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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Test one two, test one two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:08 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 start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

Anthony Eid?

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?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present. And there is a quorum.

>> 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 Rothhorn. Seconded by Commissioner Lett. 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.

All right. Juanita you are not on mute by the way. All right before we get started looking for one thing really quickly. Hold on. Before we get started, I just wanted to, here is what I'm looking for, so I just kind of want to take a moment for everyone to reset. I know it's been a stressful couple of days. We are all very fatigued, we are all very stressed. We are all getting lots of feedback. Some of it is positive, some of it is not positive. But I just want to make sure that we all continue to behave with professionalism and remember that we all agreed to be respectful, tolerant and impartial towards our colleagues and I think all of us collectively myself included can strive to do better than we have done the last few days. I think that the most important aspect of this Commission is that we are a team. That we have three differ groups democrats, republicans and independents. And we have to work as a team in order for us to approve any map. So let's continue to work as a team as we have done in the past. I think we have done a great job of working collaboratively, working towards a goal. Working together. I would like us to refrain from personal attacks on each other. I'd also like us to refrain from attacks on people who are commenting because we had that

occurring the last few days where there have been jabs at people commenting and that's not productive. It's not cohesive for us as a team to be attacking each other. It degrades that trust and degrades the ability to work collaboratively. You know, I think we all can improve on that, myself included. And I just would like to bring us back to remember we are a team. Let's continue to work as a team. We have been doing a great job. And remember what our 7 constitutional criteria are because that is what should be driving us. We focus on persons. People population and Voting Rights Act and focus on continuity and think about communities of interest. We think about partisan fairness. We think about not protecting or disfavoring incumbents. We look at you know municipal boundaries. And then we focus on what is the last one compactness. So let's make sure we keep those top of mind. Try to be kind, try to be respect and give each other grace. We are almost done and meters of a 26 mile race of this part we are doing. I know we can get it done if we work together, all right? So at this point we are going to move on to public comment.

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. Do we have number one?

>> Good morning.

My name is Marie and I'm the UAW local 6,000 legislative liaison. I'm coming to you today to ask the Commission to uncrack the City of Flint after everything the City has been through Flint deserves a representative from Flint. Someone who has lived through the same experiences that the residents that have is unacceptable. This was even considered and I encourage you to fix Flint, please. Just you know, make sure that that happens. And I'm not asking you to do anything unfairly or any other device of some kind. Just fix Flint. Thank you.

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners my name is Sam I'm the president of the greater Flint Central labor Council our body of organization represents many different diverse interests across the region. Our membership is politically diverse to say the least. From the good old boys to progressives to everyone in between. Actually one thing they all agree upon is fairness in the maps. What the Commission has done to the City of Flint is unacceptable. How the heck would we break this community up after everything it has been through. Anyone who has eyes in their head can see there is a way to dilute minority representation in the legislation. And in my regards to my job as a president of ASPI local 1600 this will make my life and hundreds of other Flint and

Genesee Counties employees a working nightmare. I'm not sure who came up with this idea. But it's wrong for Flint. And Genesee County. Thank you very much.

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

>> Hello, my name is Kristina I'm from Genesee County and I work for the UAW. I've addressed this Commission on multiple different occasions. I still don't want your job. Thank you very much. Today I'm here to just please ask that you leave the City of Flint whole. Leave them with the representative that will represent the people of the City of Flint. They have unique situations along with the V RA and the water crisis and everything else. Just please keep the City of Flint whole it would be appreciated by all of the members and the members I represent as well.

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

>> My name is Paul. I'm chief of staff of the Michigan republican party. With the exception of concerns over transparency and hiring of Mr. Adelson a democrat partisan we have been optimistic about fair maps being proposed. Michigan is a purple state and the map should reflect that. In the last several weeks the body with the stated goal of drawing them more democratic benefitting one party the little definition of gerrymandering. For example in your Senate maps formally 1919 splitting Ann Arbor to make districts more democratic is gerrymandering. Splitting the City of East Lansing and Lansing in the same Senate District for 150 years is gerrymandering. The current Senate minority leader a democrat has already claimed majority before a single vote has been cast because of gerrymandering. This board is the Senate District map and proposed map along the Massachusetts map and gave birth and idea of gerrymandering. You are doing the exact thing this Commission was created to prevent and ignoring your restraints and responsibilities which are clearly written and your responsibility to maintain communities of interest. We want it to be fair and yield fair maps I implore you to stop what you are doing, go back to the original maps and quit breaking up communities.

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

>> Hi, my name is Niki I'm a Lansing resident. Thank you so much for your hard work. A lot of progress has been made I'm really excited of what is to come. The Greater Lansing area is a diverse economically and socially from big ten University countryside and capital City. I'd like to talk about the house maps today. Looks like Lansing has lost a District in the Michigan house and I think that would be harmful to this community and we want a competitive area. I can understand wanting to prioritize communities of interest but unpacking Lansing in five districts would be more fair in the long-term. Thank you so much for your time and effort.

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

>> Good morning, Commission my name is Sarah Howard as you know I represent the Michigan AFLCIO fair maps project. Last night Mr. Adelson said districts can go as

high as 55% BVAP as long as it is a side effect of recognizing a community of interest and not an explicit attempt to create a majority minority District. This is frankly I'm an astonishing reversal. You must reassess all VRA districts based on community of interest testimony. We doubt for example that Birmingham and Detroit are a genuine community of interest. And find it very objectionable they had to protest the low BVAP targets. You missed out on a ton of community of interest data because they were under the incorrect impression their communities of interest didn't matter for this analysis. As we have said repeatedly you can and are required to draw a map that is fully complaint with the V RA reflects true communities of interest and 0 partisan bias. This new advice from your expert should make that easier thank you very much Commission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 7.

>> Good morning I'm crystal Boyd and I'm Sarah Howard's legal assistant as Michigan largest economic community of interest the labor movement wants you to succeed in drawing fair and constitutional maps. We applaud you for your willingness to make bold necessary changes to your State House map to make it better for communities of interest and for partisan fairness. Remember your job is to balance all the criteria. If your map needs a population deviation of 9.99% in order to get to partisan fairness, you are still within the ten% deviation window. If your map needs districts that split some Counties multiple ways or looks ugly or less compact in order to respect communities of interest, that's okay.

We appreciate you working hard on this important project. You are not done yet. A 6 percent efficiency gap is about 6 times as high as it should be. But you are on the right path. Thank you.

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

My name is Michael Davis junior with promote the vote and appreciate the opportunity to speak before you again. I want to clear the air and make it clear promote the vote is not a political organization. We are proud to serve as a resource for voters across the state and help countless voters yesterday exercise that right to vote and resource for you. The coalition that makes promote the vote does not have a political party and we are from all walks of life and skin colors who believe there is a better way to draw fair maps that is why we banded together to submit maps to the Commission in the first place and made edits to Pine map which we said Pine sol because we cleaned up Flint Lansing Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo those changes left 80% of your work untouched 51-59 map to 56-54 count more reflective of the source and look us to as a resource and give honest consideration to valuable community input. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Is that it? Thank you, Yvonne.

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 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 is James Gallant.

>> Hello this is James Gallant Marquette these are my opinions. First, I'd like to say it looks from this position you're giving more time to person in person than you are online. You should cut this off at one minute for everybody please. I noticed the Chair take heart what this Chair said to you at the beginning of the meeting about personal relationships not getting wound up this is very stressful. It's a fundamental principle of parliamentary law in America that doing the wrong thing for the right reasons is still wrong. Juanita said that she did her part on east and west in the north by remaining silent. She didn't participate at all. Let you do what she did now she expects you to do the same for her. This is the fundamental principle being violated the Chair is allowing the members to interact personally instead of through the Chair which is supposed to be happening here and you are beholden to personal relationships between you. Now this is committee of the whole. It's just not called committee of the whole. You should be working.

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

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Hi good morning, Commissioners. I want to thank you for the hard work that you've been doing in redrawing the house maps. It's very important to consider the voting rights districts and you've been doing that hard work and I certainly appreciate all the time you spent on it yesterday. I want you to take the same consideration in your Senate map where you did not touch Detroit voting rights districts. We are also concerned about Flint. As we are working with communities of interest, it's important you take them into consideration in this process. Please reconsider the cherry version two map although you have worked very hard to make it more partisan fair and we certainly appreciate that, I also want you to take consideration of the communities of interest and the voting rights districts in Detroit and in Flint. I also want to support Mr. Michael Davis who is there in person and they are redoing of the Pine map with the

Pine Sol map which really does address these critical issues so please take a look at that map and take it into consideration.

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners Anthony Skinnell Wayne County. Trying to make another full map if you know what it would look like to incorporate the two Black plurality districts for Detroit with east west split into a full map. Maybe it doesn't look right for your area. I'm sorry I'm not from your area. You spent one day on Congress and that was it. One and done. Pretty much like how the District was drafted. In one day by Commissioner from Rochester Hills drawing our Detroit District it looks like it was drawn. It does not look like it makes sense the with the northeast and southwest and west and west, I mean if it's not good for your area I don't know why you couldn't fix it. Now we are left to the Chair's good graces to do it on her own time if she can for us to have decent representation. I mean I'm sorry, you have not spent enough time on it. You keep glossing over Detroit and it's really inappropriate. You want to arbitrate what is appropriate for us and you cannot maintain quorum for one full meeting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Audry-Lester.

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> I'm Audrey Lester from Berrien County in the northwest corn and I'm originally from Chicago and came to this area as a by way of a family cottage and now am a resident. I know the Lake from many aspects. Please keep the lakeshore State House map as you've drawn it. It's a great representation of St. Joe, Benton Harbor New Buffalo and South Haven. Economically and by way of diversity it would make sense to add Saugatuck and Douglas if you would. They are cultures and economies and cultures of interest. To put them in conflict with rural entities doesn't make sense. For Congress we would love to have Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo and St. Joe stay together. We need a bigger Metropolitan area to help anchor us so the chestnut map is preferred over the apple map. I'm so glad I heard your comments earlier today. It's a Gargantuan task you all have undertaken. It's a work in progress. Be kind to yourselves and remember that and the voters will appreciate it. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Melany-Mack.

>> Hello, I'm Melany-Mack live in Detroit in Clinton County and came with remarks I want to say but I appreciated the Commission's Chair her emphasis of how you are a team and thought we as citizens of Michigan are a team too. And to work as a team we got to have a level playing field. And we need that to make our democracy work. So the fairness of these maps is really, really critical to do that. I just wanted to say you have done a great job on the birch map. And I really like that a lot. And I hope that you

will give a lot of consideration to the map submitted by common ID06677. We've got a ways to go to make it more fair in the Greater Lansing area. Thank you so much for your work. We are expecting fair maps and leave it at that, thank you.

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

>> I currently live in East Lansing. I own a farm. Let's see. I'm sorry. I'm trying to get the video here. Oops. Okay, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you. I live in East Lansing. I own a farm in Eaton County. I recommend map 06677. 06677 creates fair seats in the Lansing region by establishing five area house seats. Delta Township and Eaton County and Lansing City should be returned to an Eaton County District for fair voting. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number eight Jill Dunham.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can.

>> Thank you, partisan fairness is fundamental to this process. And all of the maps are currently still skewed towards the republicans despite the democrats having a higher percentage of voters I do appreciate what is given to fairness and the frequent checks initiated last week. The lakeshore District I live in Allegan County is excellent. I suggest Saugatuck could be added and removing Royalton Township and the population works out perfect and make the District truly representative of the lakeshore issues. The Senate map is also good but I really believe that Holland should be included with the lakeshore down into St. Joe. And then Byron Center has much more in common with Kent and Ottawa and would be better to be there. And Chair Rebecca I don't want to try and butcher your last name thank you so much for your comments about kindness and respect. It is the most important thing that we need to be focused on. And I really appreciate accentuating it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number nine, Todd Ellis.

>> Thank you. Good morning, Commissioners my name is Todd Ellis a resident of Texas Township near Kalamazoo. I would like to propose Kalamazoo County for the State House representatives. The Pine map which is the fairest of the maps divides the greater County of Kalamazoo area in two districts. I believe it would be improved with the area with three. As a resident of the western part of the City I feel confident to say the needs of my community are very different from those on the eastern side of the City. Both groups deserve representation in the State House and Portage on the south side of Kalamazoo. Dividing the area in three districts would improve the overall partisan fairness of the Pine map while also better representing local communities of interest in and around Kalamazoo therefore I urge the Commission to consider using three districts

to represent communities in this area. Thank you for all your hard work and for considering my comment this morning.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We are going to pause remote public comment because we do have another person who arrived in person so ma'am if you would like to approach the microphone you are welcome to speak.

>> Good morning.

I live in Lansing and I'm from Detroit. It's important to me that Black people are appropriately represented in Lansing. This can be accomplished in one of two ways drawing majority Black districts or drawing more minority opportunity districts. If you are going to decrease the percentage from 50 plus one percent, please draw more majority opportunity districts. This is especially important in State House races. Also your VRA analysis needs to look at some actual State House, State Senate or Congressional elections. Sorry I'm out of breath. I just took the stairs. In these primaries you see white voters prefer white candidates and Black prefer Black candidates. Looking at the Governor's race is not relevant because there is not a Black candidate in the race. And communities like Detroit where there are more Black people legislative can't diplomats win in communities like Benton Harbor where there are less Black people white candidates win. Chair Szetela, I hope you will try to draw maps of Southeast Michigan with Commissioner Kellom that truly provide more opportunity. There are currently 17 majority Black legislative districts if you are decreasing the percentage in them, please draw more districts. I have seen as many as 25 portal submissions.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Your time is up that is what the timer is. If I let you keep going other people will say it's not fair so I'm sorry. All right next in line is Mary Fontana.

>> Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> My name is Mary Ann Fontana and live in hunting ton Woods Michigan and I addressed the Commission on a few occasions. First of all I appreciate and want to applaud you for the hard work that you're doing. I still have very significant concerns though about the way they basically have kind of sliced up the area of the suburbs just north of Detroit. I live along the Woodward corridor for example and I see that on all of the State House maps there still is a big blending between some of these entering suburbs and Detroit you have even sliced up the inner suburbs. So I would really hope that when you're looking at and I know that this has been mentioned over and over again you are looking at communities of interest and partisan fairness I realize they rank three and four on the list of criteria. But I think that you need to consider seriously that why.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Lena-Wife.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Lena you are unmuted. Oh, just remuted.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay good morning my name is Lena and I'm the vice president of UAW local 652. I'm under the leadership of President Ben France and I represent thousands of active and retired auto workers and affiliates in the Greater Lansing area. And I'm coming to you representing the working people of our industry in Michigan. But also as a member of the Greater Lansing community. I want to thank you for the work that you have done on the Senate maps and it is proof that you can have communities of interest and partisan fairness at the same time. While not perfect it shows Michigan that this Commission is working for the voices of the people and I applaud you and your efforts in that regard. I encourage you to use that mindset while drawing the rest of your maps this week. And in regards to the house map, you will be discussing later today, please unpack Greater Lansing and the name of communities of interest and fairness. We deserve five House Districts, listen to the comments you received at the Lansing public hearing as the best.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Doug Floto, number 14.

>> Hi, I'm Doug Floto and I'm from Commerce Township. I have seen the State House and Senate maps and they lump us out with the rural Michigan which strongly favors the republican party. I think that you need to look at the maps with an eye towards partisan fairness. We want to have maps that right now that favor all voters and not one party. We voted to end a rigged system in Michigan. And we want fair maps that create a level playing field. You shouldn't vote for a system of maps that favors one party namely the republican party. So please work on that. And prioritize partisan fairness.

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

>> Hi, my name is Colleen T from Brownstown Township.

>> Wayne County and the State House needs to adhere to the Constitution shown in your drawing of the Michigan Senate maps. I want you to keep up the good work thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 13, Earl Poleski.

>> This is Earl, am I up?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, you are.

>> Thank you I'm sorry. My name is Earl I'm in spring Arbor Township of Jackson County I'm a County Commissioner here. I want to echo the thoughts of my friends from Genesee County who are concerned about splitting jurisdictions. But in this case, I'm concerned about the splitting of Jackson County particularly and not to mention

Washtenaw County. In the two Senate districts I've seen 29 and 27, the Counties are basically split north and south.

And I frankly want my Senator to be focused on our area. And I think Jackson and the Washtenaw Counties would certainly benefit from Senate districts that would take into account the unique characteristics of each of those areas. I sure do appreciate being able to speak in front of the Commission today. Thank you for the work you're doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is David, number 17.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, question with.

>> I'm David I live in Blackman Township in Jackson County and resided here 43 years my wife, three children and three grandchildren were born here. I retired last year in the community serving for over 40 years. I'm a former County Commissioner. I stepped away from my office at the end of the term last year. Served 18 years. I know our community and my community well. This proposed map that splits our County into two different districts includes Ann Arbor Ypsilanti is wrong on so many levels. The claimed intention of proposal two is take the politics out of redistricting. Looking at this map it's clear that the politics in this process is, in fact, alive and well. Anyone that would marry the communities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti with Jackson County needs to go back to the drawing board. They are vibrant but vastly different. Splitting us in two and attempting to meld it in two districts like you are.

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

>> You don't understand my last name Moilanen.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not going to try because everyone gets mad when I miss pronounce it.

>> I have to spell my name more often per day than probably anybody else. Maybe not everybody.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Keep in mind I'm a Szetela, so I play the same game every day, no one can pronounce it. Go ahead sir.

>> I understand. I am a resident of Jackson County. I'm currently the Township treasurer in the southern part of Jackson County. My concern today has to do with the Senate District being split. Combining my part of Jackson County with Ann Arbor is totally different. But as you know Ann Arbor is a college town. Combined with Ypsilanti it's two college towns. Jackson County is primarily rural and manufacturing. There is no apparent at all connection between communities of interest between the two areas. And so we are unhappy with the proposal that currently is being put forward. Please make changes so that Jackson County is able to be as a whole in a Senate District on this. We do appreciate the way you have connected the Congressional districts for us. And so congratulations on that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Rich Thrush, number 21.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> During the last Commission meeting in Grand Rapids several suggestions were made to modify the Grand Rapids six cities area House Districts to much improve the cultural community representation. I have drawn a map to show how these districts can easily be integrated in the Pine 227 map with minimal changes to three surrounding districts. No other changes to the statewide map would be necessary. District.org plan 74076 is the map referenced in public comment P8521. Simply divide by City lines to form districts. Combine Grandville and Walker for Central Europeans. Keep Wyoming whole with three precincts in Grand Rapids for the Hispanic community. South side Grand Rapids represents underserved minorities. Combine Kentwood East Grand Rapids and Cascade Township and combine north Grand Rapids with Ada for like urban suburban.

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

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Marsha if you can address yourself, you are free to address the Commission. If you can hear us and you can unmute yourself you are free to address the Commission. Looks like Marsha may be experiencing audio issues and recommend we move on to the next participant.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Next in line is Brenda Marcy.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay we will go on to Jonathan Williams.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Thank you, Commission. Commissioners again I spoke yesterday I'd like to speak again on the Senate maps. Take the maps to my class, my class of students I teach American Government state and local Government they're primarily from the Marshall Albion area and don't get the Senate districts. I could not explain the Senate districts. They understand them now because they understand that Counties are communities of interest. Right. The counties are communities of interest and they have been ever since the inception of the state. Each of our state constitutions had basically set asides for the Senate to represent whole counties so in breaking the counties as the current map does with the City of Ann Arbor all the way through Jackson and into Calhoun County it kind of goes against what our state Constitution have had. So in the order again of how we determine our priorities communities of interest are counties. The state subunits are counties and we get our funding from the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Linda Apling, number 25.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, yes well, my name is Linda Apling and I'm from Lansing and I live in Eaton County. Okay, I live in Eaton County. I voted for proposal two because I want fair elections where the party with the most votes wins the most seats. Please create fair seats in Lansing region by unpacking democrats and creating five area Lansing region house seats. I am suggesting map 06677. Please return Eaton County voters in Delta Township and the City of Lansing Eaton County for an Eaton County District. We should not be forced out of Eaton County. We do have a community of interest with Eaton County. I'd like to thank you for your work. And good day.

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

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to Barb-Handley Miller.

