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Good morning Commissioners and everyone joining us this morning. I'm going to get ready to start the webinar here in one minute and will get ready to take us live so you are able to start right at 10:00. We do have a lot of virtual public comments with 48 participants. So I will put it in the chat for sign and closed captioning. So I'm going to go ahead and start the webinar and get us going live and will let you know once we can get started. I will start the webinar so anything you say will be live here so thank you.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Mr. Chair, ready when you are.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning. All right, as Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:05 a.m. This Zoom webinar is being live streamed on YouTube on The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission YouTube channel.

For anyone in the public watching who would prefer to watch via a different platform than they are currently using, please visit our social media at Redistricting MI. Our live stream today includes closed captioning. Closed captioning, ASL interpretation, and Spanish and Arabic and Bengali translation services will be provided for effective participation in this meeting. Please E-mail us at Redistricting@michigan.gov For additional viewing options or details for accessing language translation services for this meeting. People with disabilities or needing other specific accommodations should also contact Redistricting at Michigan.gov.

This meeting is also being recorded and will be available On our website at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC for viewing at a later date. This meeting also is being transcribed and those closed-captioned transcriptions will be made available and posted on the same website, Michigan.gov/MICRC website along with written public comment submissions. There is also a public comment portal that may be accessed by visiting the website Which is Once again www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

Members of the media who may have questions before, during or after the meeting should direct those questions to Edward Woods III, Executive Director for the Commission at WoodsE3@Michigan.gov. For the public watching and the record I will turn to Department of State staff to take note of Commissioners present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you Mr. Chair. Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely please announce during roll call you are attending the meeting remotely and unless your absence is due to military duty state the Physical location by stating the county, City, Township or the village and state which you are attending the meeting remotely. I will begin roll call alphabetically with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

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- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?
 - >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present From Mexico.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?
 - >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present. Commissioner Eid?
 - >> CHAIR EID: Present.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?
 - >> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I'm, present temporarily attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
 - >> CHAIR KELLOM: Present from Detroit Michigan Commissioner Lange?
 - >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present remotely from Reed City, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett? Present. Commissioner Muldoon?
 - >> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?
 - >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?
 - >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan. Commissioner Vallette?
 - >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present. Commissioner Wagner?
 - >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?
 - >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: You have 13 and a quorum Mr. Chair.
 - >> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.
 - >> CHAIR EID: Next up is adoption of the agenda.
- And you can view the agenda on our website www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.
- I will entertain a motion to approve today's meeting.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we adopt the agenda as presented.
 - >> MARCUS MULDOON: Second.
 - >> CHAIR EID: Motion by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Muldoon. Is there any discussion on the motion?
- I don't see any in person. Is there discussion online? The screens are not updating.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: There is not at this time, Chair.
 - >> CHAIR EID: Okay.

The screens just have our logo on it and the slide that says public meeting. There we go. Thank you. No problem. If there is no discussion we will go to vote, all those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

Next on the agenda is public comments. If there is no objection Commissioners we will begin the public comment portion for today's meeting pertaining to agenda topics. Is there any objection Commissioners?

Seeing none we will move forward and ask Executive Director Woods to go over the rules for this public comment session, Mr. Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Just give me a second. Good morning everyone, how are you?

We can have audience feedback it's okay.

We are excited to have you here as part of our Commission meeting. As you know one of the star opportunities in this redistricting process is for the ability to engage the public so they have comment and feedback to the Commission unlike in the previous process. I want to share with you five guidelines so we can have a smooth meeting and a productive meeting as you are offering your comments. This applies to both those who are in person, who are doing public comments as well as those online. You have 90 seconds to speak. 90 seconds to speak. You address the Commission as a whole. And not an individual member or member of the public. In other words we are not calling people out. We are not directing comments or innuendos to a particular Commissioner or member of the public. You are addressing the Commission as a whole with regards to your comment.

Any person, I want to be very clear, any person making personal or slander remarks or who shall be boisterous or disruptive while addressing the Commission may be requested to leave the microphone or your microphone will be cut off. This is not the time or the place for any type of inappropriate remarks. We just want to hear constructive remarks as it relates to the business of the Commission today, and particularly Senate map deliberations.

Four, 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. This is not a step that we would like to enforce. So far we have been blessed not to enforce it and we see no reason why that would change today.

Knowing that we have full confidence and faith, and civility as relates to addressing the Commission, we thank you in advance and not at the end of providing for complying with these guidelines before the public comment period. So once again thank you for

the 48 people who signed up on line and the two people who are here for complying with these guidelines. Mr. Chair, that concludes my remarks, thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. We will start with in-person public comment, I will call your name and you will be invited to come speak at the microphone. First up is Melinda Billingsly.

>> Thank you my name is Melinda I'm a resident of State Senate District 12 and I'm here on behalf of Voters Not Politicians and as a supporter of this Commission and this process. I'm here today to remind the Commission that public input is integral to this process and should not be discounted. You as the Commission have put a lot of work into gathering feedback from individuals in the public and that feedback from individuals should not be ignored. During the public hearings in Detroit when residents of the Directors were able to be in the room and look at all of the maps, the majority of positive comments were for Heron, Szetela and Kellom. When you receive the close up reports this week they confirm that Szetela, Heron and Kellom received by far the most net positive comments. The constitutional amendment requires after this process is done the Commission must publish a report that explains how and why you made decisions and I want to urge you to consider how you would explain adopting of a map with negative net favorability rating over maps that have high positive net favorability ratings and meet the constitutional criteria as well or better than maps you previously adopted. To be clear I'm not saying you could not do this I just want to remind the Commission the Constitution does require you to do so. As Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission you have the authority to adopt whatever map you feel best represents the people and also the responsibility to listen to the people as you make your decisions. Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Sarah Prescott.

>> Hi everyone, thank you for having me my name is Sarah Prescott and I'm a mom of three. I'm a resident of Northville. I'm an employment lawyer. And I'm an elected representative of about 40,000 Michiganders as a school board representative and sat on the school board for eight years and you know it means I cannot speak for the board and not on behalf of the board.

>> CHAIR EID: I think the folks online are having a hard time hearing.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Can you possibly speak closer to the microphone because it's difficult to hear and maybe someone can adjust it for you.

>> Would it be okay if I held it. That is much better right?

So sorry. I don't speak for our school board and just here as Sarah but it's a little relevant background.

In terms of who has affinity Northville, Plymouth and Novi are a group. We consider each other rivals in football and soccer and go to each other's malls and churches and restaurants so I would just encourage you to think about that community all of them

Kellom rather than shooting eastward. That is why I gave you some background of my service. While I'm on the point of service thank you and it's cool what you are doing for the state and the people. The only other thing I wanted to mention there is no such thing as 0 risk in what you are doing and I encountered that sitting on a board too. You will hear from lawyers that such and such is a risk or such and such else is a risk. As you know if anyone ever challenges what you do they have to prove someone's intentions are wrong and your vote was wrong and had bad or illegal intentions, so the burden is on someone who challenges what you're doing. A lawyer is never going to tell you. And I'm a lawyer, right?

They are never going to tell you a particular choice you make has 0 risk. Life is risk. There is pluses and minuses in everything we do. So in a world of uncertainty and in a world where a lawyer is going to tell you every different option has negatives with it I guess for me I think your north star and your integrity is in founding your feet solidly with the objective criteria.

>> CHAIR EID: Ms. Prescott your time has expired.

>> So please do objective criteria and maximize.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up to speak the Darwin Griffin.

>> Good morning Commissioners. I just wanted to say from looking at the perspective from Down River ARPI when we come to the meetings on multiple occasions, but I just want to say looking at the scoring for the maps we think that map 404 is probably the best when it comes to the nonpartisan aspects of what the map represents. So that's the only comment I want to make this morning. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next is Brittini Washington.

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning.

>> My name is Brittini Washington and I just want to state when considering voting for the maps please be mindful and consideration of the representation that Detroit requires. The Crane's map is not like reflective of the needs of Detroit. The 404 map is. And representation and consideration is needed. That's all. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes the in person public comments, however if anyone else signs up to speak in person before the public comment period is over, we will hear from you. We will now move to remote public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that would like to provide live remote public comment to the Commissioner will be allowed. I will call your name and we will unmute you. If you are a computer you will be prompted to unmute and speak. If you are on the phone it will say the host wants you to speak and press star six to unmute. I will call by your name, or the last four digits of your phone number. Please note if you

have technical or audio issues or do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds we will move on to the next person in line and return to you after they are done speaking. If your audio issues persist you can e-mail at redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you trouble shoot so you can participate during the meeting comments. Today you will have 90 seconds to address the Commission and please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer go off.

We will start with James Gallant.

>> Can you hear me Mr. Chair?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, James good morning.

>> All right. This is James Gallant, Marquette, these are my opinions. First off, I'd like to say that my prediction is that you will approve the Szetela map to appease the Chaldean community of interest. And also Ms. Schaar is not qualified to make parliamentary law decisions as behalf of the MICRC as she did in the meeting there. She kind of assumed, jumped right in. Now, Chair Eid, please follow the --

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Mr. Gallant, as explained by Executive Director Woods, you are to address the Commission as a whole and not an individual member of the Commission. I will unmute you and you can resume your comments, but you need to address the Commission as a whole. Thank you.

>> Can you hear me?

I'm addressing the Commission through the Chair as imposed to so please let me continue. Mr. Chair please follow the advance of Anthony Scannell and go back to Robert's Rules of Order, no debate for a motion and a second. That is Page 366, line 8 and do that by unanimous consent because your intentions here are misguided. As the attorney just told you, your intentions are misguided not to do this. So this process is backwards and upside down. The structure here is supposed to be a semblance of order with the triangle has a point sticking up with the Constitution down as a foundation. You are doing this backwards and trying to balance all this. If you amended maps the other day, then you need to do another comment period for the new maps. And you should assume, Mr. Chair, by unanimous consent to one main motion to approve the final map, 12 maps laid on the table. And your semblance of order, like I said, is upside down and sideways here. And this is why we need the Michigan Supreme Court to establish common law, parliamentary procedure in Michigan, in the United States of America and tell you folks in these public meetings how you are going to run the public business with our public dollars and say you have to do this. Mike Brady made it...

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Yousif-Yousif.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Yousif.

>> Good morning Commissioners first I want to thank Commissioner Szetela for this is my favorite configuration for Chaldeans but don't see much appetite for Szetela 3 as of now so I'm here asking the Commissioners to choose Crane for two reasons, District 9 does not have Clawson and more aligned with Royal Oak and Sterling Heights or Rochester Hills. Kellom map includes Clawson in District 9 if I had to choose I would choose Crane map out of the two. Second listening to public comment the past few weeks Detroiters preferred Crane map and heard a lot of Heron and Szetela one but more focus on partisan fairness and most commenters belong to a certain group. And as one of the Commissioners said many commentators were told what maps to like without looking at other maps and believe this one hundred% and do what Detroiters and Crane A1 since most of the Commissioners want this version of Crane. Let me remind the Commissioner we are back here today redrawing the maps because Detroiters did not get their fair districts and that is what Detroiters want and the courts found so choose Crane A1. Thanks Commissioners and thanks again for having every map version with respecting the Chaldean community I'm truly grateful for listening special thanks to Commissioner Callaghan, Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Eid. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Yousif for addressing the Commission.

Next up is Dilan-Linklater.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: We can.

>> I'm Dilan and live in Rochester Hills, I was coming on here today to voice support for map 404 again. I think here in Rochester it creates the most partisan fairness with the Court order between Troy and Rochester Hills. I think map 404 is just you know the one that is going to create the best maps, the best fairness and I hope that is the one you guys end up going with so thank you all for you are doing and have a good rest of your day.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Mr. Chair if I may.

>> CHAIR EID: Please.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: We would like to acknowledge Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you and welcome Commissioner Kellom. Next up is Nouredin-Almahameed.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Nouredin, please unmute yourself.

>> Hello Commission, can you guys hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can good morning, Nour.

>> My name is Nour, and I want to talk about I just want to talk about all the different maps and which one I'm in favor. I'm in favor of Szetela map version two. It gives the

best representation for the Chaldean community that we sorely needed. But it also unites the community here in Madison Heights as well. And, yeah, I just wanted to stop in and just kind of give a public comment about what I think about the map. Thank you guys so much for all the hard work that you do. And that's everything I have.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up we have Alex King.

>> Hi, Commissioners, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning.

>> Good morning to you all and thank you so much for all the hard work you are putting into this. Wanted to speak as a lifelong resident of Livonia community in favor of the satellite map and to express my utmost concern of the Cardinal and Crane maps. I really like the Szetela map. I think it's awesome for Livonia COI because District 6 would put the dents and suburbs together and phenomenal for Wayne County suburban community of interest. Crane pulls us through Northville chopping up the Northville community of interest and sticking us with communities we don't have that same relationship that we do with the entering suburbs. Then Cardinal is drawn such that it's going to entirely disregard every community of interest in the area and makeup lines where it feels like going and drawing the District. To be perfectly clear Crane is a bad map but Cardinal is the worst and support Szetela and it makes our voices heard and thank you for taking the time to listen to me today. That's all.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commissioner. We will return to in person comment at this time. We have one more person who signed up to speak in person, Mr. Clement.

>> Back again, thank you Commissioner for having me. Just two things. Number one we decided to be voted on to decide the maps as a committee not by having interesting groups to come in support. I looked at all the maps and overwhelmingly people support 404 or 403 the Szetela map. I'm not sure what community said they represent Detroit and said the Crane map represents Detroit but that is not the case. So again remember your charge you guys are here to support what the people say. Overwhelmingly people support 404 or 403, we want fair Government and good balanced and representation of fairness in our maps. Thanks again, guys.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Norman. We do have a question from Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do you mind what sharing about the Crane map is problematic.

>> It's problematic because what happens is this you get your minority representation but what happens is those other Fringe out of partisan ship is greater. What is the point of having two or three Black representation when all other representation doesn't look like you or share the values and go to extreme. We had this with the last Government when folks came in overwhelmingly the people supported not having emergency

managers. That partisan group both in the House and Senate we had representation voted against the people's will including the Constitution. After that, that is when Flint happens, and Benton Harbor and Detroit happened with bad water. The people have spoken to this panel over time and time again. 404 gives the best partisan fairness and representation. Then 403 gives it. If you want to go to maybe Heron does it better but Cardinal and Crane do not do that. We are back in the same boat again. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We will return to the remote public comment. Next up is Kermit Williams.

>> Hello Commission, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning we can Kermit.

>> Great. I listened to the debate that you had yesterday, before you voted to adjourn for the evening, and I just appreciate not only all the comments that the Commissioners made but that you are being thankful and thoughtful through it. One of the things I took kind of um bridge with is the fact because a map is not a coordinated map it should not be considered. A lot of people are leaning on the worst map because it was made in a group. Or before you vote today that you look at what you did with the House maps. And the House maps you didn't just lean towards what the Plaintiffs were saying, you were looking at what is the best maps for the community. I ask you to do the same thing. I feel there is a hypersensitivity because the Commission got sued by some Detroiters and some fringe groups but what needs to be looked at is the totality of Michigan. So it's all about fair representation. Overall the Crane map does not do that. On so many different levels and remember in the audience and southwest Detroiters said they were in support of the Szetela map yet still I just hear Crane, Crane, Crane over and over again when people know it scores can worst on all of the areas you are looking at. So I want to thank you and ask you to be courageous today as you vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Omar-Jazaerly.

>> Hello?

Hello.

>> CHAIR EID: Hello good morning Omar.

>> Good morning, how are you?

>> CHAIR EID: Good, thanks for asking, please proceed.

>> Hello everyone. My name is Omar and the maps during the Senate redraw process and Kellom or map 404. This is the best map to protect voices of community of interest and Muslim and Asian community. 404 keeps Rochester together which it matters to me because I'm a Troy resident and spent a lot of time in Rochester Hills. Communities in both cities are very much connected the Asian communities connected because of mosque and other places of interest in Rochester Hills. Keep in mind the Crane map may keep the same communities intact, but the map lacks partisan fairness. Per the Constitution maps should take into account communities of interest and adhere to partisan fairness and the Szetela map is much better to do that. Thank you for your

time today and all your hard work as we get into this. Pick maps that are fair and protect the voices of all and of color. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Omar for addressing the Commission. Nexium is Taaha-Najam.

>> Good morning Commissioner, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, welcome.

>> Hello, everyone, my name is Taaha, a college student at Wayne State University. I believe the Szetela map or 404 is best making sure communities of interest have their voices heard. For example the Muslim communities are kept together in Hamtramck with neighbors Detroit as well as Dearborn, Dearborn Heights. The Szetela map also protects community of color, for example includes Pontiac with likeminded in counties like Southfield and protects Black voters in Oakland County. As two other people said I know the Crane map may also keep these same communities of interest intact, but Constitution requires maps take into account communities of interest and adhere to partisan fairness and the Szetela map is much better with regards to partisan fairness. I just want to thank you guys for your time and all the hard work that you guys do and let's just work together to protect you know different communities and protect the democracy for everyone. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Alex McGuire.

>> Hello Commissioners, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Alex.

>> Good morning.

Hello, Commissioners, I'm kind of surprised by what I have seen over the last couple days, but I think I figured it out. I believe I know why only one of the Commissioners has been willing to vote for the Szetela map during the first two rounds of voting. It's not because Szetela map is a bad map. On the contrary your own data shows it's the best map on partisan fairness and representing the maximum number of communities of interest as well. It can't be because of lack of public support because it has more public traction than others and the report you got at the start of the week told you such. It's obvious that the primary reason that Commissioners are not voting for the Szetela map is because you just don't like Rebecca. But this shouldn't be about whether you get along or like somebody or ever want to see them again. You are at the finish line and Szetela made a good map. The support of outpouring and data.

