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>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:04 a.m.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending remotely and disclose your physically attending from. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical corridor starting with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present. Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda. So moved. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes. Seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn. Is there discussion or debate on the motion?

Seeing none we will now vote all in favor please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have one minute to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is number one.

>> Good morning. My name is Joseph Davis. I'm an international representative of electrical workers representing thousands across the State of Michigan. I'm coming today as a Greater Lansing resident. I want to thank you for the work you have done on the State Senate maps and it is proved that you can have communities of interest and partisan fairness at the same time. I applaud you for your efforts in that regard. I encourage you to use the same mindset while drawing the rest of your maps this week. So in regarding the house maps, I would be -- that you will be discussing today or later this week please unpack Greater Lansing in the name of communities of interest and

fairness. Listen to the comments you received at the Lansing public hearing. As the best geographical, specific way to do that. Those changes will help your overall maps. In closing I just want to say I believe the intent is to have maps that allow voters to elect politicians not politicians choosing the voters for the one favor of one party or the other.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number two.

>> Good morning, Commissioners. My name is John Snyder and I'm a Lansing resident. I see the smile you recognize me that is great. I just want to thank you. I was looking over the Senate map I believe you guys recently did and it was clear how much you have been listening to us and taking our comments seriously and trying to build the -- a map that takes communities of interest and political fairness altogether and it meshes really well and I was impressed with it and look forward to seeing your Congressional and house maps as well. As has by said by my before it would be advantageous for your maps as a whole if you consider unpacking Lansing as well. Into at least four or five districts. There are plenty of people who have more knowledge that have given you testimony about this. I know at least where I live it would be really advantageous for my communities of interest. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number three.

>> Hello, my name is Nathaniel and I live in a Lansing suburb called Waverly and lived in Michigan whole life. First, I'd like to thank the Commission for the work you have done thus far. I think the new State Senate map is a big improvement on the current map. However, I do think the State House maps I've seen could be improved on. In my opinion the Greater Lansing area is over packed, unpack the Lansing five. That's what it will take to give these communities the representation they deserve in the state legislature and it's a necessary component of preserving partisan fairness for the overall state house map. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number four.

>> Good morning, Commissioners my name is Sarah Howard. I'm the counsel for the Michigan AFLCIO's fair maps project. The Michigan AFLCIO does not necessarily categorically disagree the districts below 50% BVAP may satisfy the Voting Rights Act. It may be possible for such Districts to allow the African/American community to elect the representative of its choice. But a theory is one thing and applying it to real life is another. The burden of proof is on the Commission to run a racially polarized voting analysis on each of your draft VRA districts. To assess whether each one would actually allow the Black community to elect the representative of its choice. That analysis must be taken into account more than just a single primary election. That analysis may show that you need to make adjustments or could prove your districts are fine but you won't know until you check and the people of Michigan won't know either. Thank you again for your work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number five.

>> Good morning I'm crystal Boyd and I'm Sarah Howard's legal assist and. We wanted to thank you for working towards partisan fairness in your maps. And thank you for being realistic and recognizing the difference between safe seats and swing seats. The State House is by far the most challenging chamber to draw. The fair maps project was intended to show you one way to get to fair maps. Our map is much more compact than your drafts. And keeps many more cities and Counties together especially in Metro Detroit. It also unpacks vote seats across the state in a way that is consistent with communities of interest. And it has a very small republican bias. Hundreds of people have put hundreds of people gave input on our fair maps project. And hundreds have asked you to consider it. Be independent thinkers but please don't be afraid to learn from our efforts. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number six.

>> Good morning.

My name is Media I'm retired from UAW652 and I'm presently the president of labor Council for Latin American advancement the Greater Lansing area chapter. I have spoken to you many times over the last over the past few months and I appreciate your work. I'm impressed with the recent work on your most recent Senate map. Thank you for listening to the public in regards to communities of interest as well as getting close to 0% partisan bias. They are not perfect but they are fair. As someone who has lived in Lansing for many years, I know how important our region is to our state. I encourage you to use your same thinking in regards to the other maps you are drawing for fairness across the board. As we move on to the state one way you can get close to fairness while representing communities is to unpack Lansing. At the Lansing public hearing you heard dozens of comments on the fairest ways to do that. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Do we have anybody else for in person? Six was the last count I had. All right, thank you everybody.

So individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. I will call on your name and our staff will unmute you. If could are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak.

If you are on the phone, a voice will say that the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call on you by your name.

If you experience technical or audio issues and we do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds, we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you after they are done speaking. If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov and we will help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later hearing or meeting.

You will have one minute to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is James Gallant. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> James Gallant, Marquette, these are my opinions. What this Commission is calling your own unique model of consensus building offenses Robert's Rules of Order and a loose version of the Dutch polar model they use in the kingdom of the Netherlands. Remember that doing the wrong thing for the right reasons is still wrong. And that's in your rules now. It's in the Roberts rules. So just remember that Commissioner Curry spoke to your side agreements yesterday. The Chair has no more authority than the other members said decisions by two or three people has to stop. It never should have started. That is the semblance of order. This is how and I believe that Commissioner Kellom should apologize for calling the Lange's maps discriminatory without any I mean they were analyzed right, they are within the perimeters right so what did she mean? She should apologize to me also. And all the people that voted to let this cluster exist. So please consider what the Senate oversight committee has asked for your documents and please consider publishing all the documents.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Ms. T.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Numbers 1, 2 and oh, apologies number 2, 3 and 4 are not present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I knew what you meant. 2, 3 and 4. Tarun Aggarwal.

>> My name is Tarun and just wanted to thank you so much for all the hard work you have been doing. And I just wanted to say that keeping the House Districts really fair for all the minority groups and you know just following how the voting rights act is established and but all of the hard work you have been doing is really just graceful and keeping it and keep going with integrity and just the fairness. That is all I wanted to say.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 6 is Linda.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay what about Andrew Chicotel.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Awesome thank you so much for having me. My name is Andrew Chicotel and I just wanted to put in my words to support the AFLCIO's State House map. I think that this represents a partisanly fair map. I just want to encourage that we all follow the Voting Rights Act and allow for minority and majority representation that we keep our ratios proper. Yeah. You know partisan fairness is important. And I appreciate your work on it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Tina I'm sorry looks like we have an in person commenter who has just come in number 7 you can approach the microphone.

>> Hello, hi my name is Mari and I just wanted to say thank you for all of your great hard work. And so I believe the map labelled SD version 3 that is dated October 29, 2021, is very good. And like everyone else I would thank you please keep working towards partisan fairness and following the Voting Rights Act. Also once again please consider counting prisoners in the districts where they reside rather than where they are incarcerated. The census actually has a tool that you can actually use to do that. So I think that would be great because it is a huge issue, a lot of other states are doing it and we should be on the for front of civil rights for Michigan thank you thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Okay we are going to go back to Commissioner Curry I see you have joined the meeting can you indicate where you are coming in remote from for the record?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I'm presently here and I'm attending the meeting from Detroit, Michigan. Sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right. She just froze. All right Tina Bednarski-Lynch.

>> A resident of Jackson County Michigan I've heard from activist that Jackson County should be connected with the City of Ann Arbor. Their only real motivation is political. You were in Jackson County in May and you were here you heard very different arguments.

In fact, your initial drafting you properly followed our community of interest. Now after being persuaded by democrat partisans you have thrown aside the actual Jackson community which is vastly different interests from Ann Arbor. As can be seen by how differently we vote and you have cracked Ann Arbor to change our area. Please undo this gerrymander. Jackson County has a small City distinctly differ from Ann Arbor. Jackson is shrinking Ann Arbor is growing the City of Ann Arbor. Jackson is a small portion, the City of Jackson is a small portion of the total Jackson County population where Ann Arbor the City is a major population makeup of Washtenaw County. I'm also concerned that this meeting is being held during working hours making it very different for working people to have a voice in this meeting unless they are able to jump on by Zoom which you can't if you are working.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Anthony Skinnell.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That participant is not currently present and number 10 is also not present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Aaron Sternaman.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, briefly, can you still hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, Aaron S here. I think I'm in Benton charter Township at Lake Michigan college. Thank you for having me and for redrawing these maps. I just want to say three things. The lakeshore House District from New Buffalo I'm in Southwest Michigan.

The lakeshore House District from New Buffalo north to South Haven is a strong community of interest in my opinion. Please consider adding Saugatuck and bring the coastal cities together. The Senate map looks good now but you could improve Southwest Michigan simply by bringing Holland south to St. Joseph rather than connecting Benton Harbor to Byron Township like it is now. Holland and the lakeshore would make for a better Senate District. And my third point is that keeping Kalamazoo and Benton Harbor together for the Congressional District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 12, Eric Lester.

>> Hi, I hope you can hear me I'm in St. Joseph Michigan. I'm a retired physician. I've seen thousands of patients over many years. Here in Southwest Michigan. Based in St. Joe and also working in South Haven. Two points the lakeshore District makes a lot of sense to me. There is a lot of cultural and economic and human relationships up and down the Lake from New Buffalo all the way up to Saugatuck and would make a lot of sense. In the Congressional map it makes a lot of sense to me to keep St. Joe Benton Harbor in the same District of Kalamazoo we have a lot in common politically and every other way. Thank you for the hard work you are doing. In the long run we want competitive districts that drive politics towards the center not the fringes. Thank you for everything you...

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners my name is Sarah Strait and I live in St. Joseph Michigan. I'm asking you to please keep Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo in the same District. These are the largest African/American communities in Southwest Michigan. And dividing them would surely cause harm. I also wanted to note I support the chestnut map. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and thank you for your work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Bruce Abbot.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Fred Trexler.

>> Okay, can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, good morning my name is Dr. Fred Trexler as a former college professor now retired my wife and I do not like the Senate map dividing Jackson County in half and linking both halves with Washtenaw and Ann Arbor dominated by the huge University of Michigan. Jackson County is a business and rural County with three small colleges. Our community of interest is linked to Lenawee County and Hillsdale County which has small colleges. Please reconsider keeping Jackson County together with Lenawee and Hillsdale County for the Senate map and also for the house map. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Amy Hawkins.

>> Thank you can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay good morning thank you so much for the opportunity to weigh in. I'm a Jackson County resident. And first of all as everybody has said thank you for your hard work on this project. I want to thank you for the lines as they stand right now on the Congressional District. Very pleased with that. Huge concerns though with the Senate District. I love the people of Washtenaw and Ann Arbor and want them to be represented well. But our communities are so vastly different that to put us into one Senate District is really I want to know how is it going to benefit the communities. We want to unify but I think we are best served Jackson County in representation because of our ties with other districts that have to do with manufacturing, rural farming, agricultural, and yes, we do have a little bit of a City but as someone else mentioned it's so small compared to what Washtenaw is. So I would encourage you to revisit the lines and not put Washtenaw and Jackson in the same Senate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Chris Murphy.

>> Good morning.

My name is Chris Murphy and I thank you very much for this opportunity to address the committee. I realize you have put so much work into this. I attended the in-person event last summer in Jackson. And that went into the wee hours of the morning I believe. So I know your committee has worked very hard. I too am in Jackson County. And I also just as the last speaker said, I'm very concerned about the Senate map that you have created that includes us with Washtenaw County. I'm heavily involved in the churches and the manufacturing of Jackson County. And I feel like our districts are so very different that it would make it too challenging for someone to be...try to be Senator over all of ours. So I just ask that you would reconsider keeping Jackson County our rural County in line with Hillsdale and Lenawee County. So I appreciate the time to address you this morning. Have a blessed day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hi can you hear me? Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Perfect. I've been a Southwest Michigan resident my entire life. And I have to say I really like what I'm seeing as part of the lakeshore District. Having New Buffalo South Haven St. Joe Benton Harbor and Allegan altogether is really important especially because their economies are so similar. However I do think the addition of Saugatuck and Douglas would also complement that area with perhaps taking Royalton Township out of the mix. As far as the Congressional map, I think it's just important that we keep Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo together. They have a very large Black population that needs to be represented. And that would be best done by keeping those together. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right number 20, Jay I can't think this morning, Piontek, thank you.

>> Yes, thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Jason and I represent over 300 worker members and constituents with IBW153 we recommend the Pine map with the inclusion of Saugatuck and Douglas be indicated and a State Senate District from Holland to New Buffalo. Cities on the lakeshore are unique and carry unique needs and should be separate from the inland regions. We also would prefer to keep Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo together. Thank you for your work and thank you for the opportunity to speak. That's all I have.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right so number 21 John Williams.

>> Good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Hi Commissioner thank you so much for allowing me to testify. My name is John Williams I'm an instructor in Calhoun County but a resident of Jackson and I'm a little bit I teach American Government political science state and local. I'm a little perplexed as to the process. I assume we are in proposed maps before final maps so there is still some work that needs to take place. And I have some concerns as others have it rated regarding the Jackson Washtenaw and Calhoun splitting between two Senate districts all the way across to include you know the splitting of Ann Arbor. I think that falls really outside of the intent of the how to draw the districts. And hold communities of interest together. The splitting of Ann Arbor City to bring those districts all the way across serves the benefit of the individuals that I'm hopeful there is still work to be done on the Senate map and that is not the map we are going to move to final map. Any of the collaborative maps Elm, cherry, Spruce.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 22, Melissa Hiller.

>> Hello, I want to thank you first for all you're doing and for allowing me the chance to address some concerns that I have regarding the redistricting of oops start my video sorry. Regarding the District redistricting of Jackson. Although Jackson and Ann Arbor share a stretch of I-94 that is literally all we have in common. We are worlds apart culturally. We don't interact or share the same neighborhoods, taxes, schools, churches, shopping, we share nothing. My husband and I grew up in Jackson and raised our two boys here. We intentionally chose not to live in a big college town like Ann Arbor. We own a local business and enjoy the closeness and familiarity of a small town. I strongly suggest you divide by County lines. You're otherwise splitting up some of our closest communities. We are much more aligned with Hillsdale County and share similar hometown values. This remapping would be a disaster as who would accurately represent us here? Jackson County is our home. Not Washtenaw.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 23, Cheryl Hayes.

>> Good morning I'm Cheryl Hayes. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> I'd like to address the house maps which are my primary concern. First of all the proposed house map packs Greater Lansing democrats into three districts. Please unpack democrats and create five districts for the Greater Lansing area. Consider map 06677. Also, a concern that all of the State House maps disproportionately advantage republicans. Fairness is when parties have to win a majority of votes to win a majority of seats, not one when party has an advantage. When one party has an advantage that's not good for any of us. So those maps should not be approved and should be revised. I'm counting on you to redraw the house maps so districts are fair and consistent with proposal two. Thank you very much for all your hard work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 28, Onita, I'm sorry, looks like there is someone else who jumped on number 27 Gary Stark.

>> Excuse me. Good morning and thanks for your hard conscience work I'm Gary Stark from East Grand Rapids and Kent County. I'm worried that your recent changes to the Detroit Metro region and how they will affect partisan balance. The current map is already biased towards republicans and I'm concerned that those changes will worsen that imbalance. If those changes in Detroit stand then please look elsewhere such as Kent County to create more competitive districts. The State House districts here in Grand Rapids Metro area are still fairly packed. So reconfiguring them is an opportunity to create better statewide partisan balance. For example in your Peach, oak and Pine maps East Grand Rapids is included with Grand Rapids. Please consider putting us with Kentwood instead and adding rapidly suburban Cascade Township which contains the Ford airport which is vital to our entire Metro region. Thanks and keep up your good work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Now we will go to Onita Fitz.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hello.

>> Hi, did you just call me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission you signed up to comment.

>> Right, thank you very much. I had a little built of technical difficulty here. My name is Onita-Fitz a resident of Rochester Hills I've been living here for over 40 years and I appreciate the opportunity to address the Commission. As I understand the maps are improved in regard to partisan fairness but there is still some more work to do on this and other people have mentioned. In particularly the house maps. But I'd like to also address the Rochester, Rochester Hills situation. Those two town, cities should be

together because essentially they are one community. They share schools, community activities, arts, and a number of things. And a geographical map shows that Rochester is virtually surrounded by Rochester Hills. So it really doesn't make sense to separate them. It does not make sense to include Oakland Township. It's a very different community from Rochester, Rochester Hills. It's much more rural. So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 29, Donald Biddinger.

>> Good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> Great yesterday after I gave my comment, I stayed on Zoom to listen to your discussions for the rest of the day. It made me very aware of all the time and tedious work that has been put into redistricting. So thank you for this service. It also became obvious that a few of the Commissioners dominated and when others gave input from listening to citizens' concerns about breaking up communities of interest, they were verbally persecuted and told it would be wasting time to make changes. It should have been divided up directly with likeminded areas to start with then it would not have to be tweaked. I thought this committee was supposed to be evenly appointed but those with a partisan agenda are unwilling to listen to wee the people and those that are constitutionally minded are the minority. This committee is so set on breaking up communities that tend to have a conservative view and moral convictions. We want to have a voice and representatives who will listen. More particularly Jackson County has no common goals and interests with Ann Arbor. Please let Ann Arbor have their community and let Jackson have ours. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Brian Miller.

>> Hi, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Great, I'm Brian Miller a former City Commissioner from East Grand Rapids here in Kent County and I wanted to thank you for your work on the State House maps. I live in East Grand Rapids but I work off of M6 near Kentwood at Davenport and consider putting East Grand Rapids with the City of Kentwood than how we have it today with the City of Grand Rapids. We share a lot with Grand Rapids and if you leave us there, I will completely understand but I think Kentwood makes more sense. We are both to suburban cities that are to the east of our big neighbor Grand Rapids and we share so much. We are members of the urban mayor of managers and we share water, sewer, buses, and an economy. I know that EGR Kentwood State House map would not be big enough in population to make a District so I think you can fix that adding Cascade Township. We share the 28th East Beltline with Cascade and you could also consider adding the northern precincts of Gaines Township that is part of the Kentwood school District so that would make sense as well. My reading at least is Kentwood East Grand Rapids based District would.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Richard Williamson.

>> Good morning I'm Richard Williamson from Grandville and Kent County. As a West Michigander familiar with my community, I recommended that you create a State House map that reflects a significance of the Metro six cities in our suburban Townships. My proposal creates fair swing districts that reflect a light blue nature of the greater GR area. My map is P7105. This State House map reflects a good geographic outline of your first effort from a few months ago. I reviewed public comment from October 22 session in Grand Rapids. 20 of my fellow residents in Kent County offered comment on the State House. 45% agree that Wyoming should be kept whole. 35% agree that East Grand Rapids Kentwood and Cascade form a community of interest and should be a District. 40% agree we are too in GR Grand Rapids Township Ada and Plainfield Township should form a District and 30 agree the southern part of Grand Rapids should be majority people of color District. As you finalize the State House map look at map P7105 which reflects communities of interest and competitive districts and slightly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 32, Paul Kenyon.

>> Yes, my name is Dr. Paul Kenyon I'm a retired surgery and living in Jackson County now for 33 years. I object to the fact the Commission has split Jackson County and basically tied us in to Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. I went to the school at the University of Michigan for nine years under grad in engineering and medicine and we have nothing in common with that. Our infrastructure is basically wells and sewer and septic fields and Jackson Ann Arbor is basically all basically infrastructure that we don't share. We don't share law enforcement. We don't share common values. You basically made us a Jackson County will no longer have representation and I strongly wish that you would lump Jackson County together so we have a community of interest that can be represented. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 33, Maria.

>> Good morning my name is Maria I live on the west side of Grand Rapids. And I'd like to thank you for your work. Especially like what you have done with the Kent County State House maps and I'd like to suggest a little tweak. The right now the Grand River House District is made of the west side of Grand Rapids and Walker but I'd like to suggest that you consider including Grandville instead of Alpine Township. Grand Rapids, Walker and Grandville, are a community of interest. They are all Metro six cities. They share the Grand River which is critical since the City is restoring the rapids and working on trails answer parks along the river and overlapping school districts. South Walker and Grandville are in the Grandville District and parts of Grand Rapids and northern Walker in the Kenowa School District. So thank you I'd like you to consider my comments and again thank you for your work on the Commission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Bill Marsh.

>> Okay hi this is Bill Marsh first of all thank you for your work and hearing us today. I know none of you are from West Michigan but you've done a very good job understanding the Kent County and identifying the importance of the Metro Grand Rapids six cities as a key area. Today I'd like to ask you to make some minor changes in the Kent County State House map. I have lived in East Grand Rapids for 25 years. I went to public school in Cascade and worked in Kentwood for 20 years. I believe it makes more sense to put East Grand Rapids together with Kentwood than with Grand Rapids. Why? East Grand Rapids and Kentwood are much more suburban we share rapid transit water sewage and garbage and big believers of public schools. I suggest putting East Grand Rapids and Kentwood with Cascade Township. Cascade is now very suburban and shouldn't be put in with rural and agricultural Townships to its east. I think a District with these three areas would be a good community of interest and a nice swing District which either party can win with a strong candidate. Thank you for all you have done for our state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. I lost my count here. Number 36, Kelly Bruley.

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> I live in South Gate Michigan. Yesterday I watched the Commissioner push out Commissioner Kellom while she wanted to discuss potential changes in Detroit. I could see early in the day the Commission constantly delayed her concerns due to changes you saw more important. I was more uncomfortable the closer we got to the end of the day there would not be time for her to make suggestions seriously and that is what happened. You gave Detroit only the final hour of the day and I watched the same thing happened watching the State Senate map on Friday. Detroit is the largest City in the state and home to the largest population of Black voters yet the Commission spent minimal time discussing public comments. You need more time making collaborative adjustments based on public comments from Detroit. To be clear I'm not asking you to adopt Commissioner Kellom's edits wholesale. I'm just asking that you give her and Detroiters who have commented the respect and time they deserve in this process. Especially in the upcoming State House deliberations. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Anthony Skinnell has now joined.

>> Let's see all right start video, thanks, you talked about my map yesterday. I think our Detroit Commissioner really said it all. I don't have much more. They are courageous influence otherwise the level at which this group is P operating it's an insult to integrity and all of you are reflecting really poorly on the State of Michigan. I felt this way for months but felt I had to say it finally. You know I try to be funny but I got to give it to you the Commission has out clowned me. You have out clowned me. There is

nothing funny about a dumb question only about an unasked one. So I can try to answer three our faithful lions fan said what are we doing? Our secondly the Chair said why is this better? Well, two Black voting age plurality districts namely and thirdly another Commissioner asked how is this appropriate? As to the question why is this better? Well the two BVAP plurality districts was and apparently the Chair didn't hear anything else after Mickey Mouse ears so that is a bummer. And the Commissioner with the floppy pom-pom hat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Carrie Baldwin.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Judy Maiga.

>> Hi, good morning, Commission. You mentioned yesterday that you might be able to make a couple changes to the chestnut Congressional map that you voted to move forward. And I'm here to ask for just a very small change to that. Wyandotte and South Gate are an integral part of the Down River Area that many people asked to be kept together as a community of interest during the Detroit hearings. And if you could move Wyandotte and South Gate into that map that portion of it for District 7 would be a thousand times better and would avoid a million comments that you're going to get over the next 45 days asking for that move. Wyandotte and South Gate help us with Down River mutual aid, the Down River Area narcotics organization, the Down River swat team, we share the river front. We have concerns about the McCloud steel, abandon site, which is a federally funded cleanup. And also the downriver mutual aid is federally funded so please move South Gate and Wyandotte.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Brian birch.

