version then now we are getting letters after it. So that is three different versions. For right now I just stripped out the middle identifier and we are just calling it D.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, the date should be today's date though.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did put today's date in. I will double check 0201, yep.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just waiting for it to load up. Okay, we zoomed back in. And get the neighborhoods just so you have reference in this Detroit area. I almost said Chicago.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So, Juanita or anyone, do you have an opinion of these neighborhoods down, I can't really read them Krainz Woods. I can read.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't read them out all.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Which should go up to 14 or are there some that cannot?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't read the neighborhoods.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It's really hard. Right under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Krainz Woods and Conic gardens is in 11.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Wondering if Conic gardens and Krainz Woods would be okay to go up.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's try that and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Look at the numbers. Let me go back to blocks because that is what we need to do. I don't think this is a lot. 900 people.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The next one besides Krainz Woods?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How many do we need, Kent?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, it's going to be a balancing act. 14 is already a thousand over. Whatever you move in there you have to take out somewhere else. You're taking them out of 11, which has 1800 so it can stand a certain number.

>> CHAIR ORTON: If you would put those into 11 or into 14 and then let's go up and look at the top of 11.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is centerline. And of course in there I guess maybe I'm just going to select them and I'm not suggesting this is the best choice. It's just kind of jumps out. And that is 6400. So you take 6400 and that would make.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Try that. We can all undo, but do it and see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is already in 11. I guess we need to put more in 11. I had it going backwards.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right, you did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's do and select for lack.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you Zoom out just a little bit?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay where is it now? That little highlighted area is currently in 14. And it is only a thousand people. Now, you got this is a dense neighborhood in here.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, that is the part I'm wondering about. And Juanita or anyone unless you think differently the part you have highlighted up there, go ahead and assign.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 9 Mile Road running horizontally here. I think I did that. Yep, I did it. That's 9 Mile Road where my cursor is.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think I'm delayed. I'm not seeing your cursor at the same place you are pointing. But can you choose just that little, how do I describe it?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a precinct line running vertically here.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The top precinct on your cursor that I'm seeing now, just the top corner precinct, see how many people that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will do it by blocks to make sure I get them. Looks like the precinct splits blocks, but that is 2283. And that would put it pretty close, put that in 11?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Try putting that in 11 then let's see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So at this point you have and you're looking at 11 is .87% high.

And 14 is 2.48% high. So you can move some more -- well, technically they are in bounds because it's 2.4 high.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you Zoom out so we can look at the area? I see that one area right at the top, yeah, is a little weird but that is something you can fix later on your own.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Straighten it up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, it's the median of 11 Mile Road. This is the whole Interstate and the highway interchange area as well. You know, you got the choice of putting more of these people in 11 and shifting people back like the northern part and putting them back into 14 but I don't know that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Zoom out a little so we can see the whole area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sent here line is about the middle. 14 runs up to Madison Heights. And south to Krainz Woods.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, well, I don't know if that was enough to affect the opportunity, but we can send it off and see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it was close before, my guess is, unless these neighborhoods are very different, it should tilt it, you know, more towards the minority electorate.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any other Commissioner have any comments?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think we should ship it. I think it looks good.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, all right, then we will ship that one off and see what the analysis shows. And I guess then we switch over to Mr. Morgan and let you do that in the background, Kent?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: John, you ready? And I'm going to put my hand down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I'm ready if you want to pull up a different map just let me know which one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: John has got it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And I will note for the Secretary of State Commissioner Wagner is attending remotely.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you, Commissioner Wagner can you let us know where you are attending remotely from please.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan since 10:44.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so next on our list, I believe, was Bergamot 1. But maybe before we pull that up maybe we want to have a discussion about which map or is there a map that we want to continue to work on in this way? Do we feel like it's effective? Do we want to do it a different way? Or what are people feeling? Don't all speak at once.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think this is the right track. We are making progress, it's pretty slow but we are making progress. And if we go to Bergamot next it's basically a two-for because Bergamot one and two are close together with the difference of Harper Woods configuration so maybe that would be a good place to go next.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm fine with us chugging along. I did want to go back after getting a little bit of rest and make some tweaks to Spirit of Detroit that might address VRA. But we shall see.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

Should we do Bergamot first then? And then go back to that?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I'm fine either way, myself.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If Kellom wants to do Spirit of Detroit first, then we can complete that one, then go to Bergamot.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't have a preference.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Somebody has to have a preference.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I truly don't. It's so many maps. So I am just like, yeah, I don't have a preference.

- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Weiss has a preference.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I will make a decision Brittini will you please do your map. Like I said I like your map. Make a few changes maybe we can make it better, thank you.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, Commissioner Weiss.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: So do you want Mr. Morgan to pull up Spirit of Detroit the original one?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, the original one.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.
- >> MR. MORGAN: So you're saying don't look at B or C is that correct?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, I'm going to name this map something different because I just think it will be easier.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me find that map. Okay, Commissioner Kellom, do you know what you want to rename this map as?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Motown sound.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Okay so while that is loading I'm just putting on the effectiveness map here.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: This is the original Spirit of Detroit?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.
- >> MR. MORGAN: That is correct. So when the map finishes loading we should see something like this. Okay, so just to confirm generally it looks like it's the same.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes can you change the color of 11 just because.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Sure. Now we are close to 14. Hang on a second. Let's try that again. Okay that is good enough for the moment.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would like to make changes to St. Chair shores and Roseville area. I'm going to be making changes just for right now kind of talking generally about the map. I would like to make changes to the Grosse Pointe so St. Clair shores, Roseville and a piece of Warren will be together. Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods, Cornerstone, east English, morning side and Grosse Pointe Farms would be in a District together. And then we would have this western, it's not really west, it's the east side but the western part of the three configuration that I'm changing which is Yorkshire Woods, Maple ridge, recent park. Denby and East Point. So just to talk generally about what I'm thinking. Okay, I lost my screen. There we are. Okay.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Which neighborhood are you trying to flip to an opportunity? I mean which District?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you Zoom in and take the -- this is such an odd view of the screen. So District 10 will change. District 12 will change. Likely maybe a little piece of 11. Maybe some into 7 and 9 but I don't think too much into 9. I can't tell. Yeah. Does that answer your question? Okay, so we can go north, John, please. And

I'm going to draw at The Street level. We are looking for west 14 Mile Road. So go north a little bit more. I think it cuts off at 13 so yeah that is 14. Sorry everyone is getting a zoomed in view of my face. I had to get so close to the computer screen to see it. Okay, so the top part of 14 is going to be the northern border of this District. So don't go -- stay where you just were. And it's going to include the shoreline. So on the southwest border we have Hoover, so you can start assigning I don't really care how or however you think is best for what I'm trying to do.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are you creating a new District or from 13 to 62?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yes, we can do it that way for right now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so is this -- I can't see which road this is here. This is 14 mile, east 14 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: That is Hayes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is Hayes, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Let me see something.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Hoover. Is this potentially the northern border of District 13 is what you're looking at?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Maybe it will be better to create a different District. I want the northern border to be west 14. The southwest side of this District to be Hoover and the southeast side of it to be Hayes.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is 14 mile here. Mover is on Hoover is on the left and Hayes is on the right, so it looks like this is the border you want.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yes, thank you for that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: So you can, that is already selected.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is all right in a District. This is in 13.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Okay then it goes down 13 mile, correct? Yes. And then southbound 94. You are going to have to go east. Yep, southbound 94. And then east, down 12 Mile Road. I'm on the right side of District 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you are over here?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: And I should have did this another way.

>> MR. MORGAN: So do you want something out of 13? Because all that is in.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Let me see. Let me look at it for a minute then I will be able to tell you. Can you close the matrix, please? Okay, so I'm going to put that little end in St. Clair shores into 13. Sorry, John. Unassign that shore part and put that into 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: Can I go directly from 10 into 13?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and Commissioner Eid might have had his hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And the southern border is going to be you will have to look for the street. Lake Crist Street. My apologies I don't know what I was thinking. I was looking at the map the wrong way.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is one voting precinct so I will assign that one at a time. Okay so that goes to 13?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and what is your southern boundary? Here is 11 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The Cross Street. I think you might have gone too fast. Where is it? Not Lakeland.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is it south of 11 mile?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you go east? Give me a second. So I can be more effective. I took notes but I -- it's going to be north of Frazho. There is Frazho and there is Meyer Street. I should have let you all do Bergamot for a little while. I did not realize I jacked my notes up. Can you scroll up? Please?

>> MR. MORGAN: One second.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is 11 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was compiling this using public comment. Several commenters and then I made the oops the way I did was not effective for what I need to do now. I need a second. Because I want to be more efficient. Commissioner Eid, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would suggest starting at the bottom in between 10 and 12. Based on what you said when you started, it sounds like you are trying to do something similar to what I did at the end of the day yesterday. But perhaps better. But I think it will be easier if you start.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: At Grosse Pointe?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, like you talked about putting the neighborhoods of like Cornerstone village, East English Village, morning side into 10. And I think if you started there and worked your way up to 13 you would have an easier time.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't want to rush you Commissioner Kellom. This is totally fine. But if you want us to go on, we can. It's totally up to you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let me see where we are on this map. Okay, Harper Woods. Okay, so you can put Cornerstone, East English Village, morning side.

>> MR. MORGAN: Into 10?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Into 10, yes. Excuse me. Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are part of the way there, not all of the way.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's okay.

Sorry Commissioner Orton, I did not mean to not respond. I just realized.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I'm glad you are having thoughts. That is good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I want to try to -- I'm not good at multitasking and trying to reroute my brain so I can actually do this. I'm a little tired.

>> MR. MORGAN: And sorry, we crashed, okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I want to point out to Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Weiss' background.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Oohh.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just trying to make the day a little more interesting that is all.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is a cool one though.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm glad you like it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good to find that real quick, Richard. That is great.

>> KIM BRACE: John and I both visited Motown last week before we left town. I bought one of those little stickers.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I did not hear you Juanita, what did you ask?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Where did you find that? You must have went to Motown.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I just typed it on the Microsoft edge pictures and there are a whole bunch of them.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That looks good.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, something different.

>> MR. MORGAN: To Kim's point, I also have this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: My goodness.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say do you have an album?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You need a 45.

>> MR. MORGAN: I bought the sound book for my daughter. She is an actor.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is great, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right so the good news is that we have a plan back. The bad news is none of the changes took. So that is okay.

I think you were resetting to focus down here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: I know what we need to do here so I will start clicking them in.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did not go to bed until 4:00 a.m. so I'm not Cooking with high grease right now. I apologize. Thank you Commissioners for your patience.

>> CHAIR ORTON: John just so you know you are not sharing in case you thought you were.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so maybe.

>> KIM BRACE: Now you are good. We can see it.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's just really zoomed in at least on my end it's really zoomed in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I need to look close at the boundaries here. All right I'm assigning these back to 12 for the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So there is a small question coming up, here about District 7. So we get most of these in first.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So right now this little piece is showing as being in 12. So you could put that in 7 or 10.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Probably 10. Can you Zoom out a little? Maybe it's on my screen I zoomed it in too much. Okay.

You can put it into 10 for right now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you Zoom out we will be included a portion of Morang Marang, which is also in 12. But it's going to be up into -- up until casino avenue. Yep. That piece. There it is.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is Casino Street.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry Casino Street.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want the portion north to go in 10?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The precinct that extends, I guess, a little south to Morang Drive. It just follows that line. So where that Black line is, where the Black line is, Morang Drive, the neighborhood boundary.

>> MR. MORGAN: So maybe like this?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Like a Black L shape. Yep. That's it. That's it, John, that's it.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That's it, John. And then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Where does this go? Into 10?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Into 10, all the way to the line into 10. Continue assigning that little chunk into 10.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Then up Kelly road. Can you scroll up?

>> MR. MORGAN: Give me a second. So the Kelly Road divide, I just want to Zoom in and see what we have got here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are on Kelly road. This is one of the mapping questions. So the median will have 0 population here. So maybe this would go into 12 because it follows the neighborhood boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or you can say it doesn't matter and stays where it is, so put that into 12.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put that into 12.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think also road medians and things like that is things that you could do off line. Because.

>> MR. MORGAN: True as long as I get the instruction.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We give you authority to do 0 population, things that you see. Unless anyone disagrees with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I see something that I think is more significant, I will say, and I guess I will use this as an opportunity to say that I did find -- I did find some unassigned population in Spirit of Detroit C. I was not tasked to review that but when I uploaded it this morning I did see that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And you will take care of that? Or.

>> MR. MORGAN: I did. I can show you what it appeared to be, if you like.

>> CHAIR ORTON: After this, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, when we have a point to switch up. Okay.

So that was 53 people. So somewhere along there, there was a little population but otherwise this is what you wanted?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go north to 8 Mile, please. Thank you for doing that. And then 8 Mile is going to be, Zoom all the way out, 8 Mile is going to be the northern border of this District. But it's going to include this little, what do I want to call it like a thumb where the Etsyl, Eleanor House is. So Zoom back in please, John. That piece, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right here?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, to the shoreline, that little peninsula, dugout by milk river to the right side, to the right side, yep. So that piece is going to be included down to 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: So here is what I think we are looking at. Okay and what District, okay so that stays in 10 but everything away from it goes somewhere else.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes 12 or somewhere else is better.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I think is that the piece that you're referring to?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the Township. So I believe this is Grosse Pointe shores in Macomb county. So I believe that's what this represents.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that would remain in ten, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then the other stuff is going to 12 or 13?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Zoom out. I think it's 12 but I want to be sure. That is the green District, yeah, it's going to go to 12. All of that is going to go into 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of this to 12 or is this too much?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You did it just fine. I will go back and clean it up later. I know the northern border is Lake Crest Street, Louise Street. That's what is at the northern piece of 12. And Frahzo should be there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Ten mile and south of 10-Mile is in 12 or what?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, so where is 10-Mile?

>> MR. MORGAN: Here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Steven Street, yes, all of that is into 12, correct. That is east 10-Mile. There we are. There is Sunnydale. Okay.

And then that block where Frahzo Street is, that is going to be going do 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Like that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: And to the Lake or not to the Lake?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: To the Lake.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: This is starting to resemble a District from Promote the Vote map a little bit more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I definitely did not use that. But I think, I mean, it's fair to say they are going to be commonalities across maps. I think and, again, maybe I should cleanup my humor. It's nothing against Promote the Vote. I think they likely have a wealth of experience. But I'm trying to collaboratively draw a map that is a mix of what different COIs have asked for. So I pull from the portal.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so what I'm going to do is I'm going to take this water area to 12. And there also will be it looks like a little portion of marina area. That is on land. Like here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, Commissioner Callaghan like I was saying this comes from P9964, P9986. P9970. P9946. P9943. P9941 and if I was going to give a Nick to what I'm drawing, I know that these east Detroit communities have expressed not wanting to be with the points. However, it still keeps them together and possibly positively creates choice districts. So that's what I'm thinking here. And does less splitting with the St. Clair shores District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so we still don't quite have the northern border of 12. I mean that could be it. So here is Louise Street.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh then it comes down south and goes across to Lake crest, right? Just south of that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is Lake crest, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is basically what you were expecting?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so the population of 12 is good. And then 13 and 10 are out of balance so I presume that this portion, which is in 10 would go to 13?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So now this is the St. Clair shores and Roseville District that I was about to do horribly earlier. So thank you, Commissioner Eid for suggesting that I start bottom up. It was much easier.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You're welcome.