>>El hello can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, hi I'm Barb-Handley Miller and I have spoken multiple times at the Commission. I want to thank you for your work. And I am specifically want to thank you about the State Senate cherry version two map that you overwhelmingly approved. I know you still may make some revisions especially in the Detroit area and Flint. But the Tri-City map for District one is excellent. And we thank you for that. And we don't want to see that changed at all. The Tri-Cities belong together. And that is a very fair and competitive map. On Congressional, please maintain that consistency in keeping the Tri-Cities together with Flint, Michigan and the birch map as you have, it represents people of color well. With significant populations in Flint and Saginaw. So I know you're getting push back with some people from Midland wanting to be paired with Gladwin and going west. But that is not a map that can bring good partisan fairness. It's going to be a largely republican District. So please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Mary Loftus, number 28.

>> Good morning can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> My name is Mary Loftus and live in Cascade Township in Kent County thank you for including Cascade with the greater Grand Rapids Senate District map. Where we belong. Cascade residents and I would appreciate it if you could put us into a greater Grand Rapids State House District map as well. Versus the rural Townships. The Gerald R Ford airport is located in Cascade Township and we believe we really are a

community of interest as our suburban cities of Kentwood and East Grand Rapids.

Thank you for your time and thank you for your hard work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is 29, Tina.

>> Good morning.

Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> My name is Tina. And I am a lifetime resident of Jackson County. And as a resident of Jackson County I would like to express my concern for the Senate District where we are being split up into two Counties and being divided with Washtenaw County. Jackson County is very different from Washtenaw County. I worked for allied steel for 27 years and we are heavy in manufacturing and agricultural. Whereas Washtenaw County is a big University. And it just feels like splitting Jackson into two and Washtenaw County into two Senate districts would not work well for our communities. We have an intermediate school District where our sports teams compete against each other and that would interfere with our schools as well as a manufacturing network that we have in Jackson County. So please relook at the Senate maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 30, Russ.

>> Hi there. My name is Russ Desy and live in the City of Jackson. I'm an independent minded person and I voted for candidates from both parties in past. I'm proud of you drawing the State Senate map that allows the I-94 corridor because I think we share personal and economic interests but the District as you have drawn it is diverse enough, I think either party can win in any given year. I acknowledge Jackson and Ann Arbor have differences the small cities suburbs and rural communities along I-94 have more in common than the vast rural areas that dilute in the current Senate map. It's a daunting and thankless job the fact neither side tells me you are on the right track so thank you and please keep it up.

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

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Oh, good I'm Mary Murphy calling from Oakland County Huntington Woods. Thank you for your hard work and expressing kindness. We all need kindness, any way my concerns are the house. And 2018 the Michigan voters voted for proposal two. The vote was 59.9% yes and 40.1% no. The people of Michigan wanted fair maps drawn to represent all of us. It is also stated that districts drawn shall not provide disproportionate advantage to a party or a candidate. Unfortunately the current house map still favor the republican party. The maps do not represent the voices of the people of Michigan nor the framework of the Independent Commission. The maps need to be

redrawn to represent Michigan people and to represent fairness. As you stated in the Commission. We need a partisan bias of two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 32, Tara West.

>> My name is Tara west and I'm a resident of Ada Township here in Kent County. On your current State House maps you have Ada Township grouped together with a lot of rural Townships. Ada Township is urban Township and more in common with the Grand Rapids Township to the west and the Grand Rapids Metro region in general. Under the current gerrymandered maps we are also grouped in with rural Townships and farming communities. I ask that you please don't make the same mistake again and make sure that Ada Township is grouped with the Grand Rapids metro State House districts. Thank you so much for your consideration and for all of your hard work on this independent task.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 33, PJ Edwards.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay we will go on to 34, Kelly Doyle.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Sorry, it took a minute there. My name is Kelly a resident of Kalamazoo I want to thank you for your hard work and thankless work in this process. In the State House you currently have Kalamazoo City area divided into two districts along a north south split. The southern District which includes Portage makes sense. It's a unique community and can anchor its own House District. Northern District includes all the City of Kalamazoo. They pack the City into one District. But west Kalamazoo and east Kalamazoo could each anchor their own District. The west Kalamazoo District can include the City the college and the Kalamazoo suburbs to the west and north. East Kalamazoo District can include the City and Kalamazoo suburbs that are much more similar to the eastern side of the City than to the west Kalamazoo Douglas Street is a good dividing line thanks again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 35, Kevin Grimm.

>> Thank you. Good morning I'm Kevin and I've lived in Troy for 24 years. Troy is an almost perfect Michigan House District in and of itself. And previous draft Michigan house maps correctly kept Troy whole. I now understand the Commission is considering dividing Troy in its current version of the house map. Troy is a diverse City but it is also a coherent community of interest and an economically and socially important element of Oakland County. Splitting Troy would fracture that natural community of interest. In addition dividing Troy would have a negative effect on the

statewide map by increasing over all partisan bias. Please keep Troy whole. Thank you and thank you for your hard work on this very important project.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 36, John Fitzgerald.

>> Good morning Commission can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I can.

>> Thank you. Yes, my name is John. I'm a Wyoming City Council member and a nonpartisan body here in the City of Wyoming Michigan on Grand Rapids southwest side. Wyoming is a community of roughly 77,000 persons. And you've heard me speak in the past regarding the desire to keep the community whole. We have a need to keep Wyoming whole as we have been cast aside in a number of different areas of Districting from the Kent County Commission and higher. And having a single State House voice with the opportunity to have a Wyoming resident represent our City is important. In order to do that I do have the opportunity to bring forward map P8521 as a great representation of how this can be accomplished in the Metro area while keeping a Hispanic District intact with neighboring Grand Rapids precincts. Review the P map and keep us whole and keep Hispanic voices together. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 37, Leigh.

>> Leigh Eicke. Thank you this is Leigh and live in East Grand Rapids. I'm really happy with your state map. I'm so used to being represented by people from Lowell or Greenville or Rockford and it's nice to know I'll have a representative who lives near me and understands my area. Thank you for understanding the importance of the six Metro cities. We share so much in common with each other. Most of the people that live in the six Metro cities work in Grand Rapids and we share public transportation, waste services, water, sewer and more. And when I go out to shop, I pretty much stay in the neighboring communities like Kentwood, Grand Rapids and Cascade. I'm really happy with your map. I'd rather be with Kentwood. We have a lot in common. They are more diverse than we are and East Grand Rapids but we are both suburban cities and we both share a love for our public schools. My analysis shows that a Kentwood East Grand Rapids based District would lean slightly democratic. It would be nice to have competitive elections and good candidates. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 38, Richard Williamson.

>> I'm Richard Williamson from Kent County I have a map that incorporates comments from here in West Michigan P8521. Keep districts 78 the majority POC District on the south side of Grand Rapids. Mostly as it is. The border between House District 78 and 75 should stay at Fulton Street. Moving it elsewhere violates population requirements and messes with District 78. East Grand Rapids Kentwood should have a District south and East Grand Rapids and Kentwood are Metro six Cascade is suburban

and commercial and shares with Kentwood and East Grand Rapids than outlying farm areas. Adding Ada with 75 and northeast Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids Township and southern Plainfield is a better fit. My map fits in your existing Pine map and fixes COI in Metro GR and improves surrounding areas and keeps Kent County together creates a united rural in Muskegon and north earn Ottawa County and M6 together and a strong an Ionia County House District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. . Next in line is number 39 and that is Joel Ombry.

>> Good morning, thank you for all of your hard work. My name is Joel Ombry and live in Grand Rapids. Specifically I live on the northeast side. Not far from the Grand River and river side park. The northeast side is a very distinct community with strong neighborhood associations and vibrant business districts. Because of this I strongly encourage you to create a State House District comprised of northeast communities. Your current standard house Pine map is very close to doing this. The one change you should make is to take out East Grand Rapids which is a southeast community and add in Ada Township. This would combine northeast GR, Grand Rapids Township, southern Plainfield and Ada Township and have a similar blend of features residential areas focused on school districts and commercial corridors on major roads. It would create a 50/50 District that either party could win in a given year, our votes would matter and candidates forced to compete on the strength of their ideas not just the letter next to their name. This moves us closer to true democracy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 40, Kim gates.

>> Hi, I'm Kim gates from Caledonia and want to speak about the State House map in Kent County. Since you have no Commissioners from the west side it would be advantageous to look at map P8521 which fits into the existing Pine map boundaries with a number of sensible changes. The rural areas stay together. The Metro areas stay together. And the emerging stay together. We used to be rural but because of 96 and 6 it is developed commercially and economically and residentially. We are similar to Gaines and Byron Center to the west. What I like about P8521 it keeps together communities that have a mix of rural and suburban housing. It would be easy to make some sensible adjustments within the context of your existing Pine map to keep the communities of interest in Kent County and surrounding Counties together. Thank you for your hard work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 43, Lisa Jevens.

>> Hi, I'm speaking to you for the third time and I commented online and submitted maps regarding the Macatawa peninsula west of Holland on the Lake front. I'm starting my video. If in your draft State House maps Macatawa is split in half even though it's mentioned in recent meetings there is no reason for splitting it. We share one beach

with lots of Lake front issues. The Lake Macatawa channel is the natural dividing line everything south of it should be together. There are hardly any permanent residents to Macatawa so population numbers should not be an issue. Please do not use 30 Second Street to cut it in half. Our house is on the line. We have to deal with being in two separate Townships and counties because they use 32nd Street for boundaries in the past. It keeps getting mentioned in meetings and I'm following and not made and I'm baffled why a simple and political change cannot be done. The Lake front defines us and we are not political.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you stay on for one second, we have a follow-up question?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lisa can you hear us.

>> Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So you said you followed the meetings so what we adjusted yesterday at the block level does not incorporate the small change that you're requesting is that true? Do we need it at the Township level? Help us understand what the change needs to be.

>> I looked at the maps for the -- that you know I went on the website this morning and all the State House maps still have the on the portal have the Macatawa peninsula cut in half. The tip of it is in the District to the north.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Most recent changes have not been uploaded yet because we are still numbering the districts.

>> Oh, okay.

Well then that's all I had to go by what was online.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think our confusion is we actually did try to fix that yesterday and so if you could look again when the maps get up loaded and let us know if we captured that correctly because we did try to fix it yesterday.

>> Yeah, and I submitted maps to you. It's obvious if you look at it do not extend 32nd Street to the Lake because that cuts us in half. That peninsula should be one chunk coming up, to the channel.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you very much. All right next in line is, lost count, 44Tameka-Ramsey.

>> Hi good morning.

And thank you very much for taking the opportunity to listen. I have been a part of these meetings before. And I live in Pontiac Michigan. And our suggestions for our communities of interest for the State Senate map has been heard and changed. However, for the State House map, we are still very much a part of a rural area. Pontiac as a City is very urban. We have usually been with Auburn Hills who has more in common with us. And I just personally I have been a part of the City of Pontiac most of my 43 years, 40 years of that 43. And there was a time where our state Senator did not mention Pontiac. Did not come to Pontiac and our voice was unheard for a very

long time. And I'm just scared that we will go back to being unheard again as a City and as a community. And so I'm asking that you look at the State House maps and change those to put us back with Auburn Hills. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Okay next in line is number 45, Jose-Reyna.

>> Good morning my name is Jose I live in Ada Township for over ten years and work in Grand Rapids most of my career which spans decades. Ada has a few farms and rural homes but increasingly suburb in and around Ada village which has done a redevelopment process. Our population keeps growing and we are now over 15,000 people. Because of where we work, I ask that we not be joined with agricultural Townships to the east of us. We don't have that much in common with Lowell and Vergennes and have not for decades. The Senate map is good and keeps us with the Metro area and the cities. Please do the same for State House and put us with Grand Rapids Township and into Grand Rapids. I've been a leader in the Kent County Latino Hispanic community for decades and an opportunity to put us in the Grand Rapids Metro area in one State House District that combines Ionia and south Grand Rapids along Grandville avenue. Please do that I ask and thank you for your service and considering my position.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 46, which is Karen Lawrence.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Looks like Karen may have left the meeting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay we will move to the next person in line. Justin Sheldon.

>> Hello. I'm Justin Sheldon. I live in Grand Rapids Township. Grand Rapids Township is a fully built out residential suburban Township made up of apartments condos and single family houses all within a mile or so of our main commercial and office building corridor. The east Beltline. I know of only one farm in the Township. We tend to work in Grand Rapids. And do our lives here, there in next door Ada village. Children in our area go to either north view or Forrest Hills schools. I ask you to make a northeastern State House District in Metro Grand Rapids composed of northeastern Grand Rapids City, GR Township, Ada Township and the part of southern Plainfield Township south of the river. That part of Plainfield is also in the north view school District. This would make a strong District combining residential areas of Grand Rapids with surrounding already suburban Townships. It would also be a swing District which is good for fairness and gives everyone a voice. Thank you. Have a good morning.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. It sounds like Karen Lawrence has now joined so we will go back to Karen.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Karen if you can unmute yourself, you are free to address the Commission. Karen if you can hear us if you are unable to unmute yourself you are free to address the Commission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not responding.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Karen, I think you are unmuted, you are free to address the Commission.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> This is Karen Lawrence and I'm a lifelong Grand Rapidian I ask you to refer to the redistrict plan 74076 especially P as in Peter 8521. By referring to this map you can see that the changes to the Grand Rapids west side as well as the Kentwood areas, these populations would all be of the same similar ethnic as well as cultural backgrounds. Making it much more equitable for all those residents.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay I think that was the end of her comment. So we will move on to the next person. 48, Peggy VanSickle.

>> Good morning, Commission. And I appreciate the work that you're doing. My name is Peggy VanSickle and I wanted to discuss the Detroit area. Detroit deserves fair representation. That means District lines that honor the Voting Rights Act and local communities of interest within the City. We want to see the Commission spend time redrawing District lines throughout Detroit. During Monday's redistricting meeting, Commissioner Kellom from Detroit stood up and advocated for changes to Congressional map in an effort to improve representation for Detroit. Kellom found unsupported during the discussion. It's just me dancing by myself as a Detroit Commissioner when all of you openly admit that you don't know what to do with Detroit Kellom said. It's important that Detroit be.

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

>> Hello, can you guys hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> I appreciate the comments that started this morning. You guys are so close to the finish line and I know you guys have been working diligently to get these maps together from the City of pandemic. I just want to tell you about a program called the Pontiac promise zone. So any child that graduates from the Pontiac school District and goes to school in Michigan gets a certain scholarship like 2000 to continue their education. Why I bring that up is because the board of the promise zone is comprised of Council people and other people from Auburn Hills and Pontiac who makeup that promise zone. So if you look at our state rep map that we currently have, it does not incorporate that so I'm just asking for one slight tweak to add 39 from Pontiac and Auburn Hills as a community of interest and thanks again for you guys actually taking the time to listen to every citizen in Michigan. Have a great day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 50, Jeanene brown.

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can.

>> I'm Jeanie Brown from Jackson Michigan and just wanted to see we are aligned with Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and we love Washtenaw County people but our Senate District will not be served by having a makeup of Jackson County and Washtenaw. We are two totally different communities. Please give us another option for a Senate map. I feel that there are too many conflicts with the way people think in both counties. And issues won't be resolved for both of us. Please we need another option. I would hope that we could be more aligned with the rural County like Hillsdale. We are more country people than big City, high tech and don't feel Jackson would be represented properly. Thank you for listening.

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

>> Hello Commissioners. My name is Sarah. I live in Grand Rapids. I'm speaking today on a map that I submitted before the recent public hearing in Grand Rapids. Map P7083. The current level of partisan bias in the Pine state map does not meet the issues of the voters. It's definitely a step in progress but five to 6% bias in favor of one party is not a fair map. What I'm here speaking to you today is asking for maps that are fair and allow the voices of the voters to be heard and to allow for fair representation of voters in West Michigan to be represented in Lansing. This map addresses the concerns that you have repeatedly heard from citizens in Kent County at the public hearings, at meetings on the portal and even today. It increases the number of competitive seats in West Michigan and respects communities of interest in the six City region in nearby Townships with shared services Hispanic schools and more and I appreciate you using the criteria you are using and remind everyone of the Commission's mission and vision to ensure District lines that are draw fairly thank you for your dedication to the process and encourage you to revise the Pine map in Michigan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Okay, next is number 53, Stephanie Riley.

>> Good morning Honorable committee. I'm Stephanie Riley from Jackson Michigan. I'm applauding all of you for a very difficult task and the opportunity to speak with you today. I'm expressing my concern of the District lines that are currently on the map you developed for the Senate seats Jackson is combined with Washtenaw. I've been a dedicated RN for 36 years involved in hospital and medical community here in Jackson. Being from a smaller hospital compared to U of M we are vastly different in specialties and goals. Our communities are vastly different. Small town versus big town. Jackson is involved in many try County organizations. This would be a detrimental challenge to

a Senator who is trying to adequately represent our District. Therefore I think that you should consider redrawing the lines to include Jackson with Hillsdale and Lenawee which are more communities of interest. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is 54, Tim.

>> Hi name is Tim Golding I'm in grass Lake Jackson County. I'd like to thank you for the work you are doing. I think the Congressional maps that you have for the state look good. I think they pay attention to the communities of interest. Guidelines that you have. But the Senate map that divides Jackson and into two Senate districts and connects us to Ann Arbor and Ipsi I think does not represent any community of interest that we've spoken about at the various meetings in the past. I think you should go back and redraw that, paying attention to communities of interest because Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County Ypsilanti and Jackson are two totally different communities of interest. So please go back, look at that again thank you for the hard work you're doing and thank you for allowing me to speak, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 55, which is Chris Wessely.

>> Wessely. Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you.

>> Thank you so much my name is Chris Wesley and live in East Grand Rapids in Kent County where I just got elected as City Commissioner forward two so I'm actually pumped and realize the hard work you are all doing and appreciate you. With that being said I want to ask you move East Grand Rapids from District 75 with a District with Kentwood and Cascade. We have been represented by people who live far away and the current one is northeast in the County over a 30 minute drive and really never comes here. I have seen your State House map and it's good. I like you kept the core areas of Metro Grand Rapids together and keep it up but ask you move us with Kentwood because we are closer together and with more commonalities. Both cities in the eastern part of the Metro area and share the 28th commercial strip and water, sewer waste management and bus services and makes sense to put us in with Kentwood. You rock and Katie thank you for signing for me too appreciate it cheers.

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

>> Yes, hello can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> My name is Paul Kenyon I'm a long time resident of Jackson County over 33 years. I've actually lived in Washtenaw County went to the University of Michigan for nine years, I'm a retired physician. Looking at the map that you've drawn for State Senate you split Jackson County in half with Washtenaw County and split Ann Arbor

and basically what you have done is disenfranchised those of us living in Jackson County. We are going to be basically represented by the 500 pound gorilla of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor which we really share no communities of interest. We are a different community. We are rural. Agrarian and blue collar with University of Michigan which is high tech white collar and we share nothing. This is our areas have different infrastructure. We are well and septic systems where you have Ann Arbor is basically municipal water and sewer. So we are going to end up being overwhelmed and unrepresented. I wish you would bring Jackson County together with other Counties maybe even including Hillsdale.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is 57, which is Sarah Abbot.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you. I just wanted to take a moment to remind the Commissioners of what they heard at the public hearing in Jackson earlier this year. You heard that Jackson and western Washtenaw should be whole and that Ann Arbor should also be whole. But then last Friday two or three of you seemed to forget that input. The strange layer Senate districts that were drawn make absolutely no sense. And there is no viable reason for such a split of Ann Arbor. Residents of Ann Arbor have more in common with each other than they do with the people in Calhoun. These communities are unique and deserve to be treated that way. And both communities deserve their own voice in Lansing. I ask that you respect both of these communities respect common sense and please adjust these two seats. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 58, Matt Dame.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> I'm Matt Dame from Jackson County. For months you've heard from so many residents how Jackson has far more in common with Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties as opposed to Washtenaw County. And you drew a pretty good map originally. Yet on a dime you gerrymandered Senate District that include Washtenaw County going all the way to Ann Arbor. The City of Jackson is the only municipality in Jackson County that votes democrat majority. Republicans win the majority in every other municipality in the County. By population approximately 81% of the County is under republican governance. Yet you carved Jackson County into two Senate districts where there is no way a republican can get elected. What you did to Jackson County was not partisan fairness. It ignored the communities of interest you heard. It ignored the fact the County voters overwhelmingly republican and it gerrymanders us with the City of Ann Arbor. The Senate map you propose simply doesn't follow constitutional priorities. Please try again. I appreciate you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 59, Allen Poehl.