>> CHAIR EID: Please address the Commission as a whole. Thank you. You can continue.

>> I challenge supporters of Crane to explain why it's more reflective than Szetela on more COI and better for partisan fairness approve it has more support among Detroiters because we all know that's not what the reports say. You all claim to care about COIs, partisan fairness and what the public has to say. If ultimately you still pass Crane after today it will be self-evident that you never cared about partisan fairness or communities

of interest or what Detroiters demanded because you would not have voted for Crane otherwise, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: I think we might have a question for you. I see Commissioner Lange's hand is raised.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you, Chair Eid. Not so much a question, but when allegations are made I want it public record I have nothing against Commissioner Szetela. I actually get along very well with Commissioner Szetela. We don't always agree on everything, but I think Commissioner Szetela would tell anybody in the public there is no ill-will between either of us. So I just want that to be public because making the assumption that we all do not like Commissioner Szetela is unfair to the entire Commissioner. Commission. So I just want that on public record.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Lange and thank you Alex for addressing the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Commissioner Eid I had my hand up if he is still available.

>> CHAIR EID: Alex we do have a question. Are you still there?

>> I'm still here.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So Mr. McGuire last time you spoke there was a suggestion somehow I met with you, coordinated with you and behind your comments. Have we ever had any contact whatsoever?

>> Oh, never. I've never spoken to you like ever in my whole life. I've never heard of you outside of these, outside of these hearings and I've never spoken to you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Any more questions for Mr. McGuire?

All right next up is Renee-Rapley.

>> Renee it looks like you are unmuted and if you are speaking we cannot hear you. Now you are on mute. If you can try and unmute yourself.

>> Can you hear me?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: We can now, go ahead, thank you.

>> Hi, I'm a lifelong resident of Melvindale and wanted to speak on Szetela 404. I said the Szetela map is the way to go. It's best for the Melvindale community to be supported. I am growing concern over the number of Detroit political figures that came out of the woodwork to suddenly support the Crane map, the 2018 petition to create this Commission was done so to have regular people be represented rather than be holden to the whims and ambitions of politicals. If you passed the Crane map or worst the Cardinal map there would be no better there would be no better than the gerrymanders of the 80s and 90s who created this disparity for Black people of interest. Thank you for letting me speak and please support the Szetela 404.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Renee we do have a question from Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This is Commissioner Kellom good morning. My question is what area, what do you like about the map that supports the citizens of Detroit or the Detroit area?

Can you speak specifically to that?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom, that public comment participant has dropped off the meeting. I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Megan, it's fine.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, we do have one more person who is signed up to speak in person so we will go to them at this time. We have Joan-Gist. Good morning Joan.

>> Good morning and good morning to all of you Commissioners. I did submit in writing what I have wanted to indicate, but I'm 74 years old. I'm a native Detroiter. And I have been gerrymandered ever since I have been in Detroit. And if you think what you have done thus far is fair, equitable and is going to support all the constituents of Michigan, you're sadly mistaken. And I'm sorry to say that if you are still going to be missing out on the history of this country, again, you're sadly mistaken. I'm tired of being written off. I'm tired of being not heard. I'm tired of my votes not going the way they should. This Commission was challenged to bring about a fair and equitable formula for all citizens to benefit from. Not just your white supremacy. Not just your Elite or your economically advantaged individuals, but all individuals. And, again, what you have done, and I understand the Government wrote the policy on red lining. So when is this Commission going to take a look at the truths of how red lining began? And what you can do as constituents that were voted on to this Commission to make a change. Change does start with us.

>> CHAIR EID: Joan?

Your time.

>> I'm against what you guys are doing. I'm for the proposed redistricting Crane 1 plan. Does that make, I'm sorry did you have a question for me?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did. I wanted you to speak to specifically what do you like or what do you think the Crane does specifically for Detroit?

>> It evens out the boundaries. It evens out the distribution of voters. It breaks down the red lining that we have systemically seen when the Government introduced it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Are you speaking of the District three that goes from Belle Isle up to the State Fair, one hunk of Detroit is that what you are saying?

>> Don't you think that is a large hunk?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If that is what you prefer, that is what I'm asking because that is what is in the Crane map.

>> Look it goes from bell isle to 8 Mile and covering the northeast District of Detroit and that is where a lot of us live.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: And there is no other District, everything else includes another District so I'm just making sure I'm understanding you.

>> There is I mean we are not going to get it perfect the first time. I understand that. I'm just trying to see some eradication of the red lining that has been imposed by our Government since it was written. And all I'm indicating, I'm sorry, sir. I know it's a red lined map.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Excuse me please address the Commission only.

>> CHAIR EID: It's all right.

>> Voices from the audience.

>> CHAIR EID: Everybody will have a turn to speak.

>> I'm a native Detroit and choose to be a Detroit and not going to let anybody run me out of Detroit.

>> CHAIR EID: Your time is up, and we have a lot of comments to get to.

>> But thank you very much for at least hearing me out.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Wayne. Hi good morning, Wayne.

>> I'm back again, saying the same thing I said before in the past that seems like we have been separated and getting separated. You know from division. Why fixing something that is not broke and all the sudden we divide it from different areas. Like I said before we go across Southfield and can't make no decision.

>> CHAIR EID: Wayne can you speak in the microphone for the folks online, you can hold it but speak into it.

>> We can go across Southfield and make decisions and Detroit everything is divided and can do what they want to do. May not know the areas Southfield or Redford but come to Detroit seems you know everything about us. Overcome and like decision made without our decision. It's just like you come over here and do what you want to do and then we can do the same think across 8 Mile or whatever. My thing is what is this all about even though it's about maps and maps and areas and everything is getting separated but what is the decisions when you come to what you guys are really doing. Things hidden behind closed doors or what. I understand a little bit but still seems unfair because all of a sudden you make a decision right quick, now and coming up, rapidly. People still don't understand or don't really know what is going on. A lot of people that are still out in the dark about what is going on. Majority of people to come and we still kind of like in the situation we don't understand what is going on. My thing is that, you know, it should stay where it stayed. How many people lose or going in and out and the situation should still be the same like it was in the past. That is my comment. Thank you for letting me speak.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Wayne. I appreciate your comments and thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Lauren-Balakosa. Good morning.

>> You're okay, we are still -- anyone who signs up to speak before we are done with all of these speakers that we got online are allowed.

>> I don't have a clue on the topic since I just walked in. So I think I better wait and listen to people maybe later on. And I can catch up and ask questions if I have any question to ask.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay you would like to speak later is what you are saying?

>> Yes, because I don't know exactly. I received an e-mail a couple hours ago. And I said, okay, let me go and see what is going on so I wasn't here at the beginning, so I don't have any specific for right now.

>> CHAIR EID: Maybe we can provide you with some information.

>> Yes, some information later on.

>> CHAIR EID: Come back to you at a later time.

>> Yes thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Next up we will return to the virtual public comment. We have Madison Steigerwald.

>> Good morning Commissioners, can you guys hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: Question Madison, good morning.

>> All right, hi first I would like to thank the Commissioners for their work with this matter. My name is Madison Steigerwald and born and raised in District 4 river view. As a lifelong resident I'm very aware of the working-class roots for the Down River communities valuing hard work, integrity and most importantly family. This is why I'm here today speaking in support of the Szetela map. The original Szetela map gave community of interest representation to essential industrial workers, the backbone of our District to work and reside in District 4 and integrating the interest of working families and key industries. Given that our Down River communities have historically struggled with health issues and environmental contamination and from some of the major regional industries it's imperative the Down River community have the unified representation we deserve and need. And the Szetela map is the one map that would do right by us. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Madison, for addressing the Commission. Next to speak is Kenya Willard.

>> Good morning Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, Kenya.

>> My name is Kenya Willard I'm a long time Detroiter, born and raised. I have been in District 8 for over 30 years. And I feel the 404 map provides the most partisan fairness. This 404 map it helps the majority of African/Americans in this District to elect candidates of their choice that may align with their beliefs and values, compared to another District map that minimalizes African/Americans voting power and preferred candidates. This District is also a closed-packed District so I would like for you all to consider upholding the 404 map and thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next to speak is Mercedes Douglass.

>> Good morning Commission, thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments. I want to just recognize what a huge step in our democracy it is. We are here discussing District maps that not only have been made with citizen collaboration but have also integrated citizen comment throughout. And that citizen should be integrally involved in the process, should be the most obvious aspect of our democracy. But unfortunately it has not been. So I am very grateful that I'm living in a state that has chosen to prioritize this.

All right that said, I continue my support for the Szetela and Heron maps. These as a resident of District 8 I feel these maps not only make it not only increase Black residents' rights to fair representation and to have candidates who are oriented towards Black residents' needs. I believe these maps both make logical and, you know, fair divisions in the City boundaries. And don't just look for arbitrary divisions as we would see, for example, in Crane. And definitely is not looking to take us backwards to lack of representation as Cardinal would. So I strongly endorse the Szetela 404 especially for its efforts to address Chaldean representation. And I thank you again for your time and for all of the hard work that you have done.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Aaron Mahoney.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Aaron.

>> Good morning, everybody. I'm just calling, I've been following this for a while and my concern is I guess I just don't understand why you have one map that has a ton of support from the community, and you have another one that has been against all the metrics you have been looking in to. You have one guy who has an account online and I've been following this for a while and posted a fake name with 27 comments with the Szetela map and you will call that authentic participation. Obviously I'm in support of the Szetela map as it treats my friends and family in Macomb County with the respect they deserve and represents the community. In Michigan I'm entirely against the Crane map. I believe that map is only going to be used to serve a certain established politicians and the Cardinal map. I don't know who drew that but it's clear that when they drew that they never stepped foot in Macomb. Thank you for giving me the time to speak here today.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is David Bell.

>> Good morning Commission.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, welcome.

>> My name is David bell, I'm a lifelong resident of Wayne County, born and raised in Detroit. And I am deeply concerned by what I'm seeing with the Crane map. I know you know, the Commission has heard it before and surprised this mistake has

happened again but with the usage of 8 Mile with no interruptions whatsoever to separate Wayne County communities from Macomb and Oakland County communities with no deviations from, you know, this is like literally tearing the Page out of a the 1960s when it was invoked to racially segregate folks using voting maps. The fact you are doing it anyway here is beyond me. Come on bro. Like be at least remotely aware of historical context, you know. Even if you may not intend it that way, Crane is a standard barrier for racial gerrymanders and is the ghost of racist past and seeking to enact a racist future on purpose or by design. Just do better. That's all I got to say. Vote no on Crane.

it's a no go. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, David. We do have a question from Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good morning, David, if you are still online, are you?

>> Yep.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hi. Is there a map that you have the opportunity to look at that you prefer?

Although none of the maps are perfect. And if so, can you speak to what it does specifically for the community?

The reason why I'm asking is we are hearing a lot of names of maps and numbers of maps from Detroiters and I'm glad to hear from fellow Detroiters, but we need you all to say what you like. I need you to make your neighborhoods and your streets come alive and explain why a map is either not preferential or why you enjoy another map that is out there.

>> Well, I enjoy 404 because it's keeping District 1, House District 1 together as far as those communities off the water, off the river front. I work down there. Have family that lives off the water, near downtown. And Down River. And you know, it keeps everything together for us. I live in District 6, Inkster Michigan and we have a lot of different cities and communities that we all integrate with. My kids go to school in Wayne Westland schools and live in Inkster and District 6 is kept together with 404 so that is the reason I'm rapping with that map.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much. That was really specific.

>> CHAIR EID: Next up is Mari-Rymer.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning.

>> Good morning.

My name is Mari-Rymer, a Michigan resident and Asian American. My mother is Japanese and father's family is from Roseville and my grandfather was a plastics engineer for Chrysler. I wanted to reiterate I think the Szetela map is the best one. I think this one has the most respect for the various communities in the home county area. I like how the Asian American communities are represented here on this map.

And it keeps Warren together and united. Which has been a major concern of the community there. And the Asian American community in Macomb County extends up to Fraser and Sterling Heights and I think that the Szetela map does the best job of connecting that community throughout the District, throughout District 11. And I wholeheartedly endorse it. And so I hope that the Commission adopts map 404. And I also want to add that I am not in support of the Crane map because it is splitting Warren in half. The Szetela map has a couple precincts that get pulled off Warren which is reasonable and understanding but inexcusable for Crane and Cardinal to be cracking Warren so ridiculously. That's it. And thank you for much for your hard work.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Kyle Stefanski.
>> Good morning.

Thank you for allowing me to address the Commission. My name is Kyle Stefanski, a lifelong resident of Warren. And I appreciate the work you're doing. I know it's not easy, but it is necessary work. I want to express my support for the Szetela 404 map. And my disapproval of the Cardinal map. It's important to have partisan fairness in the Szetela map demonstrates that. The City of Warren is the third largest City in Michigan and it's kept together in the Szetela map, which is important. The Bangladesh community of interest along the Ryan road corridor is kept entirely together which is also important. The Chaldean community is also kept together in this map. The Szetela map allows Madison heights to be connected with Warren which the two have a historic relationship with. It also doesn't isolate Warren from Oakland County which is also important. So it's important to note that the Cardinal map reinstitutes gerrymandering. So it must be rejected. Reject that map. I urge you to adopt the Szetela 404 map and reject the Cardinal map. Thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Jamie Roe.

>> Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission. Yesterday this Commission became deadlocked on achieving constitutional majority to choose a map. The map that seemed to gain the most support was the Crane A1 map. Several Commissioners on both sides of the debate indicated that Cardinal map could be a fallback position. The Cardinal map is fair despite the comments we've heard today and best interests of Macomb County. Crane A1 and please include the Cardinal map in consideration when it comes to ranked choice voting. The last thing anything wants in the state is a random draw out of a hat. Cardinal I will also note unites the Chippewa valley school District and Macomb Township with Clinton. It's the 7th largest school District in the state behind Plymouth and Canton and Cardinal is the top of partisan fairness and absent the negative comments from Lansing and Ann-Arbor it scores at the top of positive comments. I thank you for your time. And I hope you will consider the Cardinal map when you go into your final deliberations. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Tracy-Pease.

>> Hello. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Tracy.

>> Good morning.

And thank you for having me speak. I am in favor and have been for quite some time for the 404 Szetela map. I am a long-time resident of Hazel Park. So I'm good with that, with this map. However, I wanted everyone, not just the Commission, but also the members of the public to remember the reason why that we needed to redistrict again. It was because communities of color were not being given fair representation. And as we have learned, representation matters. So if the 404 map, the Szetela map, is what the majority of the communities of color are looking towards, then we have no choice but to adopt it. They have, you know, they have a right to proper representation, which they have not had for such a very long time. And why we are here again today.

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With redistricting of the map.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Tracy for addressing the Commission. Next up is Sherry gay-Dagnogo.

>> Thank you for your time again, I know this is hard work and appreciate all you are doing. I listened yesterday and constructive questions were asked about communities of interest. I live in the 6th District. I understand some comments were made about Brightmoor. You guys did an excellent job of bringing that in especially based on what was done with the House map, putting Brightmoor and having Birmingham. Now this community over here if you layer the City Council District we are all used to working together, Brightmoor, North Rosedale where I live, Rosedale, Minock, Minock Park, Grandmont, Grandmont 1. If you look at the schools right at Brightmoor, you have a school busting at the seams with 800 students. We have Edison and Cook right here in North Rosedale and Grandmont. These schools share in common Title 1 students with issues. I've heard enough callers call in and talk about the Crane is a racial gerrymander. That is not correct.

In fact, you have NAACP, which is anchored in this community as well, who supports it. The Michigan democratic party Black caucus but the AGV Benson Plaintiffs who sued in the first place. People talking about the partisan fairness and moving forward with a map that would address that instead of making sure that we have Black representation isn't fair. Because we have a democratic House, Senate and Governor's office and no one has addressed the issues of red lining. No one has addressed the issue of poor access and issues with environmental concerns and the emergency manager. So please be mindful of that. We are asking for a Black representation. The Michigan policy...

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Sherry for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments.

Next up is Mary Ann-Fontana.

>> Yes, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Mary, please proceed.

>> Unfortunately you caught me, there is a doctor appointment I'm sitting in the lobby. Same thing happened to me last time so I hope I can get this in, in a minute and a half. First of all I support the Szetela map. Let me get you because I've been listening since this morning, and I was able to listen a little bit yesterday. One of the comments that you may remember Gary Morehead and has done a deep dive and happens to be somebody I know and one of the things he pointed out and think it's important he enumerated and looked at the top scoring VRA maps and as far as the map that respected the communities of interest more than any other map was the Szetela map. This was back sometime in earlier in June. I went back and tried to find that comment. So I hear what everybody is saying. The whole purpose of this obviously is for the fairest maps, we have community of interest as number three in the criteria. And partisan fairness is number four. If you're going to use that order, I think you need to then really respect the Szetela map. I also know that, you know, some people, there were some comments earlier about choosing a map from one of the Commissioners as opposed to a collaborative map, but I thought I heard at some point it was a collaborative map and started out as that. So please support the Szetela map. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mary, for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. I hope your appointment goes well.

Next up is Cameron Edward.

>> Hello, Commission, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Cam.

