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>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Good morning, everyone online. We are waiting for a few more people to get settled here in the room, and then I will get ready to take us live. It will be just a couple minutes.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Just so everybody online knows, I will go ahead and start the webinar and take us live on YouTube. Anything you say or do can be seen and heard by the world. Thank you!

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Good morning, everyone. It's good to be here today at Cass Tech. As chairman of the Commission, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:07 a.m.

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There's a portal that can also be accessed by visiting our website.

Members of the media who have questions before, during, or after the meeting should direct those questions to Edward Woods III, Executive Director of the Commission, at [woodsE3@michigan.gov](mailto:woodsE3@michigan.gov).

For the public watching and the public record, I will now turn to Department of Statement staff to take note of the commissioners present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Good morning, commissioners. Say present if you're attending. If remote, please announce during roll call you're attending remotely and unless your absence is due to military duty, announce your physical location by stating the county, city, township, or village and the state from which you're attending the meeting remotely. I will begin by calling the Commissioners alphabetically with Commissioner Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ELAINE ANDRADE: Present from Imlay Township, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Commissioner Callaghan.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry.

Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom.

>> VICE-CHAIR COMMISSIONER BRITTINI KELLOM: Present, attending from Marquette, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange.

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon.

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: Present, attending remotely from Wayne county, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER JANICE VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner.

Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER RICHARD WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Mr. Chair, you have 11 commissioners present and have a quorum.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We'll move to adopt the agenda. As a reminder to the public watching, you can view the agenda at our website, [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER RICHARD WEISS: Second.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We have a motion by Commissioner Orton, seconded by Commissioner Weiss, to approve. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, we'll move to vote. All those in favor of the motion to adopt the agenda, please raise your hand and say aye.

(Multiple ayes.)

If there are any opposed, please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it, and the agenda is adopted.

Without objection, I will ask MICRC Executive Director Woods to present the purpose of today's public hearing. Is there any objection, Commissioners? Hearing none, Mr. Woods, you have the floor.

>> Edward Woods III: Thank you, Commissioner Eid, and welcome to the public, to Detroit Cass Tech. We're excited to be here for our public hearing and at this time will go over some slides real briefly as to why we are here to solicit your input.

We want to express appreciation first and foremost to Detroit Cass Tech High School and their principal, Lisa Phillips, and thank the team here working with us today. We greatly appreciate the hospitality and would like to thank Alycia Meriweather, assistant superintendent for Detroit Public Schools; and Eric Jenkins, Director of Auxiliary Services, for making not just this public hearing possible but the ones that will take place the rest of the week. They have been excellent partners in facilitating this opportunity for us here in the city of Detroit.

We'd like to thank our community organizations and our partners who have gotten the word out through grassroots organizations, our civic leaders, and also would like to thank our volunteer who are with us to assist in facilitating this public hearing today. Thank you so very much.

History of the MICRC. In 2018, Michigan voters passed Proposal 2, a ballot initiative for voters and not legislators to take responsibility for non-partisan redistricting and created the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Comprised of 13 randomly selected Michigan residents that include four Democrats, five Independents, and four Republicans, the MICRC is responsible for redistricting the U.S. Congressional, Michigan House, and Michigan Senate districts.

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is required to follow the seven ranked redistricting criteria as outlined in the Constitution.

One: equal population and Voting Rights Act.

Two: geographically contiguous.

Three: reflect state's diversity and communities of interest.

Four: no disproportionate advantage to any political party.

Five: no favor or disfavor to an incumbent elected official or a candidate.

Six: reflect consideration of county, city, and township boundaries.

And number seven: be reasonably compact.

The Western Michigan District Court found that the Commission drew maps focused on race in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Equal Protection Clause, and disenfranchised Black voters. There was no finding regarding the Voting Rights Act.

The Court ordered the Commission to reconfigure the State Senate Districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, and 11 and NOT focus on race. when it started drawing its maps.

Why should you care? Redistricting is your chance to make sure your voice and your community's voice is heard and represented.

Redistricting can keep your community together so that's why we're excited that you're here and we encourage everyone to show up and speak up.

Finally, redistricting will help make sure your elected officials reflect your values on important issues such as health care, education, public safety, and justice.

Why we are here to hear directly from you regarding the six draft proposed collaborative maps and six individual maps; understand what map best represents you and your community of

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interest as is or with minor tweaks. Number three, learn from your feedback to select the best map in compliance with the Court order and the seven-ranked redistricting criteria.

Public comment guidelines. You have up to three minutes to speak and can return for an additional two minutes to speak for today. You address the Commission as a whole and not an individual member. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive while addressing the Commission may be requested to leave the microphone.

If any person disrupts the orderly progress of a meeting or refuses to comply with applicable MICRC guidelines and rules, the Chairperson may rule that person out of order and/or order their removal from the meeting. We want to thank you in advance for complying with these guidelines.

Once again, we want to encourage you to show up and speak up. You can like us or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter -- now known as X -- or TikTok @redistrictingMI and can subscribe to the MICRC YouTube channel or submit public or mapping comments at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC).

If you have questions, call us at 1-866-MAP-FAIR.

That's 1-866-627-3247 for questions or more information.

Once again, we want to thank the public, both in person and online, for participating in and engaging in this process so we can hear directly from you.

Mr. Chair, that concludes my presentation. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. Very informative. I'm sure the public appreciates it.

We have a few things available for the public today in order to help facilitate public comments and facilitate this discussion between the public and the Commission. For starters, right behind all of y'all, you'll see a bunch of different maps. Now, to my left, most of your right, the first two there are kind of comparison maps. All the way at the end, you'll see the Senate map that the State legislature drew during the 2010 census cycle.

After that, the second map you see is the Linden map the Commission drew two years ago that we are changing now.

All the other maps to the right of those two are the proposals that we have that this Commission sent to the Court as drafts and that is what we're deciding between today. I encourage you to take a look at those maps. They're there to help facilitate comments. Take a look and let us know which one you like, which you don't like. Try to be specific what you like and don't like about the maps.

We also have a print-out of different metrics about each of the maps that are available at the sign-in sheet when you walked in.

With that said, we'll now start public comment. Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public comment to the Commission will now be allowed. We'll start with live public comments first and follow that by remote public comments in chronological order.

We do have some folks that are signed up to speak in person. The first is Lance. If Lance is here, please approach that microphone in the center.

>> LANCE: Good morning.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Good morning.

>> LANCE: I just have a few things to say. When y'all redraw these maps here, you know, I don't know which one y'all gonna pick, but I just hope y'all be fair about it. But my community, my city, and for the state, I represent APRI, and we just want a fair deal. That's all we want. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Lance.

Next up is Hilda.

>> OSCAR: There's no translation on my level so I volunteer to translate for her.

>> HILDA: Good morning.

(Speaking Spanish.)

Good morning. My name is Hilda Vazquez and live in Southwest Detroit.

I live in the area with Burnham and Springwell.

I have been here for around 20 years, since 2004.

I have four children. They all went to the Suburban Detroit schools, and I'm here first of all want to say thank you for the effort you guys have doing.

For giving us the opportunity to raise our voices and keep our community united.

And I have been looking at the map and the one that best represents us is Szetela and Kellom to keep our community united. Thank you very much for giving us the opportunity to speak.

Gracias.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Thank you for translating as well. We appreciate it.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Just so the public watching at home and here in the audience know, we do have live translators available for Spanish, Bengali, and Arabic. If that is a need, please let me know. We can arrange for them to interpret what you're saying to the Commission. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Next up is Kermit Williams.

>> KERMIT WILLIAMS: Good morning, Commission. Wow, that's really loud. Good morning, Commission. Okay. I'm Kermit Williams. First of all, I would like to thank you for listening. I spoke to the Commission a couple of weeks ago about the community of interest that includes Pontiac and so I see quite a bit of maps now that have Pontiac with Southfield. The map I'm most impressed with is map 404, and I believe that any map that include like Pontiac and Southfield. I really like the addition of Oak Park and that mapping. I'm former City Council President in the City of Pontiac and it's very important that we share these things. I do want to bring to the Commission's attention that out of the maps that needed to be redrawn, our current state senate district was not one of them; so some of these maps changed that district, which we did not ask for. So we're asking that you would keep with 404 with minor tweaks. So I definitely want to mention inside the 404 district is the newly redrawn state representative map that you have had so that gives us extra consistency when we're talking to constituent and talking about voting

down the I-75 corridor. So I think it's very important that you look at the 404, even though I know it's an individual map. I believe that the collective use of that map will be very powerful for our cities and especially for the city of Pontiac being voting rights area. Thank you so much, and have a great day.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up, we have Susan Stempky.

>> SUSAN STEMPKY: Good morning. I'm Susan and live in Clawson, Michigan. I want to thank you all for your work on in project. It's essential. I feel regaining adequate representation. I have been active with voters, not politicians, and helped work on getting the signatures to get this issue on the ballot so this is kind of exciting to see the fruition of that. I also think that the representation that turned out in 2022 where we ended up with no Black representatives for the City of Detroit area was a significant indicator that some changes needed to be made. I have tried to listen to some previous meetings and get a feeling for the differences between the various maps and the various offerings behind us, and I -- from my point of view as a Clawson person -- I think the Heron map is a good indicator for us of representing our area. I grew up in -- I'm sorry. I worked in Pontiac for a lot of my career so I'm happy to hear the comments of the people from the city of Pontiac also because I think Pontiac can often get overshadowed by the efforts by Detroit. Anyway, I want to thank you and I'm so glad to see this coming to fruition.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes everyone who signed up to speak right now in person. However, we will be here until 7:00 p.m. So I, you know, I see a lot of folks in the crowd who have not spoken yet and highly encourage you to take a look at maps and let us know what you think about them.

But at this time, we can move on to remote public comments. The first speaker we have for remote public comment is James Gallant. As this is a public hearing today, we have rules in place as well where if you want to -- if you can't get everything out you want to say the first time up, you're more than welcome to sign up a second time and get an additional couple of minutes.

>> JAMES GALLANT: Hello, Mr. Eid. My turn yet?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Are we good to go?