>> Yes, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Awesome. Basically I just want to speak real quick like so many others to kind of the bizarre Ann Arbor Jackson Calhoun, the laterally sliced map a few of you drew the other day. Call attention to on September 15th Commissioners Szetela said quote I don't really think Ann Arbor and Jackson go together either. I just don't like it. That's on September 15th and the Commission meetings. I know Commissioner Curry and some other Commissioners wisely agreed with her. And I think you guys had it right then. I think that if you look at it the people in northern Ann Arbor have so much more in common with the people in southern Ann Arbor than they do with those in Jackson or Calhoun or anything like that. Each of these communities is their own unique community and I think they should both deserve to have a voice. I think you should give them that chance. Lastly if you are evaluating Senate maps you should look at midterm elections to determine the partisan fairness on those maps. Not Presidential years because they are elected in midterms. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Greg Hodgman number 60.

>> A longtime resident of southwest Kalamazoo City. The Redistricting Commission deserves thanks for their hard work and continued improvements in fairness. All draft proposed State House maps for Kalamazoo County currently have two districts greater Metro Kalamazoo and rural Kalamazoo County in an effort to have fair statewide maps consider unpacking Metro Kalamazoo into three districts with east Kalamazoo, west Kalamazoo and Portage in the south as shown on map P7173. Each of these districts could be considered to be a community of interest. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is 61. Donald Biddinger.

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you. I'm from Jackson. And thank you for listening to us. It appears that the Congressional maps are fair for keeping our communities united. However you are proposing a Senate map that divides our community and economy. We ask that you redraw the Senate map to keep our Jackson community united. The I-94 corridor is not a community. It is an Interstate highway that connects the community of Jackson and the community of Ann Arbor. We have very different interests and values and want to be fairly represented. When you talk about unpacking a City, you're talking about an unconstitutional idea to force the likeminded ideas of an urban community group on to the rural areas that have differing views of representation. Let Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti

have their community and representation. And let Jackson County have ours, please. Do not split our County in half for partisan reasons. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 62, which is Girt Hobson.

>> I'm here, can everybody hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you I'm Girt of Kalamazoo Michigan I support unpacking the City of Kalamazoo from two districts to three districts. East, west and north District. This would allow each District fair representation that promotes equity, fairness, diversity and would disallow racism, discrimination, disenfranchisement and violations of the voter rights protection act. I support the Pine map. As the guy said earlier P7173 I would like to thank you for your time and effort in trying to make everything fair. I know it's a hard job. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line to speak is number 63, which is Art, 64, Glenna it looks like Art is not here.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Glenna, we can hear you if you are ready.

>> Good morning you can hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> I commented yesterday I would like the proposed state Pine State House map that I like it but would like to see the lakeshore District 87 span further north and include Saugatuck and Douglas. I love the Commissioner listened and tried to incorporate the feedback for the lakeshore District. It's hard to modify maps as a group and on the fly. While at first glance it appeared Saugatuck Douglas did not fit there, there is a solution upon inspection. Exchange Royalton Township which is inland with Saugatuck and Douglas and it works. This is an easy adjustment. I think you could start there. It would work and move on to the more tougher areas of the state. I want to end by saying thank you for your service. I appreciate your hard work and perseverance and you are valued your work is valued hang in there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 65, Max.

>> Good morning my name is Max and I live in Grand Rapids. As the Commissioners probably noticed the overall state house needs work and a friend of mine find a solution in the Grand Rapids Metro area. Four competitive or slightly democratic leaning street in Grand Rapids to the one in southern Grand Rapids. This will help with the statewide partisan fairness and a strong community of interest P8521 off of that map. P8521 puts a safe majority house in the Metro Grand Rapids with four other State House districts surrounding on the northeast southeast and southwest and will help you with the challenge of partisan balance your map and competitive elections in Kent County and lead to fair representation and fits in the West Michigan Pine map you have already drawn. Thank you. And sorry my camera was not working.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line to speak is number 66, which is Marion gray.

>> Thank you for creating fair and effective districts, I appreciate it. As a resident of Jackson County evaluating the Senate map that splits Jackson and combines with Ann Arbor is concerning. While we very much appreciate Ann Arbor's unique qualities of art and food and as a large University town, this is not in keeping with the criteria of communities with common interests. Very well developed community and organizations kept intact with the other counties we already work with try County region two agency on aging, the community action agency, different charities, disability connections. It would be costly to have to undo and rebuild these services. Please I ask you keep the Senate District for Jackson intact. And I want to thank you. The District lines you are looking at for the Congressional seat makes sense. Thank you and hold the values of common interest. Thank you for your work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 67, which is Robert Dindoffer.

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay great, a couple things, one yesterday there was some talk about whether to add that last precinct of Grosse Pointe Woods into State House District 4. Given Mr. Adelson's I don't know the way he articulated things yesterday I will put it you should give that another look. I really like the way that was done in the Kellom Curry redraw in Detroit. Second, I think the Kellom Curry redraw in Detroit is really important. I think if you guys done get Detroit right, the whole process is going to lose legitimacy and a lot of people's eyes. And I think that you know whether you accept that particular redraw I think it's very important to consider have everyone consider what the Detroit Commissioners are saying. I think that there are other ways since you, you know, changed the seat, there are other ways to find a seat where. You probably have people telling you find six or seven democratic seats in other areas of the state.

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners Yousif from try. Thank you for your hard work and know Pine is not done yet and I saw you yesterday ripping apart Sterling Heights and supposed to map COI and deviations. You are doing in the wrong way and rip apart COI and getting deviations to work the Chaldeans fall victim to the mapping technique first on the Senate now on the house map. Keep the Chaldean community together ton house and Senate map and let Commissioner Eid speak and Kellom and Curry speak for the Black community. Get interrupted not all of the time but let them speak for community of interest. I appreciate what you are doing and I will continue to pray for each of you Commissioners.

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

>> Yes, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to speak this morning. I'm a resident of Jackson County. After looking at the Senate map, I see that they divided our County in half. And combined the Section that I am in with Ann Arbor. Which would basically eliminate my need to vote for a Senator. I don't appreciate that. And I would really like to see you recombine Jackson County into one unit. And I do appreciate what you have done on the Congressional side. And I thank you for your hard work and listening to all of us complain. Thanks again good-bye.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 70, Melanie Hartman.

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

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Melanie you are muted. We can't hear you. We appear -- have we lost her? There you are Melanie. If you could unmute yourself. There we go. You try turning off your speaker a little bit. Maybe that will help. We see you are unmuted. We just can't hear you. Okay I think we will move on to the next person and see if we can sort of help her with her technical issues. Next in line is crystal.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, let me see who else do we have left. It was 71, 72 is Paul McAdams.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hello.

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can hear you.

>> Hi, I'd like to thank the Commission for working so diligently. I think you made improvements over time. I think the Congressional District I spoke I'm sorry I'm from St. Clair shores. I think you have done pretty well in preserving the communities of interest in that Congressional District. And I think that a tweak would be desirable in Senate District 7. I think we have St. Clair shores we have a significant community of interest with Eastpointe. There was potential to include that we would appreciate that. And then Detroit House Districts, I think that we can do a little better and preserving the minority majority districts. Outside of that thank you very much for your hard work.

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

>> Good morning Commission can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you very much my name is Rick. I reside in South Haven here in Southwest Michigan I'm here to voice my support for the proposed House District Pine map. I want to commend the Commission for creating new House Districts that will better represent all of us here in Southwest Michigan. In particular, I want to address the new HD87 which is much needed and allow us to be represented by someone in Lansing that will help us find solutions to the challenges regarding our economies, and impacted by tourism, the environment our ever increasing beach erosion, housing including short term rentals and affordable housing for workers in the communities and bringing appropriate reputation to our diverse population including the African/American Hispanic and the LBGTQ plus communities to address diversity equity and inclusion. If you can find a way to include Saugatuck in HD87 and place of Royalton Township, Township that will help to further this representation. Thank you so much for your work. Greatly appreciate the time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 74, James Paul.

>> Good morning.

My name is Jim Paul I'm a resident of freedom Township in Washtenaw County. I spoke in Detroit in person last month. First of all I want to thank the Commission for your service in this very difficult task. Second of all I would like to tell you to not pack Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti. There have been several comments about communities that have been cracked by the proposed maps. They have commented that their Counties are communities of interest will be diluted by the proposed maps. I do not think this is the case. In all cases the principle of fairness must take presence over the community of interest. If a District is bias more than 5% based on the last 8 years of voting data then the lines must be redrawn. The candidate with the best ideas should win, not just based on party. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right let's just circle back around for Melanie, was she able to fix her technical issues? Okay all right. So that concludes our public comment for this morning. We typically like to take a break so after public comments we can all get up and stretch so it is currently 11:45 and unless there are objections we will stand in recess until Noon. Hearing no objections we are in recess until Noon. Thank you, everybody.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, as Chair of the Commission, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:02 p.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 as well as where you are physically attending from.

Starting with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

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?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte,

Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

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

So all right one second. Sorry I'm snacking and Chairing at the same time. So we left off yesterday with the house maps. We worked a little bit on an alternative. I think at this point we would like to go back to the original version two Pine. I think it was version two. Start making the changes we had delineated yesterday the Lansing, Grand Rapids and heard a lot about those today as well. Battle Creek Benton Harbor Flint and Detroit. And start with Lansing and Grand Rapids and then work our way down. And then see where we are at. And then we can incorporate those into the version two as well if we agree on them. And then start working towards you know adjusting anything we need to adjust on those plans. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We are going to use the version two plan to start the work today are we not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will rename, there was a suggestion about that yesterday we should rename the version two because it is so different in the Detroit area, we should call it something else. Rather than Pine version three. And I don't know what the thoughts are about that. Just to make it more distinguishable.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is fine. That is a moot fact really. Just change it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: When we get to the plan again, we will rename it to something else. All right so Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How many house plans are we contemplating working on? Two?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Two, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can we set some tentative time limits on working on each one just so we have something to shoot for?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, we are shooting for the Moon. [Laughter]
If you want to, we can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't know that we can stick to them but I think it would be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I mean I think so in order to facilitate the process, MC and I worked on bringing in the shape files of the two requests that we had from Lansing and Grand Rapids. So we have those as shape files already so that should go pretty quick because we can bring it up and say "Yes" or "No" to the changes. Benton Harbor Battle Creek are a little more time consuming and Flint. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would suggest we get that map completed. Because all the changes we make in Grand Rapids and Flint and so forth rollover into the one we were working on yesterday. So if we don't do it that way, then we got to go back in and edit the other map to make it reflect what we change on version two. And it's going to eat into our time. So I'd recommend we just do it that way. And get that one done.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right so we are going to start with Pine version two that is the one that was pre-Detroit changes right Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Open that up and put on the shape files for Grand Rapids and Lansing that you were sent yesterday, that will show us the changes people were requesting. I think the Grand Rapids were really minimal. I thought. But we will have to see once we get them open. Lansing was a little more involved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I swore I had them loaded up but I've been wrong before. Just a second. Trying to remember where did I put it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: These overlays we are going to bring in the Grand Rapids and Lansing, those came from the public at the public hearings.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, they came from the portal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The portal okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are what people were referencing today and kept saying 6670.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Whatever the numbers. I just wanted to know the source.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, they are straight from the portal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: From individuals and not organizations?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The two I've loaded up are the Lansing area changes, a Grand Rapids only map and there was a third one that a Commissioner I think it came from Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that for Flint?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The one I sent you said Lansing adjustments. But it included not just Lansing adjustments. It also had the Flint overlay too for us if we need it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I had that in a separate whole map. Was that an entire map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was an entire map correct. The shape file the overlay would help us draw it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would have to add that shape file in. Let me go find it. Lansing area. Let me think, let me think. Now, that is a whole map. That's it isn't it Pine with Lansing adjustments. That's what I thought it was. Okay.

Okay so we should have what I brought it in, so it's easier to see through. This is the Grand Rapids, yeah, this is the Grand Rapids map sent to me the dark blue or white boundaries sent to me by Commissioner Szetela.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Lansing that is the map I sent over. Grand Rapids.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Grand Rapids is in the heavier lines. Commissioner Szetela and the fine red lines which I will improve, I need to go check that to make sure it is or is not what I thought it was. It does not appear that map is showing up. Okay let's do it like this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent you've got what Commissioner Szetela drew and what you have we can use her's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You know, okay, we will go back to it if we need to. But that's in a map by itself I believe. I don't know what the deal is with it right now. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My computer was funny with acting up so I would not be surprised if my file was corrupted somehow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can check it out and definitely should evaluate it. The darker, thicker lines are what was sent to me for Grand Rapids first. Commissioner, Madam Chair? Can we see the thicker boundaries or do I need to make them darker?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, I think they are good. And mine has for 78 these are the two of them laid on top of each other?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, this is just yours.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 78.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The blue is the one I did or the one you did? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No it would be the one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you want to speak to it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean I can, yeah. So okay putting that back on. So these are just the changes we received repeatedly from people in the Grand Rapids area. Who said this would be preserving more communities of interest particularly with Wyoming because we had Wyoming split off and a large Hispanic community of interest in that area and sort of repositioning these lines will allow and promote more communities of interest than what we had drawn. So it's just sort of shifting things around. Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to make sure I understand the map. The blue is the changes and the red lines reflect the original map, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the original map.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will wait until we get to that segment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the original map 96, 86, 79, 78, 76, 75. Now I will turn on the suggestions on I'm guessing I don't know where that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are Cascade and Ada Townships we've been hearing about over and over again they wanted to be with Grand Rapids. So this map is putting those two Townships in with Grand Rapids as part of that reconfiguration.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I'm pointing out is this Township here is unassigned in this. So that would have to go out in here somewhere. Then you have 78 still centered in you know still centered in Central Grand Rapids or south side, south Grand Rapids. 79 would you know change a little bit. Half and half between 86 and 79. 76 would back out of here and come down in here. I'm just giving you know, this District here would wrap whatever.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 86.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 86 or 96 whatever it is would wrap around and that is the sum of it. 75.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As we get started can we get a printout of the numbers so we know what the starting point was to compare it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I will suggest we create an alternate map. Is that all right? Clone, yeah, a clone. This is version two.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we can overlay it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right if we need to. Do version -- this is version two. So do version four.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As long as we have access to the original number of it and any changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's clarify what numbers you're looking at are you talking about the minority populations or the partisan fairness or both? Might not be a bad idea to just run, oops I'm sorry Kent, I spoke too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was getting ready to copy this plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you can just clone it and make it version four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah. And before we close for the day or upload or anything, y'all want to rename these if they go forward, correct? Because these get posted to the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we will keep this Pine version four for now because it is still based on the same framework. And I do have the map, the numbers from I think this is the most current, it's the last Page. Pine version two composite and Anthony let me know if these are 6.3 for lopsided margin. That's version three. Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I still have them in here. We can bring them up and lay them side by side when we need to. I mean you will have the most recent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Version two 5.9 and 3.1.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 5.8.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, thank you. Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It might be a good idea though to also see the minority numbers before we change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can open them up right now. There it is. If y'all want to note them again this is Pine. Well, let me run them again. It should be right 5.8%. Mean median 3.1. Efficiency gap 5.7. Republican favoring. And then this seats for this version is positionalty bias is 1.4% favoring the republicans. Seat count is 56-54. Favoring democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's look at the active matrix for 75, 76, 78, 79 and then 83 I'm sorry 86. I misspoke.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so you don't want to look at just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We want to see what the minority populations are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I'm backing up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just the active matrix.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 75 is 708, 7.08. Non-Hispanic Black. 76 is 7.14. 78 is 26.2. 77 is not modified. 79 is 5.8. I guess 86 is in there. That is 14.1.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 78 is also 19.2 percent Hispanic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that's actually.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 86 also has a significant Hispanic population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 has 14.6 Hispanic. 86 is 8.9. 14.159 Hispanic Black. And 12.3 Hispanic. I think that covers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you do me a favor, where the total minority says 82.76, put the cross in the corner and pull it down. Thank you. Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is also going to be changes probably in 77 as well. But that is a very small it's 90% non-Hispanic white. I'm just looking at this population here. Somehow it goes around. This will be unassigned.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you get that all done? You got that all done? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 77 is 1%. And 9.8 minority. This District here 78 shows 53% minority. 79 is 27% minority. 76 is 23% minority. 23.2. 86 is 39.3 minority.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right I think that is good. Is everyone satisfied? Yep. All right so if we can start making those changes to the Grand Rapids area, I'd say start with 76 and fill it in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Does it matter if I start with 75.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start where you want to start.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can only keep track with one unit. We will do 75 right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While Kent is doing that one of the things, I notice Byron Center which is south of us here that was also split in our current map so this District or this redistricting allows them to potentially be whole.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: At the moment they are not assigned, are they?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Byron Center is currently split between 77 and another District and they are south so yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to ask I thought it was south.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The line there for what it's worth it's all voting precincts and it's at the Fulton Street.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Personally I think it should stay at Fulton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We got this map from the portal and they provided a map which is great. Did they provide any justification on the changes at all?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it was to put more of the Hispanic community together. And then preserve the Cascade and Ada connection bringing those back into so keeping the communities together and what else was there? I thought there was something else as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say every public I shouldn't say every public comment but today this morning they were speaking to those.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I realize that, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While you are in 78 there is a little tiny block over to the west on the river. It's no population but, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you. So what is this excuse me, Madam Chair, what District number is this is going to be 86 I suppose or 96 does it matter?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe it's going to be 86 because it's keeping with the numbers we looking at and the one on the left will be 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Madam Chair, is the top of District 86 Fulton Street the northern part?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think Fulton Street is up in 75. This is East Grand Rapids that they are following the line for East Grand Rapids which is below wealthy. Or actually just next to wealthy so I'm not sure, oh, yeah, I see Fulton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is where the blue line is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep. Bless you. So members of the public who may be watching we received feedback from Grand Rapids and Lansing specifically requesting we sort of readjust some of our lines to more fully accommodate communities of interest and so we have pulled those maps off of the portal and our line drawer Kent is working on incorporating those changes into the maps we currently have so we can take a look at them and see if we want to keep them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I see left is these precincts and Townships, it's you know we don't have it defined. The population is not bad. So that area is 8900 and then the census blocks here, and I'm going to highlight them now, come on. Because it's a split precinct we have to do it at the block level and when you select precincts, you select precincts and select blocks it unselects the blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you Zoom out a second? I want to see what we are doing here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just getting the population of this unassigned area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

