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>> CHAIR EID: Good morning everybody. As chairman of the Commission I would like to welcome you to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission town hall meeting today at 10:02:00 a.m. Today is a live virtual town hall meeting where no business is being conducted. This Zoom webinar is live streamed on Youtube on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Youtube channel.

For anyone in the public watching, who would prefer to watch via a different platform than they are currently using, please visit our social media @redistricting mi. Our live stream today includes closed captioning, ASL interpretation viewing at a later date. This meeting also is being transcribed and those closed-captioned transcriptions will be made available and posted on the Michigan.gov/MICRC website along with written public Comment submissions. There is also a public comment portal that may Be Accessed visiting Michigan.gov/MICRC. Members of the media who may have questions before, during or after the meeting should direct those questions to Edward Woods III, Executive Director. For people with disabilities needing other services should contact the same e-mail. This meeting is being recorded and will be available at www.michigan.gov/MICRC for viewing at a later date. It is also being transcribed and those closed caption transcript will be made available and posted on the website www.Michigan.gov/MICRC. Along with written public comment submissions. There's also a public comment portal that may be accessed by visiting www.michigan.gov/MICRC. Members of the media who have questions before, during, or after today's town hall should direct those questions to Edward Woods III Executive Director of the Commission at WoodsE3@Michigan.gov or for the purpose of today's town hall meeting, I'll turn it over to Executive Director Woods.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Welcome and thank you for joining us today. The town hall meeting is about the public and making sure that the public has an opportunity to engage with the Commission as it continues its process to select a final state senate remedial plan. The purpose is to educate the public of the 12 maps being considered by the Commission. As you know, we have six collaborative maps and six individual maps that are up for consideration. We want to share how the maps comply with the court order and the seven ranked redistricting criteria. Most importantly, we want to answer questions and obtain public feedback on all 12 maps. So once again, we want to thank you for engaging with us and knowing we'll be here from 10:00 to 1:00 and again this evening from 5:00 to 7:30:00 p.m. Please tell your neighbors, your friends, your family, your neighborhood, your community, all of those associated as it relates to the particular

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maps to join us at a time of their convenience. Once again today from 10:00 to 1:00 or 5:00 to 7:30:00 p.m. and note we'll be here next week on Thursday, June 6th at the same times, 10:00 a.m.to 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:30:00 p.m. We look forward to engaging with you. Thank you so much!

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. So as you just heard, the Commission has forwarded 12 maps to the court for public consideration. These include six collaborative maps and six individual maps. The collaborative maps are cardinal, rain, dove, finch, heron, and starling. And the individual maps submitted by Commissioners are from Commissioners Curry, Kellom, Lange, Orton, Szetela, and Wagner.

We have requests from Commissioners to present at designated times because of different appointments today, and we'll try to accommodate those Commissioners schedules. Would anybody like to go first?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'd be happy to go first.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful. We have Mr. Morgan here with us from EDS.

>> Yes, hello.

>> CHAIR EID: I hope you're doing well today.

>> Commissioner Lange, you want me to bring your map up? I'll share my screen for that.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please. I'll make a couple of quick color adjustments between 2 and 6 and maybe 8 and 11.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

Okay. In this case, I'm focusing on the maps. We have other metrics and things that we can show, if you call for it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay. So I think I want to first start out with a brief rundown of it fits into the map itself. It's VRA compliant. There are four BRA districts which would be 1, 3, 6, and 7. It does meet the partisan fairness analysis, and is in compliance for that.

One thing that the public or Commissioners might notice, there was a slight change to district 1 with the first running. It did not show as district 1 being a performing district. I made minor adjustments, which included adding Melvindale which we heard from the community that Melvindale be put with district 2. That was added. And I pulled some population. You'll see district 2 to 1 to make into the population that was put into district 2. That's a quick rundown of that.

On the map itself, you'll see district 12 was cut the same. It was the Lake Shore community of interest that the public talked about. District 9 was kept the same. That was also -- we received public comment about that and trying to keep that the same. District 7 was initially drawn. I was trying to incorporate the Jewish population into a district of their own, which then when we ran the BRA, I was

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surprised it was also BRA performing district. Livonia was made whole in the map. The map started out being a collaborative map. District 10 -- you can correct me, if I'm wrong, I believe what the change that was made by Commissioner Eid in one of the maps -- what else can I say? When you look at the Detroit area, I tried to use Rose as a guideline and keep neighborhoods whole. So you're going to see that there are three districts that are primarily all contained within the Detroit area with, for the most part, other than 6 extends out a little bit. That had to be that way for population reasons.

District 1 started out doing the Down River community of interest, again, I had to make some changes. Minor changes in order to make it compliant. So there is a little bit of change for those districts.

District 3 keeps together your highland park and Bengali towns. Pretty much that's the rundown. I can tell the public and the Commissioners that this was drawn blind. This was drawn blind to politics. It was drawn blind to race. I did not use any maps that were submitted. So there would not be any conflicts with people that are running for office or that are in office. This was all done strictly by me. That's pretty much it. If anybody has any questions, I don't know if anybody wants to see the analysis for any of the other stuff that is available online. So does the Commission itself have questions about the map?

>> CHAIR EID: Any Commissions for Commissioner Lange, Commissioners? Or any other comments about this proposal? Commissioner Lange, I do not see any.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Perfect. Then I'm going let the next person go.

>> CHAIR EID: All right. Any other volunteers?

If not, then we can just proceed in alphabetical order.

Let's bring up Cardinal. I believe Commissioner Weiss, you're speaking about this map.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, good morning. We'll comment on the Cardinal map. John, if you can bring it up, please.

>> Okay. Let me get a couple of different colors on the screen for 6, 2, and 11.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> Okay. Here is the Detroit area.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right. There are four compliant districts. Districts 7, 3, 8, and 1. What I find, to me, this is one of the most interesting maps that we did. We took and created senate districts using the House districts to pretty much put them, three of them together and the Senate district, obviously, accounting for population, obviously, would be a little low. The districts are all drawn that way that were subbed in. There was not too much changed on the other districts. So, Chairman EID, anything you want to comment on?

>> CHAIR EID: So, yeah. This one also has -- districts. Those being 1, 3, 8, and 7. The partisan fairness numbers are for the lopsided margins test 3.6%.

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Efficiency gap 0.8%. And votes ratio of 22/16. 5% in favor of Dems on this one. As Commissioner Weiss said, for the Detroit area districts, we tried to combine the districts from the Motown Sound house map and the suburbs from collaborative maps that were done prior to that. So in district 1, goes from the Down River area up through Detroit including Highland Park. District 2 has that Arab American community of interest consisting of Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale, Allen Park, Lincoln Park, and a little bit of Warrendale. District 3 approximates some of the Motown Sound districts combining the areas just north of 8-mile with the north and northwest portions of Detroit.

In district 4, Romulus is split but Taylor is whole. And, also, includes that Van Buren community that we heard about.

5 includes Canton, Inkster, Romulus, and Plymouth.

6 then includes Canton, Redford, and the rest of Plymouth as well as Redford -- I'm sorry, not Redford, Northville crossing the county boundary and being back whole there.

7 has some of the more distinct Oakland county townships. South Field, Royal Oak, Berkeley, going into a little portion of Detroit.

8 is the east side of Detroit. Warren along with Eastpointe. It has those areas of Morningside, East English Village together, going through Warren. Also including Eastpointe.