>> JAMES GALLANT: I don't know.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Good morning, Mr. Gallant.

>> JAMES GALLANT: Well, good morning! I'm glad you were able to make it this morning. James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition.

These are my opinions. I noticed Ed Woods said at the town hall you were going to answer questions. You said you would answer question and didn't answer mine. You have to follow Robert's Rules of Order, no debate before a motion for the proper second to approve a specific action, no debate. And you are in the middle of maps. Right now you got 12 draft maps. Now, you could fix this by unanimous consent to go to Robert's Rules because just like a nomination of a chair, there's assumed motions. You can assume because you're halfway into it you can assume that motion to approval a final map and then you would have 12 maps, draft maps, laid

on the table and you would bring those back one at a time from the table. You will discuss them, put back on the table, and then you move on to the end and you still have a motion pending. Now, you high school students out there, Robert's Rules of Order, not following it, is how they're destroying America. Mr. Eid, the manner in which you perform your duties, in my opinion, is fast becoming THE biggest threat in America to our constitutional republic because you just don't follow the rules. Secretary of State didn't follow rulings of the first meeting. Since you like to have the, ha-ha, the page numbers ahead of here -- where am I going? Page number. Duties of the secretary. Secretary of State Benson is the secretary and said she was in a personal letter and said, yes, she would be the secretary and duties of secretary, chapter 47, paragraph 33. And that would be on page 438.

It say in the absence of a president or vice president, the chair or vice chair here, to call the meeting to order, which would be the first meeting where you didn't have a chair, and preside until the immediate election of a chair pro-tem. She didn't do that. She went right on to public comment to none other than Anthony Schial (phonetic), your longest standing commenter. Anthony Scannell said, isn't there a motion to consider? No, there isn't, motion to approve. You don't have that. I would ask for you folks -- you can do by unanimous consent -- be the hero -- or any of you here, object to this to get to Robert's Rules of Order would be the way to go. Ed Woods said, hey, you got to follow criteria. Yes, Mike Brady, Director of Legal Services, said you must follow Robert's Rules of Order.

(Buzzer.)

That's the way it works in America and believe this is institutionalizing Marxist style of communism.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant. I will take a look at those pages; and rest assured, please know I'm trying to follow all the rules in Robert's Rules of Order and in the Constitution.

Next up is ... Howard Friedman.

>> HOWARD FRIEDMAN: Hello. My name is Howard Friedman and want to thank the Commission for all the work you're doing on redistricting but do want to mention that I'm sorry to see that you scheduled two of your three public comment periods on people observing Shavuot. That cuts down on two of the three people observing the holiday.

Fairness is a concern to me. I know the constitution requiring other factors as well but believe partisan fairness can be achieved while respecting those other factors such as communities of interest. From my research, it appears to me that map 376, Heron; and map 404, Szetela, are the best on partisan fairness while adequately taking into account other relevant factors. I live in Senate district 13 and find the boundaries of that district in Map 404 to be somewhat better reflected in terms of my noting of the community in which I reside but would be satisfied with either map 376 or map 404. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Friedman. Next up to speak is Aayah Jadallah. Yes, I have an Aayah. A-A-Y-A-H.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present online. If they do join, I will let you know, but we do have in person public comment to come back to so we might want to return to that first. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Wonderful. We do have more people that have signed up to speak in person so we will return to in-person public comment and resume remote public comment when in-person has been completed.

Next up to speak in person is Mariam.

>> MARIAM: Good morning, Commission. Thank you so much for your time today and for taking into account previous acts for the access community of interest when drafting senate maps. My name is Mariam and grew up in the area and work in Dearborn. I work with young people and see firsthand how important representation is for our community. Our youth deserve individuals that represent their community and make decisions that best support their education and futures. I support the Szetela map 404 that keeps the access community of interest by keeping Melvindale and Warrendale as part of District 2. We ask that Melvindale and Warrendale are in the ACCESS community of interest. This can be done by removing Taylor from District 2 since they are not part of our community of interest. Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mariam. Next up to speak is Oscar.

>> OSCAR: Good morning, Commissioners. First of all, thank you very much for coming to Detroit to the heart of this problem. We really appreciate what you have been doing and I don't know how you keep doing this for such a long time, but we appreciate it very much. I have two purposes with my testimony. Number one is we appreciate the fact we are trying to fix the problems other members of our community have with the previous maps. We are so happy that we are trying to find a way to have the most possible people pleased. And my second and probably the most important statement is that personally, I really appreciate the map 404 of Szetela and 403, and we appreciate it very much because they keep together our community of interest of Southwest Detroit, as you probably are aware. I have been advocating for Southwest Detroit as a community of interest for a long time and think it's important to keep people who speak the language, the same language, go the same schools, have the same type of faith. Hopefully you are with us and you support 404 or 403. Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Oscar. Next up we have Kira Love.

>> KIRA LOVE: Hi, Commissioners. I am a life-long Michigander who lives in Oakland county and has worked in the Dearborn and surrounding areas for the past several years. I do want to start by thanking the Commission for this process and for taking all of the previous comments into consideration when drafting this round of maps. As someone who made multiple comments throughout this process, advocating for my community of interest, to see the Commission taking those comment into account is really exciting and very appreciated. Through working in Dearborn and surrounding areas, I have become very familiar with the access community of interest and its shared heritage, ancestry, cultural identities. These shared characteristics expand beyond the borders of Dearborn into the cities of Warrendale and Melvindale. So as you make your final decision on these Senate maps, I ask you just continue the work you have started and



keep Warrendale and Melvindale as part of the ACCESS COI and believe Szetela map does this fairly across the board both for this community of interest and for others. I would advocate for this map to be the final choice. Ideally all of Melvindale and Warrendale would be included as this is all part of the ACCESS COI. One way, as Mariam mentioned, is by removing Taylor from District 2. Thank you for your time and consideration and again, thank you for consideration our community of interest in these maps.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Michael Weiss.

>> MICHAEL WEISS: Good morning, I'm Michael Weiss. Thank you, Commission, for all you do and your time. After review, I believe the three best maps are Heron, 376; Szetela, 404; and Kellom/Phoenix, 403. They look to be the best maps to keep with community of interest. They give good representation, and they have good partisan fairness scores. I represent voters map politicians and promote the vote. Again, thank you for your time. Much appreciated.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Michael, for addressing the commission. Next up we have Norman Clement. Once again, Norman Clement.

Okay, I do not see him. We will return to Norman later.

Oh, here he comes. Good morning, Norman.

>> NORMAN CLEMENT: Good morning. My name is Norman Clement, "he/him." Number one, I would like to congratulate you guys on this tedious project that we're here with the maps. I think you guys should give a hand to yourselves and have several efforts to get information to the community, having several series of discussions and panels and in the metropolitan area, and we thank you for that. My support for the maps is for partisan fairness but also represents the movement of the people, which is 404 and the Szetela. That map really works around, makes of moving the people; keeping communities of interest together but also new communities of interest where they go together with new schools and location. If not successful we go through. the best one after that is 403, another great map that number one I think most maps will definitely meet all the qualifications of the Court order and would give us the best solution of communities of interest, partisan fairness, and keeps communities working together now still together. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Clement.

At this time, we will resume remote public comment from the folks who have signed up to speak remotely today.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, I will let you know that none of the other virtual public comment participants are currently present. They may appear later in the day, and I will let you know when that occurs.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. Thank you, Department of State. Please, if any of those members of the public appear, let me know, because we want to hear from everybody. Again, we will be here until 7:00 p.m., as long as you are here before 7:00 p.m. and signed up, we will make time to hear from you.

Given that we don't have any public comment at this time, I suggest that we break for, let's say, until 11:15 --

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, if I may, there is one online participant who requested a second round of public comment, if we would like to allow that before you break.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: For sure. Thank you for letting me know that. I see. Mr. James Gallant.

>> JAMES GALLANT: Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We can, Mr. Gallant.

>> JAMES GALLANT: Welcome back. Thank you very much. And James Gallant, Marquette. These are my opinions. Mr. Eid, if this is the best you can do to follow Robert's Rules of Order, very simple, Mike Brady, go back to the transcripts of September 17, 2020, he said motion and second brings the business before the Commission, no discussion before that. And you notice I was just reading about article about how said the most important word in the Constitution is the word "the," because it was THE inalienable rights because they existed before the Constitution. And now Mike Brady said you must follow Robert's Rules according to the Constitution because it existed before your first meeting. You didn't have a meeting. You didn't approve anything, and he said you must follow Robert's Rules. He was only there to give you instructions on behalf of the people of the State under the Constitution. So it the required under the Constitution. And I would ask you to do that, and in my personal opinion, you just lied to everybody. You can't do better than this, make a motion to make sure you have a motion in place? That don't make no sense. Also on, you lied when you said to everybody, without objection, and then Andrade objected and you did not and would not yield. "We're just doing it anyway." Juanita objected too. You talk about your own paycheck.

"Whatever, do it anyway."

What about the objection thing? What about you promised to do these things and if this is where the chairman came in and he was like real smiley and nice, kind of like you, real cordial and collegial, and guess what? You said what happened there. Well, we didn't see what maybe just a little tiny bit of it, but it was complete misery for those people and this is what is happening in America. You're leading us down that path. Well, I'm glad you're making it real obvious for us because in the Supreme Court, we'll have to just bring it up there and can tell you all of you people, without objection, letting the chair do this right now --

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Last thing before you break, Chair. I would like to acknowledge for the record that Commissioner Wagner has joined this meeting virtually. Commissioner Wagner, can you tell us where you're joining remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER ERIN WAGNER: Remotely attending from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Ms. Wagner. Welcome. We don't have any more public comment at this time. Let's break until 11:15 and hopefully a few more folks have walked in by then. Thank you, everyone.

(A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Everyone, if you could please take your seats, we have a few more folks who have signed up for public comment.

Okay. We have three more people that have signed up to speak, the first being Susan Stempky. I believe it's your second time.