>> Good morning my name is Brian birch I live in Holland Ottawa County economy. Spoke frequently and in person at the meeting in Grand Rapids. I complemented you at that time of your work to listen to Ottawa County I am concerned to be gerrymander part of the process the chestnut Congressional map chosen intentional effort to divide the lakeshore voice specifically along partisan lines. The chestnut map simply do not make sense. I listened to people on public comment saying republicans are advantaged. I see none of the maps show this. On the contrary I see an effort to crack communities with political intent. I think it's important to remind people preserving communities of interest are the founding principles of this body. Political gerrymandering is not. I encourage you to listen to the voice of the lakeshore 600 plus people from Ottawa County who continue to sign my petition and we want to be kept whole and want to keep the lakeshore together. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Lupe.

>> Good morning I live in Grand Rapids Township in Kent County. I serve as the Chairperson of the community to a co-Chair of the march committee moving ahead for remarkable civil rights heroes. Today I'm speaking for myself. As a longtime leader in a Kent County Hispanic community. The march committee just successfully advocated

for the renaming of Grandville avenue for Chavez. It is in Wyoming a majority of Hispanics live. So our voice will be heard in Lansing, you have the ability to make a State House District that has the largest population of Hispanics possible right here in Kent County. And you can do that by drawing a District made up of all of Wyoming. And at the most.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Ellen Beal number 41.

>> Good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, my name is Ellen Beal and reside in Fruitport village in the County of Muskegon and I'm here to talk today about the chestnut map which I'm in strong support of. It puts together Grand Rapids Kentwood and Muskegon and recognizes we all share I-96 as an economic corridor and I think it's absolutely brilliant. While Muskegon is on the lakeshore, we are the only City on the lakeshore that is racially and economically diverse. And so I think that it is very important that we are joined more with people that we have things in common with. We also have a high poverty rate in Muskegon. The median income for households is 32000. Compared to Holland which is 57,000. I think it is very important that we are in the Congressional District with Grand Rapids and Kentwood because this would give our minority population and our people in poverty more voice.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lena.

QUESTION:

>> Glenna.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Glenna are you ready.

>> Yes, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> I would like to thank this Commission for their hard work and hearing feedback I know it's tedious but it's really important to internalize this feedback as you finalize your maps. I live in Saugatuck and would like to comment on the proposed Pine State House map. I like that the new lakeshore House District 87 includes communities from New Buffalo in the south all the way up there Ganges in the north but stops short of including Saugatuck and Douglas. We are lumped in District 87 with inland agricultural communities. I ask that Saugatuck Douglas be included in District 87 lakeshore communities have unique needs and issues. And we makeup obvious communities of interest. So thank you. I also think the State Senate map should include communities all the way from Holland down south through New Buffalo. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Abby Clark.

>> Good morning, Commission thank you for the opportunity to speak. I have been watching a lot of your work over the past many months and have tremendous respect

for the effort you put in. And the important job you do. I have to be really honest that this week has been frustrating and disappointing. Per what happened with Commissioner Kellom last night. We heard the Detroit public hearing significant distrust, fear, and deep concern about the maps in Detroit. And that comes from a legacy in our country of disenfranchisement of Black voters. You spent tremendous time on other minority communities on Midland, even though I don't think any of you are from Midland. You spend a lot of time on it. Please do the same with Detroit. Work with Commissioner Kellom. And give Detroit and Detroiters and Black Michiganders the time, effort, and energy they deserve in this process. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Mark.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mark you are unmuted and free to address the Commission.

>> Great good morning thank you for trying my last name I'm mark LaChey and I live in Saugatuck and I have lived in Saugatuck full time eight years visiting the lakeshore 40 years and if you have not been over here, please join us. I want to say really quickly both the State House District 87 should include Saugatuck but also reconfigure the State Senate map. If you drive up and down West Michigan lakeshore, you find one community after another that's exactly similar where you can drive in terms of ten miles inland and find something very different in terms of agricultural, types of business and tourism and agricultural and I ask you move Saugatuck and Douglas in the lakeshore and look at reconfiguring the maps to reflect the communities of interest. Thank you for your considerable work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Roger Downey.

>> Yes, ma'am thank you for accepting my call. I am a Roger Downey from Brooklyn, Michigan. Retired instructor with adult education through Columbia community education. Columbia school District. We serviced Columbia schools Jackson public schools and western schools. All across our County we have served students. We've worked with community action agency who also serve students for adult education particularly with the GED program. At one point in time we were asked to...they are going to redistribute funds from the state and we are asked to work with the Ann Arbor public schools. And over the course of 2.5 to 3 years we found that we just had too many differences. We couldn't find a good commonality. We couldn't find enough similarities to really.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 47, Deshuna Robinson.

>> We can't hear you. Could you make sure you're not on mute. Thank you.

>> Good morning to the Commission and thank you for your willingness to consider our concerns in your decision. I'm Deshuna Robinson in Benton Harbor, Michigan. I'm the president for Benton Harbor schools and employee for Michigan health and human

services where I'm an assistant payment supervisor for diversity and inclusion and the water coordinator for the needs of Benton Harbor and a trustee for the sixth Congressional District so I speak for service and leadership in the best interest of families and disenfranchised communities. Viewing from a diversity lens it's in the best interest of communities Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo and held the largest African/American communities in Southwest Michigan to remain in the same Congressional District. Each of these communities have similar needs having dealt with crisis in recent years and it's imperative to have focus on the comparative community concerns. Southwest Michigan is very unique in its needs as the Commission has pointed out. Dividing communities could delay progress for maintaining self-sustaining.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 48, Amy.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, 49, Max.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Max if you can hear us and if you can unmute yourself, you are free to address the Commission. Looks like max may be experiencing audio difficulties. So I would recommend we move on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to Danny, number 50.

>> Hello, my name is Danny. I live in Grand Rapids, Kent County. And thank you for the call. I'm not a voter yet, but hope it may change someday soon. I really am encouraging because of my situation and why it's more urgent for our communities to have representation because this is one of the ways in which we can be heard. So right now Hispanics in Kent County are only about 10 percent of the population but the fastest growing part. Most live in Wyoming and southwest Grand Rapids along the Grandville avenue Chicago drive corridor. And yesterday you guys said the Hispanic voters in Wyoming turn out less than the rest of the state and keep us whole with southwest Grand Rapids. To give my community a chance to understand why we should vote. County Commissioners just through majority Hispanic District in there and soon we will have County representation and I hope through this process we will have representation in Lansing as well. Please listen and thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Garrett I'm sorry Garnet Lewis.

>> Yes, good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> All right thank you so much. For the opportunity to speak. I'm speaking as a resident of the City of Saugatuck where I serve as a member of the City Council. And I'm also a business owner in the neighboring City of Douglas. Both cities are currently included in your proposed House District 88. I am humbly requesting the two

communities of Saugatuck and Douglas be included in the proposed House District 87. Our similar to the proposed House District 87 include that we are tourism centric. We are also heavily lakeshore erosion and environmental focused. We have on going issues with the short term rentals of air B and B and Verbo and trying to address our attainable housing so our staff can reside in the area. We are dissimilar to proposed District 88 as it is very rural. And very farming focused which has nothing to do with us. Again, thank you so much and I appreciate the time and energy that you've put towards this project.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Yousif.

>> Hello, Commissioners, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Hello, Commissioners, my name is Yousif from Troy and nice to see you again. Mr. Adelson's comments not taking Chaldean voices in account because we are not cohesive on the political par party. In 2008 we voted for President Obama. In 2016 and 2020 Chaldeans overwhelmingly voted for President Trump and it's true we are not cohesive of a particular party but cohesive on a particular candidate. This actually makes us effective Mr. Adelson. Does this mean our voices should not be heard because cohesion is around a candidate not a party? Mr. Adelson, we promoted of the idea of disenfranchising Chaldean perhaps you did not know about 2012 and I appreciate if you take your comments back and take Sterling Heights with Troy for disenfranchised Chaldeans.

It will not change the partisan fairness. P7997 based on cherry does that and gives Black majority minority districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Last commenter this comment is Austin M.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, that concludes our public comment for this morning. However I would like to mention all e-mailed and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting and the Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis. We appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way you choose to invite you to keep sharing your thoughts, communities of interest and maps.

All right at this point we are going to return to our unfinished business agenda item which is deliberations regarding proposed maps which is carried over from previous meetings. Without objection the Commission will continue deliberations. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, while we are waiting to get set up here, I'd like to propose a motion as an administrative one. Yesterday we had a motion to maybe the day before to have EDS renumber the maps. And I thought that was good. I think we

missed a step. We also in the motion is we should also have EDS after they renumber the maps lock all the districts. So that no accidental changes take place on the maps. And which could easily happen. Not easily but it could happen. So that's the proposal. The motion is to have EDS lock each District after they have renumbered the maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have a motion by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Lett to have EDS lock the maps for the four maps we at this point elevated and any future maps. Any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none let's go ahead and vote all in favor raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Did we have EDS here this morning? All right, yeah, I was going to say let's just take, okay, do you want to take a quick break? We only have nine. I think we now have ten. We have ten. Yeah. So why don't we take a quick break. We normally do that after public comment any way. Yeah exactly. All right hearing no objections we are going to recess for ten minutes. It is currently 10:10 a.m. Hearing no objections we are in recess until 10:20. Thank you.

[Recess]

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:21 a.m. Will the secretary please call the roll.

>> Thank you, Madam, Chair. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please announce during roll call where you are attending from give us the City the county or the Township where you are attending remotely. Please indicate you are here when I call your name. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Juanita Curry.

Anthony Eid?

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: MC Rothorn?

>> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Erin Wagner?

Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: 9 Commissioners are present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Our plan of action today is to move in the house maps and it would be wonderful if we can advance one or two however, we decide house maps today. At that point we can then circle back to Commissioner Clark would like to come up with an alternative Senate map so that is on the agenda and Commissioner Kellom would like to propose an alternative Congressional map. And I know she also wants to make some changes to some house maps as well. And I'm not sure about Senate on that either. But if we sort of get through the house today, we should have plenty of time to come back around and accommodate those requests. Sound like a good plan, everybody? All right so how do we want to proceed with analyzing the house maps? We have six. Three that are collaborative the Pine the Peach and the oak. Then we have three individual submissions Szetela, Orton and Clark. Did we want to kind of do the same method we used yesterday and start with a blank shape and put on the shape file and start with the collaborative does that work for everybody? So Kent can you open up auto bound edge and bring up just a blank.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will. And just a moment. Let me get back out of here. I have to load all these back up but I have them right here so they would be in order would be Peach, oak, these are the first, you know, the Peach, oak, Pine and then I also have the Commissioners.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pine Peach and oak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right, yeah, there they are.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're not sharing your screen right now.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I wasn't sure if you thought you were.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So then we need to I have to add one more. I'm sorry. I missed it. So this would be the here is all six of the house plans that were looked at and I will turn the Commissioners independent plans that they drew so we are looking just at the Peach, Pine and oak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I believe they are in there in the order in which that is all of them lit up together. You have to Zoom in more on the house plan to even see any differences. But if you look, we have all three of the Commissioners Peach oak and Pine up here. And I'm just going to go back up to the top and come back down through and you can see a lot of similarities. Basically the last one written is the blue one. Let me make sure we are seeing them like we think we are seeing them. Yes, they are all off. That would be the red is Peach. Then we will turn on oak and we will have to Zoom in more but you can see there is not a big difference. Then we will turn on Pine. And

you can see in the UP that I don't visually see differences. If somebody knows there is a difference, bring it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think the changes were around Ann Arbor and Midland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We come down and the whole upper part of Michigan and these three plans seem to be grounded on the same basis. So the first difference I run in to is the Midland and I'm going to turn off the green one and see if there is any difference between Peach and Pine. We have to Zoom in really close if there is a census block difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Peach and Pine has the same Midland area and the oak is the one that is different right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, looking at Peach and Pine only just to get an idea. And you have to look closely right over here to right outside of Farmington Hills is a little bit of difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you Zoom into that area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I am.

I'm going to Zoom into all the populated areas. But so there is a difference between Peach and Pine. When I turn on and now it looks like oak so what is on now would be the first two which is Peach and oak. That looks like a precinct difference. You have to weigh into the meaning of that. I'm not weighing in on it. Cutoff the precincts just so we can see. Nothing jumps out. If anything knows or sees the difference. Bring it to our attention collectively.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Use your microphone please Commissioner Clark.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is the real difference is Midland. So this green layer which is oak, has Midland town City and Midland Township altogether as opposed to the red layer the Peach has Midland going eastward to Bay City. So that is the difference between the Peach and oak. Now I'm going to cutoff the Peach and cut on Pine to see the difference. The valued difference between Pine and oak. And we are going to Zoom if here. We are starting to see measurable difference between these two plans. Oak and Pine around Ann Arbor. And then it's precinct here and a precinct there. In Detroit. They are neighborhoods, I shouldn't say precincts because I don't know. But you see when you Zoom in that those are significant differences. Though when you Zoom out it's easy to think they are not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are for population deviation.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, the District over all shape does not significantly change. The values may or may not. And then this has like the Peach plan, this plan has Midland across to Bay City while oak has Midland and Midland Township together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you compare Peach and Pine? I think the only difference is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just did that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought that was oak and Pine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Peach and Pine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maybe I didn't, Peach and Pine you are right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Peach and Pine is Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Similar around the Ann Arbor and then like in the previous plans small adjustments to a hand full of Directors 1, 2, 3, 4, maybe 4 something like that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Which one is red and which one is blue? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Red is Peach. Green is oak. Blue is Pine. I've been using those colors in the sequence so I can keep up. It's always red, green blue and it will be red, green blue down here. So you have the decision making is the Ann Arbor districts I guess this Jackson District is tied in to or maybe that is just population I don't know. And then the Midland area, that is a scope of all three of these plans. I will turn them back on and you can see the green up here, the blue and red are the same up there. And actually it looks like the green and red are the same down here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think oak and Peach are the same around the Ann Arbor area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Peach and Pine are the same around the Midland area so it was like you can tell it was an incremental process, we had oak and changed it around Ann Arbor to make Peach or no we changed it around Midland and that was Peach and then we changed it to Pine and Pine has the changes around Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. So in looking at these, if anything you do up around in here doesn't affect anything going on down in here. They are not as far as modding districts. Unlike the Congressional Senate this will be an entire separate area even from Ann Arbor and Detroit. You can probably do these without doing some.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now I will bring up the individual plans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Before we do that can we look at the metrics for these three plans? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because I think that is helpful. Do you have that spreadsheet?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have the sheet in front of us, I can read the Peach or anybody can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I can do it too if you want.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So oak has a lopsided margin of 6.8. A mean median of 3.8. And efficiency gap of 7.4. And democratic to republican seats are 54 democratic, 56

republican. With a bias against democrats of negative 3.22. It also has a plan deviation of 8.44. The Peach house plan.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Which one was that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oak so Peach has 6.3 lopsided margin which is .5% lower than oak. It has a mean or a mean median of 3.4 which is .4% lower than oak. It has efficiency gap of 6.4 which is a percentage point lower than oak. It has a democratic to republican seat balance of 55-55. Whereas oak was 54 democrat 56 republican. With a negative bias against democrats of negative 2 point 3 versus 3.33 with the oak. Then the Pine has a lopsided margin of 5.8 which is lower percentage point lower than oak. And half a percentage point lower than Peach. On a mean median of 2.7. Versus 3 -- and efficiency gap of 5.7 versus 6.4 and 7.4 with the Peach and oak respectively. Seat balance of 56 democrats to 54 republicans which is still a negative bias against democrats of negative 1.4%. So best performing is Pine. Middle is Peach. Worst performing is oak. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population deviation on Pine?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's 4.9% and Peach is 8.3. And oak is 8.4. Did everyone get all that or do you want me to repeat it? Good, now can we look at individual maps? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turning off Peach, Pine and oak or oak Peach and Pine. Turning on, 101321V1. CSO fixed turn that on. That is going to be the red plan. Next up is 101321RAS. It should be green, I'm sorry. And then the ten 0921DJC, should be make that blue because it's supposed to be blue. Keep me from losing it. That would be the CSO which is, yeah, CSO.

QUESTION: Kent, you muted yourself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: DJC is blue. Looking at the same sequence. This order here is red, blue, red, green, blue. Just kind of go up to the top again and do the visual scan. This looked pretty subtle. I believe that looks the same as the previous plans even but we can lay them back in public ones. We start seeing a difference in all three plans Midland there is one Township here moved. Otherwise they are all pretty similar. One Township here moved. Then we have you know a variety of packed here. We will go through them one at a time when we come back to it. Two plans the RAS and the RAS plan is different from the other two around Flint. One side of Flint really, not all of it. Actually it's probably just one District. And then of course when we get down to the Detroit area you start seeing where the RAS plan varies from the other two plans. A little here, a little there. More so at South Lyon, Brighton. Maybe at Ann Arbor. And then we get where the CSO and the DJC plan the CSO plan varies from the other two plans in Carlton south of Taylor. Right there. Coming across there is one Township difference for the RAS. From the others. Probably and then we have the Battle Creek, Calhoun area. Shows a difference. Probably the next probably the biggest difference besides the Detroit and Midland is this, these districts here. The blue and red, I guess I don't know. The blue plan which is Doug Clark or DJC plan goes up the coast fairly

narrowly. I cut that off just so we can be seen. CSO plan is in red. I'll cut the green off. So the CSO plan is has this configuration. The RAS plan has that configuration which is probably that far from the red plan and then finally the blue plan which is the DJC plan. This District here is in the collaborative maps. That's probably the biggest difference right there. I'm going to turn them back on to where we go back up. Turn them all back on. Doesn't look like these three plans have difference around Grand Rapids Metropolitan area. We do have the Battle Creek like we mentioned earlier. All three plans are a little bit different right there. If we look at Midland suburbs of Detroit as opposed to downtown Detroit. I mean there is some differences that you know can go through each one will be evaluated because these changes here are probably fairly well disconnected from over here to a certain extent my guess. It's just of course it doesn't take much to move a House District significantly. This is going to be a significant change in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Doug it looks like you changed Midland and that is about it on your map; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe so. I did this a couple weeks ago. I believe that was it.

>> Commissioner Clark would you mind unmuting yourself thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, that's correct Rebecca. I think that is the main focus of what I did with this map. I copied a collaborative map and then adjusted the Midland, Bay City area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, and then Cynthia it looks like you also adjusted Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, I made a few changes around, but the one that I like that I would like to talk about is the Midland one. I believe I started with the Pine map although I was doing numbers at the time. They weren't names. So I'm not positive.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You changed Benton Harbor and you made a change to Battle Creek I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are kind of the three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I turn on the Pine plan for Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that would be good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that is where you see it is the Midland.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you go down to Midland or yep Battle Creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah. Because the Pine plan has the coastal District. Battle Creek and then some small pieces in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Will you say more about it? Are the changes here is there anything else you wanted to share?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not really.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So then mine was built on the Pine map. So if you just compare mine to the Pine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That rhymed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then the Pine map has the costal District again, which the RAS1013RAS plan does not have. This is the green plan is the independent. Pine has the costal. And quite a few actual there is you know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Around Ann Arbor I changed around districts around Ann Arbor to make a more yep so I split Saginaw. So now Saginaw is two districts. And then everything around Flint was for balance because this map is below the 5% plan deviation. Whereas so balance it and Ann Arbor I changed to make an API District on the eastern edge of Ann Arbor. As Bruce had kind of suggested so it goes superior Township and east side of Ann Arbor and makes a chimney there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd like to take a moment Madam Chair to point out that I don't understand this is a sliver hanging out there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't know what that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we need, I just noticed that. We have all seen this particular spot many times. It's 0 population but still something to keep an eye on when we start working on it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was just going to say that's the part that never assigns that you have to go back, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And yours Commissioner Szetela does not have that lakeshore District? The Pine that is yours.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, Cynthia and I changed the Benton Harbor area. We changed it a little differently but we both changed that District. So our maps both have that in common. It's just slightly different variations on it. Doug's preserves it. Yep. So Doug's preserves it. And then both Cynthia and Doug's map have the Midland changes but again I don't know that they are the same changes. But they are similar, different variations.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will show them right now. That would be the CSO plan. So there is some differences. But what I do notice is it appears, let's turn the blue off, the Clark plan, the Clark the CSO plan is in red. The DJC plan now is in blue. I'm going to turn the red off. So it looks like there is you know this area here is different. What

they have in common is the Midland and Midland Township and the northern part of pretty much the same or very similar I should say. And they differ in these two areas.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it seems like we want what I'm thinking about those are the ideas we want to take with us, right, the Midland area, Benton Harbor and the Detroit area. And it seems like we've got in order to make a decision again we are trying to figure out what adjustments we want to make before we make a decision. I'm thinking about right ideas like from these the individual Commissioners map and different ideas and we have got new data from yesterday that talks about VRA districts. Because these are so small and potential coalition districts and I know we have right from the Flint hearings and Detroit hearings we heard help us feel reflected. Help us feel like we can actually elect a representative. I want to recognize ideas and then there is also I want to suggest before I feel comfortable voting for a map to go forward, I really want to make sure that we get some sort of analysis right that says like we can make changes here. Specifically in the Detroit and the Flint area based on this coalition District data to help us understand that we are being responsive particularly to those communities and these population centers that have been historically marginalized.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I think didn't we decide all of our independent maps were based on Pine. Is that accurate?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not sure with yours. You didn't say one way or another.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not sure either but as I reflect back to the hearings, the last five hearings, Pine was mentioned more than any of the others.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And it has the best matrix so I would say we should start there and make improvements.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm going to share because I have the, share the metrics because I have it open. So this is our -- Sarah's spreadsheet that I pulled. But I got rid of everything other than just the house so we can see it. But yes, these are sorted and ranked. By best performing to bottom performing. So and then if you notice two of them have the plan deviation below 5 again. So that would be Pine and Szetela. And I agree we should start with Pine. I think that is a good jumping off spot. I think we should my thoughts are incorporate possibly Cynthia's changes to Battle Creek from her map and then also one of your changes, I'm not sure whose from Midland as well. Or, you know, go through the list. But I think like using Pine as a jumping off point. We heard about it the most, it has the best metrics in terms of deviation and overall performance.