9 is a little different from the original configuration of 9 that was in the Lyndon map. It is Pontiac, Rochester Hills, going south into Birmingham.

10 includes Troy, Sterling Heights, and Madison Heights.

11 is another Macomb county centered district including parts of Warren and parts of Macomb.

12 was not changed from the original map. And 13 has Farmington and Farmington Hills no longer being split up. Combining it with West Bloomfield and the lakes.

I do not believe there are any changes to 23 or 24 on this version.

I think that about covers it for this one. Does anyone have any comments about this map, Commissioners? Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. I just wanted to point out a couple of things that kind of aren't my favorite thing about the map. As you mentioned, it does sort of try to replicate the Motown Sound. I think we've been hearing some people aren't happy with some of the things they did in the Motown Sound. For example, as you mentioned Romulus is split. People have complained about it

they want to be kept whole and kept with her Ron and Sumter. It splits the Native American community of interest in Westland. Pretty much right down the middle. So I think that's problematic. I think 2 is good. I think district 2 is pretty much replicated in most maps. And 1 is similar, as well.

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My bigger concern is with 6 where we have this portion of west Detroit, pretty small portion, sort of in a district stretching out all the way to northville. I think it kind of replicates some of the problems we had in the Lyndon map. You have the wealthy, primarily White, suburb communities combined with northville. It is hard to justify any community of interest there between the two groups.

We have similar configurations in several of our maps. What I would call dipping our toes in Detroit. 7 dips a bit into Detroit but mostly a northern district. North of 8-mile, I should say. Same thing with district 8. It's dipping into Detroit and taking mostly Warren and West Point. My personal preference is for the structure that Commissioner Curry created for Detroit. More Detroit centric and less reaching out into other communities. If we can scroll up a little bit, John.

So another concern I have with this map is we have separated Pontiac from southfield. We did receive public comment from people in Pontiac saying they wanted to preserve that kind of original structure that we had where Pontiac was combined with southfield. It splits that. We also had prior public comments from the last round about wanting to keep Troy and Rochester Hills together. In the original district 9 it kept Troy, Rochester hills, and the Western portion of Sterling Heights together. And that dropped down for Madison heights. I think it's kind of odd. I think that was done for partisan fairness purposes. I know we received many public comments about wanting Troy but not Madison heights. I think that's a strange appendage hanging down there. I think it's hard to justify.

And -- yeah. I think that's it. So in general, I just think there's kind of some concerns with this map, and we have some better options out there.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. I'm wondering, is this a -- I thought we were going to present the maps with the facts and then hear from the public. Is this a "pick apart the maps we don't like" session or "stand up for the maps we like" session. What exactly are we doing here?

>> CHAIR EID: That is a valid point. I thought it was the former, but, you know, if people want to chime in, I think that's okay, too. But the purpose is to present the maps to the public in order to get feedback on them.

Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I agree. I thought this was just to present the maps. Commissioner Weiss, he did that. He presented this map. It doesn't mean it was his favorite. He just did one. I think we'll see all of Commissioner's Szetela map. When we look at her map, we'll see what she liked. She doesn't like her map, this is her prerogative. I think we should let the people present the maps, let the people make their decisions, make them make their comments. I really don't think we need to -- us -- to tear apart the map and say everything that we don't like about it, at this time. That's it.

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>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. I think part of presenting the maps to the public is promoting the pros and cons. I mean, you went over everything you thought it was a pro. I raised issue I think are potential cons with this. I think particularly for the public who may not be as intimately familiar with the different community of interests we've been presented with, the testimony we've heard. I think it's helpful for them to hear what I have to say about what potential concerns I have with the map. And then they can make an informed decision.

you know, they may hear what I say and say "I agree or disagree" I think it's fair game to say what you like and don't like. Because otherwise you're not giving the public the full and fair opportunity to evaluate things.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think the public is more intelligent than you're giving them credit for. I think they can look at the map and make their decisions. Like I said, they'll see what you like, how you did your maps. They will say -- see what you think is a better plan. I think that this time is just to present the maps.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I thought maybe if we could take an overlay of the Motown Sound to look how it looks if comparison to the senate districts.

>> Okay. I can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

Okay. So the House districts are red. So if you want to look at, say, district 1, as a quick example. This red outline is House district 1 from Motown Sound. This is House district 7, and this is House district 9. Roughly the three districts were combined to create Senate district.

>> CHAIR EID: Does that help, Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes. I thought it might be interesting to see how the districts look in comparison putting them in Senate districts and how they shaped up. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thanks.

Okay. Let's move on to the next map. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: How are we handling the individual maps? If people want to come on first with if you want.

>> CHAIR EID: You broke up there. Can you repeat your statement.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry. Are people with individual maps being the choice to present them first. I know Commissioner Lange went.

>> CHAIR EID: I asked for volunteers. If an individual Commissioner wants to, they're more than welcome to. Whatever.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. Can I go ahead and do my map now, please.

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>> CHAIR EID: Sure.

>> Okay. I'll bring that up.

Again, I'll take a moment to change the colors on a couple of districts. Okay, Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. This map is based off Commissioner Juanita Curry's Detroit area map. I did make a few changes to her district 1, 3, and 8. It does have four VRA districts, according to the analysis. The partisan fairness is in line.

>> Can you speak a bit more slowly for the ASL interpreter.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. Sorry. I had too much caffeine. This is based off Commissioner Juanita Curry's map for the Detroit area. I did make some adjustments to her Detroit-centric districts. For district 1, I put South Gate into district 4. If you look up for district 3, I think to bring Ferndale into Detroit. We received many comments about that LGBTQ community of interest between Ferndale and the Palmer Park area of Detroit. That was public comment F3493. So I wanted to preserve that. And that required me to take a little bit from 3 and put it into 1 to kind of accommodate that population. So we have the three Detroit centric districts. 1, 3, and 8. 8 is combined with Redford, as well, which is a border community. District 2 preserves that Middle eastern north African. The Warren dale community, as well. District 4 keeps Romulus, Van Buren, Sumpter together in a single district. That was something that was requested by those communities. So they are all together and kind of a down river, you know, more rural district.

We can pull up a little bit. So this map has a little bit of a different configuration for 5 and 6. In other maps, we have them stacked on top of each other. This is taking them straight north. So 5 includes Plymouth and Canton, which shares a school district, northville, and then -- and then district 6 keeps Livonia intact along with westland, garden city, Inkster, and Wayne. That by virtue of doing that preserves the Native American community of interest I mentioned before. I did have to take a little bit from Farmington Hills for population to balance it out. But otherwise Farmington and Farmington Hills are intact. We can scroll up a little bit.

I did keep most of the original district 7 from the Lynn Don map. We have Pontiac together with SouthField. I added in oak park and a portion of I believe Huntington woods. To preserve the orthodox Jewish community of interest. We received a community of interest file over this number 31803, for the record.

District 9 is mostly intact from the original district was. It does bring Birmingham over into 9. It keeps Troy in portions of the east Sterling Heights -- I'm sorry West Sterling Heights together to preserve that community. It also keeps Troy and Rochester Hills together to keep the community of interest we received comments about, as well.

In terms of 11, we received public comments from the one commentator about

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the secondary community of interest being Sterling Heights, Fraser, and Roseville. I was trying to create a district that sort of accomplished that, as well.

And then that Lake Shore district, district 12, we received a lot of public comments about is still the same. With it wrapping all the way around and down to the points.