>> SUSAN STEMPKY: Hello again. This comment is actually more for the general public who might be listening at home than for the folks on the Committee because they already know this stuff. As a person trying to review the statistics and the details on how you've judged what is a good proposal and what isn't a good proposal, as being a person that totally deepens the statistics, I found that a little overwhelming in terms of knowing what is a good evaluation number. So I had a little talk with Mr. Eid during the break, and I got this handout, which is actually at the front desk for people who might want a copy. Basically, in terms of an overview of all those numbers that get rattled off, evaluating the different plans, it was brought to my attention that the median/mean difference and efficiency gap are two ratings that have been run on all these proposals would give the best evaluation of how efficient and how much deviation there is in the data being collected. Obviously for some of those things, the ideal is that those numbers be as close to zero as possible. So when I was looking at this graph, there were a number of programs that had very efficient evaluations of both this mean/median difference and gap. Cardinal, Heron plan, Starling version 3 plan, Kellom plan, and the Szetela plan. I just wanted to draw that to people's attention, especially the people that, you know, want to make this revision turnout to be less, the best opportunity to represent all people.

(Buzzer.)

So just wanted to point that out for those who may be trying to look at this information from home. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Commissioner Szetela, I see your hand is raised.

>> Commissioner Rebecca Szetela: Yeah, I just want sure if she was trying to say Szetela, my last name, so I was going to ask if that's what she meant. I would tell people if you're struggling with my name, refer to it by the plan number, which is 404.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: For those online, she indicated, yes, she was trying to say that. She was not by a mic anymore.

>> Commissioner Rebecca Szetela: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Wonderful. Thank you, Susan.

And we do have, like I said earlier, a print-out of all the metrics, both kind of a cheat sheet, and a more detailed print-out, over by the sign-in sheet if anyone would like to take a look at it. There are lot of numbers and understand it's hard to keep them all, you know, in track. Even we struggle with that sometimes, but we hope the print-out helps.

Next up is Marisol.

>> MARISOL BONILLA: (Speaking Spanish.)

Good morning. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to express our opinion. As a resident, a Latina resident from Southwest Detroit, I am up for united Southwest Detroit. We like

our customs, our ways of living. Because of that, I support Map 404. It will allow us to be united and look for change that is beneficial for everybody.

I'm so happy that you are listening to everybody because this is real democracy and this is democracy we want to live here in the United States. It's so important that you are allowing us to express ourselves, and thank you very much for giving us this opportunity.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Latrice.

>> LATRICE MEADOWS BRAXTON: Good morning. My name is Latrice Meadows Braxton and represent Detroit down river, APRI Randolph Chapter. We just looking at the maps and think the Cardinal map, the 373 map, is a very good map for Wayne County and gives a lot of opportunity for us to have more things, education and our way of being. So I was looking at the other ones. I thought about Crane, but as I looked at it, I seen it was eliminator of the cities of it, but the Cardinal map would be a great map for us in Wayne County. Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Department of State, has any of the folks who signed up to speak virtually appeared yet?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: They have not. However, there is an attendee with their hand raised if you would like to provide them the opportunity to speak.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Please.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That individual is Jamie Roe.

>> JAMIE ROE: Thank you to the Commission for allowing me to speak today. I want to echo the words of the last speaker who spoke and advocate for the Cardinal map. Important thing about the Cardinal map is, first of all, it scores among the highest in terms of partisan fairness, and most importantly, it protects the Chaldean Community, particularly here in Macomb County, by keeping their clear community of interest together in the new Tenth District.

The fact is that the other maps that have been advocated here today -- the Heron map and the Szetela map -- both split the Chaldean Community of Interest into three separate districts, dividing the churches in the area, dividing their community foundation, and most importantly dividing their residents into a number of districts which dilutes their voice. Now, the people who have commented from Dearborn and other places can rest assured with the Cardinal map because the Dearborn District in all of them is nearly exactly the same. What's even better in the Cardinal map and how it deals Dearborn is keeps Dearborn Heights whole, while the Heron map splits Dearborn Heights. I would ask this Commission when you're explaining why you have put you up certain maps forward and why you would perhaps support them for the final product is to explain to our Chaldean Community here in Macomb County why their community of interest is sacrificed while other communities of interest are protected. It is my hope that you will expand upon the very good work that you have done in building the Cardinal map and it's great on partisan fairness. It's great on protecting vital communities of interest, particularly our Chaldean Community here in Macomb County, and should be an easy choice for this Commission to forward to the federal courts as the choice going forward into the next set of elections. Thank you again for the time to make my comment, and I wish you luck in your important work.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Roe. That, once again, completes the comments for folks who have signed up to speak so far. So we're going to take another break and come back at noon. We will then have from noon until 12:30 before the Commission breaks for lunch. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Just an update. We still do not have any new speakers who would like to speak, and nobody was signed up to speak virtually has returned, either. So we're gonna stay on break until we get somebody, and then we'll go for lunch at 12:30. Sit tight, folks, and thank you for being patient.

(A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, folks, it is 12:29, and we have a scheduled lunch break. Can I get a motion to adjourn for lunch, please.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER JANICE VALLETTE: Second.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We have a motion by Commissioner Orton and seconded by Commissioner Vallette to go to lunch. All those in favor -- is there discussion on the motion? Seeing none, we'll move to vote. All those in favor, please raise your hand and say aye. Any opposed?

Ayes have it; the motion is adopted. We will break for lunch and come back at 1:30. Again, we will be here today until 7:00 p.m. As long as anyone in the public has signed up by then, we will be here to hear from them. Come through, show up, speak up, and I look forward to seeing you later today. Bye-bye.

(Recess for lunch.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, everyone. As Chairman of the Commission, I will call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 1:39 p.m.

I hope everyone had a good lunch.

Department of State, can we get a roll call for purposes of the public record, please?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, if your location has changed from this morning, please share that when I call your name. Otherwise, please say "present" so we can mark the attendance record accordingly.

Elaine Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Donna Callaghan.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Juanita Curry.

Anthony Eid.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittini Kellom.

Rhonda Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER RHONDA LANGE: Present.

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>> YVONNE YOUNG: Steve Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Marcus Muldoon.

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Cynthia Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Rebecca Szetela.

Janice Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER JANICE VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Erin Wagner. Richard Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER RICHARD WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: There are nine Commissioners currently present. You have a quorum.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Ms. Young.

Hmm. Okay. At this time, we will return to in-person public comment. Without objection, individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public commentary to the Commission will be allowed. We will start with those who have signed up in public first, followed by remote public comments in chronological order. Is there any objection, Commissioners?

Hearing none, we will move forward.

One more person who has signed up to speak live. Is there a Stacy Deering here? Good afternoon, Stacy.

>> STACY DEERING: Good afternoon, Commissioner. So I am Stacy Deering and am indeed a life-long Detroit. I also work in Dearborn and have been working in metro Detroit pretty much since I was 16 years old. First, I would like to offer my gratitude to the commissioners for your time and diligence working through this challenge process with the seven-point criteria, definitely appreciate your time and efforts.

Today I'm requesting to keep ACCESS Communities of Interest together that have a significant presence in cities such as Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Warrendale, Melvindale. In addition to this significant presence in these cities, it's important to note that 85% of our communities of interest reside in Southeast Michigan, specifically the tri-county region. Warrendale is indeed a part of our community of interest, and that is why I support the Szetela map, also known as Plan 404. It has the fairest inclusion of our community of interest.

Unfortunately, for decades these communities have been undercounted, underrepresented, and underserved. For minor any communities to be considered in the redistricting process every ten years, the U.S. Census data is the ONLY demographic source used by the Commission. So following this process, we can see that the Commission will determine the representation that our communities of interest will have for the next ten years and the generational impact it will have for our future.

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So we ask that you consider these factors as you finalize the Senate map selection. Thank you, Commissioners, for listening and considering our previous comments during the first rounds in May when drafting the submitted Michigan Senate maps. We do appreciate your consideration. Thank you!

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you. I just have a quick question.

>> STACY DEERING: Sure.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: That same configuration for District 2 is located in a lot of these maps.

>> STACY DEERING: Mm-hmm.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Is there anything else about the maps that you indicated besides that district that you also like, just to help us differentiate --

>> STACY DEERING: Oh, sure.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: That part you're talking about is in many of the maps.

>> STACY DEERING: Indeed it is, and we noticed that after May 9 that you took that into consideration when you guys were redrawing the maps. So looking at all the communities of interest that are in like Wayne County, Oakland, Macomb, this map had the most favorable, fair representation for all communities of interest.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Gotcha. Thank you.

>> STACY DEERING: Yes, no problem.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, for the record, I would like to acknowledge that Commissioner Szetela has joined. Commissioner Szetela, if your location has changed, can you let us know that; and if not, can you just say present for the record.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: Present. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay, that concludes -- thank you once again to the last public commenter, and welcome, Commissioner Szetela. That does conclude the folks who have signed up to speak in person so we will move again to those remaining for remote public comment. Department of State, is there anyone on the list who has come through?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: They are not yet, Chair.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. There are a number of people who indicated they would like to provide remote public comment. We will be here until 7:00 and if any of them log on, we'll be here in case somebody else signs up to speak in person. We encourage you to show up and speak up. To help us decide amongst these 12 different senate configurations. We're here today at Cass Tech to hear from the people and is certainly our hope more folks show up. Given there is no more public comment, we will again break until ... let's say 2:15 and see if any more folks have signed up by then. Thank you. Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER RHONDA LANGE: Yes. I was kind of curious if we have any Commission business that could be done rather than coming back online for a few minutes and then going to break.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yeah, I did check, and I don't think we have any pressing business to complete today. There are no items for consideration. We do have an executive director's report, but that is rather quick and can be done near the end of the meeting, so I don't think we have anything pressing to do today other than hear from the public. Okay, with that said, we'll break. Let's come back at 2:15. For anyone watching, please, we won't bite. Come through. We have quite the setup here with all of the different district configurations where you can see in person all the differences between them and compare them to the old Linden map and even go back a little further to the map created by the legislature in the 2010 Census. We hope to see you here. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Folks, if you could please take your seats, it is 2:15, and we have a few more folks who signed up to comment today.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, before we do public comment, I do want to acknowledge that it looks like Commissioner Kellom has joined us virtually. Commissioner Kellom, can you say "present," and if your location has changed, let us know that?