And we can overlay mine for the Ann Arbor area later if we want to look at Saginaw and Ann Arbor and what I did there and designed side if we want to make those changes too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to make sure we look at the lakeshore over on the west side of the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah, because we got to adjust that. Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would just like to mention that the total population deviations, that is fairly easily adjusted. We learned how to do it fairly quickly. So you know to bring one down a percentage or two wouldn't take long. Just depends on what you want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right. All right, so Benton Harbor. Is there any further thoughts or in agreement we will start with Pine and make our changes from there? Okay, all right, so Mr. Stigall can you bring up the Pine map? I would suggest saving it as a new version just so we have a record of changes and will work from the list we have from the meetings and we will look into those other concepts that we talked about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair, I'll name the new Pine plan Pine V2.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That way we know it's based on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let me find my list, somewhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So where would we like to start? I'm going to check to make sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Work on our list like we have done before because we had a bunch of comments from public hearings and we kind of did this for the rest of the maps. So let's start with Bangla Town in Detroit area. And apparently there is like two precincts we left off in that area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is that at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Number one and two, I believe it's number two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Down in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Two and ten so between two and ten if you go up a little further on the line, a little higher.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Hamtramck right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, and does someone have the map? I had the map at one point. There is apparently two precincts that they requested we move because we have it split. Yeah, no, they wanted moved from ten into two. So kind of holding this up for the camera so people can see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to bring it to you so you can see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Submitted at public hearings this part of our public record and there is just two precincts that we neglected to include with the rest of the Hamtramck area that they have asked that we include. So small change, easy fix.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I identified it. It's this Jutting out part and it's recommending it go into District two which is over here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's this part. Okay, I guess y'all want me to do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can go ahead and make that change. Yes, that last little, it should be Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I remember I was trying to do this before that 0 population area and I think the blocks are too big. Like then it will come out. We can't draw it like the map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is a supermarket underneath. It's a little one go ahead Commissioner Lett. That is the big one.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was reading this morning that while it says 0 population with the new census personal protection program, they put in we really don't know if that is 0 population or not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can excuse me, Commissioner Madam Chair we can bring aerial photography and see if there is dwellings there. You can see the size of the highways, the clear divider you know use a little logic as far as if there were to be a home built there would it be possible. So I mean we just you know use that kind of I mean that's all you can do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why did that make the plan deviation go up so much? It seems like a huge...yeah, I don't think there is any houses there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is commercial. You can see it's commercial.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But I don't know what exactly could all be in here. It's just a matter of what appears to make sense to you. This is the major Interstate, interchange. That is a supermarket.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is fine I just thought it was an interesting tidbit of information the Census Bureau has zeroed out a lot of that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Leave it in ten because it does not appear there is anyone that lives there anyway. Does that make sense? Commissioner.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It does because we are at the lowest, yeah, the lowest block level. We can't break up blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering if something strange is going on because it did make the plan deviation go up. But if we look at the largest and smallest it's neither one of those districts so something is wrong.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Something weird happened.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What was it prior to the edit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There was only a couple hundred people. And if you look.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just looking for it. There is 3.1 there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3.46 there so that is 6-5.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Something weird is going on I'm pretty sure the Ann Arbor area. Can we rebuild the plan? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is 3, 3, 5.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hunt for that later.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just eyeballing it. So that would be 6, 7, 8 right there, 6.78 about between 27. We can rebuild the plan and bring it back in. It's probably like we saw earlier a little sliver around Ann Arbor. Yeah, right there would probably be stuff like that is what causes the problems.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I'm going to assign all this to 69, okay? Just to get that cleaned up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is 23 dis-contiguities so something did not make its way over. Should I go through here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start assigning.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Somebody sees me something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If they are around Midland, we are going to change that. So if this is all around Midland, I say just leave it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Or we could just make the change now and that would help potentially fix the contiguities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought we were going to put Midland City with Midland Township and that will physician the dis-contiguities making that move.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct we are saying the same thing fix it in that way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what you are saying. So get the rest of these little dis-contiguities then we will go back up to Midland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little strip in here needs to go to 36 or 69.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can just put it to 36.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like the Township boundary in there, that is why it didn't line up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe 69 because that subdivision or whatever that is, it's a college.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a community college. We could put this part over here. I think they are separate. So we will see what happens. Let's just see what happens.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Washtenaw community college and Ann Arbor or St. Joseph mercy is right next door.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So did I just change that to 69? No, no, no. That was 67. We are saying this should go into 69, correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now this part up here can go into either one.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It doesn't matter. You can put it if that is a Township.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Township boundary looks to be there. This is one thing that will get fixed over the next ten years.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I would put it with 36 then. Sarah Reinhardt, do we have any Commissioners online or is it just the ones in the room who are present?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can put that I think into 74 is what it is surrounding. .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: The wholesale and the rest of these I believe are 31. No unassigned so we should do the contiguity check again after any modifications to Midland.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go up to Midland. We will go a little out of order and effectively what we will do is take Midland City and put it into what is 31 and break it up. Go ahead Commissioner Orton.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If it's okay with everything if we could put my overlay on this because I worked really hard on this area and I think it's good and I can see what it looks like.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I will kind of withdraw my configuration of Midland. We will use Cynthia's.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go ahead and convert.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Follow these District boundaries.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Midland City in 31 and the new 53 will be the Bay City area. Eliminating for this area.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Only for this area.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Hopefully that will grab all the dis-contiguities at once. Easier than doing them bit by bit. That one little corner.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think this is part of Midland so if you choose the Township, it should choose those.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Errors in geography is between Townships and blocks and we think if we can avoid using Townships we may miss or make creating errors. So this is just and we are done any way so.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. We have 89% plan deviation. All right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 57 or 53.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It does not matter make it 53 because someone has to make a decision.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to talk us through you said I recognize you said you worked really hard on it. Do you want to share anything with us?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It was quite a few weeks ago. I was trying to take into account the many different comments that we've received. And population and things. It just seemed that this was a good configuration. I did not really like that the little part of 57 that is going to come up. But population wise and everything else it seemed to be a good configuration. So I think we can take a look at it and maybe improve.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We still have a little bit right on Bay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. I completely missed that. Is that it? Am I missing anything else?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That looks like it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Could you Zoom back out again and go to what is going on on the west side of the state over there? I'm just looking at a hundred and in that District 100. Like can you go over to the west? Is it just showing, okay so that is the four showing underneath the rest of the District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will put a different background up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not used to seeing the forest underneath. Thank you. Can we save and run the plan deviation again to see if it fixed the plan deviation, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I forgot what I was going to say but I just on my total plan the plan deviation was lower than this. So I don't think it's that that changed the plan deviation. I think it's something else going on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. We don't have any dis-contiguity errors and did the unassigned and we can do that again just to make sure. Okay, do you want to do we want to rebuild the plan just to see if we have unassigned that somehow? So we only have a nine Commissioners right now. So we are going to take a ten-minute break so everybody can get up and take care of personal needs. It's currently 11 Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign Kent to rebuild the plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you rebuild a plan.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: He doesn't need a break.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He doesn't need a break. He can let it run and walk away. It's 11:13 right now without objection we will break until 11:25 hearing no objections we are on break until 11:25.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Very eclectic music tastes and go from rush to like pop. Yeah, R and B, Motown. Yep. As Chair of the Commission I recall this meeting of Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission at 11:28 a.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.
Commissioners, please say
present when I call your name.

If you are attending
the meeting remotely, please
disclose you are attending
remotely and disclose your
physically attending from. I
will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County

Michigan.

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

MC

Rothhorn?

>> VICE COMMISSIONER

ROTHHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Erin

Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

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Commissioners are present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have a higher plan deviation now it looks like what is going on? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The blocks so now I'm backing up. I'm putting this in 71 is that right or wrong?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is what it is. We rebuilt it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will have to fix it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My guess is that the Pine plan is probably has errors in it that makes it more like 6.96% than what is on there. Either way we can I mean if you want, we can go and just kind of get an idea right now about where it's at. I can do a copy. And sort it. And find the big deviations, you know, approach that issue now and just to see where it's at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: District 27 and 73 are listed. So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to do that after we go through this list though? Because we will make more changes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think you have to do it about at the same time because if it's in the same area then you can maybe incorporate it at the same time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what is 73, where can you Zoom to 73 and then Zoom to 27? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 73 is before we move away, 3200 over. Let's see what so 73 is where is this? Battle Creek. Well we were going to change Battle Creek any way. So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 73 is Kalamazoo.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 73 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 73 is where?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kalamazoo, okay.

And then where is 27?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To the west Kent to the west 73 is to the west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: See that little pocket there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Going south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, no, no, down, down, down right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kalamazoo.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kalamazoo is 3200, 72 is under so we could shift some from 73 into 72. What is 80 at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 80 is 1.5 so really the significant change would be right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So which is what actually interestingly enough is on our list. People wanted Parchment to go to Kalamazoo. Yeah, but then that will add more so I don't think we can accommodate that. So then Zooming back out to the difference between 73 and 80 what about that little part that's jutting, is that part of Kalamazoo? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This down in here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No the other one, going back up.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, I believe almost all of that is part of Kalamazoo. There might be some in the northwest that was Township that was added in. But Kent, can we -- can you just select for the City of Kalamazoo and we can see what the outside portions are?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's the blue line, isn't it? Isn't that the blue line? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you got this is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We did that for dis-contiguities so that is next to the airport so I don't know how many people live there any way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What about this area right in here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, Cynthia if you need to, we need to move about a thousand people. So if you have some suggestions.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent can you Zoom out just a little bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me I did not mean to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I think the -- well, I think the part that is outside of the City limits that would be a possibility is the northwest corner. Can you see how many is in that precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2943, 2588. This is 3500.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Do the 2943.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, move that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about the 946 on the other side? On the eastern edge there is a 946 precinct.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That wraps around this, yeah.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Does it go all the way, okay, all right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's kind of...but if you move it into -- it's 72 and 80 so 72 is 2600 down. So if you put that into 72, it's fine. You put it over here.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'd like to try it. We can always undo.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Which way are you going? I think he is asking for clarification.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 79 to 72, 2943 that doesn't make sense that it went up.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: No not at all.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's unassigned here.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe redo it on the block level. Can you do that? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 72 this is getting weird. This piece up here we need to go back and get. I want to see what happens here.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Looks like there is a little one in the corner too.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got some of it. It went down 10,000.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The plan deviation went up which makes no sense.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. I say just continue, yeah, continue assigning and then do another I think you will have to do another rebuild.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to try and export it and reimport it. Unassigned precinct somewhere.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Who wants to take a bet is it Midland Ann Arbor, Midland Ann Arbor? I'm going to say Midland Ann Arbor around Saline area.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's in 73 or 72. I don't know. Okay I'm just going to do, looking for unassigned and now we have issues seriously.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Shows 73 as the largest deviation because that is probably wrong because we took out the amount that it was over.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will try to export the plan and bring it back in as a totally different environment.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Want to note for the record that Commissioner Curry has logged in to the Zoom can you state where you are for the record, hello?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is going on in my life today is my Wi-Fi was disconnected from somewhere. And they had just fixed it so I'm glad about that. But I'm here from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you Commissioner Curry.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Deviation 6.91% now and 73 is where we more like we thought it would be. So they dropped. So I can bring these, put these all on a spreadsheet into a sort real quick to see what the high and low is if we want to look at that. Or just have it available to look at. Or we can just run down it real quick and find a 3.something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 9 and 27 are showing up as the biggest. 27 and 9. So 27 which is where again? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's around Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: North of Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I seem to remember that we left that a little low or a little high, whichever way it is for the -- for VRA numbers. Does anyone remember that? We knew it was a little bit off but it was within deviation.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well not within deviation right now though. It's outside.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right I think that is my memory too Commissioner Orton. That and I think we that was sort of a legal so I think we may want to at this point address it or try to get, yeah, understand if we want to make a, yeah, I think we have to decide if we are going to keep it that way or adjust it. I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is 27 over or under? It's under. Okay. It's under.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I think what we heard from Flint when we were there at the Commission excuse me at the public hearings was this does not represent the people. Right? That this division may actually allow them to different people in Flint to choose a representative but they were not convinced it actually reflected their community in this division. So I'm tempted to actually do -- I do have an overlay with the you know the maps that they submitted to us. I'm not sure and I don't know that it you know because it adjusts everything because again trying to be responsive to the people and listening to what they were saying is like saying hey this does not reflect our community. It feels like this is where we could make the change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we have two different things in play here. We have a population deviation that is high. We have a list that we all agreed on are changes we wanted to discuss then we have points for further changes beyond that. I think consistent rather than work on plan deviation at this point because we have other changes, I think we should focus on the list then when we get done with the list we can move on to other changes. And then once we are all done with everything then we can focus on plan deviation. Commissioner Orton? Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, I agree. Before this started you asked to see a partisan fairness run after those changes that were made.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. So could you bring that up, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So the lopsided margin is 5.-- well, yeah, let me run it again because.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Weirdness.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, might as well get it right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pine V2, right? Pine V2. We are doing a composite here, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay the lopsided margin is 5.9% republican. The mean median is 3.1% republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7. Seats to votes or proportionality bias is 1.4 percent in favor of the republicans and seat count is 56-54 in favor of democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And can you scroll down a little bit? Because I see 31. Can we stop so I can grab the number. I'm looking for percentages in two Directors 31 which is part of Midland is 58.4 republican and I think it was 56 was the other District we changed? And that is why the metrics went up because we flipped what was a democratic District to two republican districts so that is why our metrics have changed. Okay, the old one was the same, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Seat difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back to the map and let's we did Bangla Town.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to save this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Save as. So I saved that. Now what do we want to do here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go down to Detroit area and looking for Dexter Lynn wood area and a line we were requested to move near wild mere park move one to two at Lawton Street and looking at border between number 1 and 2.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair that is wild mere.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Windemere.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wildemere.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put on the neighborhood overlay? Because that would be helpful. Is that the neighborhood overlay or is that another map?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is not the neighborhood map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is someone else's map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the one that was sent to me more recently by a Commissioner or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Neighborhood ideas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1027 is a newer one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Current City Detroit neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry about that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

Can we Zoom in a little bit, I'm looking for a particular name.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me turn off some of this stuff. There is too much going on here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. I think it's right there. I actually see it, I see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay where are we at?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay just bring your cursor up a little bit more, a little bit more and go to the left a little bit. There you go right there. Wildemere park.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So all this neighborhood either in one or two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Asking to move from number one to number two at Lawton Street. Actually so Zoom out for a second. I think the request was to move the purple into to make that part of two. So that area in the purple for Wildemere park, put it into two is what the request was. So we are keeping that neighborhood together but it will be in two. Is that consistent with everybody else's recollection? This is the map I drew at the time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is not the same area where we were with Bangla Town?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, this is different a man who spoke about Lawton road mark Payne that is right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Most of the neighborhood is in one and this is the only part in two so we want to take the larger part and put it in two?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't know our Detroit area folks do you have any say on this? The gentleman asked us to move the west of Wildemere park into number two but actually from a numbers perspective it makes more sense to take the parts that are currently in two and move them into one and that way the neighborhood is together. Is there any preference one way or another?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think he was mostly concerned with keeping the neighborhoods together and not splitting from across One Street to Another Street if I am not mistaken that is what I was hearing. But if you're still connecting them the way that you have it, that should be pretty good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what way is this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This way we would be putting it in two and it's a clean line. Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think he is saying do it the other way, put it into one and then you're moving less population so there is less for us to correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I totally understand, I just know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what was asked for.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the area in two. We can put the whole.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see the population deviation for one? It did not seem to make much of a difference for two. It's still within specs. And one is still within specs.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so I think that is good then. Any concerns about that? All right easy fix. We did Bangla Town and did that and look at Grandmont and Rosedale and Cornerstone, Morning Star, East English Village. I believe Rosedale is just to the actually I think I see part of it. If we can pull the map, pull it so it's in 15 right

now and go up a little bit, I see grand Mont right there, yep. I see Rosedale park. What else do we have there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This neighborhood here is slightly fragmented see how 16 comes around and connects by one City block and then takes up this area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it looks like that's going to be quite a bit of changes. What we were asked to do is put north Rosedale park Minock park, what was the other one grand Mont and grand Mont two altogether and right now we have them split. However we have accommodated that in two other maps. So Juanita?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I'm just thinking. I know that in that area, I'm not sure how far the drive is from there but one of the large NAACP men have a building there in that area. I'm sure he doesn't -- they may not want to be split. He has a large, large congregation. Plus he is NAACP for Michigan, Detroit. So we need to kind of keep whatever they ask for together. I can't quite remember. I don't know if Brittini remembers or any of you all remember. But that is this area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I remember. I would say it's worth the work to put the Rosedale parks in the grand Mon, t community back together because they share a community center and built a neighborhood recently to stay together and edify that community and that is important to them in the Senate map. I'm sorry the house I'm sorry I misspoke.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That might help us the lay over. It's right to help us draw it because like you said these are big changes and I think we have looked at some, I say we, Commissioner Kellom and I drafted a few maps that might help us draw this and fix those areas and it will impact the rest of you know the map. That is I think what we are recognizing so what I'm thinking about is recognizing that these are significant and important changes absolutely.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can we pull the map down a little bit so we can see the green area Evergreen outer drive. Looking at this from a perspective if we bring in north Rosedale park in the purple which is 15, we then isolated that Evergreen outer drive so we will have to bring that into 17. And then adjust the border of 14 with 17 to make that happen, right? Does that make sense to everybody? So Kent can we give that a shot? Can we bring north Rosedale park and I think I can't remember if it's Minock.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Minock.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Minock bring that into 15 and put Evergreen outer drive into 17 then we will have to make further adjustments between 14 and 17 to sort of accommodate that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay what is this line?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not the whole way. I think it's Grand River.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the boundaries for Grand River.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think everything on the what do I say the north or south side of grand river they should be more into the same districts and everything on the other side of that on the south side or the what is that? South and south and west should kind of be together. So if we can kind of keep that like that, that would be good. If we can keep those people that is in the Evergreen outer drive area with McNichols and Evergreen area, keep them all kind of together I think that would be a good thing. And am I kind of saying that correctly, Brittini? Do you see that the way I see it? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I understand what you're saying. I also was waiting for the overlay that I created.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's see the overlay if we can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I swear north Rosedale goes up to outer drive.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: North Rosedale do it does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's what I thought. Kent, do you see where you have that little part curving off to the west, I swear that is part of north Rosedale park because it goes up to outer drive.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One precinct split by the neighborhood line so do you want to put it in 15 or put it in 17 or split the precinct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would keep it in 15 because I think that line is wrong on our neighborhood map. Because north Rosedale goes to outer drive and that is just north of where the boundary is on this map. Add in the Section of blocks just to the east of what you currently have selected.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do it at the block level is that what we are saying?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can do the blocks that are in the current shaded area for north Rosedale and grab those blocks that are above where that curved line is because that curved line is outer drive.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Where the curve takes you, Madam Chair.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here as well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair wherever that curve takes you, it takes you to that big NAACP man's what is his name? We were all there. MC what was his name? We were there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mark Payne, no Qument.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, what is his name, Brittini? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Are you talking about Reverend Wendell Anthony. His church fellowship chapel.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It runs into that and they want to be kept together, I'm sure.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know what, okay, that is a totally different subject. I will just keep focused on something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah. But he is the NAACP president for around the Detroit area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will move in the median and just making a straight line for appearances for population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see what you're doing. Now can we Zoom out and see where we are at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's my understanding this area that is in green call it Evergreen outer drive is what was going to be moved to 17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if it makes more sense to move the smaller neighborhood underneath it and move that into 14 rather than trying to move a whole bunch into 17 any thoughts? Are we connecting them? What are our numbers? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point 17 is even and 14 and 15 need a lot or 15 needs to give up, 15 has to give up some.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela you are asking for thoughts and I think there is a thought an idea on this overlay I think Commissioner Kellom was waiting for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we bring up that overlay? Do we have that, Kent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's what you had earlier.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it is, that is why it's there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to turn off the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is the one that is the 27 ideas, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it's the let me change the color so we can see it. It was actually up there. We just couldn't see it like we wanted to. It's the lighter colored red line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think if you Zoom out a little bit it still sort of has the strips runs east west and enough neighborhood changes and I'm going to try to summarize this Commissioner Kellom and let me know if this is accurate. Minimizing the cuts and still goes east west and VRA compliance it's just holding more neighborhoods together that Commissioner Kellom thought could be held together. Again this is an idea and it may reflect what the people in Detroit were asking for excuse me one idea, right, that says this is this represents our neighborhoods our communities better and we may be able to elect better. So it's again I think it's the idea. It does reflect what you were saying Commissioner Szetela. That little block that is cut out and goes into a different District. But it's hard to see with the neighborhood lines and also that area, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah so, I would suggest putting that block of 17 into 14 and then we will have to further balance.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this in 14.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, and then that is connecting those.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The configuration I worked on with MC also takes into account the fact that those neighborhoods and the people that spoke out not only in public comments but at TCF describe a more horizontal configuration to accommodate their communities. If I'm looking at this. It's kind of very zoomed in. I'm coming from an appointment so I'm using my cell phone and I will be connecting with my laptop.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to get a better view. There is the new or the recent Detroit neighborhood configuration as opposed to previous Detroit neighborhood configuration and that shows this being where my cursor is moving is one District inside the thick lines.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then this District here runs through here and then down into this area. So if you follow my cursor that is a District. Then a large part of it is none of this is identified.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right those are all suburbs.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is identified.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Because I concentrated on Metro Detroit and proper and leaving out the suburbs and there are parts on the map that I was trying to get not get rid of but reassess that area based on what folks spoke up about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at this map, I don't know how well people can see it but eight is this lighter color here and kind of makes a curve and goes up. And most of that District is in red now from two going up this way in the new configuration. Or so 18 is pretty much the same. 21. 3 and 1 are touched a little bit like.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we take that off for,000 because we will come back to that neighborhood map later. We are just going to continue to try to work on our list. Now we need to fix 14, 15 and the balance between them. So can we Zoom into 14, 15, I think 17 is fine where it's at. We don't need to do anything to 17.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 and 15 are where are they at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One is 8,000 over and one is 5,000 under so we need to take from 15 and put it into 14, right? Can we put back all the original neighborhood map and let's scroll down to border I don't want to touch anything there so let's go down a little further. And that's so we are right on the border to Dearborn. So what about those neighborhoods down at the bottom? Right by Warren Dale? Can you Zoom in just a bit? Just right where your mouse is at, I'm trying to grab the names of the neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Telegraph road.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That one so that is partially park land. Rouge park area. I'm just wondering how much population we have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In far west Detroit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2758.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's put that into, make sure I'm going the right way. Put that into 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Come over to the next precinct right next to it on the right. So we are going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Far west Detroit precinct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That precinct has 2100 in it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh. It doesn't though.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is, you know, this precinct kind of splits across this neighborhood. This does not look like it's populated.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not. It's a park. So can.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It does split it up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we still if we put that into 14, I think we will be okay but let's see the numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That precinct ran into another neighborhood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Of course.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But there is park separating it so I mean, I could see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would put those blocks back in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this right here back into this District 15.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put it back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 15 is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kind of weird.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A little connection. So you could, it's just a thought, but all of the park and all this area back into 15 and you would be moving the population, this neighborhood far west Detroit neighborhood would still stay over there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's try that. Just move the park and those houses.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See what it looks like. These are all 0 populations but I menial know the area. I don't know if it will stay like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It will.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little 42 is still.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd leave that, leave it with the neighborhood. All right so that got us back with those three districts balanced. Does that look good everybody? All right let's look at morning side cornerstone and east village which is up near the Grosse Pointes. Yep, keep going and just Zoom in right there. So Cornerstone park East English Village morning side we currently have them split up. Do we want to change it in this map? Or do we want to leave it? Like I said we accommodated it in two other maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess what we are trying to do is make a small change as we can without making significant changes but you know my heart just really

says that we have to make significant changes. And I understand we are trying not to do that until after we approve the map but I don't know that I can honestly answer the question. You're asking does this look good. It doesn't. I know we have to make hard changes. So I guess, yes, small changes and maybe the hard change is after the small changes and maybe this is a bigger change but we need to significantly shift Detroit and Flint in order to understand how to get something that feels better. Again, I cannot approve this. I know we are trying to make small changes and approve something but I can't approve it. It's just too cut up. I think we did our best. But we got significant feedback from most was on our house maps. Even these days we are getting feedback on the house maps. I don't want to start over and we have to somehow recognize what we can keep and what we can't keep and we can't keep -- I can't keep this in Detroit. So again, I'm trying to respond to your question you asked which is should we keep it, should we not. I'm trying to give you my, yeah, my honest feedback.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, and I understand that there are some Commissioners who want to radically change Detroit and I'm fine with that but I want to get us through the changes we agreed on from the other day and finish this map. That way along with any other changes we want to make to it and create a clone and then come back to Detroit because I think that is the most efficient way to handle that rather than starting from scratch with a new Metro Detroit area. Which I think --