>> Hello, my name is Cameron Edward a lifelong resident of Sterling Heights and a proud representative often Ukrainian American community. Here on behalf of the non-English speaking leaders. We are staunchly in favor of map 404 also known as the Szetela map. The Szetela map is the only map that is taking into the account Ukrainian village and credit unions and cultural center and Ukraine Catholic school, and the community and we are grateful for that. It's paramount the Ukrainian community concentrated in Warren be allowed to stay together and the Szetela map is the one that does that best. We implore the Commission, wait, to not insult our community by implementing the Crane map as it would be a slap in the face of our community that has persisted here for over 80 years. We will not and should not be divided by lines that do not represent our community. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Cameron for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Lori-Boyce.

>> Hello, my name is Lori-Boyce a resident of Farmington Hills and lived on the east side and Down River over the years. I'm here to testify in favor of 404 and against Crane. I ask the Commission to approve the best map possible, not just simply a map

that is adequate for purposes of the courts. I previously testified in support of 404 and 376 but given changes to Heron I understand it's no longer a fair map therefore I no longer support it. I'm surprised Crane is getting so much attention since the day I previously testified, only one person out of over 40 people testified supported Crane and said 404 was okay too. I oppose Crane because nonsensical splits cervical COI like Novi Northville, Plymouth and Warren and Novi and Clinton watershed. 404 does not break the COIs up. The map is being pushed strongly by politicians and that is not a good reason to adopt a map. No other maps even come close to 404 with fairness keeping COI together and respecting public comments that have been made. Specifically it has most COIs kept in place and has overwhelming support from Detroiters. The reason we are here today. I want to thank the Commissioners for listening to the people and doing their best to address the various COIs in the Szetela map. The question for the Commission, why Crane? Why? There was next to no one showing up to speak in favor of it. Why isn't it public testimony that overwhelmingly supports 404?

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Lori, for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Linda Kahn-Gail.

>> Good morning.

I'm Linda Kahn-Gail from West Bloomfield and here to ask you to choose the Szetela map 404 or alternately the Kellom map. These maps both have good partisan fairness scores and help many communities. They keep Oak Park and Southfield together where a large segment of the Jewish community lives. Keeping these communities together strengthens Jewish voices. The Szetela map also helps the Black community gain proper representation by connecting Pontiac, Southfield, Royal Oak Township and Oak Park. They share communities of interest. It also helps with the needs of the Chaldean community. Both the Szetela and Kellom maps help many communities and I urge you to support either, especially Szetela. Thank you Commissioners for your continued work.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Judy Meija.

>> Hello, good morning can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Judy.

>> Hi, thank you very much for everything that you guys do. I know this is long and tedious work. I want to draw your attention to issues that are unintentionally being created in your proposed Crane A1 map in regard to the fact it moves Wyandotte out of District 4 and into District 1. Watching the hearings from last night I saw that this was done following a complaint from the residents of Southgate who were initially moved into District 1 and the fix was to move them back and put Wyandotte in instead. This is not a fix that is fair or equitable to the residents of Wyandotte, which is the heart of Down River. Down River is a very real community of interest. We share Down River mutual aid, bridges, problems with the steel plant, all things our state Senator has been

involved on helping with. Putting Wyandotte in Senate District 1 does a huge injustice to the thousands of residents in that community and frankly makes no sense. There are other areas it can be pulled from to add population to District 1 that share communities of interest. I watch closely and commented on the process many times before Wyandotte was moved from the Congressional District and when objections were to that the justification was not all communities of interest could be kept together on the Congressional level. So considerations will be made for these communities on the state level. Well, here we are at the state level and Wyandotte is again being removed from the existing common-sense place with other Down River communities and shoved in a District which includes Detroit that has a very big very real concerns that should be addressed by a state Senator. I have seen what it means to have a Congressional representative who represents Detroit and it's not good.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Judy, for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Karen Schaeffer.

>> Hi, good morning, can you hear me okay?

>> CHAIR EID: We can good morning Karen.

>> Thank you. I live in Wyandotte like the previous caller I have some concerns about us being moved out of District 4, into District 1. The Down River communities including Wyandotte share a joint first responder team. Animal control. Environmental concerns. Infrastructure, schools, community events et cetera. There is a reason we are called the Down River community. It's because we are a community of interest. So I think that moving Wyandotte out of the Down River Area technically breaks up the community of interest. And previous redistricting, as the previous commenter mentioned put us with Detroit for Congress under the promise our community of interest would be represented better at the state level. And this takes that away. So I strongly oppose moving Wyandotte to District 1.

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

>> That's it. Thank you for hearing me.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Chair Eid I have a question.

>> CHAIR EID: We might have a question for you from Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I wanted to make sure you saw my hand before she dropped. I was wondering, you're talking about Wyandotte and the Down River community. Through this process I've tried to understand the Down River community. And what encompass it so could you tell me what your definition of the Down River community is?

>> Sure. To me it's basically the geographical area south of Detroit along the river. So that's Wyandotte, Southgate, river view, gross aisle. I live very close to gross aisle and although I live in Wyandotte but we have two different Congress people so it makes it difficult when we do have community funds and coordination among elected officials to do all these you know like the first responder team, animal control, et cetera, if we are

not in the same District, it makes it difficult because then you have to coordinate, you know, two different districts to try and maintain those existing organizations that we've worked really hard to build.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay thank you for that. I see another Commissioner's hand up, so I don't want to take time away from anybody but thank you for kind of giving me a clarification. I appreciate it.

>> No problem. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: It's Commissioner Muldoon actually, go ahead Commissioner.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So and I understand Southgate, Wyandotte both Down River. In that particular map for population one of the two had to be selected. And being Wyandotte is on the water, north end of Wyandotte being in BASF more industrial than Southgate I guess in your opinion why is Wyandotte over or why is Southgate should be in one versus Wyandotte?

>> Well, I don't know.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: With the industrial.

>> I'm sorry, I don't necessarily understand why Southgate needs to be moved either. There are other areas further north that could go to fill that spot in the District.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: On that particular map though it is that is the south end of the District, so you have to pull population from somewhere. On this particular map, on the Crane map. So if you were looking at South Gate and Wyandotte South Gate versus Wyandotte, and I understand I'm from Down River, I lived there for 20 years now.

>> Right.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So I understand but looking at population in the City does not Wyandotte have more industry, yes, it is still residential than Southgate?

>> I don't know that it does for sure.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: BASF.

>> I also feel like Wyandotte is actually on the river. So we are affected by those issues, you know, wildlife and maintaining clean water and all of those things affect us far more directly than they do Southgate.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct, which Ecourse, River Rouge, that Section of Detroit is all waterfront running up that District. So it has similar to that area compared to Southgate not being on the water.

>> I guess I don't understand what you're asking.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So the one complaint, reading online I've heard both ways that South Gate or Wyandotte, Wyandotte being waterfront, which District 1 runs up the waterfront with the industry area concerns have the same, the air, the water, running up the river front. So does not Wyandotte have similar interests of the waterfront versus Southgate?

Southgate would now be tied into if you left it in District 1 originally in the Crane, Southgate doesn't have the same air and water concerns as Wyandotte would to that river front.

>> Well, and Wyandotte does not have the same concerns as Detroit as concerns the waterfront. Their waterfront is completely different from ours.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No it runs all the way down from the north.

>> The water is there but it's not the same waterfront.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's bring it back.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: It's all on the Detroit river.

>> If you go downtown Detroit and downtown Wyandotte they are two completely different things.

>> CHAIR EID: We do have another hand raised. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Good morning, Ms. Schaeffer.

>> Good morning.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I don't know if you looked at individual maps, but a map mentioned a lot is Szetela 404 and that map has Southgate and Wyandotte together with.

>> Yes, that is the map I support.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay all right I was going to say it doesn't have to be a choice between Southgate being in Detroit or Wyandotte. We have maps where they are together and with the rest.

>> Exactly.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All the way down to the Huron river.

>> Exactly thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: All right. We will return to in person public comment. I will invite, again, Lauren Belkosa to the mic.

>> Thank you, Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, welcome.

>> My name is Lauren bell, I'm a public health student at south University for my Bachelor degree. And all we talk about all the time it's how to get the specific environment, how to get the community involved in order to come together to do what is right for the citizens. And my second topic is, has representative of the Ukraine has said no speaking English community. I'm pretty much involved in Detroit community through Senator I mean to Sherry-Gay-Dagnogo to know what is happening in your community if you can be helpful. So my concern is this in Detroit, Detroit is a very nice City I moved from Boston in 2009 for Detroit. And what made me move to Detroit, the warmness of people. The gentleness of the people. That's what made me move to Detroit. So in Detroit we need -- the City has some time to go through those environmental like residential environmental like buildings environmental because.

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The environments are not safe to be living in. I even fought one time with my landlord, and we ended up in Court in Detroit because the environment wasn't safe. What happened, it wasn't safe for the people who were living there. So this is my address to you guys.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. We also have Gary Morehead who signed up to speak today.

>> Good morning, Commissioners, thank you for all your work as always. I'm so glad for what happened yesterday, the quality of your deliberations towards the end of the day I thought got better and better and I was really glad to see that and frankly I'm glad you didn't wrap up the process last night. I'm sure it would have been easier for you. But all this public input that was wanting to come is great too. I really do think you're making progress. It may come down to, I don't know, two maps at some point and want to say quickly that I had a conversation with a Commissioner. What if there was one map that was stellar on everything, stellar on this, stellar on that in the usual, would you vote for that map that I'm thinking it's a slam dunk?

And the answer was I would have to see if it was collaboratively drawn or not. Well, that's taking collaboratively drawn and putting it up above the Court requirements and the state Constitution requirements, which isn't what we are supposed to be about here. So I just want to offer that to say that regardless of author it's the features of the map that the public will benefit or not benefit from. And so please with that features ahead of authors, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Mr. Morehead, I have a question, hi, Commissioner Kellom here.

>> Yes, ma'am and thank you for all your hard work and for if I can get the Phoenix/Kellom map into the final consideration.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I know I wish it didn't have my name on it.

>> What is it like 40.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: 403.

>> Call it that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: What features do you appreciate most in the maps?

I think at this point we know the names of the maps but today the ear that I'm listening with is what people enjoy most. And I think that will naturally direct us towards a map. If you have a preferred map please do mention that if you want to see and share what City or places you have enjoyed and why that is important when we are talking about representation like color of the conversation basically is what I'm asking, yeah.

>> Okay, I like to go in the order of the state requirements. And I guess the Court goes above that, but you have met core retention and all the rest, so you are good there. For me VRA and I don't know if you call the African/American community a community of interest or you call it a VRA thing or you call it Detroit wants this. Whatever you call it, I got an adjunct and live in District 7 and it can be a VRA District.

And Birmingham, God love them keep getting stuck in with Pontiac and it's the same complaint with sticking Birmingham in with, you know, the Grand River and I-96 region in the old Hickory map. So I like maps that don't have Birmingham. Put Birmingham over with Troy, but not Birmingham with Pontiac. That is my VRA number one thing. I like COIs a lot. I put a post out there that said I counted up all the COIs you guys mentioned I mean close up has done incredibly exhaustive and said what is most important that you guys mentioned in your introductions and totaled them up. There are you know many maps are okay, but some are better. And there are two that were better. 404 was one of them but there was another one and I'm blanking on that. And I'm sorry. It might have been your map, I'm not sure. Okay then I moved to partisan fairness.

I would really appreciate it if we don't go backwards on partisan fairness from Linden. I think this is an opportunity to go forward. Oh, I will say something. There is a like a permissive approach to standards like when you talk to the lawyers they will tell you don't do this because it will get you in trouble. It's like a double negative. And that's okay.

But it doesn't help you make a decision so there is a decisive kind of standard too which is like do we want to go for better than just okay.

And I hope you will go for better than okay on all those measures.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Virgil Smith.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can welcome Mr. Smith.

>> Thank you for having me and the work. I understand this is excruciating work. I've heard numerous comments. One, I understand some of the angst with the Crane map, but we are trying you know from Detroit to develop a map that will have equal representation for us you know that does not dilute us in the suburbs that is why we support the Crane map in Detroit. I have no issue with the Szetela map. The Szetela map is a good VRA map. So I have no issue with the Szetela map. The Heron map I think I spoke earlier with me in precinct 88 in Detroit on the northeast side it dilutes us and in Macomb County, we would never get representation as long as that line comes down into Detroit. And forces us north into Macomb County. So it's just that little block right there on the Heron map and support of Crane but no problem with the Szetela map. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Smith, for addressing the Commission. We did amend the Heron map yesterday in order to resolve that issue. It should be on our website. And thank you for your service to the State of Michigan.

Next up is Noimi-Joyrich.

>> Hi, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Noimi.

>> I'm upset after publicly supporting Heron changes have been made to alter it and now ask you to reject it. Partisan fairness is why it was favored and sadly that is no longer the case and most people who supported it most likely feel the same way I do. Map 404 is still my favorite. Commissioner Szetela's recent changes have improved the map especially for the Chaldean and Middle Eastern north African communities. District 7 is a strength of 404 and connects Pontiac, Southfield, Royal Oak and Oak Park, Black leaders have insisted this best meets the needs of multiple COI. As a member of the Jewish community and works for a Jewish organization it's essential Southfield and Oak Park be linked together as they are the heartbeat of the Jewish community. Crane and Cardinal split the Jewish community and weaken our voice. We are a small and important COI and deserve to be fairly represented. Szetela and Kellom keep the Jewish community together. I would be happy the either of them. It's clear that the public overwhelmingly supports 404. Any support for the earlier original version of Heron should not be used to support the current and far inferior or iteration. Rain and Cardinal have unacceptable partisan fairness scores and should be rejected. Especially since 404 does a much better job with so many diverse COIs. Thank you please choose a fair map and that means Szetela or Kellom. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Aaron Martinez.

>> Good morning can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning.

>> Okay good morning, thank you Commissioners. My name is Aaron Martinez a lifelong resident and attorney in the area. First time commenting on the maps in particular. I just want to tell you I appreciate all the hard work the Commission and the staff has have. It's not easy but it's so important on all sides. I appreciate the debate. Of the maps that I've reviewed I'm speaking in support today of the Szetela map 404 for a few reasons. First I appreciate the work that Commissioner Szetela has put in to make the adjustments to this proposal in response to some of the comments that have been made. I think this map has only gotten better as a result. For me it's really important to keep the entire City of Novi under one Senate map. Previously the City and its diverse Asian population one of the biggest in the states was split apart. And I think that prevents those communities from having the ability to really be heard in elections. The Szetela map does a comprehensive approach by connecting the community of Novi to those in Canton Plymouth area and secondly it keeps Novi and Northville together communities with extensive ties and shared history. Most people don't realize Northville is a Wayne County City. The majority of Northville live on the Oakland County side and that can cause some issues when it comes to representation. Aside from my local community it is fair from a partisan perspective and gives the best chance for diverse communities to be included and represented. As to issues with the City of Detroit, I think the geographic layout is appropriate and provides the City with two Senators, which I think is an improvement to other maps.

So thank you all for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Hernandez Mr. Martinez for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next is Anthony Scannell.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, let's go to Ginny-Preuss.

>> Hi, yes, thanks for allowing me to speak today. I've lived in Southeast Michigan most of my life. One thing I love about living here is the diversity. And I thank you for your continued work to draw maps that will give voice to the many diverse communities that make our state such a great place to live. Like many people who have spoken here today I've been I'm pressed how the changes made to Szetela map have addressed input from various community and remains fair from a partisan perspective. This is my favorite map. I previously supported the Heron map but based on the changes made I no longer support this map as it no longer sufficiently supports partisan fairness. Given the MICRC was formed to address gerrymandering I think it is crucial partisan fairness be maintained and I'm happy that there are two maps that do that while addressing VRA and community input. In addition to the 404 map 403 is the other one that supports partisan fairness, the VRA and community inputs. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is excuse me is Angela Davenport.

>> Yes hello and hoping you can hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: We can good morning.

>> Good morning.

Thank you Commissioners. I wanted to say thank you for the work you're doing. I also previously I had supported map 376 and 404. But now I no longer support the Heron map. And am very much in support of and hope that we can see the Szetela map implemented. I've been a lifelong resident since I was six years old. And in Southfield. And I believe that the intertwining communities of Pontiac and Oak Park and Ferndale give 404 of the best chance of Black representation. It links Pontiac with communities in Southfield, Oak Park and Royal Oak Township and just really represents the minorities and the voices that are here. And that said the reason the Commission exists is because of unconstitutional racial gerrymandering. Given that 8 Mile has been such a major boundary my whole life going up and down 8 Mile between Detroit and the suburbs even though that is changing if you pick a map that doesn't have any districts crossing 8 Mile that could be perceived as using a race as a predominating factor and it's just something for us to think about and be cautious of as we move forward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Nancy T.

>> Good morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning Nancy.

>> I congratulate the Commission on the important work you have done and urge you to seek compromise as you complete the work. Public comments on the maps under consideration from Macomb County show that the Cardinal map best represents our interests. It's clear that the comments against that map attack it on partisan fairness grounds which in our own numbers show it's a misplaced attack. I noticed yesterday several of the Commissioners stated Cardinal is a map giving consideration. I urge you to bring it back. I live in Clinton Township which is Michigan's largest Township Cardinal serves our interests well and keeps us with Macomb Township. Our two communities share M59 business corridor and Chippewa school District. The other maps force us to East Point with whom we share no common interests. The Cardinal map serves well the Chaldean community of interest by keeping Sterling Heights whole and keeping their foundation in large three large Parishes together. Leaders of Chaldean noted in comment portal that Cardinal well represents their interests. Commissioners on all sides of this debate have indicated a level of support for Cardinal and it should be considered when you are making your final decisions particularly if you your deliberations go to ranked choice voting. Honestly Cardinal it not only keeps the Clinton Chippewa valley school District together but also the Plymouth.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Nancy for addressing the Commission. Next up is Rick T.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: We will move to Harrison Shelby.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is also not present.