And I think that's it. Oh. I also should mention, in general, with the districts in general, district 3, I was trying to keep the Bengali community together. That was communities of interest P4107. It preserved the C2453, Dexter is kept together. It was another requested we received. Along with Rosedale park and grant month 1 and 2, which was W9474. Corner Stone are also kept together. That's community of interest C826.

And, again, the Arabic community of interest was C1510. Native American community of interest is 5527, for the westland portion of that. She also submitted a separate one for down river, which overlaps in most parts with the Latino community of interest, and that is P5531.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela.

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Szetela, can you tell me which districts are your VRA districts?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 1, 3, 8, and 7.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Did you want to mention the partisan fairness metrics for this one?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. I mean, if you want to bring them up, John. They're equivalent to all the maps have pretty much the same partisan fairness. I think maybe the Dove and the Finch are a little out. Yeah, Dove and Finch are above 4 efficiency gap. So 4.0 lopsided margin. 1.0 mean/median. .08 efficiency gap. And seats vote ratio 22/16 with a 5% portionality bias leading in favor of democrats.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. Thank you.

Anything to add about this map, Commissioners? All right. Thank you, Commissioner Szetela.

Would anyone like to go next? If not, we can go back to the collaborative versions and look at Crane.

>> >>: Okay. I've got that one here.

>> CHAIR EID: And Commissioner Vallette, I believe you're taking the lead on this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I am. I would like to go through the map by the redistricting criteria in the ranked order.

So the first thing is equal population and Voting Rights Act. The population within the deviation that was allowed. Brace was not looked at. The VRA annalist was performed after the map were drawn. There are four VRA districts. The

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second criteria is geographically contiguous.

Discontinuity check was performed and there are no discontinuities. It reflects the state diversity and community of interest. So I'm going to go through the districts and talk about the communities of interest that we looked at in these districts and did our best to keep them together.

District 1, down river communities of Lincoln park were kept together. Hispanic community of interest -- Hispanic -- I'm sorry -- were kept together, including Mexicantown. The neighborhoods of Midwest up to Bethune over to Dexter Lynnwood. District 2MENA, COI including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale, Allen park, and all of Warren avenue, most of Warren dale were kept together.

District 3 Highland Park and -- I can't talk today! Highland Park including east Detroit, Corner Stone village, East English Village, and Morningside including the bold coast. Those were looked at and we tried our best to keep those together.

District 4 keeps the community of interest above Van Buren and Sumpter townships along with Huron. It keeps Romulus whole with the area south of it, which was requested by the public comment keeps many down river communities together.

District 5 Canton and Plymouth and Westland also includes garden city and Inkster together.

District 5 Canton and Plymouth -- I'm sorry. I already said that one. 6 district 6 west Detroit with Redford. It includes Brightmoor, Bagley, and far west Detroit together.

District 7 Southfield with Pontiac. We heard some public comments about keeping that together.

District 8 keeps Livonia whole, keeps Farmington with Farmington Hills together, Northville together.

District 9 keeps the -- I don't -- COI together with Troy. West side of Sterling Heights, Rochester, and Rochester Hills together.

District 10 Oak Park, Huntington Woods, and Pleasant Ridge, Ferndale, and Hazel Park together.

District 12 preserves the Lake St. Clair Shoreline community of interest.

District 13 keeps Milford together. And district 23 keeps Highland and White Lake Township together.

District 24 keeps most of Clinton township and Shelby township with Macomb township. That was originally in the North part of the district.

So that completes the community of interest that we looked at when we did this map.

The next criteria was portion advantage to any public political party. And we did run a -- I can't say the word. A fairness number. And we didn't really talk about, you know, the who was running or what party. So we did that without anything.

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Oh, I know. Rebecca has something to say.

No favor or disfavor to any incumbent elected official or candidate. We didn't take any incumbents or anybody running for office into account while we did this. And it reflects consideration of county, city, and township boundaries. Where it was possible, we tried to keep them together. But we did have to consider population and community of interest consideration. And it is reasonably compact. We do have compactness scores. That's it. If anybody would like to see any of the reports, I'm sure Mr. Morgan will pull them up. Does anybody have any questions?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: John, are you changing 24 and 11?

>> Yeah. I just did.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's what I was going to ask.

>> 24 and 11 had the similar color scheme. Here it separates them out. You can see the division here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Eid, do you have anything to add?

>> CHAIR EID: I think you did a wonderful job, Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you!

>> CHAIR EID: You rock! And no don't. I think you had just about -- hit just about everything on this one. Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It preserves the community of interest between Troy and Rochester hills and Troy and the west side of Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: All right.

Let's move on to the next one being Dove.

>> I just made some color changes here. Yeah. Okay. There we go.

>> CHAIR EID: All right. This version we have on screen is Dove. And I'll go through the districts that are there. So let's start with 1.

This one, again, is a down river west Detroit type of district. This district 1 includes Hamtramck but not Highland Park.

District 2 has a similar configuration to some of the other district 2 we've seen. The Arab American community of interest, including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Lincoln park, Melvindale, and parts of Warrendale.

The district 3 has Highland Park along with the west side of Detroit.

I believe the districts 4 and 5 are the same as some of the other configurations. 4 has Taylor being whole, but it splits up a Romulus into 4 and 5. And then in this one, instead of 5 going south into Van Buren township, it stays a little north of that and goes north into the Plymouth area.

6 has Livonia, garden City, and Farmington and Farmington Hills. I believe in this version, we tried to keep mostly 7 and 9 the same as how they were in the Lyndon map. You still have that 7 that connects Pontiac to Southfield and the 9 that has Rochester, Troy, and the west side of Sterling Heights. You have 10 here that

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is a little bit of the northeast portion of Detroit going up into Warren, including Center Line and Eastpointe. I believe Harper Woods is in here, as well.

>> Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: In district 10 in the Dove map. And then 11 and 12 you have an 11 that has the Grosse Pointe, St. Clair Shores, and goes over to the remainder of the east side of Sterling Heights, including Fraser. And you have a 12 that is the northeast portion of that Lake Side community having Mount Pleasant and the rest of the areas surrounding Lake St. Clair.

It does have four VRA districts. Those districts being 1, 3, 7, and 10.

For the partisan fairness, this one has a lopsided margins test of 6.2%. A mean/median difference of 2.5%. And efficiency gap of 4.6%. And seats-to-vote ratio of 20/18. Minus 0.2% towards Democrats. Does anyone have anything to add about this version? Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. My concern with this map is when you touched on it splits Romulus, which we received public comment asking not to be split. And two Van Buren and Belleville. I believe it was the township supervisor for Van Buren spoke to us and asked they be placed in with Huron and Sumpter. This map does not honor that. Like I said, it has Detroit configuration I think is concerning. I think this is more justifiable than the Cardinal because it's, like, a little bit more balanced. But it does still worry me. Are we reaching particularly with district 8 where we have Birmingham put together with the northern parts of Detroit. And that particularly is a concern because that was something the Court flagged in their opinion about combining Birmingham with Detroit. So that kind of gives me some pause with this map.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner. Does anyone else have anything they'd like to add?

All right.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: District 11 and 12, I kind of have an issue with changing that Lake Shore community of interest. Simply for the reason, pardon me, for the fact that during the House redrawing they got split up. It was said in a meeting they're still together and the Senate we're honoring that community of interest so then if you split it up in the Senate, it's like we're going back on something. I don't know. So something said to a community, I would hope we would stick to what we say to that community. It just tears me up not doing that. So that's it.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry. I forgot to drop my hand.