>> MR. MORGAN: As soon as that is done I'm going to save this and then we can look a little closer. So there is that. And because we made so many changes I want to run the error check. No dis-contiguities. No unassigned areas. Okay so this covers what you needed to cover? 13, 12 and 10?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes. So I would also like to say that I would like to try and make changes. We've heard that this morning to the Taylor District. I don't know how the Commission feels about that. But I would like to put it into this map. And then have the public weigh in on it. If it's something that we have very strong feelings about, I would love to hear a discussion about it. I think maybe the changes to those three districts and the Taylor District could do some very interesting things. Yes, well I can't. Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, I see Commissioner Eid's hand, but Commissioner Curry came off mic first so I'm thinking she wants to say something.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I just want to see it because I'm pretty close to it. I would like to see what you are going to do to it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put it back together again. Humpty-Dumpty, but not Humpty-Dumpty but the opposite of that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What did you do to Taylor before? Did you do anything to it?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John is going to get over there. They asked to remain whole, so I wanted to look at the Taylor area because I think they were split.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We had not previously since the lawsuit we had not previously touched these districts as far as I know.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm sorry, John, go east on the map, go left. I just realized you were trying to scroll into, right there, District 29.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We do have a couple hands so Nate Fink?

>> Nate Fink: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman and I just wanted to make the comment which I made over the past couple of weeks. I want to make sure that we are only making changes to districts that were not struck down to the extent reasonably necessary to make modifications to the struck down districts. And also now that you received the VRA feedback earlier this week, I think the focus -- keep in mind the ranked criteria, now you have the information on the VRA issue, VRA is a high ranked criteria. And so to the extent you're addressing those issues and the very limited time that you have right now, I think would be most beneficial. And so just wanted to mention those concepts to keep in mind. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I like the changes that Commissioner Kellom made. I think they are pretty similar to what we were trying to do last night. Hi, Gizmo, buddy. Gizmo says hi everyone. But so we had like Spirit of Detroit B yesterday. That got us like halfway there. And it turned one of the primary pool columns to yes, but the other one was no. Then we had C that turned them both yes. So I like these changes. I'd like to see if it fixes that issue, or not and then I would like to see partisan fairness on it as well.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So you're suggesting send this one off for VRA review?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean, yeah, I don't know if we were looking at demographic data yesterday and that like helped us determine if we should send it to VRA review. You can send that as is now. I mean the only changes were 10, 12 and 13. So I don't think that would be hard to run or you could look at the demographic data now. Or we can look at the partisan fairness data now and just you know see what happened. But I do like the changes. We just got to see if it works.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Brittini, what direction would you like to go? You want to look at things? Do you want to go back down to Taylorsville or Taylor?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, I mean I expressed I wanted to maybe make some tweaks to Taylor. I know Commissioner Eid voiced his opinion. I agree with that. Also respect and understand what our counsel, Mr. Fink said. I agree with what. I also think that Taylor has some population in there, some community of interest, some of the focus that were addressing African/American population were addressing in this VRA Section of things as well as we've received a lot of public comment that is talking about how Taylor was split. And I think it could create maybe some positive things for partisan fairness. So when I look at all of that to me it's a little worth it but that is just my opinion on that. I'm not the spokesperson for Taylor. I'm only one Commissioner. I'm just giving you my reasoning for why I think it could still be argued that that is a narrow tweak if it takes some of the other boxes, yes Mr. Fink.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink?

>> Nathan Fink: I'm trying to tell you to go faster as possible and maybe a hybrid and send off this version and then make some additional tweaks in the Taylor area like you were suggested and send that one off too. My understanding is that the VRA folks are you know standing by and ready to turn around their results very quickly. So that might be an approach to take, thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay good-bye Motown sound you can go get analyzed that is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: So let me I guess.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Run all the.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, if I may, are we intending to take a lunch break at Noon?

>> CHAIR ORTON: No, 1:00, so then let me, if I may show you what I found about the Spirit of Detroit C.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Oh, yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think it's that significant except when we are looking at districts that are so close to the numbers that you're trying to achieve or look at, the primary statistics, it could make a difference. So I will save this in a moment, I can offload it. Okay, so what I found is, when I brought forward the Spirit of Detroit C, so the area I will be looking at, this is Spirit of Detroit C, the static map that was produced with the effectiveness information. So this is what I found in the shape file is there was one unassigned area here. And that was about 900 people. And so I ran the air check and so this showed up as unassigned and so I just created another plan that had that as signed. And then going back to Spirit of Detroit C map, it looks like it's assigned in this map. So this could be not a significant development at all. But in just to be clear I went ahead and created another version that assigned it clearly.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. And I don't know can we get rid of the one that has the unassigned, so it doesn't complicate things? We don't want to have to look at them both again because obviously I don't want that.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will consult with the EDS team to see how to resolve that. I think that it's probably resolved already. But I will look at it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. And then so you're sending that off so do we need Kent to come on?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah we have that option and see what Kent has to say, he has his hand up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: You are muted. You are still muted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I said for the third time is the plan we were looking at had everything assigned. There was nothing unassigned, so I don't know when or where that showed up. Did it come off of -- did you download it off the website?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I was going to say we can probably resolve that when we talk at the lunch break.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, what I'm saying is that, you know, that plan originally doesn't have anything unassigned, so we ought to be fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, well I imported it from the website, and it was unassigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that was the glitch going up then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay we will resolve that so do you want Kent to take over on another plan like for example Bergamot?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, I'm thinking Commissioner Kellom wants to take what we just did, the map that we just did and look at the Taylor area. Is that...

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry but you want me to send that off?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: He has to send me a copy of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: The other alternative would be just to.

>> KIM BRACE: John, if you just make a copy of it and it's there for safety's sake and then you could continue on, it's already there on your screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that's fine.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Kellom, what would you want to designate this Taylor change?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry say again please.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Hustle hard, HUSTLE-HARD.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You are a Ross fan Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I like all types of music, but I feel I want to do area specific things and thinking of grit. I was thinking of like Detroit Moxy. Or like all the neighboring areas. But, you know, that is funny. Okay we are going to District 29.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just as a reference let me do this. So I'm just going to click on Taylor by itself just once. So that's the entire boundary of Taylor so it's split between 29 and 28.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay so.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to clear that and whichever way.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So that little top part of 29 is going to stay but it's going to continue. So it's going to continue south to include that piece that is into 28. That is going to be into 29.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this portion here, the balance of Taylor goes into 29?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is 13,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay and then that little next piece going south, the little jig saw.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just testing all the districts here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That's fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I want to and wondering, John, you can tell me the best way to do it. We keep going south. Taking me too fast. Taking me too fast. 29, should we make it a different color? Because it's going to be different before we go too far. So scroll up. That piece of 29, maybe make it into 28. Or just wait?

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to assign this into 28?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I just want it to be a different color but it's okay. We can keep going with 29, unassign that other piece later. So scroll back into that area or Zoom in to the area. Why do I keep saying scroll? We will go just south of VanHorn road. So scroll down and we need -- for me I need it at the street level. This very well could be a clean precinct. South, scroll down.

>> MR. MORGAN: 28 needs more population at this point and 29 is over.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, Zoom out. 29 is going to extend south. That's why I was contemplating like they are going to switch places essentially. That's what I was trying to figure out. Maybe I should have made -- maybe I should assign the top part into 28 and then did it a different way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want all of Taylor in 28?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Taylor is going to be its own District so it does not matter what the number is going to be, and it will be nestled either it will be nestled in 28 or 29, however it happens. Does that make sense? Am I making any sense? Okay assign that part that is highlighted in 29 to 28.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is nothing highlighted in 29.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not highlighted that is assigned. That assigned area in 29, assign that to 28.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay which area? In Monroe County or something else?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Right above Carrollton. So there is wood haven right in front of us and then there is Carrollton to the left. My view of your map is different. I can tell because...just assign that area that I was just talking about right there, assign that into 29.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of this?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes okay the area to the left of what you just assigned, assign that into 28. That square, uh-huh. Okay, let's go back to where we were in 29. Excuse me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want these townships in this area into 28? Because right now it's not contiguous.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is fine. I was just working my way down first from Taylor down then I was going to assign that just to make sure that I had it correct. But, yes, that is fine. You can assign it to 28. We can use a different color for 28 when you get a chance.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want the rest of this 29 into 28?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: 28 is under by 10,000 and 29 is over by almost 12000, sorry 11,000 and 12000 so you need to add into 28.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay so if you could Zoom in, that would be great. Zoom into more. I'm looking at The Street level. Okay wait, wait, don't move so VanHorn. You see VanHorn Road? That needs to go into 28. No, that is not true. That is not true. Scroll down. Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here is VanHorn.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, can you move the active matrix over a little bit, please? Okay Zoom in. That little piece. Where can King road?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's up here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: There it is, okay.

So that little cut out north, not that one that looks like a nose but the one that looks kind of like a puzzle piece, north just north of King road.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is this what you want?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, the other side of it. What is into 27.

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

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Wait, let me be sure, yes, I'm sorry John, you were correct, you were correct. That piece that you selected. Yes. My apologies.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want that to go into 28?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> MR. MORGAN: Then they will probably balance.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That should be right. I'm so sorry because I have this screen, the Zoom screen zoomed in and I'm trying to look at a map of the area and.

>> CHAIR ORTON: When you get a chance changing the color on one of those.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't see anything else I wanted to try. That is it I think for right now.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So do you want to send this off for review?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Mr. Fink has his hand up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink.

>> Nate Fink: I would just recommend that either at this point or perhaps after the VRA analysis is provided, but if it's the Commission's intent to send this on for public comment there be a discussion about the 7 ranked criteria as relates to this map. I'm not saying you necessarily have to do that right now. Obviously much of the map is very similar to the other version that we looked at. But in particular some of the changes that were just made. But, again, I know we are up against lunch and not saying it necessarily has to be done now but it definitely has to or should be done before the Commission sends it on. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Uh-huh, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Could you run the partisan fairness report rather quickly? I'm just curious to see what those changes did.

>> KIM BRACE: I was going to suggest the same thing since John has about...

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so the top line numbers on the lopsided margin is 5.9 towards republican. On the mean median it's 2.9 towards republican. On the efficiency gap it's 4.0 towards republican. And on the seats vote it's .08 towards the democrat, so it's 59 seats for the democrats and 51 for republicans.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid, your hand is up? Something else?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I mean a little paradoxically these numbers are all four of them are worse than what we had before. I don't know now we don't know if that is because of the changes made to the Taylor area or the changes made to the St. Clair shores area. But so we need to run that one too. When it gets back from VRA. But all four of them deviate more so than what some of the other ones did.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so this is that one is being sent off.

>> MR. MORGAN: Shall I pause and export those?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes. And.

>> MR. MORGAN: I stopped my screen share.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Our scheduled lunchtime is at 1:00 so we still have 45 minutes. Do people feel like they can keep going? Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can take over for a little while John does that if somebody wants to work on a plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Do we just want to go on to the next one?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How many more do we have Cynthia?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We have three of them but two are Bergamot which just have one District different I believe. Maybe two districts different. So if we change one theoretically it would be just a quick change for the other one as well. I'm not seeing a lot of excitement here. What are you bringing up for us, Kent? You're muted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still muted no can't hear you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was waiting to hear from you guys there is Bergamot if somebody wants to start. That is a copy of Bergamot so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, let's pull up Bergamot, Donna, if you are speaking you are muted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make sure I'm getting the right one.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This has nothing to do with what is happening now but just to think about when we have different versions of maps to maybe change the name. I don't know if that complicates all other processes or creates some sort of tag for the purpose of public comment.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I'm thinking after we get done changing whatever it is we want to change today, we will need to move on to the discussion of, you know, which maps we actually want to move on to public comment. And maybe at that point we could -- we would need to go through the 7 ranked criteria and get that on the record. But also that might be the point where we could change names if we want. Which is my thought.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, that's fair.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So here is the and it's opening up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So if I remember correctly, this one we started out trying not to change more than the three districts that are inner mixed beyond the 7 that we had to change but then we did end up going a little further out and changed 5 and 6 and maybe some others. Anyone remember that differently?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Which map is this?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Bergamot 1.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That's correct. We started with like a Tulip configuration that only changed 4, 9 and 13 but then I think we saw we wanted to make more changes, so we created this one. This one was pretty collaborative if I remember correctly.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think so.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And what happened with this one is it got turned into Water Lily and then into Spirit of Detroit eventually.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so this one also has nine opportunity districts according to our VRA analysis.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One of the things that has been brought up by Mr. Braden multiple times is you know 3, 4, 5, well 4 and 5 having a high density, which is the nature of Detroit for the most part. If I remember correctly 5 also has a higher population. You know, and just something to consider. I think this has been done so it may not maybe be beating a dead horse to look at it again. Essentially moving some of 5 into 8. 8 into 9, 14. But that, you know, that has been well -- that has been done. And then shifting here but that you know is nothing that changed how 10 stands or 12 stands.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I'm just going to say my observation is the more we try to get each of these maps in compliance with VRA the more they start looking alike. Because we have to go where the population is. So what I want to avoid is sending out a bunch of maps to the public that are all alike because that defeats the purpose of asking for public comment on them. But I don't know if people have ideas of something they think they could change on this map to bring it into compliance.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well maybe you can make like one of the changes that you made to the other one and at least get it to ten. They said ten could be a comfortable number to defend with. That would be my idea.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The question is where do you want to approach it? I mean this has been done multiple times. Do the ten, 12.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So, Anthony, do you see anything that we could do over there where Kent was talking with 5, 4, 3 that -- is there a way to change that, that doesn't mess everything up we tried to do all this time? Or anyone else.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Isn't that the one Brittni worked on?