Just trying to figure it out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township and then these down here I'm just going to -- it's taking longer than I thought it should take but I will get a rough number here in a minute. All right any way looks 10,000 people. This is getting annoying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is all right. We will just figure it out so can we Zoom out where we might want to absorb that in to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a small population. Let's just call it 11,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So if we could Zoom out a little more and is that the community that starts with a V? I'm trying to say Vergennes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Lowell.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have 98 and 97 which currently.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 98 is 7,000 low. 96 is a little high. Well, 96 will be fine once we modify it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 98 currently is 7,000 under because we took that part out and would make sense to put it in 98 does anyone have objections to doing that and we may need to balance that a little bit more.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where is 98 at?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: North of Grand Rapids. So that one little pop out that is now in 75 was in 98 so now 98 is low and then this Section of 96 is isolated because it was connected below Grand Rapids. So it's 4,000 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area is 4,000 and there is about that many down here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: How would you classify Lowell? Classify it going more with the northern areas?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can have it go norther way.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I drive-by it when I go to Muskegon, there are a lot of grain elevators there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can't quite hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: There is a lot of like grain elevators and if you drive straight north all the sudden there are trees and everything so I think it might be considered rural. But thoughts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I mean this area that he has selected is going up with Rockford and everything else north of Grand Rapids. That is what I was suggesting.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: In the yellow.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is okay but what about Lowell where is that going to go?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have to figure that out separately. What about putting Vergennes the area 96 up with 98?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm fine with that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where does it go?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not very far. Just a couple Townships above. Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'd pop Lowell in there too and see what it does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can you go ahead and put that into 98? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Lowell is that area, well, it's going to be about 6,000. So Lowell is another 4,000. So I mean even Lowell could go up there and this could go with the rest of the Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to put Lowell and the area next to it in 97 and take something else along the 97, 98 boundary to balance out those two? I'm sorry what?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 98 for now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I like putting it in the unassigned area right now that is 96, putting that in 97 and then like you said looking at something around the other. The outside, keep it with its Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so let's take the area that is left that is 96 and put it in 97.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lowell goes in 97.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lowell and whatever that little space next to it is. And we have a dis-contiguity there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's just an oddity.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Random spot unassigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where too often it goes sideways after the feature like that the Township boundary there. That is another reason if you can avoid using Township boundaries because sometimes that helps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we go up to, yep, see that little area that is sitting, let's fix that while we are here. Put that into 75.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the Township boundary, your boundary was going around it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want to go 98 or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 75.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, that very much says 75 up there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's try it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Try it again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, we are starting to get some persnickitiness with the plan.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This political splinter that was down here might somehow be associated with that up there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we try to put it in 98 instead and see if that will work? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 96 into 75. It did it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we Zoom out? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Different tools make a difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have a variance right now that is pretty big between 98 and 97 so I have a variance I think of 7,000 people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 96 and 97 so 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 98 is 2.6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A little low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In 77 it is so really, it's right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Zoom into 96 and 97 go ahead Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Offer Byron Center if we just take, add 96, add that lower, take where Byron Center is 26,000 the green just add it, make it gray or whatever that color is then that doesn't split Byron Center and helps us with another comment that we got at the Grand Rapids hearings.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is everyone okay with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 77 is high and 96 is low at this point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that is probably going to change the balance but we can fix it elsewhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One census block so no, it's not one census block.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's a bunch, yeah. We are going into 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to do precincts and select.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 3,000 people. So that helped so now 77 is a little under and 75 is a little high and oops what was the other one? That was 96 is under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 77 might be a little bit low depending on, oh, and 78 is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to stay below 2.5. All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They are all kind of low right there I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's look at this again. So we start with just 75 just to be systematic and is 75 good? 75 and 76 is good. 77 is a little low. 78 is a little low. 79 is low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 96 is low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 75 and 86 are good. And I think we can speak to 76 is good. So it's 77, 78, 79 and 96 am I correct there? Generally speaking. So these could all use some numbers. And these are pretty close to 0.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. So do we want to try to fix that plan deviation or kinds of leave it for now? Obviously, we will fix 97 because that is way over but do we want to fix these little ones with 78, 79 where we just need to move like 800 people to bring them in balance? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 97 you have to move 7,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 7,000 in 97 so that is kind of big. Can you bring up the populations on those, on the Townships? Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My personal suggestion would be to work on 97 first and we will go to the smaller numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 97 is over by 7,000. 96 is under by 3,000. So that's a logical spot to move. And then 98 is also under. So Commissioner Rothorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks like it's mostly a suburban District the 96 and as we go south, we might be able to cycle it through cycle the population through 96, 95 to 97. Yeah, just taking the Door Township and guessing it's suburban because of the precinct lines it's not?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was my only thought.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Door is a small town that has a resort in the middle of it basically so not really Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's not a complete thought. But I'm thinking 78 is well above the deviation that we are wanting and it's surrounded. So we need to figure out which, what part we want to add into that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think you could go into 86. Or so 78 is under so if we took a little bit from 86 along that border that would solve that. So do we want to go with Dustin's suggestion to start with 97 because it's bigger? Or do we want to so can we go a little higher up on 97 and see what those other two Townships are? We have the choice of Otsego with 7,000 and would take the extra population into 98. We could do that. To bring down 98 but that when then put 98 over by more than is acceptable. We can take Keen which has 1730 into 98 from 97, that would bring them down a bit and then we could move another part of 97 into 96. We could try to grab Lowell and put it up with Vergennes and for 98 that would work to move Lowell in with 98 and move out of 97 and would get us a good way here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It would do it and make 97 close to even because that is 8200.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put 98 over by quite a bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This would go there and 75 would go up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Take more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 86 up, 78 would go up a precinct a precinct a precinct. That's that is a general way to approach it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I was going to suggest when you make additional changes to 78 and 79 you might want to put on the demographic dots because those are the two coalition Districts with the highest minority overall population in the VA P.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at a thousand people 1500, 1500, 79, so many in 86 and I think it kind of figures out how you want to do these and just or do you want to go that way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to try to do that Otsego in 98 and bring up 75 a touch more or do we want to try to go around the 98, 97, 96 route? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think the first way that you mentioned turn the dots on and see if that helps make that decision.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's turn the dots on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, which Hispanic I think is this area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. Well Hispanic and African/American but let's start with Hispanic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Anything under 9% which would be 10%. So let me put it on precincts, I'm sorry. It's right significant part of it is that straddle between 78 and 79.

And then you have a chunk on north of the river Grand Rapids that is kind of predominately. I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back in and add the name of that Township that starts with a 0.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Otsego and Belding.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we add those into 98.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will do it by precincts again. It seems to work better, if it works at all.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Maybe while we are waiting can I review numbers because you mentioned there was significant minority districts. But so the Wyoming as many commenters public commenters were saying we did with this change in District 79 which is the Wyoming District we did move from a 5.8 Black voting age to 8.5 in 79 and also with Hispanic voting age population we moved from 14.6 to a 28 almost 28% so 27.something so that Wyoming District did increase. And 78 so we reduced a couple other numbers but I think still strong minority coalition districts like Mr. Adelson 78 and 79 are the two strongest. So it does seem to be a positive change in that regard. Thinking how Kim Brace likes to say in that regard.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It had a memory error now we are just trying to back up so we can restart.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We should lift up in 86 there was a significant Asian voting age population which remained the same with this change. Well excuse me not I mean it was reduced. But it was not I mean, yeah, still significant population in 86. So that is probably our let's say broadest coalition is in 86 with the Asian voting age population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are supposed to go to luncheon ten minutes and do you want to start now because of computer issues it's 12:53 without objection we will recess until Sarah is it okay if we come back at 1:50 or 1:55 five minutes early I want to make sure that is not going to cause notice problems. All right hearing no objections we stand in recess until 1:55 p.m. everybody.

[Lunch recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Computer issue here but we can get started without it. As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:01 p.m. Will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good afternoon, Commissioners please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely announce you are attending remotely as well as where you are attending from. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present and attending remotely from Detroit.

Michigan.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

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?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present attending remotely from Charlotte,

Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

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

We will pick up where we left off on the break and working on the Pine map and working around the Grand Rapids area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair after doing the last move was moving Belding and this Township into 98, and that is when the computer ground a halt. Your 98 is 10,000 up, 96 is 7300 under. 78 and 79 are you know borderline low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Between 96 and 98 are the two largest deviations.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 96 is 7,000 too low and 98 is too high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 10500 high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so 98 is too high, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is that Township above Lowell again? The little City.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Vergennes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is two precincts, I just have the precinct population values so it's 24 and 23 and 4700 right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and Commissioner Orton go ahead if you have ideas.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe that last Township was a mistake to move it in to 98, oh, yeah, and into 98. Move from 98 to 97 to 96 so maybe what we just moved in plus Vergennes or whatever.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Move it back into 97.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 8300 out. That would drop this down to 2200.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 98 would be good, 97 would be high and then we would move it into 96 where it belongs.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It appears to me to move that many you would have to come into 95 or kind of come around this way or I mean there is a way it can go in 96. If you move those two Townships over, this one is cutoff.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What about the bottom two Townships move those over to 96, is that enough? That should be about right. So I'm thinking, yeah, 3734 and the one below it, down Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're referring to 97.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes from 97 into 96. So 3734 just to the left where your cursor is. And then the one below it, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry. So that is total population of 7870.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would say try moving those into 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the will of the Commission? All right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you fix those eight.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes. So 96 is within deviation. Oh, but 96 still has Byron Center is still cut up. Can we and 77 and sorry I see so yes Kent let's stay focused on that so 98 we want to reduce.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 8200. Was that move that back into 97 was that the idea?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 98 is happy 2.51 is in the ballpark.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 97 is in a good place. 96 is good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'd like to so Kent between 77 and 96 Byron Center that change we made earlier was undone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 3600.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right, so, yeah, but to leave Byron Center split up like this is just doesn't feel right. That was one of the things they asked us to do so 78 it could go into 78 can we put it in 78 Kent, please.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You can't sorry.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just totally missed something.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No. So Commissioners am I the only one that feels this strongly about that? Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, I think we should move that so Byron Center is altogether and see what else we are going to need to do.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry did you have a thought?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I just said repeat what you had said before Cynthia said something. But so I can get my thought back on that.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Got it what we just did is between 77 and 96 there was this Township that is called Byron Center they said is only about 2000 people we were splitting them up at the Grand Rapids hearing they requested that be undone. So we just did that. And that makes our deviation in 96 too high. And it's about 96.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4141.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Too high, yeah.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: High.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton did you have a thought.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Down by Hastings the south of 96 the south Section maybe we can move part of that Township one of the precincts into 93. I think it can take it. I don't know the population but.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 1755. 93 it would fit.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you want to try the whole thing or that little piece.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How much is the whole.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4136. So I'm thinking 93 would then be equally over.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm hearing from Commissioner Witjes over here he prefer the whole is that accurate? Can we try it with 93?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Uh-huh.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 93 is the high one so we are moving away from 78 because our lowest deviation here if we look at the plan deviation is the south Central Grand Rapids District. South Grand Rapids District and inching our way south and we may want to just Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Instead of that maybe that was a wrong move. If we put that Township back where it was in 96, maybe we need to move something. I'm not sure where the Grand Rapids lines need to be. But if we move something that is south of 79 or 86 and move it up through. So we can get to the 78 because it's too low. 78.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You undid it; is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have not undone it and maybe we do what we have to up here and if it happens does that make sense? Get 78 where you want it and we will do what you want down there however you want to do it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid and Mr. Adelson and Eid requested the theme for Hispanic or African/Americans up so we can make some adjustments and keep those communities together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, these are the Hispanic greater than 9%. You still -- there is a little bit down here in 86. I mean below 86 I'm sorry.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 86 was a relatively high minority coalition District. And so it wouldn't hurt to add let's see we can.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get out so you can see the dots generally Hispanic and trying to concentrate it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Add to 78 from 86 or from 79 at this point moving south, okay, I see nodding heads, okay.

So we want to with the Hispanic community with the dots we could add which District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 5,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 79.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 79 so 79 is under like Commissioner Curry said take from 79 into 78 can we look at that border? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that is 1900 with 30% Hispanic. 33% Hispanic. Significant numbers as well but something needs to happen. 37%. This gets big that is 75% that is 4400 Hispanic.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In the Wyoming community has requested that that Hispanic community stay intact largely in Wyoming so at this point should we I'm looking at the 2896 or 1967 does it matter Commissioners to you? Any thoughts? Okay, so let's shall we take the larger number to try to move more population? Okay, let's take the larger number 2896, please. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, could you explain exactly what you are moving where?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are trying to the population deviation is high. And so we are trying to and we are after the changes that we made here the we are making the adjustments to the rest of the districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Going 79 into 78 at the moment?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct and we will move that south because we have, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So one of the things that I heard with Wyoming wants to stay together. Okay, and what we -- the move that was just made doesn't allow that to happen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For I mean you are absolutely right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Get around it. We have to do something.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'll get to Commissioner Orton then Mr. Stigall.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where exactly is the outline of Wyoming? Can we.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: On the left.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we highlight the City of Wyoming? Is that possible? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, let me do this like you are supposed to do it. So it's the blue line right through here. Let me turn off this Grand Rapids. We don't need the overlay any more I take it. So Wyoming is.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Pretty whole.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point this is the only precinct not in Wyoming, in the Wyoming area.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is that acceptable Commissioner Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It does not meet the requirement of the people that spoke from Wyoming.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well if we take those upper some of the, yeah, where he is Zooming in, those are not in the City of Wyoming it appears to me. So maybe we can move some of those. Does that help our case?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Mr. Stigall.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a big number that is 4200 Hispanic out of 5600. But any of these things we can turn it on and turn it off and see the impact.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But if you move that into 78 and take what you just moved into 78 back to 79, that's a wash of 2000 something.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just going in a completely across town. I mean you could let -- you could go this way 78, take a nibble out of 86 and then 86 could you know maybe pick something down in here.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do. So the nibble would be out of East Grand Rapids another municipality. So and Commissioner Clark I'm wondering right it was not just they wanted to stay together as a City. They also had a significant Hispanic population which is what we are preserving and not trying to take it from the region that is outside of the City because those are more significant. So I think what we are doing, as you know, this is a difficult legal process we are going through. This idea that like we are making the best choices we have with what we are preserving as much as also trying to keep the coalition districts together. The minority communities. So I guess I'm just wondering if you are okay, if you are not okay with this, again, the adding 78 into from 79.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As I look at this no matter what move we make with the confines of Grand Rapids, we got this problem.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a matter of which choice of which one we choose.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What would you suggest Doug? Which one would you suggest? Do you have any suggestions?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well, I mean to me it's the same problem. You break up Kentwood a little. You break up Cascade a little. Ada a little. You know, it's just you can't avoid it. I don't think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed are you okay with it the way it is?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Clark. Thank you, Commissioner Curry, as well. I think we are okay with this change right for the way it is, Mr. Stigall and now I apologize you had wanted to say something too. Did you want to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are all set. We are now at 79 is over. So we are moving the population from 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, sir excuse me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 5,000 under.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you there for we are adding to 79, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we see the population of 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 96 is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So there must be one that is over I'm thinking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 93 is our District that is over at the moment. The top right corner is our largest. Overpopulated. I don't know if 93 is in our area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 92 the one that goes up north? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We took 2900 out of 79.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population of 97, yeah, 97? Oh, there it is. Hum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In order to add to 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We took that out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 79 with the theme with the Hispanic theme on, I'm wondering if we do want to look at Cutlerville there just in 96 north of 96 between 79 and 96.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 93 is right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is where we changed numbers going from here to there and back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Mr. Stigall you were suggesting we do 78 where we want it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right and come right down through.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have 78 where we want it now, we are at 79 and trying to adjust there. And looks like Cutlerville because again Wyoming is where the Hispanic community, we want to preserve is in that coalition District there is a 79 there is almost 28% Hispanic community there. In 79. You can see 27.61 so if we add Cutlerville which looks like a yeah, it's a large population there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a large.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can add like 1700 wouldn't do it either.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton might have the solution.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You are always so hopeful. Well, I'm thinking it would be great if we could move those large Hispanic populations up to the districts that have the Hispanic population. Maybe over on the west. It looks like there is precincts that don't. Maybe we could move those down, kind of make a swap.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Would you like to District that? That is a good one, can you help us try to find it and make that happen?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sure. So, Kent, so we are let me make sure I know what I'm saying. 79 needs population so that 4801 if you put that in 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me I hit the wrong District number. Let's get this straight. Or did I have it right? Okay there we go. The number for 79 is good or in to play.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 96 is low and 93 was high, is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am. 93 is 4500 high. 96 is 4800 low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How much was in the whole Township there that we had done before west of Hastings? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is 4100.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay put that in 96, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where did that go?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay go back up between 79 and 96. Can I see the population of this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will make the spreadsheet a bit bigger so we can read it. Sorry so 86 is 700 high. And 96 is a little bit low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well we could go further with those lost two precincts with the Hispanic but the numbers are good right now so I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What do you think, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Zoom out a little bit for me, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I also noticed, where did it go? Wayland right here. Had 4400 in it.

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall Commissioner Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I saw something wrong.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall you were identifying Wayland.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just saw a number earlier when we were Zooming in.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Our population deviation it's 6.3. So we got better but still have, yeah, I think we are -- I think we can be within we want to be within 5 or 10 I think it's 10% is that correct? We want to be within 5%. Okay, Commissioner Adelson?
- >> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that that's a good, rough guideline because that is half the ten% range. Remember the ten% although it's not a safe harbor it's a number or guardrail number not to go beyond it and 5% gets you close to 5% puts you in a good place.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a total of 10% plus or minus five%.
- >> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 5% deviation is plus or minus 2.5%.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Is there any other area we can go look at and potentially change this in?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is and wondering we have changes in the Lansing area.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's go there.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I think we thank you for your work, Commissioners. We are going to -- Commissioner Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we just run the numbers and see if it changes anything.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Partisan fairness numbers correct, can you do that Mr. Stigall, please? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Madam Chair, the lopsided margins is 5.8% favoring republican. The mean median difference is 3% favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 5.7 favoring republican. Seats to votes, the proportionality bias I think this is the same as prior. 1.4 percent favoring republican. Seats favor the democrats 56-54.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could I see the population deviation one more time? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Certainly. Total population deviation is 6.33.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that coming from this area or somewhere else? Sorry. Like the Grand Rapids area?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The population deviation is not coming from like there is other districts, we did adjust in the Grand Rapids area. And got the numbers back to sort of where they were. But they are, yeah, 71 and 27 are now our largest and smallest and not in the Grand Rapids area. I think that is your question.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That was my question.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We were going to move on to the Lansing area and as introduction since we have Commissioner Wagner with us too, I wanted to offer one of

the reasons I think I'm excited about this change with the Lansing area is because I think it will keep more of Eaton County more of Shiawassee County whole and include that southern Ingham area. So just take a look at that. I think it's yeah, and helps us understand our, yeah, with our communities of interest. And I really want to get your input Commissioner Wagner. One District you know more or less remains the same that 90 but the other ones are you know, it's including suburban areas with the City. And I think the City is carved up but again because of the coalition districts and that information we got from Lisa Handley Dr. Lisa Handley I think we are I think it's a good -- we have reason to think that the people in the City will be able to have an opportunity to elect candidates of their choice because of those coalition numbers and I think this helps keep communities of interest outside of the area also more intact than what our current map does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So the blue is the proposed area, the blue line?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then there is no different line for the -- okay.

Can we Zoom in Lansing and East Lansing? Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What we are looking at is 90 is pretty much the same as what has previously been done. This District in this southwest will consist of part of the old 91. And the west side of Lansing. A chunk of 93 and a piece of 71. And in this District, it goes around 90 and around the edge of Lansing, similar to what it was right through here I believe. Comes around Williamson and comes up and goes across. This District consists of a chunk of 58, a piece of 71, a piece of 93, and predominately 89 I think the way that color looks. And this would be your northwest District. The northern and then west of Lansing. It's predominately north Lansing and rural area of 92. And Grand Ledge I believe that is. This is, sorry, this Township is currently in 97. But do it Grand Ledge, airport would all be in this District. And finally you have the northeast District that takes a part of 58 eastern -- east of Lansing and then north and encompass St. Johns at the top up here.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, well I trust the Commissioners from that area, you know, understand this area better than me. But I think this will make quite a big change in quite a few districts so I would suggest we do another you know make a copy and then work on that. I have a question for Kent. So we are having all these copies and we are trying to work on them. Is there a way to if we.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The name.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not talking about naming, but merge them together, I mean I know we will have to do the work to merge the districts. But then we will have several maps that are basically the same. How can we.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To help you, this would be a good place to look at this. That when you change -- you have the Grand Rapids area. And when we -- if -- when we do that 93 is cut in half. All this has to go somewhere. So that could impact 96 for example. Or 95. Which is being edited in Grand Rapids. So when you combine them, it's going to be a significant amount of work. My guess. The same way with over here how these districts are being heavily modified. 71 is going to have to be redrawn. 54, 58, 92. Not the District, these areas that would be left hanging is what I'm saying. So then that moves you into you're right up against Flint and the Detroit suburbs. So it would be a significant -- to combine them I think it would be there again you would have to rewrite those districts to merge or fit the next set of districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we got this change off the portal from one individual. Do we know what the objective is? I mean I like it like it is. And but I'd like to better understand the objective of why this change is being made. And then get Steve's opinion because Steve is very familiar with Lansing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So the comments that were made is that Lansing currently has five districts. And that we only drew four districts and that we were diluting their voice by only having four districts instead of the five. And then there were other discussions about community of interest specifically with the way we had drawn East Lansing and Delta Township and so those were the comments that were proposed. And then this will change the partisan balance. But it will also we were also planning on going up to Flint and flip the partisan balance back the other way. So I think this is a change we can accommodate. Especially if we are going to do Flint as well.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So when we create another District then we are taking from other areas so I think we will have an impact on them. So we will take let's take for example 93 we will end up taking from rural areas. And that will have an impact on them as well. So I'd like to get Steve's opinion.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take off these lines. I want to see what it is right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir. It appears looking at it you have the east side, south side.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I got all that, yeah, thank you. MC may have a different opinion but that is not a bad districts. You've got Lansing, I mean everybody you know some people want to split up East Lansing and Lansing. I can tell you that East Lansing on lots of occasion wants to go their own way. They certainly have not been overly enthusiastic about combining with Lansing. I will say that Lansing and East Lansing do some common tax sharing on stuff up in towards Dewitt. Dewitt is far enough north that while they work down in Lansing, they are kind of oriented up towards they are in Clinton County and go up north. You've got Mason going down towards Jackson. So you've got the basically the suburban, rural areas together pretty well. I mean, if their

complaint is we cut them down one, it's the way it goes. That's not a bad rendering of the districts. I don't have a big complaint with those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I can turn one off if you want to talk. I was going to add.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Be nice.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: In my opinion the way these are configured we are doing a pretty decent job of unpacking the Lansing area, going south.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: They talk about that. I don't know that -- I don't agree that it's packed. So they don't have me in the corner on packing or unpacking.