>> CHAIR EID: All good. Okay. Thank you for your comments, Commissioners.

Next up is Finch.

>> Okay. Let me adjust this a little bit.

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>> CHAIR EID: Okay. So Commissioner Andrade was supposed to present this one, but she had something come up. So I'll take the lead on it. If any other Commissioner would like to say anything, please feel free to jump in!

What we're looking at is Finch. I'll start by saying it has four VRA districts, 1, 3, 8, and 7. As far as the districts go, we have 3 Detroit center districts here. This is one of the versions where the district 1 wraps around Dearborn. You can see it goes from the down river communities up around Dearborn. Going into the some of the west side of Detroit.

It's district 3 that includes the center portion of Detroit from the river up to the border of 8-mile. But in a corridor-type of configuration, including Island Park and Hamtramck. And district 8 that takes the east side of Detroit and has it going north up through Eastpointe.

District 4 this is one of the ones with Taylor whole but Romulus split. The areas of Van Buren township are included with Sumpter here.

District 5 has Canton, Westland, Inkster, Plymouth Township, and Romulus.

6 has Livonia along with Redford south into Garden City and west into Plymouth and Northville.

7 has Southfield, Oak Park, Royal Oak township, Beverly Hills, and with a little bit of Detroit.

I already talked about 8. 9 has a similar configuration to some of the 9s we've seen before with Pontiac, Rochester Hills going south toward into Birmingham.

10 has Sterling Heights, Troy, among with Madison Heights.

11 has Macomb county district that includes Warren, Roseville, Fraser, and parts of Macomb.

And 12 has the original district 12 configuration with Lyndon.

And 13 has that Farmington Farmington Hills configuration being with West Bloomfield and the lakes. And this one, I don't believe 23 and 24 were changed.

For partisan fairness we have 3.7% on the lopsided margins test. 2.7% for mean/median difference. 0.8% for efficiency gap. And seats-to-vote ratio of 22/16. 5% toward the democrats.

That's about all I got for this one. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. Umm, I'm just going to raise kind of the same concerns I raised with cardinal. Cardinal and Finch are similar. They have a lot of the same districts. The concern is splitting Romulus in district 5. We were asked to keep it intact. Again, I have the same concern with district 6. How we have just a portion of west Detroit put in stretching out all the way to Northville. I don't see any common communities of interest there at all. And I think it's hard to justify from a mapping perspective the Native American community of interest and Westland and Garden City is split. And then, again, if we move up farther towards 9 and 7. So 9 is now configured to no longer have Pontiac with Southfield. That's something they

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requested to stay together. And then, also, 9 now contains Rochester Hills which is separated from Troy which splits the Asian Pacific Islander community of interest. District 10 does a good job of preserving the community. Again, I think that reach into Madison Heights is a little hard to justify. Particularly when we received a lot of comments. And then, again, my concern is with the toes into Detroit configuration with 7 and 8 particularly 8 it's stretching down to the river. Will it be on objectionable to the court when there are other options available?

>> CHAIR EID: All right.

Heron is next. -- Heron is next. Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: And just for the record, I think every district we've drawn in all the maps, all 12 versions that we have are justifiable. We may have different opinions on what the justifications are. That's Okay. We can agree to disagree but every district is justifiable. It depends what you look at. We'll debate that at a later time.

We have Heron now. Commissioner Callaghan, I think you're taking the lead on this? and I do not see her on. That is not a problem. Would any Commissioner like to talk about Heron? If not, I'll do so.

So we are looking at Heron. Now, I believe, this was one of the versions where we started with a different configuration of Detroit and tried to stack some of the districts on top of each other. So you have a little bit of a different configuration in 1 here. Including down river to the east side. It goes a little bit north on the east side, as well, to take up some of the northeast portions of Detroit. On the south end, you can zoom in on the south end, John. So it includes the down river communities down through ecorse. It doesn't go as far south but goes a little bit more west ward to include Melvindale and parts of Lincoln Park.

District 8 is right on top of it having what I'll call the middle portion of Detroit here including Highland Park and Hamtramck going pretty much up to the 8-mile corridor.

You have a district 6 that includes Livonia, Redford into the west portion of Detroit.

District 2 is a little bit of a different configuration. It has Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and Warrendale being with Inkster, Garden City, and Westland.

Can you go to 4 and 5. So 4 and 5 look a little different than some of the other maps that we've seen, as well. You can see that we look a little bit more -- I don't know, like boxed, if you will. But 4 goes a little bit more south taking in the rest of the down river communities including Taylor. 5 starts at Canton and Westland and goes south to incorporate Van Buren, Romulus here being and going south from there.

7 includes Pontiac, a little bit of Waterford and east into Auburn Hills, Rochester, and a little eastward into Sterling Heights.

I spoke about 8. 9 has a configuration, it starts south of Pontiac and includes some of the Oakland county suburbs from Birmingham going south into Royal Oak

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and Ferndale.

10 includes Warren and the remainder of Sterling Heights as well as Center Line.

11 has another Macomb county-centered district including Fraser and East point but does not cross 8-mile. And 12 includes the original 12 that was in Lyndon.

Added to it are two Detroit neighborhoods to make up for Mount Clemons, that is instead in 11 here.

It does have four VRA districts like the other ones. They're 1, 8, 6, and 3. For the partisan fairness, we have 3.8% for the lopsided margins test. 0.3% for mean/median difference. 0.8% for efficiency gap. And seats-to-vote ratio 22/16, 5% toward the Democrats.

I think that does about it for Heron. Any comments? Commissioner Szetela?
>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. Umm, my biggest concern with this map is that district 11. John, can you pull up the core retention for this map. So for that district 11, I believe it's 90 something percent the same. I'm trying to find it on your list. Oh, so it's based off the Humming bird that's 91.2. I think that's the same district 11. I think from a potential submitting this to the court perspective, I think that is concerning. I think the Livonia district, as well. I know it has a 65% core retention. I would be curious. I'll probably actually try to do it on my own to analyze what percentage of Detroit is still in that Detroit Livonia district. If we can go back to the map, please. I have a number of concerns of combining communities together. I don't think they belong together and not combining communities that I think should be together. For example Melvindale has been asked to be put with Dearborn. Yet it is not in this map. Inkster and Dearborn Heights and Dearborn, I don't think are particularly well suited to each other. This also splits the Native American community of interest in Westland and Garden City. I think putting Canton down with an Ohio-bordering district doesn't make much sense at respect. It isn't respecting the Middle eastern community or the Asian Pacific Islander community. It's polluting out their voice putting them with rural and different communities and what Canton is like.

Can we scroll up a little bit. The LGBTQ community of interest along 8 and 9 is in a separate district, which I think is concerning. I also -- can we go back to the bottom of Dearborn Heights. I mentioned before splitting that area and putting it with down river is really problematic from a community of interest perspective. Just because of the flooding issues they have there along the ecourse creek. They should be with the Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. They're the communities with the concerns and it's unique to that area.

I'm concerned about up near Troy and Sterling Heights. We have the call key began community of interest is split into three different districts in this map. We have Troy split into two and Western Sterling Heights is broken into two. It puts the community and in three separate districts and completely reduces that power of the

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voice they have when they're together. And I'm concerned about Pontiac being separated from SouthField. They have asked to be combined together and kept together like in Lyndon. And lastly the split of Rochester Hills and Troy. We're splitting that community, as well. And that's pretty much it. But, yeah. I think in terms of communities of interest we have other maps that do a better job with the communities of interest and don't raise that concern about district 11 and potentially having that bounce back to us by the Court.