Okay. We'll come back to her.

Is Commissioner Wagner with us now?

Okay, my apologies, Chair.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: That's quite all right. Thank you so much for bringing attention to that.

All right, we will now resume public comment. Again, we're going to start with in-person and if anybody who has signed up to speak virtually, we will go to them after if they are here. And we do have two folks that have signed up to speak. Is there a Ms. Balke here? I'm sorry; your first name did not come through on your end.

>> INGA BALKE: That's okay. My name is Inga Balke. I-N-G-A, if you need -- people confuse it with "Ann" when I say it quickly. Thank you so much for being here and being open to comments. I know this is a great deal of work for the Commission, and I wanted to -- I tried to talk it up to the teachers that were still in the building to see if they would come down and give more public comment. I don't know how many are going to come, but we can hope we get a little more feedback for you.

One of the reasons I did see it when we came in today, I came with my husband, who's a teacher here at Cass Tech, but we live in Wyandotte, which is a down-river community, and we're also election officials in the city of Wyandotte and know how important elections are and how important it is to have free and fair elections, and we do our part. So we really appreciate the fact that this redistricting group is trying to give us free and fair elections and have competitive elections. So thank you very much for that.

I have to admit this was our first time seeing the maps so it took us a little while.

That's why we came back. We wanted to make sure we understood them and thank you to Anthony for helping us understand and Mr. Weiss to help us understand them. So we wanted to - - I would like to say that of the once I have seen, being a resident of Wyandotte, I consider ourselves a river community but also kind of like an industrial community, and it was -- I like



seeing us in number 1, the state representative, the purple part of the map, because I think that does represent more of the, just the whole feeling of the town, that it's a hard-working town. You know, we really appreciate hard work in the city of Wyandotte. To be honest, Cardinal, Heron, and Kellom look to be most useful to me because it was keeping us either with a river community or with what I would consider down-river communities. So it's either going to be we're with our northern counterpart along the river, or we're actually not in a district that goes as far as Belleville or even further west, which to me doesn't seem representative of the community I live in. So again, Cardinal, Heron, and Kellom were the ones I feel most representative of our community; and probably the least would be Lange and Finch. I tried to spend the bit of time looking at them and thought it was odd when we would separate Southgate and Wyandotte, but if it doesn't work from a population standpoint, I understand that. Almost every day I go from Wyandotte to Southgate on my bike and seems could be pretty normal for a district but we understand there's limitations so thank you very much.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Thank for trying to get more people out here, too. You know, this certainly affects public schools when you consider things like public school funding and teachers and what not. So it is impactful.

>> INGA BALKE: Just one more thing -- I did mention to it one of the Commissioners. One of the things that I feel gets you to understand the representation of a community is to see what schools compete with each other on a high school level because if you, you know, those groups then consider themselves part of this one community; and unfortunately there's not a lot that we can do with these maps to even get that one except possibly the Kellom. That's probably closest, I would say, to do that; but that's just another way of kind of look at it beyond population. So thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you. We have a question, I think, for you, from Commissioner Szetela.

>> INGA BALKE: Oh. Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: I'm curious because she mentioned what schools compete, what schools does Wyandotte compete with.

>> INGA BALKE: They compete against -- depending on which sport but generally Trenton, Riverview, Grosse Ile, Lincoln Park, Southgate, sometimes Taylor.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: Okay, thank you.

>> INGA BALKE: Thank you. Occasionally in sports will get as far as Dearborn but is rather unusual. My daughter was a rower so we would have people from all over, ha-ha. Thanks.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER: Before you step away -- sorry. Would a better configuration rather than pulling into Detroit and have Hamtramck the one that goes further down so south versus north? Does that make sense?

>> INGA BALKE: Possibly. If we had Lincoln Park -- my feeling is Allen Park and Melvindale go together and have a district called MNAP, Melville and North Allen Park. They definitely are community themselves. We don't always -- we do compete with Allen Park and don't always

have it with Melvindale, but we also have Allen Park. It's difficult, I know, because I heard someone might be from Southgate on the Commission? Is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Lincoln Park.

>> INGA BALKE: Real splitter. He's familiar with the bears, right?

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Went to Riverview.

>> INGA BALKE: Okay, you're a pirate.

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.

>> INGA BALKE: Okay. So I mean, just to the understanding of -- we kind of think of ourselves as a downriver community and would include Lincoln Park in the down-river community, even though you don't touch the river. I don't think you have to be Wyandotte, Grosse Ile. I think Gibraltar considers themselves part of but don't see them on the map because I don't know where they end up. You know, Flat Rock, I don't know where they end up. I guess they're not in this section but these are the communities I would consider as part of ours. So thank you. Anything else?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: No, that was very helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: from me. I'm good.

>> INGA BALKE: Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I also invite everyone to visit our website, [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). What we've here is, you know, focused on as much of Detroit and metro Detroit as possible but the maps are missing some of that District 4 that goes into some of those down-river communities. On our website, once again, [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). You can get a full view and go south through Monroe and see what is included, where. Okay. Now we have Mr. Balke.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, while he approaches the mic, I believe we have Commissioner Wagner now. Commissioner, can you just indicate you're present, please?

>> COMMISSIONER ERIN WAGNER: I am present from Charlotte.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Department of State, and welcome, Commissioner Wagner.

Okay, Mr. Balke, the floor is yours.

>> CARL BALKE: Thank you. I am Carl Balke and on staff at Cass Technical High School and robotics and engineering teacher, and this is our last day of class so it was really nice to have the Commission here in our building to be able to talk and see the maps.

My wife did a great job of introducing us. We are election inspectors in the City of Wyandotte. Both of us are chairpersons, and looking at the maps and talking with the representatives, we will recognize the effort to keep communities of interest together. And from that perspective, it does look like the Cardinal, Heron, and Kellom maps do the best job of that, from what we understand of our communities. And it looks like most of the maps are just trying to figure out what to do with Detroit in different ways of splitting it up and balancing everything that you have to balance between that. Thank you.

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>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

>> CARL BALKE: Do you have any questions?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you. I think your wife got the brunt of them already.

>> CARL BALKE: Very good.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Always the better half; am I right?

>> CARL BALKE: Thanks very much. We hope you get more comments.

>> INGA BALKE: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right. Department of State, has anybody who has signed up to provide remote public comment joined us?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: They are not with us yet.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. Well, since we have no more public comment, we will go on break once again. We do have a scheduled break from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. but would like to come back before that in case we get a couple more commenters so let's say 2:50. See y'all then.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Just an update, folks. We still do not have anyone new who has signed up for public comment so we are going to give it a few more minutes and go to our scheduled 3:00 break if nobody shows up. We'll be back from that break at 4:00 p.m. and be here from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, I do want to acknowledge Anthony Scannell has joined virtually, and he did sign up for public comment, if we would like to do that before the break.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Department of State. I would love to do that. Can we unmute Mr. Scannell.

>> ANTHONY SCANNELL: Thank you so much, Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Not much to say to day, just happy to see the public hearing going on and thanks for all your hard work. Bye.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. We appreciate your comments. All right, Commissioners, it's 2:57, and I do not see anyone here, so is there any motions?

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Motion to take a break.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Second.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We have a motion by Commissioner Lett, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, we'll move to vote. All those in favor of the motion to take our scheduled break from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., please raise their hand and say aye.  
(Multiple ayes.)  
Is there any opposed?

All right, we will be back at 4:00; and once again, we will be here from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As long as you are here by 7:00 p.m., we will make time to hear from you. Please come through

and let us know your thoughts on all of the draft Senate proposals. See you at 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

(A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, everyone. Good afternoon. I hope everyone had a good break there. As Chairman of the Commission, I will call this meet of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:03 p.m. For purposes of the public watching and the public record, could we please get a roll from the Department of State.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Certainly, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, I will begin calling your names alphabetically. If your venue has changed from this morning or from this afternoon, returning from lunch, please share that as I call your name. Otherwise, just indicate that you are present by saying "Present."

I will begin again alphabetically with Commissioner Andrade.  
Commissioner Callaghan.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry.  
Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom.  
Commissioner Lange.

Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon.

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER JANICE VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner.

Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER RICHARD WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: We only have eight Commissioners present. We are not at quorum.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Who do we have missing right now?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, that would be Commissioner Andrade, Commissioner Curry, Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Lange, and Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I do see Commissioner Kellom on the Zoom.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom, if you are present, can you please state "present" for the record?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right. Let's give it a few minutes to see if we can get a couple more folks on and try again.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, you are able to listen to public comment if you so choose. You just would not be able to conduct any official business of the Commission.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Well, we do not have any official business today. We're here just to listen to public comment so we have eight. We can go ahead and do that. I'm sure we will have -- oh, and there we go, we got one more. Commissioner Andrade?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade, can you just state you're present for the record, please?

>> COMMISSIONER ELAINE ANDRADE: I am present from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you very much. Chair, you do have a quorum now.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Department of State.

At this time, if there is no objection, we will return to public comments. Individual who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed. We're gonna start with the live public comments first, followed by remote public comments in chronological order. I would like to remind folks that we are here today at Cass Tech High School until 7:00 p.m.

Please feel free to show up and speak up. We have quite a lot of things here to help you engage with the Commission and provide public comment, including if those in the crowd look to your right, the furthest map on your map is the map drawn by the state legislature in the 2010 Census cycle is. Followed by that, we have the original Linden map that this Commission adopted a couple years ago, and then all the other maps you see are the 12 configurations that this Commission has put forth to the court and will decide between.

We also have a print-out of other metrics about each map that you're free to use as well to help in your comments to the Commission. Is there any objections to move on to public comment, Commissioners?

Seeing none, we'll move ahead with public comment. First up to speak for this session is Jamie Lyons-Eddy.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Hello. I'm Jamie Lyons-Eddy Executive Director of Voters, not Politicians. I want to thank you all very much for your service to all Michiganders. I'm here today to ask that you please consider the memo that I sent to you by e-mail and through your public comment portal last Friday. We are very concerned that all 12 of the finalist maps are being treated as equally fine on partisan fairness. We simply feel they are not. The Michigan Constitution requires that maps "shall not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party." That doesn't mean that it's good enough for partisan fairness measures to just be better than the blatant gerrymanders of the past. It does mean that once your maps comply with the VRA as nine of the maps under consider do and communities of interest have been reflected, which you have worked to do in really all of the maps under consideration, that maps with the least partisan bias must be adopted.