>> CHAIR EID: How about Paula Smith?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: I think that this is Paula. Paula, are you able to unmute yourself?

>> How is that?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Perfect thank you go ahead.

>> Okay, and it's still morning. Good morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, it sure is.

>> I wanted to thank the Commissioners for taking the time for all of this. I know it's been hard work so thank you very much and thanks to everyone who is standing strong against the Crane and Cardinal maps. And standing up for proper representation for the communities of interest and partisan fairness. This has been a long journey to get here so far so I appreciate that time. I especially appreciate each of the people's dedication to the conviction and seeing that the maps don't just do the minimum, that we are actually striving to meaningfully represent the families and people that come day after week begging for proper representation while still maintaining the partisan fairness. Please know I have been a long-time resident of Metro Detroit area for many decades, I'm happy to say. And so we have been upheld lately in the national news as a shining example of the redistricting and was very proud of that, you should be as well. So we don't want any maps that mess that up. The Szetela map.

>> CHAIR EID: Paula, thank you for addressing the Commission. I do see we have a hand raised by Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah I was going to ask her what her preferred map is. Sounded like she was just about to say that I just needed clarification.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Paula you should be able to unmute yourself.

>> Sorry, I had to do it again. I'm not used to this too much. I had it in the beginning, but I was feeling pressured for time, so I almost missed it. But Szetela is the reason that I'm here today.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, thank you for addressing the Commission. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Michelle Lewis Watts Kibley.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: We will go to Pam-Powell.

>> Good morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, Pam.

>> I'm stepping in this morning just to thank the Commissioners for the work that they do. I'd like to thank the 8 Commissioners yesterday for their vote. I belong to a lot of constituency groups. And each group likes one thing or the other. Just like I've noticed you see that within the citizens, so there is not going to be a perfect map. But the representation matters. Communities of interest matter. And I don't think we are going to please everyone. I would like to support the Crane map, but I don't have a problem with the Szetela map. I think either of those would be good for the people and good for their representation. They provide compactness. They protect communities of interest. And I think they both would either or would work well for the citizens. And I just thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Andrea Thompson.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Andrea, you should be able to unmute yourself at this time.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: It does not appear that that participant is able to provide comment at this time. They are not unmuted. So perhaps we can return to them.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, let's try Pat-Bellinger.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: We will move to Tamela Jones.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: How about Matt Kinkowski.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant also is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: Sheree or Sheree Goodman?

>> Yes good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: We can. Good morning, Sheree.

>> First I would like to thank all of the Commissioners for all of your hard work. I cannot imagine how hard it is to draw and redraw the maps. In understanding that there

were three rounds of voting for the maps. And most, the one that was favorable was the Crane map. I asked myself why the Crane map given all the people that had come before me in support of the Szetela map, which is the map that I am in support of as well. And based upon my supported advocacy for the Szetela map it's in regards to the precinct that I live in, the District I live in which is District 3. And the propensity of the voter turnout in that District specifically I'm going to try to go to the map, the deficiency map, which provides me with the numbers for the efficiency gaps. So when we look at District 3, we see democrats versus the republicans.

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Oh, gosh I don't have time for that but let me stop there and just say that.

>> CHAIR EID: Sheree, what set of data were you just speaking about?

>> Are you still with us?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Sheree, you do need to unmute yourself again.

>> Sorry can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR EID: I can.

>> You asked me what map?

>> CHAIR EID: No, I was asking what data were you just speaking about?

Our data that is published on our website or a different set of data?

>> Absolutely. No, it's published on your website. And in regards to the efficiency gap for District 3 where it allows the voters to have more of a voice when it comes to speaking of their communities of interest as opposed to where the Crane's map would not give them that opportunity to speak in regards to what is beneficial in their community.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, thank you. And we have another question from Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you. I just want to make sure that I have the proper map written down that you are supporting so could you just tell me, please, which map you are supporting?

>> 404.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, thank you very much.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: We have one more question for you, Sheree from Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I'm just hanging on and may not have an answer to the question is there something you prefer in map 404 over 403 and I'm asking for the purpose of the Commission's discussions later.

>> Thank you for that. Map 404 provides for the representation and again I stick with voting for several areas. And communities of interest such as the Ferndale, the Hamtramck area, Detroit area, the 8 Mile area, which you know is the main artery that

connects all of the communities together. So that would be a specific point where in lies the proposal for the Szetela map 404.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay I'm sorry go ahead.

>> We want to maintain our communities of interest because the division has already, as most people know in past years is to divide and conquer and if we continue to communicate and continue to be revitalizing our communities and rebuilding our communities as a whole it will bring forth the power of success through our voting rights.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you I was wondering if you looked at 404. I appreciate that.

>> I did glance through 403 so I cannot give you a specific on 403 primarily because I have not given its due justice because I have not researched it like I should.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, thank you for addressing the Commission. We will go to Chris McLonis.

>> Yes, good afternoon. I'm a resident of Ferndale. And also an ally of the LBGTQ community. I had spoken in person a few weeks ago at one of your hearings and at the time I mentioned that I liked the Starling map by virtue of the fact it incorporated the LBGTQ communities of Ferndale and northwest Detroit. I also liked that that particular map incorporated cities adjoining Ferndale such as Berkeley, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township, and Hazel Park. But I do definitely appreciate the comments others have made about the virtues of the Szetela map, the fact it does do the best job at incorporating other communities of interest as well as the African/American community. And partisan fairness is one of the most important aspects as we consider which map to choose. And so while I would like for the ultimate map excuse me to incorporate communities that are surrounding me, I would definitely be in favor of the Szetela map. Definitely not the Heron map. And it sounds like Crane and Cardinal are not so great either. So Szetela map I believe is the way to go. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Oscar Costinita.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Chair I want to acknowledge Andrea Thompson has her hand raised and we previously skipped over her for sound issues and I'm not sure if you would like to return to her.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure, we can return to Angela, Andrea.

>> Good morning Commissioner, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning Andrea we can.

>> Wonderful. I'm in support of the Crane A1 map. Thank you to the 8 Commissioners that voted in favor of the Crane A1 map. I am a Counselor at Cody high school a long-life Detroit resident in District 12 and representation matters. Warren is complaining about being split, but they cut Detroit into 22 pieces previously. The Michigan policy supports a similar map to Crane A1, the University of Michigan report

that supports a similar Crane A1 map. Just take a look at the literacy lawsuit. The students that I serve are in poverty. I work in a school District that's in the underserved and under privileged community. And I would like my voice represented and representation matters. So I thank you for the hard work that you do. I thank you for making the right decision and being on the right side of history. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Andrea. We do have a question from a Commissioner. Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good morning Andrea I'm curious especially as I used to work with students at Henderson middle school who usually go to Cody high school what specifically does the Crane map or maybe if you don't live in that specific area what do you see the Crane map doing in terms of people and neighborhoods that is different than any other map?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Andrea, you will need to unmute yourself.

>> I'm very familiar with Henderson school. It's one of our main theatre school so thank you for the question. With the Crane A1 map, what it does is it empowers the families of the students at Cody school and Henderson school. It allows the students to have representation that looks like themselves and give them a voice. So we have great, great Black leaders that we would like to continue to vote in office. And so this is what the Crane A1 map does. It's inclusive of our communities and my students at Cody high school. Thank you for that question.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, I would encourage you to look at 403 and 404 because it gives that representation, but it does not lump that deep west side that would need some different representation. It kind of mixes it up a bit. So I'm very familiar.

>> I did take a look at the maps, and I'm not in support of those maps. The Crane A1 map is the best map that represents our communities and empowers our communities and it's what we need.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, thank you for addressing the Commission. Chris we heard from her. Is Oscar available?

>> Yes I am can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes I can good morning Oscar.

>> Good afternoon right now. So this is Oscar Castaneda and participating many times. As you guys know as you probably know we are supporting maps 404 or 403. We believe they are the ones that represent our community of interest. I just want to mention that thanks to this process of redistricting we have so many community conversations and I got to meet and talk to many people in Detroit. And all of those we spoke together are in agreement we like those two maps. So I'm here to support them. And to appreciate the work you have done. And I know to make it official how many or what map has more bolts if you can call them votes, it's votes not bolts. But I support

403 or 404 and represent the southwest community of interest and appreciate the work of the Commissioners who put together those maps, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Oscar for addressing the Commission. Next up we have Jonathan C-Kinlock.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: We will go to Michael Davis.

>> Good afternoon.

>> CHAIR EID: Good afternoon Michael.

>> Good afternoon Commissioner, Michael Davis with Promote the Vote. Want to thank you for your work. Thank you for taking a break last night and coming back with a clear head this morning. I urge the Commission to pay attention to public comment where Michiganders voiced representational needs because the stakes are real for these and thousands of Michiganders who took time out of their day for comments over the past weeks. They will decide the future of our communities ultimately deciding whether our highest roads are maintained and whether children get good education. Education should be equitable for Michigan kids no matter their home zip code and vote should count no matter where you live in our great state. Michiganders passed prop 218 and amended the Constitution with a map and criteria along those criteria multiple analyses including our own the Szetela map comes closest to 0 partisan advantage and voters know their voices will be heard. Many members of our coalition proudly support the Szetela map which was a necessary improvement on the collaborative map it built on and other maps were in important discussions they are short for wealth of public comments we have seen. Commissioner Szetela creating four majority minority and genuine representation for thousands of residents of Detroit. As we have seen in the past two weeks the Szetela and V3 map addresses more community of interest considerations than any other maps. Thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Michael, for addressing the Commission. Next up we have Scot A. Reynolds.

>>Hello, can the Commission hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: Hello. Good afternoon, Scot. We can.

>> My name is Scot Reynolds and I'm proud to say I was on the committee that actually drafted the constitutional amendment that created the Redistricting Commission. We took it from an idea to an amendment and the Commission has brought it to life and for that I thank you. I want to make it clear however I'm making my comments as an individual. I'm no longer actively involved with VNP and haven't been for over four years. My understanding is that the Commission has begun voting on the various maps. I'm not here to advocate for any particular map but I hope my comment can help with your task. I've also heard the comments from other speakers which underscore the difficulties of this process in the current political system we have. Until we have multi member districts or some of the way to expand representation more

equitably this is what we have. When our community came up with a criteria the intention was for the maps to achieve a delicate balance that was fair, neutral and unbiased. The priority order of the criteria was intentional. However, we did not intend for any one of the criteria to outweigh all of the others. We feared that doing so could create opportunities for a criteria to be used as a proxy for creating maps that weren't fair, neutral and unbiased. The Commission did a great job.

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Optimizing the constitutional criteria for the House Districts, my hope is that you will...

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Scot for addressing the Commission. Department of state do we have anybody who did not get to speak yet that signed up for public comment who are here now?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: I have gone back through the list of attendees to look for those names and there is no one with the names that were indicated they would be logged in as that are currently present. So, no, I do not have anyone additional for you at this time.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, that concludes our public comment portion for today's meeting. Please feel free to e-mail at redistricting at Michigan.gov and appreciate your comments and those in the process. Thank the Department of State for helping manage that long list of comments as well as the sign language interpreters and all of the other interpreters that help translate the comments for accessibility.

So Commissioners we have been going at this for over two hours now, I think we all could use a little break. Let's take a 15-minute break and come back at 12:20.

[Recess for 15 minutes]

>> CHAIR EID: An update those joining via Zoom. Commissioners are checking out of the hotel so it's going to be a few more minutes. Thank you.

[Off the record at 12:22 p.m.]

[Back on the record at 12:37 p.m.]

>> CHAIR EID: All right, folks, we are back. All right we seem to have had a small glitch or technical problem with the Zoom showing who was here and who was not here. So I'd like to entertain a motion at this time to reopen the public comment so we can hear from a few folks who did sign up and indicated they would like to speak and who were here, but we could not get to them because of the glitch.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Eid I say we reopen public comment for those people who had signed up, excuse me, and were affected by the glitch only.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And as I understand it as long as we are doing public comment if people come in person they get to provide public comment as well, question mark?

>> CHAIR EID: That is usually correct. I think Commissioner Lett's motion stated only affected by the glitch. We have one person in person who would like to speak but that is up to the Commission. Could you amend your motion perhaps?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> CHAIR EID: Any other discussion on the motion?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, I apologize. My battery is going low, so I had to plug it in, so I just need the motion repeated for me to make sure I heard it all.

>> CHAIR EID: The motion is to reopen public comment to address the folks that were affected by the issue with the Zoom who had already signed up to speak in person, signed up to speak virtually.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So for clarification there were people who signed up but were not able to, correct?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Any more discussion on the motion Commissioners?

Seeing none we will go to vote, all those in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: All those opposed?

The ayes have it. The motion is adopted. We will reopen the public comment. I believe there were two individuals that were affected by what happened. The first being Mr. Anthony Scannell.

>> Thank you, MICRC. I thought that staff cited a bad precedent for the only reason for keeping all the amended versions on the table and still thinking amended A3 for example, you voted it and think it should replace all the Cranes but otherwise it's not really an amendment but an accumulation any way.

The two grandfathered in parties became a roadblock to an emerging consensus, isn't that a shame?

But I think the if it comes to ranked vote I think that is an excellent method to select by personally. And the only problem I have with the ranking is the digital secret Microsoft ballots. I don't think that is -- it's just a secret vote for a period of time. I think the introduction of AI into the deliberations was pretty interesting and I did not know that was decided on, that that would be done. But it was said kind of using that analysis that there was no community support for a certain map, but I think I prefer the Crane before others. That was one they said there was no community support for. I'm not a politics affiliated with a group or party and prefer that before many others. I think the difference

between Crane and the other ones is District one and two shape with the east-west crossing.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. We appreciate your comments. Next up is Mr. Jonathan Kinlock.

>> Good afternoon Honorable body. You have received a communication from me. I just want to state for the record that I'm supporting the Szetela map that is map 404 so my comments associated with that letter please let the record reflect is for the Szetela map 404. And I would like to enter these current comments into the record. Dear Honorable body, as a proud citizen of Michigan I firmly believe that voting is not just a right but a fundamental aspect of our democracy. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a pivotal moment in our nation's history and ensuring that historically disenfranchised Black voters had equal access to the ballot box. The creation of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was a step in the right direction towards fairness and transparent elections for all Michigan residents in accordance with the laws including the VRA. However, the initial maps drafted by the Commission fell short of this goal. Instead resulting in race-based gerrymandering that violated the equal protection guaranty of our constitutions. Thankfully a panel of Federal judges, thankfully a panel of Federal judges struck down or recognized the injustice and struck down these districts, giving the Commission an opportunity to rectify their mistake.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Kinlock your time has expired but we do have a question from Commissioner Orton.

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Mr. Kinlock, are you the same Jonathan C. Kinlock that sent a letter from the Wayne County Commission?

>> That is correct. I have that reflect of supporting the same comments but supporting the map 404, the Szetela map.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So the letter says the Crane map.

>> That's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You switched and now you like the Szetela map.

>> That is correct, thank you ma'am.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Interesting. Is there a reason?

>> Yes, because I think there could be certain modifications to that map to address some of the concerns that have been brought up from public comments this morning. So I think that map would be the closest to being able to address, you know, some of the concerns that have been raised as well as some of the concerns that I also indicated within my letter.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thanks.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a couple questions for you, Mr. Kinlock. Let's go to Commissioner Muldoon.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: You said the Szetela map could be adjusted but that actually is part of the process was over. I didn't know if you knew that or.

>> No, I didn't. I'm thinking that you are all taking these comments right now, you know, generally, public comments are received and then you act accordingly. So I'm not sure how you expect, I'm not sure, you know, as relates to your process how you intend on disposing of the various comments that basically have been laid before you today. So if that is the case, just I'll I'm asking is it's possible to fit Detroit, as part of the Crane's into the Szetela map. So you can make some modifications if that is still allowable and suggesting that be considered.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So if there wasn't modifications made to either map, which map would you prefer?

>> 404.

>> CHAIR EID: To follow-up on Commissioner Muldoon's points he is correct the amendment process for the maps has concluded and today we are going to take a vote between the maps as they have already been amended. But we did have a rather lengthy public comment process that the Commission has already undertaken in order to make those amendments. Commissioner Kellom?

>> Thank you. Thank you for that clarification. You know, the second bite at the Apple wanted to absolutely say it's brought forth some great improvements. I definitely want to commend the Commission on that. So, yes.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hi Commissioner Kinlock. This is Commissioner Kellom. My question is totally you are allowed to change your preference and we encourage that with further engagements of the map. But my first question is: What was your initial motivation for choosing the Crane map?

And that could be answered in my second question which is: What specifically maybe by given a reflection about your specific community, what do you like in the Szetela map as we are talking about communities of interest?

Is there something specific that you can or like some personal narrative that you have that's meaningful to the Commission who might not live in the area, that makes the Szetela map or something like it a clear choosing?

And again my first question was when you originally wrote the letter what was your motivation behind choosing Crane?

>> Okay, from my very beginning of engaging in this process, you know, it has always been my desire to make sure that we had Black representation and Black representation in a fair manner. It is possible to fit the Detroit part of the Crane into the Szetela map.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Szetela.