- >> CHAIR ORTON: No, this is different.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It looks the same almost.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Were you calling on me?
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Sorry Callaghan. I started saying it and it came out wrong.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So far we made a lot of changes around the lakeshore area trying to get additional districts to be in sync. We have yet to make any changes to District 4. I mean, we could try that and put it out there for public comment and maybe we get beat up for that you never know that that is not something the community wants at all. Even if it moves in the direction of being very compliant. We have not tried that yet. 4 down into Dearborn it could create a compliant District right there.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Muldoon?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: What if we were to switch, I don't know if there is enough population of Warren and grand into 4 and Warren Dale in three, the districts are still the same area, so you are not completely changing them. I don't know if there is enough people.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Why don't you try that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: What was that again?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Moving Warren avenue, garden view into 4.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Warren Dale in 3 so they are still in the same District areas but not completely moving the people into a totally different District or you know a totally different area of the District.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we put Warren Dale in three it will isolate far west Detroit. So wherever Warren Dale goes I guess far west Detroit, does that make sense?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do it partially or wholly or some derivative of that.
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Keeps the districts in the same area and kind of flips them and I don't know if there is enough population to change the numbers, but it may.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't know why I can't even read these letters.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: They are hard to read.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can they be Black instead of white? I can't even read them.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan and Eid your hands are up but I don't know if they are still up, but you are welcome.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: I was going to suggest, if you want to go down this route, you might want to put the Tulip overlay on top of this because the Tulip map did not change District 4, if my memory serves me correctly. So the District 4 in that map was

that District that I spoke about earlier that combined some of Detroit with some of Dearborn or it might be Daisy 2 and not Tulip.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Daisy 2.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think it's Daisy 2.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Daisy two where the two districts were left alone from the original.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get the shape file. Assuming I can find it. Water Lily, Daisy, Daisy 2. I guess we will just make it. Okay, so this is the 3, 4, demarcation line right here in Daisy. And I think that's about what you're talking about is Commissioner Eid is right. This area in here would go into three. This would go back up into 4. Let me cut off the neighborhoods so you just get a little too much going on sometimes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think we shouldn't try to make it exactly like that one because we already have one like that one.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I don't know what the population is. Can we take maybe a smaller bite?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can move a couple thousand people. You can't even move that many. You can move some.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I was just going to point out if you refer back to the effectiveness map for Daisy 2, it will show you the information about the primary turnout for the District 3 in Daisy 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we can do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Because I think the point is that I think you are close to where you want to go is all I will say.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is the Daisy 2 map. And I'm going to get it so we can kind of see this same sort of areas. Maybe. So here you look at the District 3 on the Daisy, okay, so this is the boundary over here, yep. To the Daisy 3 District which goes all the way up into here. That runs across that way. And it's 36%. But in this case 4 is 56% so you don't get the impression of high density, you know, minority District. As much as 85% is in District 4 we are looking at. And there is a little bit of difference in 2. Because 3 goes down into here. Melvindale is in 3. On this map. So if you left Melvindale alone and just worked between these two areas, it wouldn't be the same as in 2. But you probably could get the -- make it so District 4 is not 85 plus percent Black.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: But that doesn't get us a new District does it? It unpacks it a little bit but not enough to make a new District, an opportunity District; is that correct?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's speculation and may be able to close, it depends how much you want to edit 3 and 4. I mean.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: 3 only needs a couple percent to switch, right?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Daisy 2. Over here, yeah, 3, no, 3 is significantly -- let me bring up this window. So if you scroll across here, well, we only need to bring it all up, but you can see 3 is 78% non-Hispanic white. We basically 3 and 4 are polar opposites. As they are. You can try making 3 and 4, don't mess with any other districts or maybe 1 to the extent on the ends as far as neighborhoods are concerned and make three and four noticeably different.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Muldoon, do you want to try some of that?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I cut Daisy 2 off. I think we have an idea what that does because Melvindale goes in 3 in Daisy 2. But essentially making them more, well, tell me what you want to do. I will cut the neighborhood layer on.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I guess let's look at moving 3 and 4 like we were talking to so it's not such a high percentage.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So it's going to be more vertical instead of horizontal split.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See this line right here, and I know there is lag but it's to the right of Warren avenue neighborhood and to the left of Fiskhorn that is a vertical demarcation going all the way up if you wanted to reference that left and right, east and west.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Right so we would have to first start off with far west Detroit Warren Dale because otherwise it will end up blocked off moving it into three?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, yeah, it doesn't matter or start with garden view, Warren avenue and reminder Warren Dale into 4 and then you know take 3 up this way. The number.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Half one dozen the other.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can always switch the numbering as it gets not like how you want. So how about.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: You have been trying to bring the numbers down so it's not an issue of a packed District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay there again you want to take far west to Warren Dale into 3 and then bring this down into -- bring 4 down.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Or the way you are talking if it's easier garden view, Warren avenue into 4 then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just start right here and all that in three and I got to get the sliver and start with that, that is 33,000 people so that is a chunk, of significant population. But it's whole neighborhoods. So and I'm going to get.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does anyone know this area enough to know if the direction we are going is good or if we should be doing the opposite direction?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know the area.

>> CHAIR ORTON: What do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Melvindale should stay with Dearborn and.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If we are trying to move Black population out of District 4, then what you just did accomplished that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Where is District 4 at?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Southern part of District 4 is Aviation sub, Fiskhorn the northern part runs up to happy homes, Davidson, northwest.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Detroit needs to be left alone it's been tore up and messed up so many times and I don't know where I am on this map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point three needs to give up population in which case it would come down into the Dearborn region. Shall we just highlight this and see how many people are in the area?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just start to get an understanding. I'm just picking out, I'm going to go down here to main road more than anything, not really that area is 49,000. Let's make it a little bit smaller. So that area is 33,000. Well we need to unassign that. But that's getting into the general range of what not even that much really. So but something like.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Even if we run up the road that runs onion what road that is, where that little pie shape stated in 3, does that reduce the population down closer?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that population is 24,000. And getting in the range of where you need to be that is 21 and that is right at it there. I know this irregular shape but that is just to give you some perspective, that highlighted area with, you know, whatever works to straighten up the streets is about the population that would need to be put into 4.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: If we assign that and cleanup the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a start, a reference for what you are looking at. So we did, you know, split Dearborn. But you actually unsplit and made whole more Detroit neighborhoods. Because Warren on Warren Dale are no longer split.

>> CHAIR ORTON: You go in and clean that up a little bit?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Some of this and it looks probably like an industrial park. And maybe -- let's just see what this one census block looks like. That has no people in it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: But assign it to 4.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can put that into 4 and make it look better. Not sure. That has 178 people. You know maybe the thing, you know, just move that area. It's 1200 people.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Make it close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move it into three and that would be, I'm just going to do that to start getting an idea what you want to do. Exactly how you do it as far as switching them around, it's up to you guys but the numbers are there now. District 3 is .33% under. 4 is 1.62 over. You put all of Warren, garden, Warren Dale and far west Detroit

into 3 and you put the northeast quadrant of Dearborn in District 4. So it shifted but it's still the same general region.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, unless Commissioner Muldoon, unless you want to do more maybe we can send it off, go ahead.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, that is what I was thinking to unpack the area. I don't know if it's going to change enough to change 3 or to green but at least not be such a packed District.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right. So let's just send that off then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so let me do my due diligence and make sure it's all in one piece and we will start on that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: This was Bergamot 1.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay what do we want to name this? Because right now it's just a copy of Bergamot 1 with Dearborn edits. So do you want to make it like a Bergamot 3? Or Bergamot -- we have gone down different roads with V2 and V3. And we got plan number Bergamot 1, Bergamot 2. And we have AB and C versions. So we have gone hit it in three different directions how these are being identified.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so for this one call it Bergamot 1 with Dearborn. And we will remember what we did when we bring it back up to see what the analysis said and talk about it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Something like that? Can you see it?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Looks right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will spell it right so Bergamot 1 under score Dearborn with today's date.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will move that on and package it up. Next and John is back, maybe John will be ready to take over while I put Dearborn together.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so y'all had it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So I think Mr. Brace has some effectiveness maps back from some things we sent off so Mr. Brace can you present that?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, Madam Chairman. I do have the Water Lily D. D as in dog plan. And let me bring up the Water Lily D graphic. Okay, let me share my screen. Okay, can you see?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: We do have the results back for Water Lily D as in David. And in looking at that, that was the one where the question was making the change to District 14. And if you look at the map indeed District 14, well let me go over and show you what -- 14 is now yes and yes. So therefore 14 in the map is indeed now a green effectiveness District. So the change by going south as I suspected was successful in making now both of the districts being producing in terms of turnout.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so we successfully brought that one up to 11.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, Mr. Braden do you want to say anything?

>> Mark Braden: Happy days are here again. As I said everybody is probably hungry and wants to do something else. It will be easier for me to convince the people we need to convince that we complied with the Voting Rights Act with 11 districts where it appears that in the democratic primary the Black electorate turns out as the what the majority.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yep Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Happy days indeed. Do you have the other one done yet?

>> KIM BRACE: I'm sorry which ones?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I can't remember the name.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any of the other maps we sent?

>> KIM BRACE: Not yet. I just got the ones that John sent to me, and I forwarded them on to professor palmer. Max. And so he is running, and he has been doing pretty good and getting them back pretty quickly. And Ryan has been good at getting the map generated real quickly. But we don't have them back yet.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Maybe everything we sent off this morning after lunch maybe we can look at those.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so it is a quarter till our lunch break. Do we want to start on another map? Is there a different discussion?

>> KIM BRACE: I see Commissioner Muldoon has his hand up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think it's still up.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I develop forgot to put it down.

>> KIM BRACE: All right.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Did we run a partisan fairness on this changed map?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't believe so. Maybe we could do that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, I think actually it's Water Lily C or D. Let me take a look. I do not have a partisan fairness in the file. So we will generate that and get that for you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you just do that right now quickly on screen?

>> KIM BRACE: I don't have the plan. Who had Water Lily D as in dog? Was that Kent or John?

>> CHAIR ORTON: John, I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe John had it.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Kent did the revisions to Water Lily D, but I just loaded it. So I think I can bring it up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have it right here if you want me to open it. As a matter of fact, I ran them all. They are all in a folder. They are in the folder if you unzipped it.

- >> KIM BRACE: All right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You don't have to run it again. You can just open it up.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: That is after all the changes were made?
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, before I created it 11111110. Want me to get -- let me grab it. Water Lily D I will bring it up here.
- >> KIM BRACE: I have it too.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go ahead and bring it up. I'm doing other stuff. All right.
- >> KIM BRACE: This is Water Lily D as in dog. For the lopsided margins it's 5.6%. For republicans. For mean median it's 2.9% for republican. The efficiency gap is 3.1% for republican. And the seats vote is 60-50.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: That is the same essentially is that right?
- >> KIM BRACE: Yes, I think so, yeah. I don't think we had Water Lily C as being 61-49 or something like that.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: No.
- >> KIM BRACE: Yep.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: All right, what do you want to do? I don't know if we want to make the same quick change on Bergamot 2 that we just made or wait until we see what the analysis shows and see what we want to do with that. So I don't know if there is something we want to do in the next nine minutes.
- >> In your dreams someone said.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Why don't we come back at 1:00.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink can take up the next nine minutes.
- >> Nate Fink: Any lawyer can fill nine minutes so people on the screen can hear. I was -- I'm just throwing this out there. There are a couple other agenda items, they are not up yet and I don't know if you wanted to consider taking up anything out of order but I did not speak with Director Woods before throwing that out there so I don't know if anything is ready to be addressed, but obviously we are on a tight timeline here and we want to get this done today. We got to get this done today. So to the extent that we can knock off anything in the next few minutes, fine, if not we can move through the other items quickly anyway.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner or Director Woods?
- >> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I think we can go ahead and break for lunch because that will give us a head start on the evaluation of the plans.
- >> Nate Fink: That is a good point.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: All right we are getting eight extra minutes. Everybody so take a little power nap and get some energy, whatever and we will be back. So we will take a lunch recess until 2:00.
- [Recess until 2:00]
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Reminder to Commissioners to turn off your microphone and camera during the break. Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I Juanita we are hearing some background noise from you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, how about now? Is it gone?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, much better, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:00 p.m. Will the secretary please call the roll?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Certainly Madam Chair. Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If your location has changed from this morning, please share the location change as I call your name. We will call alphabetically starting with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Madam Chair we have 12 Commissioners present. You have a quorum.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you very much.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so I believe that we should have some results back from our VRA analysis of the maps that we worked on.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes Madam Chairman we have a whole bunch of stuff. The fire hose was going heavy while you guys were having lunch I think.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Good.

>> KIM BRACE: So get over here and sort. Share my screen. Okay, can you see?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: All right, I'm going to I have file folders for each of these plans we have been working on this morning so the, the file dates of 2-1 so you can see all of these files that we have stuff back from. Dr. Palmer. As well as maps to go along with that analysis. So should we start with Water Lily D? Didn't we show that just before we broke?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, we did. So that one would be great.

>> KIM BRACE: Motown?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: That's not I don't want the zip files, I want the file folders, sorry about that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: For the Secretary of State I will note that Commissioner Kellom is here.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you, Chair.

>> KIM BRACE: All right, so I will start with the Motown sound 1. And I the VRA and you should be getting -- all right for Motown this is the political fairness results. Again democrats 60 seats, republican 50.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This, I don't mean to interrupt but at the top this says Water Lily so want to make sure we are looking at the right plan.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, let me open up on the other screen. Sorry about that. Good catch. Okay this is Motown. So lopsided margins is 5.5 in favor of republicans, mean differential is 2.4 in favor of republicans. Efficiency gap is 3.1 in favor of republicans. And seats votes are 60-50 but in favor of democrats. That is political fairness for the Motown. Let me pull up the here is the Motown on Dr. Palmer's study. Let me get rid of that column A so we can see that a little bit better. Hold on. Bounce this back. Here we go. So this is Motown sound plan. I don't remember all the districts got changed here. If you can lead me and I will point them out then.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, can we see first of all how many performing districts are there?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. We have 13 on the primary pool. And we have 12 on the primary turn out.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well, there is a no on the primary pool as well in the same -- there is one though.

>> KIM BRACE: One, yeah.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: There is two no. So District 10 does not perform as it relates to the turnout in either year, whites were higher turnout than African/Americans. And while democrats were a little bit bigger part of the pool, so it's got a yes there, but their turnout was not as good. And then you have got District 26, which is of course outside our territory. And that is a no on both of those in that regard. So those are the nos in that -- those categories.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: But this is the Wayne Oakland Macomb county numbers so again it's a different target from the 11 we were seeing when you just do Wayne County, right?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Wayne County we basically the ten and a half that we had in the first cut of Spirit of Detroit, right?

>> CHAIR ORTON: That's what I think, yes.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep. Yes, there is basically 11 on the Wayne County side.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay but I will point out it looks close. It looks like if you just rearrange some of the population between 10 and 12 you will get that to flip to a yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: In Motown are those the districts we worked on and maybe we just didn't do enough? I don't remember in Motown which districts we were.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah we will go into the Motown folder and bring this over from the other monitor. There is your configuration for Motown. 12 is producing but 10 is -- that is the one that has the box around it. So you're not getting all of both categories coming through. And that's why 10 does not even though it's a higher percent Black than white on the pool it still doesn't do it in terms of the turnout so that's why that is blue as opposed to green.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Would anyone won't to do a little more work on this one or leave it as is? What are you thinking. Commission Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean, I think we can if you look at 10 and 12 it seems to me that you can shift a little bit more Black population from 12 into 10 and that would fix the issue. Similar to what we did on Spirit of Detroit 3. But this configuration right now is better than Spirit of Detroit 3 so I think we should do that same type of thing we did

yesterday on that one to this. So and the partisan fairness numbers on this one were also good. So I think we should look at it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So do we want to work on that while we're looking at this, before we jump into the other analysis, on the other maps?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think so then get it changed and send it back off looking at the analysis of the other maps, I agree.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure, that makes sense.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So can John or Kent pull up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which one is this Motown sound?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes Motown sound. John is the mapper this afternoon. Kent was not available. So you have John all afternoon.

>> CHAIR ORTON: All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just got to get my naming convention clear. I'll share the screen in just a second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think in the fourth map of the day and putting a number two on this for Motown sound. Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So let's Zoom in to the border between 10 and 12, around 8 Mile. That little part on the top right of 10, how many people are in there? Because we are very close, folks. We should be able to just switch a couple precincts around and get this to work. 77 people.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is again basically it's a Township fragment, let's say. That happens to cross the county line. So that's why it's very small.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And 10 we have a little bit of wiggle room to take in a few people?

>> MR. MORGAN: 10 and 12 are both within 1%. Negative .67, 600 people down in 10 and over by 253 in 12.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can go a little higher to get this performing on the VRA with 10. So what we need to do, Bernie if you would like to help me on this I would appreciate it. We just need to move some population around. So where can we go along this border to add in a little bit of 12 into 10? Do you think that one precinct the 1285 would do it?

>> MR. MORGAN:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I was trying to unmute myself. Yeah, that could work.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Or maybe like one neighborhood perhaps on the, you know, the southern corner of like the Harper Woods area? Like I see one 942 and I don't know what neighborhood that is, but we need to shift a little bit of population in here to get this working.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think the bottom populations would work better than taking it above 8 Mile.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, it depends where, you know, where is the population, in East Point and there is certainly I think around 8 Mile there is also Black population. So.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: East Point, yeah, it just gets more concentrated once you cross 8 Mile.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah. Okay why don't we put that neighborhood back into 10. The one that is split right now.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: This portion here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's probably about 1200.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh. Okay we have a little bit more room. How do you feel of taking a part of Yorkshire Woods?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Into 10?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah. Or the whole thing.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: We could still take that little sliver above 8 Mile.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Into 12.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Into 12, it's not much but a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are going to do that.

In fact, why don't you do that now?