Every map under consideration, except Heron and 404, does worse than Linden on one or more of your published partisan fairness measures. If you look at closer elections, the maps are even more different from each other. Why does it make sense to look at closer elections? Because in every Michigan Senate election in the span of time that your data covers, the difference in vote share between the two major parties has been less than 3%, even when there's a much wider margin at the top of the ticket.

When you look at close races, as I do in my memo using your own published data, you can see that most of the maps under consideration DO exactly what Dr. Handley told you should be avoided, which is a situation where the party that gets the most votes doesn't match the party that gets the most seats.

The efficiency gap also changes dramatically in closer elections, especially for Cardinal, which goes from an efficiency gap of less than 1%, using the full composite, to almost 6% when looking at races with the kind of close margins that are typical and expected in state Senate races. So to recap, there IS significant variation in the partisan fairness of the 12 maps and is necessary to look closely to find the maps that optimize all of the constitutional criteria.

Second, because Senate races are typically close here in Michigan, it's important to look at the data from closer elections to determine if the maps under consideration do the best possible job on partisan fairness as the Michigan Constitution clearly requires. Thank you so much for the opportunity to talk to you today.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: I got a couple of question for you.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Oh, sure.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: The disproportionate advantage that you talk about is number four on the list, right? At least three things we look at before we look at that, correct.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay. And you mentioned that we should have the least partisan bias. That's not in the Constitution, is it?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Well, the most -- yes, actually, it is. It is. The least partisan bias is the same as the most partisan fairness, right?

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: That's your interpretation.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Well, it is.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: And it says, I'm quoting, "districts shall not provide a disproportionate advantage to any political party."

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: By saying that, it doesn't mean that the Commission, by what they do, can't have SOME advantage to a party, just not disproportionate. Would you agree with that?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Well, "disproportionate" means that the seats ratio is different from the votes ratio.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Well, I didn't write this Constitutional amendment -- you guys did. A disproportionate advantage to a political party shall be determined using accepted measures of partisan fairness.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Is that not what we're using?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: No, it is what you're using. Absolutely. But by your own published data, many of the maps behind me are actually worse than Linden on partisan fairness, so it would be what you need to do is find the maps that meet all the criteria above and then are the most fair that you have to choose from.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: But we don't have to pick the best one, do we? That's not what the Constitution says.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: It actually says that you shouldn't have any disproportionate advantage as long as you've met the criteria above.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay, but you might have an advantage on one metric and not in another. So which one is the best?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Well, I think, then, you need to look to Dr. Handley, who told you to look at a couple of measures in particular. I believe she suggested that you should focus on mean, median, and efficiency gap. It's really best to take all of them -- I mean no one of the partisan fairness measures is perfect on its own -- but if you look at especially what is in my memo, you will see there is a pretty significant difference, especially when you look at races that have the kind of margins you would expect in the state senate races.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Which would you describe as a disproportionate advantage? How would you describe that?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: There is no threshold under which it's okay. You always want to get to as close to zero on all your partisan fairness measures as you possibly can. Once you have met all the criteria above, what obviously you have to meet the federal requirements; you have to comply with the VRA. You've done what you need to do to comply with the Equal Protection Clause. You have to reflect, the word is reflect, communities of interest. After that, you have to optimize partisan fairness. You have to get as close to zero as you can.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Who decides what a community of interest is?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: The people, the people who come and talk to you. That's what you have spent all of your time doing, right, is considering that public input, and that's what you can't do here -- continue to do here today.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: What would you advise us to do to come up with the "best" map?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: To compare --

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Disproportionate advantage.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: There are. There are two maps under consideration here that are --

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: There are 12 maps under consideration.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: But two of them are fair, closer to zero, than your Linden map was. Two of them. There's Heron, and there's 404.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: That automatically makes them the best?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: If they've already met the criteria above, which is for you to decide; but if the communities of vest have been reflected and you're getting that kind of input, yes, you should pick the fairest map.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Thank you.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Thank you. Any other questions? Thanks.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I just want to thank you for the memo. I think most of us did read it and actually sent it off to Dr. Lisa Handley and will get a report on her thoughts on it in the coming days. Commissioner Callaghan?

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: So in your report, you picked four elections that had a below-3% threshold.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: From that, you produced a composite score. How did you -- I looked at those four numbers. If I take those four numbers from the four elections for one measure and if I average them, I don't come up with a composite score you did. So how did that work?

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: Oh, let me go back and check on that. I can go back and check on that. I thought they were just averaged. I would go back and look.

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay, yeah, I'd appreciate that. I have been trying to puzzle that one out so thank you.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: It's interesting, too, though, to look at those closer election and see what happens. It's really best practice to take each election separately but know you guys have so much data you're dealing with. That's sometimes helpful --

>> COMMISSIONER DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay.

>> JAMIE LYONS-EDDY: -- to put them together. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I would like to reiterate we do invite everyone out there who would like to comment on these maps to do so. You know, one of great things about this current process we have in Michigan is the public can come out and comment on these, and that's a stark difference from how this used to happen in the past behind closed doors. So public-facing process and we do appreciate all of the public comments.

We do have some more folks who have signed up to speak in public. Do we have a Lama here?

>> LAMA: (Speaking Arabic.) Arabic translator.

>> Do we have it set up for Arabic translation?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Yes, thank you very much.

>> LAMA: (Speaking Arabic.) Hello, my name is Lama, one of the residents of the city of Dearborn. And I'm here to present my people of interest, the people of my district.



The population of my city there are coming from diverse backgrounds, diverse religion and cultures. And our people of interest, they have been forgotten for a long time. They weren't engaged directly with the development and progress of all measures of the county.

And it has been almost denied or not gotten under consideration with the redistricting that we are discussing right now.

We do appreciate the Commission that they are taking in consideration the part of Warrendale and Melvindale as part of communities of interest within our community in ACCESS. We do want, we are encouraging you to keep Melvindale and Warrendale within the community of interest of ACCESS and recommend to remove Taylor from our boundaries. Thank you very much for your attendance.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Do we have a number 18? I'm sorry; I do not have your name in front of me, but please approach the mic.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Oops. Can you hear me?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yes, we can.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: My name is Patricia Hartshorn, 62-year resident of Dearborn, and I have been teaching at University of Michigan-Dearborn for 30 years, taught at Detroit Public Schools for ten years before going to U of M-Dearborn. So I'm keeping kind of U of M-Dearborn in my mind but also just growing from up in this area, kind of my old stomping grounds.

You know, when we played high school teams, when we had community events, what our district would entail. I have a little different take about Taylor because growing up, you know, with Little League and soccer and high school playing in everything, Taylor was always kind of part of our group with Allen Park and Melvindale. Also, I have been a member of the By-laws Committee of U of M Dearborn and know how mind-numbing this work you're doing can be to include everyone and make everyone happy, which is pretty much a difficult thing to do. Thank you for all your hard work.

So I think looking at, you know, my perspective, as living in the area for 62 years -- Szetela the map seems to represent my district the most. It gives a good job of bringing representation to the U of M students who come from the metro area and gives great representation Melvindale, Allen Park, Northern Taylor, Dearborn Heights. Growing up, that was kind of where all the kids in our neighborhoods kind of hung out and did things.

This Commission has heard time and again from the Dearborn Community wanting representation in this district and map, and I feel that the Szetela map -- or it's also called 404? Is that correct?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yes.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Yeah -- manages to do a great job to give our area and our students at U of M-Dearborn a voice, a voice we deserve. Taylor has always kind of been the sister city to Dearborn, so I would not like a map where Dearborn and Taylor were separated. So we have a lot of students, a lot of faculty, a lot of staff who work in Dearborn but live in Taylor.

So from my perspective, it seems like Szetela is the most representative of our area. So thank you. And if you have any questions --

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Yes.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: You grew up in Taylor, you said.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: No, in Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: But you played Taylor in sports.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Every -- Taylor and Dearborn, everything.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Even had little fights going on, you know, back then.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Hard to believe. Taylor and Dearborn, are they split on the Szetela map?

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: I understand one section of Taylor is left out.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Will that affect how Taylor and Dearborn employ sports in the future?

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: I certainly hope not. Dearborn is growing a lot. Taylor is struggling.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Do you find however we draw senate or House or any districts affects the livelihood of people in those districts, or do they go on with their normal life, playing their sports, working wherever they work, set?

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Well, I think representation matters a lot, and I am aware that Dearborn has, our Arabic population has suffered a bit in representation. As far as our city council and things go, the city is half Arab but only in the past had one city councilperson. I know the way our city council districts were drawn up really favored the people in West Dearborn and disfavor East Dearborn. I do know there is a big difference because in my lifetime now I have seen the change, which I think is wonderful, and our mayor is fabulous; but when I was a kid, there was no representation on the city council or anything, and I think that was detrimental to our community because there was a big east Dearborn/west Dearborn division. So yes, I do think it matters.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: But you're referencing local politics.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: You agree we have nothing to do with representation on city councils or county governments or any of that.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: I think fairness is really the goal here, correct? Fairness? And fairness is important in our democracy, that we're all equal and we all have an equal voice. So I do think --

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: I can agree with that.

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: -- fair districts are so vital.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: My question goes to however we draw lines on a map affects the citizens' daily lives as they live them out day today, month to month, week to week, whatever?

>> PATRICIA HARTSHORN: If citizens feel like they are being left out or suffering injustice or unfairness, I think it does affect them. I have not experienced that, but I know a lot of people have. I believe them. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is number 20, Andrew Chicotel. Save me the trouble -- thank you, if you could state your name when you get to the microphone, I'd appreciate it.

>> ANDREW CHICOTEL: Hello, commissioners. My name is Andrew Chicotel. I'm a community organizer with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation. We are non-profit organization that services the Southwest Detroit and down-river areas. I have been in here a lot and done this a lot over the past few years, too many times, it feels like.

