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>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Test, there we go. Just so everybody knows we do have a quorum. I'm going to get ready to begin the webinar so anything you say or do from this point forward will be live on YouTube. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, everyone.

As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

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

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present attending remotely from Mexico.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner...I will come back to her, Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present and attending temporarily from Detroit.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present attending remotely from Osceola County, Michigan.

>> CHAIR EID: Start from the beginning? Okay.

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Check, one and two, do you mind turning on your volume. You should be able to hear me. Yep. Check, check. Someone online, could you...

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you hear me?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I hear you, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Good, I guess that is what we wanted.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We are still having issues with the sound in the room. We can hear you through Zoom but cannot hear in the room so bear with us another minute while AV works it out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Give us a moment folks, we are working out technical difficulties.

Sorry for the delay.

>> Could we have one more test online, please?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you hear me? You wanted a test.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you Richard we are able to hear you in the room so we will restart roll call, so we have an accurate record. I appreciate everyone's patience, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: For the public watching and the public record I will turn to department state staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I will begin from the beginning alphabetically Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present attending remotely from Mexico.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Lange present attending from Osceola County, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela? Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present attending remotely from Eaton Township.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Mr. Chair you have 12 Commissioners present. You do have a quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Department of State.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: We will move to adopt the agenda you can view the agenda at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). I'll now entertain a motion to approve today's meeting agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

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

>> Aye.

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

Without objection I will now ask MICRC Executive Director Edward Woods III to present the purpose of today's public hearing. Is there any objection, Commissioners? Seeing none please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. I want to welcome everyone to the pearls event center. We are happy to be in Oakland County to hear

from citizens to regards with assisting the Commission on how to draw the maps. The reconfiguration of the maps for the State Senate District.

I want to express appreciation to Pearl event center, relations and McConnell communications, Chase Creative our AV team and volunteers who are assisting us with regards to the sign up.

Just a little bit of history in 2018 Michigan voters passed proposal two a ballot initiative for voters and not legislatures to take responsibility for nonpartisan redistricting and created the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. This comprised of 13 randomly selected Michigan residents that includes four who affiliate with the democrats, five who don't affiliate with either the democrats or the republicans, and four who affiliate with republicans. The MICRC is responsible for redistricting the U.S. Congressional, Michigan House, and Michigan Senate districts.

The seven ranked redistricting criteria goes as follows and just want to be clear under the previous standards they were called apol standards and they usual follow City, Township and county boundaries. But this Commission was charged to do it following the seven ranked redistricting criteria as outlined in the Constitution. And it goes as follows: Equal population and the Voting Rights Act. Geographically contiguous, state diversity and communities of interest. No disproportionate advantage to any political party. No favor or disfavor to an incumbent elected official or a candidate. Reflect consideration of county, City and Township boundaries. And then number seven be reasonably compact.

U.S. District Court of western Michigan found that the Commission drew maps that focused on race in violation of the 14th amendment which is known as the equal protection clause and disenfranchised Black voters. There was no finding regarding the Voting Rights Act. The Court ordered the Commission to reconfigure State Senate districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 and 11. Not focus on race.

Why should you care about redistricting? Redistricting is your chance to make sure your voice and your community's voice is heard and represented. Redistricting can keep your community together. Redistricting will help make sure your elected officials reflect your values on important issues such as healthcare, education, public safety and justice.

Why we are here. We want to hear directly from you, those of you that live in the community where these districts are being impacted. Who better knows your community than those that live right there in your community.

And we want to understand your community of interest, whether it's a neighborhood, whether it's a cultural characteristic or an economic interest, we want to understand and glean that information from you.

We want to learn from your feedback on how to draw the State Senate District in compliance with the Court order and the seven ranked redistricting criteria.