>> MR. MORGAN: You want this Township into 12?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Because it balances the population a little better.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, gives us a few more people for wiggle room.

Commissioner Kellom, Hayes or Yorkshire Woods or Denby or a little bit of Regent Park or, you know, that area? Perhaps one precinct above 8 Mile? You know.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think any of those options honestly could work. I don't know that I have a preference. Out of those.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Geographically part of Yorkshire Woods makes sense to me because it has a little bit more, you know, associated with Cornerstone village.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want to move population into 10?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How about the 942 block? Okay how about you pull up the demographics and see if that made a difference?

>> MR. MORGAN: What do you want to look at?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What we were looking at yesterday on Spirit of Detroit 3 to show that it worked?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't remember just being candid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think what Kent was focusing on is 49.93 and trying to get that over 50% on the minority population. 49.93 at the moment.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is total population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah. Oh, it's total population. Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't know if you want voting age the VRA analysis generally would use voting age population, my understanding.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What number is closest represented to Dr. Palmer's number? Because they are not exactly the same. They are a little different but what is the closest approximation?

>> KIM BRACE: Well Dr. Palmer on the left side of his spreadsheet has the 2020 census numbers. So that's what John has on his spreadsheet. So those are going to be the same base set of numbers.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the Spirit of Detroit C sheet. And you wanted District 10?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

So District 10 voting age, Black population is 42.7. There is no column here for total minority voters.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 42.7.

>> MR. MORGAN: 42.7 and here it's, just a moment. Hang on, so this is non-Hispanic Black and the map here is Black, so that is going to be a different number we have AP non-Hispanic Black but that is total population. So we don't quite apples to apples on this. We would have to look at a different tab. Let's see. 42.7 on VAP Black. And I don't know if that is the C inclusive measure or something else.

>> KIM BRACE: We would have to get Dr. Palmer on the line to see.

>> MR. MORGAN: To verify what that is exactly.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's try our best, this says 42.7. What is it for this District on the map?

>> MR. MORGAN: They are not the same number, but I could bring up the Spirit of Detroit map and it will give you the same number of in the non-Hispanic Black or we want a non-Hispanic Black voting age.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, I don't want to do that. Let's just take one more precinct in Yorkshire Woods and put it in 10, have him rerun it and see if it works or not.

>> MR. MORGAN: The smaller one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We don't have as much room and moved around I think three precincts. We will see if that fixes the issue.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want this little Section, yes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To be contiguous, so, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That took things away.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are we okay on population or is that too much?

>> MR. MORGAN: Too much.

- >> COMMISSIONER EID: By .05?
- >> MR. MORGAN: Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Put a little back into 12, just a couple blocks.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Or consider taking the whole neighborhood and taking something out up above?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Oh, that could be an idea. You are saying put all of Yorkshire Woods in 10 and something along 8 Mile in 12?
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We could give it a shot.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: It's more likely to help as far as VRA is concerned.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I see what you're saying. I see what you're saying. Let's try it. We can always hit the undo button.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.
- >> MR. MORGAN: Okay so into 12 from 10? Because 10 is overpopulated.
- >> KIM BRACE: Yeah, my suggestion, at least from an election administration side, is start on the left-hand side. And put those into 12, yeah, over there.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: I think it would make more sense though to put a precinct of Grosse Pointe into 12. Right? For the population?
- >> KIM BRACE: Okay, I was just trying to avoid having a, you know, a little precinct down on the side, below 8 Mile, getting thrown above when it's not connected to anybody else. From an election standpoint and a ballot style and all of that kind of thing.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: But that is not on our list.
- >> KIM BRACE: That is true. That is true. I have my election hat on. Sorry.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: What are we thinking? Any advice from anyone else?
- >> MR. MORGAN: If you look on the border you have a very small precinct here 960 then the next one down is 1610 so that is 2500 which is part of what you need. Here is a 3100, 2800, 3,000 and then there is 1900 and 2700 those are all on the border.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: At this point do we need to balance population or are we also trying to keep both or are these both districts good from an opportunity standpoint or what are the two problems we need to solve?
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Both of those problems.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Both of them still, okay.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: John, if you could Zoom out a little bit so we can kind of look at both districts, what they look like. But I'm thinking it's not ideal. Our situation here is not ideal. But we have lakeshore in both districts. So if we take lakeshore, that might solve our population problems that we are dealing with. And it still, you know, it's going to be with lakeshore either way. But again, not ideal.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: All we have done so far is just move Yorkshire Woods into 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: And the balance up here.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And the little bit of the lakeshore.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, that too. So well, let's see, if you followed Mr. Brace's suggestion right here you take these two into that or you could take this, and this is about 4,000. Commissioner Weiss has his hand up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If you want to make it look square and the numbers up take 1895 and 27779 and put them into 12 that would probably get our numbers where they want to be. Whether that is a good move now that I don't know. Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yep, VRA wise I'm not sure if that will undo what we did kind of. I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think from a VRA standpoint what would make the most sense is just to move the 2850 District into 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Like that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah. Okay so it's one neighborhood and one precinct, you know, it does make it so that one precinct in Grosse Pointe Woods is split off from the rest of it. But if that fixes, you know, the rest of the problems, you know, it still keeps Cornerstone and East English Village and morning side and the Grosse Pointes together, which is what Commissioner Kellom did earlier. Minus one precinct. So I think this could work. But what do the rest of y'all think?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think it's a good try. Send it off for VRA analysis. And see.

>> MR. MORGAN: So no more changes?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right. I don't see any more.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right now I have today's date version four because it's the fourth map we've worked on today and Motown sound 2. Does that work or do you want a different name?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think that works. Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's see if it works then we will talk about a name.

>> MR. MORGAN: So it will take me just a couple minutes to do that and send it off to the EDS team.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Brace, do you have the VRA information analysis on others?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, indeed. While he is doing that with Motown I can share with you the next ones all right so close down Motown. That's Motown. And then go over to you want to do hustle hard? That was the next one that she did, I think. All right, hustle hard and bring up the VRA. All right. All right. Let's hustle hard. Where was the change?

>> MR. MORGAN: The change, sorry, yeah, the change was down, off the grid in districts 29 and 28.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, all right, I don't see 28 here.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: It's not in Wayne or Oakland, it's in Monroe and not Wayne County.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay and Dr. Palmer doesn't have that county in his database.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think the changes that were made would have any impact on the voting rights analysis.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah. So the question is the political side of things or what?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We checked the political side of things, and this was the one that where the numbers further deviated than the other ones. But it also has the same issue between 10 and 12 as what we were just looking at.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: How many opportunity districts do we have here 10 or 11?

>> CHAIR ORTON: 10 and a half I think.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that is correct.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Get that and see what the partisan fairness looks like, that would tell us if the changes that were made do you know around the Taylor area did anything towards that end which was I think part of that goal.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That is what we looked at. That is what Anthony was just talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, it was because we just looked at the political fairness for Motown sound. Those were fine. The difference between Motown sound and this map are the Taylor changes. It was like the Taylor changes moved the partisan fairness further away from where we want to be.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So does anybody want to do anything on this map? Or not for now?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't like the changes it made. It had a different result than I expected but that is just me.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so then unless somebody else wants this map and wants to do something, I don't see any, then let's put this away and if you can pull your Autobound back up.

>> MR. MORGAN: One second. I just need to send this. Kim, do you want me to send this to Dr. Palmer directly?

>> KIM BRACE: CC me though and Ryan.

>> MR. MORGAN: Got it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So at this point, while John is working on getting the Autobound back up for us, time is ticking. We are on the home stretch but if there is anyone who wants to work on a particular map and I think they should pull that up first.

>> KIM BRACE: I also have the Bergamot 1s ones from Dr. Palmer too.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay since no one seems to be really excited to work on one maybe we should look at the Bergamot analysis really quick.

>> KIM BRACE: All right. Go back to share my screen.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think I want to make some tweaks, but I will do that after Bergamot. I need a little break. Here is the Bergamot Dearborn change. The other parts of these.

>> MR. MORGAN: You would be potentially comparing this to the Daisy 2 plan? In that area.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

So this is Bergamot and where we were doing changes on this one?

>> MR. MORGAN: The changes were between 3 and 4 if that looks correct.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes. That is where we were working I believe. And I only count nine but we didn't change anything.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: This is as far as the percentage.

>> KIM BRACE: 83 or 82 down to 73. If that was the goal then that did happen but that is in the primary.

>> KIM BRACE: Right, that is correct.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So that was one of the goals but it's still nine.

>> MR. MORGAN: If the goal was to increase 3 to be an effective District that did not happen.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thoughts about this map and work it to try to get it to opportunity districts or do we not want to?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: It's obvious this map is going to take some pretty significant changes to have it and stretch five up above 8 Mile and tear the lakeshore apart and very similar to the changes we made in other maps.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That is what I think and every time we change a map it becomes the other maps.

>> KIM BRACE: You are moving in that direction.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I don't see a point spending the next hour-and-a-half going through the next exercise but that is my opinion.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I agree unless anyone feels strongly to work on this map. Brittini do you have something?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What did you say about this map? I didn't have any, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you look at 14 it is close on this map.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, that is true so you can do a reconfiguration.

>> MR. MORGAN: The question is do something with three which will be different. I think the original idea was to make a change with doctor three and make that effective District, but I don't know if that is what you want to do but 14 is close and you have seen configurations of 5 and 7 that will be close as well.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The maps and Spirit of Detroit and Motown that we are focusing on ten and 12 is because those are already districts that we changed that is why we are

working over there but you have districts 25 and 26 here and looks like 26 with change pretty easily however we have not changed 25 and 26 so that could be an option. I would not necessarily be in some of that if we do it with 10 and 12 but it's an option.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I'm not really interested in this particular configuration but if someone else is and wants to work on it we can work on it. If we get one more District then it's up to 10. We might have others that it would be better to spend our time on but it's open to anyone.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It gets up to ten with more changes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: This one has nine right now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Because it did not succeed and if the goal was to make District 3 effective it did not happen. It lowered the Black voting strength of District Four, but it did not increase appreciably the Black voting strength of District three.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't see anyone so put it away and do we have any other I don't think we have other VRA analysis. Was there a Bergamot one? Did we have analysis not the Dearborn part but Bergamot one?

>> KIM BRACE: We had that from the other day and went over that before. I can bring it up, but I thought we did.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Take a quick look and make sure we are not missing something.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. That was done before. We did this kind of thing, so I need to find that one.

>> CHAIR ORTON: While you are looking for that, John, why don't you bring up whatever Brittini is thinking.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wanted the original Bergamot one. That is this, right? You want that?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: The original Bergamot one is very similar to the Bergamot Dearborn so the primary Black% went 84 to 73 and then what I was going to point out if you go back to the Daisy two this was a District three here and includes Melvindale that is close between the Black and white primary turn out.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We didn't have another change to Bergamot.

>> MR. MORGAN: Bergamot Dearborn this one here and no other change to Bergamot one.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Bergamot.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Well at this point I think we are ready for Brittini had an idea of something that she wanted to work on.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was thinking of using the original Spirit of Detroit map not changing the shores or Taylor but using western Wayne to pull in population where Black people have started to move. And then this also makes tweaks on and cleans up the map in some areas when Commissioner Eid and myself and

Commissioner Orton and whoever was chiming in the original Spirit of Detroit and felt it was a little bit of everybody. There was some areas and feel like we moved on for a time and maybe we can still do this later. I don't know but for the sake of the space we have now cleaning up neighborhoods which inherently are communities of interest for population and some other stuff so that is what I was wanting to do with Spirit of Detroit, I would really appreciate so we are not going in slow motion if people can and help me as much as they are helping me and everyone doesn't know every nook and cranny about Detroit.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Are you thinking this would be a Spirit of Detroit but changed or just a cleaned-up Spirit of Detroit and we keep it as Spirit of Detroit?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Cleaned up Spirit of Detroit and it changes District Four to make it more of a possibly present a choice District. That's what I'm thinking and makes changes to pull Spirit of Detroit map up on my computer to yeah, makes minor tweaks to the districts 4, 8 and some of the neighborhood districts. So to answer your question it cleans up the districts and then it could possibly create a District of choice.

>> MR. MORGAN: A new District?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Like an additional District so possibly like a 11th District but we would have to run the numbers. Am I not making sense?

>> MR. MORGAN: Talking about possibly drawing a District in west, 3, 15 or 22?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not necessarily 22. It does not change 22. 3, 4, because 4 changes 16 and 17 change, just the borders. So where 16, 4, 17 and 5 touch and then it expands four into sections of eight, if I'm just speaking generally.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want the Spirit of Detroit before changes B and C?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think this is the version five for today with today's date and keep the Spirit of Detroit name for the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm going to rename it, but you can Commissioners in case you want to chime in that would be great because we can go faster and deliberate. This comes from public comment ID010005.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I have the map online.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I guess we can start in four.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: District Four is the same Puritan chunk chimney on the western side of four.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So I pulled up that map you referenced so if you are wanting the top of four to look like that then it looks like.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's the same and the eastern side of four that changes but go ahead.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That one little neighborhood on the diagonal Grandmont, I think it's behind another word, yeah, that one is in 16 instead of 4, if we want to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I will just be making those additions, and it doesn't matter where we start. We just started on either opposite sides so it's fine. I don't care either way.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want Grandmont into 16?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes it keeps Rosedale together and Grandmont is a part of the community so instead of splitting it we will work on that piece.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that was relatively small amount of population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So Grandmont is in with 16. It goes north, up to McNichols from there and up. Across and down and 4 pulls in and keeps the same eastern border but instead of stopping at Myers it stops at, there is not I don't think there is a neighborhood right over there. It pulls in northwest community into four on the eastern side of District 4. So next to happy homes put north right under, pull northwest into 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And then that border is the same. And then harmony village and oh, sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think from what I see right there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go ahead.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Instead of going up at Fiskhorn it jogs down a little bit and goes straight over.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't think it takes in the whole neighborhood. To me it looks like it just goes to Warren road or whatever road that is.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It takes in Aviation sub, all the things that are there, but then it cuts and stops at greenfield road, so it takes in the top portion of the Warren avenue community and Warren Dale.

>> MR. MORGAN: Garden view would go into four?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: And this.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And then down one layer kind of.

>> MR. MORGAN: So all of that into four?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah. And then the layer kind of under it, just above the word Warren that whole Section is what it looks like to me.

>> MR. MORGAN: This as well?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is Warren avenue.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will put you over so you will have to take something out after you do that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: But not the stuff to the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah. And then that line that we just created at Warren road.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: That just goes straight over it looks like.

>> MR. MORGAN: This portion would go into three probably? This part of Warren Dale neighborhood into 3?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That bottom part of -- excuse me John, excuse me everybody else -- the bottom portion of District 4 just slightly goes south of a street called Tireman.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again, the first thing is to just put this into 3, right?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me do that first.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay, yep, that is right on that side. Commissioner Orton, were you going to keep going? I get the sense you were.

>> CHAIR ORTON: No, that is as far as I saw this. But.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Extends too far for the far west Detroit is going to be in 16.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to close this and reopen it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're going to take part of four into 16 after this?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that little shoe that's right next to Warren Dale, Warren Dale, excuse me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Stop the share for a moment. All right it just took a while to close. Okay, I think we are back up here. Okay so you want to take something out of 4?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Far west Detroit goes into 16 on the bottom left of 4 is Warren Avenue, Warren Dale, far west Detroit, that bottom piece, to the left.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep, in the 16.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Not Warren Dale, just west, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep, you are correct. The bottom part of, that part of Rouge and far west Detroit goes into 16.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does that make it work faster, John, when you spin it around really fast?