QUESTION: Commissioner Lett if you mind turning on your microphone, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry.

QUESTION: I know it's a lot to ask.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: South Lansing and north Lansing, which are south Lansing would be considered more of the African/American, Black Section. North Lansing more of the Latino Latin-X Section. My impression and MC probably knows better than I Asian communities spread out more and they are not huge. So I wouldn't make any changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Vallette and then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I know you don't know exactly how many but how many people asked for this change?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A lot.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: A lot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it was over and over and over again. At our Lansing hearing. This was the map that was brought forth and requested that it change. And again like if we don't do this, then we are not -- we can't change Flint. We can't.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Weren't they more concerned about losing a District than anything else? I mean wasn't that the big complaint? Well guess what we lost a Congressional District too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree with everything Steve says. We spent a lot of time configuring this. Discussing Steve and MC. And I thought we were pretty happy with it as we moved forward. The only complaint I'm hearing we got four districts and we want five. And that to me is not a good argument. And yeah, your point about yeah, we have 14 Congressional districts now we have 13. So I would suggest that we stay with it and don't touch it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To the Commission, the program messed up again. I had to restore back one step. And I believe this was the area that and we put had this in 96. So shall I put it back in there?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, but if that is what you recall it's worth fixing yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we look at Byron Center first to make sure that one stuck?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. I will put this back and the numbers should be back to where they were.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton, did you have another comment or was that your comment? Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm in favor of the change.

[Off mic]

Commissioner Kellom do you mind turning your microphone on.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's on. I said I was in favor of the changes for Lansing because that will allow us to make necessary changes in Flint and I think the Commission needs to continue to be responsive. At this point we changed a lot of things. So we might as well do what is going to benefit the communities that have spoken to us. Sorry Bethany I'm doing the best I can to speak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did not hear you Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't understand if we left this alone, we can't change Flint. Why can't we address the issues in Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Then it will completely throw off the partisan fairness numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: How significantly? We will make a change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trust me. It's going to throw them off because right now.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If we don't make the changes in Lansing it's going to upset Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You right now have two democrat districts in Flint and we are being asked to combine them in one which will result in one fewer democratic District and additional republican District our map is currently at what? Not 1.4 the seats votes. 56 so then it will go back to 55-55.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is wrong with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is not a balanced map.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I realize that. Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The state is 52% democratic so 55-55 is not a balanced map. That is a republican leaning map. So if we want to fix Flint, we need to fix Lansing because that will give us an additional democratic District and the overall state will be more balanced.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I say we leave this like this and go to Flint and make the changes and see what the exact numbers are.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we do this first and go to Flint because this is going to affect Flint too. 58 is going to have to shift.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't buy that personally but Cynthia has a point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well Commissioner Lett I feel like you were next.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just want to say I understand we are talking about partisan fairness here. But communities of interest come first. So why don't we -- we are not done. We know we have other areas we need to work on. Why don't we work on the areas we know there is community of interest issues and then see where it lands. And work on it from there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But the people in Lansing said this was their community of interest. So they submitted this map to us. We did not make this up. This is their map they specifically asked for the House Districts, this is what they identified.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sure Rebecca going from four districts to five is not a community of interest. That's a number.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But there were other things.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I don't buy into this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I appreciate that. We have an alternative map right now. We were at version three, this is version four. How about we just make the changes and see what happens and then we can do the changes to Flint too and if we want to go back to version three and also make those same changes to Flint too, we can do the same and then compare them. Because we still have a version three which does not have any changes to Flint. So this is version four. Which will have changes to the I'm sorry not Flint the Lansing area and then we can do the same thing with Flint and also do that on the other map too and run a comparison. Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I don't really think the order that we do it matters. If we do one, we have to do the other essentially unless there is another place we can look at and I don't know if there is. I mean as it stands, this current map V4 is the numbers are saying it's not, not me Commissioner Eid the numbers are saying that it's a republican leaning map on every measure that we have, all four of them. So it's not a fair map yet. So I'd like to see if these changes make it a more fair map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Vallette then Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The other thing I would like to offer is I do think that because we did yesterday so many changes in the Detroit area that reduced the partisan fairness, right, which was to reflect the communities of interest in the Detroit area, again, there is it helps create more communities of interest. Yeah, and we got to get to partisan fairness. It's not easy. But we can't keep a republican leaning map and call it fair. And I'm not suggesting we create democratic. It's just the fairness part.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's do what Anthony suggested. We will do two maps one of each and do a comparison.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: If we are going to make these changes, I just ask that we clone this map before we do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We already did.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have version three isn't that correct Kent this is now version four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Version three doesn't have the Grand Rapids changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It does or does not? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Does not because we just did Grand Rapids in version four.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we make this version five? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you so just to be clear I'm going to write this down. Version four is the Grand Rapids changes, right? And then version three is Brittni's changes. Detroit changes. And then version two is the sort of the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mini smaller changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The original, yep. So and this will be version five which will include Grand Rapids changes plus Lansing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let me know when you're ready Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I am ready and I'm thinking making 89 this area is that all right?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. Looks like we have a dis-contiguity in that City right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When we get up to 91 it will take care of it, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have a question for MC. Looking at this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we make that 92, Kent the next one you are moving to go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Other than getting five districts around Lansing, this doesn't look like it changes anything as far as Lansing and East Lansing split, any of that. Looks like the same thing. Almost.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you're right but it keeps Eaton County wholer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wholer. [Laughter]

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is the opposite of that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a cruel bunch MC I feel for you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Am I to take it the comments in the proposal of this is simply to increase it from four to five?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So that is becoming a reason. You're right. I did not like the way that Mason was drawn. I thought when we drew this together like that District the way you characterize it, I think is accurate that Mason that lower that yellow

District that was in the south I think you are right the way you characterize it I think is accurate. It's a suburban you know larger City, smaller cities. Excuse me not a large City but smaller City so I don't disagree with you. Yeah. And.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't see where it's making a lot of difference in racial bloc voting, splitting up anything other than adding another District which I understand the people want. And I got that part. I just thought I might be missing something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, you got it. It's what the people have asked for. And significant numbers and it doesn't look wrong to me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did we just shut down? I'm so sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Damn, the fine, beautiful work. Looks like it's going to die anyway.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So my second question is, is this going to help us with partisan fairness? By doing this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is my hope.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Only in conjunction with changes in Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. Well I mean by itself it will improve partisan fairness but if we want to change Flint, that will also impact partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can you tell me how this is impacting partisan fairness?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is going to create an additional democratic leaning seat and Flint will take away a democratic leaning seat so we will be more equal. Right. Because then they are equal instead of just taking one away.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What is happening and responding to the people in Flint who said they don't like the districts the way they are. They don't trust it. That is what we are trying to do.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: People responded all day they don't like our maps but I'm trying to understand how is it that we are taking a District from Flint that I take it is democratic and making it republican and taking one in Lansing and adding a democrat. That seems like a wash.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right but otherwise it is a wash but otherwise you go in Flint and take away a democratic seat now you have a map that is even more republican leaning than it already is.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is assuming you make a change in Flint. Who says we have to do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We don't have to.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We leave it all alone and we are set.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are still not set.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We have not gone back down to Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The changes in Detroit make it more republican leaning.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We don't know what we will end up doing with these changes are going to cause a Cascade of changes all around the Central Michigan area. And we don't know what that is going to do.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: There is no issue with change but just like we did with you yesterday, I have concerns of what we are doing here today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I can express my opinion on the process can I not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would encourage everybody to take a deep breath and calm down.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's a discussion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent so that northern area can you turn it to 91 please so north of Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This 91.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, thank you. Now you guys can continue. I just wanted to get that direction out to Kent. We will have to reassign that at the block level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I take this will be 93.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, 93.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I'm going to Zoom in and look closer to make sure and I may have missed stuff. I don't know. But if I have missed a census block, oh, there is one. And that is why. Come on. All right that looks like the completion of those five districts right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, so 54, is that still good? I'm just going around the circle here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 54 was not edited.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 54 was not edited and still good. And 58 is down by 24880. Unassigned area two unassigned areas, right? So where is 97 sitting at population wise? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 97 is sitting on 3,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 56 is 600. 58 is 25,000 under. If you're going to do, well, I guess 58 doesn't quite make it over there. But.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm just thinking before we complete this area and fill everything in maybe we should make the changes if we have changes that we are intended to make in Flint and maybe that will you know we can fill them in at the same time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That makes sense. Anyone have any opposition to that? So Commissioner Rothhorn what were you intending to do with our Flint districts, we have 26, hold on let me write the VA P down on these so 26 and 27. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 26 is 50% minority well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 36.12, 37.15, 1...

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 26, is 46.9% VAP minority. 36.5 non-Hispanic Black. 27 is 37%, 37.19 non-Hispanic Black and 46, .3 minority voting age population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm not sure what 51 is. 51 has minority voting age population of 15.7%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and 51, 6.04 and 95.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 56 is 10.7% minority voting age population. I don't know if I mentioned 51 yet.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We got 51.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15.7 minority population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MC take it away.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the overlay that I had, I'm not sure if you were able to pull up the Lansing adjustments, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Lansing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not Lansing area changes but called adjustments, if it does not come up maybe the file is corrupt. But what I'm looking at is like it was from P7273 from what we got in the Flint at the Flint hearing and what we heard was that Grand Blanc and flushing are not part of what Flint considers its community. And so they were essentially saying we have drawn two districts but they are not able to have their community, yeah, reflected with those areas included and we had Burton as a City again outside of similar to the way that in the Grand Rapids area Byron City was split. Burton is also split as a small City because of what we have drawn. And so that's part of what I'm suggesting is I looked at P7273, I tried to draw it. So we would have an overlay to see but that is using P7273 from the portal which was referenced just like the Lansing one was referenced during our public hearings and I just created an overlay. That's it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I imported what I thought it was. Well a Pine with Lansing adjustments does that sound familiar.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is the one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And the problem is the shape, there it is. It's at 0 features.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is the issues I was having. So that is maybe the file is corrupt.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Create the files but there is 0 features and that is it right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What map did you base this off of again?

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: P7273.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is not it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC if you know the adjustments then you can just tell him off of your or you don't have your.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is true. Thank you.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: [Off mic]
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not going to expert it but I'm going to sit next to you, Kent.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Is it the one that just selects Flint by itself or? It's just an easy if we are just starting with the City of Flint, it's very easy to switch it to Township level and just boom do the whole City of Flint. Yeah.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm honestly not sure how to answer the question. I think it's the whole City and then like mount Morris.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think I might have the right map I'm looking at right now. Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe this is what you were saying Rebecca but Kent and MC, we all heard keep Flint whole so can we just choose the entire City of Flint on the Township level? Or does that mess up Kent? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL:
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: P7273 what I think, yeah, this is where it's so hard. It's nice when we have a whole like the message was keep it whole and the map did not reflect, it's not like there is pieces of it so I think we heard it over and over so, yeah, I think we are still trying to translate things what Commissioner Clark was talking about earlier Wyoming wanted to be whole and maybe yeah they had additional parts not just Wyoming so I guess what I mean is I'm using the map because that is the direct words, it's the language from the people so to speak.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Does the map take off part of Flint is that what you are saying.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is a funny scoop in it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Which end? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roughly.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so which District are you turning this in to? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would expect that. It's what I do now.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is the highway intersection. I'm getting there. Not all this is right. I'll put that over there and that over there. So we are right above that. That's 27 and that is 27, correct? That is a straight away. That is that guy there and goes around there so this is all 27. This is something up in here. I'm just trying to get the outline so I can see where I'm programming. Unassign.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This should be 26, right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I want to get the outline of 27 up there as well. So we can make it 26. Oh, I see. It's terrible I have to watch somebody do it. All this is 56. These are all 26. That stays 52. This little area around the Township here like that. The airport is just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 5 is right here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then around that is all 51.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not sure if I got the numbers back so I want to make sure 51 is a District that we should mess with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go in the function and switch the numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 51 is good, 52 because I did not finish changing all these.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just around the Flint. Is this, okay, 51 is down in here. Go down in this area, 51. So that is twice. We will get up here and this is 51 and all this is 55. At least we will have the numbers right for 51.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I did not finish it but 26 is not correct so let's leave 26.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See this is supposed to be in 55.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's look at 26 is 20,000 under populated so I did not finish.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 27 is right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It reflects the map they gave us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 51 and mount Morris and 51. That is 27, going across and then it comes down. All the way down. Look at 27 like you said the rest of it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That looks right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The key to it is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, that little carve out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you want to leave it like this and talk about it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Because 26 is not finished but 51 is done. Let's make 51 so 51 and.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This stuff in here should be 55 to make 51 correct that is all we got to do. I'm just going to stick it in 55. All four of those. I mean to get the outline of 26 in the outline any way you know of what you got. We will leave the airport stuff alone.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would not play with that. It's mostly 51 because it's the whole basically the other County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay just 51, this is right, right? Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Burton is whole.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You go up into here don't you.

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, the County line.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Up above it, okay.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make that 57 so we have an outline, is that your idea?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now is that representative of 26 and 27 and 51? Right.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we should look at the map again to make sure it's reflected but.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put that in.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes go ahead.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 because that is where it is over there so it looks the same on there.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, so what is that little arm going in from 27 into 26? Because that seems like a reach of something. That doesn't to me do anything with keeping Flint whole or doing anything that we were told or we heard comments on. So that needs to go in my opinion.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the rationale for having it drawn that way? Was there rationale? Can we see the numbers for 26 and 27 too as well? Thank you.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 26 still has a long ways to go to, you know.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It's 19,000 below population.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over 20% short so 26 is going to be -- has to be very different than what you are looking at or somewhat different.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I suggested I'm sorry since I suggested that could potentially be a reach of some kind, can I see what the demographics are for just that area is that is in between 26 that is part of District 27 that little arm? And I want to compare it to demographics of 27 and 26.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, I mean I can't we can make a separate District. That is probably what we ought to do.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I guess I can't because of the complete plan. That will show total population can we do thematic? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to go to what is Hispanic Asian.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Mic's please. Toi is struggling to hear what is being said.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hispanic, Black, Asian?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we are looking for African/American.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: There it is. That is Black alone and not Black combine so.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What are the dots like in that area percentage wise? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just for this dot is 50% Black, 2400, 50%, 40% out of 1100. 596. Fairly small precincts in comparisons to some other high percentage African/American black precincts but fairly smaller precincts relative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you flip to the Hispanic dots and see if that is a Hispanic community they are trying to preserve? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. And.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is odd.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is, now it's catching up. It got to the precincts. So it does not appear to me, it's self-evident you are looking at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it's just loading is that why we are kind of -- Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree with Dustin. I don't like the arm. That is the guts of Flint. That is the Central part of Flint where that is headed. So I know it's under populated by 20,000. So I would hope that that's part of the area that gets merged in with 26. That is speculation on my part. And because I'm not that familiar with the downtown Flint area at all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Commissioner Orton? Commissioner Eid and Mr. Adelson.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So this is kind of interesting to me. We got one District that's at about 59.08BVAP and another that is about 21 whereas.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Note that is also under populated by almost 20,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I understand so we will probably have to move it in. But so it seems like we will have to see once we complete the population but it seems like this type of configuration instead of having two that are around the 40% which is what we had before, there is one that is higher and one that is lower. So I don't know if that's a good thing or not. But it's just something I noticed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, our prior districts for 26 and 27 had a Black VAP of 36.5 and 37.15 and we had spent a lot of time balancing that to try to balance those two populations. Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Madam Chair. One of the concerns that I have is the comments that we heard from the public hearings and subsequently the City. This map the 26 is not only in the City.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seems like this row of microphones is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hard to hear.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Toi is not able to hear you Szetela se we cannot hear you and we are across the room so just lean closer to the mic.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: She can't hear?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It was working.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, no.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: This whole row is not working.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This one works.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: It's just ours.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Toi bear with us one second, we are having a microphone issue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can I step out of the room for two minutes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we take a break for ten minutes and then we can get the microphones fixed and come back. So without objection it's currently I feel like my mic is not working, can you hear me, Toi? Okay, so it's currently 3:30. We are going to take a recess until 3:40 so that we can fix the technical problems we are having right now. Hearing no objections we are in recess until 3:40.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission bring us back together at 3:41 p.m. will you please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Please announce during roll you are attending remotely and disclose where you are attending from. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Attending from Detroit, Michigan.

Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

>> 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,

Kent, would you mind sharing your screen again. And I think what we wanted to do is rather than have this hole in the middle of Flint can we for District 26 select all of Flint and see what the numbers are with that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if that is all of Flint proper, but.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Still under by 6,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under by 6,000, 54.96 non-Hispanic black and 57 is under by 10 and probably 100,000 people that need to be reassigned.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That may be more than Flint and I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we start if that makes sense to everybody in the area around that little arm that is coming out, select that Township around so we don't have that how many people are in the area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The hammer.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The little hammer there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe that is a reservoir.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Cursley.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That precinct is 1200 and but it's here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The area around it would that be logical with Flint since we need 6,000 more people? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 2600, 2500.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to put on the thematic dots or which ones do we have? Those are Hispanic, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I assign it to 26.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What does everybody think any thoughts? We can look at other areas can we put back on the African/American thematic dots and a Township around the little hammer Kent go ahead and assign it

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's part of Flint but it's just odd.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: West to 27.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab the precinct right underneath that has a pretty high like what is that little precinct underneath.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2600 but 34 percent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Would we want to do that? That is going to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My memory is that Burton said they are a separate City from Flint.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: This could be a question for Bruce. Wouldn't this be packing the City of Flint?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you for your question. The responding to the request from the community, from the public hearing and my recollection is that most of

the community both Black and white wanted the City as a whole to be part of one District for the purpose of electing a Flint resident to represent them. Regardless of candidate of choice. And regardless of race. This was a community of interest concern from the folks in Flint.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct couldn't you make the, well, wouldn't that still technically then be a violation if they say do it any way isn't that still a violation of the Voting Rights Act? Because what would be to stop someone from let's say the UP filing a complaint against what we are doing here because they are saying that we are packing the Black voting age population into one particular area.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's talk about that a little bit. That is in addition to concerns from the community that were not Voting Rights Act based. That is as you recall Dr. Handley's analysis. The percentage at which the Black VAP percentage was 40-45%. So that has been achieved. The additional population is not connected to being able to elect candidates of choice. It's a response to community concern. Yes, someone can claim that this is packing. But the record of this Commission shows 100% the other way. So I could give you examples of redistricting bodies where they did talk about packing explicitly. But that's one of the key differences. And it's an important difference. Because that's not what this is about. This is about uniting a community in response to community -- exactly community-based concerns. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where Kent is right now mount Morris, I do remember them suggesting they do want to be part of Flint. They are a suburban area part of Flint. So I mean if we want to add population heading towards north towards mount Morris again because of the community of interest it may be a good choice.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So where he was north you meant what he just highlighted or what he has highlighted now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm bopping around looking at stuff for everybody to look at. No, I had this highlighted.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see where you're talking about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Up to mount Morris.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area more or less if you want to be more inclusive and just do all with that area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And do we.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is 8,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall we have the City of Flint and around the reservoir.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can take it back off because it's just 2000 people if we want to go to mount Morris, we can take that off because there is no.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it makes sense to keep it around the reservoir.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: There is also that piece right above the airport. I don't believe that is part of actually Flint. But we need it because it's barely I don't know if it's contiguous if we don't have that. So maybe we can just add the piece that is right above that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair, as a matter of it looks like these are the residential streets over here. So you could easily tie it in by blocks over there if a Commissioner wanted to do so and move the actual population, you know, into 27.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What Commissioner Orton was suggesting the one District voting precinct just above Mr. Stigall the next one up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highlight that and see how much that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 3200 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And then we would be under, yeah, let's see and highlight that and see what happens.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not contiguous.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this into 26?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will get down to the block level because of four blocks we put surrounding area in 26 or put this into 27.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's put those into 27, please. Come on. It's not doing it. What about this odd?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's put that into 27 too, please. Okay so I guess 26 is still a little bit under. Do we want to try to bring it in or are we good with it being under populated? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd Madam Chair this area we were talking about earlier, I wasn't told to assign it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, thank you, I think we are going to keep that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where it's at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Where it's at, at the moment. But we can lower our, yeah, let's try to add one more District to the west above 27 what do you think about that one Commissioner Orton? 3,000. Is that a thumbs up? Okay. Now we are within deviation and we've got 26 taken care of and Flint is whole. And yeah, Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The deviation is a little higher with population maybe we should not take all of the precinct we just took. I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are also at 114% plan deviation and I don't know if we will figure it out. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: If need be, you can remove the area around the reservoir.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good point. We have a ways to go, why don't we do that remove the plan around the reservoir. Kent, can you remove that area, please or assign it back to 51? Okay now we are right on so now we are building out 27 and let's see 52 and 55 are the biggest changes we need to adjust so 52 is under populated and 55 is our overpopulated so 52, 55 okay so 51 is okay so 52 and 55 so Kent can you, you are pretty good at helping us think how to move the population 52 is our lowest or under least populated and 55 is our most populated right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 and 58 is way under but this is where we got away from Lansing. This is also unassigned. I would be inclined to kind of get this unassigned area in play with you know either 58, 56 somewhere on this side of town.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I understand your inclinations tend to help us so let's assign those, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to stick them in 56 you may put them in 92 but this gives you an idea where to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 56 is under populated and makes a lot of sense. Every time I see the hourglass my stomach gets sick.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My stomach has holes in it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Oh, gosh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 58 is short right now. I if it was me might well 56 has to have the numbers so we have to leave it but you know it may turn out you can put this or some it and keep going. Just talking out loud 55 is 70,000 high.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Unassigned area west of District 93 and assign that area before we address that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will highlight it and see the numbers because sooner or later you got to deal with it now you are looking at 34,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it's a good place for Commissioners to start putting their nickels worth in because I believe all the districts are set. Within reasonable numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is where Commissioners we, yeah, the Saugatuck so 87, 88 I don't want to move us over there but know District 88 I did not like when we drew 87, we adjusted 88 and it's a funny one. So I feel like if we are going to, yeah, we may not want to move too much because we may be adjusting over there and I'm not sure how the Commissioners feel. I'm tempting to just assign it to right with what Kent has highlighted assign it to a holding District if you will so it's accounted for and we done have unassigned and we would come back and adjust but trying to focus on the Flint area first and recognizing we had assigned area as Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We essentially got to go from 52 down into that unassigned area is what.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do. Can we assign Mr. Stigall just assign it to 97 and will have Mr. Eid continue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Across this way.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign it to 95.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay assign it to 95, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 95.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 95 is 36,000 high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36,000 high. 71 is let's call it 19,000 low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid even though we added all the population 52 and 55 are still the highest deviation points and that is still in the Flint area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is where I was headed so 54 is 40 low. While 55 is 65 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Go from 52 to 55 seems like a good starting point.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it's touching on one Township, I'll change these colors so we can better see it, 55 is hard to see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can move population from 55 to 52.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is the population 5.85%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just wondering and speaking aloud. Can you show me the demographics on 27? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 27 still needs 17,000. It's 18% non-Hispanic Black 27% minority.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent, can I interrupt for one minute? We are going to need to take another break here for about 15 minutes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I object to that break. A press conference is the least or lowest on our list of priorities especially during our working day. We just took a break that was no one's fault due to technical issues either postpone it to 6:00 or cancel it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for that comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And that is a motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can make it as a motion but we are still leaving for it and you don't have a quorum. It's a ten minute press conference.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is highly inappropriate the press conference can be cancelled or postponed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not when we are supposed to be on it. That is just rude.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No it's not. It's the least of our priorities is a press conference. We should not be stopping our work for a press conference during working day, working hours.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Woods, please.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: It's not a press conference it's for a media interview to set up a 4:00 because of the agenda.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just to repeat what Edward is saying it was set up at 4:00 because we originally had to schedule the break during that time which is why it was scheduled for that time.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: It's an interview not a press conference.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Interviews can be cancelled too it's not rude.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we have a second on the motion.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Second.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair I was going to highlight some procedural considerations. An objection was raised so the motion to continue working is in order. And it's been seconded by some Commissioner Orton. So I will turn off my microphone.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay any discussion or debate on the motion.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Roll call please, too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Why can't we send to people to the interview. Keep the quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought we only had 11.

>> We did but we have 12 and we will have 9.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I request the Chair or Vice Chair stay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is not your place to decide.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like that as an amendment to the motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Great all right so it doesn't matter because he is not part of it any way. So you're being ridiculous. You can take the vote. I'm going to do this, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there any discussion on the matter? Okay, all in favor of this -- so let's restate the motion. And was there an amendment? No, there was no amendment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did an amendment and I said to send two people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was no second to the amendment.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Since we are not losing quorum, I can just withdraw the motion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The motion has been withdrawn. Okay, thank you. Okay, so I believe we are still mapping and I believe Commissioner Eid you were you had the floor and you were trying to help us with our plan deviation and getting some of the population changes in the Flint area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Moving right along let's look at so 27 needs some. 55. We can go from 27 into 55 and then into 52 as well. It's a question on how do we do it. Can we turn on the overlay of the Black population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you mean the theme?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The theme, the overlay the thematic view. Okay so let's go and let's move those precincts we are looking at right now into 27 so up to Schwartz creek.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not move anything. I was just highlighting the features.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The last precinct you are hovering over right now is already in 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 8,000. Put that into 27?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, put that in 27.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get it on 27 before I mess up again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have a little bit of oddities. I guess we will fix that as we go in. I will have to see what is happening with this computer. Any time we get into this little pieces of geography separated, it seems to be more likely to have problems.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can be patient that is okay.

We will just wait.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Patience.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay now let's take these three precincts that are below Flint and put them in 27 as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still not finished catching up. These are moves I made a minute or two ago. It's still behind.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Do in the old fashion way and bring out the paper maps and pens, how they used to do it I bet.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go for it. That's just never good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid you still have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so back to where we were, before assigning those, move up to the border between 26 and 27 on the north side. I'm thinking about taking a few of these most western precincts, putting them into 27. We can do the ones that are not part of Flint.

So the two big ones that are right there. That are outside of the boundaries of Flint.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are moved in to get the Detroit population even. Is that not right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Flint.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 26 is even population now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right they may have been the wrong moves is that what you're saying Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think so. Most of Flint is whole. But I think a precinct here or there if it makes 27 stronger, you know, it could be a good thing. So, yeah, those two precincts that are let's assign those to 27 and we can always move a little bit

more south on 26 or north. Or east. That last one that is above the airport let's move that back into 26.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that was not supposed to go. Okay now we are at 9,000. This one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your microphone is not on, Mr. Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You were saying Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This was added in and these were added in. If that is any consequence. Or we can leave that one out and put.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Actually I want to go south on 26. So 27 let's add Schwartz and Schwartz creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 27 I want to take it south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes so, we are going to come down, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this piece?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'd actually prefer taking that piece right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Good all right perfect that is at 100. Now 100 deviation, 0.1%. Pretty good. For 26 we got to fix that as well so let's move that a little bit further south as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need to fix this little bit of 27. I don't know how you are going to plan to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's assign that area into 26 first and then save.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area I have.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now fix those dis-continuity issues. You might want to save first.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you going to do these two or come down?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think just those two for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

26 is on the number it's 60% minority voting age population minority. It is 50% Black BVAP. 27 is roughly 20% BVAP and 28.5% minority voting age population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay any comments about that from anyone?

Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No, thank you. I think this is an improvement of what we had earlier today. So thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful. Okay, so now we have 58, 55 and 52.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just noticed now 57 is almost 4%. I don't know, yeah, whether you want to approach that little.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 4% short? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No it's high. 4% over and I don't know if you want to deal with that at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can deal with that 52, and deal with it with 49.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's see. Let's deal with it with 52 that precinct that is north of 52, all right, I don't know if that is a precinct or a Township. The further up the state we go the Townships look like precincts and precincts look like Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 2000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That will help and add it to 52.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 51 and 57 are so close and color north of 27 where you were highlighting for Commissioner Eid north of Clio.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 57 splitting this Township here. And I'm going to change the color so more readily identifiable. 57 does a wrap around, around there and 57 is still at.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you reassigned that precinct to 57 instead of 52.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I perfected that, didn't I? There you go.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 57 is 1.69, within our range over all deviation went down. We have 52, 55, and 58 to look at. So what I'm thinking is let's merge 52 and 55 and then whatever is left over into 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Then we can go from there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We have to go westward any way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to grab it, that chunk.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Where we are at on 52 is just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Putting the whole Township in there so it is, yeah, and it's way over so undo that one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, undo that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's just a rough draft of grabbing the features. We did split this I don't know if it matters Grand Blanc.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Unassign the Township south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And put Grand Blanc into 52. I meant put that into 52.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Grand Blanc.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Into 52.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I had the other way around. And let's grab the rest of that Township as well and put it into -- actually.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 52 is just a little bit high.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: A little high we have two Townships split and make the Township on the bottom whole into 55.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township into 55.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Right the whole Township. That will bring 52 a little lower.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I've got it more into 52. 52 is 1% high.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Zoom out we have Commissioners joining us what we did is changed a little bit of 27, 57, 52 and 55 we are trying to work this population imbalance to the west side of the state. So now we are looking at the difference between 55 and 58. So.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 55 is oh, I see it 55 and 58. So what is the difference? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is 71? That is right.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Down by Battle Creek.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wraps around here and there is a chunk here about 30,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that as signed? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It was unassigned and Commissioner just assign it so we see it in the table.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay I see.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: That is why we are trying to get there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I understand I'm just trying to understand what you're doing.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This, this and over here have to kind of come together in some fashion.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so what are the districts we are off on right now? We are off on 55, 58 and then 71? Is that right? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. So we got 55, 58, 71 and then 95.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 71 is under 18963 and 75.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 95.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Over.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Over.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 95 is 36 over.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We will go from 55 to 58 eventually into 97 into 95 and around 71.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 58 comes across this way?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We need to add some of it to 55 because 55 needs 10,000 more people so let's add the eastern most precincts into 55.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this into 58?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: No we are trying to put into 55 from 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 55 is over. We are going the other way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 is high. You look at it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It looks small but it's not population wise.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 is high. 58 is the real low.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's put it in 55.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start right there or there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We will start making as many Townships whole or voting precincts whole as we can. So let's start under knead Schwartz creek and assign that to 55.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 58.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I understand.

So I guess the call is now let me...those are the population numbers so we can get a better do rough numbers on it so you have 15, 14.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you Zoom out for a second and let's see what is around here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How you want to approach it because you have this little wrap here. I mean you might want to bring 52.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 54 is a little over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You might want to bring 52 this way.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: How is 33 looking? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What District was that? 33. 33 is 2.8 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's already high so can't do much there and 52 is as you were suggesting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 52 is good now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Good now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's really a matter how to get population over to here. I mean you have right along this border but if you go too far this way you have this little.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm thinking what if we go from 58 to 54 and then from 54 to 55? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 15,000. I'm just trying to get an idea of you know there is 22.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right but what I'm saying what if we go from 58 to 54 and 54 to 55? To complete that Township? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Unless.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 55 is still over, right?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah so, I'm saying we have a Township split right here. So why not take that Township split and put it in 54 there by lowering 55.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm following you. What is the population in those areas? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry supposed to be 54.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

What was the population? I did not catch that before you did the select box.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is 23, well, it's not the whole thing though, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will be adding 8,000 to 54. And 54 is sitting on 1500.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: To Anthony's point we are taking oh, you did it already. Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want me to assign that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Okay so 55 is now within scope, right? Yeah, if you could fix that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you care if I assign that whole thing?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So if you can Zoom back out again.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We can change the border between 58 and 54.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 is solid.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see where you're going Anthony.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to just select a block of features. That's 11,000.

That is roughly and then you add this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So I wouldn't change anything in Livingston County. I can talk about a whole bunch of different reasons as to why. All those eight Townships that are north of Howell go to Howell and half of them have Howell mailing addresses. So that particular area I would not do much in if at all possible. The Howell the mailing addresses go all the way to Hartland which is by the area of where District 33 is and 55 is. And you start to get into north Fenton but that is further north on 55. So putting 54, any part of the Townships of 54 anywhere else is doing it a disservice to the people of Livingston County. I have lived there all my life. So minus my stint in Ypsilanti of course. But that would be an inappropriate change in my mind.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we look at the -- if you look to the right there Kent in 55, we have the three little Districts that are currently in 55. I'm just wondering what the population there is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These three precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if we can go the other way Anthony because this way we are getting in more densely populated area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 54 is currently 10,000 over. Right? So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that population is in 55.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you took that area that is in 55 and 54 and then took 55 this way and 58, I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it's a little tricky. Can we Zoom out a little bit so I can sort of see the field? And it's those top eight Townships you're concerned about Dustin.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: For the most part Fowlerville has its own but yes, the top four and as a matter of fact those top eight I wouldn't change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just looking at this Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at this you will have to go through 89 or figure out a way I mean you come down through Ann Arbor to get to 71. But this is 30,000 people in here. What if you just brought 58 down this way and what I'm trying to say is you are -- I think you have to get through 89 somehow.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if we can go up to 56 to 97 to 95 and go around that way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rather than trying to go through the much more densely populated areas because I think that is a more difficult move. So right now let me just reorient myself. So we have 55,000 or 55 is 10,000 over; is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 55 is good. 54 that has the ten,000 over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 54 is 10,000 over. And then 58 I think is off too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 58 is 22000 light.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 22000 too few. And 71 is the one that is under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under by 19,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Population you are looking to get from is the 36,000 that is in 95. This was the unassigned area from doing it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95 ended I think right there. So that the population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we are saying the same thing but instead of going underneath into 89 then into 71 into 95 if I was talking about earlier was going from 55 to yeah 58, 56, 97, 95 into 71. Is that what you are saying or are we on different pages here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I have a different thought. One of my thoughts is Cynthia, I know you wanted to change Battle Creek because we have this arm and creating a block for what we want to do. If we reconfigure Battle Creek, that opens a pathway for us to get to 95 and makes it easier. You already wanted to make that change any way. Can we try to do your Battle Creek change and see if that opens up some space?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would love to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so, Kent, so, yeah, will you assign to District 71 the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will get the names and stuff so we are on the same Page. Numbers this is Albion.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right, so that and the two Townships that are above and the next Township over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes. And add in the Township, the 11744. Just, yes, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is in 71 already.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Add that to 74, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right. So 74 is 2.58% under. 71 still needs 18,000 people. So 71 is...

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I like this configuration of Battle Creek. We could change a few little things if we need to for population. It represents community of interest very well. And I think 71 is off because we are still moving the population through, I believe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What I heard at the public hearings is that the Battle Creek Albion connection was the community of interest. We can go either way. You know I don't know either way I'm not from there but that is what I heard at the public hearings.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We did hear a lot about that at public hearings. Not everything we hear is -- some things we hear are for specific reasons I believe. Living there, this is what I believe. And we have also heard this in public hearings. Or in public comment. Since we need -- I was waiting, but if we need this to move population, if not we can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just wondering can we take off that 1500? Because that was the area, I was thinking you were going to move. And then we could go up see how that creates a past or is that essential to what you have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No the essential ones are the four Townships around Battle Creek.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to chain one color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Border between 72 and 71 down there is hard to see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can see where 72 gets up against 95 and 71, 72 come together. Okay what am I doing now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So if we were to take off that 15808, I think it is 08 or 06 I can't really tell, put it into 72 and maybe take one of the ones underneath to put back into Battle Creek so Battle Creek is good. Maybe the 2781 do you have a preference? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, I think any of those around there would be okay. We can wait if you want until we get the rest of the population moved and see what works.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about the 1904 to the west?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put that into 74? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We still have 30 some thousand up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to get Battle Creek straight and want to reshift the line if that is okay with everybody. I'm just trying to straighten this out. All right so now we have 71 which is under. And we have 95, which is over. Right? Over by 36,000. So there is two ways we could do this. So one of the ways would be to take 72 on the northern edge and sort of lift it up a little bit and out. And bring in some of those. And then we could bring 71 over a little bit. And up. That would solve maybe some of the imbalance. Any thoughts on that? Any feelings about taking 72 up to those top four Townships or maybe out one? And then taking 71 and grabbing some of those bottom Townships where Kent has his arrow right now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It would be easier for me to see it once it's done and show me so to speak. I don't see it as easily.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm got as Tetris.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The five highlighted Townships have a total population of 12361. So we would be about 4,000 light in 71. Put these into 71 and see what it does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, and take that 3200 and I think 71 is good. That would be -- so Kent just so they can see it can you go up where that green one is? Right there, 32.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 71 so put that into 71. Which is currently under by 16,000 and that is making 71 whole. And I think it's still maintaining the kind of rural communities together. So then we have to do a little bit for 72. And that is what I was saying we could go up boom, boom, boom across or maybe go and I mean this is your area Cynthia so whatever you think makes sense let me know. But we have Townships above, we have one to the west.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think the above works good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so let's look at what is above.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95 is 32000.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Over, right? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 72 can take say 14 so you are still missing 18,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We will go up after. We are working there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right just keeping everybody on the same Page.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we look at what the Township populations are and Cynthia tell me which ones you think would be the best fit and maybe the more populated ones.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Have the two towns there those towns are very closely aligned so they need to stay together.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 20,000 and that would take 72, 6,000 over.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Too much.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If we are not taking one, we cannot take either.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we take the town and pull off 6148 looks like it has two precincts, two towns, 5903, try to do precincts.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Township precincts. That is still 17,000 plus.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 17 so 17,5 and so it's 32.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3500 high.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What if we pulled off the other precinct on the east or the western edge. So that we were just grabbing those two towns? Does that make sense or not make sense? 14,000 is that good? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That does it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Move that into 72. All right so now 72 is good. And what is our 95 at population wise? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 18,000 so 18,000 over. So we still need to move. And 97 is 18,000 over, 97 is.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to highlight, get the number on this. So.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is where we are going.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95 you can't quite do that. But that is pretty close to.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Does that make sense? Again these are more rural areas we would be putting into 97. Taking them out of 95.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks like it yeah.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we go ahead and do that and make sure we grab that little City that looks like.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hastings.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: At this point I would examine part of 88 too because 88 has a part that goes up that might not need to go up as far.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 88 where is 88?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We take 87 to Saugatuck and then we have the rest of that northern.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We got to get to that later. We will get to that District later. There is more there. So I know what you're saying but yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are sitting on 21,000 and 95 would then be pretty close. Well 3,000. We can just move it to 97 and see what you got.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are at 21 and 18. So how much is population is that bottom Township you have selected? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that is where I was going with it. I was just going to take that out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's see what we got. I think that is better. Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are at 19,000 and that matches up, that fixes 95. You can still do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go ahead and move that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 97.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 95 is where it should be. It's in spec. Okay, and then 97 is over by 16,000. Okay, and then we are ultimately trying to get to 56 and 58 so that is where we are going. So 97 is over by 16. 56 is at what? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 56 and 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 54 is the ten,000 high. 58 is 22 low and 56 is a little low, a couple thousand low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 56, okay, say it again 54.