>> Szetela, sorry, the Szetela has a good Black representation for Detroit. And partisan fairness. I want Detroiters to be able to continue to have a strong voice and the

ability to move important legislation through adequate representation in Lansing. And I believe that can be accomplished, you know, as I had just stated.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, so my understanding is that we can make changes to the maps under our rules up to the final vote. So under the prior rules we had three votes, and you could make changes during one after the first vote, after the second vote. But then after the third vote there is no more changes. When I just looked back at the rules now it looks like there is a typo in the rules at one point it says after the second vote we will then vote for the fifth time so that was obviously not correct in the last amendment. But I would assume that is consistent with the prior procedure which is after the fourth vote. You repeat steps two and three and take your fifth vote and after that point there is no changes. So I think we still can make changes. So I'm curious what Commissioner Kinlock is asking to be changed specifically so if we elect to do that we know exactly what it is.

>> Okay, what, okay, what I'm saying is that the -- so I don't have in front of me the exact, you know, precincts or geographical area that would be appropriate to move and to fit. All I'm saying is that, you know, fit the Detroit part, the Detroit part of Crane into the Szetela map 404. If you all can, you know, in reviewing the various precincts or census tracts associate it with Detroit, moving that into the Crane portion of the Detroit into map 404.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so I've seen comments online that reflect that as well keeping Crane Detroit but keeping the suburban part of Szetela. So that is very helpful thank you.

>> Thank you, I appreciate that.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, thank you Mr. Kinlock and thank you for your service to Wayne County. All right Commissioners. That concludes public comment. We will now continue with our deliberations. We are still on step two for 2024 procedures for a selection of a Senate map. We are currently under step two voting. And we are on step C. If no constitutional majority is achieved the Commissioner will return, thank you will return to the discussion of the draft proposed maps. During this renewed overview and discussion the Commission by majority vote of members present may vote to amend one or more draft proposed maps. To the extended amendments that are a logical outgrowth of public comment received. After discussion is concluded the Commission Chair or Vice Chair will call for a motion from the secretary for a final selection of a Senate plan to submit to the District Court pursuant to the order in the Agee versus Benson matter. And state the name and their preferred map. Commissioner Lange, I see your hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Apologies Chair I'm just waiting for the debate part to give my comments. So please continue.

>> CHAIR EID: We will open the floor for debate and discussion for the maps at this time. We do have two more rounds of voting before we go to step three which is the ranked choice voting process. Commissioner Lange, you had your hand up first. You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you, Chair Eid. I first want to say everything I'm going to say is in my opinion based off from public comment, questions I've asked of our experts and information we've obtained through this process. When we look at the population of Detroit, if I'm not mistaken and we have two Detroit Commissioners there Detroit has over a million people in it. Is that a fair statement?

Can somebody.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: A little under, it's a little under Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR EID: A lot under.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, thank you. I'm looking at the data that we were given about the public comment, not including today. So if we included today's we've received somewhere around 400 individual public comments. These are not repeat public comments but around 400. Not all of those came from Detroit. We are, you know, really should be looking Detroit centric because it was the citizens of Detroit that we violated the 14th amendment on. So I have to question we've had public comment that's very obviously call to actions. That is everybody's right to do that by all means. But what I'm looking at, and I said this before, was consistency. Has communities of interest been applied to every part of the state consistently?

Is what was considered a community of interest in the southeast corner of the state considered a community of interest in the southwest corner of the state, so consistency is what I'm looking at. I'm also looking into those comments that we like to use the term organic, the ones that really touch me that you can tell sometimes people, I'm going to slow down, I'm sorry, I talk fast when I'm nervous. Sometimes people have a hard time expressing themselves when they're trying to speak from the heart. So I'm looking at those people that came, that had the passion, and you could truly tell this is what they meant. This is why I want this. This is how this affects my community. So I'm going to look at that. We've heard a lot about the partisan fairness. In the beginning of this process we were kind of given a guide if they fall within this, it's acceptable. I also think partisan fairness as it was described by another commenter, there is science and then there is political science. Political science is not detail specific, 100%. I had questions about the partisan fairness that I tried to ask in a meeting and I don't feel like my questions got answered or that I conveyed them how I wanted to. So I reached out to Dr. Handley and I'm looking at these partisan fairness scores and I know at some point we had, you know, all these different things and at some point it got focused down to just two. Well, I'm sorry, I personally think every part of the partisan fairness should be considered. If you're weighing it all should be weighed equally. When I e-mailed

Dr. Handley the question arose, and I'm going to bring it to you as a Commission just to let you know my concerns also when they talk about fair representation, yes. The entire state wants fair representation. We draw these maps for ten years. So my question is: Partisan fairness is supposed to be based on the entire state by the maps drawn by the entire state. If we are adjusting the partisan fairness just on one portion of the state without making changes to the other then say any political group gets more in an area that isn't in the area we are adjusting. If that group has more votes they're not going to win. That's what I keep hearing is the person with the most votes is going to win. I asked Dr. Handley about this and basically the answer that I got, and she can't go into detail because she's doing an analysis, she cannot give a legal opinion. Her analysis was that, yes, it would change the mean median but what I got out of the e-mail was that it wouldn't necessarily change the votes or the seat count. So part of me has to say if this is supposed to be fair for everybody and based on the outcomes of elections are we concentrating too much in one area to get it down too far rather than the whole state to truly make it fair?

These are just my thoughts. My last thought is I appreciate everybody's comments that we did receive today. I'm going to be honest with everybody, I'm still Crane version or amendment one. And I'm just putting it out there. So thank you Commissioners for listening to me. I hope I conveyed myself and my concerns adequately. And I hope I did not upset anybody by those. I'm just speaking my heart, thank you.

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

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So because it's just about 1:00, did you want me to speak now, or can we have a lunch break at 1:00 is that right?

>> CHAIR EID: We do not have a lunch break scheduled for today.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay that is news to me. Okay, what time are we scheduled to go to?

>> CHAIR EID: The meeting is scheduled until 5:00 p.m.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I will comment now because I was going to say if we are going on lunch I don't want to hold people's lunch up. So we had a lot of comments today. I feel like personally as a Commission part of the reason why we are here is because during the last process we did not listen to the public. And it's starting to feel a little bit like déjà vu because we had 50 public comments this morning that were live. Out of those 50, 46 individuals identified a map preference. Out of that 46, 41 out of 46 supported the Szetela 404 map. That's almost 90% of the speakers, seeing the same thing online with the online comments as well. However the voting yesterday did not reflect that. I know this may not be affecting every Commissioner, but I do know that some Commissioners as public commenters have touched on favor collaborative maps. They don't want to vote for an individual map. I know that was expressed frequently during the 2021 that there were some Commissioners who said I will not vote for an individual map. Our collaborative maps are better and that is really getting into the point

of ego which is what I mentioned yesterday. Because it's elevating this theory that collaborative maps are better over metrics over 7 ranked criteria and over public preference and that's exactly what Gary Morehead was saying that we should not be elevating is a map collaborative or not over the constitutional requirements or what we have been ordered to do by the Court.

So I am asking again that this Commission listen to the public. The public clearly favors the Szetela. And despite kind of efforts to kind of drill down and make it really challenge people about why they were supporting that, every time that happens people gave very detailed answers as to why they liked the 404. They talked about, you know, the western suburbs. They talked about particular neighborhoods. They talked about particular divisions. These are very clearly, as Commissioner Lange said, organic comments that are based on actual review of the maps. And actual preferences. And so once again, I'm asking you guys to listen to the public, give integrity to this process, give integrity to what we are supposed to be doing. Don't act like politicians, don't ignore the public. Please vote for the Szetela map. I do have one more thing I wanted to mention since I have the metrics, out of the 46 comments, 7 people supported the Kellom map. 5 supported the Crane. But out of those 5 three of them said either Crane or Szetela. Two supported the Cardinal. Two supported the Heron. In terms of negative comments we received 17 negative comments overall. And out of those 17, 76%, 13 out of 17 opposed the Crane. 29% opposed the Cardinal. 29% opposed the Heron. 6% each opposed the Kellom and the Szetela. So, again, the public is very clearly speaking. Please listen.

>> CHAIR EID: We will go to Commissioner Kellom and then Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I feel like I just have similar comments as Commissioner Lange and Commissioner Szetela. At this point for me just speaking again for myself it's less about a particular map names and more about being responsive to Detroit citizens and Metro Detroit citizens and having conversation with people very in depth. Commissioner Andrade was out there as well. I'm not saying that Commissioner Andrade like you have to speak, but in-depth conversations that echo a lot of what has been shared. And I think we would be packing the City of Detroit if one of the maps that has been discussed most often is adopted more so. Like yesterday evening my brain was exhausted but it was still trying to process. Yesterday's activity and today and I think above all we have to be able to justify our choices. And so when we were deliberating in depth yesterday and we have had community input today I don't think we can excuse excusing the Crane map and when Nate Fink tells us to talk about community of interest and feedback from the public as also very clear yesterday when Commissioner Callaghan was asking they are not good reasons to choose that map. I think it's a compromised map. It's an opposition map. It's a map that has grouped Detroit in a way that they won't have representation. I thought about that. I thought

about that District and said Commissioner Kellom what exactly is the issue with the main Detroit District, what don't you like about that?

And Detroit is constantly changing. If I think about the folks that are in Highland Park, Hamtramck, the airport District, the east side of Detroit, that means a representative is going to have to acknowledge downtown activity. Right now rent in downtown Detroit is anywhere between 2-3,000 a month. That's not marginalized communities. Then you have the upper half of District 3 in Crane that is 48221, that is a Bagley community and upper middle class. Also an area that has been around since the great white flight that has also been around when the Detroit riots occurred. And it's a high voting District. So that middle Section of District 3 in Crane is not going to have representation. It could also mean that District 3 is not represented by someone that looks like the folks that live in the area. To be quite honest because of the gentrification that is happening in that area. So while that might not seem that is a part of the criterion, that is what the folks are talking about when they say keep us together. They want to be able to be heard from the far east side, from the far west side and everywhere in between. And I can't imagine, this is just using that District as an example, but because of how that District is drawn, it creates an issue for the people essentially that are suing us. If I look at District 1, a lot of the feedback has been okay when you look at Szetela or when you look at the Kellom map aka Phoenix it scoops down too far. The Down River community shouldn't be up with the community that is close to Grosse Pointe. But I also can't imagine the Down River community should be with Fitzgerald, Mary Grove, they definitely have separate interests or midtown, the bottom line is that area has to be somewhere. I don't think it's appropriate for it to be in an area that is related to Dearborn. I definitely can't be going down as far as wood haven, Trenton and gross aisle so that community is going to have to unfortunately, you know, to some be either included in a downtown area which is still the river front or another option that pulls from the community. So you can make the same argument for District 1. So I think as a Commission we have to think about what map integrates people, because that is who is behind what we are doing the best. And then like I have mentioned yesterday, Kellom and Szetela have a lot of similarities. I can tell that Commissioner Szetela as she always does, this is not a slight so I don't want Commissioner Szetela you listen very carefully, she looks at the maps, she listens to what has been said and she tries to create the best of both worlds. Even when it gets fiery, and she doesn't agree. There are a lot of things in the Commissioner or in the Phoenix map that appear in the Szetela map. So I think if there are personal feelings, then there are things about the Phoenix aka Kellom map that you can get on board with that also answer what the public is talking about today. If you still are saying Crane today, then that means and that is an individual Commissioner's decision, but you are choosing to blatantly ignore what folks said and the word hate was related to the Crane map today. The word of the phrasing of using, being pushed back

into an era where Detroiters have fought hard not to be, those words were used in relation to Crane. So that's what I will say.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do not like to be smeared for my choice of map. I'll just say that. The thing I wanted to say is we had a public comment, Mr. Morehead, I think, about that we shouldn't place a collaborative map above an individual map. And so just this is just a general comment. I was thinking about the criteria. And the Court order. And in my mind, my opinion, there is a difference because a collaborative map, we can prove, on the record, how that map came to be. And that we did not consider-race. The Court ordered us not to consider-race in our drawing and we just cannot prove that with an individual map. So that's just something that I was, that came to my mind, and I was considering.

>> CHAIR EID: I think we have Commissioner Andrade and Commissioner Muldoon next. Commissioner Weiss, I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Curry does not have her computer to raise her hand so I told her I would raise it for her, so I yield to Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you. With respect to all the Commissioners who have really worked hard in trying to preserve the rights of the mapping that we had to do, I just want to say that I'm a citizen of Detroit. I have had the opportunity of living in the Bagley area.

In fact, I stayed across the street from the Bagley area for 14 years and know it quite well. And I have lived in the Down River Area, which I am at now, before Bagley and even now.

In fact, I have lived here over 50 years. I have supported and supported all kinds of places in Detroit from Down River to the upper richer neighborhoods. I go some everywhere. I participate in all kinds of functions. And I realize that some of the people that are speaking on mappings and maybe not, but they moved away from the heart of Detroit. They look down on the heart of Detroit. Not everybody. But I know people that move, when they moved out of the heart of Detroit, the Down River Area, they didn't think it was good enough for them. I stayed. I went, came back and stayed. And I know what the people want. They want the Crane 1 mapping. I know what they desire. I have lived it. I have talked to them. I have even been into not exactly a politician, but I talk to people all the time. I ran a church where people spoke and what they wanted. And I know what they want in that area. And so the Crane seems to represent what we need to be doing. We need to vote for the Crane 1 mapping because this is what the courts want us to do. And without race involved, without prejudice involved. This is what I did.

I have not considered my feelings one bit in drawing this map.

In fact, I told a couple Commissioners that I just said a little prayer over it and said Lord just show me what to do. And he did it. And I am not as familiar as Commissioner Rebecca, Commissioner Kellom, I'm not as familiar with a lot of them. But I did what I thought was right. I did what I thought was the best way to go. And my familiarity with politics is not on the top of my list. But I'm trying to do a job that's worth where the Detroiters can be proud of. Where they can eventually hold up their head. Where they can be represented with respect. And that's what I'm about. I'm not trying to make the rich get richer or they get everything they want. They need a chance. Everybody in the Down River Area is not poor. But we choose to live there by choice. And we choose to help by choice. We choose to stay there by choice. It's a lot of, it's a couple of us on this Commission now we can move out if we wanted to. They are businesspeople. I was a business owner, but I stayed there. And I'm there now because I want the best for Detroit. Without prejudice to anybody, man, woman or anything. I want great representation for Detroit. So I voted for the Crane A1. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I didn't actually have my hand up, but I did want to go and thought somebody else. So let me say this: I really appreciate what Commissioner Lange said about listening to the people and looking at the public comment, looking at the numbers and what we are supposed to be doing here. And I also appreciate Commissioner Szetela's input into these maps. I think she has done a great job. And I want to say that on two fronts publicly defensible maps, the Kellom is publicly defensible because of the numbers. The partisan fairness. Community of interest. The VRA. And public comment as well. Personally I also think the Kellom map answers the best to all of things. I would have gone with Commissioner Szetela's map except for the recent changes she did. I did like she changed the Chaldean, but she went a little too far. And, again, that's why I think the Kellom is the best choice at this point.

>> CHAIR EID: We have Commissioner Szetela then we will go to Commissioner Callaghan.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I just want to make a comment about Commissioner Kellom has mentioned a couple times she feels there is a lot of echoes in the Szetela map to her map. I completely disagree with that. It cannot be further from the truth, and I did not look at her map to draw my map. Her map splits up the Southfield/Pontiac community of interest that I put together. Her map includes Birmingham with Pontiac. It takes the west part of Detroit and puts it with Livonia. My map doesn't do that. My map keeps Canton and Plymouth together with Novi and Northville. It was very intentional based on public comments and communities of interest. The Kellom map takes Canton and puts it with Huron and Sumpter and has absolutely no connection to them whatsoever. It also combines Inkster with Dearborn, which you all know I'm very opposed to that. So I don't think there is any similarities at all between those two maps. I'm not sure why that keeps being suggested. And I

personally feel the Szetela honors the suburbs as well as Detroit. And that to me is a big flaw with the Kellom map it divides all these communities that don't belong together and puts communities together that just don't have commonalities such as Canton which is incredibly diverse. I mean we have Indians, seek, Muslim Buddhist and go to Huron and Sumpter no commonalities and are rural areas and in my opinion the Kellom map breaks pretty much every suburban community of interest that exists where Szetela tries to preserve it which people have been saying. Come in and like where Romulus and Canton and like where Novi is. You're not getting that from the Kellom map because the Kellom map does not respect those communities that want to be together whatsoever. And that has been reflected in the public comment. And like I said, you know, close up U of M analyzed all of our public comments and the Szetela was the overwhelming favorite and the reason why was because of the respect of communities of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela I apologize because it really was a complement, and you clearly didn't take it that way. So I retract my complement to you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yeah, so, again, after listening to the public comments and what today I'm still pretty baffled amount of support for the Crane map. I'm still open minded. I'm still struggling really, really hard to understand that. Given that if we go down the list of criteria, I don't see how it bubbles up to be in the top, to be the top one or even the top two or three. I appreciate Commissioner Curry for what you said and how it represents Detroit. That you know so well both by living there, by your lived experience and by the obvious deep amount of love and care you have for the City. So I completely respect that. On the other hand, there are two other Commissioners, Commissioner Eid, Commissioner Kellom, who also live in Detroit who I think know the City pretty well. And obviously also love and care for the City a great deal and don't support Crane. So I need something else besides that feeling to show me, I need something concrete that shows me where Crane bubbles above the Kellom and the Szetela. I think it's pretty obvious today from the comments we had, the comments were overwhelmingly against Crane. Overwhelmingly for Szetela. Positive towards I mean positive towards the Kellom. Not negative in any way but there were negative to Crane. And the comments today, unlike at some points, and I know this is really important to some Commissioners, seemed like an organized group of people coming and reading off the same script over and over and seemed organic. Positive comments for the Szetela from the City of Detroit from Hamtramck and Down River western and northern suburbs and lakeshore, they were all over all of the impacted districts and they were positive. There were no negative comments for Szetela, none. There were I don't think there were any negative comments for the Kellom map either. And also the Kellom map addresses the concern that Commissioner Orton has, and I know some