>> MR. MORGAN: It convinces me the program is not crashing. If I can move the mouse it's still working.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Four is overpopulated and 16 is overpopulated.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you go north? I want to see the Weatherby neighborhood. There is a little part. Yeah, that piece where we are south of Weatherby is going to into go 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That should be Burt road to the left. It is.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep. Burt is right there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: That should even out your population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> MR. MORGAN: Almost.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Did you say almost?

>> CHAIR ORTON: 16 is still high. 4 is good.

>> MR. MORGAN: 4 could be.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Wait a minute, Grandmont is in there, okay. Ashton road. Oh, it goes up too far is what it is. Okay, let's go north. So 16 should cap at the northern point in this little area West McNichols also known as 6 mile. And that can go into 17. Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is going into 17?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct, I'm pretty sure, let me make sure, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Evergreen, outer drive.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is a lot of population. But it's not as much as that. It also likes like bright more might be split and I don't know the that is intentional.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think we will end up fixing that. So I'm just going to go along.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 16 and 17 are out of balance.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The next drop-down point everything above -- everything above 5 mile should go into 17.

>> MR. MORGAN: There is McNichols here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 5 mile is going to be below.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are we saying you want to take river Dale out of 17?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are bringing 16 up to McNichols.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I didn't catch that, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will put river Dale and the rest of bright more into 16?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh. And south of 6 so south of 6, Riverdale and that bottom piece all goes into 16.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think that little green square to the left also goes into -- goes with that one. That is Redford.

>> MR. MORGAN: 17 is a little high on population.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Where are you saying, Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I lost it now, hang on.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: John goes real fast. I'm just messing with you Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: No problem.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We are glad you are here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sincerely.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think that matches.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say I think really 17, 16, 4 and 5 meet up very nicely on the western side. So I know everything over there is fine. It's stuff over here that needs to be fixed to the west. You can take the neighborhoods off for one minute just for my visual acuity sake. It does, okay, yep.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So which districts are out of balance now?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I was looking at.

>> MR. MORGAN: 17. So.

>> CHAIR ORTON: 17 is high.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will do a quick look for dis-contiguity.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Brittini, I think it matches the map in that submission. But it doesn't match our population, so I think we are just going to have to take out something from 17.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: 17 can take.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Weiss our population enforcer.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: He has appeared, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, I see on 17 there over to the left it says Hoover I guess. Is that a small precinct? That could go into 22. Depending on how big it is. That's my only thought. Thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Weiss. He always -- you always have a sign off.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well you know I don't want to take over.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Please, take over.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Please. You can never take over.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to look at that or something else because District 22 is not a District you normally have been looking.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is why I'm like umm. Like an electric fence.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So maybe we can put the neighborhoods on and see if we have any split. I know we have some splits so maybe we could look there to lose something.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah. I don't mind. In laziness I was going to move to cleaning up little nooks and crannies. So temporary laziness. I don't want anyone taking my words to heart. Because Commissioner Orton I know you are really good at seeing areas and cleaning them up, that little, the eastern part of 17 in terms of COIs looks really good like the changes that were made even five points where it is, old Redford is an important and cohesive community is the word I was looking for. Before I think we may have been, it puts the Holcomb back to an area, that makes a little bit more sense. But, yes, go ahead.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't know. So we need to take out of 17 so what about south of 6? I'm not familiar with that area. Could it go, oh, it already is 16. Okay, so.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can look at this portion into 16 potentially.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, any of those kind of along the bottom maybe. But.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I would not split Brightmoor, and I could be wrong and not enough information, but I don't think it would be harmful.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this would be 3,000, which would be a lot. But if you were to split it here like along this road.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, what if you took that kind of rectangle, just to see how much population it is?

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's try that again. That works for both of them.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Do you see anything wrong with that? I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> MR. MORGAN: It was right in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's okay.

That was me saying I think it's okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so the deviation, the lowest is 59, the highest is 21 so that means all of your changes are within the tolerance.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I saw the one little area that you were pointing out, John. Not there but up, let's see, by outer drive, yeah. Just isn't in the right place. And it's just a road so I think it could go in 17 or whatever that other District is.

>> MR. MORGAN: Oh, I think that is in 16 so it's technically not a dis-contiguity so this would go into 17?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was wondering why the program didn't pick it up. That is because technically it wasn't noncontiguous.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Could I see the District 8, the bottom of 8? Please?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think that looks right, doesn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I can't tell because of the matrix and the...I think that's correct. I think it's nine that I'm actually looking at. Let's see. Thank you. Oh, I see what it is. Well, that is not true I shouldn't say that. There is an area between one and seven and the Wildemere, Petoskey and Otsego and should be split on Dexter avenue, so that little purple, yep, all of that should go into 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just this Section here so far?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct, yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that works.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And then am I incorrect when I saw that 4 was low?

>> MR. MORGAN: 4 is very.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: For is what I did not hear you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Four is very low. It's not out of the population bounds but it could take more if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Cynthia, I need your eye spy or Commissioner Eid or whoever else.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It could take more.

>> MR. MORGAN: It doesn't have to.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It doesn't but I think I see -- I want to make sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Put Littlefield in it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Where do you see?

>> MR. MORGAN: Littlefield.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think that area is there. No. Let me see. Happy homes, northwest community, Davidson, Schoolcraft. It stops at Wyoming.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does it take in Davidson Schoolcraft?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, it doesn't. And, yeah. Nope.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think this matches what I see on that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

I need to Zoom out to see if -- uh-huh. 3, 2, can I see the bottom of 1 and 9? Where one and nine meet there are some other things going on. But I mean, I could be looking at it incorrectly. I think that is right. Forestry all the way around, capital park and the Greektown area. That side is industrial. Jefferson. So one curves around Greektown a little bit more and comes up the side of and grab as little population.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think it goes to -- I think it goes one more, right along.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It does, uh-huh. It takes the curve of the Greektown area.

>> MR. MORGAN: So did you want to make changes in that area or leave it be?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let me think.

>> CHAIR ORTON: One can definitely take more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, I will just make the changes. So can you Zoom in, please? John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I don't know how much population is there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's not. That is what I was wondering. So what it does is it goes around. You see that is where Ford field and Comerica Park is and grabs the river front, Riverwalk and it grabs heart Plaza, GM Renaissance, Franklin, it grabs that area. And stops right before the Renaissance. Excuse me. But I don't think I'm not sure that is going to do anything. I'm sorry go ahead.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think this is putting the Mariners cathedral in District 1.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, you want to make that change?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sure. Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: And that goes into 7.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Perfect.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me undo that because I think something else has happened here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Does that look like what you want?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, can you Zoom out lightly to look at everything.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Detroit river, which right now is a nine. I don't think it does not affect anything because there is no population.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay if you wanted to clean it up for aesthetics you are more than welcome but I mean it's fine to me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can you Zoom out not a lot so I can see. Go north a little. I want to see the top of 11 and 8. Thank you. Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So do you want to send this off for VRA analysis?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, I will just say quickly, John, you can end this one, the Riverwalk. But so I made some changes from 1 to 7 because Wildemere Park was split. There were some areas when I went down to 1 and 9 I was looking at the Jefferson avenue area to make sure that that was contiguous, and the COIs were still together. We put Warren avenue community north before they were switched. There was garden view in an area, it should not have been and part of the Warren Avenue community north, was split. So the changes here, kept those communities together. When we made adjustments to District 16, which is outside of what we are charged to address, but it shifted the Weatherby neighborhood back to District 4 and then I was able to -- allowed us to add far west Detroit and grand let me tell you right now Mont from District 4 to 16. This is important because the Rosedale, Grandmont community is huge, if you ever have the pleasure of going there, there are cake shops and Rosedale,

and north Rosedale Park are strong communities and it's been a strong area, but they are doing a lot of revitalization, so it improved the populations and kept COI together. We tried to -- we did something with the Holcomb and Evergreen and outer drive area meaning shifted from 16 to 17 but we were not able to keep all the changes that we made in that area because 17 was way overpopulated. So we still made the best concessions with that. That was south of McNichols. Finally we shifted the northwest community from District 8 into District 4 for population.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Great.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, John, I appreciate you.

>> MR. MORGAN: You bet.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So if you send that on for VRA analysis, then I know that our interpreters probably need a break for a moment. So why don't we take a break, let's see, 13 minutes until 4:00. Come back at 4:00 and then we can move on. Unless there is any objection. I don't see any so see you at 4:00.

[Recess until 4:00 p.m.]

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, we are break from break. Hopefully we have everybody. So we finished up several maps. They are off to the VRA check and I believe we have something back from VRA. I can't remember the name of the map, but is it Mr. Brace, are you going to be able to present that? Or maybe it's John Morgan. I'm not sure.

>> KIM BRACE: I have that. Sorry about that. This is Motown 2. Which was the last one that was done on Motown. So let me share my screen. And my screen is Motown 2. And.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Could you go to the other tab? That just says Wayne? It's a little easier for us to see that way.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. Sure. All right, which, let me modify this so we can have that over there all the time. Where is that first column? So Motown 2, and then let me get that for Motown 2. Let me see here. Now, for the time being.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can show the map?

>> KIM BRACE: Can you show the map?

>> MR. MORGAN: I got it.

>> KIM BRACE: Do you got it up there? All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the Motown 2 map. And I believe the changes were primarily in 12 and 10. And this is what the map shows. So the Black primary turnout pool is 37% Black and 26% white. And then I will bring this down and Kim can show the spreadsheet, or I can pull up the spreadsheet.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I have got the spreadsheet here. All right so from the spreadsheet standpoint District 12 is showing a yes and a yes. District 10 is a no and a yes. The no is because in 2022 it was very close 48.7 for whites. 48.5 for African/Americans. African/Americans were the larger plurality in 2018. But not in 2022. Both of them are showing the African/Americans being a larger share of the

democratic primary of the pool. So it is there in terms of the pool. But it's not always there in terms of turnout. So it's still probably a little bit iffy in District 10. But it's so close I mean 48.5 compared to 48.7. That's probably within the margin of error. As Commissioner Callaghan loves to say. Given the estimates that are being played around with. So I think, as I recall, you did make an improvement on it. And it's your call on which is why, if you look at John's screen I think you didn't have all of the map colored, right, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: 10 was not green.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, that's what I thought.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think it's almost misleading to leave that one as blue because to the point again we are talking estimates, the numbers are so close. Black population is -- has a majority. They don't necessarily, maybe, we kind of think might not have the turnout but it's really darn close and hard to say.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Braden do you have something to say?

>> Mark Braden: Looks like a performing District to me. My view is given those numbers from what I see in the chart I certainly believe the Black Electorate has a probability to win and in most elections their candidate would. There is some squish room in all these numbers. I think the numbers, the way we do the analysis is a little bit bias towards making, looking a little less likely to perform than you could sort of move around some. But do I believe that is a District that I would be very comfortable arguing as likely to elect a community of choice in the Black community and that is yes. A very strong yes. How you want to color it on the map, I don't know. But I certainly am comfortable. It does look to me that plan has 11 performing, would be 11 performing districts in all likelihood.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So, Mr. Braden you would say that this map has 11 performing districts.

>> Mark Braden: I believe so, I would have to go back and count but that is I believe to be the number, looks to me. So.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right good work guys.

>> Mark Braden: I'm comfortable making the argument this map complies with the Voting Rights Act. I think we have -- I believe that's the right conclusion looking at this map. Again I get a little equivocal because the issues are not Black and white, but I certainly believe the Black community has the equal opportunity to elect.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so are there any other VRA analysis maps we have not looked at yet, that are back? And Commissioner Eid, you have something else.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, can we look at the partisan fairness of that one? I don't think we did it yet after the changes were made.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

Whoever wants to bring that up.

>> KIM BRACE: It's on Motown 2, correct?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: All right. Share my screen. Okay, on Motown 2, for political fairness, partisan fairness, lopsided margin is 5.5 for republicans. Mean differential is 2.4 for republicans. Efficiency gap is 3.1 for republicans. And seats-votes again there is 60-50 in favor of democrats.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So principally the same.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Mean median difference went up by 0.1.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Good enough for me at least.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so were there any other -- I don't know if I got an answer, any other VRA analysis that we have not looked at yet?

>> KIM BRACE: We did get some stuff back on Commissioner Szetela's plan, but we haven't had that introduced. That is that individual.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We will do that after we do the collaborative plans.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so does anyone wish to bring up any other maps and work on them? Or are we satisfied? Okay, I don't see any hands. Then I'm thinking that we go on to the next order of business, which is to vote on the draft proposed maps. We have already voted to send through our six original maps. But we have others that we have worked on. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I'll motion to send Motown 2 to the next stage with the caveat that we might want to rename it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay I have a comment about that. I'm thinking as we vote to send them forward we should probably bring them up, go through the 7 ranked criteria, make sure it meets everything and choose the name, whatever name to distinguish it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes happy to do that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes that was my thought the 7 ranked.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so and you want to start with Motown 2.

>> KIM BRACE: John, do you want to bring that one up?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And this doesn't have the FC behind it, but you have done the checks, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes. I think in the shape file it has that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I think that is correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: There it is, yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, so this is Motown 2. It started off this morning as Spirit of Detroit.

Commissioner Kellom using the public comment she cited earlier changed districts 10, 12 and 13 to help its compliance with the V RA, went through the VRA check and saw it was close but not quite there. So then we switched one neighborhood from 12 into 10. And we replaced one precinct that was above the 8 Mile line and took that below and we took one that was below the 8 Mile line and brought it up. It's essentially a one for one switch on crossing the crossing 8 Mile. Since it's based on Spirit of Detroit it still supports all of the same communities of interest, that Spirit of Detroit supported. Except for this new one we have in District 10, which is the Grosse Pointes along with some of Detroit like East English Village, Harper Woods, morning side and in that area. And then we combined some of East Point with the lakeshore and down into Detroit. We just looked at the partisan fairness numbers. They match Hickory. Well maybe with a very slight deviation. But they seem to match up and it seems to match up quite well. Do we want to do the compactness analysis?

>> CHAIR ORTON: You can just state for the record the other.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We ran the compactness on Spirit of Detroit. This might be a little bit more compact because District 10 is a little bit more compact than it was in Spirit of Detroit. But it's probably about the same.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, do you want me to run that now?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, let's just run it Commissioner Kellom has her hand up.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do you mind listing off the partisan fairness, what I'm attempting to do is take notes on each map now we are going through them.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The lopsided margins test is 5.9%. In favor of republicans. Mean median difference was 2.4% in favor of republicans. Efficiency gap was 3.1% in favor of republicans. And seats to votes ratio was 1.7% in favor of democrats.

>> MR. MORGAN: On the compactness for the Polsby-Popper.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan, do you have a question before we go through this?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Maybe I heard wrong did they say the lopsided was 5.9? I think it was 5.5.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is correct, 5.5, I misspoke. Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: The least compact District in the plan is District 58 which is the same as it was in Hickory. And then on the I think this is the Schwartzberg, the least compact is District 58 which is the same as the Hickory plan. And then on Reock, the least compact is District 29 which is not a District that was changed in the redrawing. The length, width, District 29 is the least. And on the convex hull District 58 is the least which is not a District that was changed.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to look at some of the other plans you worked on today?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think we will go through one at a time, if that is okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So Commissioner Eid, do you want to -- you're satisfied with this?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did we talk about county splits, Township splits, stuff like that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Not specifically that I remember.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well you know I think most of these districts clearly don't split counties. You have some that do for community of interest reasons like districts 5, 8, 11, and 12 in particular.