>> CHAIR EID: Did you say something about Ohio? Or did I mishear?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It looks like it does not. It goes down to Sumpter.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. I think they border Monroe.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. Monroe. Yeah.

>> CHAIR EID: All right. Commissioner Muldoon, are you here with us now?

>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Yeah.

>> CHAIR EID: Cool. Do you want to talk about Starling?

>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Sure.

>> I'll bring that up here. And then let me take a moment to change the color on the districts that look similar.

>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Okay. VRA is four performing districts. 1, 3, 7, and 10. Keeps Sumpter all in one district. We had some public comments. Dearborn, Melvindale, Warrendale are kept together in one district.

We moved Fraser out of 12 into 11 with Sterling Heights and kept Lake Shore community intact and together. Like it was prior. It has Taylor split a little bit to keep the population. And Hamtramck and Highland Park are kept together in district 3. I think that's about all I can say.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. So district 9 has a similar cop figuration to what we've seen before with Pontiac, Rochester Hills going down south into Birmingham. 13 has a similar configuration with Farmington Hills.

Let's see 12 is mostly the same Lake Shore community. It's a little bit different. It has Roseville so that Fraser is now in 11 and has the east side of Sterling Heights. 8 has Troy, the west side of Sterling Heights going a little bit more south into Madison Heights like the other maps. And then also in addition a little bit of Oil Oak. And then 7 has the remainder of those open counties suburb and townships going a little bit south of the border into Detroit. As Commissioner Muldoon said. This has four VRA districts. 1, 3, 7, and 10. And for the partisan fairness metrics, this has a lopsided margin test of 5%. A mean median difference of 1.3%. Efficiency gap of 1.9%. And seats-to-vote ratio ratio of 21/17 2.4% in favor of the Democracies. and I don't believe this one changed 23 or 24. You know, actually, 24 might have changed a little bit in Macomb township. Adding on a little bit of Macomb township on the upper portion of 11. Any comments to add, Commissioners?

Okay. That does it for the collaborative maps. Those are the ones with the bird

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names.

For the individual maps, Commissioners Lange and Szetela have spoken about their maps. Commissioner Orton, would you like to speak about yours?

>> Sorry. This is John Morgan. It looks like four individual maps are here.

Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Curry's maps.

>> CHAIR EID: It sounds right to me.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If you can open mine, John.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Going through the criteria. We can see it's in the population deviation, and race was not considered in the drawing of this map. Had no race or political data up. The VRA analysis was performed after the drawing of the map. And there are four VRA districts. I'll let you change the color.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. Okay.

So 1, 3, 6, and 7. And I believe, Mr. Morgan, I believe you ran a check on the maps. So there's no discontinuities in the map, is that correct?

>> On this map, no discontinuities.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. Thank you. And then number 3 reflecting state's diversity and communities of interest. I'll go through district by district.

So the district 1, I'll say that this map started off of Crane and then I changed a few things. So district 1 has the Hispanic community of interest including Mexicantown and river Rouge, and Lincoln Park. And South Gate is in there, as well. It goes up and includes the communities of Midwest and Dexter Lynnwood. And I have followed the neighborhood map on I believe I did not split up any neighborhoods.

District 2 has the community of interest including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale, Allen Park, Warren Avenue, and most of Warrendale.

And district 3 is a Detroit district with Highland Park and Hamtramck. It includes east Detroit. It keeps Corner stone, village, East English Village together and includes Gold Coast.

And district 4 it keeps the community of interest of bell view, Warren view, and Sumpter townships together along with Huron. It keeps Romulus whole with the area south of it, which was requested in public comment. And it keeps many of the down river communities together.

And district 5 in this map Canton is with Plymouth and Westland and Garden City and Inkster. And west Detroit with Redford. It includes Bagle and Mcfarland, I believe. It's Southfield with Pontiac which they have requested, as a community of interest.

8 includes Ferndale and Hazel Park. And district 9 keeps the community of

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interest together with Troy, west side of Sterling Heights, Rochester, Rochester hills.

And district 10 is the bottom of what was the long skinny 10 and 11 side by side. This is the bottom portion. Including Eastpointe with roseville, Fraser, and the east side of Warren and part of Clinton township. And the remainder of Sterling Heights.

District 11 is the top of what used to be the two districts 10 and 11. So it's the top part of Clinton township with Macomb township and most of Shelby township.

District 12 preserves the Lake Shore lake St. Clair community of interest. And district 13 keeps Livonia whole. Keeps Farmington with Farmington Hills. Includes Northville with part of Novi. Couldn't keep it all for population. And then I did have to change 23 and 24 a little. So White Lake with Waterford and everything above it. Like it previously was in 24. And 23 is millford is with highland.

So then for the next criteria no disproportionate -- so the partisan fairness numbers are -- let's see. Lopsided margins is -- sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Are you going to get that?

>> Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. Great. I'll let you go through that.

>> Okay. Let me double check that. 393, 393. Okay. The lopsided margin is 5.4 for republican. The mean/median difference is 3.4 for republican. Efficiency gap is 1.9 republican. And the seats-vote ratio is going to be the same 17 and 21.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. I can tell you -- yeah.

>> I got it. The formula was just disabled. It's 21/17, 2.4 toward democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right. It does not favor or disfavor incumbent candidate. Didn't look at that while drawing this map. Consideration of county, city, and township boundaries. I did that where I could. Where it doesn't conflict with population or communities of interest.

And reasonably compact. We can show compactness scores, if people want to see this. And that's all I have. Unless there's any questions.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you just go over, again, the differences between this and Crane. I was having a little bit of trouble. I saw district 8.

>> Yeah. Commissioner, Eid. That's the main difference, as I recall. 8 is over on this side and the Crane, 8 is over on this side.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We can overlay Crane, if you'd like.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. Let's try that.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. That helped.

>> Let me put the labels on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I started with Crane. There's a couple of things I wanted to try to change and I don't know changed a few little things here and there. That, you know, in trying to do something bigger, it turned out being just a few little things here and there mostly.

>> CHAIR EID: Got it. Thank you for that. I appreciate it.

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Okay. That brings us to --

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I have my hand raised.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: John, can you put that back on, please. The overlay.

Yeah. So, Commissioner Orton, I thought the biggest changes as you adjusted 13 where you, umm, took a little part of 5 and then part of Novi, that caused you to bump up into Highland and had to push around in 24. You were kind of going around. There were few changes in the higher districts as you were adjusting for population. I wanted to point it out. It wasn't just around 8, 10, and 9. There was changes to 23, 13, 24, and I think even 25 at the top might have had a bit of an adjustment, as well. But Highland got moved from 23 to 24. That portion of Oakland got moved into 23. And then that portion of NOVI got moved into 13. There are little adjustments.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think I touched 25.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: All righty. Commissioner Kellom, would you like to talk about your map?

>> I'll bring that map up. Let me make adjustments to the color. Okay, Commissioner Kellom.

>> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. So I'll start by saying that this map is not a map that I spent time drawing on my own. This map is the Phoenix map that I chose to adopt as an individual map so members of the public could weigh in, like any other map, on what they like, what they don't like, and what seems fair as it pertains to their communities and neighborhoods. Particularly the Metro Detroit area.