Public comment guidelines. You have up to three minutes to address the Commission in the first round of public comment. And an additional two minutes in the second round of public comment. You address the Commission as a whole. And not an individual member. Any person making personal, impertinent or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous or disruptive while addressing the Commission may be requested to leave the microphone. If any person disrupts the orderly progress of a meeting or refuses to comply with applicable MICRC guidelines and rules, the Chairperson may rule that person out of order and/or order their removal from the meeting.

We want to thank you in advance for complying with these guidelines. Because we have had a success rate of 100% and seeing that we believe that will continue today.

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Thank you so much for listening. And we look forward to your public comments.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. We will now move on to the public comment portion of today's meeting. Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public comment to the Commission will now be allowed. We will start with the live public comment first followed by the remote public comment in chronological order.

The first person set to speak is Reverend Wallace Gilmer.

>> My name is Reverend Wallace Gilmer Junior, also want to give special recognition to embrace the rock and Sister Glocklin who invited me here and gave me this opportunity to share the concerns of our community. I had the opportunity of turning 66 years old yesterday. Born and reared in the City of Detroit. Part of my life, my career was traveling the entire State of Michigan with the enhanced 911 systems. I install systems from the City of Detroit, as far west as Manistee department and far north with Nagaunee police post. Over my career I saw how City Governments work throughout the state. I have had the pleasure of being the assistant pastor of a powerful ministry located on the lower east side of the City of Detroit, church of messiah which is a nontraditional episcopal church and over 220 units of affordable housing, we invested over 48 million over the past 40 years and what we refer to as an island view community. We are an Internet provider and provide free high-speed Internet through the church and train young people how to install and maintain the network. That being said, you know, being born and raised in Detroit, born tuxedo two blocks from 12th when the riots or whatever you want to call it broke out, and the national guards not long after my parents moves to the west side of Detroit, saw that community change. Bussing came along, got bussed to another community to go to school. I've seen so

many changes in this City and in the state. Some good, some bad. I experienced the good, the bad and the ugly. Too often I see how our communities are overlooked and at messiah we concentrate on the least of these. 40% or more of our congregation is made up of Black males under the age of 30. So as I speak to them about politics and I speak to them about how important their vote is and I try to encourage them to remain a part of the process and then when things like redistricting come up and they see things like their voice is always trying to be silenced, it makes my job even harder to try to make them understand that that one vote is important. So as we do this redistricting I try and I'm trying to make sure that this Commission understands that when you continue to overlook and overlook community and you -- and we have our young people caught up in the mix of what is right and what is wrong and trying to teach them in the United States of America one vote does count, we need to make sure that they don't see that every time we gain a little bit of power, every time we make a step forward we don't get knocked two steps back by things like redistricting. I know that my time is up. I want to share this before I take my seat. And it's a quote by the great Dr. Martin Luther King. There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe or politic nor popular and must take it because conscious tells him it is right. Please let us do the right thing. Thank you so much for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gilmer. If you would like, you can sign up for a second round of public comments and get an additional two minutes.

I will point out we do have two maps in the back. The one on the left is the one that the Commission created in 2021 titled Linden. And on the right is the one that the legislature drew in the 2010 cycle. And we also have if anyone would like more information on how to view some of the mapping proposals the Commission has made so far or maybe take a shot at creating your own map we have Ryan in the back raising his hand. He can help assist with that.

Next on the list is Mariam-Fozzie.

>> Good morning, thank you all so much for your time today. My name is Mariam-Fozzie and grew up in Dearborn and where I work as well. I'm here to advocate my community of interest the access community of interest is kept together. We have many shared concerns including labor concerns and discrimination, civil rights inequality access to healthcare, culturally sensitive integrated health and social service, language accessibility, environmental justice and immigration issues and being accepted in American society. Our community of interest is spread across southeast Michigan including Warren Dale, we are below the target threshold please consider this as you reconfigure and add Warren Dale back in. The Redistricting Commission has continued to marginalize our community by splitting our community of interest. Consider SDCOL version 1 April 29th as you redraft the Senate map which provides sufficient consideration for our community of interest. We would like Warren Dale to be added and remain part of our community of interest. Thank you so much for your time today.