In this area. But compared to I think what we are coming from there are less county splits and while it does cross 8 Mile which is the county line for Wayne County and Oakland County or Wayne County and Macomb county this map goes over that line in ways that make sense for the communities that live there.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And we did not favor or disfavor any incumbent elected official or candidate and I don't know if you said that already but I did not hear it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did not say that but that is correct.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Did you want to move this one forward?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Oh, yeah I thought I did that I would like to motion to move this forward to public review.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Second?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Second with the amendment that you can just call this one Motown sound without the 2.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I will accept that friendly amendment. Thank you Commissioner.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Can you rename that, John? Okay so we have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on this map? On moving this map forward? Seeing none all in favor of moving this forward to the public raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> Nay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: The ayes have it and it moves forward to the public. And John did you hear about the name?

>> MR. MORGAN: I will make that adjustment.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Then is there anyone else that has a map that they want to look at and decide? I will do if no one else has one first I will do Water Lily the last version.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, I believe that's the one that had the 11 opportunity districts.

>> KIM BRACE: My notes say you then have two different Water Lily. The original Water Lily and Water Lily D as in dog.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just looking for the Water Lily D map.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay while you do that we have a request to do the vote with a roll call so for clarity purposes. So Motown, the one we were just looking at, there is a motion and a second to move that forward to public comment. And can we have a roll call vote on that?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely. Let me just grab it here. Commissioners, the motion before you has just been explained by Chair. A yes vote means we are ready to move Motown sound forward and a no vote means you are not in agreement with the motion. I will start with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN:

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan, you are on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry, no.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're okay. Thank you. Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Madam Chair, with a vote of ten yes to three no, the motion carries.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was going to bring up the Water Lily D, here is the effectiveness map. We have 123456789, let me try this again, 12345678910, 11 plus this one would be 12, but that is outside of right that is entirely in there then we looked at the other VRA sheet here. If you wanted to look at that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Could it look at the picture of it just one more time real quick? That you just had up? Okay, I was just looking at District 4, so we didn't reduce Black voting age population in that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: No.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Braden do you have a comment on that or the same as you have already commented.

>> Mark Braden: I don't have anything to add. The Commission has reasons to leave it at that level, then I'm happy to defend it. Questions will be raised by that high level of Black concentration. But I've heard the Commissioners expressed the reasons for it. And they are totally rationale, reasonable basis for keeping it at that level.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. So yeah, if you will bring up Autobound or either one.

>> MR. MORGAN: So did you need to see the spreadsheet or just go to Autobound?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Autobound is fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Water Lily D.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We looked at the partisan fairness. Do we need to do that again right now anybody?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would appreciate it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the top line numbers are lopsided margin is 5.6 republican. On the mean median it's 2.9 republican. On the efficiency gap it's 3.1 towards the republicans. On the seats-vote ratio it's 1.7 towards the democrats and the count of seat is 60 democrat and 50 republican.

>> CHAIR ORTON: All right, thank you. Then population deviation looks good.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me check at 14. Yep positive 2.48 is the highest and it's within the deviation range.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yeah, can you please summarize the changes that were made from Water Lily for VRA compliance and tweaks what specific districts did we tweak here?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, 7, 14, 8 and 11, I think we may have touched 11. We were just kind of rotating it around there, so we brought up, up and down, you know, kind of.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to put an overlay on it or is it enough to describe it?

>> CHAIR ORTON: You were muted Commissioner Callaghan so I couldn't hear you.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I'm good with that description, thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And I was just for VRA purposes.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Uh-huh.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And we tried to keep parts together and neighborhoods and parts we thought went together to the best of our ability. Okay, so I'll just run down the list. Population, tried to meet Voting Rights Act. You ran this contiguity test, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so they are contiguous. They reflect the state's diverse population and communities of interest. We took that into account. They do not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party, the partisan fairness is about the same as all the others. They do not favor, or disfavor incumbent elected officials as far as we know because we didn't look at that. Reflecting consideration of City, county and Township boundaries. I think we kept that as much as we could while, you know, shifting things around to try to take in communities of interest and VRA considerations. We did cross 8 Mile Road on most of the districts which I think we have found is the only way to meet VRA compliance, at least in my understanding. And reasonably compact, yes, some Districts are more compact than others, but it is reasonably compact I think. Commissioner Kellom? We can look at compactness score as well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: How many districts do Water Lily D have?

>> CHAIR ORTON: 11 in Wayne County. So could we look at the compactness score?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so on the Polsby-Popper the least compact District is 58 which was I believe the same as in Hickory. On Schwartzberg the least compact District is 58. On the Reock test the least compact is District 9 which was not a changed District in this plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: 29.

>> MR. MORGAN: 29, sorry. 29. Which was not changed in this plan. On the length-width, the least compact District is 29, which was not a changed District. And then on the convex hull the least compact was District 58, which was not changed in this plan.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, all right, any other questions or comments on this plan? And I would like to move it on to public comment. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'll second it. My only slight concern is I think this was quite different from the Water Lily that's already submitted. That water -- original Water Lily did not cross 8 Mile at all so we might want to give this a different name, maybe water and a different flower or some other type of lily to show progression, something like that.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I had an idea and thank you for reminding me. I forgot when I made the motion. I would like to change this to willow since we don't have Anthony Skannell here to come up with another W name that is the name I thought of. So if we could rename it willow I would like to move that we move it on to public comment. Seconded by Anthony. Any other -- any discussion? Okay so can we have a roll call vote on that motion?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely, Madam Chair. The motion before the Commissioners is to send willow for public comment and review. A yes vote means you are in favor of this motion and a no vote means that you are not. I will begin alphabetically with Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, sorry.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Oops my mouse got stuck sorry Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Madam Chair with a yes vote of nine and no vote of four, the motion is approved and carries.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

So who would like to or would anyone like to bring up any other maps to consider? Maybe we need to see a list of the maps that we have still outstanding.

>> KIM BRACE: Madam Chair, this is Mr. Brace. I do have the river view analysis back from Dr. Palmer. And I have a map of that too.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, if you could show us that.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. Share my screen. Okay, this is the map for the river view in terms of and I don't remember where you were making changes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: District call but it's called Riverwalk.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay Riverwalk, okay.

So District 4 is up at 88 percent now, right? Looking at District Four in terms of Black population and voting age population is 90%. But on turnout, Blacks are still heavy majority there. And majority in the primary pool. Were there some other districts then that got changed?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Primarily District 4. I just tweaked certain areas for populations and to keep neighborhoods and communities of interest together.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, this one has ten yeases for both primary turn out and ten for the primary pool in terms of districts. Any other questions?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom are you interested in moving that one to public comment?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I mean I would like to know what everyone else thinks, not just me.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would move to move it forward for public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'll second it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so and name wise it's Riverwalk, right? So it can be renamed Riverwalk or fixed. Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: My only concern with this map is this the one we made changes to the west, right? The last one we just did, yeah, that is a little concerning to me on this map. If the judges will think we went outside the scope of where we should be working.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: In order to make the changes to 4 you had to change 16 and 17.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Right, I understand that. We don't know what the Judges will think it's more important to unpack a District or make changes further out and the only way to do it without wrecking the Middle Eastern, communities so I don't know.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So that is kind of the point of putting as many as we can or as many as we want out to public comment then we have more information or more opinions anyway. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So this one still only has ten. I agree with Ms. Callaghan that you guys know my opinion. I think we shouldn't change districts we don't have to change. But if we do pass this forward I might recommend why not combine these changes that were made in 16 and 17 with the changes made in the other map for 10 and 12? Do you know what I'm saying? That way it brings the number up. We don't have to. But just an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What other map? Can you give the map name? At this point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Motown sound.

>> KIM BRACE: Let's see here what I've got.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Because this is the same base map as Motown sound but Motown sound we changed the east and Riverwalk we changed the west.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The base was Spirit of Detroit with Motown sound we reconfigured 10, 12 and 13 to get up to 11VRA compliant districts with Riverwalk it changes 16 and 17 to bring down the Black population on four slightly but it did not increase the VRA number. What -- if we do want to move forward with it, you could combine those two changes into a map.

>> KIM BRACE: So this is the Motown sound map. And that is the river view map.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think Motown sound might have been adjusted a little bit.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Maybe I can't see the numbers clearly because they are really tiny and having to squint, but did it release the packing in district 8 or mainly change 4?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think it made 4 a little higher but it's hard to read the numbers.

>> KIM BRACE:

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not that one. It's the one next to the Riverwalk, Motown 2 is the one we should be looking at.

>> KIM BRACE: All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah that is what I was picking up on because the configuration you will see in 10 and 12 is different.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's right next to the cursor so it's in between Water Lily, yep. No. You had it correctly, that one. No, that's not it either. Maybe just exit out of Motown.

>> KIM BRACE:

>> MR. MORGAN: There is Motown 2.

>> KIM BRACE: So there is Motown 2, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Callaghan you are on mute if you are talking to us.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: 85 in Motown 2 and what in Riverwalk?

>> KIM BRACE: In Riverwalk it's 88.1.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It went up? I thought it went down.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: That is what was confusing me because I wasn't sure if I was seeing those numbers right.

>> KIM BRACE: So in 4 and in Riverwalk, see you are up at 81%. And in the primaries they are all the way up at 94%. So in the pool it's still high. And even on the pop and the voting age it's at 90%.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does anyone want to move further with this one? Or move with the combining?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Steve made a motion; Commissioner Lett made a motion.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Sorry, hard to remember. Okay, a motion to move it forward.

Any other discussion?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did we look at VRA, fairness for this one?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We have not gone down the list on this one yet.

>> KIM BRACE: Right. So whose computer are we looking at right now? Mr. Brace, you are muted. I guess it's your computer.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, there we go. This is my computer that we are looking at still. And you wanted to look at the partisan fairness.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, please.

>> KIM BRACE: On Riverwalk, okay.

There we go. Oops, I will bring that back. Okay this is Riverwalk and so the lopsided margin is 5.6 for republicans. Mean differential is 2.5 for republicans. Efficiency gap, if my computer catches up, there we go, is 3.1. And seats-votes is still 60-50 for the democrats.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, and so can we look on Autobound at this plan for the population?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure, John, it's yours.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is Motown sound 2 is what we want or river?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Riverwalk.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay. So while it's loading the deviation range is within plus or minus 2.5%. The lowest District is 59 and the highest is 21 which is the same as the Hickory plan. So all of your changes are within those bounds.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you. So and you've run a dis-contiguity test on this one? Because it has an FC?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Changes that we made were trying to comply with Voting Rights Act. Okay, so Brittini, do you want to speak to or whoever speak to the state diverse population and communities of interest? Just in general because I think we've talked

about it a lot as we were doing it. Anyone? No one? We don't have a Commissioner Bueller. So districts do not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party because we looked at the partisan fairness. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Were you asking for which reasons were you asking for?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Diverse population and communities of interest, just kind of general.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, it's based off of Spirit of Detroit, right? So all of those base ones. And then there are changes to 16 and 17, I believe for community reasons and to try to bring four down. Yeah.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think that covers it, thank you. And districts do not favor, or disfavor incumbent elected officials or candidates because we did not look at that. Districts, okay, so how do the districts reflect consideration of county, City and Township boundaries? We talked about that like you said in the Spirit of Detroit when we created it. These changes that we made over here, Brittini, do you want to speak to that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The changes for 1, 7 and 9 were to just simply cleanup like geographic dis-contiguities so there were areas where neighborhoods were broken up or and/or communities.

>> CHAIR ORTON: And we can see that the compactness is the same as the others. It's not the districts that we touched. So that should be good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Correct, the only thing I will say is the shift in 4 and 3 I don't think that it could be considered packing. Again, it's one of those conversations where it is a natural population of that Detroit area. So if you get into 4 as we know Middle Eastern folks of Middle Eastern dissent are going to be labeled as white. So when we came north into 4 that eliminated some of the population that was having an impact on District 4.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you. Okay, unless there is something else, I think we are ready for a roll call vote.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I saw Commissioner Eid has or had his hand raised.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, I'm good, never mind.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioners, the motion before you is to move Riverwalk forward to public review and comment. A yes votes means you are in favor of the motion and a no vote means you are not. We will begin alphabetically with Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I think we can move it forward.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm going to say no to this one.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I need more time to think. Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Marcus Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Cynthia Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry guys, no.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: No problem. Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Elaine Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Donna Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: No.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Madam Chair with a vote of seven yes to six no, motion carries.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: All right, is there anyone that has any other maps they want to look at? Can someone bring up a list of the maps that we have? Oh, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't have another map but a question in the spirit of solidarity. For those that we have not heard from, Commissioner Szetela, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Lange, even regardless we are not sure why or I'm not sure why you're voting no but I would love to hear your input in terms of what you are not liking or would like to see on the map since at the end of the day it's 13 Commissioners. So this is not a pressure. This is a legitimate curiosity.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sure, no problem. I think the first six maps where we were looking at communities of interest were the best honestly. I'm concerned. I know we have specialists or experts that are saying we need to do this. I'm concerned about looking at making modifications based on certain things to get to a certain number as we are going through the process I heard things like target. And things like that. So

that makes me nervous. And I'm basing it on some of these maps when the changes were made split up communities of interest. Some of them went against public comment that I heard from people from Detroit. So it's nothing personal. I just believe that in the spirit of when you guys were doing them at first, you know, the first six maps that we sent through based on community of interest, those seem the best in my opinion. It gives the public six maps to look at. I don't want to over women the public either. So that's my reasoning behind it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I would just kind of echo what Rhonda was saying. I was really happy with the maps earlier in the week before VRA analysis. I was comfortable with all six of them being moved up, I'm not comfortable with some of the changes that were made. You know there has been some comments made that I'm uncomfortable with in terms of race and also just splitting communities of interest. I think what we had originally was good and I think we should have especially with the Spirit of Detroit said okay we are comfortable with ten and advance as is rather than trying to meet a goal that we're being told by experts we need to meet. I feel like we are back in the same place all over again.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Curry had her hand up before me.

>> CHAIR ORTON: I didn't see, Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No rush. I would love to see those that voted no, a map or two of what they would like so we can just take a look at it again.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah and just in general Commissioner Curry, it's like you were reading my mind. Rather than hear it now, you know, I welcome, I don't care or what our differences look like but team work is always better than silence because at the end of the day no matter who falls where there is still going to be an answer to this. So the silence doesn't mean that it's a clear disagreement where you're not participating. We are still all in the Commission so I would just encourage us to chime in and if you have different ideas about what is being done, to me it would make sense, it's only the right thing to do to vocalize that because we share the same thoughts and discomfort. So, yeah.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, in response to Commissioner Curry, one of the ones that I thought was the better one was the Spirit of Detroit. The very first one that I made the motion to move forward. I thought that one really took a dive into the communities of interest of the people of Detroit. So, you know, if I were to rank them like I said I think the first six were more organic and genuine. So I liked the first six. And like I said the first one that I picked out of those six was actually the Spirit of Detroit. So I hope that answers your question.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Will you send that on too? Can we look at it again?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We did.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, well that is good.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We can send as many Madam Chair is that correct?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well Rebecca and Rhonda and anyone else that had voted no on some of these, why don't you put yours up to vote and let's see. You know it's really what is going to pass through the VRA. And every one. So those that we did, we know have, so let's just put them up there. Because I won't say the more the merrier but the better the selection the more, you know.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA:

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can't hear you.

You are muted.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry I'm also a little worried about possibly overwhelming the public because I think we started out with six and are adding more maps and it's just like almost overwhelming. I think for people to look at them all and provide comments and some of them are very similar and that is a concern too. Just on a related note, you know I kind of have been in and out because it's the end of the month because I'm super busy for work, but did we advance Promote the Vote and MSU maps?