So I'll say the approach for this map when the Commission -- and we've talked about it several times, but I'll doing my due diligence, as you're supposed to do today, the approach for this map was to create a different configuration for the Detroit area and not just keep neighborhoods and communities whole, as we've tried to do largely in all areas. But particularly as we get to this kind of urban epicenter. The approach to this map was a little different. We wanted to keep neighborhoods together, but we wanted to keep communities and neighborhoods together in a way that made sense geographically.

So on some other maps, just using this as an example, if we look at district 8, which is one of the VRA districts, as well, district 8 spans east/west. Does not really cross 8-mile. Not because we think that 8-mile can't be crossed. If we reflect back to some of the comments made during the House public hearings and town halls, there were some individuals, quite a few, and we brought understanding to that they made comments regarding not wanting to cross 8-mile. District 8 goes east and

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west as opposed to going deep west, deep east, including northwest and going downtown. It's not so much because a district like that can't work. But it was a strategic choice to keep communities in that area closer together. So it's more cohesive when we think about what those communities has in common. So there's a layer of depth this map has. Between districts 1, 2, 6, and 8. And even 3 there's some of splitting that happens. Like all other maps. That's something we're kind of used to where we sacrifice. But I think that happens strategically. We have Lincoln park, downtown area together, and the east side of Detroit. So Road is not a dividing line. You'll cross the Road. There's a bar that says "last top" and historically there were huge points that -- in order for the communities to have interaction, you have to go around. So I'm just describing that in terms of communities of interest, not to say those communities still have that tension there, but that's a geographic marker. That's why it sometimes is referred to as a boundary by that community. Or an area that literally, if you stand on one side Grosse Pointe. The other side you are on the east side of Detroit. And definitely have different economic experiences in that area. So on the far east side of that district is Morningside, again, allowed the districts or a lot of neighborhoods that we've heard about before we -- can you zoom in a little bit, John. To district 1. Okay. Okay. We have the gold coast along Jefferson where the river walk is, the waterway is, bell isle is assessable there. We have grand Boulevard in that area. We have pieces of midtown. I think I said the entertainment district. Thank you, John. We have Cass avenue. We also have a bit of -- my brain just froze. I know! That's the area.

>> This is Midwest.

>> V. CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you! The Midwest territory. And then we observed -- there was some discussion in the Edison district about keeping that area more central. I think Detroit public comments from Detroit do a good job of saying keeping communities together. I think they're describing the tight knit quality where they want to be near neighborhoods that make sense. We decided Hamtramck it's more nestled into central Detroit, just so that those communities, if we're talking about representation they can more easily be heard. So swept into other communities where Bengali community, other immigrant communities in that area and the municipality of Highland Park could be eaten up by the lack of representation.

6 we have -- yep. Thank you. Zoom in a little. And I actually want to use the neighborhood overlay just for this area. Then we can take it off. So we have Livonia, Redford, we have the schoolcraft Southfield neighborhood, Rosedale, Grandmont neighborhood. This is district 6. This is another VRA compliant district. Let me see if I want to say anything about this. No.

We can go to district 2. Just below district 6. We have Melvindale, Dearborn,

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Inkster, Garden City, Dearborn Heights and pieces of Warren avenue, far west Detroit neighborhood. That is in proximity to Warrendale Warren avenue community. Arab and Arab Americans have spoken in depth about the community. Wanting Warren, both Warrendale, Melvindale, and, I think, Allen Park that they confuse me. Wanting to be together but population we asked more pointed questions if there was a choice where would it make sense to have those communities included. And we got some responses that echoed, actually, what we heard during the House districts being drawn. Which is to have Melvindale in district 2. So that's what this district does. District 2 is not VRA compliant. We have 1, 6, 8, and 3. It's not a VRA district. Let me be specific with my words.

Let's go to 3, John, if you will. And 3 has Southfield, Farmington Hills, Farmington together. It includes Oak Park and a piece of Western part of Detroit, which is 5 points. Every green neighborhood, college park, which is, indeed, separate in the way of community from the northwest areas of 8. It was fine to go into 3 and appropriate not to say that any other maps are inappropriate, but use of appropriate by appropriate crossing of 8-mile, like I said before. It's not a map to say we should not cross 8-mile, but we were focused on keeping communities tight and relatable when we were drawing the districts. And keeping their interests in mind.

What else do I want to say about this? We have district 11 that is not exactly the same as in our original district. It has Eastpointe, roseville, Fraser, Sterling Heights. A little bit of Clinton Township, I believe, and can you zoom in? I want to make sure I'm not misspeaking. Yeah. Okay. District 12 is largely the same. We made some adjustments. Thank you. I'll go slower. So it has Grosse Pointe, all the pointes, Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores. It travels north. Tax payer we have some communities that are kept together in 9 that expressed wanting to be together. 7, instead of having Southfield with Pontiac, we have Waterford, Pontiac, a little piece of Southfield, Birmingham. And 13 we have Novi, Northville, and Plymouth. We have a piece of Commerce Township or Commerce and Orchard Lake Village.

Let me make sure I said everything I want to say. I think so. I mean, I don't -- because this was previously a collaborative map, it has experienced the both, good, and ugly with the Commission and all sorts of opinions. I'm sure there will be things reiterated for the record, but, again, I'm just describing the map. Not necessarily a court case. We'll have a spirited debate about what folks like and don't like, of course, based upon public opinion. Now we have the map available for the public to engage with. That was the primary point, again, emphasizing that the purpose of this map was to make tighter communities of interest. It's not in Detroit area just about keeping communities of interest together. It's about how you do so. That becomes important. So this is the Kellom map. Previously known as the Phoenix. And it was drawn collaboratively. It was adopted by myself so members

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of the public could see this map. I don't I have anything else to say, Anthony. I don't Commissioner Callaghan is on. If you wanted to add anything. Since myself, you, and Commissioner Callaghan drew heavily on this toward the end of the deadline. Feel free!

>> CHAIR EID: I think you about covered it. I can go over the partisan fairness real quick.

>> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Sure. I need some water so that'll be great!

>> CHAIR EID: So this one is a mean/median difference of 3.8%. I'm sorry. Start that over! A lopsided margins advantage of 3.8%. The mean/median difference of 1.5%. And efficiency gap of 0.8%. Seats-to-vote ratio ratio 22/16. 5% towards the Democrats. And I think -- you mention 23 and 24 and I believe a few of those districts that cover the areas north of 7 and 9 changed. But you had everything else.

Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just a quick question. Was this done in the last meeting? Was that when this was drawn? This one doesn't look familiar to me. So I don't know. I may have missed it. I did have to leave that meeting early. I'm just inquiring on when this was done.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. This was done -- this was finished that Tuesday morning and then got sent off for VRA analysis before lunch. So it was the last one that was work done collaboratively.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay. Thank you.

Okay. Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Hello, Chair. Hello, Michigan!

I am ready, I guess.

>> All right. I'll bring up Commissioner Wagner's plan.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Originally I worked on Mr. Scannell's map. I believe we pulled my version 2, John, to make version 3

>> Yep. I think that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: If you can focus on district 9. It has four VRA districts.

>> Let me change the colors on a couple of districts.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No problem, John. 3, 7, and 8.

>> Okay. You wanted district 9?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We took district 9 out of Oakland and added a percentage of Royal Oak to balance the population. The rest of Royal Oak I put in 10. Excuse me. All of Hazel Park -- my goal to make Detroit whole. Any way I could.