>> 54 is 10,000 high. 56 is 2000 low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Within specs.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will go through there. 58 is 22000 low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 97 is 16 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 97 is 16 high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's go to that border between 56.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For reference 99 is perfectly even.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so we have a little room to move there if we need to too. So let's look at I think it's Holt area right there. And see what those Township populations are. Is that Holt? No it's Ionia. I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That block is 4700. That is 6500 and I guess you were trying to I don't know. That area is 9200. So you still got a ways yet.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 24,000. Which we kind of knew.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will take that little piece. Okay that and it's broke upright there but that is 16 but you kind of got this Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we take off the other part of that City? I would not want to take the whole.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so if we want to take that all of that Township out.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: If we have to fix.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will get down to the block level now you are down to 13,000 or you put all of it in there and then back some out. I don't know. That is only 2600. 46.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How much is the precinct that is northwest of Ionia the Township precinct?
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That whole area is 3900.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: To the west, yeah, that one there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1400.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That would not get us to.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we back up a little bit just for a second? A little higher and want to see what is above it.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if it doesn't make more sense to alter that boundary between 99 and 56 so maybe take two off of so we are not having to go into the City. Does that make sense or do you understand what I'm saying?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So Zoom back out again. Unselect that Township around that little City there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll cut the thematic map. What are we doing.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab the two Townships on the purple ones that helps 35. That, that. The 6,000 above it.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And let me get it straight. That is 4700.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep. And then.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue this way?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh. With the thought that we will bring 99 down.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is going to make it more compact so we are not reaching.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that is 14, 8 and 97 needs to get rid of 16.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So take.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: You could even go one more.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't want to go far, well, let's go one more. And then we are going to grab so if you can put that into 56.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 56.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: And then take that City that is underneath the smaller City.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 99 needs 11,000.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, so that, move it up.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select this.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: And probably the one next to it too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I mean it's real close. It might go either way with it. That is not the one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not that one. The other one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep. So that is 10, 8, that is 11, that does it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we do that? It needs to go to 99, I think. That is all right. It's a long day.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at one thing and doing another. You can probably go all the way across there if you wanted to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are going to just see what we got.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To make it because that is 1800. 99 can use it. You know, you could do that either way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would just leave that for now. Now where are we at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Dealing with 56.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And 58 and then 54, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. So 56.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 56.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 56 and 58.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 56 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 58 is going to need more than 56 has. I'll get it up here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unless I did something, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you put all of that into their it would still be well short.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If I put all of.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the extra population that is in 56, I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have two that are over though. We have 54 and 56.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 54 and 56.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 58. We just take that upper until we get there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So help me reorient so 56 is high. Right? And we are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes 56 is 14,000 high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So just bring that boundary of 58 up. And then do the next row.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to move up so we can see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10,000. I'm just going to move it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Too much so take off the 26.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Do the 980.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Same way.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that would pretty.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That should be good because that should be within 2000 so it should be.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2100, I think. 22. 2200.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So that is good. All right so now let's look between 58 and 54. So 54 is over so Dustin this is where your opinion comes into play. So how do you want to do this? I mean we could take some off of Lansing rather than go in. But there is not or are we going am I thinking the wrong thing, are we going up? Over you are right. So Commissioner Eid go ahead.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID:
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 58 is under.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: You could undo that change we made earlier with the Township that's under 55.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: That would just put it back to how it was before.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, why don't we try that.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Go between 55 and 58.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay let's do that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this into 54.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think he wants to put it in 55 and go up to 58 is that what you're saying.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this into 55.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Or not into I'm sorry. But 54 is over.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Wait my recollection the way Livingston County was, was in the Township in the top right corner it was the top three voting precincts, correct, yep, that were part of 55.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that 11,000 was part of 55 is that what you're talking about?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just the top three, not the southernmost voting precinct.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The top three were part of 55. And the bottom was part of 54.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we pull out the bottom precinct and see where we are at population wise? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put the whole thing in there we are 1.93 low.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so let's oops.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Townships again. That would put 3200 back into 54.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so now where are we at with 58? 55 is over by 10,000. And what is 50 I can't see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me fix this little piece here. I don't know why it keeps getting left out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Random 0.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It misses it every time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It has to be tied to it somehow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 55 is over by 7 and 58 is under by 5. So is there something we want to take off and move along that border? I'm assuming we probably want to keep Linden and Fenton, Fenton what about the northern precincts in that next block up? I feel like we moved these once today.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 2800.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, I kind of want to leave that where it is so let's go up above.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All three of those that is 4300 basically.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we move those right now and see where we are at and we might need to do one more. So 55 is still a little high. Yeah, I was going to say I feel like we did this earlier. Can we take off the 1786 or, yeah, is that the one? 1786 put it into 58 and I think we should be.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How does that work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: An oddity we need to take care of. That little piece is part of this precinct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you just reassign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It can go in 26 or 55 however you want to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would say 26. 26 okay let's put it in 26.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 26.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Then if we could please save. And I think at this point we can probably run some analytics. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we should have the talk about the lakeshore District before we run analytics.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think what we did in doing this change was we had an essentially a swap on partisan fairness measurements with Flint and East Lansing. But by taking out that Battle Creek Albion District we probably moved the numbers more further in one direction. And if we do the same thing by taking away the lakeshore community of interest it's going to move it even further in that direction. So let's just talk about it now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I mean I was going to suggest we actually create a new version before we do that. Before we change that. So do you want to run the numbers now and see where they are at and decide if we even want to do that? Thoughts? I like data. Data is good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, let's see if what I said was actually right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we saved, right? Please tell me we saved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yeah, multiple times. I promise you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's run the partisan fairness, see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's coming, I know it's coming.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margins is 5.2 percent in favor of republican. Mean median difference is 2.9% in favor of republican. The efficiency gap is 4.3% in favor of republican. The seats to votes is .5% proportionality with 57-53 in favor of the democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That and just to be clear that was an improvement over what we had. We had 5.8 for the lopsided it's not 5.2. We had 3.0. It's now 2.9. The biggest drop was in the efficiency gap which was 5.4 and if you remember we are trying to stay below 5 we are 4.3 and the seats votes are 57-53 with a 0.5% favor of democrats versus republicans. I think that's a lot better.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think you have it backwards.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did I say republicans versus democrats. It's in favor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's in favor of democrats with the greater seat share compared to the vote count.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But it's half a percent.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm just saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are right. Previous seat count was 56-54. If you actually like take 110 votes or 110 seats times 52.3 it comes out to 57.5 is the proportionality so we are there. We are good. Better. Yeah. We still have to fix. I think we should probably maybe have some discussion about that. I don't know. The lakeshore. Do we want to try to fix the lakeshore? I guess my question to Mr. Adelson is, is this District acceptable from a legality because it was so thin and stretched out there were some concerns about whether we could -- whether it was legally justifiable, Commissioner Witjes did you have a comment before he answers?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say we could defend it. The compactness is going to be all sort of messed up on this so in M -- number 7 on our list it's a true community of interest as far as I would say. Plus we have the comments to back it up so we can use the same rationale what we did in Flint here because people said this is a good District for the lakeshore. I have my own reasons as to why it's good for pollution that comes up through Michigan and hits there. But I think it's a valid idea for a District based on just those couple ideas alone.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So also too this includes Benton Harbor. Can we see the active matrix for this District 87? So just to let you know Bruce this does include Benton Harbor which is currently facing its own water crisis right now as well. So this is 17.28% minority or Black voting population and then over all is 28.6%. So it's a fairly for this side of the state fairly concentrated District. But I think it's, you know, go ahead.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you. And I think that the -- these are excellent points. Our concern was the shape of the District. But without going into additional specifics I don't think we need to get into it's the shape of the District and the intent of the District. The -- as you know the criteria, the partisan fairness criteria is new. There is no body of law, state law in Michigan that governs this. But our concern has been the shape of the District. And the intent. And I understand the lakeshore we both understand the lakeshore issue. It is certainly having at your description of Benton Harbor and are familiar with the flooding concerns. I think that it's the I guess the description that I often like to use is the reach. And what is the rationale behind it. What is the justification? So all of that I think goes into Commissioner Witjes' point about defending your rationale. Given the shape of the District, the reach component, and how that -- these issues have played out in Federal Court decisions beyond Michigan. So those are essentially our thoughts and concerns about the District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One other thing that we can think about in terms of shape we can all remember that I can't think of his name right now, Kim Brace, sorry, Kim, I apologize. It's been a long week. He drew that C District in Chicago. He was showing how he had to connect a population in a weird way that was thin, almost kind of like this in areas. But and it also did the expanded quite a bit of the area. So I think the shape is fine based on that alone because he was also taking communities of interest into account. For that what I perceive to be an even stranger shape. This is clearly a coastline where the C went way around a particular area. I once -- once I saw that particular shape, I realized that this could potentially be okay because of the community of interest. Everything we heard about this District being okay especially in the house.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I mean I have to agree. I mean it's not a compact District you can look at it. But is it a community of interest? I think we can all agree it is. It's been one of the most consistent ones. And does it also have a partisan fairness? Well, yes, we saw that when we drew it. So, yeah, I mean I think it is defensible. Like Dustin said we have the comments from both rounds of public hearings. To back it up. Especially with you know what's going on there currently. And you know the emergency crisis they are having right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Unless there is some strong desire to change it, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So this is a way from that just a little bit but I think we could improve 88 and 95 just a little bit with a couple tweaks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I do have a change to have it include Saugatuck and then once we do that, I think exactly what Commissioner Orton said, let her have a go at changing 88 and 95.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to highlight there is so much static coming from the Mike phones over there, can we try to just check that? Keep going. I just want to make sure that everyone is hearing. Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's buzzing not static.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's buzzing not static, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The sound.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Doug can you turn off your mic to see the that was the difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That was it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so I feel like someone just had their hand up. Was it Julianne. Sorry.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you very much Madam Chair. I believe the concern was addressed. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right so did we want to leave this? Anthony, do you want to change Saugatuck and Cynthia you want to improve 88 and 95 which I think makes sense. I think you could shift those. Go ahead guys and figure it out.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Pretty easy on 87 sticking out into 81.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That one right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What you are pointing at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This step.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That c -- curve line.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put up the thematic dots so we are not splitting up I think this is St. Joseph area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I didn't hear you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we put on the African/American thematic dots? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Certainly.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm showing about 2% and 3.9% in those two Districts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's taking a moment to do it because those dots should be -- there we go. So that is pretty much everything over 12. Let me drop that down to like 8%. Yeah. So that is everything over 8%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign those into 81.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that one too. Okay now let's move up the coast to the northern part of 87 the voting precinct that includes Saugatuck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which ones?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Douglas Saugatuck, the whole square.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Got you. Okay come on. Talking to myself. That is not the intent. This all should go to 87, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, it should go to 87.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did it wrong. Very wrong.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is okay.

Pencils have erasers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still in 81. So the thing about a slow machine it kind of makes you look bad. You make a mistake and it hangs out in front of everybody. Okay now 88 is 6,000 light.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, 88, let's see. I know Commissioner Orton is going to take a look at this. But I took those three Townships that are at the top of 81 and put them into 88. And that fixed it that problem for me. Szetela just wondering if we can move 95 more over and then.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that is probably the next step.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Makes it more compact is that kind of what you are thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, can you assign all of that 88 into 95 that is up in Allegan County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put all of this area into 95?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got to go back and get the blocks. I did the precinct. No I did not do the blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC, I'm not sure about the details but that little hook on the bottom doesn't look like it needs to be like that should we just fill that in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is one census block.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that is a census block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is why when I clicked on it, it took it all.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The part you are filling out right now needs to go in District 82.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see what you're saying.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area I'm selecting is supposed to go where?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think Commissioner or tornado is suggesting rather than put it in 95 put it in 82 so we don't have this little hook is that what you're?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do that, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But not that precinct or block.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bear with me. That area that is highlighted into 82.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The one beside that is 13, that as well I believe.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take it down to the straight line.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say do the five too because there is people there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And put everybody on that side of the road.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Together.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into 82. 82. And then we are going to put these census blocks into 95. Correct?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think so. You might need to Zoom out. Yes. 95. After you assign, I have a question. That you just assigned right up there, if you Zoom back in, you can finish assigning that little part of 88 first.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What dots are on right now? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those were.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: African/American.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, Black, I can Zoom in. It's only 17 people so that doesn't take much to impact a label. 5 of the 17 are Black and same with these, 8 of 35.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population of that District? 82.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 82 is right at 0, 95 is 7400 high.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Unless somebody objections I would say add all those small blocks right there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe that is the Township.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Township boundaries.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Almost because this is one block.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Add that in and the two little blocks to the left I think to 82.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Moving these two in 82 what else in 82.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where you see the blue outline. Maybe that is not a block though.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is one block of a precinct.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great, okay, now would you Zoom out. So those three, okay, we will have to undo part of this but those, well, those two Townships any way that are stretching up can you put those in 95? That are in 88, yes, those two.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you scroll down on the active matrix so we can see the population, okay, thank you.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is low so put these into 95?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to change the colors again so we can see what we are doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Shades of green.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95 is 15,000 high and 88 is 21,000 low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so the two Townships in 95 that are right there, yeah, those two and the two above it can you assign that to 88? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And these two?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 95 is at 3,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 88 needs more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just curious myself to see what that right there is 2700.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was hoping to keep Allegan County as whole as possible but it's not possible in this case. So assign that to 88 that you just checked the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one precinct I think it is. Zoom in, there are pieces sticking out and I want to make sure we are not making a mess, okay.

So now you have 95 is .71% high. 88 is 8% low. 87 is 2% high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so on the bottom those two Townships that are on the top of 81, bottom of 88 will you put those in 88? Yeah, that one and the one to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put these three in 88.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just the two, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

So 88 is missing 4,000. 81 is perfectly even.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population in the next Township? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's light it up. So I'm sorry you are talking about this one?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2682. And I think that is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a tiny bit too high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Uh-huh.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You may be able to go in 63.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 81 is 3% low but 87 is 2% high. So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population of 64 District 64? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 64 is sitting on .65 high. So you can probably make it work on that side as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you Zoom out just a little bit so we can see the whole area? Go ahead.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean I think this is actually the low lowest overall plan deviation it has been to this point. So I think so leave it here for now and move on to other areas on the list we need to look at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well the next area on the list is Detroit. So if we are going to do that, I would suggest we cleanup the plan deviation, save this. And then we need to somehow merge the two Detroit plan with the changes we made today.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I will say right now, there are changes that I mapped out last night. I think that the Southfield districts that were made on Pine version three yesterday can very easily be put into this. Because we didn't change anything else. Then I have some quick Dearborn changes that do the same thing that you can do without messing with much else.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Since the Detroit changes are quite large, would it -- since we are going to take -- would it be appropriate to take this map as a candidate for the 45 day period as it stands?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not yet we have to get the plan deviation down but I think if we do that, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, as I said I think Dearborn is on the list and we have not looked at that yet.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On the list for this one?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The list.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You had more changes. I misunderstood. I thought just to clarify I thought you were saying the changes that were made to the Detroit area yesterday on the other map that you wanted to address but you want to address on this.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: On this map here we are on this map and I think a better way to go about it might be to save this as an overlay, export it to the other map because we have not touched Detroit yet and we can make the changes we made today that are on this map to the other map pretty quickly. It's an overlay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you see how many changes we made today?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Mostly figuring out the changes, right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is a lot. I think merging might be easier honestly. I really do. You are the export go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm not sure about the merging how well it's working especially when we have problems with the geography the way it's going to overlay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Plus the way I saw the merge you have choices. He either does it by the numbers so he could but you know, if it's touching each other it's replaced.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you could be getting rid of more as many districts as you put in. I would have to look at it. If we were merging three or four districts in, I think it would be one thing but we are talking about.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A lot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Most of them have been touched I think in some way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will try it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Check for the dis-contiguities and where it's sitting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 54.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's cleanup that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is something in the plan too because it shows nine unassigned and I did look for unassigned and found no errors. So that is always a bad sign about where even though it's only nine I don't know if that is accurate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Have you saved recently? When we are cleaning up the little things.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I did before I did anything.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did you jinx us?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, you can change it, go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Great. The kicker on it, it came back saying no unassigned but it shows nine unassigned so I need to run.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Issues somewhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Fix. We are down 13 now. So yep. I've never seen this message before highlighted like this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I see that too. It displays the features that make it up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The analyzed plan usually takes about 30 seconds maybe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well thank goodness you saved.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Since we made some additional changes since we ran the last numbers can we run them one more time?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I was going to suggest that. I was going to suggest we cleanup the plan deviation and then do that. Does that work?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is fine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are not far off.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do we really want to do that since we have not touched Detroit on it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The thought with Detroit we have an alternative map because we already have an alternative map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When it comes to deviations, I think by having them low now you will have more options in Detroit where there is lots of districts if you need to go one way or another. You know, the way one is 4% and 4% low out there and I make that fix you might need it later.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I would have known we had a problem with this I would have done it differently. Normally this doesn't take but a minute, two minutes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For the public watching we are rebuilding the plan because we were seeing a plan, error of 13 people unassigned but went we checked for it and we are rebuilding it so with 110 districts it takes a few minutes to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair and Commissioners we are ready to work again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did we find that missing spot? Or did it just mysteriously get absorbed somewhere? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sure it got absorbed somewhere it showed a negative 13 which means 13 people were assigned twice and I don't think 13 is enough to skew it. You were still under 6% plan deviation so the worst we could have is 298% District oral along those lines.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton wanted to make one more change near the Holland area and we will work on the plan deviation a bit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So yeah, right there so to me it does not make sense we have one Township in District that is on the lakeshore and belongs with lakeshore districts. I think if we add that Township into District 82 to start with and then we have to circle around a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this in 82.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 82 is even so we will select it and see what we got. I'm going to do precincts there is 200 and some people in here if I remember right. So basically, we would be putting 5700 more people into 82.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think we can make it work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 83 is a little under right up there. However you want to do it, okay.

Next.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so we can do it different ways but so if anyone else has anything they want to say, I think if we Zoom in a little bit the two precincts that are to the left, well, as soon as that gets there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign all of that to 82.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then move to the right just a little bit, yeah, between 77 and 82. Those two precincts that are closest to Zeeland, the right above and right below on the line there, yeah. Move those to 77.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 66 into 77. And that puts 82 back to its happy place. And 77 is 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Zoom out just a little bit. Okay so Zoom out just a little bit more so I can see below.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 95 is most under populated.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Plan deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you select the precinct that is can you select that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 22.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Would you assign to 95 and see what happens. 95 is still a little low. Can we see what the population of 96 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 96 is a little low as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 88.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 88 is a little low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so 77.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 77 has 1800 extra.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So let's find 2000 people in 77. Furthest east square does anyone think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: West of Byron Center into 96 I mean.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Try it out and see what is there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Byron Center area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The square in 77 that is closest.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that into.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Into 95.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, depending on what the population is. It would be good to see the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Before we do it 3300 and into 95.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: A little much. We should try it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That will be good for 77.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 77 is fine. 95 is in a happy place.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There you go. Now we have 18 and 33 have the biggest deviations. So can we look at those? Commissioner Eid? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is in Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about 33? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it's not in Detroit it's very close. 33 is White Lake, Waterford. 18 is a VRA District in Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'd like to make those changes to Dearborn I was talking about before we look into population deviation because it was on the list.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Eid aye right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No it wasn't but that is okay. We can consider it. Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is something I heard at our public hearings that Dearborn did not like where we were. At the Detroit public hearing we had quite a lot of virtual comment saying that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is all right go ahead. Let's go down to Dearborn and see what we got.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we go to Dearborn, Kent?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the thought of the body do we want to do it in this map or do we want to create an alternative map?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I already mapped it out guys and it did not change partisan fairness numbers all it does is bring the Arab community in Dearborn more together like how we did in Flint and just did in Lansing. And it does not change the whole map. It changes like four districts. So I think it needs to be in this map just as the other changes have been in map. Then I think we should also apply it to the other map. So you know, I think it's the way to go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thoughts, sure go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so let's Zoom in to essentially looking at changing 15, 7, 3 and a little bit of 14. Let's start with.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Before you do that because some of those are VRA can I write down the VRA numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: None of them change the changes we did yesterday that we acknowledged it's okay as long as it's for the purpose of bringing some of these communities back together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The numbers are not working.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 15.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15 is 47.7 non-Hispanic Black. 14 is 46.46 non-Hispanic Black. 7 is 16.35. And what was some of the other districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 14 which is the one above there so that is 46. 1.23.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 is 46.46.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, can we go up to 7 and then three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 is 16.35. Non-Hispanic Black voting age population. Three is 40.72%. Non-Hispanic Black population. Voting age population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hold on give me one more second. All right take it away Mr. Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so let me add an overlay on to this to make it easier to direct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Does Kent have your overlay?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm talking about the precinct overlay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's okay.