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That was Hendrix.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, I wonder if we could go around wherever the other small changes are, take care of the small changes then we can spend our time on these.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right. So let's just accommodate this on this map. We are going to have to move a little bit here so let's scroll back in. And it looks like we currently have most of that neighborhood in six. So let's just add the rest of it. So if you can Zoom back in, we will have to make some adjustments. Can you put the neighborhood overlay back on? I really do need it. Sorry. Yeah, so let's move put all of morning side into 6 and that addresses that concern then we will have to rebalance four a little bit and rebalance 11 little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of morning side into six.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Into six, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We leave this part of Chalmers there?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would move it into 11. We might depending on the numbers be able to move that into 4. Is 4 under at this point? Do we know? I can't...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent when you are ready can you scroll down to the active matrix so we can see how four is? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Just going to get these chipped away.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep. That is okay it's 0 population. I'm pretty sure that is a road. Just grab that little bit. It's okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just leave it like that then. So now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to see where four is at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1.8% below or 1600. 11 is 3% low. So that is a District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I think if you bring Chandler park and pull it into four it's going to solve that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chandler Park or Chalmers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11 is low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I got this backwards so ten is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is 1.8 high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 11.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12 here is a part of a neighborhood. 12 is a little high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, let's try to take that from 12 I think that would make more sense unless anyone has another idea. I think that precinct kind of crosses the neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to do blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. And that will bring both of those in line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just making it a little neater. Now 6 you have 11 up here along six in this area. 11 is along ten. And is that four?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, but I want to take from 12 because 12 is high or highest. And so let's just keep pulling out of that Wade neighborhood. We might be able to take almost all of it honestly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So how many, yeah, you can probably do it. Do you want to do that, move the neighborhood?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, let's select that and move that neighborhood and I think that should be good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point 11 is 1.01 low. 12 is .5% high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right does that look good, guys? Good-ish.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I was the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All the neighborhoods are back together for the most part. All right next on our list is there were some comments about API about Novi being split up in our house map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Help me find Novi.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Keep going you are good, Zoom into 36 and put on the Asian American dots there is one precinct that we have split off from the rest. That would be helpful to see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you go up a little higher on the map, yeah, that 2814 is what they are talking about and we cut that off from the rest of the Asian population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is District 36.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: From 36 to 110 do we want to make that change? Put it into 110 then we have to adjust because that is a pretty big population move.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Looks like it will work. If you take it out of 36 and put it into ten, I mean I guess yeah ten will have to come down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Okay can you go ahead and move that? So move that into 110. So now 110 is a little over. So 36 is good. 35 is currently under so we can take a little bit and put it into 35.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, you have the community the gray dots community of interest and a fair number in five now. And five is sitting at 1600 down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what are you suggesting? What are you looking? Microphone, Kent microphone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm looking at these Asian communities here. In District 5. And these are Asian communities. Or populations that are. So I looked at five and see that it's 1600 light. You know, so and right now District five is 62% minority. 11% non-Hispanic. So I was just thinking maybe you want to put some of these communities in with this community here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just thinking about the question is I can't remember if this was also the Chaldean District. I remember I think West Bloomfield and Sterling Heights is my memories. Any other population here that might not show up with Asian coalition districts anything we have learned? It's a question.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is the northern part of Farmington Hills the part that is closer to West Bloomfield that is currently in District 9. And 110. But I think our West Bloomfield District that has West Bloomfield with some of Commerce is fine how it is here. So I wouldn't recommend making any changes to that. Yeah, so that is about it for me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you pull the view down a little bit? I want to see the last precinct at the top in 36. What is the Asian population in that one? Can you -- I see the dot there and I'm just wondering what is it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2200 people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, 36.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner. A couple points. If the you know, as I understand from the discussion of reading these, the Asian neighborhoods back together again and re-unifying them. If the Commission is inclined on the same line I think where the cursor is now in District 5 that is one of the large Asian American communities in this community. One of the things that I always have to remind myself the smaller the dot the smaller the population. This is one of the larger Asian American community dots. So that would be a consideration. Just also as another FYI, you are the Supreme Court has been saying for decades that it is okay legally to over or under

populate if the justification is VRA compliance. Now, what does exactly that mean sometimes? That you're keeping communities together. Communities that are cohesive. From a voting rights perspective and as from a nonvoting rights perspective. Keeping neighborhoods together. The issues about population deviation particularly in urban areas I would caution about because as we've seen they can be relatively fragile. And you are legally justified to have an under or over population if done for Voting Rights Act compliance, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What I'm struggling with personally is we received I mean, at least 50 comments at least 50 comments about that 2814 precinct and wanting it to be combined with Novi. I'm just surprised that was from APIA and other individuals commenting on the maps. I'm struggling with why they did not identify the area in Farmington Hills as well and wonder if it's a different community because Asian include as umbrella of different things and that is what I'm struggling with. That was not identified as being part of the Novi community of interest by the people who were asking. So do we want to move it sort of preemptively without that guide? It's striking me as very odd because it does seem to be a huge population and wondering why that wasn't called out when the one very clearly was. We received comment after comment after comment about this particular precinct in Novi and moving it in with the rest of Novi.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Hopefully there are some clarifying commenters out that that want to provide some additional information. Certainly Dr. Handley has not identified that as being an outlier. I'm not aware of it being an outlier. It is and I certainly agree it is the largest concentration that we are seeing here. And it would seem to be a natural fit to put it into 110. And the Asian Kent can you move down on the matrix to see the population for 110 Ken 2.68.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 23%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is one of the higher Asian populations we have seen I think anywhere in the state. So you know my first thought as I said is that putting it in 110 makes sense from a Voting Rights Act, Michigan Constitution diverse neighborhoods, COI standpoint, it really seems to check all the boxes. And I don't Madam Chair I don't have an explanation either of why that hasn't been flagged. On the surface it seems a natural fit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What I'm thinking and I want everybody to weigh in on this I'm thinking of grabbing the three in Farmington Hills and putting them in 110 and bringing 9 further down. Or taking areas from 9 to like balance that out a little bit. So any other thoughts Commissioner Eid? You had your hand up for a while.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is exactly what I was thinking actually. Put those in 110. Make 5 go up to the border and 9 go down to the border.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I'm just wondering Kent can you Zoom into the area we are talking about? Is that I'm thinking that is, yeah, the middle purple precinct we are talking about looks like it's part of Farmington. Just I just noticed that so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The middle purple being number 9? Or 17?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is all one Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's Farmington the City I believe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right, it's its own municipal boundaries is what you are saying, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it looks like most of that Asian population is right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. And there was a lot in the bottom precinct too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you know we are looking at 55% Asian. 29% Asian. 55% Asian. Even in this little District is 22.53. A little precinct I'm sorry. So I mean you could do it by like the precincts, I will select the precincts individually.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you. Just wanted to point out with the municipal boundaries and the Voting Rights Act of course the municipal boundaries are not an impediment to Voting Rights Act issues. The keeping municipalities Government entities whole is the bottom of the list. And of the criteria. It's also interesting it's always interested me that the language consider it's not that you shall do something. It's that you shall consider it. So considering it is frankly what is happening now. So just as a commonality going forward, splitting Government unit boundaries is not an impediment to VRA compliance.

In fact, frankly it's expected if you needed to get to where you needed to go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean then why don't we try to move those three areas into 110. And then we are going to have to make some adjustments between 9 and 5 I think and 110. Sorry 110. And see how -- what this does. So that for 110 brought our percentage up to 29.92 Asian.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Basically you need to bring 17, take 17,000 out of 110.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Out of 110. Wondering if we just bring 9 across. So the top four precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That will give you ten right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Five needs 15.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'm listening.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The top four precincts actually there is five because one is 22-0 so we grab those and going to put those into 9. That is going to get us part of the way there. All right so 9 is now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16,000 over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I want you to grab that one more area of Farmington that is underneath like 35, I think. I can't really tell.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where am I looking now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right where you were go under one more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No over to the left right there. So put that in as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 15% Asian.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want that to go to 9 or do you want it to go to 5? Put it to 5.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have I mean, you can move something down here into 35 or something over to 36. We don't have to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's true.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So kind of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the Asian population there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zooming out. So you know any way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anyone have any other suggestions? Go ahead Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know if this will work but I'm willing to give it a shot. How about we have 5 go up and take the rest of Farmington Hills and 9 go down and take the rest of Southfield and see what it does to the VRA numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know if it will work or not. It might push the VA P higher than we want but from a community perspective it may make sense. So 5 put it in with just bring it up to the rest of Farmington Hills.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Want to take all of it or just a portion of it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well it's a swap between the rest of Southfield and the rest of Farmington Hills. So I this I we have to take all of it first. And then, you know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a minute the computer seems to be pausing which means I'm pausing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's a lot of work to accommodate one precinct. I'm just saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think what Commissioner Eid was suggesting is we start bringing 5 up and grab those parts of 9 and then we are going to bring 9 down to balance it back out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 5.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Microphone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry this area in here is also part of 5 so when we bring 9 down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to be cautious about what we are doing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, I mean I would be inclined to start over here and work back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm worried that is going to throw off the area. It was drawn that way for VRA purposes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can you bring -- well I guess if you brought 9 down in there it would just be too big a thing. Because 9 is at 43%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we are looking at 15, we need to move 15,000 people so let's go back up to let's look at 5 and 9 and can you just select for me the so right now who is overpopulated? Nine is overpopulated, is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 9 is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get it there. T is you know large.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I want to start with the western edge of 9 right now and select those precincts on that side and see how much population we have. So let's just do a select box.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I got it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And just kind of bring it over. I don't know if I would go the whole way because that is going to be too much. That is going to be too much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I knew that knowing the population in the area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 20,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, which is too much so take off the upper corner and let's just back off no, no, no go back to how you had it. So I want the, yep, grab the bottom one so they are collected.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, and this one?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Add that one and that is 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That goes to 5 is that what you're saying?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about that Anthony?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nine went up to 47% non-Hispanic Black

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It was at 48-42, so that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5 is at 44.5.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is good and still within our VAA range.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 110 is 5% high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can go elsewhere with that, I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We just looked at 35, 36, for example, 36 can hold population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 35 can too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35 can too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is that bottom precinct bordering 35?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I do know that this precinct down in here had significant Asian population. I just remember seeing that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the Asian population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Adelson did you have a comment?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Listening to the conversation I just wanted to reiterate something. As you know we've done Voting Rights Act analysis, Dr. Handley has done racial bloc voting analysis. And I think what is important as we are moving through the Detroit area, the BVAP numbers can be higher and that does not -- that is not a VRA issue. That's a reuniting neighborhoods. That is a diverse communities under the Michigan Constitution. That's not being done and that is certainly not at our advice to address VRA issues. VRA issues have already been analyzed. But in looking through it just as a reminder looking through the maps and the Detroit obviously the population is very concentrated. It's an urban area. So going higher with the BVAP as you're reuniting the neighborhoods, as we were doing earlier, that is fine under the Michigan Constitution with the criteria number three. The diverse communities and the communities of interest. I just wanted to make that clarification. I think that it's important the BVAP. Number can go up because right now at least as far as the bloc population we are not looking at VRA issues. These are reuniting neighborhood issues, communities of interest consideration. That's a Michigan Constitution issue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right, thank you 35 and 110 is where? I lost track of what we are doing here population counts? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 110 is 5% high. And 35 is 1% low. 36 is .05%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is that one little precinct on the edge of 36 with the small Asian population how many people are in there, right there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're talking about putting that in too?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 110?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because we are trying to go the other way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you so choose. I mean you have got Northville.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How many were in Northville? I thought it was a decent population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2800.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's not too bad. And 35 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 35 is a thousand low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What are the thoughts about putting Northville into 35? I mean the rest of Northville the eastern edge of Northville Township is already in 35.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seems like a good fit with Plymouth and Northville.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Plymouth and Northville, part of Northville so putting that portion of Northville City with the eastern edge of Northville Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Staying within the County boundaries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Staying within the country boundaries.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Consolidate Northville that way.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what we did on the Senate map I believe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's try that. So put that area of Northville City in with 35 and hopefully that means we are done with this area. All right I think that fixed it. Okay can you please save? And then we have one more specific request from this area which was the Sikh community in Troy Rochester Hills on our house map. Yeah, which there is Troy and there is Rochester because they are separate. I don't think we can combine that. Yeah, I don't see how we can combine that. Anyone?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What was the request?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The Sikh community in Troy and Rochester Hills wanted to be combined in the house.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Too much population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can't do that. That is just a nonstarter. They are combined in the other maps. So all right that is a nonstarter. All right, let's move on to Grand Rapids.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If we want to stay here just for a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Did we forget Southfield I'm sorry did I miss that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is being changed? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Southfield Lathrop village in that area wanted to be combined.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That wasn't something I heard before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it escaped our list.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That was at TCF. That is when both Detroit area and Southfield alumni chapter Deltas talked about being a community and being community service organization and servicing that area. There were several people that talked about that re-unification.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Asking Southfield and what.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Lathrop village and we can Zoom in just to be sure but they wanted to be together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can't remember where Lathrop village is inside.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's inside and they are combine that is 2045 and 2043 that municipality.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Wanted to be sure I didn't miss it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They are together. So we are going to skip Lansing and go to Grand Rapids for now and we will come back to it because I know that is going to be one of the bigger ones so Grand Rapids can we Zoom in a bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I'm going to change the color and 86 is more easily identified.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is a really quick one. And in the sort of the Lake Macatawa just 280 person change. It's, yeah, at the block level to -- before we get to Grand Rapids. Again I'm thinking about quick ones.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like Flint and Lansing are going to take a little more time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: These do flow into each other.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you pull out to the coastline on the west so we will head west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where we headed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lake Macatawa a little south of here there is Lake Macatawa right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it okay if I direct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we pull out a little bit so we can see the broader Holland area and how much we have? Because I think that we might be a challenge with population. All right so 82 is at 300 under so 358 under that is 82 and then 88 is at they are under too so they are a little under 89. Okay go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So and this is a 280 person change or addition to 82 so what we are doing Kent is along the border between 82 and 88 you have to go to the block level at the Lake.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct but you are going I don't know if we will get all of it so it's the green to the north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This right there. We looked at this before. This is a totally different this is one big, large census block.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If we get all of that it's still 280 people something like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They want to go in the north part of Holland.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The blocks into 82.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those little ones right there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because it's a neighborhood right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a neighborhood and they have correct so it's a very small change that yeah makes a big difference in their life.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This big block too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct. I think that is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back to Grand Rapids again. I don't think that yeah, they are both fine. All right so we got lots of feedback about Grand Rapids. Lots of feedback. And I think actually can we Zoom in to this line here? Right at the bottom of 56, 56 and East Grand Rapids? Go a little north, north, north, north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Talking the north side.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Bottom of the purple District can you Zoom in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the grand river.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So the border is south of wealthy on this one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then it cuts across at trying to get it that is Wealthy Street.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A lot of discussion about moving it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That was one thing moving the border to Wealthy Street and it is so we don't have to worry about it on this map. It's already incorporated.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wealthy Street is up here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do we really want to move it to wealthy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We don't have to. It already is.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm saying keep it was it Fulton the Other Street?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fulton is north so and the other maps that want us to bring that down to wealthy but this map already is past wealthy.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Everything I heard when I was in Grand Rapids and we had like a press conference and a bunch of people we talked with afterwards they said Fulton should be the line of demarcation.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So you're saying change this.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct. And I think MC was with me that day, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The others half said wealthy in the other two maps we have it at Fulton.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is Fulton Street?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Fulton is north of wealthy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Logan wealthy good rich.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Keep going up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cherry Washington Fulton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Quite a bit north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is it up here so that would.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead MC.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So what I think what we could do is we do if we are going to try to add Ada and Cascade and have some smaller changes, what I think folks are recognizing is the population centers are in the City. So that small change up to Fulton is not a small change but what it does right because it's population based is it helps again this is I'm looking at the what was given us today was P map P7105 and it you know keeping the Hispanic vote in Wyoming. What they have done here in this P7105 it looks like is made some smaller changes to what we got but that small change is up to Fulton. Essentially. And then it allows us to actually bring in more of the Metro six region and I think it gives a better representation of the community which I think is what Mr. Adelson was saying. We are making community changes. These are

community of interest changes so to speak. Right the people are helping us understand where their divisions can be that aren't wrong. That are not wrong, right?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Missing something that this map opened wealthy on the lines?

>> That is correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Neither Fulton or wealthy are the lines here that is correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I take it we have another map that they are or it is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have not drawn it. We are working, maybe it's not in Pine, correct, we are using the Pine map and maybe it's on a different one. You are right Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Might not be a small change so Commissioner Szetela do you want us to continue working here on the Grand Rapids area? What are you thinking?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want to look at Ada and Cascade and if we have broader changes in the area, we should create an alternative map to do it because that is pretty significant.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and what they are asking or showing us in order to make the changes to Ada and Cascade they are helping us understand this may actually be a way that preserves the communities and I think that is why it isn't is a small change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I'm saying let's see where Ada and Cascade are on this map and they are off on their own. Can we Zoom out a bit. They are in 96. Okay so if we are going to do that as a proposed change, I think we need to make that as an alternative map because it's going to have ripple effects.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct I think that is very appropriate because I think this helps us change Lansing which we are talking about and potentially this Flint and this whole area that it ripples.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we have okay so Lansing, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek, just making a list here, what am I missing, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Flint and I think the Detroit area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And Detroit area. So those are kind of big changes. So can we just do since we have ten minutes left before our break, before we get into the big changes can we look at the little changes that are left which are Cheboygan. We want to look at that. And we want to look at Oxford Lake Orion on the house map to see how we can do the split.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is not a small change. It's about a 5,000 person change. Which ripples.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The same thing here. I don't see how we can change that. If we try to put Cheboygan to the west then we would have to I mean we have to bring 105 down and I mean does anyone want it's accommodated on the other two maps.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what I was going to say we realize we cannot accommodate everything on every map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Cheboygan. Let's take a gander at Oxford Lake Orion and may come to the same conclusion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's Pontiac.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Down at the bottom. Down Oakland County. Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to offer there is one more small change the UP shoreline and this is so small but I think we as a Commission have to talk about it by preserving the shoreline Dickinson County, we would have to split them but associated with their southern shoreline so to speak rather than with the northern shoreline.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you start Zooming in right there. They are the coral color a little further up by Pontiac. See the Peach color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lake Orion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It goes into Oxford. So 22000 people. Can we see precinct level? So 5,000 people they want to have moved in and kept together. And can we back out a little bit? And look along that border? So if we pull 5,000 out, we have to pull 5,000 from the other side. Any reason why we couldn't pull those two precincts that are on the bottom of Oakland and move them over? Commissioner Clark I'm looking at you because this is your area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That will hurt the population in Rochester, Rochester Hills. It will bring it down, whatever that amount is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well this doesn't include Rochester Hills. I'm talking about the green area right where it says so right there, those two precincts next to good rich.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We added that so Rochester and Rochester Hills would get up to 91,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Up to what?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Population at 91,000 level.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But that is part of District 46 not Rochester Hills.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The green is part of 46.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right I'm talking about so moving the top area of 29 which is in Oxford moving that pink area in with the rest of 46.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Taking those two precincts that have high Asian population and putting them into 29.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I see I thought you would take the yellow.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I'm asking is there any problem with moving those into 29?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think so, no.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we try that? Take those two precincts in 46 the 2899, 3282 and move them into 29 just a little shift. And go up to the top and take Oxford and put it in with the rest of Oxford. Then we haven't fixed everything because we don't have Lake Orion with Oxford but at least Oxford is whole. Does that make sense? So it's like a partial accommodation. So at least Oxford is now not split. Does that make more sense.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oxford is with Addison.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oxford is with Addison.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That was their big.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that makes more sense.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Easy fix.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would concur with that knowing the area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And now 29 is over population, isn't it? How did that happen? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You added in more than you took out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The biggest one do you want to try to fix that now or come back to it after lunch? You want to try and fix it. Let's just fix it. So let's figure out we have 29 is over by about a thousand people. A little more than a thousand because 2200's about our threshold for a District to be over so about 22, 2300, 22, 2250 is where we are over and right now take off 7, 800 people off of District 29. So where do we want to try to accomplish that from Commissioner Orton do you have an idea?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Put it in 38 because that is low if I'm reading it right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think you are right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where is 38?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 38 is Pontiac area so move that precinct right there let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into 38.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that is part of Bloomfield. Oops that is weird.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 1.46 high, 38 is .26 low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do see that that was one of the Asian theme dots so maybe that isn't the right precinct to take. I don't know. Because it takes it away from the District that has more Asian population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's try to move that back and let's look northerly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As I was doing this I cycled between the African/American theme as well as the Asian theme and I'm not sure if there was

another but those are the two themes that made it challenging for me to figure out which way to go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we are putting in to from right 29 we are taking from 29 so about what just north of Lake Angelus the little precinct on the edge of 29 right now? Because I don't think there is much so go further north, yeah, see Angelus right there. That little precinct right there how many is in that, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2594, 2834.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about taking that 2594 and putting it down? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would get you at that will work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have thoughts, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is -- is there a town there?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's like the fringe of Lake Orion. It's pretty rural along there. It's in between Lake Orion and Orion Township and independence.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So you are kind of breaking up Lake Orion doing that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's just Orion Township Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There is one place we can look if we go down south a little bit and I don't know the area so I don't know which would be best.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The first one how much Asian population was that? I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah that 2061 how much is there? We got to flip back to Asian I think we are on African/American.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So it was.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 10%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 224 people out of 2061, 10.87%.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you click on the dot to the east of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That one, yeah, I was confused. It does not show a dot in that precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct actually runs all the way over here. I highlighted it a moment ago. This 2825 is connected to that. So I suppose you could take you know part of that precinct. I'll select it. You will see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, the first move that Cynthia had recommended 200 people is not significant in the scheme of things. I think that would be the appropriate thing and really got the numbers down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can also split the precincts along this telegraph road, yeah, it's just you know looks like a bell there. This is one precinct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd rather do a full precinct than split one what do you think Cynthia? Let's go back to the original and put 2061 back in. Not all that. All right I think that is good. So let's do a save. Before everything falls apart on us. All right it's currently 1 p.m. We are supposed to take a recess from 1-2 without objection we will recess from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Hearing no objection we are in recess until 2:00 p.m.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:06 p.m. will the secretary please take the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.
Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending remotely and disclose your physically attending from. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