I don't say any way I could. Legally any way I could. All of Hazel Park to 10

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and 7. And 7 takes the rest of Detroit from 6. 6 takes Burton city into 5. District 5 takes more of Taylor and district 4 takes Allen Park. Balanced 1, 2, and 7 in Detroit near Greenfield. And then if you want to go over the matrixes of partisan fairness and all of that.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I've got 5.2 for the partisan fairness.

>> Okay. So the lopsided margin 5.2 for republican. The mean/median difference 3.4 for republican. The efficiency gap 1.9 republican. And the seats-to-vote ratio 21/17 2.4 bias democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We didn't pull up any VRA, any neighborhood racial -- anything for this. And that's. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Wagner. Next up is Commissioner Curry's map. Commissioner Curry is not with us today.

I would encourage -- invite any Commissioner who wants to speak on this lay out. Just to give a quick overview. It is her individual map but I think we can give an overview of what we're seeing here, as far as the districts are configured. Would anyone like to speak to it? Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I think I can try to speak to it. John, is it possible to put the Lyndon overlay on this? Because I know she tried to preserve quite a few of the Lyndon districts. I think it might be helpful.

>> Yeah. That's correct. She started and erased the districts that had to be changed. So, in some cases, if a district did not changed, it was left.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And just to confirm, you actually assisted her in drawing this map, did you not?

>> Yes. We scheduled time and she directed me how to draw the map.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. Thank you.

>> Okay. So the dark blue lines are the Lyndon map. I think as an example, district 4 and 5 is exactly the same. That's a clear indication.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. And I think 13 is exactly the same, too, isn't it?

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. All right. So my understanding from what Commissioner Curry has spoken about this map before. She followed the philosophy of deleting out only the districts that needed to be changed, which was, I believe, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, and which was the other one?

>> 1.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 1. In redrawing the Detroit area, she used her 70 plus years of experience living in Detroit area to kind of draw maps based around the communities of interest she thought existed in Detroit. Her district 1 is a little different from the other maps. It includes south Gate with Detroit. Which is

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something she felt strongly those communities are contiguous and should be together. And then 6 kind of wraps around the tip of is and includes Redford with Detroit. And then 3 has the remainder of Detroit. So they are kept within Detroit. She didn't make many changes to district 2. Mostly preserved that. Keeping that middle eastern community together with part of Taylor. And then for district 8, because 6 had been changed, she wrapped district eight around what was left after the change of 6. Rather than having district 7 include Southfield, she has district 7 including Royal Oak, Berkeley, and clausen. And then 10 and 11 she basically filled into the space that was left. I believe 9 is pretty much the same as what was in Lyndon.

>> I believe that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. And 12 is the same as Lyndon. She basically was reallocating the space to draw the districts differently. So there's a lot of similarities to the Lyndon. A lot of districts that were outside of the primary area are unchanged. And then she has these three core Detroit districts, which are a focused on just staying in Detroit, for the most part, except for that portion of Redford and the portion of river rouge, Lincoln park, and south gate. I know it has four VRA compliant districts. And then we can look at the partisan fairness, as well.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Am I right it has four? I thought it had four.

>> I don't know.

>> CHAIR EID: I'm showing three. I'll double check.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> As drawn it has three.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. Thank you. So 1, 3, and 6.

>> And we can look at the underlying data, as well. One moment. Okay. So 1, 3, and 6 and 8 as drawn. And then let's see -- so, yeah 8 as drawn is 50% estimated turn out to 46%. It's a tie on the Black and White estimated turnout in the primaries. So that's one. It's right on the edge. So you see district 8 is that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. That's interesting.

>> So, yeah. That's district 8 there.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. And can we look at the partisan fairness.

>> Okay. So the partisan fairness the lopsided margin is 5.1 for republican. Mean/median difference 3.3 republican. Efficiency gap 1.9 republican. And the seats-to-vote ratio is 21 democrat and 17 republican, 2.4 bias.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right.

>> CHAIR EID: All right.

Well, that is all of the maps. Thank you, Commissioners. And I hope the public learned something from that. I'll just state, once again, that at no point during this process did the Commission look at Race while drawing the maps. In compliance

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with the court order.

We will now move to public comment and a Q & A session with folks that are here. I will say, this is not a business meeting of the Commission. This is a town hall to get feedback on the 12 maps that we have. So if you could please keep your comments to issues regarding the maps, feedback, questions, answers, I would very much appreciate it.

So without objection, we'll begin the public comment. Question/answer portion of our meeting. Is there any objection, Commissioners? Seeing none. We'll proceed. Individuals who have signed up will raise their hand in the participant chat here that we have over Zoom and would like to provide live remote public commentary will be allowed. I'll call you by your name and our staff will unmute you. If you're on a computer, you'll be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are joining us via phone, a voice will request the host wants do you speak" and prompt you to press star 6 to unmute. I will call you by your name.

Please note, if you're experiencing technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you for 3 to 5 seconds, we'll move to the next person in line and return to you when they're done speaking. If your audio does still not work, please reach out @redistricting@Michigan.gov. You'll have 90 second to address the Commission today. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer. We'll try to answer the questions, especially if they're pertaining to the maps or different configurations, why they were drawn the way they are. If you want to bring one up and look at it, we can do that today.

First up we have Mr. James Gallant.

>> James Gallant: Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR EID: We can. Good morning.

>> James Gallant: Thank you very much. This is James Gallant. These are opinions. Point of order, please, Mr. Chair, concerning the rules of order and concerning unanimous consent. Our collective reality as a state in terms of the State of Michigan, chairman Eid denied Juanita objection to consideration of your paychecks. And then you denied Andrade her objection to a recess. And then --

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Gallant, hold on. Hold on.

>> James Gallant: Facilitating.

>> CHAIR EID: Like I said earlier, today is a town hall. It's not a regular business meeting. I do really like hearing your comments. I take notes on them and I appreciate you bringing up the issues you bring up. I really do. But today we're here talking about the maps. Do you have anything you'd like to say about the maps today?

>> James Gallant: Can you start me over, please, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

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>> James Gallant: Our collective reality as the State of Michigan, chairman eid denied Curry to the paychecks and denied Andrade's objection to a recess and Szetela her point of order honoring facilitation rules when page 49 says, "if any member objects, the chair must state the question in a manner" and, "unanimous consent does not imply that every member is in favor. It may mean the opposition feeling is useless to oppose" AKA bullying. And it does not fulfill the requirement that some business items that you are using unanimous consent for aren't required under the constitution and the rules to be approved by majority vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant. We'll move on to the next public commenter, Mr. Scannell.

>> Anthony Scannell: Thank you, good morning, Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. And my main issue is let's say the thing I wanted the most. I would say keep down river together. That's the community of interest, you know, I feel strongly associated with. But that's not really possible in any of the map types. And it hasn't been done. I'm not asking for that. I don't think it could be done in the area that it has to be. But I would like my number one want. So anything I can do toward that would be, you know, my preference. But then I'm looking at, okay, that can't be done, but there are parts of it that have get split up and that's Okay. But I'm looking at just the district 1. That's my, I guess, secondary concern, I'll call it. Secondary concern. District 1. And I just don't like this configuration that includes the northern down river cities with all the way to the east side of Detroit. I think the downtown Detroit is a bit of a physical barrier in that area, and, you know, the communities might even be alike on two extremes of that configuration for district 1, but it's not really any association between them on either end of it. So that's why if I was to choose any map, you know, to prefer, I'd just alone off that district 1 configuration, I'd say Crane and Finch come close. And Curry, Lange, and somewhat Wagner maps. Those are okay, in my book, for district 1. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. Those comments really help. When you say which version you like best and why. So thank you for that comment. We look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Next up is Mary Ann Fontana.