>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Excuse me. Next up on the list is Shams.

>> Good morning Commission and thank you so much for allowing us to be here today to advocate for our communities. I want to start off saying I echo what the Reverend shared especially working with youth and young folks in the community and getting them engaged. In addition to that I work in Dearborn. My husband and I have invested in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and now we are in Westland. With that being said I'm here to advocate for the access community of interest map. As my peer shared we are advocating for map SDCOL version 1. Encouraging you all to also look at Warren Dale. That is a part of our community of interest. I know last round we were heavily advocating for Melvindale to be part of the Motown map and we did not see that happen. But now looking and just ensuring that our community of interest is kept together because of all the issues our communities face across the board. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Sham I have a quick question for you. Yesterday we went and tried to put that same District in a couple of the other maps. But if it's between Warren Dale and Lincoln Park what do you think?

>> I don't have the information on Lincoln Park, but I can look into that and can I e-mail or how does it work? Come back and give a comment.

>> CHAIR EID: Come back and comment and that would be helpful.

>> You said Allen Park and Warren Dale correct?

>> CHAIR EID: Lincoln Park.

>> I will look into that and get back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You listed it off and talked so fast.

>> I'm so sorry SDCOL version 1.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You have to have a date.

>> April 29th.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay 4-29. Okay.

>> Awesome, thank you all.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Latreice Meadows Braxton.

>> Hi, I'm here with APRI. We are very concerned about drawing the Macomb map to Detroit. Because that would dilute our votes. And we do not share the same human rights, human rights or social as far as the map being joined there, that would really take a lot of votes from Detroit once you do that. So I grew up in Detroit. I'm 67 years old. And I think that it would be best that we are making sure that Macomb County will not be joining to Detroit. Thank you.

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

Next up we have, I'm sorry if I butcher this but Doriceen Wesley.

>> Good morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning.

>> I also represent Detroit Down River APRI. But I also would like to also, I'm sorry, some of the things that the Reverend said resonated with me because I've been doing a lot of voter registration all over the state. And we are getting the same kind of issues that the Reverend has come into as far as people feeling disenfranchised with and especially Black men. I know you don't want me to bring race into this, but that's a concern for me. I'm 72 years old. And I worked in and around Detroit. I spent 34 years in the steel mills. Part of what I'm going through now is because of the hazards that exist in a lot of the, I don't know how to phrase it, a lot of the steel mills, where I came from and where I worked, there were a lot of hazards. And back when I first started 34, 39 years ago there were not a lot of health and wellness issues addressed. The people that we want to serve us now have to have that in mind because those issues still exist in the areas of that District.

We need people who are going to be on our side. And as the minister said, our people need to see, and I'm not just talking Black, I'm talking people who work in that area, need to see that the people who are standing up for us understand what we are going through. So the young lady talked about Macomb. They don't have the same health issues that we do. Because they don't have the same kind of industries that we do.

So I just need you guys to take that into consideration when you're marking these maps. And I will stand here and say that I have not looked at your maps to understand why you did what you did or chose what you did, but I know you did not consider a lot of the health and wellness issues that need to be considered. Thank you.

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

>> And I'm sorry I will be looking at the maps.

>> CHAIR EID: Please, yeah. Tomorrow we will be at Wayne state University in the student center. If anybody would like to join us. And all of our maps that we have currently are available on our website, [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC).

Next we have Darwin Griffin.

>> Good morning.