We are going back to where we left off and working on the Pine map version two and we I think accomplished all of our little changes. Excuse me. Let me just double check my list so we will move on to what we call the bigger changes which are Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and then Benton Harbor I forgot to include that on the list. Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is one more little change which is really it's Dickinson iron the UP shoreline and I just wanted to acknowledge that we did hear from the UP that they sort of the there is a Lake my side and a Lake Superior side so it's a small change in the Dickinson County area. Again and it does the Native American community that is up there which is the minority population I'm aware of is already stretched. So this is a, yeah, a community like the shoreline community rather than the indigenous community. That would be a change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go up and look at the area that Commissioner Rothhorn is addressing? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I'll open it up now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 108 you can see it goes on the southern tip, the Lake Michigan tip, yeah, all we would be doing is adding so what we would do is we would shift it so it's 107 would be the southern District. And is 108 is the northern like northeast of 107 it would not quite touch Sault St. Marie and I'm not saying it's an essential thing. This is a small thing that might reflect a community of interest for the UP and making sure 107 is the north superior side and 107 is the Michigan side.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What community of interest are you trying to talk about here out of curiosity.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just what I heard that they divide north and south rather than east and west the UP. So it's not a community of interest as much as I heard there was a shoreline. We have shoreline communities and Marquette excuse me not Marquette but Dickinson iron is on that western side. Again super small.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought when we did this, we drew 107 and 106 because we were trying to take into account the Native American populations.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then let's not change it. Keep it the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought we did that quite deliberately.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Dickinson wanted to stay whole because doesn't work, Dickinson still is split.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The way I'm looking at it community of interest iron mountain is together. And I also agree with the fact that Counties technically are not communities of interest. So I think this is fine at this particular point plus we are reserving more communities of interest throughout the entirety of the split.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's keep it the same.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could we do a quick review of the Grosse Pointe area particularly Grosse Pointe Woods and make sure that it's whole?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't think it is and I thought that was done for VRA purposes I'm pretty sure it was.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If it was then that is acceptable, I think.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That northern part next to Harper Woods.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Westerly I thought we did that intentionally for VRA.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can't remember to be honest with you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just before we go into the big changes maybe we should run the partisan fairness again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, great idea. You're dividing by 0 I think you need to rerun it. That is going to make you click on partisan fairness again. It didn't. Good. Yeah. Not focused. Statewide, yeah. Yeah. All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margins is 5.8% favoring the republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mean median difference is 3.1% favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7% favoring republican. And then the seats to votes proportionality bias is 1.4% favoring republican. And the seat count is 56, 54 democrat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So virtually no change. There was a .1 drop in the lopsided margin. All right, do we want to before we start making some bigger changes, do we want to save a new version as version three? Yeah, all right so let's save this as version three. And my suggestion is that we start with Grand Rapids, Lansing first because I think they affect each other. And then Battle Creek and Benton Harbor because I think they affect each other too. But I know we have specifically received proposed maps redrawing the Lansing area and the Grand Rapids area and we can do them incrementally too if you guys want to do that. We can do Lansing and then save a new version and then do Grand Rapids and you know do it that way. Or we can kind of do it all on one map. Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Putting Saugatuck into the lakeshore District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not yet, no. Commissioner Orton go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think in a house map we can go up that far because it's already as skinny as it can get.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm not opposed starting in those areas but would it make more sense to look at the Detroit area because the ripple effect there is going to be much, much larger?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say the same thing. We have all the Commissioners that can help us currently present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I guess the difficulty with that is for the other areas we have maps that we were going to overlay. And that is kind of what I was thinking those are easier changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is what I mean we have an idea an overlay for the Detroit area too. That's what we were looking at earlier today. That is I mean it's not a complete overlay. But it's you know an overlay that allows some of the, yeah, they are ideas overlay. And I think they would ripple out like Commissioner Witjes was saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would suggest we just start with the simpler changes more than the complex one to get through this. But that is my opinion. It will work either way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The other reason we put off Detroit until the end of the day each time so I want to see if we can start with Detroit. That is what I'm thinking. Go with the hard stuff first while we are more fresh.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But I think with Lansing and Grand Rapids there was sort of consensus that those changes were okay with Detroit I feel like it's a different situation. I'm not sure everybody is on board with those changes. I'm just trying to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Get us a consensus map to start with before we move into areas where there may not be consensus and we might be changing things back. Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Curry did you have your hand up or your hand sitting there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm trying to understand your last comment you made about Detroit. You were saying something about we weren't Detroit wasn't together or what? I'm not understanding that right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No I was saying for Lansing and Grand Rapids we have very specific maps that are like four and five districts for those areas where changes were requested to what we have. Which are very specific. They are not ideas. They are very specific. They make these changes. And that it's easier to make those changes and then move on to Detroit than it is to start with ideas and then play with Detroit I guess would be my point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't think we have so many ideas in Detroit, do we? Idea is something that is not concrete so.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't think these are ideas. Maybe it's a semantics issue. They are configurations I thought about that came from the comments and from the TCF hearing and I think I mean of course I'm just one Commissioner. But if we don't start with the Detroit and we start in these other areas it will be similar, I'm already kind of hearing this idea for this plan, this approach being pitched in a way that it's complicated. Then it will be received that way when we are going into the -- coming

down to Detroit and I suggest and it's time for the overlay, then that might be difficult. Because we've already kind of crunched down and painted ourselves in a corner unless I'm thinking about it incorrectly.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That was well said.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The other areas we are talking about are far from Detroit. So I don't think that whatever we do in Detroit or in those areas would impact Detroit. Because we are talking Flint which is further north. We are talking Lansing further to the west. And Grand Rapids and the lakeshore even further west. I would go with the simpler ones.

Get them out of the way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's just do Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right so you've saved this as Pine three, is that right?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, do we want to use Pine version two? Is that finished for the day? Or are we coming back? Because I know there is still you have changes to make, are they going to go into V2? Or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pine is what we started with right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And we have the smaller kind of more incremental communities of interest that we were targeting with that. So now we will go make some bigger changes in Pine three. I would not say we are done with Pine two because we may end up having to clone that and make a version four off of that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So is V3 a version of V2?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: V3 is going to be a version of V3 is a version of V2 with Detroit changes, Detroit specific changes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Question for MC you mentioned an overlay for Detroit where did that overlay come from?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: When Commissioner Kellom and I were working together this is what she saw and has drawn this map but it's not a complete, it's the parts like Southfield like there is three parts of Southfield that sort of change and we were looking at it earlier this morning. Actually the same overlay the District 8 for example was the same. So these are districts that Commissioner Kellom likes. That, yeah, that I helped her map and made an overlay of.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the overlay layer. I'm going to turn off voting precincts just for a moment. So we can get a better visual.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if it might be easier if it's blue instead of red.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, well, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's just hard to see with the more pink districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that florescent, that won't work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have so many greens on this map green doesn't work very well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to make it very dark. Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like we don't have Mr. Adelson with us but one thing I was encouraged by I think we have the Dearborn area. And several Commissioners know this area but I think we've got a coalition potential like the Arab voting analysis that was created. I think we have to understand the Hispanic population. There is so much data we got yesterday. We didn't get a lot of data but confirmation. I'm wondering how we can help draw better districts because of this. That is what but we don't have Mr. Adelson here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Kent before we proceed can you export the spreadsheet, the matrix? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For the version 3?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, before we make any changes to it. Because I think that would be helpful Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a thought.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We always have it off of V2 but.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we have a version from, that is true we have V2. I wanted it for easy comparison because we will change VRA numbers and want someplace we can compare them.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a thought I had. Before we go on to major changes, because correct me if I'm mistaken the Senate and Congressional ones, we did small changes and published that for the 45 day period. Should we do the same thing with the house? And take the version three and submit that for public comment for the 45 day period as an option? Before we go through major changes?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not done yet though because we have not done Grand Rapids and Lansing. We have not done any of the other areas we wanted to change. That is kind of what my preference would be to finish that first and then we have that version and a version with Detroit changes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Good point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will do it a different way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Navy boundaries are the overlay districts so there is one, two, three, four stacked vertically that run left to right, right, through where my cursor is. Then there is one, two, three, four, five, six that go around this way. Or seven.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So do we though that these districts equal the districts we are replacing? And can we just delete those districts out? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well we can see right here in looking at this for example 35 is half outside.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So when you take this away these have to change as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 and 21 is untouched so that could stay the same. But probably I'm trying to visualize it maybe use the numbers that are there. For example four is very little change to four. Six is a little bit so we can keep this 4, 6, you know, make the changes to 11 and do it like that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That makes a lot of sense.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or delete them and start over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not delete all so 2, 10, 12 we can see there is pretty significant changes there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 22.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Delete them out and you have a clean slate you are building on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pick the right numbers once we do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is exactly it. It just makes it easier to see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll delete 1, 2, 3, 4 right out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe ten because ten you will take a lot of too. So one, two is three coming out or not? I think most of it is preserved, do one, two, ten.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 22 is cut in half so this area will have to go somewhere.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a question, maybe this was answered and I missed it, MC and Brittini worked on this, right? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Did you take into consideration VRA districts in all of the numbers as you were doing it? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The answer is yes and no we don't know if we got it right. It's more communities of interest changes. So yes, that is a question. That is a big question. But it's trying to respond to the communities of TCF public hearing and that overwhelming idea that like hey you got it wrong. Get the house maps right this is overwhelming trying to say this is an effort to try to respond with a community and like yes maybe VRA compliant perspective.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just noticing a couple of things we will have to deal with in this area of 22 is obviously not sufficient to be a District. So that is going to have to go somewhere and I'm just thinking with start right here. At the core. Because obviously we are not going into Canada. So start with these districts here, maybe go up that a way and.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep den.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you know what I'm saying? And go down through here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MC or Commissioner Kellom needs to direct you as to what to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Should I direct Commissioner Kellom? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I thought she was simply going to unassign the areas that have been assigned and start filling them in based upon what is outlined in the Navy. So Kent if you need me to say that, that is what I'm telling you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sometimes it's easier like in the case of four I'm just going to fix four right quick.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, and fill in the areas and unassign that. And so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the basic idea.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is the starting point.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it's agreeable I will follow the blue lines to the best of my ability.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I would prefer and I'm watching to make sure we get it right. I don't want to say you get it right so I just put a we in there.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair I don't think your microphone is on if you are addressing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just asking him a question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The question is whether we can bring this in as a merge file or a file to merge. So I'm going to try to show you that and maybe see if you know how to do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It would just be a lot faster if we had an actual plan that we can just merge.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You have to pick which District numbers you are going to merge in and whether you will delete everything that it touches underneath. So it's going to delete them then we have to recreate it will be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will have to do that any way on the border because how much it changes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It will be 50/50 however you do it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shape files and all that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: To speed this along Kent just go along and sign things you don't need us to direct you for the shape file and if you want to do that and fill in the blue

area just go ahead and do it so we don't have to direct you on every single change because there is a lot here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: While this is going on I have a question for MC when you and Brittini worked on this did you use any external templates or maps?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, we looked at like maps that were on the portal for sure. We looked at different places and tried to understand which ones, yeah. Different people like the Lansing one for example. I looked at the portal and looked at yesterday even looking at. The answer is yes, we looked at portal submissions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Did you look at AFLCIO?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not AFLCIO.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the other one promote the vote.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, I think we looked at one of those.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You did, okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say any other ones out of curiosity? Did you write them down which ones you used.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We were looking at different.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go ahead Commissioner Rothorn I will talk after.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We were looking at different ideas but not lobbying stuff.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is not what I'm saying just for documentation purposes for these particular changes do you know which ones you looked at? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The biggest documentation is what we all collectively heard in the Detroit area. And there were many references to like even in the Southfield Livonia Redford and I guess we go west to the configuration that I'm suggesting to more horizontal configuration. So east-west. And obviously we can't do that in all areas. So I tried to accommodate that specifically as I referenced before. The folks of Southfield really spoke up about that. And I think this also honors our third criteria of diversity and COIs. So there seems to be a lot of questions in the room which is fine and speaks more of the representation of Detroit. Commissioner Clark you and I spoke about this. I have spoken to other Commissioners about this. Talked to Bruce about this. And ways to make it better. Mr. Adelson also kind of referenced that earlier about how we could increase BVAP. So that was my line of thinking. Like I've said before especially this week trying to edify the diversity and cultures and does a great job of it. While it may not be perfect, I do think if changes are made here as we move into the other areas, that this is taken seriously. Because I think it does a good job of listening to what we have heard thus far.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes did you have a comment?
Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the only part so I do think promote the vote we looked at and changed some things based on promote the vote because they had a coalition but we did not like the Dearborn districts for example. I remember what I remember is that like there were places where we liked it. And there are places we didn't like it but we needed ideas to try to figure out. Because we may have spent like four hours together. My computer crashes and it wasn't even used.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't have a working computer.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was one of those we have a little bit of time. I was in an effort I was working with Brittini in an effort to try to respond to the people of Detroit knowing they know the City better than I do. I think all of us recognize the people from Detroit know this place better and listening how do we actually make it better and yes, I think we should be independent. We should not respond to lobby interests or political interests. These I mean if the numbers come out and they are like clearly wrong then so be it. But you know my hunch is this is actually represents the people's will better than what we've drawn.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, my perception of promote the vote is it's a political organization behind it. And I have the same perception of the AFLCIO maps. And it's slanted a specific way for a specific purpose. And I don't think they should be used in any context in the maps that we are drawing. The maps coming from individuals, you know for certain areas, I would accept. But not from political organizations.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We agree with you. The idea is if we don't have time enough to figure out how to do it using the ideas is what -- that is why it's an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is my confusion. Each one of the people that submitted maps we have used ideas, we have used public comments. We have used our own experience being from these varying areas. And we've come up with you know now maps that we are pushing forward. And this seems to be a continuation of yesterday of this scrutiny of I'm not from Jupiter I'm from Detroit. So it feels odd to keep justifying this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what is important too is because there are so many different communities within Detroit. As we were trying to adjust right for the African/American population in the first District I think we were trying to not take away from the Latino vote. Right, it's complicated. There is an interwoven, there is many ethnic groups and many political interests excuse me political identities and how they vote and their ability to select or elect the candidates that they choose, trying to

understand it all and again this is where the you know what Mr. Adelson was trying to help us understand. There is a coalition District we might be able to understand. Again, this may be...may allow for some of those. Yeah. And I don't know it very well. But I recognize that I don't know it and I'm looking for ideas and this is where Commissioner Kellom and I were trying to come up with ideas together. And again we tried to bring in Commissioner Curry as well. Sometimes it was so late, sometimes it worked, sometimes it didn't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair I have a question. This area, let me do this right here. The area 34 and the southern part, this District here runs all the way down into this waterfront area. I'm going by the blue boundary. May I ask Commissioners is this the intent for this District to come down and.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's water so I would say that at one point we will have to go back to the block level and reassign it to six.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm saying right now my inclination would be to leave this area in 6 all the way up to this line. But I don't know if that is what the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep it in 6. That is fine.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I muted myself I was saying yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 6 uniform and it keeps this District from appearing...this is very much like watching a pot boil, isn't it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Paint dry.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't mind.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will get it done here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you want to be assigning it to 11? Okay so 11 and 34 I thought the District to the right was 11 and this one was going to be a different District? But maybe that is 34 and it's just the same color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think 11 and 34 are the same color and might be the problem.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: When you all get up to the Southfield area let me know. I think I figured it out where it does most of it without going into 16 or 21.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Again we are offering this as a way to move forward in the Detroit area. That honors the COIs. The fact that Detroit is hugely compact as Mr. Adelson referenced in terms of demographics in the population and it being an urban City. And then also being a Detroit and listening to and Commissioner Curry you can chime in if you like listening to abundance or overwhelming comments to

reunite some of the neighborhoods in a way that wasn't reflected previously. So while we don't have specifics on the numbers just yet, I think this is a strong base to move forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel that was not consistent with what I was hearing from Detroit. I don't remember Commissioner or individual commenters saying that they wanted neighborhoods put back together. I remember a lot of comments about wanting minority majority districts with more than 50% African/American and I don't remember much of anything about neighborhoods honestly.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That was the Rosedale corner star and morning side are neighborhoods.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That was a very small group of people commenting not the majority of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I disagree with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We had very few people commenting about specific areas and overall it was minority majority districts.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Detroit is made up of neighborhoods respectfully is to reunite them. I can go get my notes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you have a comment?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, and I do believe Commissioner Kellom highlighted a new of those neighborhoods. And again respecting the historical nature of so many of Detroit's neighborhoods, I was looking at what Mr. Stigall was doing. Again for the distinguishing between the first criteria the Voting Rights Act which the Commission engaged that analysis and those compliance activities based on RBV analysis by Dr. Handley. But what I think I hear Commissioner Kellom discussing is, again, the third criteria of diversity and communities of interest. And those important distinctions between those two criterias and the focus of uniting neighborhoods that I believe is again what I hear Commissioner Kellom attempting to do in these efforts. But that wouldn't have VRA implications is my point Madam Chair. That those are two very distinct activities and it would not have a Voting Rights Act component.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel that really doesn't address my comment. Most of the people were complaining they felt we were not complaining about VRA and not complaining about neighborhoods.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: To address your comment more directly the comments were advocating more than 50% majority minority districts based on VRA which would likely be held to constitute racial gerrymandering. And, again, that would create VRA issues. What -- where I see this conversation happening is not rooted or anchored in the VRA at all. So while I acknowledge that a lot of the comments that you are referencing that were said at the TCF center centered around VRA and those goals that there were other comments on the portal and in there that referenced the neighborhoods throughout this process. In that, again, based on the neighborhood

overlays and other data present on and available on the City of Detroit, that this neighborhood approach would be appropriate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I understand what you're trying to say but Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Rothhorn said they base this on promote the vote not on neighborhoods so that is where.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did not say that. I specifically this whole week I've been talking about neighborhoods. I specifically did not mention the VRA. And just to minimize that those are only a small group of people when we have accommodated the Bengal la community. We accommodated all other communities. I'm just growing weary of this. It's very it's just surprising. That's all. Commissioner Rothhorn you can proceed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I just am questioning why we need to completely redraw the map to accommodate neighborhoods. It seems like if your concern is neighborhoods, we could have put the neighborhood map back on Yvonne? Commissioner Curry? Okay, I guess I'm just confused as to why you just wouldn't adjust neighborhoods using the existing lines rather than completely redrawing things. Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well one reason is the communities of interest is all about neighborhoods. One neighborhood is connected to another neighborhood. And that neighborhood is connected. This is like your toe is to your foot and your ankle is to your leg and so on, that is how we are connected in Detroit and that is why it's about neighborhoods.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Therefore we weren't connecting the right neighborhoods to the right to one neighborhood to another, right? And I think what I was hearing when I was drawing with Commissioner Kellom is it does not always it's not always articulated right. We looked at so I did look at my notes and tried to find some of the ones we looked at from the hearing right in the Southfield in particular there was Southfield and Oak Park and Jewish community we wanted to recognize and there was 774, there was P6764, there is all sorts of Ps and other ones we looked at. Again when we get to promote the vote map which I hear is a real concern because they may be a lobbyist. Again we are not taking the whole map. Right. What Commissioner Kellom said was like wow we only have a few hours. So that's what she looked at and you know.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: One of many references. It was one of many references. The larger part of it was a discussion that happened at the TCF hearing so we don't even have to include that. I just I'm looking at where is it? What were I just lost it create horizontal districts between Woodward and 8 mile. Another reference to an Elm map. Different interests than suburban Livonia which would be the area to the west that I have crafted. Lower east side together. These are comments from Detroit. So it just simply sounds like it's not good enough because it's not just about neighborhoods but COIs. I think Commissioner Curry provided a perfect anecdotal

example and explanation how Detroit is distinctively unique. It's unfortunate maybe they should have used more semantics like the Flint area. But to me those cities are very similar and they were saying the same things.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I have a couple Commissioners who have hands raised. But just on that point, I think to me the biggest issue is you're mentioning these communities of interest but when we collaboratively mapped, we discussed many, many communities of interest. And we weighed them as a collective and drew lines based on that. And what is happening here is that you and MC and Commissioner Curry have individually decided which communities of interest you think are important for this area. And you're asking us as a collective to just accept them without consideration and that is where I think the concern is coming from.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No I have listened.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm talking about what people in the room.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I listened to Detroit and other Commissioners. It's not about me or Commissioner Curry. And you all are doing the same thing as yesterday and I want to keep fighting for what I heard.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Eid.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: One moment please Commissioners just a reminder not to speak over each other. It makes it difficult for members of the public to understand you. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We have been going about an hour and I don't know about you and I have to use the bathroom so I motion for a ten minute recess.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Without objection it's currently 3:03 and we will take a 15-minute recess just about so we will stand in recess until 3:15 Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I stop.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Please continue doing what you are doing unless you also need to take a break.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to continue working the question is shall I, should I?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just continue for now please and Commissioner Curry did you have another comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You know, my comment is one of the same that we've been hearing. When we get to some of these other districts and you go to the northern and the western and the eastern side, you know I'm all for what is right. I'm all for I don't say a word. When you come down to Detroit and you make sayings we are collaboratively together or what. I have not talked to anybody. I'm going by what I know. I've lived in Detroit all of my life. I know what connects us. And I'm going to leave it like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay thank you Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was going to say I can stay in the room and over see if we need a Commissioner.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think Commissioner Witjes might be able to as well. Yeah. Okay so it's 3:05 so we had a change in the time so we will be in recess until 3:20. Thank you.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission. I recall the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:22 p.m. Will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Thank you, Chair. I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

Did you all hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we did.

MUSTAFA RASHEED: Anthony Eid?

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Rhonda Lange?

Steve Lett?

I'll return to Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: MC Rothorn?

>> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Erin Wagner?

Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MUSTAFA RASHEED: 11 Commissioners are present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to put a motion forward we use the same technique the other day where we limit time relative to the discussion on each segment that we are going to talk about. And so I would as part of the motion say that we do another half hour on this. And then for each additional segment such as Grand Rapids and Flint we spend 45 minutes on each one of those or less.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Or less, okay we have a motion on the floor by Commissioner Clark do we have a second? Seconded by Commissioner Lett to limit time to 30 minutes to continue in the Detroit area and 45 minutes per area after that. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is the idea it's doubtful we will finish with these in the time limit that you're suggesting. Is it the intent to come back to this at a later time or tomorrow morning? Yes?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any additional discussion or debate? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You know I agree that we are short on time. But I think we have to let this process that is currently happening play out and see if it works or not. It might work. It might not. But I think we need to see if it does and then make a decision from there on you know where to go. So I don't think a half hour is enough time to finish what we are doing now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A half hour is sufficient time in my mind because we already spent an hour so she gets double time to talk about Detroit. She can come back to it when we are finished with the other segments. So I think that is perfectly acceptable.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I've sat through just about all of these meetings. And especially the mapping parts. And did not complain or say anything about how long you all spent on anything. I thought if it took that long to you and it was that important, that's what we needed to do. And when we go to start limiting things, I think that is kind of wrong. If we are running out of time it's because we are debating too much. Let's just get down to business and do what's fair, what's right. And think of yourself as you do it. Everybody I think that has been on this Commission have pulled a finger up for their City you know and we try to look out for everybody because you know your City. I don't know anything about Rochester Hills hardly. I've been there but you know it and I respect that and I think that you all ought to respect those of us that know Detroit. And let's not keep bickering and get it over with. I love you all, good-bye.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's vote all in favor of the moment to limit time 30 minutes continue in the Detroit area and do 45 minute increments for the other five areas we need to work through today. Can we do a roll call vote, please?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Please indicate your support of the motion with a "Yes" or "No" I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry can you hear us now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That was Commissioner Kellom, I heard Commissioner Vallette.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Great. Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we will just continue with this process for the time being.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we Zoom out to get a look at it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I had to get the census blocks. I'm just now going out to get a picture of where I'm at with it. So where I'm at with it right now this area is going to be 22. And this area will be unassigned. This is already unassigned and we have this up in here that is unassigned and 12 is here but this area will be unassigned. I'm almost to

the point where I'll do these districts and then we will have to reconcile well this would be a District, I'm sure. But just matter of what number this District should be, okay? So I'm just going to finish up this right here and then we will figure it out.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: When you get up to 5 and 9, I'll map it. I think I can figure out a way to do it without going into 110, 21 or 18 or 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have these here. I'll be up there in just a minute. Let me redo this one right here. Water block, I'm going to put those in 22 so they continue following.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What has been done. 22 is at minus 4.93. But we do have unassigned here so that would be easy enough to add up to there. 13 has been edited. And it's well low. One is finished any way. It's minus we got a little bit to do right there so add into that. 4 is completed. Two is completed. Six is completed. 11 is completed and 10 is vacant so 10 will go right there, I think. 12 is I'm going to put 10 right here and then we will be up into this area that was spoken of earlier. Now it looks like ten is within the boundaries. Eight is within the boundaries. The best I can tell. If I miss a census block or two, we can go back and pick them up when we do the diagnostics. Or if somebody sees it. So at this point it looks like one all the way around through eight is completed.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we got to do something with that little bit up there. We got to deal with 16, 18 is, 18 is missing. So 18 is heavily edited. I think 21 is still intact pretty much, yes. 21 is intact. 18 and 16 has not been edited yet but it's going to be very different.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where Commissioner Eid it's time for you, is that true?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think this is a spot where we can make so this area here like in between 9, 5, 110, 16 and 21 it's an example of how we can use our -- the base map, the collaborative one and tweak it to be closer to this alignment that has Commissioner Kellom's overlay. So for example, we made those 110 changes earlier today for the higher Asian population District. And I think it's the highest one in the state. Probably the highest the state has ever had. So I don't want to go all the way into 110. So Commissioner Kellom if you will enable me to I can -- I have a configuration here I did on my end that gets.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Absolutely. That was my intent. That we use our existing map and adjust things around this configuration. And then I think Mr. Adelson stepped out but then I think it would be helpful to go District by District to kind of explain things and the metrics and do the things we normally do. So go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So those districts in 5 that are above the blue line, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have one -- not suggestion I'm just saying we might want to be dealt with. We have four unassigned precincts here. Five or six right through here. I understand we are talking in this area but those have to be assigned somewhere at some point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know what to say about those so I will do what I know how to do at this point.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just saying if they are going over there, they are all going to change because those areas...

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So those districts in Farmington Hills above the blue line on the left in District 5 currently, yes, those Townships, put them in nine. No, not Townships. Precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay now let's see. Can you take off a layer actually? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Turn off the overlay?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Turn it off, it's getting in the way of the precincts lines a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is it coming from now? Let me remove them. Because it's not turning them off. So that is why. So.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Lathrop village and areas underneath that put those in five.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Repeat that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Precincts with 5048 and I will get my population numbers up to make it easier to direct you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lathrop is on the east with 16 the municipal boundary the blue line is that right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2043.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Both of those 2045 and 2043.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry about that, those go to 16.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No those go to five.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Five. And 2045.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2045, 1662, 1748, 1869.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All those?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep, all those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I guess the southern part down here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is correct. And 2072, 2144. Yep, those two. Okay now that whole block that's kind of hanging down south that starts with 2270.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So yeah, just make a square out of that and put those in five as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go all the way across here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2322 the precinct that is curvy, put that in nine. Okay now let's move to the top of District 9, north. Okay these parts that are in District 16, we are going to move some of them into 9. So 3038, 2523, 3605. 2513. And I think that's all of them over there. So this essentially follows green field road now. Well actually, no. The eastern edge of five is green field road. The eastern edge of nine is Southfield Boulevard. Okay, now can you Zoom out, please? Let me see. Five should be okay. Actually can you scroll down to the part of five that is in Wayne County? So the part underneath there, right, put that into 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put all of this into.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's currently in five. I think you did too much there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Too much. Undo that. The lower part.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The ones that are in light blue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go to 16.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue all the way up to the County line?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly. Now on 21 there is a precinct with 1808 people that is in between 16 and 21 right where you were in that same area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right in the same area. How many.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is 808. Right there, right in the middle.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1808 right there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Put that into 21. All right can you Zoom out? How is 21 looking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: .45%. 16 is 2.14.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How is five looking? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 5 is 2.39.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How about nine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nine is 4.41 low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Something there low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Nine is 4.4 low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you Zoom in on nine? I missed something, that top part that is 24 put that in 9.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, how is nine now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2.52 low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We didn't change anything on 110 but what is that now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 110, 90,000 we have a lot unassigned but 110 is 1.95. 28% Asian.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so again I think this is an example of how we can take the old map or the collaborative map high in version two and incorporate some of these changes because I believe this is what you are going for Commissioner Kellom with five and nine more or less.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is fine. Those adjustments look great to me. I don't have a problem with them.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And it, yeah, hope that helped for that area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What about the Troy area Commissioner Kellom? Where do we have unassigned Clarkston.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what was happening in 21, is it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21. Commissioner Kellom 21 is .45, 21 is solid.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What about 3218 what is around there that we can maybe play with? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 32 is on but, yes, we have this unassigned and this unassigned. You know we bring these two unassigned areas together and they end up in one place kind of sort of.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And ten is under right, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28, this District right here could take population. 25 needs a lot. As a matter of fact 25 hardly.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Has anything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 needs a lot. So somehow, we migrate this population over here in some fashion. Let me change the color on 25 so we see it better.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay oh, yeah, I see it hanging out Warren Sterling Heights a sliver.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can't see them. So I think 25 at one time come down and probably into 12 and 10 I suppose. But 25 needs 20,000. We have this fairly insignificant area unassigned. Depending where you want to start 9,000 if that the 9,000 people it would be perfect but I suspect it's a lot more than that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's start playing with it. These are the answers I did not have a solve for. I was...it's...is a...that you know whatever. I hope if anyone has input, they would be willing to experiment with me but if not I'll kind of poke around and figure this out. Let's start there Kent and see what we can pull.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Kellom I suggest we highlight all this area and see how many -- what the population is just to have an idea of what we are looking

at whether it's you know whatever the number is so let's just select it and see how many people we are dealing with.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Between 18 and 3 is kind of that area that might benefit. But I think we also want to be really clear about what coalition area is. Who is here and yeah how do we want to assign it, what districts shall we make. I see Commissioner Orton's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't want to make that by myself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted area has population of 29,010. Which is roughly 3.5% of a District. I mean, I'm just actually it's more like 30% of a District I'm sorry. That is 29. So that is a 30% of a District just for a rough idea. That's.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see that 3 and 18 are significantly low. But there must be one that is high or is there one that is high? Is there another one that is out of whack? Somewhere on the list? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There are no districts that are significantly over?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like our largest District is 71, right? Based on just what I'm seeing in the orange, right, at the top. 71 is 71 the under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next to this unassigned is one can take let's say 6,000 of them. Three can take let's say 9,000. So that is 15 of the 29. And 18 can take, could I mean theoretically take 9,000. So now we are let's just say now we are at 20,000 between 1, 3 and 18. 21 you know can take 1500, 2000. 8 can take 1500, 2000. You probably could distribute them all amongst those districts or fairly close.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So let's try that Kent, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just don't know how you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, I know I know. But so let's take in population or areas that are closer to like the neighboring districts if that makes sense. That is the way I'm thinking about it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering in this area would any of the thematic dots help us as we try to pars out these precincts? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: All of it would help Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think the dots are good. The other thing would be you might want to put the neighborhoods up here. I think MC is trying to do what Detroit wants done. I'd be looking for Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Kellom to say what is the unassigned yellow that we are looking at. Should it go one way or another. That is what the idea here is.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we have, yeah, never mind Kent you are doing it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, which I guess we were using this earlier. This is what we have used earlier up to build these whole things. And this is the neighborhood low layer that has previously been used as a reference.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods Dexter and Lynn wood.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are whole and this is that major road is Jefferies. 96.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And they are also pretty much the Black African neighborhoods too. So if you could, they are probably somewhere you can -- knowing the nationality where they can still have things in COI together. It would, well, you can put.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: 1446 pull that into what is that District 1.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like we can put this whole across here roughly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Commissioner Rothhorn, can you facilitate this discussion?

So I can focus on other things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I'm going to assign 1446, 1365, 835 to 1. Is that the will of the Commission? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These three right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shall we complete the neighborhood there before we move on? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go as far as -- we will finish that right there. I see what you're saying now. I would kind of move my way around this area, adding the population to the districts. For example this neighborhood runs from down here where my cursor is goes north and then curves and comes across. So with the population we are trying it may be hard to keep that District. You may be able to take three.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, that is what I was going to suggest because that is like I mean it's up there but the Russell Woods oak land community, that is a strong community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so we will do -- we will start.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assigning those areas to District 3.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Curry nodding her head so keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to go up and start with...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have the Boston Edison neighborhood split again at the lodge rather than we thought it was Woodward but it's not actually Woodward but

looks like the lodge freeway is a natural sort of split between for the Boston Edison is that okay for natural split?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay very good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so three still needs a bunch. 18 needs a bunch. 18 needs a bunch so you know do we start here and get like these neighborhoods into 18?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm seeing Commissioner Curry nodding her head and you are thinking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a bunch of ways you can do it, go this way or that way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We still have the baggily neighborhood and I don't know if you saw that in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I did see it. But you know give and take so we will see. Because, yeah, and so Pilgrim village can be assigned to 18. I agree with Commissioner Curry's assessment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move that across to 18, okay.
That is not what we wanted sorry about that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Don't apologize.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss was offering his eraser for you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent has got it, all right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The Oakman Boulevard does it need to stay in 3? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you heard my muttering to myself.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What are the communities around oak man I can't read this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: North is Dexter Finkle Commissioner Curry and we have Russell Woods. Do you need something more Like Street names to know? What are you asking for?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Not necessarily.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Spindle Oakman.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Lynn wood.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lynn wood is not Oakman needs to be kind of not that close to Dexter Finkle but they are all like one neighborhood to another neighborhood. But Oakman Boulevard is predominately, what is it, Chaldeans? Then when you look at Finkle and Dexter they are predominately Black African/Americans. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are trying to decide what do you think 18 for District 18 or District 3 for that Dexter Finkle Oakman what do you think?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They would probably need to go into three possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say three but I wanted Commissioner Curry to talk about it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will go Dexter Finkle Boulevard in 3 and Mr. Stigall you had your hand up did you want to say something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three goes across and cuts it off and 18 needs population. You can bring it down into there and Dexter. Finkle because 18 is still low so I think.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Put Dexter Finkle in 18, Russell Woods I would like to go into three if that is possible assigned to three. I might be jumping and I know you are doing one thing at a time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are census blocks crossed off a little bit. I don't know I don't understand why I want over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Szetela identified the neighborhood lines may not the overlay we are using for the neighborhoods may not actually be an accurate reflection of how the people perceive the neighborhoods so is it okay to leave it the way what do you think? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: This is an area where the neighborhood name is this is genuine to this area. There is a strong Oakman community, there is a strong Dexter Lynn wood community so the names do reflect this area and people identify say I'm from Dexter and Lynn wood as the commenter talked about. Payne, Mark-Payne this is near where he was discussing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What Mr. Stigall is pointing out is that the block the actual census block the lowest layer that we have crosses the neighborhood divide. So we can't actually split it between Dexter Finkle and Oakman the 76 is what Mr. Stigall has highlighted and that is the census block. Which crosses over. So at this point we can't divide a census block.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you just put that little bit with Oakman then? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I can do is an option is to bring in the aerial photography and you will maybe see where most of the homes are. If most of the homes are, you know, north of the line you do one thing. If most of the homes are south of on the south side.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A lot of homes on Oakman side and I don't know how it is over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sorry Commissioner Orton has her hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just wondering for the layer lines do we only have the neighborhood on or do we also have the overlay that Brittini and MC did? Because if they are both on maybe some of those lines are that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We do not have the previous District lines turned on because this area was totally unassigned in that plan. So this is an area that is left over from that plan. It's really hard to tell.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I would think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This part up in here is fairly unpopulated compared to the time. And looks like most of the homes are on oak man Boulevard community side.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: They probably are and that is a whole new Oakman community, that is that community. So maybe there is not that many homes across that where we are trying to put something is that what we are saying?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the question right now it's where the community homes are in the Oakman Boulevard is actually assigned to the Dexter Finkle neighborhood. I know it's a hard choice but I'm wondering if you feel okay with leaving it in 18. Again for population reasons or for whatever reason.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, because both of them are oh, I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to say I wanted that area to go with 18. That's fine. That is what I thought we were doing. That is fine to leave it in 18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What about and the Chalfont to the west do you want to add that to 18? And then what I'm thinking about is we need to add.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay then we can go into three with Oakman Boulevard.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I misunderstood what you were asking I said it altogether and waiting for him to go to Russell Woods my apologies. Chalfont and Dexter Finkle can go into 18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then that Section in 21 is overpopulated but should be okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roughly 120 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's near Lynwood and Davidson so that would probably be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Add that to 21.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assign it to 21.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm thinking we want to leave we want to complete Bagley neighborhood and even Fitzgerald for 18 so I think we want to leave 18 under populated. 18 and 21 are going to be kind of tricky to fix now but let's stay focused on three. 18 can go up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 and 18 whatever. There is opportunity up there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so let's stay in the Detroit area in three. And we are assigning those to three at this point is that right Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Curry? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods and. In Oakman community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The rest of this into three? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we have I would suggest highlighting all this area and see how much population is left in there to deal with. Or just approximately any way. We don't have to be exact but have an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we assign Russell Woods to three as you are doing that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to see what we have here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are painting ourselves in a corner here potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I want to know what we got. Just approximately. We don't need to get down to that, that area is 17,000 so where can we put, a little less than 17,000, let's call it 15,000. So 3 can still take 5,000. And leave 12000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 18 can take another 5 roughly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is not touched by 18 because that is why I was looking at it was 18 well it touches right there. You could almost put all of this into 18 whatever that is. And that would give you some you know room for.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Kellom nodding potentially is that accurate Commissioner Kellom? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was nodding and saying, yeah, I think I like that suggestion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And we have the northwest community split right here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It would keep it together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can take all of that and put it into over here I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: But that is only you know that is about 2000 maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 4,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right at 2100, 3300 you are right I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So maybe the 962 is what I was thinking about the Littlefield down below too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Come all the way down.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Littlefield 962 where the three is. Just to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we can take a look at it and we can always put it back. That is probably not what I want to do. It's much slower when you have to use blocks all the time. That is 2700. Gosh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's leave it there Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Curry? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, that is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again just to add a little bit more population to 18 should we go north or west to happy homes or south to Littlefield community? I know we won't break up Oakman but where to grab more.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Go to Littlefield but Commissioner Curry you might have a different thought. You are.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are on mute Commissioner Curry but we can see your lips moving.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Grand River is like a main road so where are we trying to put it at?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Trying to move it so that we are moving it out of sort of the orange District into the dark gray District and moving it into 18 because 18 needs population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And that is the Davidson Schoolcraft and northwest community. We would be putting Littlefield community in with them in 18.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Littlefield would probably be good over there, yeah, that is not too far from those streets. They are in the community. They have communities of interest there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can come right through here and go all the way across.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's try that Kent please assigning that chunk, Littlefield and a piece of the Grand River 96 area into 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll select the area and y'all holler at me if I'm doing something stupid.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm not going to holler at you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm used to it. I've been married almost 40 years.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Bless you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just to be consistent I'm going to assign the 0 blocks so they are nice straight lines.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It will look better when you print maps or people just looking at them, they won't look jagged. If it's not jagged nobody questions it. Where is 18 now? So 18 is still a good number. I'm going to put this back into three. Just for appearances. Now I would suggest putting as much as you can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Into three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wherever into three. And negotiate between 3, 18 and 1, maybe even 21. But 18 can go north too. So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Russell Woods and Nardin Park assign that to three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That little chunk in Dexter and Lynn wood too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was going to go up here and get these into three. They will be left off otherwise. Now three is over.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm sorry go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So three is you know really over. So one can take 3,000 and we still have some unassigned. But then some of that unassigned could go into eight as well.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was going to put Boston Edison in with eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do that now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If that is I don't know what this historic Atkinson is two blocks north, south. Put this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's okay to add it to eight with Boston Edison and historic Atkinson.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we need to back them out, we can back them out whatever needs to be done.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Take that little piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if you see it but it splits the census blocks so it's a matter of these and any of them which way do, they go. Do that I go to this side? Or this 8? My inclination would put them in eight.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They are altogether no matter where they are at.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now eight has gone through the roof so I mean.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah well 3 and 8 are both high. One is low. So the unassigned area is to assign it to one then we will look at the difference between three and eight after.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right like the north side of 18 still can take population. So if you go up this way.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 18 is low right now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, 18 is just about right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see but still one is low and we have this area right next to one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right with the idea I was going to go this way with one as far as we can, 1, 3 and 8, 319, 337. So it should work.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It will pan out, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because that is 6%. That is 5% between three districts. None of them should have to -- just depend on exactly. The problem is you get into the neighborhoods how you split neighborhoods.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We put this into one. Is that the idea? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Assign Virginia park into one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So basically, we need to get one to take more, three and eight. And there is a little bit right there. I'm just going to stick that in three right now just to get it assigned.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eight is our largest District in terms of the population plan deviation. So we probably want to address that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three and eight have to both come down and my observation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How about adding so that little corner Dexter Lynn wood just above just north of Boston Edison the gate way community that corner that is in eight add it to three.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Add it to two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the pink District is three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And two can take some population too. I mean that is completed and I wrapped all the way around. So but then again, we get into you know having to divvy up neighborhoods and making that decision, that hard decision. Okay tell me what you want, where are we at? Pick a spot. To get.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Do we want to go this is a tough one. 18, no 18 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can put Commissioner Rothorn's, put some of this into three and then push one up in there and split two. Probably be best if you are going to split a community to split one rather than two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Split one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Three used to be a Dearborn District or was a District where we had identified that the Arab American community had the opportunity to elect the candidate of choice. So if it comes down to deciding between neighborhoods it might be a good idea to think about which of the minority groups in the neighborhood vote the same way using our analysis from yesterday because I think this change on three might have changed those election results. So we got to see.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I mean, the -- that was not in response to you Commissioner Eid. I'm sorry. I was just thinking about that area really can go either way as long as they stay together. I really don't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry Commissioners the computer is thinking. That is a nice way of putting it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Curry, three and eight, the oranges and the tan District have too much population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If you can put some of that in one. How far is -- where is one at? How far over? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: One is the pink and purple.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How far over does it go to the south? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: How far down does it go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: West, how far does it go southwest area? While the computer is thinking, I think it's thinking, huh. So says Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thinking was the nice term. It's not what I was thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, when it gets through thinking can we see what it looks like over to the left of my screen? I guess it would be your left too hopefully.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I suppose it needs a little break.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The numbers significantly changed. We have unassigned populations.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get some decent equipment around here. [Laughter] Yeah, something, it significantly changed what we had. Let me back it up. And go back in the plan history one level. Okay now this is more like what we were looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get this down here where we can get it. I was going to assign that to three just so it's assigned to somewhere.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please and the neighborhood layers would be helpful too, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Back to the neighborhoods. And let me label the neighborhoods. Because they don't seem to have their names. Okay now we are caught back up. So, yeah, three and eight are very large. Eight has you have unassigned over here. Eight is adjoining unassigned to the north as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right and I think at this point what it may be just good to bring us back to this intention Commissioner Kellom as much as we are shifting and changes, we started off with some ideas that you really liked. And now we are shifting and changing things. How are you feeling like you and Commissioner Curry does this feel like it's still accurately sort of like as we change these things, does it feel good? Like or is...are there compromises like gosh I don't know these compromises are actually, yeah help me.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not many comprises I'm like oh, no. Darn it that should not have happened. I still stand by because of how some of the other districts are coming together, this is a strong anchor. And when I presented this configuration with the help of your laptop MC, I knew there were going to be shifts made. I wanted it to meld into a map that I knew was already great. But to me I was offering this as a help for Detroit and Detroit Metro. So I understand the population deviation is out of whack and that needs to be lower. But also know Bruce is in the room. Hi buddy Bruce, hi Mr. Adelson so maybe there is some talk that can happen there. But those are my thoughts Commissioner Rothorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid had raised District 3 is opportunity to elect for the Arab community. Did you want to look at that Commissioner Eid? Yeah, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, eventually, yeah. I don't really like how Dearborn is split up here. But I mean we can't really say anything about those because it's not complete yet. It still has unassigned areas we have not run metrics so if we are going to do this assign the unassigned areas, look at the numbers then we can you know talk about it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good okay so I think we have unassigned areas down -- unassigned areas to the north and the south in the Down River area. So where do we want to keep assigning and unassigning? Commissioner Kellom or Commissioner Curry do you want to go north, you want to go south? Where would you like to...

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Going to have to go north.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm also open to other Commissioners if we work together, it will go faster. Commissioner Curry suggested north.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I suggested north, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so let's go north into ten, District 10 and 25, 28 in there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at 25 is on the screen. And that kind of jumps out at me. Because of the surrounding districts seem to be you know pretty even. So this is a pretty significant, you know, something that has to be dealt with. That is a fairly significant number.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Move some of ten in 25. What is this here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 10 is already low. Eight was high.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can you move it in 25. No, ten is low? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It is low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How about we moved the unassigned voting precincts into 25. Because it's low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As a holding place is that what you are thinking Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Whatever you want to call it. We need to get these unassigned areas taken care of then we can configure around them half. But we still need 10,000 people here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are halfway there approximately halfway there for 25. And you have this. That is probably the population that needs to be over here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is 32 at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 32 is even or close enough to even. I mean you can put 32 south and then you know, 28 this way and 25 this way. You know just a quick look at it.