>> Mary Ann Fontana:

>> CHAIR EID: Do we have Mary Ann with us today?

>> Meghan Schaar: We do. Can you please unmute yourself, Mary Ann.

>> Mary Ann Fontana: Can you hear me now? Hello. Hi. First of all, I appreciate the going through the different maps. I wasn't expecting it this morning. Unfortunately I'm driving to an appointment that I can't miss. So I'm not really prepared to make much comments. But there is a question that I have kind of generally. Maybe you can answer it. Because I guess my biggest concern with the

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redrawing of the, you know, state senate district is the partisanship. And I know there's the four different factors you look at. But I really don't understand, like, how you weigh each of them and, you know, if there's one that we were going to look at of all those four areas of partisan fairness. How could you explain to me, like, what would make the most sense? Because I have to believe that even though it's been stated in the 12 maps they're within the same range. A couple of them maybe are a little bit outside of the range, like, is there any particular number that makes the most sense to look at?

>> CHAIR EID: So, as you noted, I think our partisan fairness expert has given kind of a green light to all of the 12 configurations that we've put out so far. They do vary a little bit within that range, but I think they're all right in being considered as partisanly fair.

She did also tell us that the two measures we might want to look at most are the efficiency gap and the mean/median difference. Those are two of the four factors we should focus on. Now I know you're driving. So don't, you know, don't take time now, but if you go to our website www.michigan.gov/MICRC, on the front page, you can click -- you'll see when you visit it, it's very large, "2024 draft proposed senate maps" and there you can see the partisan fairness analysis on all 12 maps. So when you arrive to where you're going, I invite you to check out the website and look at those metrics for the maps you're interested in. And go from there.

>> Mary Ann Fontana: I don't know if my time is up. I haven't been able to follow most of these when they're going on live. But I've gone back and listened to some of the recordings, and one of the things that I believe somebody said about the lopsided margins is that the lower the number, the better. Is that something that I did hear? Or is that incorrect?

>> CHAIR EID: Well, for all the metrics, closer to 0 is considered, you know, more fair. However, we, like I said, like I started, we did get -- on all the maps being okay and within a deviation. Some are a little closer to 0. That's something we can weigh. But all the metrics are available on the website.

>> Mary Ann Fontana: Okay. Thank you. I'll look more carefully about the maps and comment later about which ones I prefer. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure. Did that answer your question? I want to make sure?

>> Mary Ann Fontana: Yeah. It gives me a better idea, you know, I understand that all the different areas and how you're trying to keep certain communities together and, like I said, I'm also -- the partisan fairness issue with, to me, becomes the most important. I feel in spite of keeping certain areas together, when we end up with such a lopsided legislature because of just the way our state is, you know, our population exists in our state. You know, then there's a lot of interests that never get considered. That never even get allowed on the floor of the legislature, if you have such an overwhelming majority one way or the other. And I know you're

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not supposed to look at the partisan part of it as far as, you know, the parties, et. cetera, but that seems to be, in my opinion, what's happened in this state for a long time. And I finally feel that, you know, we're getting a little more equity as far as what's been happening. And I would like it to stay that way. And that's where what I'm trying to focus on. And I know a lot of people that share my opinion. So that's it but thanks so much!

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. I believe we have Commissioner Orton has her hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. I was thinking, Mary Ann, it might be helpful to go back and listen to the partisan fairness presentation that Lisa gave us a couple of weeks ago. Maybe someone can get the date of that meeting. But anyway. She explained each of the measures and how they work together and that's where she said that if you're going to pay attention to, you know, which ones you think are the most important, it could be those two. Anyway. That might be helpful to help clear up your question.

>> Mary Ann Fontana: Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: And that meeting took place on May 16th, if you want to give it a listen. I think that's a good idea!

Okay. Next up to speak is Chris Andrews.

>> Chris Andrews: Hello.

>> CHAIR EID: Hello.

>> Chris Andrews: Hi. This is Chris Andrews. I wanted to speak a little bit to what the previous speaker was saying. In inquiring the southeast Michigan districts, you are really drawing a new statewide map. And so for somebody who doesn't live in that district, I'm -- or in one of those districts, I'm still affected by this new statewide map. For 40 years, access to abortion has only been restricted. There's been no chance of raising the minimum wage. A working mom could not get a blanket right to absenteeism. Laws could not be passed to address access to guns. Gay rights could only be redistricted. And that's because for 40 years, only one party controlled the senate and regardless of any political wins that was the reality. So as Commissioners, you are our protectors of democracy and you will decide whether the will of the people is reflected in our elections and in governing. The Heron map re-empowers Black voters, as it should. I think the communities of interest are being addressed in all of these maps in honest ways where there's a lot of conflicting priorities. And I just hope that you will take this opportunity to build maps that are perfectly fair. And you've found a way to do that with Heron. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Andrews. We appreciate your comments.

That's everyone who signed up in advance. I see a few attendees here in my attendees list. I don't know if any you folks would like to speak who haven't spoken already. I see Steve or Mary Jo. If you would like to say something, feel free to

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raise your hand. Using the little button on the Zoom. But if not, that's okay, too.

Okay. I don't see anybody else who wants to provide comment. We're scheduled to go until 1:00. Why don't we take a little bit of a break until, let's say 12:40 and see if any more people come by. And if they do, as long as they're here before 1:00, we'll hear from them. We'll be back, folks.

>> CHAIR EID: Hello everyone. I still do not see anyone. I suppose we'll give it a few more minutes. We'll be back here from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We'll go over the different mapping proposals as we did earlier. Hopefully hear from some people virtually. I'm sorry, we're ending at 7:30. Not 8:00 p.m. My mistake.

I'll also plug, real connection, our next set of in-person public hearings taking place on June 11th, 12th, and 13th. On June 11th, we'll be at Cass Tech high school. On June 12th Martin Luther King high school, and on June 13th, renaissance high school. And the Commission will be there all day from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to receive this public feedback about our draft proposals. Mr. Morgan?

>> I wanted to see, is the procedure the same for the evening session? You'll review the maps again?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, I believe.

>> Okay. Since we went through them the first time, now we are all familiar with them. So it should go smoothly.

>> CHAIR EID: We're also going to do one more virtual town hall in the same style that we're doing today on June 6th. A week from tomorrow. We still not seeing anybody. Are there any acknowledgments or announcements?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would like to thank Mr. Morgan for making everything run so smoothly and showing the public all the maps. It's great!

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commission else, Commissioners? Mr. Woods, do you have anything for the group?

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. I appreciate the opportunity for offer something to contribute, but just want to reiterate, if the Commissioner is not able to make it, if you would like someone else to present your map, to reach out and contact me so I can make that connection. Just in case someone is not able to come tonight. Reach out and connect with me so I can make that connection. So that the maps can be presented again this evening. Thank you so much!

>> CHAIR EID:

>> CHAIR EID: Well, all right, folks. That brings us to 1:00 p.m. Seeing that we do not have anybody else here, we'll end it for this morning. We'll be back this evening. Once again, it's 5:00 p.m. until 7:30. We will go over the maps, once again, and hopefully have some comments about those maps. Thank you everyone. See you

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later this evening.