And I just want to thank everybody for coming here today. I thought I was going to use my radio voice, but good morning everyone. Some of you I met before, some I have seen before and some of the redistricting committees we have done before. But one point that I was going to bring up is about what Doriceen mentioned about health and wellness. I do want to echo what the pastor said pertaining to especially about making certain that everybody in the communities feel like their voice are going to be heard. That is one of the things I hear from people over and over again and feeling their voices are not going to be heard and are feeling what they can do is sit back and not participate in the voting process, the election process. That is the thing we want to make certain of, that if you are in a different District or in a different City that you feel like your voices are important and every voice matters. But yesterday I went up to



Lansing and I met with state Senators. And when we talked about yesterday was about healthcare. And we were addressing the issue because a lot of the healthcare workers that work in the nursing homes and senior citizen facilities do not have a union. And we addressed that with them because everybody does not go through the same thing. I was talking to a gentleman yesterday who said he has been helping his brother for the last 30 years who was thrown off a roof in Detroit and has been paralyzed and has had a lot of health issues for the last 30 years. That's not what he planned to do. But because of the fact they could not afford the healthcare, they had to go, and he has to go and watch his brother and has to take care of his brother. So the thing is that just as Doriceen and other people echoed the same thing we got to make certain people are going through the same things we have gone through and can emphasize with some things we are dealing with opposed to having sympathy towards. That is why it's important to me to see that a lot of the people that we put into office are going to be able to echo the same things that other people in marginalized communities can echo the same thoughts. I thank you for coming and taking your time to listen to me as well.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes our live, in person public comment for this morning. I invite anybody who would like to speak again to take a second sign up and you will get an additional two minutes. Also if anybody else in general would like to speak for a first time, we are going to be here until 7:00 p.m. so please come through as long as you are signed up before 7 we will make time to hear from you. We will now start our remote comment process. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone, a voice will say the host wants you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call you by name. Or the last four digits of your phone number. Please note if you experience technical issues or do not hear from you for three to five seconds we will move to the next person in line and return to you when they are done speaking. If your audio still does not work e-mail redistricting at Michigan.gov and we will trouble shoot so you can participate in the next comment period.

First up for remote public comment is Mr. James Galant.

>> Hello, James Galant, these are opinions. And thank you Chair Eid for accepting to engage with our community of interest, the entire State of Michigan, concerning the Robert's Rules of Order that Mike Brady instructed you to follow the first meeting. And I'd ask you for an ADA accommodation for you to follow the rules and including Page 366 line 8 shall be no debate before a motion with a second because that causes a trauma response in me, I'm sure you can probably get from my voice and I would also ask for accommodation on ADA accommodation to allow my second public comment after the 3:00 break.

Okay, now, Mr. Chair, please by unanimous consent instruct General Counsel Fink to provide a written legal opinion concerning all of the pages of Robert's Rules of Order I

have cited as a problem including the transcript review from September 20th to April 20th 21 when Sally Marsh suggested it's kind of assumed that the Department of State staff collectively acts as the secretary of this Commission instead of the Secretary of State who told you that she does that. It's kind of assumed. We need a written legal opinion on that, please. And I'd also like to echo the quote from Martin Luther King from the Reverend, that is why I advocate for following Robert's Rules. Because the Black men in America would be best provided with a semblance of equality and fairness by requiring the MICRC to follow the Robert's Rules as instructed as common law parliamentary procedure in America. We can see how confused you are and making it up on the fly.

Now, the agenda says that if no one is available for public comment you will address any items from the Executive Director. Does that mean that you have known business items that Secretary Benson did not list on the approved agenda like Szetela's proposed mapping policy amendment that you seem to be like you know several meetings into kicking around in your consensus building Marxist style Communism. Because Marxist style Communism has no semblance of order. Who is there will make it up and people like you, Mr. Chair, are going to bully everybody here into without objection you're going to suspend the Constitution, suspend all the rules and just map by one rule. That one rule that you quote. That means by consensus you are suspending all the rules. And you obviously don't have any motions pending to be doing mapping, to be discussing any mapping. On Page 366 line 8 it talks there shall be no debate before there is a motion and a second to approve a specific action and there shall be limited discussion in order to frame that motion. That's...