other Commissioners share as well about an individual map being drawn with an unknown, you know, it could have been some other things influencing that that would not have happened if it was drawn on the record. The Kellom map was drawn on the record so that would remove that concern. And even the Kellom map has far, far more support than the Crane map. I'm struggling really hard. I invite any Commissioner again to be really specific of something you know major that would make or would elevate the Crane map above the two the public I mean overwhelmingly supports and which do a good job with population, contiguousness, VRA, communities of interest, partisan fairness. Show me where Crane is better. That is all I'm asking for.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: While we were drawing the maps, Mr. Morgan absolutely said that all of the VRA conditions were met in the mapping that we did. And so for you to say that you don't see where it had met, we had contiguousness. We had all of the VRA things that we had to prove. Now, I may not be as articulate as Commissioner Szetela. And personally probably you. But I know that we met all of the conditions that we had to meet and had we not I would have kept working on the map that we did. But we met every last one of them. And they are not too far off. In fact, none of them could be in the running today if they were not all met so they were all met and wanted to say that it was met, all the conditions that we were, all the 7 conditions we were supposed to come up with were met.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Commissioner Curry let me just say I agree. That was my point of all the maps that we are considering they all satisfy the VRA. They all satisfy the population. All satisfy the contiguity. If you look at some have better partisan scores and comes to community of interest because Kellom and Szetela's map do have better partisan scores. So I think if Crane is going to rise above them the place for it to do that is in having a better configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Presentation, I know what you are trying to say.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: That is what I'm looking for, if someone can show me where the Crane map is superior in communities of interest that would elevate it above the other maps.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well we had quite a lot, great a lot of communities of interest in our first two or three years when the Crane map was first developed. And even now like I said, I have talked to hundreds of people and I'm representing those people of Detroit and some of them can't come because they are working crazy jobs, and some are single mothers, and some are single fathers and some grandmothers raising children so I'm representing those people. And I'm telling you what they really want. And plus there was the fact that we were sued of not having the right to vote and everything, it shows that that is the reason we are doing this is because we are trying to do what the courts have asked us to do. And it is without prejudice. It has nothing to do

with being the best map drawer or whatever. But to do what is right and what is fair for the City of Detroit. And that is our main objection is to do what is right for the City of Detroit. And whether you see it or not, you probably don't see it, but you would have to live here to really understand what I'm saying, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: So it's not that I don't support the Crane map. It's my third choice out of, you know, we got like 20 maps at this point. So it's not that I don't support it. I think it's to me it's the third best. But I do and think they are pretty good and support all of them and think they are all rather defensible. I think what we saw today was a little bit more of the philosophical discussion I was discussing yesterday with the history of the City of Detroit and that is the perspective I come at this with. Which is why I prefer the Kellom configuration for Detroit. I am looking at, you know, it was said that there are similarities between Kellom and Szetela. I do agree that there are some similarities. I mean I'm looking at them side by side and you know District 8 is pretty similar. District 10 and 11 in Macomb are similar. District 9 is pretty similar. Southgate and Wyandotte being together in District 4 along with Romulus is pretty similar. Taylor is different in them. But there are certainly differences. Mostly around District 7 is different. District 13 is different. But there are similarities as well.

And we do seem to have a map that scores well on most of the metrics. And was at least created collaboratively. And that seems to me to be the Kellom map. Now, I also like the Cardinal map. I think most of the negative comments about the Cardinal map that I've heard have mostly been around partisan fairness which still kind of baffles me a little bit because our data shows that it's one of the best maps on partisan fairness. Maybe not the best map. But one of the maps having an equal efficiency gap as some of the other ones we are debating but a little bit of a higher mean median difference.

So I'm not sure if those negative comments are well informed or as well informed as they should be. So if you are considering some of these maps to get to consensus I wonder if anyone would be willing to switch to Cardinal or switch to Kellom or if you voted for one of those maps perhaps switch to Crane. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So there is little to no support whatsoever for Cardinal. We had two people out of 40, 46 who supported the Crane out of everyone that spoke today, and I would say the same thing for Kellom. There was few people who supported Kellom today and both of the facts are reflected in the data that we received, the objective data we received from the University of Michigan where it analyzed all of our public comments. It's just not accurate to say there is a lot of support for those maps. It just doesn't exist. The preferred map is the Szetela. There is some support for the Crane as well. There is also some negative comments about the Crane as well. But if you look at the Szetela in terms of negative comments at this point now the Chaldean community has been satisfied with the changes to it, there are virtually no negative comments about the Szetela map.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would like the Chair request a motion to move to the vote at this point.

>> CHAIR EID: I'd like to add before we do that. So from the close-up report under the executive summary it says under Cardinal number 373 Cardinal received the most comments of any map with many positive comments particularly from Macomb commenters and appreciated the protection of the Chaldean COI in Sterling Heights and Troy and the map had anything favorability E rating for the poor partisan fairness metrics. That is what I was referring to. I think saying it's received no positive support is just wrong. And the negative comments seem to be ill informed by trying to misrepresent the partisan fairness numbers that the metrics show it's not, so I like that reflected in the record. There are many, many positive comments. The most positive comments from the close-up report, however, I agree that today it did not receive as many positive comments as some of the other maps and trying to look at this in the totality of comments we received. Mr. Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you. We have requests from our interpreters that I think we need to honor for a 30-minute break in our meeting notice we are not required to go from 1-2. But from consideration of our interpreters if we could at least provide a 30-minute break or if you would like to go longer and then for our Commissioners here we can provide lunch.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we take a 30-minute break.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion and a second on the table Commissioners. Is there any discussion on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think if we take a 30-minute break we might as well go to lunch.

>> CHAIR EID: If there is no more discussion we will move to vote those in favor of the motion raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it, we will break for 30 minutes.

[Recess for 30 minutes]

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Are we ordering through Kristin? [Recess for 30 minutes]

>> CHAIR EID: Just a quick update for those online the Commission has been working very diligently this morning to hear public comment and to facilitate debate. And with that the break will be extended until 2:30. Thank you.

[Recess until 2:30]

>> YVONNE YOUNG: I'm sorry Commissioner Callaghan you were muted. Can you share you are here?

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>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes, I'm, present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present, did you guys start?

Because we couldn't hear anything until you said Lange.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Yeah apparently I was muted. I apologize for that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, I'm, present.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: We did not hear you start the meeting Lange is the first word anyone heard so if you don't mind going back to start the meeting and Yvonne do the roll call because we didn't get any of that.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure sorry for the technical difficulties.

As Chair of the Commission, I
call the meeting of the Michigan
Independent Citizens

Redistricting Commission to

Order at 2:50 thank you for your time and it takes a lot to make it happen and appreciate the break. If we could take roll of the Commissioners present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely. Bethany, can you hear me?

Okay, thank you. Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

Present, Kellom is present, Lange, present. Commissioner Lett, present.

Commissioner Muldoon, present. Commissioner Orton, present. Commissioner Szetela, present. Commissioner Vallette, present. Commissioner Wagner, here.

>> Commissioner Weiss, present. You have 13 Commissioners present Mr. Chair.

You have a full quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: We left off debating before taking our fourth vote. Is there any more debate?

All right at this time will I call for a motion for the secretary to conduct a roll call vote for the final selection of the remedial Senate plan.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion and a second. Is there any debate on the motion?

Seeing none we will proceed. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it, I will now turn to the secretary to conduct the roll call vote.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Absolutely. Bear with me just a moment and I will put our list back up on the screen as has been requested before. Okay I will begin with our rotating alphabetical order from where we left off last time. So that means Commissioner Eid you are first to put your vote in, please.

>> CHAIR EID: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Crane 1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Szetela.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Chair, that vote does fail. Crane A1 received 8 votes, however, it did not receive two votes from individuals affiliating with the democratic party. The Kellom map received three votes and the Szetela map received two votes.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Schaar. Okay, we will return to debate. We have one more vote, Commissioners before going to the ranked choice voting process. Is there any more debate on these maps?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No debate. I just have a question. If it goes to ranked choice will there be a comment period prior to ranked choice for the Commissioners?

>> CHAIR EID: Are you asking if there will be discussion?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> CHAIR EID: One moment. Under step three it does not look like there is more discussion after we start the ranked choice voting process. It does say each Commissioner will have ten minutes to complete the Microsoft form that is sent out to indicate their preferred ranking. And then after all of those Rankings come through the secretary will tally and announce the votes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: What about before we submit?

Because the first step before that is submitting a map. So is there a reason, I guess if we submit a map are we able when we submit that to say why? I guess would be the question.

>> CHAIR EID: I'm not sure the answer to that question. I will have to defer to our legal folks to make that determination.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Do you know what, Chair Eid, it's okay, I will pull the question back. It's fine.

>> CHAIR EID: It's a good question. Do we have an opinion?

>> NATE FINK: Mr. Chairman, may I speak?

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead, Mr. Fink.

>> NATE FINK: So it is a good question, Commissioner Lange. As Chairman Eid indicated the rules as adopted, unlike in steps really in step two which explicitly contemplated discussions, step three does not. If the Commission would want to have that discussion, I don't see any problem with the Commission amending the procedure to add, you know, a discussion option to the extent that the Commission wants to do so. But I read the current rules the same way that Commissioner Eid does which is that it contemplates if after this fifth vote we don't achieve a constitutional majority we will move into ranked choice and each Commissioner would audibly indicate which of the draft map they want to submit for the ranked choice vote.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Fair enough. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yeah, I just have one more comment to address to the Commission around these maps. There has been some hesitation from some Commissioners to vote for individual maps because of a sense of a lack of transparency or complete knowledge about how the lines were drawn. And what was used to draw those lines. I understand that. I think from my votes here I demonstrated that for me

personally I don't share that concern. I am not going to refuse a vote for a map that seems to be a really, really good map because it was not drawn publicly and was instead submitted as an individual map, but I understand other Commissioners want to do that and that is fine. I think what I'm asking for or asking you to ask yourself if that is an obstacle for you is as Commissioner Lange likes to talk about a lot of consistency. The Crane map was actually based on an individual map. And that individual map was not drawn transparently or in public. And the Crane map did change some of the districts in the suburban areas. It made no changes that I can see to the Detroit districts. Those are the districts that we were tasked with the Court for redrawing and that were cast out earlier because of racial bias and not drawing lines using a correct racial balance or whatever. Those are the ones questioned by the Court but the lines in Crane map were not drawn transparently and in public in one of our meetings. That is an individual drawing. So it doesn't bother me. I'm not casting dispersions on anybody I want to make that clear. I'm not questioning or saying it's bad, I voted for an individual map so that is not an obstacle for me personally. But some of you have expressed that it is an obstacle. So I'm looking for consistency in your position there. And I would say the Crane map, if that is a hang up for you, the Crane map is tainted with that same hang up.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I say something, please?

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I disagree with you only because the map that I did was drawn within a few hours of even knowing I was going to be able to draw with John Morgan. And not only that, then the other Commissioners took the same map and had the same privilege and have used it a couple of the Commissioners have used it at their own will. And they have used quite a lot of it. So it really doesn't -- it's not something that was done really in the dark. We had I was working with one of our guys that work with us.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, I just want to make a point that District 1 there was a change made by Commissioner Muldoon. So he has input on there. Livonia if I'm not mistaken was kept whole and that was based off my request. The previous maps that we adopted if we are being honest there was one District out of three maps that I drew. Every other map, every other District that I draw was changed by Commissioners at some point. So to say that there wasn't input and that it was done wholeheartedly by one person is not genuine. And there is consistency with it. Because there were voices from different Commissioners that were taken into consideration all be it the Livonia I drew is not incorporated. There are still aspects of it that were included. So I am content. And I just wanted to put that out there.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I would just add that Richard from Baker Hostetler addressed this very issue and is the one that would have to defend a map and said it was a nonissue and in his mind there was not a distinction between an individual and collaborative map with his ability to defend it and that, you know, I think it's a mischaracterization and a little bit of a red herring to claim there is no evidence of how a District was drawn. There is evidence, you can talk to the individual Commissioner who drew it and ask them what they were thinking when they drew it. That is evidence. Testimony is evidence and documentation is evidence as well. And so I just think that is a little bit of a misnomer. And, you know, in terms of our own lawyers have said there is no issue with defending individual maps versus collaborative maps.

>> CHAIR EID: For me this issue between collaborative and individual maps isn't so much about who drew whatever map. If there was an individual map, in my opinion, that performed so much more better than any of the collaborative maps, I would be willing to vote for it. But I don't see that here. I think that we have maps that are similar to the individual maps, that are in the collaborative pool. I do see similarities between the Szetela map and the Kellom Phoenix map. And as we said earlier we do know how Phoenix was drawn because it was created collaboratively although submitted individually. I think that map is close enough to the Szetela map and to the Heron map for those who voted for those maps to potentially switch to it. Now, that still wouldn't give that map enough votes to be passed because Crane had eight and even if you were to combine the Kellom and Szetela votes that would still only be five. So someone has to change their vote. That is the thing. And who is it going to be and what are they going to change it to?

As an independent here we -- the Crane map already has two independent votes so my vote on it doesn't matter as much but it would be good to hear from the people who could potentially change to see if we can get to some sort of consensus. Is there any chance the republican Commissioners will change to the Kellom map, or the democratic Commissioners possibly change to the Crane map?

That is probably what we should be discussing at this point. I'll say it again, the compromise here could be the Cardinal map. I'm not sure how many people like that. But I do think it could act as a compromise. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange then we will go to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It's Commissioner Szetela.

>> CHAIR EID: It's Commissioner Szetela's hand go ahead Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Nobody needs to change their vote we have procedures if we don't agree and seems like we don't agree. If we go to ranked choice procedure I think mathematically it's obvious the Crane is going to prevail and I'm okay with that. I will continue to vote for Szetela because I think it's the best map and what the public wants but the reality is no one has to change their vote if they are not

comfortable with it and frankly don't think we should and go through five and go to ranked choice and creates a situation where a map can be advanced if it does not have two democratic votes. I don't think anyone needs to change anything. Then I would also add you know just my personal view on the Kellom is I've never really considered that to be a collaborative map. I appreciate it was drawn during the meeting, but it was really Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Eid and Callaghan helped a bit and lots of feedback being received during the meeting which I have a problem with and never considered that collaborative and I'm happy it's under that banner being individual.

>> CHAIR EID: We will go to Commissioner Orton and then Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So just thinking back to when we were doing the House redraw, we needed one more republican to...we are missing one more republican vote to pass a map, or we would go to ranked choice. And I was that person. And I did change my vote to take one for the team even though that wasn't my first or second choice. But I did what I felt I should do at the time. I have heard various Commissioners that aren't voting for Crane now, saying that, you know, that was okay or that was their second choice or all the maps or lots of the maps were okay. So if you feel, anyone, feel that you could change your vote to Crane to collaboratively choose a map, then I would invite you to do so.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

I'm sorry we actually had Commissioner Kellom then we will go to Commissioner Lange and then Commissioner Callaghan.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Just a point of clarification with the Phoenix map that is now called Kellom, so it began at Wayne State. The first person to make the change, I think we even used Curry as a base was Commissioner Vallette. And then Andrade took a turn. Commissioner Orton took a turn. Gary Morehead at that meeting was able to talk about eastie, westie, northie, southie. And in terms of configuring the districts, he mentioned liking Szetela's map and also liking some things in what is now the Phoenix Kellom map. So I then specifically asked him to look at that map. He made some suggestions, those suggestions are backed again, and I will keep saying this until I'm a different color than Black or Brown, the suggestions are evidenced by six pages of public comment and in-person public comment, which is why when Szetela's map is mentioned often is Kellom's as well. And so it's a little bit, the only reason why I'm providing this clarification is because it's inflammatory to suggest myself, the other individuals that I mentioned also Commissioner Callaghan and Eid, it's insulting for us, I will speak for them, it's insulting to Commissioner Vallette and Commissioner Orton, they like the Crane map. Very capable, very intelligent and the rest of the adults of drawing a map and supposed to listen to public comment and I've been listening to 2021 and tired of my integrity being challenged whether overtly or passively. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Chair Eid, I believe Commissioner Callaghan's hand was up before mind. I just want to be respectful of the order.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure. We will go to Commissioner Callaghan and then return to Commissioner Lange.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Thank you, Commissioner Lange. I just want to say for the record one of the things that about the only thing that has been distasteful about serving on this Commission is the personal and character assassination and slurs that are routinely slung around in the meetings with no evidence and no basis so I'm not quite sure what was being implied by the other Commissioner when she disparaged the map drawing and the motivations of myself, Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Eid. But I want to assure the Commission and the public there was nothing, nothing unethical, Nefarious of the rules, out of line, behind nontransparent, hidden from the public to draw the lines. And to have my character impugned publicly on absolutely zero evidence and I know there is zero evidence because it didn't happen is unacceptable. I'd like to ask for an apology. I don't see one forthcoming, but I think an apology is owed to the other Commissioners and myself.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I think I just totally missed something. But, okay. I was just going to talk to the Commission real quick about the ranked choice. I heard I believe it was Commissioner Szetela say that it's a numbers game. And that does hold a concern for me that it's a numbers game. I've seen this number for this game in other states that actually have ranked choice voting where very solid areas you would think would win don't because of the ranking of that so I don't know. I'm torn on the ranked choice. I really am. I'm sticking with my gut. I'm going to say that. I've been consistent in my vote. I'm going to stay consistent in my vote, but I can't say that I will be consistent with which map I put forward. And I'm just putting it out there in the public because that's my concern. But I'm going to stay consistent in my vote. The question was asked would a republican switch their vote to Kellom or one of the others, and my answer to that is I'm not comfortable doing that. I've thought about my decision. For days, even longer than that. And the Crane A1 as I said is my compromise. So that's all I got. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I just wanted to address Commissioner Callaghan's allegations. Number one no one is disparaging you or maligning you. The fact remains you can be entirely innocent of something and unaware of it and yet there could be behavior by other people you're not aware of. I know and maybe you don't follow the YouTube chat I know I follow the YouTube chat during every meeting and screen capture it during every meeting and there were multiple occasions where a particular politician was making suggestions while drawing was happening, and those suggestions were being incorporated into maps. It's certainly possible you had nothing

to do with that. But in my opinion that's questionable. And it is absolutely supported by evidence because you can watch the YouTube videos and see the comments coming in and the changes being made. So I'm not going to apologize for something that is factual even though it may not apply to you, Commissioner Callaghan. It may have nothing to do with you whatsoever and that is two things that can be true at once. Let me just put it that way.