32 went down this way then 28 goes that way and this goes that way. 32 could come across and 28 go across. You know there is a hundred ways to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What other District is low besides 25 so we have 34, that is low 20,000. What other districts are out of.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's just about it 34 and 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well 34 and 25. Let me turn them all on and we will take one eyeball test. 25, 34. Of course we still have some like 22 is almost 5% low. But there is a bunch of unassigned down there too. 22 is down around Monroe it's north of Monroe. So I mean it's not Monroe. Nowhere near it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 34.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South is Trenton Grosse Ile so 22 can come here

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's assign that to 22 Down River to 22 while we are here. So it's 30,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got them. It was mostly this area down in here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And 13 so between 13 and 22 we can now balance because 13 is under populated. 13 is right next and Allen Park. This is all down river, this is where we can actually massage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have 10,000 high but if you did that change right there it would make.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again it's where it's so important we have coalition Districts and lots of voting age population that you know I want to try to respect. And I'm just thinking about that area. It's all Down River. And 13 and 22 we can we got the highest District and the lowest District. The most populated and the most under populated. So where should those lines go?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I say we can park in 13.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lincoln Park in 13 please. And I see Commissioner Curry is nodding her head and Commissioner Kellom too so put Lincoln Park municipality. Do we want voting precincts or Townships? We don't want to do Townships? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will do precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With your microphone on is that what you're going to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's on right now. Dog gone you guys. You are mean. I have to put up with that. Total lack of respect. You got me rattled now, see? All right, so that area is 40,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are 10,000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The idea is you can move down and maybe take this. Shall I assign it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do remember Southgate and Wyandotte wanted to be together so I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can make that happen. Put this in 13 and this goes in 22.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay try to balance it out please Kent and seeing nodding heads there from Commissioner Curry so let's do it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight everything from South Gate runs all the way up here, doesn't it? The lower half, just select it. That is 30,000. So and 22 is 10,000 under so you are shifting the issue but not...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shifting it but not fixing it. But, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Moving the problem. Well, what if you put more of this with Lincoln Park?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry has an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Lincoln Park is more closer to Allen Park instead of Ecorse. So is there any way we can do that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Allen Park and Lincoln Park appear to be together. Because that is Allen Park right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lincoln Park here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so Ecorse is a little dip from them. Maybe to River Rouge, can you get any of River Rouge? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One is even so if we take much out of it, we have to probably add some to it. And you can probably add to it from eight or three because they are already high. So that may help. And River Rouge I mean that is a lot highlighted.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: River Rouge, okay, River Rouge Ecorse and Melvindale and Lincoln Park they are all like together. They are just one walk across the street from each other. And that is how close they are. And Detroit. The southwest part of Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm concerned about Commissioner Curry I think this is also where I remember the Latin community, there was a, yeah, this is where we wanted to keep together a community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Keep that close to Lincoln Park can you do that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In District 1 there is almost 40% Hispanic community if you look at the voting age. I think that's, yeah, I just don't want to dilute that if we can.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Don't dilute it then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm quiet because I don't have -- that was my thought Commissioner Rothorn. I don't know that I have a great solution for that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right so what I'm wondering do we feel like this exercise has been useful for me but right because we have tradeoffs and what we recognize is right we can't just bring in half ideas. We almost have to bring in a whole

idea in. I think there is yeah, we are I guess what I'm wondering do we feel like we can shift this back to a different map without can we use the overlay on another map? Or do you want to keep going on this map which is the.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The hard part is it's just kind of us three talking. So I'll just keep going back to this is supposed to be a collaborative thing. Not a scary thing to kind of seems like it turned into a boulder instead of creating conversation where everyone felt empowered to work on Detroit. So we can take this and use it, but I just don't think it should be discarded. Because I think there is some workable areas. I presented this knowing as we stated before that it was not perfect. But it gives a strong place for those that weren't comfortable working with Detroit to work with Detroit. From an honest place. So that is what I would have to say.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so that means we keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is the thematic map that is highlighted is the I want to make sure I'm correct Hispanic. And it's not the combined Hispanic. It's Hispanic alone.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you do have that community. I remember this. Now is it a lot of community in the south of Detroit down here. It's just too many to try to get one District. As a matter of fact, probably good idea not even to try. So I mean there is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall. Commissioner Eid did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Those Southfield changes that were made earlier can easily be imported in the Pine version two map because it did not mess with those other districts. I think that is kind of what you're getting to Commissioner Rothorn, right, taking the ideas of this map that has been made and putting some of those ideas into the Pine map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right because what is happening Commissioner Kellom is I think it is right this exercise we don't have a lot of buy in right now. I know you are trying. It's just if we go back to the map that we had that each Commissioner had touched but yes you have a comment please go.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If we go back to the map we had, then these changes are going to go away because as you said there is not a willingness to accept change. A change that could be an improvement. Bruce has not even said anything about this map. So I am imploring all of the Commissioners sitting there in person to act as though I'm sitting right next to you because I think that is also the difference. I'm not going to apologize for being sick. I had a doctor's appointment and this is the turn that I'm taking to improve the map that we have. So open up your hearts and your minds. This comes from a very sincere place. And this is my effort and this is not just about me as unfortunately was highlighted by our Chair. This is about the Detroit community. And a big problem that there was no person that was excited about that Pine map.

Detroit is the most populated City in Detroit, in the state. So for us to just even for it to be called an exercise. It's not an exercise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I mean I like the Pine map. I was excited about it. But I think is a good configuration too. But we don't know if it's better or not yet because it's not complete and we have not ran the numbers so complete it and run the numbers and see if it's actually improved or not. Because we can't say that now it's premature to say it because we don't know that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel you did not want to say anything I misunderstood.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I always will say something, please. I have a brief comment. Certainly because Commissioner Kellom had invited Mr. Adelson in particular the legal team broadly to weigh in. And that would certainly be appreciate as the Commission continues its work in this map further. Get the population deviation down a bit and such and so on and so forth but we are here to assist as the Commission needs us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, so where are we at? We have 22 and 13 that are out of alignment still, correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: But they are out of alignment and it's too much to be an even swap so where else do we get that population from? We saw 34 was under, correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 34 is under correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is also on the shoreline, right, that is the St. Clair shores District I believe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, further north uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And then is 60, how is 60 on population? 60 is okay. That can take a little more in possibly actually as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I have highlighted here is roughly 25,000. And I don't know if this is something you're taking some out of 22 and some out of one. Taking predominately Hispanic precincts and putting them in with this area. I mean then you can move some of three the southern part into 22. I mean, there is many ways to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's do it that way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry you said let's do it that way can you repeat.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What he just said and take some.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What Kent just said if we take some out of one area and put it in what 22, that would kind of equal it out some. We are just trying this so we can see how it looks. See if it would make a difference.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent do you need more direction? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not really. I'm not telling anyone. I just know earlier we were talking about getting as much of South Gate or all of south gate with 22. And I was just thinking you know this might work if that was still.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: South Gate and Wyandotte wanted to be together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can still do whatever with 60. It will make one go lower. So it would need to be maybe take some population from 8 or 3 which are high. So is that the will of the Commission? We can always put it back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is what Commissioner Curry said.
Commissioner Lett do you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We need for him to give us a suggestion on how to get there. And do it. So what is your suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you, Steve.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent tell me your suggestion. What is our best bet right now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well I'm just going by what was said, if we can get 22 in line and to do that it didn't change.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What do we have to do? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, the spreadsheet just now didn't change and it should have. Well, and we put South Gate over into 22 balance it out down here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is just one look at it. That is 30,000 going into 22 and then that would be high. I mean we still could make the changes going up, add to 60.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep, let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or take part of South Gate over here. Take part of South Gate into 22, put it into 60.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That will make it easier let's do it that way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did it poorly.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Do it richly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we take 20,000 out of South Gate and put it into 22.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a little too much but we will just assign it. Or no, we won't. So 22 is a little bit high.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Now we need to fix 13. Let's go up to 13.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These numbers are not making sense. Are they not makes sense? Is something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Does not look like the spreadsheet is working.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's not working.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I plugged in two different numbers a couple of times. Okay excuse me for a minute while I rework this plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have an update how the votes are going in the rest of the State of Michigan? Everything is going well, all right, happy November 2nd. Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If we still had to wait, I think we have new business we can take care of but maybe Kent is ready again.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent may be ready but is the spreadsheet ready.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to move this one from 13 to 22. And try to balance it out like that. First, I want to see what that number is. That is 2400 so that will work. District 22 is at least in the ballpark. I mean you can add more to it and pass it to 60 if you wanted to or and I'm just looking at it and we took some from one. It's down but you know we were -- had three and eight high so I thought you could continue it that way and just kind of get it all back up there. See, that number is a lot higher than what I thought it was going to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But I mean we just put some of it back into river, you know, River Rouge the one and just work it. Probably should not have taken it out of one is the deal.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's make that adjustment, make that change then I think we are ready for a break is that what I was hearing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was circling the room because normally we go about two hours. So without objection it's currently 4:56. Hearing no objection we will stand in recess for 15 minutes until 5:10 p.m. Thank you everybody.

[Recess]

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending remotely and disclose your physically attending from. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present.

We have a quorum.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted yellow area is the area that has not been assigned to any District. So to assign it to a District just so you know the population you're dealing with. Because until we highlight it you are unsure what you got.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13985.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so just assign it somewhere so that we can keep track of it in the table.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How can we get that to one? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start by assigning it to a District.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign it to 32 please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign it to 32.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 25 is off it's under to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just getting it to track it so we had it. Because before we would be guessing how many people are in the area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we have 32 is now 14,000 over. Can you pull back to the east side of the map so we can see? So 25, whoops, no, no, no, go back up to where you were. I know where one is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where are we going 25.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 25 is under by 9,000 so we can put part of it into 25 could we not? You would have to go through 28.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is a lot way off so 32, 34.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South of here we have that. What I was thinking is 21 comes way down and here is 21 and here we are with this high number.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is one at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And one is that low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can take chunks of this to get 13. Like we talked about earlier you can move population from 22 to 60 to 40, 13 yeah there is many ways to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do you have a suggestion how best to do it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it's important.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we...we are getting feedback from someone. Would it make any sense to run the metrics report on it even though the numbers are off a bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think 15 and 20% high and low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It won't work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It will run.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could not rely on it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will make a major change to it. I think I would get this area as good as I could get it even 61 and 65 and what is left over has to be distributed over here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're suggesting taking down to fix one which is way under, right? If I understand this correctly. Give me the numbers again so 12000 under. You're suggesting we take from 13 and then kind of go down 22, 60, 40, wherever we need to go to makeup the so we have a big difference in 15 give me the districts that will be helpful. We have one which is 12000 under approximately.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13 is 24,000 over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And in 32 is 14,000 over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Over, okay.

Okay keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are the three biggies.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The three biggies 13, 32, so we need to move the population into one and 32 and where is 13 on this map? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is 32 up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see 32, I see one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 31, 22.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 13 is over population by 24,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well that is easy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 22 is right, right now. You can still put some down in there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's look at the line between 13 and one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because that is pretty easy to fix right there. So what is the population of River Rouge? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: River Rouge, I'm going to select it by precincts so we have a decent number.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is part of Ecorse I just want River Rouge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: River Rouge is 7,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay that is what I thought. And do we already have part of Melvindale pulled in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change the layer so we can see it better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well then if we didn't already have part of Melvindale so what is next to between River Rouge and Melvindale that is part of Detroit, I think that strip down there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area right in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it is. So that's obvious to put back into one. And let's put in River Rouge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just highlighting some of the precincts to get an idea of it. So those River Rouge and those precincts and maybe in part of -- that is 11,741.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put in the rest, put that in and we will see what the rest of that little strip of Detroit is. I would rather add that into 11.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13144 .

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put that in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will put that into one. One is close and 13 is ten over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 13 is ten over and we have a little bit of space. 13 is ten over. Can we go pull some into Dearborn and three and go up, would that work?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was going to say Melvindale in Dearborn Heights and Dearborn and go the other way on 40.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go the other way on 40. I think if we go through three, we will get up to because we are trying to get up to 32. So how much population is in Melvindale? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Approximately 12000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 12000 so that should be good, right? Let's go ahead and put that into 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry were you going to say something?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm trying to figure out what is moving around so fast I'm getting lost now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: When Commissioner Szetela starts going she is good at this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: She is a little bit too fast. Are you very familiar with these, this area? Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I grew up in Dearborn and lived there 35 years.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How long ago because it has changed. It has changed tremendously. It has changed. It's been changed more than ten years.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to fix this population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know I know but you want to rush through this. That is just kind of just not -- that is just we are changing everything around again. And that is the point we are trying to keep from doing. We kind of.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Juanita let's get the changes down so we can get the population and if we have to make more changes, we will do it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I understand, I know we got to get past this. I do know that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so let's take a look up at 3 and 7 because we are trying to get up to 32. So right now we have 7,000 too many people. And I want you to pull out a little bit so I can sort of see the best path if you can Zoom me out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far do you want to go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 21 is the one that goes way down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 21 does that abut up to 32? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so does 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So does 18 so if we move from 7 to 3 into either 21 or 18, we can get up to 32, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Does everybody agree with that? Can we Zoom in the border between 7 and 3? Looks like we have part of Dearborn into three as it is. Right? That's the upper. So let's start grabbing some of those precincts. I thought someone was raising their hand. Yep, just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that in three just for a start.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is our percentage on three can we see the active matrix 49%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is this where we might want Detroit neighborhoods or no?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 3 and this is 7. 7 is 7 is 68% nonwhite.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 10,000 out of Dearborn and putting it into 3. I would go to the upper part of Detroit at the top of 7. See that part, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we try that precinct and the one below it and see what the numbers are. I'm going to guess they are more than 10,000 but we will see. It's only 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7193.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to move that? Does that make sense and maybe one precinct below it? Or do we want to bring 3 further down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a Township boundary through here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is the edge of Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign to three.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Bring three further up and put the rest of Dearborn with 7 but then 7 is over population maybe you could take the precincts you had just, yeah, I see what you're saying take those precincts above the Dearborn dividing line and put them in 3.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Detroit and put them in with Detroit let's put those in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those in 3.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We might grab one more underneath because I think if that is about 3,000 in that block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes 7 needs to come down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's put that last little precinct on the corner there, see what is there, that one right there because that is still Detroit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the neighborhoods I know you know the neighborhood, when we are in the neighborhoods you said Detroit can we sort of for me just is it okay if we have the neighborhood layer so I can see what is happening and keep neighborhoods whole as much as possible?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want that as signs to District 3 the highlighted precinct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, and can we put on the Detroit map, the neighborhood map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so there are no.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Neighborhoods defined Warren Dale seems to be split up a little.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the one precinct that isn't in Warren avenue community.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go to three 18 or 21 which is a better route to go through.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the way up top.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They both touch.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 doesn't quite but I mean it's there.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 21 definitely does.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I mean yeah 21 and 18 could go up.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back down. So 16 does too.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So we could do either way. So we could go with 16 or 21 and we are trying to move the little over ideally what is 32 under again by? It's 14,000.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 32 is.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's 14,000 I wrote it down earlier.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 32 is at 14,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 14,000 over.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Over, and we have go back up to 3.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 is 14,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Wait are we going the wrong way? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 is 14,000 over.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We have 25 is 10,000.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is 10,000 under.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 25 is 10,000 where is 25? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is up here it's the one. 25, 28.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to get to 25 and 32, well, go ahead.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eventually 34 on the right side is the most under populated. That is right because you see in the orange right on the right corner right our largest deviations to affect our plan deviation and 34 is the most under populated and 32 is the most overpopulated.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 34 is 18,000 under. That is a big.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We won't get there yet. I just didn't want to lose sight of that.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back down to where we are. Anthony go ahead.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Why does it stop at St. Clair shores. Seems like if we just edit where the Detroit river runs through and move everything down a bit you know we can gain on 34 and gain on 6 and gain into 1 and get all the way down to where we need to. If there was a reason for 34 to end there is there a good reason for it to end there I don't know.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Forgive me Commissioner Eid I apologize I think we may have got distracted I wanted to go in the other direction identifying the high and low districts. I think we will figure out 34 but for the moment we are in the center area is that okay if we stay focused on that Commissioner Eid?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we take off the neighborhood maps for a minute because it's hard for me to see what we are moving here.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't know what you are doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6 and 4 are what took population away from 34. 6, 4, 6, 11, 12, 10, 8 are the districts heavily modified for the plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Three is currently at one where we have over it's over 10,000 is that right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 is 13,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 13245 and we are trying to move some of that population up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Into 25.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Into ultimately over to 25. So let's add some to 18. And we will put the neighborhood map on to do that. So if we add some to 18 then we can bring it up further up the pipe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where Commissioner the Bagley neighborhood was divided so I think this is where we want to you know take some time, Fitzgerald.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Dexter Lynn wood what are the populations? I feel like we have moved this line several times.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would not go Dexter Lynn wood I think it's 18 and 21 between 18 and 21 the Bagley neighborhood and Fitzgerald Marygrove but you want to move out of three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two Districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start with the very first neighborhood what is the population with the one with the bow in it. You can check those two because they are smaller why don't we look there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have to kind of do it precinct at a time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So highlight I'm just going to do all, okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The precincts are a little odd. Commissioner Curry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is only 1600 excuse me I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do the next one too Commissioner Curry? You are muted honey.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I respect your intelligence towards these maps. But you're moving so fast you are moving without feeling. See and you're not asking any questions. And I thought this was the map that I and Brittini was working on. And Eid and the rest of us. I guess we not going fast enough and I give you credit you are doing, you are fast. But you know what you're like still not taking the feeling of what we feel for our communities. Our neighborhoods, our whatever because you are moving so fast. You are just zipping. You know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're welcome to take over and fix it if you would like. It needs to be fixed. It needs to be fixed the deviations are too much.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree but you are zipping so fast and not asking questions, I'm doing my thing now is that what you are doing and you don't need our support?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm happy to stop helping and you guys can fix it.
Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: She didn't say anything it's just me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom has her hand up. Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not through talking.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was just saying and I don't mean any harm you were zipping so fast. You are going faster than the little pointer is going. I'm just trying to see what you're doing, that's all. I'm not saying you're not doing a good job. I just don't understand you're going too fast. You know it's like I'm going to solve it the way I want to do it and the heck with anybody else. That is not how it goes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Juanita we have three days to get a house map approved.
Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Absolutely.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just trying to help because everyone is staring.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can I talk please.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: For the longest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can I talk, please.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You always talk can I say something? I very seldom say anything.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fine I'm done helping. Nope I'm done.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is your problem.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fix it then.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is your problem? I'm making a request give us time to see what you are doing you are zipping through there like it's a race. This is not a racetrack. That's all I'm saying. You can slow down a little bit and say is that okay guys I'm going this way is that okay.

You are zipping like you are on a fast track. And I admire you're knowing how to do the maps but you can slow down a little bit so people know what you are doing. This is not just your map. And I'm through.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom did you have a comment? .

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know if I have a comment. The introduction of this process today has really just illuminated things for me number one. What I want to stick to is we all have a job to do and if we don't work together it's going to be that much more complicated. So I welcome assistance because we are also affecting other areas

in the map. And I did not prove to have the answer completely again this is about the Detroit Metro area. So we can work together in a sensible way. That's what I prefer. And let's not forget you know whether there are relationships we developed whether they are transparent or genuine but this just doesn't feel good. We have now Commissioner Curry that is off camera. We don't know where she is and she is a Detroiters and so I don't want to speak for her. But I think maybe she wanted some more conversation while decisions were mapping. I don't know. It went from just the three of us kind of hashing this out and everybody I mean I'm talking through a computer screen but I can tell the energy in the room still.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm frying some fish while I'm trying to talk and going in and out. I was just you know, I respect our Chair, the way she does things. I admire her. I'm just saying you're zipping so fast I can't keep up with you and I don't know what you are doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Madam Chair. To assist the Commission in moving forward from a process standpoint, I would recommend perhaps a review of some of the changes that have been made to accommodate population. So that all the Commissioners can make sure they have an understanding of the changes that have been made. And then moving forward maybe proposing some of the changes for discussion so that all the Commissioners are aware of what changes are proposed and if they are acceptable as a collective body. And also just approaching the map in a spirit of collaboration. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I agree with Sarah. Juanita, you have to stop us. Say stop. I don't understand what you're doing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Stop.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Because when Rebecca gets going, we got to move these populations around. And if she is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If she made one, we only talk one at a time, if she has made one and you want her to explain it then you say please stop and tell me what you're doing and then we will go on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You know and that is true. But she be zipping. I'm just speaking she is zipping so fast I can't get my hand up and she is on another one. I try to understand what she is doing. I respect what she has done in the past and what she is doing now. I have no -- I'm sure she knows what she is doing. I'm just trying to follow her but when you do it like this like you running down the freeway going 90 miles an hour, I can't get it. That is the only thing I'm saying. No disrespect to our Chair. I'm glad you are helping us but I can't follow you when you are going that fast.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, okay.

Don't raise your hand just say stop.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No I'm going to sit back and eat my fish.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was reviewing everything 8 goes up there, 10 is somehow population got in 10, 25 is up against it. I'm just trying to back out get a bigger get a view. 16 is skinny and hard to move in there. That area is still that little bit of area right there is only 2500 people. Wherever you put it it's going to be 2500 people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you select the neighborhood that has that bow in it the Oakman Boulevard.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Littlefield?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No we are going that way out of three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are going down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are going the other way. No, no, no. Come down. That right there where your cursor is that area that bends, Oakman Boulevard.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Goes all the way up there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is more to it. This is 2500. That goes up in there but there is very few people above the line here. You know just rough estimate of the area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just give me the population, that is what we are looking for.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, yeah. Come on sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thinking out loud.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not 100% accurate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well off but not a lot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go assign that to 18 and we will come back and check Russell Woods and that little area that didn't get selected.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: To let you know she is taking that area that was highlighted out of 3 and putting it into 18 because 3 is so overpopulated. So we are trying to move that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we Zoom back in? We have a few areas that were not picked up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is one little yeah right where your cursor is yeah that little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are whole precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That little block right there. If we can just get that.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well,000 they are almost not connected. You have two parts of three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where I was going with this is maybe 18 comes down this way and 21 comes down this way. But either way we get the population out of 3 you can deal with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Russell verse Dexter Lynn wood? Because we would have to take off, we have to split the community to take either and will be okay with that connection.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are not on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm not on mute. I'm thinking. You can take Russell Woods.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Russell Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will put that into 18 just out of 3 is the main thing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Whole precincts and we can do it by blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the population of 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1100 low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pointed out by Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Some blocks there and put them back into six.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Back into three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On three the ones on the point, further down, the triangle. Yep. I mean I definitely think it makes sense to grab the four little blocks sitting right there and we will just grab another row from.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's weird how it likes to go. Sometimes I think I can do it quicker than an undo can do it. Like I said I think I can do it better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did we lose Clawson again? So we will select at the block level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get the neighborhood block on and we are at the block level and will be at the block level in just a moment. Block level.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Back to the four little blocks with we were at before back to the west. Yes, right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Putting it in three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On that point let's just start with the five that go vertical or the five that are stacked and then the three that are vertical. Yep, right there. Three is a thousand, 800 under which is within specs does that look okay? Or do we want to take a little more?