>> CHAIR ORTON: No, we have not.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Would we consider doing that? Because I realize people are concerned about it, but I sort of feel like at a minimum we should put them out there so the public can comment on them. And I would make a motion to that effect.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so we have a motion and a second. Let me think about where we were in the process. We didn't already have a motion, did we? So now we have a motion and a second to move what maps are you talking about exactly?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So it would have been the first one called the Trillium that had Steve Lett's initials on it because I thought that was kind of the original map. Then I think there is another one that is Promote the Vote with my initials on it that would be the same thing. Just take those original maps that were submitted to us by the public and just throw them out there in the pool so that people can comment on it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Both of them?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so we have a motion and a second to put those two Promote the Vote maps, which were slightly changed and called Trillium out for public

comment. Is there any discussion on that? We have a lot of hands. I don't know if this is discussion for a different topic or for this topic?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Orton? Their hand was up before the motion was pull forward, so I don't know Commissioner Lett has since taken his hand down so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yeah, so if you want to discuss this motion, that's what we are doing and then after this we can go back to what we were talking about. Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: This might be an unpopular point of view, but I'm opposed to it. I think it's our jobs to do the maps while there can be some input from others again, I go back to comments that I heard during the town hall. And I just have a hard time accepting the maps. I know that is going to be an unpopular view. So I'm just going to say I would be opposed.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I agree. Even if I were to put aside that they are a very large organizations behind it, which is fine. That is powerful. However, listening to the public comment morning, going on to the portal there is general support for Promote the Vote maps. However, none of the individuals and those citizens have been able to speak to and I'm sure now I'm saying it will happen will speak to specific areas that they like about the Promote the Vote maps. What we hear is Promote the Vote, Promote the Vote but not specific Detroiters talking from an organic, deep place about why these maps are representative. So I don't mean to disrespect the hard work that goes into it. I'm not saying that all people and all organizations mean ill, there are lots of folks that work everywhere in combination with each other, right next to each other. But my concern, because I knew this was going to come up again is there are not specific comments speaking to the maps, the maps that we have gone and edited and even the changes I have made today that other Commissions have made have been citizens, so we all know, right? So making specific comments about areas. And trying to -- trying their best to give their honest opinion. And this is not the first time that Promote the Vote in a way has lobbied us to use their maps. So I hope we don't succumb to that pressure. Nothing personal against the organization. Nothing personal against the NAACP. Nothing personal against access. These are access is an organization that my personal work has a relationship with. These just aren't -- they are citizens of Detroit, but these aren't -- I have not heard the everyday person qualified these suggestions on top of all of my other concerns about where they come from.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes, so I agree that we haven't heard specifics, but if we put them forward and we have the town halls, maybe we can hear more specific responses to those maps.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay is there any other discussion on that? Seeing none can we have a roll call vote? Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think we should do votes on these separately because we need to open for Promote the Vote we need to follow the process, open the maps up and go through the 7 criteria and put the comments in the record.

>> CHAIR ORTON: You are right. Commissioner Szetela, would you amend your motion to just do one at a time so we can go through them?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah I'm fine with amending it but I'm not going to be able to guide that process right now so I would amend my motion just to let's make it easier. How about we start with the Michigan State map. I retract my motion and make a motion to advance IPPSR, Michigan State map, I could have the initials wrong, map.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, is there a second for that?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies for the interruption. I just want to clarify there were two versions of the Trillium, which was the IPPSR so that was Trillium STL, which was the direct copy and the Trillium collaborative version, which was one that was modified by Commissioner Muldoon after Commissioner Lett put forward the map. So just wanted to clarify which version you were speaking to, Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I was speaking to the one with Commissioner Lett's commissions on them.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, is there a second for that motion? I do not see one.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Then I will make a motion to advance Promote the Vote map which is the original copy has my initials on it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So is there a second for that motion? I do not see one.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I tried.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does any Commissioner have any other map? John, could you maybe bring up a list of the maps so that we can, you know, be reminded?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think Mr. Brace may have a more comprehensive map view. What I can do is bring up my Autobound end. And this is going to be mostly in order of things we worked on today. So we talked about Riverwalk. We renamed Water Lily to willow. We have Motown sound 2, which will become Motown sound. There was the Bergamot Dearborn that was worked on today. And we will need to think about this. The I believe the Motown sound 2 that will be renamed Motown sound is the one that Commissioner Eid worked on at the last part. He described how we made changes along the border between Macomb and Wayne County. And I think that covers the maps that we worked on today. Looking oh, hustle hard is another one. That one was primarily looking at the Taylor, City of Taylor area between 27 and 28. So we did work on that today. And then going before that, you know, I would have to look carefully at what we worked on yesterday. We also have maps from Commissioner Szetela separately.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, does anyone -- did that remind anyone of what they would like to move forward?

>> MR. MORGAN: This may also help things, these are some names of the maps we have effectiveness maps for. I don't know that this is comprehensive. But this does cover a lot.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I just wanted a complete list of all the maps we are moving forward if that is possible. If someone can list them off.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We already moved forward?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Brace is that what you are sharing?

>> KIM BRACE: No. I believe Sarah Reinhardt has the better list of all of us.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, what are we looking at right now?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This is the list. So these are the initial six, 123456. And then these are the three that you just voted to approve. If I'm missing any, please let me know and I will add it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay does that help anyone?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I kind of wanted to see hustle hard one more time and I can't remember who drew it or who was behind the drawings of it but.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, can we bring that up, John? I believe that is the Taylor change.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, it is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Who was behind that drawing on that, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: That was mostly Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It was me. I tried something that I was not excited about it.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this map just acknowledges that we worked on it today, this is the effectiveness map with the changes were to the south of this.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We can't see your screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry about that. Try that again. Okay, so this is the effectiveness map. And the districts that were changed are basically to the south of this. So this is -- this version of the map made Taylor, City of Taylor whole in District 29. And it made 28 more of a Monroe center District and did not go all the way north into Taylor. Otherwise it kept one of the configurations here in 10 and 12.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's fine for me, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If I'm not mistaken after we had it analyzed it had disappointing partisan fairness scores, that's why it kind of died.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's fine.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So you're done with that one? Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair, yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Does anyone have any others they want to discuss, or should we just have that be our list we are moving forward? So by my count that is nine. Sarah Reinhardt?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yeah, I obviously don't have any more maps to put forward. But one thing that I wanted to flag is I know you were working to rename some of the newer maps to make them distinct from other maps. And you do still have a Bergamot 1 and 2. So I just wanted to flag that for your awareness. If you wanted to rename them. Obviously you don't have to but something I wanted to raise for your awareness.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay Mr. Morgan, do you have something?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes just a reminder we did work on Bergamot Dearborn today.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right. Okay, what's the thought? Should we rename Bergamot 2 to a different bee flower name? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That one I'm actually okay with leaving just like version one and version two because it's the same map just with one change.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, all right, I don't see any other comments about that. So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I had something.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do you want to put a hyphen or am I over thinking it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: A hyphen then something to indicate.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Bergamot Dearborn.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We are not talking about Bergamot Dearborn. That did not move forward. These are the original two.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Whatever it happens to be. Whatever happened in terms of the change.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So it's the lakeshore District that is different in those two. So can we see the list again, Sarah Reinhardt? So, Commissioner Kellom, are you suggesting maybe whichever one it is, I think it's Bergamot 2 that has the lakeshore are you suggesting maybe put Bergamot-lakeshore?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that's what I'm suggesting.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, yeah, we can do that. Thank you. And so, John, you will take care of that appropriately?

>> MR. MORGAN: But as far as the maps go the Bergamot 2 hasn't changed and the Bergamot 1 has changed, right? Like because there was though effort to make VRA changes to Bergamot 1 or 2. The Bergamot Dearborn was a change, but the original Bergamot 1 and 2 were not changed.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Right. Bergamot Dearborn did not go anywhere. So these are just the original two. Okay Commissioner Kellom, your hand is up but I don't think you mean to. Okay.

So if we are happy with that, moving the nine forward, then next on the agenda is unfinished business 5C individual map presentation. So that would be Commissioner Szetela. Without objection, hearing no objection please proceed, Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry could you repeat that, Cynthia?

>> CHAIR ORTON: We are on to your individual map presentation.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm actually in the car driving so I cannot present right now. I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay then we will move on to unfinished business 5D, notice to vacate proceedings update.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I say something to Commissioner Rebecca? Does she want to go forward, the one, her individual one?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, it should automatically advance, but I do want to present on it but I'm going to have to do it next week. I was originally supposed to present at 2:00 and unfortunately that did not happen today so I'm at a point where I can't do it right now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay all right.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so without objection I will ask -- oh, Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could we at least see the map or look at it? Would that be allowable? I'm just kind of curious what the maps look like.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's actually out on the mapping portal. It's version four and it's out there and you can look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could we bring it up?

>> KIM BRACE: We did put that up, Commissioner Szetela asked us to. So that is up on our my Districting website. And John, I think you have the shape file for it, don't you?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I do.

>> KIM BRACE: You want to bring that in and show it so it's on the same kind of display that everybody has been used to, on your screen?

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I mean since it's an individual map and sits inches moving forward anyway, I do think we might want to wait until she can present it herself. I don't know what good it will do if we all just look at it.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would like her to talk about that but not while she is driving.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was just agreeing with Commissioner Weiss. I don't anticipate that we are going to get into any sort of spirited debate, but I would like to see it as a group.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry about that. I was just kind of curious about the partisan fairness on it. I'm sure that was ran. So maybe we could even see that if Commissioner Szetela doesn't mind. I would like to hear the reasoning behind the map, but I understand she can't do that right now but if there is some aspects we could look at, I would like it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The partisan fairness has been done so you can certainly look at that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, we have partisan fairness scores on both versions and Commissioner Szetela has a -- the older version of partisan fairness calculations. What we have been showing you and having for this last couple of weeks is the newer version that also has the 2022 election results. So we have run that on the newer one as well as we have what Commissioner Szetela had submitted to us on partisan fairness using the old measure.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Could we see the partisan fairness on her most recent version four I believe she said it was? Could you bring that up to look at real quick?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, indeed. All right, as far as the partisan fairness goes, this is the spreadsheet from Commissioner Szetela's plan. And from her machine, let me grab the right one over here. All right so this is version four from Commissioner Szetela. Lopsided margins is 5.4% on the republican side. The mean median differential is 2.8%. The efficiency gap is 4.3%. And the seats-votes does show a change, it is 53 democrat, 53 republican. So there is a change in that regard. As I recall the map and she will have to describe it, it does go further out and the version four that she just submitted to us actually goes out and changes a bunch of different districts.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Kim was that the partisan fairness with 2022 or was that the 2020?

>> KIM BRACE: This is yours, so that is the 2020.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

Do you have the 2022?

>> KIM BRACE: I do have that. It's in another sub directory. Let me be sure I have the right one. Yes, this one I have made a distinction and said that it's from Commissioner Szetela. But it is run on the EDS system. So that you can know the differences on these. So run on the EDS system, which includes 2022, you have lopsided margin is 5.5%. Mean median of 2.4%. Efficiency gap of 3.1%. And seat vote ratio is 60 to 50.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay Commissioner Lange, your hand is up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, which was curious if VRA and all sister was done on it also?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, we do have that. Let me see. Okay so Szetela in her system it was noted with the file date of 1-26, but the new one still says 1-26 but she has renamed it to be version four. So that's what you see here 1-26V4. As you can see, it makes, let me expand the screen a little bit, it does make changes, and this map doesn't go -- well it does the river so it's 12. The big change is down here in 26 between 26 and 25. So outside of the area that we have been working with before. But she has brought that up. If you remember in the various versions we've had, 26 is pretty much kind of a tie. So she has boosted the African/American in that District 26 by at least changing some of with 25. I don't want to get further. While I know this 18 configuration is different than what we have seen before, so that's a change and then she is going to have to tell us where else there is from that side. But this is a map of Szetela version four.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It looks like there is what 12 opportunity to elect districts there on that map there or am I counting wrong?

>> KIM BRACE: 12345678910, 11, 12 including the 18 that had -- you were not counting 18 before. She has brought that down a little bit below 8 Mile. And so it looks like that would be now counted, I guess, but that is your call. And you've got that additional in 26.

>> CHAIR ORTON:

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah 12.

>> Mark Braden:

>> CHAIR ORTON: Go ahead Mr. Braden.

>> Mark Braden: It's a little confusing because the 12 is one up and brings in an additional District that is basically not been considered, that sort of exists in all other plans but has never been changed. So this is kind of a wider plan over a bigger area. It's fundamentally in -- that is the difference. So all the other plans would be really plus one more because all the other plans had this additional District in some configuration if I'm not wrong. Kim, I'm right about that, correct?

>> KIM BRACE: All the other plans do not change direction 26. So it is as the Commission had drawn it last, two years ago. And it was, as I really pretty much even Steven between African/Americans and whites. In fact, I think it was just about exactly even.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, you can see this one is unchanged so 26 was 33.1 and 33.1 between Black and white. So that is why not only is it outside of the area that had been

working but it's a tied circumstance and she has made it more stronger for African/Americans.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Anything else, Mr. Braden or should we move on?

>> Mark Braden: It can be confusing because of the different basis so.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, all right, so then we will move on to business 5D, notice to vacate proceedings update and without objection I will ask Mr. Nate Fink to present that. Hearing no objection, please proceed, Mr. Fink.

>> Nate Fink: Thank you Madam Chairwoman. As the Commission will recall, there is a pending notice to vacate that has been submitted to vacate Commissioner Eid's seat on the Commission. The Commission had set February 8th as the hearing date for lack of a better word for the Commission's consideration of that notice. The Commission has -- since the Commission set that date the Commission adopted a couple of revisions to the rules of procedure relating to how the Commission will -- intends to handle notices to vacate. And the Commission adopted a provision that it did not previously have but does now have, which I believe is and I don't actually have the newest updated version of the rules of procedure with this provision in it but I believe it's subsection 3.4E5 will be the new E5 because it's going between E4 and E5. E5 says if a responding member files a written reply with the Commission, under the rules of procedure, that the Commission must vote to proceed to a special meeting and must take a majority vote in order to proceed to the actual special meeting, which is like the hearing on the notice. Under the provision that the Commission adopted, the Commission must take the vote on whether to proceed to the hearing, to the special meeting, at least seven days after the Commission receives the responding Commissioner in this circumstance Commissioner Eid's written response. As you may have seen by now, the Commission has received Commissioner Eid's written response. I was submitted today, and Director Woods shared that with the Commission. So seven days from today would be February 8th. The Commission already has a meeting scheduled both to address the special meeting and address some other matters. Because it's very possible, it's possible, I don't know if it's very possible but it's possible that the Commission would take a vote at the February 8th meeting on whether to proceed, well I know the Commission will be required to take a vote on whether to provide and if the Commission does not vote by majority vote at the February 8th meeting to proceed to that special meeting, then there will be no special meeting.

The -- as the Commission should be aware, the rules of procedure allow for the responding Commissioner, the responding member to have legal counsel. And the Commission may, it's not required to but may, if the responding member ultimately prevails in this proceeding, then the Commission may pay for reimburse the Commission or pay for the Commissioner's the responding member's attorney's fees related to that.