>> CHAIR EID: I have a few comments. So I drew lots of the I don't know if it's a lot, I drew a portion of the Kellom map. But how I drew it is out there. I put on an overlay of the flamingo map and didn't use any outside comments. I think I stated that multiple times during the meeting while that's great that, you know, some folks watch the YouTube comment, I don't want the YouTube comment. I have been on record many times saying that I do not because I really don't. I don't think it's tasteful for this Commission to take those into consideration because they are not a part of the public record and you know, unfortunately we have Commissioners who sometimes chime in on there. I don't think that is appropriate either. We were told that at the beginning but that seems to no longer be the case. But while two things can be true three things can be true someone could be suggesting in the YouTube and the Commission can organically do a thing as well. That does not mean it came from the YouTube comment. So one thing can be true, two things can be true, and three things can be true. When I was using the overlay to create the progression from the Phoenix map as Commissioner Kellom stated was a collaborative map that was started by everybody then it became hummingbird and then it became Phoenix, I'm sorry it became flamingo then we combined some districts from flamingo and hummingbird to make Phoenix. That's my recollection of events. You can go back and see the overlay that was used in order to do that.

Now, we've had this very long public comment process. And one of the last things I will say is the public comment that stuck out to me the most is by Edith-Payne in the first session in Southfield. I don't want to get into identity politics but those of you who may not remember or been there. She was an older Black woman said she was from Detroit, and she actually liked what we did previously in some regards. She said due to the work we had done previously due to the work of this Commission folks were able to enact laws that helped minority communities. She had a whole I can't remember the exact number, but there were certainly a lot of laws that she had listed that were only made possible because of this Commission. My only worry with the Crane map I think it has a lot of good qualities, it's my third choice if it goes to ranked choice voting but we have the potential to go backwards in that regard, which I think has been, you know, echoed by some of the members of the public that eloquently stated that earlier today.

I don't think that is as much of a concern in the Kellom map. Which is why it's my first preference. I also don't think it's much of a concern in the Cardinal map which is why it's my second preference. For much of the same reasons and why we created the

Motown Sound map the way we did it supports these communities that did go across 8 Mile to have some cross county collaboration in some of these laws that end up being created due to the people who are elected on our maps. That's the reason I don't like Crane as much as some of the other configurations. So I just hope, you know, while nobody has to change their votes we should think is the juice worth the squeeze on this one?

I mean is it really?

I don't think it is. I'm willing to change my vote. Yesterday I voted for Crane A2. I could get there again. I prefer A2 to A1 I'm also willing to change my vote to cardinal. Is there anyone else willing to change your votes?

If you are say it now so we can discuss it before we go to a final vote.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Changing your vote to a map that hasn't really been nominated, what good is that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can I make a motion at this point that we move to the fifth vote?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Seconded.

>> CHAIR EID: I think we went over that yesterday, correct?

The rules say that the Chairman or the Vice Chairman will call for a vote. I just want to make sure everybody has all of their discussion finished and then I will call for a vote.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner has her hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I think we owe it to the public to vote and get it over with. And to quit putting forth cardinal that wasn't even an option and nobody really liked it to begin with. So can we just vote?

>> CHAIR EID: I will call for the vote when we are ready. I do like cardinal. It is an option.

it is a...you know it is one of the preferred options, while it's not my first choice, my second choice. Does anyone else have it at all high, Commissioners?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Chair, there is a motion and a second on the table that you need to deal with before resuming discussion.

>> CHAIR EID: Was there a second to that motion?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: There was by Commissioner Wagner.

>> CHAIR EID: All right I did not hear it. What was the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: To commence the fifth vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay that motion is out of order with our rules. We are almost there though, calling for it soon if nobody wants to talk.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would like to make a motion to overrule the Chair.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Seconded. I think it's ridiculous that you're pummeling us for votes to go your way so can we just get this over with?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Amen.

>> CHAIR EID: There is a motion and a second to overrule the ruling of the Chair. I'm just trying to follow our rules, not trying to pummel any votes and make sure we have a good discussion before going to the ranked choice voting and I think we are almost done but there is a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion to overrule the Chair?

Seeing none we will vote if we can get a roll call, please, I will be abstaining of course.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Absolutely, Chair. This is to appeal the decision of the Chair ruling the motion to call for a vote out of order. If you want to overturn the decision of the Chair, if you support appealing that you would vote yes. If you want the decision of the Chair to stand, you would vote no. I will begin in alphabetical order with Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange if you voted I was unable to hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Since it goes against our procedures I'm going to say no.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: No.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: No Commissioner Curry, no, and Chair you are abstaining, you are required to abstain so with a vote of two yes to ten no, the motion fails but the decision of the Chair stands.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Schaar and thank you Commissioners. We will return to discussion. Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I just wanted to add to the discussion. We received over all likes and dislikes. Tom Ivako was able to kind of further, pars through his analysis and when we are looking at map names we are Szetela plan 404, 194 likes. 41 dislikes. The net likes are 153. We have the Heron plan, plan 376. 181 likes. 54 likes. 127 with net likes. We have the Kellom plan, plan 403, 67 likes, 24 dislikes, 43 net likes then it goes Crane after Kellom, Curry, cardinal, Lange, Starling, Wagner, Orton, Finch, Dove. I think the thing for me that is interesting is that though it's that the Kellom plan has 24 dislikes, looking at all the plans, it is least disliked, although not perfect. And I think that's worthy for discussion. We are talking about a plan that maybe is a middle ground between Crane, Szetela for whatever reason, I think the Kellom plan formerly known as Phoenix is a middle ground that would if we are going to use the word compromise it would be that plan. And so, again, a broken record, but I can't vote for a plan that is going to set Detroiters and Metro Detroit back. In my heart of hearts that is what I believe will happen with Crane. I think it does not promise some of the things that were laid out. And I also agree with what Commissioner Callaghan said earlier regarding it being a hypocritical choice. I'm not trying to smear anyone but if we are going off of process and not wanting to use an individual plan, the Crane has strong bones for both, for both of the things people are saying they are voting for so, again, if the public came in here today and said they love Crane and gave all these different reasons why they love Crane. You would have Brittini Kellom the democrat changing and naying voting for Crane, but I have not got strong from Commissioners and are silent getting ready to vote and not heard strong comments from the public. So Crane is a no and continues to remain a no for some other folks who are hoping to switch their folks.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Brittini, I see how you can say what you said. But I disagree with you 100%. I think Crane is what the people want. They have been wanting it for the last three years and now they hopefully will get it. Just because a handful of folk came in here yesterday and today that does not mean anything to me. It's just that they gave their opinion. And most people give the opinions of what they personally want. I give my opinion of what I think is best for the people or the courts what they are asking us to do.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes. I agree to a certain extent. I think if I were to dig a little deeper and tread dangerous ground the District in Crane that basically just has becomes one big Detroit District what it does is it gives possibly a Black representative who is used to being chosen because of popularity or familiar name, it gives too much political power which is going to turn into communities that we are saying we care about being disenfranchised. It lumps people together. They should not all be together. And there is a different way to break it up where those communities because Detroit is a big place get specialized attention. There is no way, and we owe it to our fellow Commissioners to have that open discussion that are not from Detroit. They don't drive

up and down 8 Mile. They haven't lived in the Bagley community. They have not lived in some of the places Juanita that you and I have lived or even Commissioner Eid. And so they are depending on what they hear from us.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just for a second apologies Commissioner Kellom, could you slow down just a little bit for our interpreters, please.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange. No if I was talking fast it had to be because typically I'm not a rapid talker so thank you. Our Commissioners don't. And beyond being tired they are listening for something that sounds genuine. And I think Commissioner Curry you are being genuine. I think so am I. But I think if we are being honest people, yep I said I think if you are honest.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Think it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Oh, goodness. So I just think that where we have heard Black people say we want representation for Detroiters since we don't want to get into this entanglement of race. We heard Detroiters say we want representation and not specific but doing their best to communicate that in my area I want someone that can speak to my neighborhood. And it is not just about slamming neighborhoods together. It's about doing so thoughtfully and there are maps that do it better and the numbers match. And I have heard this Commission speak to the fact in the past that metrics matter, so I'm not sure why in this conversation we are wiping that clean. So I still implore my peers because ultimately we are the conduits and represent people in the vote people who do not look like you and you get to go back to your own cities and dig deep in a good job and be thoughtful why you are making choices.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Same to you.

>> CHAIR EID: Any more discussion, Commissioners?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: People keep looking at me.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Andrade I don't want to put you on the spot, but do you want to change your vote?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I do want to say and reiterate if I'm voting by the numbers and being passionate about it I cannot change my vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. With that said I will now call for a Commissioner to make a motion to have the secretary take a roll call vote for the final Senate remedial map.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion and a second. Is there any debate on the motion? All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: All those opposed?

All right we can get a roll from the secretary.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Absolutely. The motion before you is to conduct the fifth vote, the final vote for the final selection of a final state sunset remedial plan to submit to the

District Court. When I call your name please state the name of the map you are voting for. We will begin this time with Commissioner Lange I believe you are up first this time.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Lucky number one. Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Crane A1. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Vallette?

Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Chair, the vote does fail. Crane A1 received a majority with nine votes but it did fail to achieve two votes from Commissioners affiliating as democrats. The Kellom map received three votes and the Szetela V3 map received one vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Schaar. So we have no consensus through the constitutional majority process. We will now move on to step three, the ranked voting process. This process has been described at length from our counsel. Mr. Fink, do you have anything to add about it?

>> NATE FINK: I do not. I'm happy to answer any questions. I would encourage Commissioners to ask any questions that they might have. You know, as you indicated we discussed this at length but I'm happy to answer any questions about it. Discussed it last week and yesterday to provide that overview. But I don't have anything to add.

>> CHAIR EID: Are there any questions for Mr. Fink about what the ranked voting process entails?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think it would be appropriate to run through the procedure before we get started.

>> NATE FINK: Happy for do so. Commissioner Lange had her hand up, but now it's down so Commissioner Lange did you have a question before I start it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You are going to do the whole thing so proceed.

>> NATE FINK: So, again, the procedure right now is up on the screen for anybody who has got their devices in front of them. The procedure is as follows: The secretary will call on each Commissioner in alphabetical order for each Commissioner to audibly indicate the draft proposed map they would like to submit for the ranked choice voting. Each Commissioner may submit one draft proposed map for consideration. It's not a requirement but you may submit one draft proposed map for consideration. More than one Commissioner may submit the same draft proposed map. So back to my example from yesterday if we have let's say we have got plans ABC and D, you can have more than one Commissioner submit plan A. If they want to. And for purposes of calculating and determining which plan prevails, the submitting Commissioner, the party affiliation of the submitting Commissioner of a plan is relevant to that determination. So, again, more than one Commissioner may submit the same proposed map. The secretary will record which Commissioner has submitted which draft proposed map and the Commissioner's corresponding party affiliation. The secretary will create a form Microsoft form live during this session while screen sharing containing all names of draft proposed maps that were submitted pursuant to the previous step, step 3A for Commissioners to rank in order of preference. With number one top rank being the most preferred. And the last ranked plan being least preferred. So again in my ABCD example, if your top preferred plan is plan A then you rank that number one. And then you rank down from there. So your least preferred map in the ABCD example if D is your least preferred then D would be ranked last. But you will be required to rank all of the plans. So you can't just select one plan. You will have to rank all of the plans that are submitted for through step three A.

There was a question yesterday and I'm sort of jumping ahead a little bit but I think it's an appropriate time to state it which is although maps can be submit -- plans can be submitted by more than one Commissioner if a plan is submitted by more than one Commissioner it will only appear once in the ranked choice ballot. However, again, the party affiliation associated with that plan, again, plan A if it's submitted by both a republican and a democrat, it will still be noted for the record as both a republican and democratic submission for purposes of determining whether that particular plan prevails once we get to calculating the numbers. Commissioner Szetela, has her hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm a little confused on that point. So would you then be like if a democrat submits it and a republican submits it, you're going to look for one democrat, so let's just start with the republican you have a republican that submits it.

You would then need either two democrats, two independents or an independent and a democrat?

>> NATE FINK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: To be winning and if the map is submitted by both like a democrat, an independent and a republican you are going to do that test for each party, is that how it works, does that make sense?

>> NATE FINK: Yes. So in your example, if you have a plan that is submitted plan, under my example, if you have plan A that is submitted by both a republican and a democrat and we are sort of jumping ahead here a little bit but if that plan is also receives the most, is the highest I don't know what the terminology is exactly but receives the most points we then have to go and look at and determine whether it is also ranked in the top half of at least two Commissioners who don't affiliate with the submitting Commissioner. So in that circumstance you would need at least one, it would need to be ranked in the highest, in the top half of at least one republican and one unaffiliated. Or one democrat and one unaffiliated or two republicans or two democrats. Because it still qualifies as a submission by both parties. I see I may have misstated something. I see my Schaar has raised her hand.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Not that you misstated but wondering if I could be just a little bit. We would essentially isolate each submitter and analyze them separately. So if it is the highest vote getter, that was submitted by two people, I will look at the first person that submitted it and analyze it to determine if two people that affiliate with a different party have it in their top half. If it doesn't I will then move to the second submitter and analyze that separately. Does that help, Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah.

>> NATE FINK: Thank you and clarifies it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Clarifies it. Along those same lines if someone already submits the map I want to submit I don't need to resubmit it. Does every Commissioner have to give a choice?

>> NATE FINK: Every Commissioner does not. The constitutional language says may, not must, it's a question whether a Commissioner has to submit a proposed map for consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So if someone says Crane who is an independent and I'm like okay I'm good with that when you come to my turnip good with what is submitted.

>> NATE FINK: Because someone of your affiliation has already submitted that plan so you don't need to also submit it to make it eligible to be affiliated in that example.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Exactly.

>> NATE FINK: Right, yeah, for that particular plan that would be right. Although again I see Ms. Schaar has her hand up so if she has.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: One thing to keep in mind in that hypothetical is that only plans submitted for ranked choice voting would go on to be eligible in a random draw. And at the time of random draw, if two nonaffiliates submitted the same plan, that plan name will be in the random draw for two separate spots. Does that make sense?

So.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: It appears once for your ranked choice vote it would appear twice for a subsequent random draw if we got to that point.

>> NATE FINK: Right and that is a good point and a very important clarification as well.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton has a question as well on this topic.

>> NATE FINK: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Ms. Schaar, kind of just touch on this but just to clarify so the more times, the more Commissioners that put in a map it goes into the random draw if we get to that stage that many times?

>> NATE FINK: Correct, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> NATE FINK: To go back to my hypo, if a republican and a democrat both submit plan A of the BCDEs and submit A it will appear once on the ranked choice voting, plan A will appear once but if we don't select a map through ranked choice voting that plan that was submitted twice, right, by two different Commissioners plan A will be in the virtual hat so to speak that gets drawn from if we do get to the random draw. Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, thank you.

>> NATE FINK: And Commissioner Lange has her hand up as well.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just going to put it out here so say you have three maps submitted and whatever people put them in they are ranked so if you have two people that put it as their first, that's going to get four points. And then if somebody puts it as their second that would get three points and so on and so forth down the line until it gets to like a single point, correct?

Then all of the points are added up to come up with a number that that map received, correct?

>> NATE FINK: That's correct. And just to be clear I think you are going along with my hypothetical of the four plans, ABCD assuming there are four plans. Whatever the total number of plans that are in the ranked choice voting process that the highest-ranking plan received for each Commissioner would receive the most -- the largest number of points. So again if there are four plans like you said the first ranked plan would receive four points down to one point for the lowest ranked plan for each Commissioners and they are tallied up and the plan that received the highest number of points and also ranked in the top half for two Commissioners who don't affiliate with the

submitting Commissioner, would be the plan that gets selected. Does that clarify Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, thank you very much.

>> NATE FINK: Commissioner Callaghan has her hand up.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I have to ask this question. What's the top half?

If there is an odd number of plans?

>> NATE FINK: That's a good question.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: I apologize Mr. Fink. If there are three plans it would just be ranked as number one because number two if you are looking at percentages is no longer in the top 50%. If you have five it would be it has to be ranked in the top two.

>> NATE FINK: So, sorry, and I was just referencing back to a note that I had. There was a memo on this issue that was actually the subject of one of the memos the subject of the Detroit news litigation now a few years ago. But the guidance that was provided then by the legal team is I will read it if there is an odd number of plans that top half would be calculating by rounding down from the half to reach the closest whole figure. So if there were 7 plans the top half would consist of three plans. Not three and a half or four. Does that make sense?