I wanted to talk about the Szetela and Kellom maps, maps 404 and 403. We believe that these are the best maps going forward for our interests as they preserve Southwest Detroit and down rivers' Hispanic Communities of Interest. While there are other maps that do that as well, we believe that the metrics associated with these maps provide the most fair version of preserving that community of interest and so that is why we wanted to advocate for them. That's all I got for you. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Andrew, for addressing the Commission.

Next up we have Lynn Blasey.

>> LYNN BLASEY: You are close,. Lynn "Blah-see." My name is Lynn Blasey, a very active resident in Hamtramck with a strong foundation in community work across Detroit that started working at the Arab-American National Museum in Dearborn, spread throughout Detroit, and spend most of my work outside of work doing community work in Hamtramck but also my day job as community work across the city of Detroit.

And I was looking at the maps and one of the Commissioners asked another speaker who defines the special interest groups. That is us. Each of us, it's our duty, which we did in the first round, to come forward and say, you know, "We are a group, and we would like to stay united."

So I would like to mention that the Szetela map, 404, is, does a really good job with partisan fairness, keeping working-class families and communities of color together. Specifically I appreciate the way that map helps keep Hamtramck, Highland Park, and then North End and other areas north of 94 together. Those areas specifically have a very high concentration of Bangladeshi and Yemeni-American residents, and keeping those voices together really helps those populations have an undiluted voice when it comes to our state representation.

I also appreciate that the Heron map, 376, also does a really good job of keeping the Middle Eastern Communities in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights together. I would like to thank you for the hard work and dedication you have all put into this project, and I encourage you to continue

working towards fair maps, especially focusing on measures that ensure communities of color don't have their voting rights diluted. Any questions?

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Yeah. what are we doing, in your opinion, to prevent the delusion of voting rights for people of color?

>> LYNN BLASEY: Well, I mentioned map 404 and map 376, in my opinion, do a good job of keeping those communities united and to voting blocs that their voices will be, have more say than if they were split up into multiple districts.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Have you looked at the VRA analysis on those districts?

>> LYNN BLASEY: No. I'm just a resident. I don't have time to study the analytics.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: It's an honest answer. Thank you very much.

>> LYNN BLASEY: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up we have Amanda Costello.

>> AMANDA COSTELLO: Hi, everyone. My name is Amanda Costello. I am a resident of Canton, Michigan, and was formerly a teacher in Canton, Plymouth/Canton Public Schools. I'm here to speak about a few maps that I feel more encouraged by than others. So speaking of Canton, I would really advocate for Canton to be in the same Senate district as Plymouth, if possible. These communities share a school district and think it would make sense for that to be reflected in how they share resources by sharing the senate district. One that I think is fair and does that is map 404, so shout out to that one. If not possible, to keep Canton and Plymouth together, I think it makes sense to keep with Westland, 403, Kellom, while remaining relatively fair. I taught myself PMO, the percent majority outcome, meant, and I, both of the ones I mentioned have pretty good scores. Of course, I want to note that the Heron map had 100% PMO and seems like the fairest map so I would advocate any further work uses that one as the base. I hope those comments are helpful. I just want to thank the Commission for your time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up, we have Victor Jimenez.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Good evening, members of the Commission. Members of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistrict Commission, my name is Victor Jimenez, life-long community member of District 1, specifically Southwest Detroit. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the redistricting of our state senate. I am here to express my support for the Szetela map, plan 404, as it represents several positive attributes, I appreciate this particular this map because it doesn't extricate 1 as far east into Grosse Pointe as some others do and also ensures that Melvindale, Dearborn, and Dearborn Heights remain together in District 2. Additionally, I'm pleased this map include much more Midtown in District 1, promoting cohesive representation for our communities.

However, I have concerns about the inclusion of Taylor in District 2. This addition could potentially disrupt the cultural and community coherence of the district, bringing together areas with different community priorities and needs. To address this, I suggest considering an alternative placement for Taylor that preserves the cultural and neighborhood based unity of our

districts. In the interest of increasing cohesive representation and not diminishing the voices of our diverse communities, I recommend that these minor adjustments to the boundaries be made and these changes will help maintain integrity of our neighborhoods and promote equitable representation based on shared community interests. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust the Commission will take these points into account to create a fair and representative redistricting plan based off the Szetela map. Thank you.

>> Commissioner Steve Lett: I have a couple of questions.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: How does drawing lines on maps -- in this case involving Taylor and -- you said Dearborn?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yeah. Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale that mostly encompasses District 2.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: If we drew a line and Melvindale, Taylor, and Dearborn, would it make the lives of people?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: It would change the representation and important for communities with similar interests, values, and issues to be tied together cohesively and be represented cohesively because when it comes --

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Nobody is going --

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: -- Underrepresented.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Nobody is going to move, are they? Taylor, Dearborn Heights, and Melvindale, I mean, they're going to say, "Okay, the Commission drew a district that now no longer has Taylor. I don't like that. I'm a Taylor person, but I like Dearborn Heights. I will move there." Will that happen?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: No, but the people that are going to be voted to represent them will change. People shouldn't have to change based off to get the proper representation. The representation that they're voted on, that makes up the districts, should represent them as a community cohesively, not bits and pieces like Taylor being joined with other communities that have nothing to do with what Taylor is struggling with and vice versa.

>> Commissioner Steve Lett: You're positing that whoever is elected in whatever district can upset the balance of life of the citizens of that district as they relate to each other.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: No, as they relate to each other but their lives because the representation may not reflect the greater community or might be put off. The election may be put off into a result that wouldn't be so if that community was actually held together cohesively in those interests and values and issues were at the forefront of whoever is running for that election for that specific community.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: What's most important in cohesive community? Religious life? Is that important?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: I think, you know, starting to get into that conversation might be tricky.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay. Education. Is that important?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Social opportunities, is that important?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yeah, and I think all that might change based off who represents them. I think that is the basis of like electing your representation.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: What you claim is Senator A gets elected, that's gonna change all that mix.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yeah; absolutely. I don't think that's wild.

>> COMMISSIONER STEVE LETT: Okay. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I just have one question.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Sure.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I missed what you said at the beginning about District 1. Can you repeat what you said? Configurations of District 1 you prefer?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: I appreciate District 1 encompasses more of midtown than extending into Grosse Pointe. I think Grosse Pointe addition doesn't reflect like the other two-thirds of the district. I think there are lot of competing interests and values there that are coming from two different communities. I mean, it has to extend somewhat that far because of population and recognize that on the Szetela map; but I think compensating by including much more of Midtown better encompasses the district in what represents Midtown, Corktown, Southwest Detroit, the greater areas that encompasses downtown. I feel like those areas all have the same community flavor, interest, and as such, they should remain in the same district.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay, I just want to make sure I am understanding you correctly with this.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Appreciate it.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: We have heard a lot about District 1.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yeah.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: None go all the way into Grosse Pointe. Do you mean like more of the east side of Detroit?

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Yes.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: Well, as you know, because Grosse Pointe is kitty-corner next to district, the east side, I think, yeah, specifically combining the east side, the southwest side, and much of downtown might not lead to someone who represents one of those places well, right? So the philosophy I'm coming at this is really like leaning on a strength, right? Why put somebody in a position where they have to deal with all these competing interests rather than putting them in front of one community and putting them in a position where they know what their goals and missions are because it's crystal clear?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yeah, I understand that. I was wondering geographically what you were talking about, and you answered it.

>> VICTOR JIMENEZ: No problem. Thank you very much. Appreciate you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Appreciate your comments. Next up is number 24, Anthony Cardamone.

>> ANTHONY CARDAMONE: Good afternoon. My name is Anthony Cardamone and want to thank you all for the work you have been doing throughout this whole process. I want to speak in favor of map 404, which does good for Macomb County, especially since it successfully sets the northern boundary between the more rural communities north of the Hull Road and more southern Suburban and urban areas south of Southern Macomb County. Hull Road itself is an economic corridor delineated that boundary of North and South Macomb for a long time and is a common sense-boundary line that is intuitive to local residents of Macomb County. In contrast, the map you call Cardinal does a poor job at representing Macomb. For starters, it's grouping together a bunch of communities that have no common interests together in the north and south of Macomb County. Warren has minimal commerce and transit with the areas north of Hull Road, let alone as far up as 22 Mile. Warren residents work and drive through Sterling Heights all the time every day, and it make basic sense for them to be together like they are in map 404 as opposed to creating a more hodgepodge strip spanning the farm country of North Macomb County and the dense communities like Eastpointe and Warren. I just want to make that comment and thank you all for your hard work. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is number 25, Steve Walker.

>> STEVE WALKER: Hello. My name is Steve Walker. I live in Southwest Detroit. I'm currently in Senate District 2. It looks to me like all the maps would move me out of that district. Many of them will put me in District 1, which me and my neighbors would prefer, so I'm all for that.

Again, I want to comment generally about all the different maps, and if I have any time left, I'll comment about some of the specific maps. First of all, I agree with the other Latinos who have been speaking. The fact of the matter is that Lincoln Park is 40% Latino and so Lincoln Park should be part of the state senate district with Southwest Detroit. That keeps the Latino Community of Interest together.

Secondly, many of the maps have Melvindale in with Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. I understand that Melvindale is now 60% Yemeni so that makes sense to me and encourage you to pick a map that keeps those communities together.

Thirdly, I agree with Commissioner Szetela, who pointed out that some of the maps cut Detroit up into various different state senate districts. It's like you don't think Detroit is a community of interest, but clearly it is. I live in a part of Detroit that most other Detroiters are unfamiliar with, but when I go to meetings or listen to Zoom calls, I have a lot of the same concerns other Detroiters have. So I think Detroit is a community of interest and shouldn't be putting it up unnecessarily.

Fourthly, I want to speak to the issue of the priorities as listed in the Constitution. The first priority is consonance with the Voting Rights Act. The third priority is acknowledging the diversity of Michigan. I think that means a better treatment for the Black Community. Frankly, historically, the way the Voting Rights Act was interpreted, Blacks got what they deserved when you had majority/minority districts. Generally maybe 55%, 60% minority. Your experts have

come up with this idea they call VRA-compliant districts based on primary turnout. I would be curious to know what academic paper or what court case has defined compliance with the Voting Rights Act as having a Black majority in a primary.