If the Commission proceeds as it's currently scheduled which is to have the February 8th special meeting still scheduled for February 8th, then the in this circumstance Commissioner Eid or in any other circumstance if it was just a responding Commissioner would be required to have their attorney prepare in full for the special meeting as well as regardless and without knowing if that meeting will actually move forward on that date. So to get to the point here, I recommend that the Commission move the special meeting date that's currently set for February 8th to February 13th. Now, the current rules of procedure state that the Commission is required to make a final decision on any request, any notice to vacate within 60 days of when the Commission receives that notice. February 13th would be 60 days to the day from when the original notice was received. Now I should note that the Commission can by stipulation essentially by agreement between the Commission and the responding member, the Commission could move out that date if it wanted to. But at this point I'm not recommending that. What I'm recommending is that the Commission move the special meeting date to February 13 which would allow the Commission to take a vote one week from today on February 8th on whether or not to move forward with the special meeting on the 13th. And by doing in the Commission could avoid incurring potential additional legal expenses that would be incurred by the responding member, Commissioner Eid in this circumstance, by his lawyer having to prepare for the special meeting. If we don't move this out from the 8th to the 13th, then his attorney is going to have to be fully prepared to handle the actual hearing on the 8th even if the Commission doesn't ultimately move forward with that. So as I said before lawyers can talk for a while. Obviously I said a lot there. But to sum up my recommendation is that the Commission move the special meeting that is designated to take up the notice, move that to February 13th and proceed with just taking the vote on whether to proceed to that on February 8th. Happy to answer any questions.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Bear with me I don't want this to turn into a bad ending to the day. So my first statement is that per Roberts rules I believe and per the rules we had once a motion is made and A the Commission has made a decision on a particular item, take the hearing for instance, that the only way it can be reconsidered is if a person that voted yes be there during that meeting or the next meeting does a motion to reconsider it. We had a vote, the majority of the Commission voted and agreed to have the hearing on the 8th. That's my first thing.

My second point would be, yes, there was a change to the rules of procedure. However, again, the vote was taken, and the decision was made prior to those rules being changed. So that's kind of where I'm having an issue even when you brought it forward, the rules of procedure for consideration, I had an issue with that because the decision was made prior to. Do you see what I'm saying? I'm not a lawyer. I'm just

saying it from obviously individuals' point of view of what has been precedent in this Commission. And that's pretty much it.

>> Nate Fink: Well, this is a parliamentary question. I'm not at least in this current proceeding I'm not the Commission's parliamentarian so in terms of you know, the sort of I think technical point about reconsideration of that question. I mean I think the Commission can decide to move dates and various meetings around. I don't see any issue at all with that. I think it's perfectly fine for the Commission to decide to reschedule a meeting. I don't think if a majority of the Commission wants to do that, I don't see any issue with that at all. And in terms of the amendments that were made, the Commission, I don't know, we presented them. We had actually had a fairly lengthy discussion about it. And ultimately the Commission decided to adopt those provisions, those are the binding rules of procedure that this Commission decided to adopt through its procedure that it provides in the rules. And that is the rule. The rule like I don't want to go back through it all, but it allows for or requires the Commission to take a vote and decide by majority vote whether to proceed. And again I don't want to rehash all of that but we you know we had that discussion explained the rationale behind that and the Commission had its lengthy discussion and ultimately adopted it. So my personal opinion is that it makes sense for the Commission to go forward with its current rules.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, Madam Chair. I think we are fully able to set a new date for the hearing. And the reason for that is we adopted, excuse me we adopt add new procedure as attorney Fink has just set forth. And it would be my opinion under Roberts rules as well as procedurally that the new rules took over from the old rules and thus that's what we are operating under. So as it sits right now we really have not voted when to have the hearing on the petition. The only thing we have set is the 8th, I believe and if we have not set that technically, then I would move that we have the hearing on whether or not to move forward on February the 8th and then we would set the date for the actual hearing on the 13th I believe you said. So that would be the motion. Hearing motion as to have the hearing on whether or not to move forward on the 7th and if that passes then have the hearing on the petition on the 13th.

>> Nate Fink: Commissioner Lett when you summed it up you said the 7th for the initial vote but I think you meant the 8th.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Probably I said the 7th in my part timer's brain. I meant the 8th. And if I have a second we could move forward.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Prior to a second to that just to clarify and make the motion just a bit sleeker and in compliance with your new rules of procedure. So I believe what Mr. Fink is stating is that on the 8th you will hold a vote whether or not to have the actual hearing itself on the 13th to address and to address the notice under subsection 3E. And should that motion fail, that hearing will not take place at all. So I would recommend Commissioner Lett, that in your motion that you placed just now to

retract the part about having a vote about scheduling the motion or the hearing on the 13th since that vote will take place on the 8th. I hope I didn't confuse you more than I should have there. But that would be my recommendation, to just have the motion be to have the vote on whether or not to schedule the hearing on the 13th on the 8th.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That makes some sense, but I don't want any confusion if, in fact, the vote is to proceed that it's going to proceed on that date.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink do you want to answer that?

>> Nate Fink: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt. I think to make sure all parties have proper notice if the Commission does go forward with the meeting or the special meeting on the 13th, I would recommend that the Commission schedule it today with the contingency that it may not move forward if the Commission decides on the 8th not to proceed with the hearing on the 13th so.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That makes sense.

>> CHAIR ORTON: We have a couple hand, but we are in the middle of making a motion so how would you like the motion to be worded exactly? Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The motion would be in two parts. Number one, would be that on the 8th, well, that we would -- the motion would be that on the 8th we will hold a hearing to determine and take a vote as to whether or not the petition will proceed to hearing. Secondly, that the hearing will be held on the 13th if the vote to move it forward passes. In the alternative if the votes do not move it forward passes, then the 13th would not be held.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so we have a motion. Do we have a second for that motion?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay so we have a motion and a second. Which has been clearly stated. I'm not going to try to restate. Discussion on the motion? Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So Mr. Fink, who is the parliamentarian?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Or parliamentarian is Mike Brady sed Szetela is he available?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think Sarah Reinhardt is in his stead when he is out.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, I happen to have a nice heavy Robert's Rules of Order by me at all times and happy to answer any questions you may have Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: This seems like a backdoor way around the rules for motion for reconsideration, Commissioner Lange state in order to reconsider an issue it has to be someone who originally voted yes during that same meeting or at the next meeting making a motion for reconsideration. This Commission already moved and already voted yes affirmatively to have a hearing on this notice. Rescheduling the date I will agree to that. But in terms of the actual matter of did we already agree to have a hearing, yes, we already did. So I think that issue is resolved at this point and can't be

reconsidered under our rules so that would be my question as to motion for reconsideration, is this proper because that is effectively what this is doing is asking to reconsider that initial vote to proceed with the hearing on this matter.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sure, I'm happy to do a little bit of research in my heavy book here. Just to confirm, but my initial take on this is somewhat in line with what Mr. Fink stated in that the Commission, although you had already voted and approved a particular date for a particular meeting, at any time the Commission can vote to change that if like majority vote is achieved for that. I would point to decisions that the Commission has made in the past whether it's, you know, the level of pay that you receive or the scheduling of annual meeting or meetings annually where you have voted to approve something and then later voted to change that exact subject again. And there was not a motion to reconsider required for that. So while you're right, Commissioner Szetela, that a previous vote has been taken and approved for that the Commission at any time can take an additional vote to change that without having to go through a motion to reconsider. I hope that makes sense. I'm happy to spend the next few minutes perusing the book to make sure that is accurate but that would be my initial take on that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: This is a no-win situation. So I'm going to be blunt, I'm going to be honest, I'm going to let you know my feelings. I hope nobody takes offense. It's not my intent, but I get tired of keeping it bottled up. I feel like this has been very biased. I feel like this has been very backdoor. And I'm sorry, this is just my opinion. So my question is: I know when the rule changed it said we could have an attorney present our case if we so chose. So my question is: Is it acceptable, am I able to get an attorney to look into the conditions around these new rules? There's nothing in the Constitution, correct, that says I cannot? I just want to make sure.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Mr. Fink.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Attorneys, anybody?

>> Nate Fink: I'm not aware of a constitutional prohibition preventing anybody in this country from retaining an attorney for any purpose. I'm not trying to be short on that. I mean, if you want to retain an attorney to provide you with legal counsel on this subject or any other subject you're welcome to do so. If -- you are certainly welcome to do so. I don't think the Commission would have any obligation or responsible to pay for your attorney, you didn't ask that but if that is the next question then I will jump ahead to it. But you are welcome to have an attorney represent you in any fashion you would like.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay thank you I'm not asking the taxpayers for my attorney. I just wanted to make sure thank you.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I call the question and all that is before us.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay question has been called so a vote to end discussion, I suppose we will try to do without a roll call vote. So all in favor of ending discussion raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Opposed? Thank you. Any opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Nay because I had a quick question but nay.

>> CHAIR ORTON: So the ayes prevail and discussion is ended. So the motion on the floor is who is going to reread that motion?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I'm happy to restate the motion.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: The motion before the Commission is to schedule a vote to vote on scheduling a hearing on the meeting the regular Commission meeting scheduled on the 8th and should that vote prevail, the meeting to address the notice under subsection 3E the hearing would be scheduled for February 13th. Commissioner Lett can I get a thumbs up if I summarized that accurately? Thumbs down, oh, no, I will let you restate it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You left out some stuff. The motion provides for the 8th for a vote to be taken as to whether or not to advance the petition to a hearing. If that vote is, no, then there is no hearing on the 13th if the vote on that is, yes, then there is a hearing scheduled on the 13th.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Do we have that? Somebody got record of that I hope? Okay, so I think we will need a roll call vote.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Yes, ma'am.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Go ahead Yvonne.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: I will just record if you want to restate, I think I got it right, but you go right ahead.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: The motion is to vote on whether to advance the petition to a hearing. The vote will take place at the regular meeting scheduled on February 8. If the vote is, no, there will be no hearing. If the vote is, yes, the hearing will be scheduled on the 13th. I'm hoping I got that right this time, Commissioner Lett can I get a thumbs up. Great. Commissioners, please vote "Yes" or "No." A yes vote would be in favor of the motion. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Is yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Elaine Andrade?
- >> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Donna Callaghan?
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Going to abstain due to conflict of interest.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Marcus Muldoon?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON:
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Muldoon if you are on we cannot hear you.
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you. Cynthia Orton?
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of nine yes to three no, the motion carries.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you. Okay, so next we move on to new business. 6A public relations firm recommendation. Without objection I will ask MICRC Executive Director Woods to facilitate this item. Hearing no objection, please proceed, Mr. Woods.
- >> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Orton and congratulations to the Commission for a job well done. I will be sharing my screen. Let me know if you are able to see it.
- >> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.
- >> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Perfect, thank you. Let me pull up this. As you know we have our February meeting for February. The date is February 8, regular meeting 10-2 and public hearing our virtual MICRC virtual town hall will run like a regular Commission meeting on 15th. The 21st, the 22nd, the 27th and the 28th you do know the Court is due a decision on the map is due to the Court on March 1st, so we do have some wiggle room. If we need to meet on the 29th and with relates to request for quotes is really focusing on the 15 with the Michigan virtual town hall meeting and we will continue with the idea that Commissioner Lange shared and do that on the 15th. That will be a completely and total virtual meeting that we want to engage residents. We will

also have the public hearing from 10-1 and 2-5 and 6-8. On the 21st it will be at Bishop Charles Ellis church greater grace in Detroit and then the public hearing on the February 22 will be at second Ebenezer Church, Bishop Edgar Van's church at the times, those are the two places we will have the public hearings. On the two-sevenths that is virtual and the 28th but as relates to this proposal we are really trying to draw people to that public input.

We received four requests for quotes. One from 98 forward. One from compass strategies. One from Mario-Marrow and associates and one McConnell Communications. We needed to get three and are happy to get four on such short notice.

The evaluation was based on these criteria. We look for the firm experience as relates to something close to redistricting in terms of their background. We looked at media personalities and influencers they would bring that could help the Commission with outreach both traditional and nontraditional. We looked for how they would construct a multimedia public relations plan. And instrumental of part of that was their social media plan. We want to make sure that we get an inter-generational targeted audience in the Metro Detroit area. We looked for the experience of the principle and how much they would be involved in the project with regards to that. We asked for three references. Then we selected a reference that we felt would be most germane to the Redistricting Commission. We asked for staff experience, and we asked for a budget. This was the evaluation method, and we did it in ranked order as presented.

Process. We received some flagging points but no evaluation for the Michigan Department of State per their policy. Kristin Taylor or event planner and myself evaluated the request for quotes. And considering the responses to the evaluations and the tight timeline, we believed that 98 forward and McConnell Communications provide the best opportunity to increase awareness and engagement in Metro Detroit. We want to negotiate with both firms, because we thought 98 forward was very strong as relates to nontraditional media such as Podcasting. And had social media influencers that we thought was very good. But we also felt that McConnell Communications was strong as related to tradition media, in terms of public relations and also providing opportunities for Commissioners to get on radio shows and do interviews in the Metro Detroit area and also thought they were stronger as relates to community outreach.

As result the primary motion is to move that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with 98 forward to provide nontraditional and social media outreach and McConnell Communications to provide traditional and community outreach for the Commission. This is pending the reference from 98 forward. We have not heard from that respondent just yet. As you know it's a tight timeline, so we hope to hear from them. If that doesn't happen, there is a secondary motion we also want to pull forward if neither firm agrees the Commission moves the Executive Director to negotiate with either 98 forward or McConnell communication to provide this for 98 forward. If we do

not receive the reference for 98 forward at all then we will go with McConnell Communications. If there is any questions, Chairperson, I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can we have the references back on McConnell commute cakes already?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any other questions for Mr. Woods? Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I know you're going to e-mail me, but can you put the slide with the dates for our meetings up very quickly.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I will be sending you, no I have it. I will be sending you calendar appointments. So if you give me a moment they will be on your calendar an hour or so after the meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I just like to write them down in my planner.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Trying to put them up right now. Just a second. There we go. Let me share my screen. Are you able to see it, Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Perfect.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It sounds like Mr. Woods is asking for a motion.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would move the recommendations that Edward Woods III has made. And there are two steps.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Is there a second for that motion?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR ORTON: It's moved and seconded. I will read this that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate with 98 forward to provide nontraditional and social media outreach and McConnell Communications to provide traditional and community outreach for the Commission. This is pending the reference from 98 forward. And secondary if neither firm agrees the Commission moves to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with either 98 forward or McConnell Communications to provide public relations services for the Commission pending the reference for 98 forward. Is there any further discussion on that motion? Seeing none, all in favor of this motion raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay? Okay the ayes prevail, and the motion is adopted. Do you have anything further, Director Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No. Just want to give you kudos. You know, for real. I mean there were people that doubted us. Didn't think we could get it done. Reading the media clips and not knowing the heart of this Commission like I do, and I just want to say kudos thank you for hanging in there. It's been tough. It's been long but you made it happen. And democracy still works and the reality of proposal 201802 is still in

effect so congratulations to each and every one of you. And to you Chairperson for steering the way. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Thank you. Okay, so without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if they have an update.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I have no update other than to just echo what Executive Director Woods said. I know it's been a long couple of weeks. But thank you for all of your hard work. And congratulations on moving maps forward to the public comment period.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay one question, Sarah Reinhardt, did you find anything in your thick book of Robert rules of order to address Commissioner Lange's question?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I did actually. So under Robert's Rules of Order newly revised, this is the 12th edition, for those who may be interested on Page 306 it addresses reconsideration of a motion that is no longer an order because of an intervening action. I should note first that to reconsider a motion, it is actually preferable did I say required that it be the same meeting where the motion actually took place. Or a meeting shortly thereafter. But aside from that point, Section 37: 13 I don't know how to pronounce that I'm sorry, states that reconsideration of a motion is no longer an order if there is an intervening action. Meaning that if you vote to reschedule the date you can't reconsider the motion any way. So what the Commission did would be in order.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, so correspondence was received in advance of this meeting today along with written public comments, written public comments to the Commission. Are there any announcements from any Commissioners? Seeing none, as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business today a motion to adjourn is in order. It's moved and seconded we adjourn all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR ORTON: Any opposed raise your hand and say nay. Okay the Commission is adjourned at 6:08 p.m. Thank you very much.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you all.