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Curry nodding her head.
Commissioner Kellom, are you.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What is 18 at population wise? I'm sorry.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is still carrying 18,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We are over so let's go to the top.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is 9.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to get to 25 because that is 9 under, right? Am I reading that right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes and 32 is 14 over and 34 is 19 under.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right just doing a quick look to see what else we had floating around.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's pull it back so I can see more of the map. So we have 18 currently overpopulated. We are going to pull up to the top. We are trying to move. So 18, 34 is the coast so we got the coast. We've got 25 and we have 32. So 32 is over. 25 is under. 34 is under. And 18 is over. So we're going to move 15,000 up into 32 by bringing down Troy. That's going to change our 21 a little bit. We will have to make adjustment there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is a little light, in a way you are putting some of 18 into 21 just depending on how you look at it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where there were neighborhoods between 18-21 we might want to make whole. This is again the Bagley neighborhood.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: This is not Royal Oak we are outside of Detroit.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 18 and 21 before we start moving too much, I know that was one of the reasons we were trying to do this is to make those neighborhoods whole so if we are going to, yeah.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are talking about down in here.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So I'm having to take from 21 to get through to 32, right? So.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put Bagley into 21. Let's see what those precincts are population wise.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This actually is quite a few of them in there. There is a lot of ways to do it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: If we are specifically trying to make Bagley whole.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what we are doing.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry and Kellom is that what we are doing.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Fitzgerald and the Grove would be helpful.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one add that one.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That one there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make whole in 21.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Possibly it may be too much population but let's start with Bagley.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select them and not just move them.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So those precincts, oops add selection, add selection. So.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That goes down this there. That is 13,000. Of course we would not take that little bit or you could.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I would take that bit off.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 15,000 so maybe you would want to put it all oak Grove over there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's do that all of oak Grove and let's move it over and we might have to adjust it depending on how much we take at the top.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put all of in the remainder of oak Grove into 21?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh. Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Brittini and Juanita any questions so far? .
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't have any questions. I know what is going on Chair Szetela is trying to, you know ameliorate or fix the issue with our population deviation and the way I see it is Commissioner Curry and I because you know we are asking for input so Chair Szetela is giving input. So it's fine to me. I'm going to scream and holler if there is something I see should be different. But.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just checking in with you. That's all.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: All right.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: How is the fish?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go up to the top.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is a split neighborhood if the desire is to continue.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm worried we will cut it off at the top so let's look at the top first because we have a narrow strip there and can only take so much. Now we are going to be expanding 18 up.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay take some of this like that?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Should we keep Clawson whole is that a significant area neighborhood?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: If we can but let's see.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right now maybe not.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair where is Clawson?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Where is Clawson? North of, yeah.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: They run together. You can take I think it's Main Street you can take that runs into Clawson. There are other streets you can take but yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That was that little piece of eight there. There is 12000. Of course if you want.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That includes that part. So why don't we assign that and see what it does and let's see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are just creating a bridge to 32 right now then we will readjust the line. So 18 is now over by 19,000. And.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is in play.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 21 is good. So 32 is over by 7, 18 is over by 18 is over by 19 so we would need to bring, is that right? Bring 32 down to 18? And then we are going to move that population through 28 to 25 to 23, 34.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it across there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Someone suggested that earlier.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So for Clawson select Clawson again just those precincts and we are going to see what it is. And our goal is to pull 20,000 people out of 18. Now they are connected and now they have a border. So a little more. That's about right. Okay so move that up into 32.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay sorry about that, that was the computer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zipping across there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to take population from 32 to 28 and move it over. If we can bring it down so I can see the map a little better.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 34 is 18,000 by itself plus 25 is 10,000 so you need to bring 28,000 District it across roughly could be 24, 23.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How far up does 28 go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28 just goes to Utica and Sterling Heights.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are taking from 32 and we are going to bring it into 28. Then we are going to go across. Okay so let's start with the eastern line of I think those are Townships or precincts going down and see what we have.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'm just going to select them and then make choices based upon that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can just start there. So that is 21.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 22. I think you need to move more because 34 is really low. Is the deal. I'm highlighting and shout out at me if I'm doing something wrong.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're trying to highlight. You are not really highlighting but trying to highlight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 35 so that is more than that can do, that is more than 32 should do.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's take off a bit.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Tell me where.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Big Beaver and take that off so that gets us at 28. That is about spec.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pretty close.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Move to 28 and if it's over spec we will adjust part of it back.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do what you can to 34 and then come back and do the small numbers.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so 34 is under so what is the population of Fraser? I'm wondering if we can put all of that into 34. It's a nice little block. I'm pretty sure mount Clemens is over 34 but Fraser.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Fraser is 14.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 14.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You could do I don't know.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you say put Fraser in 34.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is what I would do.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's put Fraser into 34.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Also wondering what if we did, I don't know.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: To see values not any other reason that is 7500.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you go up another row.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would put 34.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry I'm looking at a different one, that is too much.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was just.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you just select one, yeah.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select one. But.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd do that corner one yeah right there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 3100 and puts you right there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's put that into 34. All right now our difference is 28 and 25 right.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 23 sorry 23.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those two together.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28 needs to go to these two.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What if we made it to the way south looks around ten and making it another one to kind of, I don't know.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move population from 25 to 23.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I said my suggestions out loud instead of thinking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What we were discussing it's the Chaldean neighborhood and probably they are north directed north south so an east west split it might fracture the community in ways we don't want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We need more in 28 and less in 25.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's overpopulated by 27,000, 25 is under and 23 is under so we got to bring some from is there another District of 28 or is 28 just the Utica, Sterling Heights that is 37.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change the color but 28 is right here and 44 is up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: More 37 that is confusing me and can't tell the border between that and.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 44 could take population if needed. Let me change the colors 37.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 37 is awful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is 37 and let me change 44 too because we lose it in that area. 25 is here and this is the unassigned area and we stuck in there 28 up and.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is there any way to so 32 is okay now on population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 32 is a little under.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it's four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't like breaking up Troy here wondering if there is a way to maybe add the districts that are south of the Troy Township border in 21, 8 or 18 with Clawson and use that in order to bring the population more into compliance.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Try to get the population fixed first then do other changes. Can we take part of 28, yep, wherever we got that population so that is 600.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me see what they are. That is a lot there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about that block right there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That up there is fairly small. I mean that is 3500. And.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We need to take off a thousand.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 32 that still wouldn't do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the other one up there population wise? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's okay.

3200 take that one off. What is the next one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can do it something like this. I think this one might do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I'm wondering.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2800 gets you down to a thousand low under.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: All right let's do that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 32.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh. Then I think to kind of keep that east-west split we currently have, I want to bring 28 down into that area of 25 that is coming underneath it.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Does that work Anthony?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: How about we bring up the data from yesterday that has a map that Dr. Handley identified as being Chaldean? Then use that? Somebody have that map.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It was e-mailed to everybody today.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm not everybody. You're not everybody and you are not good with that. It shows Chaldean being the west side of Sterling Heights with a little bit trickling over.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Kind of reflects them out.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23 is the destination and why don't we get 23 population right and you can work it all out in there. Or does that make sense.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to add 20,000 to 23 which we do across the border of 25.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not much room.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's start grabbing.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know how you want to achieve that.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Start grabbing the eastern edge of 25.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So 23 is not our Chaldean District so we want to grab the non-Chaldean sort of areas is that fair to say?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Cross one bridge at a time and just start there. All right so that is 15,000.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It needs more than that.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab that one in.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 20,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab one Branch under Sterling Heights.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23 right there is the number we need.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We only need 20,000 I was looking at 28 go ahead and assign that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so let me do this.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to fix the balance between 25 and 28.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 25 looks to me if this is the Chaldean community in here looks like it's going to be now 25.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What I'm thinking although it's going to cut in a little to the Chaldean community, we bring 25 through Utica and over and bring 28 down unless you can think of something else and we can grab more of Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would take that part of Sterling heights that kind of in between 28 and 25 right now right where it says Sterling Heights on the map where it's displayed add on 25 that precinct and a couple of those precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep so, the yellow areas that are currently in between like the dis-contiguities basically.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to highlight it and you all say if that is the correct look. That is 7,000 in 25 is that what was suggested.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 7,000 in 25.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and assign that. Pull out and take a look a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at this little bit of area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's what I'm thinking. Into 44 if you realize 28 is getting cutoff.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Add that to Utica into 25. Any thoughts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Try it. Make it more of a.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 13,000. So you still need more.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and add it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Based on Dr. Lisa Handley the Chaldean is largely in District 28 so I think we are it's pretty good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it's getting transferred into 25.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The bulk of it is. All right. So right now we are at 9,000 under in 25 and we are -- I'm very confused.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3,000 over in 28.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Take a little more from 28 and what you have 3,000 right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3680, yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So go ahead and assign that and then we will see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28 is good but 23 could give up a little more.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Why don't we add some of those precincts go precinct at a time and add to 28 because 28 needs a little more. 25 has a little less. So try to normalize those a little bit.

In fact, do you see that bottom right District that is currently in 28? Let's put that in 25.

Now, the edge you just made put some of that into 28. The question is which precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or you can split this precinct. Most of the population up here will be over here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are cutting off Warren, and that creates another problem and you can't do it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Any preferences for what precincts to go from 25 to 28?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I do not, that is why I have not said anything. I don't have a preference as of right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What does 37 and 44 have population wise? I'm just curious if there is maybe a little room there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 37 can hold some. What was your other District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 44.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 44 can hold some. I brought that up earlier. But they are high, I mean they are low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Move to 37 and 44.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How is 44 looking?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 44 is a little light you can nibble away at it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Those top two precincts in Shelby Township, I guess the southern two precincts. The southern two precincts in Shelby Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Deviation of 8.84. We are talking about two, three thousand people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are almost there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Run the metrics and see where we are at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's do the last two moves. Take the left side and put it in 44 and I'm sorry, telling you backward right side in 44 and left side in 37.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry. Put this right here in 44 and put this in 37.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. That will give you a little more play. I said three. We got to make little adjustments.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28 is taking a beating now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How in God's name did 28 get that far off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 44 is high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is the difference between 28 and 25 right now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25 is a little under 780.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Undo and run the numbers. We got to put that back. Put those two back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it in 44 and take another piece into 28 but.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, Mr. Stigall we are ready to run the numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think we can do better. You are totally allowed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Help us run the partisan fairness, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's all good. Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 1628.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will leave it for not. It's only 5%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was being optimistic. I notice dis-contiguities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are the Lake ones, Right?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That Isle into Elm Park. And this being counted appropriately is the main thing. There is a little piece of six hanging.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Kent likes yellow and green.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Obviously I should have. That is a bunch of water. Okay, I think that will -- unassigned areas, that is always never good. Put that in 18?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Looks like that should be in two because that is the neighborhood line. But that is yall's call.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent is going to ask and somebody respond.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that should go in 8.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So, you were telling me, Commissioner Rothorn, not if I wanted to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Somebody say yes. Lopsided margin is 6.3% favoring the republicans. The mean median is 3.3 favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 6.5% favoring republican. 6.6. I don't know what I said, I meant 6.6. Proportionality bias is 2.3% in favor of republicans. But the seats are even 55-55. 2.3% bias favoring republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is probably the closest comparison, oak, Clark, Peach. Those all were similar metrics. Can we save the map for now and just save that partisan fairness? And I think we have other changes we wanted to make. Do we want to start moving onto those?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me, Madam Chair, before that did you want to look at election numbers?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can look at the numbers that would be great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My apologies, I lost the headings. And I will get them fixed but that is the Governor's primary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We want to look too at the primary for Dearborn in particular because Dearborn.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at bellwether where the majority candidates were up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not see that. Did I. So what districts were? It didn't load up. I know the big change was like 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 12, 10.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: How about we look at...I think you just mentioned three districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1, 2 and 3 we can do at the same time because they are together. So we have, yeah, the democrat overall performance is 90 some percent for 1, 2 and 3. Biden carried one, two and three, 89%, 92% and 89%. Trump was 10.8, 7.1 and 10-4-7. That is districts 1, 2 and 3. Obama in 2012 carried these three districts 95.2, 97 and then 95%. Romney had 4.8, 2.9, and 5.21. Senate 2020 Peters carried these three districts 89, 93, 90. James had 11%, 7%, 9%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Kent, can we go to the right and look at 2014 Secretary of State and 2017 gubernatorial, please?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So Secretary of State, Dillard carried 90% for District one. 2% for District two. 88 for District 3. And Johnson corresponding district, one was 9.7. And District 2 is 8.3 and District 3 is 11.98. And the primary stuff is on the statewide races.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That's on the 2017 gubernatorial. Just the primary. All the general election results are proving out the way I expected them and gubernatorial was the Arab American candidate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, statewide I believe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's on the statewide races layer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe that is where it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it is. That is Districts 1, 2 and 3. Next ones we heavily modified were four, six, 10, 11 and 12. You want to go to statewide.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 2018, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Districts 1, 2 and 3. The headings are not on there. Anybody remember the sequence? I can look at them.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: El-Sayed was to the left, the first one and Thanedar and Whitmer.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So El-Sayed, it does not have percentages either. So I'll have to get a new active matrix. But the numbers themselves was that El-Sayed, he carried all three of those districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, narrow margins in the first district and wider in the second and third, okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Is there a District that had a larger Arab American population?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's actually in three districts. Can we bring the map up higher because Dearborn Heights is partially in 15.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 was a big piece of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3, 7 and 15 all have Arab American populations I believe from what we have said, if I'm reading that right. Honestly is part of Dearborn Heights in 14 too? I think it is, yeah. So it's 3, 7, 14 and 15. The Arab American community is split across four districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have those highlighted so further to the right maybe we can more easily identify at least what we -- so the third District El-Sayed carried it fairly well, 5400 to 1300 to 4,000. And then District, no, that was District 7, my apologies. This is District three up here and carried it 5400 to 2900 to 2600. District 7 was 5400, to 1300 to 4,000. And he carried that. Districts 14 he came in second. 4,000 votes to 3400 votes to 6200 votes and. And he in fact won 15th District by the slimmest 5700 to 3500. To 5600. So he carried all those, he or she carried all those districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It went from three pretty resounding wins to you know two pretty good wins and then one barely.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seems to me like Mr. Adelson while we have you here this is where we have to understand the coalition. The data we got from Dr. Handley, what I mean we've got the election results here and because of this coalition and the voting patterns can we is there anything that we can -- help us understand if this is these squeaking out like is that can we say this is a good idea or is this not a good idea?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Winning is always better than losing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Preach brother preach.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The margins can change and I think as we saw with looking at the Presidential election results, I mean those margins are we have got used to seeing margins that are not surprisingly substantial. That is not something you're going to see across the board. I always look for winners and losers. If the candidate of chase is losing consistently, that's not good or in the language of the Supreme Court usually. But the candidates of choice are winning usually. In what we have seen. So Dr. Handley and her analysis yesterday talked about Arab American cohesion internally and also the cohesion with the Hispanic community and the Black community and of course the rates are going to vary in the sense that it's usually it's not 100% every single election works out exactly the same way but she did find there is cohesion among those groups of voters. And the election results as I said they are the candidate of choice is winning usually. And the usual word is the word the Supreme Court uses.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, any other comments about what this map says? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Mr. Adelson, would you also look at the demographics?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1, 2 and 3 are 48, 51, 43. I do notice District 16 is at 56%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think it's 21 as well as also 54.93%. I was wondering where that is but I see it up at the top.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 55, 54.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to highlight them here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 51.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55, 16, 51, 51, 55, 54, I don't know if there is more outside of this. When we put this all on one spreadsheet so we can collapse them down and sort them. Would that help? Szetela se yes that would be helpful. That is the way to do it if it was me doing it that is what I would want.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We also lost a democratic seat somewhere. I don't know where it is but we went from 56 in Pine version two to 55. So I would be interested in learning where or why that is.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me Commissioner Orton was there something specific you wanted me to address?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, I just wanted you to look at it and see is it an improvement or you know help? Gives your wisdom.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I don't know about that but thank you. I think the numbers to me, they all line up. I'm not seeing anything that is jumping off the Page as being problematic. I do see this as an improvement in the sense that as the work was done this afternoon this was in response as I understand to concerns in the Black community that were expressed in public hearings and subsequently. That were neighborhood based and community based. I think one of the things that I'd like to say from an experiment standpoint I've seen with worked with and litigated situations where the intent as expressed on the record by redistrict is to increase certain minority populations for one reason, to discriminate against voters on the basis of race. Meaning to pack them into districts solely from their understanding of the Voting Rights Act. From what I understand that's not being done. This is -- as you know we have discussed the VRA analysis and Dr. Handley's analysis. And there has been nothing that I'm aware of where any of you have said we need to put more Black people in a certain area beyond what the Voting Rights Act says. When you take that and then look at the reunifying neighborhoods that a different consideration. That is not packing. Because no one is expressing any will intent or Subterfuge to put as many people we can in these places and will alter their ability to participate effectively in politics. I know that may go beyond what you had requested. But that is something that struck me in just looking at these numbers that that's not what was discussed from what I understand today. So the numbers to me I think I'm good with them. The I think the numbers are an improvement in the sense of responding to concerns about that I took to be community based. So those are my thoughts. I hope that is helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So you're okay with 55%, 54.9%, Black VAP you think that is I just want to confirm that you think that is acceptable.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm fine with that from the perspective of what was discussed today. I would not be fine with that if there was a discussion like there had been in North Carolina a few years ago. Let's add as many Black voters to these districts as we can. Or in Alabama. Or an assumption that this number of Black voters is needed to elect candidates of choice would any and little basis. So that's not been discussed. That's none of you have indicated that that's what you want to do. Certainly Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Kellom didn't say anything about that. So from this standpoint yes, it's very different than what happened in Alabama and it's very

different than what happened in other cases where the Supreme Court said this is a racially discriminatory.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right any other questions? Commissioner Curry did you have your hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, not a question but I want to thank you. You did a great job at the end. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. All right Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I'm still wondering where that lost seat is or came from.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I mean I think we this plan has the same metrics as oak. And we rejected oak earlier because of the metrics. I mean we can continue working with it but I think it would be more productive for us to go back to the original Pine version we had and continue with the changes that we wanted to do earlier and then if we want to come back to this plan and try to fix the seats, we can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm just wondering where it is geographically.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, it's up in Macomb County. I can tell you that. I don't need to look at the map to tell you that. It's Macomb County.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't look at it as a lost seat but I look at it as a gained seat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For who?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: When I say lost, it lowered. When I say lost it made the map less fair according to the measures of partisan fairness. That was a good one though.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Getting slap happy. Getting tired. Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we not go back to mapping at this time, that we finish up any business that we have, any reports that we have and adjourn. So that we can get rid of our slap happiness and come back tomorrow morning.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That sounds like a great idea Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If I had a second to it, I would speak a little more to it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion by Commissioner Lett. I mean I don't think do we need a motion? I don't think we need a motion. We have other things on our agenda we need to cover. It's been a long day. So let me find where we are at. Agenda, okay, so we do have new business agenda item 6A which is the first amendment to the think Bressack contract without objection I will ask our General Counsel Julianne Pastula to present this agenda item hearing no objections please proceed Ms. Pastula.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you Madam Chair and good evening to the Commissioner what you have is the proposed amendment to the Fink Bressack a world read for amendments to a contract. What happened unfortunately was there was an associate in the firm that was left off of the RFP submission. And this would simply add

attorney David A Burg at the associate rate of \$290 an hour. That is the only change that this makes to the contract. And that is what is before you. And the proposed amendment and the accompanying resolution.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we adopt it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion and second to adopt the resolution 20211101 first amendment to local counsel contract with Fink Bressack PLLC. Motion by Commission Lett and seconded by Commissioner Witjes any discussion? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Does it change the contract or the hourly if that guy is the one that does the work?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: To the Chair to Commissioner Eid that is an excellent question. No the total value of the contract remains the same so attorney Burg would be able to draw down off and be paid for this services. The firm excuse me would be able to bill for attorney Burg services. As it stands, he would not be authorized to bill under this contract.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Are they hired at this point or are we just talking about our rates?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Clark their contract was effective is effective and are already engaged on work on behalf of the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right let's go ahead and vote unless there is any additional questions. All in favor of the motion to adopt resolution 20211101 first amendment to logical contract with Fink Bressack please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the resolution is adopted.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have one additional item legal wise. We had a legal subcommittee I'd like to put a motion forth we shut that down because we hired both law firms.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion to dissolve what is it called again the legal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Subcommittee.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Legal hiring subcommittee.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion and a second. To dissolve the legal hiring subcommittee any discussion or debate on the motion? All right all in favor of dissolving that. Sorry. Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I just ran a check on this plan. This plan will get posted online and I would like for these obvious dis-contiguities to be cleaned up before I post it out there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can do that yourself. We authorize you to go ahead and do that. Just the ones in the Detroit area and stuff.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You just want to create more work for yourself. I know you love us so much. You just never want to leave us. But we do appreciate you doing that. Thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Our understanding is that the committee for the review of litigation counsel RFPs became the committee for the review of local counsel RFP submissions. So we are checking to see if that committee has already been dissolved.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It has not.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Proceed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We proposed to dissolve it before but because the contract had not been signed, we did not at that time. All right, yeah, so all in favor raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay. So again the ayes prevail and the motion is adopted. I guess we just voted twice but because there was lack of clarity never hurts.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I only wrote it down once Madam Chair. I also wanted to clarify too that the Fink Bressack contract I wanted to make sure I was clear the Fink Bressack contract is executed, available, signed even prior to this amendment. And that they are ready to engage in any work needed by the MICRC. I believe I thank you for the opportunity to make that clarification Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little area here was that supposed to stay in four? Or stay? One? It's just the Detroit river.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You're not sharing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sucking the life right out of me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I just signed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this unpopulated block that is District 22 at the moment is the Detroit river. Shall it remain shall it be in District Four or District one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It shall be in District one. Thank you number one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, make it so. All right so we don't have any minutes to approve. We don't have any staff reports. Michigan Department of State do we have any reports?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just that if you haven't voted you have until 8:00 p.m. to get in line at your local voting precinct and if you haven't registered to vote yet you have until 8:00 p.m. to get in line at your local clerk's office. And to find the location of either of those things visit Michigan.gov/vote, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. Thank you for the reminder. Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just want to make sure Kent that we have the for the Lansing adjustments I sent you a file will that be ready for tomorrow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's loaded up and ready now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I tried Grand Rapids and couldn't get it to fix. I don't have Grand Rapids in that plan. I only have Lansing.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Grand Rapids is beyond help.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, no, it's not that just Grand Rapids was -- this is a Grand Rapids okay but this is not in. This is in District we are not in. I will send it to you. Got it. I think I understand the questions now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I wanted you to send me that link to that District R plan from our portal because I can turn that into a shape file. And that will make tomorrow go easier. All right. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I'm going to look at the Dearborn area on both maps, both Pine V2 and Pine V3 because we don't have to split that minority community four ways. I think that is preferable so I will be taking a look at it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and Commissioner Kellom, oops.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah no, just quickly wanted to thank Bruce for highlighting some important conversation that I think will be useful for us as we move forward. So thank you buddy Bruce, I appreciate you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, correspondence received in advance of the meeting is provided to Commissioners in our meeting materials we review the portal on a daily basis any future agenda items? Any announcements? As the items on our agenda are completed a motion to adjourn is in order may I have a motion to adjourn? Motion made by Commissioner Lett seconded by Commissioner Witjes is there any discussion or debate on the motion? All in favor raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail the meeting is adjourned at 6:37 p.m. Thank you, everybody.