Can you highlight the Township of Dearborn Heights? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Assign that to 15.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm having a hard time hearing you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign that to 15, please. Now do you see the strip that is in between 15 and 7 at the bottom? A little further south on the border of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights a little further south.

let's Zoom in there. We are going to put the following precincts into 15 as well. Want to go by population numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got them up there now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 212 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just high lighting them.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep. 2168, 2268 thank you. 2041. 1807. 2184. 1612.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1612.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1632.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1632 the numbers are small on my screen. And then going down a little bit 1488. And 1471 those are going to be in 15. Okay let's look at the top of 15 we have. See where that little open spot is that you have that is not contiguous. Let's Zoom in on this. We will put the following into 7, 1935.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Talking blocks now?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Voting precincts still.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1935 going into where?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7. 7 or 14.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 7, 2145. 1966. 2114.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got 825.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That can be in there. Assign those to 7 then we will continue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to change the color of 7 because it will run into 14, isn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1491 on the top left in purple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1491 that one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That one and then going right 1572. 760, 1002, 1102. We will take everything below that and put it in 7. And those as well as everything below that. Now we will go to wait a minute. Can you Zoom out so I can see something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Two pieces of 15.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Zoom in to the bottom of 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, the bottom portion of 7, in between 7 and 13. Okay that is fine. Thank you. Now let's go up to 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're going to move.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You just wanted to look.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 right here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So 14 is going to have the precincts one, do you see 1747?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1747, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The third one up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That one.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1602.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1602.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right above it, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are going north.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1506, 871, 1673, 1793.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then all the.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And then all of the ones to the left of it that are currently in purple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And not below it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Not below it, no, so assign those to 14. Now the rest of 15 that is in purple assign that to three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign this to three.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign to District three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Then let's Zoom in on three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The area that connects to Dearborn because some of three is still going to be in Dearborn. What is 7, 7 still needs a little more. That is what the problem is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 needs 15.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Perfect okay so 2852.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will put these in 7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we are looking for.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm trying to make sure my screen matches up with yours.

Can you Zoom out, sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to go further?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No that is fine, something is not matching up between our numbers. There it is between 15 and 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Between 15 and 7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is a little that should be in 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Should be in 7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1632. At the bottom there, yep 1632.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That should be in 7. What is the population on 15.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15 is sitting at 3.18% high or 2900 high.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The top left the 2226 was originally in 19 but we mistakenly assigned it to 15 so throw that back into 19 which is where it originally was.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay 15 should be .75.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just about. Now we are looking at 7 and 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 needs approximately 13, 14,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 4335 that you see right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's add that to 7. And then to the left of it the 3347.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2852 and 1560 that gets added to 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign that to 7.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There we go. Those are the changes. Instead of splitting the Arab community all around into a whole bunch of different districts this splits it into three pretty compact districts. I don't think it brought the BVAP up above anything what we went over yesterday. I'd be interested to see the election results to see if this did actually increase the amount of Arab Americans in these districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just writing down the metrics so we can just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 3 is 52.63. Non-Hispanic voting Black voting age population. District 7 is 38% BVAP. 15 is 7.18BVAP. 14 was moderately changed, 14 is 54.9BVAP. We didn't materially change anything else I don't think.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 15 changed quite a bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 15 is 7.18 BVAP.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 7 increased quite a bit. So it shifted some things around. So 3 was originally for the BVAP 40% it's now 52. 7 was originally 16% it's now 37. Which makes it a VAP, VRA District under our analysis. 14 was at 46 now it's at 54. And then

15 was at 47 but it's now at 7 so it lost its VRA status but it was gained with 7. So overall no net change in VRA districts.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And you know it says light but the population in this area isn't white we know that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We know that from our data that we got this week from Dr. Handley that Arab Americans by and large vote similarly to Black Americans in this area. So I think it's appropriate. I think it's what the community has been calling for. From our public hearings and what is on our public comment portal. And I think something like this should be applied to both of the two different configurations that we have right now. And you can do it on both pretty easily. The other one is slightly different because it includes Melvindale in a Dearborn District if I recall correctly but it is possible.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay any thoughts or discussion on this map? Do we want to do plan deviations or do we want to do partisan fairness. Let's do partisan fairness.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Madam Chair before we do that can we look at the El-Sayed primary results?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Kent can you bring those up, please.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Statewide. Statewide for three. I got them large so can read it but it takes a minute to scroll over. This is El-Sayed at 5048. Carried the District 5048 to 3780, 3137.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 7 is 4852 District 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, these line numbers are out of whack.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm highlighting them so we don't get off track. El-Sayed carried this District 4800 to 2100 to 3,000. Next one.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 15.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 15? District 15? Is approximately 6,000 for El-Sayed. 1300 to 1300 to 4700 approximately.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Eid I don't remember how these compare to the results we looked at yesterday. Are the margins.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The margin on three is greater. The margins on 15 and 7 are similar.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm sorry about the same.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are similar yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If we could run, are we good? Mr. Adelson and Mr. Eid? Are we good?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure, the election results are as far as margin they are improved or comparable to yesterday. So and yesterday we had there were four districts, now there are three districts with large Arab American populations am I correct about that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Microphone.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe District 2 is also a District here because I did not change it. And I think that is what we looked at yesterday.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6300 El-Sayed to 3200 to 3300.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Bruce or Mr. Adelson did you look at the overall demographics of those and make sure if there is any VRA districts we didn't mess anything up?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: It seems to me that the that there was a swap with two of the districts. But that the other districts, the districts appear to be strengthened over all for Black residents of Detroit in those districts. So the numbers to me all looked pretty good. And with the improvement of the electoral margins and also have the Arab American population in these three adjoining or nearby districts it seems to me to be a good change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right can we run some partisan fairness reports? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, I'm off track here. The lopsided margins is 5.3%. Favoring republicans. Mean median is now at 2.7% favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is 4.3% favoring republicans. Seats votes ratio the proportionality bias is still at .5%. The seat count still favors democrats 57-53.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so very little change. So the lopsided margin went up by .1 from 5.2 to 5.3. The mean median actually went down by .2 from 2.9 to 2.7. The efficiency gap stayed the same at 4.3. And then the mean or societies -- seats votes ratio stayed the same. All right, okay, so it's just about 6:00 we are scheduled to take a break. So hearing no objections it is 5:58. We will recess until 6:10. Hearing no objections we are in recess until 6:10.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:15 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Please announce during roll you are attending remotely as whereas you are physically attending from, I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

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?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte,

Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

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

Okay so I think what we are planning on doing is we've got pretty close to having a compliant map from a deviation perspective so I think we will continue to work on the house map, plan deviation. That will probably take us through the end of the day if we get it done earlier fantastic. If we do get through that I'm sorry. If we do get through these changes to bring the Pine version five into compliance for the plan deviation then we are going to save it and I'm not sure how we are going to integrate the Detroit changes from yesterday if we are going to work off of that map and then bring in the shape file from version five but we can address it when we get that. That is sort of the path we are bring down plan deviation and move on to a house map for the alternative version. Anyone have questions. So Kent can you bring back up Pine version five.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have and here where is my share? Share. There it is. So your biggest deviations are up there on the top right hand corner. We have been looking at them the whole time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where is 33 again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is right here and 33 is the Milford Township Wolverine park.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we look at what the deviation is on the matrix? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And get down here to 33.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I'd like to see them both 18 and go back to 33 so 33 is 2.8 so just needs to be brought down by 300 people.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 33 and 18 is 3.1.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 18 needs about 600 people taken off. Yep. So 33 needs to about 300 people. And let's look around it. So 24 can take some. 36 can definitely take some. 45 let's see, I feel like 45 probably can't, no, 45 can take some too. And 54 I feel like we worked on that for a while. So 54 so we need to move 300 people who want to move what where? What is that little precinct yeah you see next to 2903 there is a little mountain that pops up further down. Wondering.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it part of Vallette land? Yes, this is part of Vallette land.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, this is Vallette land. See where it says proud Lake and see one District that comes up and comes down like a triangle.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Give me a number.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 2903. Just to your left. See that little point there?
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2903.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Doesn't it look like that point belongs with 3729? It's on the other side.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you split that.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Vallette land do you have suggestions.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Highlighted with the people.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: How many is in that one area if we just do it by the block level?
- .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not going to be many. I can see the streets there but I will select them and know for a fact.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Like a neighborhood there what about that? Like see the line comes up.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you use your microphone please Janice? Sorry.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well and then across.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is 500 people, 800 people. That will do it.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then do that.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, all right move that into 36, please.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I have the Dora song or peg and CAT, the problem is solved. We solved the problem, everybody is happy. You can tell I have young kids. Slap happiness that is what happens when you do four three hours, 12 hour days in a row you get slap happy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You didn't see the big move I suspect there was quite a few
3.something around 3% districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 63 for example is probably 2.76.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Again 300 people need to be moved. And 18 was down in
Detroit and trying to go there last potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will redraw some of those precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 63 needs to come down by again about 300 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or however many.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Whatever it takes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 62 could take some.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: High.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But it could take some and 64 could take some as well so
which way do we want to go? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It just seems to me that town could go with its
Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Exactly. Can we just do that little, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are 1100. That would put it 23. That would, I don't
know.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have another question. I can't tell from the color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can't either.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The little town.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hudsonville.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The other one I can't tell is it in 62 already.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's over here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hudsonville is in 63 and can move it to 62.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hudsonville is 2400. I don't know if that over does it for 62.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah, I see what you're saying.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then you have more options with 62 maybe. 61 can take
some. But that is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the bottom District there? What is that, I was looking
to see what you were doing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not mean to select that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right now we have that little town is going into 63. But it's like
2000 people. Right? And what's the Township above it in terms of population those
two above it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me turn on the numbers so we can just read them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that is easy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2400, that is 3,000. That is 1100 so maybe 1100 in 62 and then.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's kind of what I was thinking actually. So yeah, take would that work? Am I thinking clearly on that?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 61 could take it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That would reduce 63 which is what we need to do yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that into 62 right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. We are at 2.5.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if you want to look at taking at 1500 out and put it in 61 or even into it would have to go to 61 if you did, if you wanted to do anything.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, do you know what let's do that because this is right at 2.5 and I would rather bring it lower so we have more wiggle room on the other side.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put this in 61.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Gives us more wiggle room now we are 5.6, all right so let's look at 98. So 98 is really minimally over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will start running into a lot of Districts that are about the same once you get down about two probably.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 99 is a little light.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 98 is a little high. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 85 is a little light.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So rather than I'm wondering rather than try to I'm wondering about that top precinct or top Township that's got two precincts if we could look at the left one first and see what the population is. And possibly put that into 85. So yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2300. That would work for 85.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because it's low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that okay? Okay let's go ahead and move that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 85.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now the high is 84 which is right beside it somewhere.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering why it isn't saying that 81 and 18 never mind ignore me because that is not the highest of the lows.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are only bringing it down a couple tenths at a time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are almost there so 84 is 2000. Which that is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But that is the next highest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is it the next highest.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2.29.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. It's the other way though. So I would say leave, yeah, leave that. But 81 is negative and this, one is positive. So 81 I'm going to guess has got a less plan deviation than 18 which is why it's not saying it's -- so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's negative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's negative 2.9.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is about 302 or 303 something along those lines.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we look up and down the list to see if there is anything else big like that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It changed the deviation if you change the highest and lowest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering how many negatives we have to change so I see 81 there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 81.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Needs about 500 less.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 88 is a little low too which is there 64. 64 can pick up some population potentially.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we keep going up the list a bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, looking around.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 244 is in 59.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 240.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is okay.

Looking for numbers that are greater than negative 2.5, that is what I am looking for. There is 3. I just saw it. Where was it? I think it is 18, so go down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 18 and our other big one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Was 298 or something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So let's take a look at 18 and see if we can bring it down because if we bring that down and the other one that is 2.9, I think we are good. I think we will be below 5%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 18 is surrounded by.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Everything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8 and 8 and 21.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 is just touching it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Almost certain this is where we were yesterday between 18 and 21, we were making neighborhoods whole. This is where the baggily neighborhood and the other one. So if we could just make the neighborhoods whole potentially between 21 and 18 that might do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if we can go to the top.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There are a few blocks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So 18 is low so let's go ahead and do that. Put that little block in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Martin park.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put those in 18?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What did that do to 8 is where we have to be careful of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A little under.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here again is you know this is Pilgrim village and you have part of Pilgrim village in 18 and doubt if you can put it all in there. This neighborhood is split between 21 and 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we Zoom out a little bit? I just want to see so baggily is what you just said so can we Zoom into the Bagley neighborhood. You went past it. So keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bagley is right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Zoom in a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is all right 1400 low but I mean you could maybe swap that and that I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why don't we try to take a little bit of it. We just need to bring it down a couple hundred or bring it up a couple hundred.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There are your blocks and I'm just going to select them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Get the Next Street squared off. That is 400.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 700.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would not go above that. I would stop there so sign that in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that in 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we are good. All right so 81, 84 which is where I thought we were going to end up is back on the other side. So if we could just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 and 21 are almost the exact same amount 2.25 approximately.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I say just leave them.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are at 81, 84.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is that Sobly District.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And there is 81.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 81 there we go and where is 84? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 81 is 3%. 84 is just 2.29.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So 2.29 we can live with.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's the 2.298 which is 81.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We want to bring down 81 by about 300 people then it will be we will be within plan deviation.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 64 is 600 high.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so we could put that in and what is 87 at population wise? Just want to know if that is an option.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 87 is 2% high.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: They could take 300 too if that made sense, Commissioner Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: 88 is low. So we could go there too.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, I thought we were looking that is where we started and thought those Townships were pretty populous. Can we put Township numbers on? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Or even precinct numbers might be.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think you will be able to do Townships. Well maybe not, I was wrong.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 3,000.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And that is one precinct. One precinct.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pretty populated region.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where is 84.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Right above it or 84 is.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Further.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Further but below 2.29%.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Working on 81.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: If we bring that to below 2.5, we will be within I believe a plan deviation of 2.5% so we just have to fix 81. And it's it just so again 64 was.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 64 had the most space I believe so 600 high. So we can add 1800 to that.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 88 is 1300 low.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 88 that boundary there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Township maybe not that whole Township.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 2100 we could put. 88 is low.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 in there is 800 over.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That needs to come from 64.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 64 has some population.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I realize 87 is already very slim. But what about that rectangle right there that is that is the most inland? Up.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can't see your finger.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss did you have a comment?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take 81, 2177 and put it in 88 I think that will get you pretty close.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under populated. No. 81 is high well.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It's low.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take it in 88 which is I was thinking.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What is 64.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 64 is really your best option because.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so it can take.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: A thousand or two.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: How about the bottom precinct on the bottom there in 64, right? Because we are 81 is low but we have a lot of people so 64 if you move that over there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 64 would do it that precinct would.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering at the bottom of the state what that was like.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7,000 that is precinct too so there is your 3500 that is a little steep isn't it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you go up to the next one not the next one be go back up to the Township numbers and I want to see the numbers.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm getting there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry I'm not being very clear.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 2500, 3800 there is a 2590 and can move 2500 out. You just can't get it, the biggest numbers.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's try to 2590 and see what it looks like Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If we choose from the Townships, I say the top one because it has some parts of Dowagiac and closely aligned.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Reverse and do what Commissioner Orton suggests. Less than 5%.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Legitimate amount of room in the Detroit area where there are so many districts to work with.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we save this and run a plan or check for plan errors?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I make the motion since you are below 5%, I would like this moved forward for the 45 day period for one of the contenders.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to ask for a second a motion by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Lett to advance this map to public hearings. Any discussion or debate on the motion? Or not public hearings for the 45 day public comment period.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Could you specify the map name.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pine version five. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I'd like the evening to study the map on the numbers before we vote.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any other comments Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I still think it's a little premature to vote on a house map as of now. I think there are certain things from the map that we did last night that can be brought in to this one. Such as the Southfield changes that didn't change anything else except for 5, 9 and 16 and I think we can examine looking at other changes and we might want to look at Sterling Heights around the Chaldean community. I do like the map don't get me wrong I think it's a fair map and like it but I think we should make sure we do due diligence and examine everything since we have a couple more days.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So I don't disagree with you however, we are just giving options at this particular point so one extra map we put forward we can have people comment on and have it be one of the selected ones we have to take our final vote on it does not hurt to have an extra one in there and don't have a set number of maps we are moving forward so my envision we will make changes in Detroit or a particular one and advance that forward and let the public decide which one they want.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would concur since we commented with Commissioner Witjes. I think this is a good map. It's good on numbers we were looking at partisan fairness the VRA compliance and the COIs and this is just one option. I absolutely am envisioning tomorrow we are going to incorporate the Detroit changes and have a second map and likely advance as well. I don't see this being the final map because we have more work to do but it's the same with the Congressional, we advance three Congressional and this is just one option to advance. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think there is something with too many options this late in the process and we may not get there the more options we have the more confused the public might get about it the more we will have to just take more time to decide between those options a month and a half from now. So that is all I have to say.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Were you going to call the question Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The public regardless if we put in one map or five maps one won't be enough and five will be too many. And we are going to get all kinds of comments regardless. And ultimately, they are not going to make the decision, we are.

And I think we can as we have seen in the last, this week sort through it all. So I'm in favor of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I have one last point too. I would be stunned if we were able to produce five maps off of this map. Because I mean I think you're being insanely optimistic because these house maps are so involved and you know at best, we can come up with two more and could be pushing it and think there is one more so I don't think we are going to get in a situation where there are so many maps the public doesn't know what to do so. All right let's go ahead and vote and I'm asking for a roll call, please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair Commissioners please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no. I'll restate the motion briefly to move forward the map Pine version five for the 45 days for publishing publication and 45 days of public comment is that accurate?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you. Again Commissioners please state your support of the motion with a yes or a no when I call on you. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Wish.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes? Yes Doug Clark, no, Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 7 yes to four no the motion carries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. Okay so we are I think at time today. But before we do that once again Kent and I know this was a much more involved task for you with this

map, but I would request if someone has an objection please let me know you renumber the map before it is published to reflect the numbers from 1-110 starting with Metro Detroit I believe is the starting point.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start the lower numbers in Detroit and going up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel can you confirm I have that order right I believe that is correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is no perfect way of numbering the districts if you look at them now, they are scattered around because shapes change, do a different map and are different shapes and run in different directions so it's not -- there is not a perfect way to number it. It's just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Start at Metro Detroit with one and go to 110 and leave it to your discretion General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair yes there is no statutory requirement as there is with the Congressional map starting in the northwest so my recommendation would be again the current District maps start in the Metro Detroit area with the lower numbered districts and for that that would be how that should continue. So starting as you are recommending the motion to start in that area and move upward. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would add those to lock the districts after that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, let's add that as well to lock the districts after. I'm looking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As far as locking the districts, when I finish these plans and once they are quote published they are on the website, the files are zipped up, the whole packet spreadsheets the shape files partisan fairness and compactness. And it is sent to multiple people. So even if my laptop disappeared tomorrow or I went in and changed them, Suann, Sarah at least Edward, Kim Brace and John Morgan, all have them. So as far as locking the plans on this workstation there is, you know, that is not of great importance. It's my point. I just wanted to make sure everybody understands there is multiple backups.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much Mr. Stigall as always for your assistance and tolerating us and not running from the building screaming. Okay, we do not have any new business on the agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I think we need a second on the motion, don't we?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I did not have a first or a second.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No objection okay that is fine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just confirm with me Sue we don't have minutes to approve today is that accurate? No staff reports. Does the Department of State have any updates? Okay correspondence received in advance of our meeting is submitted to

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Commissioners in our meeting material packets. Any future agenda items? General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair I do not have future agenda items but wanted to highlight again the invitation for a motion to direct Mr. Stigall to renumber the districts as the Commission did yesterday.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion and second to direct Mr. Stigall to renumber the districts 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 and the motion is adopted.

All right, announcements? Okay as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business a motion to adjourn is in order. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett. 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 and the meeting is adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Thank you, everybody.