Okay, all right, I'm seeing you nod. So good.

So are there any other questions at this point or I can continue on?

I think we sort of touched on the various concepts through these questions, but I will just continue on so we can have an explanation. So as I indicated the secretary will create the form on the screen here. Commissioners will rank in order of preference with number one being most preferred and the last ranked plan being least preferred. Once created the secretary will send an e-mail to each of the Commissioners containing a link to the form. And the link will not be publicly disclosed to secure a secure vote among the Commissioners. Each Commissioner will have ten minutes to complete the form and submit their preferred map Rankings. If my understanding is that all Commissioners have access to an Internet connection today but if for some reason they don't, if any Commissioner due to lack of Internet connection or technical issues is unable to use the Microsoft form they will convey their preferred Rankings to the secretary verbally and publicly for the secretary to record. After the ten minutes allotted for completing the ranked choice form expired and each Commissioner present at the meeting has voted the secretary will tally the votes. The secretary will read each Commissioner's ranked votes allowed for each Commissioner to audibly won't firm their vote on the record one at a time in alphabetical order. And then we will have the secretary tally the votes. Each plan is assigned a point value as I referenced before and this is language that comes right out of the Constitution each plan will be assigned a point value in verse to the ranking with the number of choices giving the lowest ranked plan one point and the highest ranked plan the lowest is least preferred highest rank most preferred, the highest ranked plan a point value equal to the number of plans

submitted. The Commission shall adopt the plan receiving the highest total points also ranked on the top half of plans by at least two Commissioners not affiliated with the party of the Commissioner submitting the plan. Or in the case of a plan submitted by a nonaffiliated Commissioner it's ranked among the top, my cheat sheet, the top half of plans by at least two Commissioners affiliated with a major party. I'm not going to go back over what happens when you have unless anybody wants me to plans that we already have a discussion with a couple minutes ago about plans submitted by more than one Commissioner as Ms. Schaar we will sort of go through that analysis looking at each in order of when they were submitted as to what the party affiliation was. If you have a plan that was submitted by more than one Commissioner or Commissioners that affiliate from different parties or are affiliated.

The secretary shall announce the ranked sheet to display the value by each plan. The results will publicly be on the website as part of the public record. If plans are tied for the highest point total, the secretary will use an independent accounting firm to randomly select the final remedial State Senate plan from the tied plans. If no plan meets the requirements of this, this is the constitutional subsection art 4 Section 6 subsection 14C3. That's the ranked choice voting provision, the secretary shall use an independent accounting firm to randomly select the final remedial State Senate plan from among all U submitted plans that were submitted for ranked choice voting. Again as Ms. Schaar indicated and we just discussed, each plan that gets submitted for consideration under ranked choice although it will only appear once if it's submitted more than once it will only appear once in the ranked choice voting. If we get to the random draw it will appear, it will be included in the virtual hat that gets drawn from each time that it's submitted. So if a plan is submitted more than once, submitted by more than one Commissioner it will be in there twice or however many times it gets submitted, it will be in the virtual hat to draw from.

And like I indicated the secretary will use the independent firm to draw from those submitted plans and any random selection shall occur no later than today. So I'm happy to answer any additional questions. I think we heard good questions along the way there. But I do want to make sure that everybody fully understands this process now that we are about to commence with it.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Fink. Any questions for Mr. Fink on this process or this subsequent random drawing since he touched on that?

I want to make sure everyone is clear on how this works before we do it. Commissioner Curry, I thought I saw your hand. Okay.

So we are on step three ranked voting. We are now on part B. The secretary will create a Microsoft form live during the public session while screen sharing containing all names of draft proposed maps subsequent to step 3A for Commissioners to rank in order of preference with number one being the most preferred and the last ranked plan being least preferred. Once created the secretary will send an e-mail to each

Commissioner containing a link to the form, the link will not be publicly disclosed in order the link will not be publicly disclosed to secure a vote among only Commissioners. I will turn it to the secretary to do that.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you, Chair. I'm going to go ahead and share my screen over here and I'm going to try and share two documents at once so I'm hoping you can read this on your screen. Can you see the map choices and then my spreadsheet?

>> CHAIR EID: We can but we do have a few hands raised and make sure we get to them. Can you speak into the microphone?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was saying I don't have a computer. So I'm going to need the paper to do mine.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Well, there is no paper option, Commissioner Curry, as Mr. Fink noted. If you are unable to do it the electronically once the votes are submitted, I will then ask any Commissioners if they were unable to use the Microsoft form. And if so you can relay your ranking aloud to me and I will input it into our Microsoft program. But that will come once we get to that point.

>> CHAIR EID: You're sending it to our e-mail, right?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Correct.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there another computer around that Commissioner Curry could use to access her e-mail?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Once I put mine in she can log in on mine and do it from there, can't she?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, we will try to have it so he/she can do it online, if not we will do it the verbal way that Ms. Schaar just indicated. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was basically going to say the same thing. I see some Commissioners don't have their computer in front of them so I wondered what we would do.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, Ms. Schaar take it away.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you, at this point I will be requesting Commissioners to submit to me the name of the map that they would like included in the ranked choice process. Again, it's important to remember that the submissions at this point will be used for random draw if we get there, down the line. In our rotating alphabetical order, this time I am beginning with Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela V3 version 3.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Vallette?

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Crane A1.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner if you are there I could not hear you.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Oh, my goodness. I am here. You can't hear me?
 - >> MEGAN SCHAAR: I can now.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm sorry Crane A1.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. Commissioner Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Crane A1.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade?
- >> ELAINE ANDRADE: Kellom.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Callaghan?
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Kellom.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Curry?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Crane A1.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Eid?
- >> CHAIR EID: Kellom.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kellom.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Lange.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you, so at this time I will begin making the Microsoft form. My apologies. Not sure why it just did that. Okay so I'm going to create a new form. This is going to be a ranking system. And the unique options that we have are Crane A1. Kellom. Lange. And Szetela V3. That is all four of them. And then I'm going to stop sharing my screen at this point. That will be the only question. And so that the URL is not shown I'm going to stop sharing the screen and get that copied to send to all of the Commissioners in an e-mail. Okay that e-mail is on the way to all of your in boxes now. When it is received, you may begin voting. Okay I have received responses from nine Commissioners. But I have been informed that several Commissioners will need to relay the information to me verbally. Are there four of you total that need to relay that information verbally?
Because if so that would be our remaining votes that we are waiting on.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Could you repeat that Ms. Schaar, I'm sorry I did not catch all of it.
- >> MEGAN SCHAAR: I received responses from nine Commissioners, but I was informed that several Commissioners are having technical issues accessing the form and will have to verbally give me their vote. And so I'm just wondering how many Commissioners that is.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Ms. Schaar we have four people here who has some challenges that will need to provide their votes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Wonderful.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to confirm Commissioner Wagner were you able to vote?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: She was.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay, great, thank you.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Okay so those are our final four Commissioners that need to vote. So I will go through in alphabetical order and request that you rank the four maps in order of your preference. Let me do this first so that you have something to view. I'm going to share my screen again. Let me Zoom in because I know last time it was very difficult to read my screen. Okay, so the first Commissioner that needs to relay their vote verbally would be Commissioner Curry. So can you give me in order of preference your first choice then second, third and fourth?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay for the first one is, where did it go, first one is, do I have to name the name of a person first? Okay who had Crane one?

>> CHAIR EID: So just to be clear, hold on, just to be clear Commissioner Curry you're stating your preference on the maps. So state your favorite one first and then your second favorite one and then your third favorite one and your fourth favorite one in order of your preference.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I got you Crane A1 my first one. Szetela V3 my second one. Lange my third one. Kellom, my fourth one.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you very much, Commissioner Curry. Okay, bear with me, Commissioners. Actually I'm going to stop sharing for just a moment because I need to make it so that I'm able to respond to the form more than once. We are back up and running and apologize for that. The next Commissioner I need to relay their vote to me verbally is Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Kellom, Crane A1, Szetela V3, Lange.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you very much. Next is Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kellom, Szetela version 3, Lange, Crane A1.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Kellom, Szetela version 3, Lange, Crane A1; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: And finally the last individual I need a vote from is Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay Crane A1, Lange, Szetela, and Kellom.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Crane A1, Lange, Szetela and Kellom. Okay Commissioners I am now going to share a different part of my screen and confirm your votes. So in this spreadsheet these are the points assigned to the map. So it will be inverse to your

ranking. And so as I confirm it you will see I will first read the line ranked four because that would be your top choice, your top choice receives four votes. So I will begin doing this and confirming your vote beginning I believe we are at Commissioner Muldoon.
Commissioner Muldoon.

>> CHAIR EID: Ms. Schaar.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there any way you can make the font bigger.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Yes, absolutely. My apologies.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Or just enlarge it so it's over a hundred percent, that could also work besides changing the font.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: I'm going to have to scroll back and forth.

you won't be able to see it all at once, but I will have the Commissioner that I'm asking first. And actually let me see you're not going to be able to see the map names but they are in alphabetical order so you have, let me see if I can just freeze this.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You can go down to the lower right corner, there is a slider bar there or you can go a little less than 200 or go to 150. That might be better. So right now that is a hundred. So, there you go.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: How is that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Then you can probably reduce the size of the map name column so if you go up and toggle, yep, there you go.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you Commissioner Szetela I appreciate it. Put me on the spot makes it harder than I would like to admit. Okay now can you read it number one?

And see all of the columns number two?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Okay so I will begin with Commissioner Muldoon. Is the ranking that you provided with Crane A1 as your top choice, Kellom as your second choice, Lange as your third choice and Szetela V3 as your fourth choice?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. And as we go through, I will just make your name green as it's confirmed. Commissioner Orton, is the correct ranking you submitted Crane A1 as your top choice, Lange as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Szetela, is the correct ranking for your Szetela V3 as your top choice, Crane A1 as your second choice, Lange as your third choice and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Vallette, is your correct ranking Crane A1 as your first choice, Lange as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner, is the correct ranking Crane A1 as your first choice, Lange as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice and Kellom as your fourth choice?

Commissioner Wagner, if you indicated that was your preference I did not hear you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Ms. Schaar I believe she is on attendees on the phone so she might need to get transferred over.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, ma'am.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Did you hear your ranking and is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It is correct, yes, ma'am.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you very much and thank you Director Woods for flagging that for me. Commissioner Weiss, is your correct ranking Crane A1 as your top choice, Lange as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice, and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is correct.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. Commissioner Andrade, is your correct ranking Kellom as your first choice, Crane A1 as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice and Lange as your fourth choice?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes, it is.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Callaghan, is your ranking Kellom as your first choice, Szetela V3 as your second choice, Lange as your third choice, and Crane A1 as your fourth choice?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes, it is.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Curry, is your correct ranking Crane A1 as your first choice, Szetela V3 as your second choice, Lange as your third choice, and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is correct.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. Commissioner Eid, is your correct ranking Kellom as your first choice, Crane A1 as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice, and Lange as your fourth choice?

>> CHAIR EID: That is correct.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. Commissioner Kellom, is your correct ranking Kellom as your first choice, Szetela V3 as your second choice, Lange as your third choice, and Crane A1 as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes and kudos to you Megan for doing this keep going.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange is your correct ranking Crane A1 as your first choice, Lange as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice and Kellom as your fourth choice?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, it is.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you and finally Commissioner Lett, is your correct ranking Crane A1 as your first choice, Kellom as your second choice, Szetela V3 as your third choice, and Lange as your first choice?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's correct.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you. That confirms that all of the Commissioners' votes have been properly input. Thankfully for technology that means that our highest vote getter with 43 points is Crane A1. And now we need to verify that Crane A1 received -- was voted in the top half of two Commissioners affiliating with a different party than those than one that submitted it. So I would like to refer back, not sure how to share my screen and do this at the same time so I think I'm just going to do this verbally unfortunately. Bear with me here a moment. So Crane A1 was submitted first alphabetically by Commissioner Curry who affiliates as a democrat so it would need to be in the top half of two Commissioners that affiliate with a party other than the democratic party and I can confirm that the Crane A1 map is the highest point getter and is in the top half of two Commissioners' ranking with a party that is different than the democratic party.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Schaar.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thanks, Chair.

>> CHAIR EID: Did you have -- I did not mean to interrupt you. Did you have anything else?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: You are fine. I was just going to indicate for the record that it was in the top half of Commissioner Lange, Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Muldoon's ranking, all four of those individuals are different than the democratic party and affiliate with the republican party. It also was in the top half for Commissioner Andrade, although Commissioner Andrade is a democrat. So I take that back. Of Commissioner Eid, Commissioner Lett, Commissioner Szetela, Commissioner Vallette and Commissioner Weiss, so that is five individuals who do not affiliate with either major party.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Schaar. We have a map, folks Crane A1. Can we get the rest of the count, Ms. Schaar, as well just for the record?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Are you referring to total points?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Absolutely Crane A1 received 43 points. Szetela V3 received 30 points. Kellom received 29 points. And Lange received 28 points. Thank you. That

completes the Senate mapping deliberations. Congratulations, everyone. However the agenda is not complete yet. We will now move on to item 6 on the agenda approval of the minutes. Are there any motions Commissioners.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, I have a motion that we table all remaining agenda items, except for announcements and once that is completed we adjourn.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion?

Commissioner Lange?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Really quickly Commissioner Lange, I apologize, Chair, I just did not catch the motion. If you don't mind having it repeated.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes go-ahead Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Table all of the remaining items on the agenda with the exception of announcements and then adjourn.

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Two quick questions can anybody tell me when our next meeting is?

And are the other items just like the executive update?

I don't have the agenda in front of me so Executive Director MDOS updates in the minutes is that all that was left?

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Woods, would you like to respond to that.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I believe you are asking Commissioner Lange on the agenda are the minutes and the report is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: The next meeting is July 18th at 10:00 a.m.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you very much. That is all I want, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Any other discussion on the motion?

Hearing none we will move to vote. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: All those opposed?

The ayes have it we will move on to announcements are there any announcements? Mr. Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I would like to thank everyone that put this together, as you guys know we met last week and there was a decision by the Commission to meet in person. And there was a lot of schedules that were adjusted in order for this to happen. And I would be remiss if I didn't thank regional sign language interpreters, Bethany and Rebecca. I want to give them a shout out and a round of applause for the adjustment. That they have done. I have been educated about the scheduling and what

goes entail with regards to this and this is not a small feat so to have them available and making this adjustment is greatly appreciated and respected. And wanted to share that with them publicly and then also do something privately with them as well. So once again thank you so much to regional sign language interpreters. Also like to thank Annette Blough with QA captions and does all of the closed captions, that is really important when it came to the UM data to look at the public comments and turn it around and Annette is a true superstar and would be remiss if we did not thank Annette with a round of applause. I would like to thank the Michigan Department of State team and have been truly phenomenal talking about meeting and going back and forth. As you know that team is led by Mike Brady who is with the Department of State and thank Sarah Reinhardt as well who is the deputy director for external affairs, want to thank her. Also would like to thank Megan Schaar who stepped in as you can see, you might not see her today but she has multiple screens and you might think she is security but she is actually serving the MICRC and Megan we just want to thank you for the adjustments that you have made in the schedule to make sure everything has gone well. And also like to thank Ms. Yvonne young who is here with us and have been on loan but seems to be the loan has been permanent. So just really want to thank her for being here and adjusting the schedule. Also like to thank our Chase Creative team. They made some adjustments to make sure that we are here. So we can give the Michigan department state staff a round of applause. Let's do it separately so we can make sure they feel the love. And then Chase Creative want to thank Mary Pratt who I work with and organize and Alex and Matt who are the leads and forgot to distinguished lady, I want to make sure I have your name correct Andrea as well so thank you again with regards to that. That has been helpful. Also would like to thank our own Kristin Taylor who has been with us and assisting us and in the scenes and behind the scenes and I also forgot Erin-Lillie and you may have met her and sorry about that with the Michigan Department of State. This has truly been a team effort in addition to thanking the public for being engaged. I want to thank each and every one of you individually and collectively. Because it's been an honor to work for the Commission in the purest form of democracy. We showed that democracy can happen for the people, by the people, with the people through 13 distinguished Commissioners as well as those who left us prior to. So in addition to Commissioner Marcus Muldoon, Commissioner Richard Weiss, Commissioner Juanita Curry, Commissioner Elaine Andrade, Cynthia Orton and Commissioner Janice Vallette and Anthony Eid and Commissioner Steven Lett and Commissioner Brittini Kellom and Commissioner Rhonda Lange and Donna Callaghan and Commissioner Erin Wagner and Commissioner Rebecca Szetela and thank the three former Commissioners and shout out to Doug Clark's family and MC Rothhorn and Commissioner Dustin Witjes for an opportunity of a lifetime. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And thank you to our Executive Director Edward Woods, III.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is Mr. Fink still on the line?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I'm so sorry, please, Steve.

>> NATE FINK: No, that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We would like to thank our counsel, Nate Fink and the junior counsel David Fink.

>> NATE FINK: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: For all of their help in this. Thank you guys, I don't know if anybody from Baker is listening, but we would certainly like to thank them. We would as well like to thank John and John I don't know your last name John Morgan. And your cohort Kent Stigall and Kim.

>> And Ryan.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And Ryan, there we go. I think that's about everybody.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We want to recognize VRA which was separate but also a part of the Baker team. Mark Braden, Taylor Thompson and Dr. Max well palmer and with election data service our partisan fairness expert Dr. Lisa Handley. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: With that and that announcements are completed, and we are adjourned at 4:31 p.m. Thank you, folks.