(Buzzer.)

That assumes, of course, that the white Democrats would vote with the Black candidate in the fall, which maybe would be true in a place like Southfield that has a high income, high educational level, but I am very dubious that's true when you talk about Macomb County or Warren, places like that, where I think it's quite probable that white Democrats end up voting the Republicans and not for the Black candidate. So I think -- you shouldn't pat yourself on the back that you got all these VRA-compliant districts because that is not the traditional definition of what compliance with the VRA is, which is majority Black districts. Most of you have two or three Black districts. As I've testified before, if you're gonna meet the, you know, the variety, the diversity of Michigan, you ought to be shooting for six.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair? I just want to let you know that the time has expired, and individuals are able to sign up for a second round of public comment.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Department of State. I must have missed that timer and apologize for that. Mr. Walker, if you want to finish your comment, you're welcome to sign up for additional session and will give you another couple of minutes.

It looks like that concludes in-person public comment. Do we have anyone who has signed up to speak virtually who has joined us?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We do, Chair. Let me figure out what order they signed up, if you can bear with me for just a moment. I believe there is an individual by the name of Aayah? I will promote you to speak now.

>> AAYAH JADALLAH: Hello. I would like an Arabic translator, please. I will state my comment in Arabic. Wonderful. Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: You can begin, ma'am.

>> AAYAH JADALLAH: (Speaking Arabic.)

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Ma'am, just one moment. I did go ahead and mute you. If you don't mind, after a few phrases, if you could take a brief pause so that our translator could then translate that into English for the Commission, that would be helpful. So when you're ready, if you could begin again, and just kind of take a pause every few seconds, if you can.

>> AAYAH JADALLAH: Okay. Hi, my name is Aayah and live in the city of Dearborn. I'm here to defend the Szetela map, 404

to protect the benefits or the interests of the community, the ACCESS Community.

This community is combined from different or diverse cultures and religion from diverse and multiple countries, which makes different, differences in culture and practices.

These communities have been marginalized previously by didn't count them a good situation of the population.

And that's what make it harder to know about the needs of these communities.

And they weren't taken in consideration when they were redistricting the maps.



Because counting the population is the main, the cornerstone, of how the Commission can know about the needs of the community.

We do appreciate the Commission that they kept Warrendale and Melvindale, most of Melvindale, within the Community of Interest of ACCESS as a part of the Community ACCESS. We encourage you as long as we are doing your job to redistricting the maps for the Senate election to keep most of Warrendale and all Melvindale within the Community of Interest of ACCESS. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Do any more folks for remote public comment?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We do. The next individual signed up for remote public comment is Malaak. I will go ahead and unmute you. You have been promoted to speak. Are you able to unmute yourself?

>> MALAAK JADALLAH: Hello.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you. You may begin.

>> MALAAK JADALLAH: Hello. I just wanted to say that I do not, I have different opinions than with the experts. I am asking to keep communities of interest together with a significant presence in cities such as Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Warrendale, and Melvindale; and I support the Szetela map, plan 404. Metro Detroit is a home to several minority communities including one of the largest ethnic diaspora regions in the U.S.

The U.S. Census improperly counts people of specific ethnicities and ancestry as members of the white race category. The fact is these ethnicities have distinct issues and experiences and national level that on these improperly identified individuals obscure regional variations such as disadvantaged communities in the metro Detroit area and without a fair count of our community in the U.S. Census, we are constantly invisible and not factored into redistricting process. Thank you, Commissioners, for listening and considering our previous comments with drafting the Michigan senate maps. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Okay. Is there anyone else remote?

>> Meghan Schaar: There is. Nada is next so I will promote her or him to speak.

>> NADA TAKACH: Uh, yeah, I need Arab translate, please.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Sure, just one moment.

>> NADA TAKACH: Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: You may begin when you're ready; just please pause after a few moments so that it can be translated.

>> NADA TAKACH: Sure.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: If we can just make that pause a little longer, too, so the sign language interpreter can also get it. I think they may be struggling with the translation. So just take it slow, please. Thank you.

>> NADA TAKACH: Thank you. (Speaking Arabic.) Hi, my name is Nada, and I live in Dearborn. I'm here today to defend the Szetela map, 404 to protect the interests of the Community of ACCESS.

Our community is composed from different and diverse countries and cultures and religions, and that's what makes difference experiences and different stories for different populations.

These communities have been marginalized previously, and that's what makes difficulties for decision-makers about this community. They weren't taken in consideration while they were redistricting because the Census is one of the most important elements for the Commission to redistrict and to the planning. We do really appreciate that the Commission kept part of Warrendale and all of Melvindale within the Community of Interest of ACCESS as part of our interest of our community. And we encourage you to keep Melvindale and most of Warrendale within the Community of Interest while you are taking your decisions regarding the election for the senate. Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We'll move on to the next remote public speaker.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That is Rory. You need to unmute yourself.

>> RORY MCGILLEN: Hello. My name is Rory McGillen and here today to speak in favor of Map 404, the Szetela map. Over the past couple of years, I have volunteered with a community non-profit called ACCESS, one of the largest in the United States and primarily serves Southwest -- or Southeast Michigan, excuse me. I'm here again to speak in favor of 404 because of ACCESS' designated Community of Interest and in particular keeping these Communities of Interest together. I think it's important for the representation in these senate districts to serve the people of these communities, especially considering that in the past Census data has often been lacking and isn't able to accurately represent these demographics. I think one other thing that is important, too, to consider is the impact this will have on -- and this is something that will be felt for the next ten years. Therefore, I think it's all the more important to, again, considering these communities of interest primarily that are preserved in map 404 for the future of these cities, keeping them together. I would like to thank the Commission for hearing us out today. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I have a question for you, if you don't mind, and it's more just for clarity. I'm trying to understand exactly what you think the COI is because I guess I'm just a little confused. And this could be a question not for you specifically but all of, you know, the people speaking on behalf of ACCESS. That district includes Taylor in District 2, and before today I haven't heard that y'all wanted Taylor in District 2. Most of the maps have Dearborn, Melvindale, Dearborn Heights, and Warrendale together in some configuration. Some have, for example, just with Cardinal, have Lincoln Park but with one -- like Starling has a little bit more of Warrendale. So what I'm trying to figure out is do y'all want Taylor in that district, or not; and if not, some comments on where instead Taylor should go would be great.

>> RORY MCGILLEN: Okay. Thank you for the question. However, I'm actually just on my way home from work and stopped over just to hop on this call real quick. I'm going to defer that question to the experts, as I'm primarily just a private citizen; but thank you for the question.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yeah, it's an open question for anyone. I'm just trying to make sure we have, we're trying to encompass as much of the community as possible. So, you know, anyone can answer it.

>> RORY MCGILLEN: I'm sorry, if I could for a second, I believe it can be directed to Sara Ismail.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you. Okay. We'll move on to the next remote public comment.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: There are no additional participants currently present that have signed up for virtual public comment.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay, and I do not have anyone who has signed up in person. Did Mr. Walker sign up for a second round? Is he still here? Come on up, Mr. Walker.

>> STEVE WALKER: Hey, thank you. I will finish up my comments about the Voting Rights Act. Clearly three years ago, this Commission created zero out of 38 majority/minority districts. The maps you have up here create two or three majority/minority districts so I will give you credit for much improved performance. I don't think you've gotten as far as you could go or should go, but you certainly are better than you were three year ago.

Let me now finish up by making a few comments about some of the specific maps. First -- and I didn't have a chance to really examine all of them -- but the Heron map I would reject. My Latino members, neighbors and me, do not want to be drawn out of Southwest Detroit and appears like the Heron map would do that.

A lot of people are commenting on the Szetela map.

Let me make a few additional comments. Again, I think there's a lot to recommend that map so I'm not necessarily opposed to it; but there are elements of it that don't make a lot of sense to me. She puts Allen Park in with First State Senate District and not sure Allen Park has much in common with Detroit, so I'm not sure why they would be put in that district. In the same vein, she puts Redford in with District 2, the Dearborn/Dearborn Heights/Melvindale district. I have no idea why Redford has any Community of Interest with those areas.

And again, a lot of your maps -- and hers does, too -- draws a State Senate district that goes around Lake St. Clair, places like St. Clair Shores that are old, established communities, I wouldn't think have a whole lot in common with new communities up at the top of Lake St. Clair.

(Buzzer.)

I'm out of time, right?

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Yes. thank you for addressing the Commission. I do believe we have a question, though, from Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER REBECCA SZETELA: Yeah. I just wanted to clarify. So my map actually puts Allen Park in district 2 with Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale, a little bit of Dearborn and Taylor; and it also puts Redford Township in with the west part of Detroit, not with Dearborn; so I think you may confuse my map with another map.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right. Well, thank you for addressing the Commission.

We do have one more person who has signed up to speak, Sara Ismail.

>> SARA ISMAIL: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Sara Ismail. We have seen each other before and want to start by saying thank you for your efforts and drawing the maps, whether it was the House or Senate maps and would also like to thank the Commission for taking everything that we had said in the initial public hearings in term of our Community of Interest. We appreciate the fact that Melvindale and Warrendale, to a certain extent, were kept as part of our Community of Interest, specifically in District 2.

So I'm actually here to advocate for the Szetela map. The Szetela map does the fairest job at keeping our community of interests together, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Melvindale, part of Warrendale, and it reflects a community who has shared language, history, who has shared ancestry. And we just ask that as you move forward that you keep our community of interest in mind in terms of keeping it all together. And so we're advocating -- I'm here to advocate for my Community of Interest because I'm a resident of Dearborn and have been over 20-plus years and work in Dearborn so I understand our Community of Interest is nuanced with very particular experiences and very short similarities. I'm just here to advocate for them. Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Sara. I would like to ask you the same question I asked the last gentleman who spoke about the COI.

>> SARA ISMAIL: Yes.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I'm just trying to gain an understanding and make sure we have a good understanding of where it is. Do you think Taylor should be in that COI?

>> SARA ISMAIL: Taylor isn't very reflective of our Community of Interest. Our Community of Interest is very similar to that of Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Melvindale, Warrendale. Warrendale has seen an influx of refugees so Dearborn, Dearborn Heights in particular, those communities have been here since the late 1800\_s\_ and why they are clustered as they are, based on having so many shared experiences and lived experiences. So Taylor would not be reflective of our community of interest.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. But ... all right. So in the map that you're referring to, Taylor IS in there, half of it.

>> SARA ISMAIL: Yes.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: What do you recommend we do?

>> SARA ISMAIL: If you take out the other half of Taylor and extend Warrendale to Tireman Avenue, you can keep a further chunk of our Community of Interest of refugees and immigrants as part of District 2.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: That would turn it into districts quite similar to what are on some of the other maps as well. Is there --?

>> SARA ISMAIL: Some of the maps when you look at them actually don't have very large chunks of Warrendale so you only have maybe a quarter of Warrendale in most of the map. So if you extend up to Tireman Avenue, you have around three-fourths of Warrendale added into District 2 if you were to take out Taylor.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. All right. That helps. Thank you.

>> SARA ISMAIL: Thank you.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay, that concludes the comments that we have for now. We are here until 7:00 p.m. and now may be a good time to take a break. Hopefully some more folks will walk in, and we can get some more comments. Let's break until 5:45. (A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, everyone, if you could take your seats, we will get started soon.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, everyone, let's take your seats. We'll get started here and continue with public comment. At this time, we're gonna resume both in-person and remote public comment. I would just like to remind the public we are here at Cass Tech High School until 7:00 p.m. as long as you're signed up to speak before that in person, we will hear from you. We have a lot of different tools available for the public to interact with the Commission. With us we have in addition to the 12 current mapping proposals for Michigan 38 Senate districts, we also have the Linden plan this Commission adopted two years ago and was subsequently struck down; as well as the old 2010 cycle map drawn by the legislature. We also have various print-outs with our mapping metrics available to the public as well to help facilitate discussion.

We do have four more people who have signed up to provide in-person comment at this time, the first being Sara Harb.

>> SARA HARB: Hi, everyone. So my name is Sara Harb and live and work in the city of Dearborn. I'm here today to advocate for the Szetela map 404. This map does the fairest job at keeping the ACCESS Community of Interest together. I ask that Taylor be taken out of District 2 since it does not have a shared history, ancestry, or languages as our Community of Interest and ask you extend Warrendale to Tireman Avenue. Thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you, Sara.

Next up is number 29, Cynthia.

>> CYNTHIA GUTIERREZ: Hello, everyone, my name is Cynthia Gutierrez, a Southwest Detroit resident. I first want to thank the Commission for all the work to ensure that our communities are well taken care of. I also wanted to advocate for maps 403 and 404 for not only having the highest score but also keeping the Southwest Detroit community intact. Thank you for your consideration.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next up is -- I'm sorry if I butcher this -- Nomi Joyrich.

>> NOMI JOYRICH: You said it exactly right. Thank you. Hi. First I want to thank everyone on the Commission. You, in my opinion, have the most important task in our entire state right now, and I greatly appreciate all the work you've done for what I know has often been a thankless job, and I really want to thank you for it.

I'm a first-generation American. I'm a child of a refugee, and few things are as important to me as free and fair elections. That's why I work SO hard to change our constitution to establish the MICRC and to end partisan gerrymandering. I'm an active member of Temple Kol Ami and believe every single member of my congregation from the furthest left to the furthest right signed this petition and voted for it. And that is why I'm dismayed that nine of the maps under consideration have a worse partisan fairness score than the status quo.

Partisan fairness is not the only measure under consideration, but it is enormously important, and we should not be considering maps that don't have a decent partisan fairness score. Dove, Orton, and Finch have the lowest partisan fairness scores of all the maps, and I urge you to dismiss them. I'm further dismayed that three of maps under consideration appear to violate the Voting Right Act and have fewer opportunities for Black representation than the Linden map. I urge you to cease consider Lange, Wagner, and Curry maps. I know they were all drawn in very good faith. I don't question that for a moment.

There are three maps that are equal to or improve upon the current maps. These are the Heron, Szetela, and Kellom maps. These are the only three maps that have an acceptable partisan fairness score, and I believe that they are the only maps that should be considered. Of these three, Heron and Szetela come the closest to part San fairness. But the Szetela map is my favorite because it offers the strongest voice to Pontiac and to the LGBTQ community. Please vote for either Heron, Kellom, or best of all, Szetela map. Thank you SO much for all your patience and hard work. Democracy in Michigan is really depending on you, and thanks to all of you for rising to the challenge.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Thor Pearson.

>> THOR PEARSON: Hi, there. It's actually pronounced "peer-son," but thank you. I am a Detroit resident from West Village, and I wanted to lend my compliments to the redistricting committee for the, at times, thankless job they have been doing. As a Detroit resident, I would like to lend support for the Cardinal map. Other than that, thank you for your time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Department of State, do we have anyone who has signed up for virtual public comment that is ready to go?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We do not.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. I will remind the folks here live in the crowd if you want more time maybe after looking at the maps some more, you can sign up for a second round of public comment, and we will hear you for an additional two minutes. Once again, we will be here until 7:00 p.m.

All right, given we do not have any more comments right now, we will once again go on break. It's about 6:00 p.m. now; what are we thinking, Commissioners? Let's say 6:20, see if we have a few more? Good with everyone? All right, 6:20.

(A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, folks, we have another public comment, if everyone could please take their seats.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. Thank you for being patient, everyone. The next person up to speak is Ahmad Ahmad.

>> AHMAD AHMAD: Good afternoon.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Good evening. How you doing?

>> AHMAD AHMAD: Good evening.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Sorry.

>> AHMAD AHMAD: I never know where the line is, if it's afternoon or evening. Good evening. I'm feeling a little sick and have a stuffy nose so I will keep this brief. I know you're tired and have spent a lot of time doing this so I really thank you. My name is Ahmad and live and work this the City of Dearborn. I'm here today to advocate for the Szetela map -- that's how you say it, right? Szetela map 404. This map does the fairest job of keeping the ACCESS Community of Interest together, and I am hoping that Taylor can be taken out of District 2 since it does not have any shared history, ancestry, or language as our Community of Interest and ask that you extend Warrendale to Tireman Avenue where actually I used to live. So yeah. that's it. Thank you for your time. Have a good day.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. I'll remind the public, again, if anyone wishes to speak a second time, you're more than welcome to sign up and get another two minutes.

There are some people who signed up online that we have not heard from yet. Are any of them available?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: They are not at this time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Okay. Well, at this time while we're waiting for more people to hashtag #showupspeakup, maybe it would be good to have the Executive Director's report.

>> Edward Woods III: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Just real brief, I want to remind everyone that we have two additional public hearings this week, and we are appreciating the engagement with the audience and just want to remind people that we will be at Detroit King from 10:00 to 12:30; again, from 1:30 to 3:00; and again from 4:00 to 7:00.

Then on Thursday we will be at Detroit Renaissance, once again 10:00 to 1:30; 1:30 to 3:00; and 4:00 to 7:00. We will have a report with regards to the Voters, Not Politicians memo. It will either take place tomorrow or on Thursday.

Item for consideration are just items that refer as a placeholder for Commission business; but once that gets confirmed, I will send out an e-mail so the Commission is aware and will hear about that presentation.

Also, I want to remind you that on June 20 we do have a regular Commission meeting that will take place to do the business of the Commission. If there are any agenda items, please let me know if you have any agenda items so we can sent out a draft and agenda by the end of this week. We will also be voting on the final mapping process -- I mean, the final selection as it relates to the Senate maps -- so you will get that. It will be similar to the House; we will just change the wording to say "Senate" and any dates that need to be updated, so please take a look out for that coming out this week. And I will also be sharing information next week with regards to the updates for our presentations as well as our Commission attendance. That will be part of the agenda as well for next week. Is there any questions? I can take them at this time.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: I'll just say the sooner the better for that analysis on the VNP memo. I'm very interested to hear what our expert, Dr. Handley, has to say about it. Try to expedite that, if possible.

I would also like to just give a shout-out to everyone watching and implore folks who are at all interested in this process please show up. We're here; we're in the city of Detroit, three major Detroit high schools. This work matters. These districts are going to affect the political future of our state, and we haven't heard from many Detroiters specifically from Detroit as of yet. There's been a few here and there but not that many today, and this impacts all of our communities, so we need folks to come out. That's why we're here.

We're available. We're trying to make it as accessible as possible, having the virtual options, as well as having the translator services and sign language interpretation. I was very pleased that we got to use some of those services today, so shout out to those who used it and shout out to the translators.

Please, let your friends and family know this is happening. Let's try to get the word out, and get more people in here to comment. Thank you.

Are there any questions for Mr. Woods?

I do not see any. Thank you, Executive Director.

All right. Well, we still do not have any people who have signed up to comment. Let's break one more time, let's say, until 6:50. We'll resume then and hopefully a few more comments before we adjourn for the day.

(A break was taken.)

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Ready to wrap up for the day. Is there anyone out there who would like to comment or comment a second time? Department of State, do we have anybody virtual who has yet to comment?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: You do not.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: All right, Commissioners, are there any announcements today?

>> EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EDWARDS WOODS III: Commissioner Eid, I did get in touch with our legal counsel and want you to know we're trying our best to see if we can get the presentation tomorrow; but if not, it will be on Thursday.



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>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: Thank you so much for that. I would like to reiterate tomorrow we will be at Martin Luther King High School 3200 East Lafayette Street, Detroit, Michigan, 48201. Again, tomorrow, Wednesday, June 12, Martin Luther King High School 3200 East Lafayette Street, Detroit, Michigan, 48201, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. With that said, commissioners, the items on the agenda are complete and motion to adjourn is in order.

>> COMMISSIONER CYNTHIA ORTON: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER MARCUS MULDOON: Second.

>> COMMISSION CHAIR ANTHONY EID: There is a motion and a second. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

(Multiple ayes.)

If any opposed, please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it. We are adjourned at 6:57 p.m. Thank you.

(Meeting adjourned.)