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

Next up to provide remote public comment is Mira-Zimore.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: Next on the list is Dina.

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

>> CHAIR EID: Lance-Holmes.

>> Yes, Lance-Holmes is here.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning.

>> Can you guys hear me? My name is Lance-Holmes a member of Detroit Down River APIR and a lifelong resident of Michigan. Grew up on 6 mile and Schaffer as a young African/American man who has now become a full man. And worked in the State of Michigan his whole entire life. I'd like to take my opinion that redistricting the areas and diluting the voice of the people, not only affects safety as has been spoken of but it also affects employment opportunities. When you bring in people who don't understand what we have been through, haven't lived the lives that we live but they're actually making decisions on how we live and how our neighborhoods are impacted, I just think it's wrong. I think we really need to sit down and think about how we are redistricting

and how we are representing the people who actually work in the areas that we work in, live in the areas that we live in and represent our voices as a whole. Thank you for your time.

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

Next on the list is Anthony Scannell.

>> Thank you, good morning, MICRC. I have to be brief here because I have to go do something right now. But so I might have to step away. I hope I can get second comments, I signed up for those when I rejoin. Hopefully it's not in the middle of a map. But any way the issue that came up with mayor Fox yesterday and the candidates if it's across county District having to drive all the way to Lansing to file I wish and I don't know if that is true but if it is I hope the secretary without a vote as Mr. Gallant would say expand it in Cadillac place in Detroit and kind of solve that issue but okay. And then talking about the District 1 that I'm in or pretty much, yeah, it stayed in that area southwest Detroit and seems like it always includes River Rouge and Ecorse and then it could go kind of up northwestern or some configurations have it going east on the river front and I think there is a real east-west divide because if you look from the southwest river front from downtown to Wyandotte there is not a single dwelling on the river front, it's all industrial. But cross to the east side of the river front, that is not so much the case. There are tall apartment buildings with marina the Manson, there is not a river front community interest when you cross either side of downtown in my opinion. Talking about the map I shared with you, I think it hit a lot of points that different commenters brought up yesterday like District 12 the lakeshore. This is my map I'm talking about the City of Warren is whole, I'm not liking the House. District 2 Melvindale and Warren Dale were added to the Arab American COI in my map. One had the Latino which is not the case with the COI it's not intact. District 3 we had the pastor who spoke yesterday who I forget what he said but he did not want to cross 8 Mile in District 3 area. District 11 it's kind of along the lines of what the real estate guy from Fraser said so I just hope you take that in consideration. Thanks.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Mr. Scannell.

Next up we have Clara Wallace.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: How about Nina-Abrams.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning.

>> Good morning.

I really appreciate all the comments that people are making. This is the third or fourth time I've spoken to you over the last couple years. And I want to say that your mapping efforts show the third time of mapping is the charm. You're doing well. And thank you for all your work. I have lived in my home area of Huntington Woods since 1977 so a lot of my feelings are emotional as well as trying to be astute about what's going on. I'm

urging you to keep Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Berkeley and Royal Oak Township together. For whatever reason we have festivals together, we have a school District together. We are like one community. And I don't know why we have four. But we are.

We share shopping districts. And we have this history of being together. I'm also urging you to keep Royal Oak, Troy and Clawson together. Again, for people in the area, those feel like a group that could be one municipality for their interests in common. And then when I'm working and in the area, I think of Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge Hazel Park and Madison Heights together. That has been my experience and I appreciate everything everybody is saying. And thank you. I'm through.

>> CHAIR EID: You said at the end there Ferndale Pleasant Ridge and Madison Heights?

>> Right Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Madison Heights, Hazel Park. I belong to a number of community groups. And I go to a number of community events. And these are the people who work together, talk together in those three different groupings. And if you have to change out Oakland County, those are the ways we think of ourselves. I agree with the prior speakers that they should have their community of interest. And I know it's really difficult because I've also experienced going across 8 Mile and sharing regional areas as given new thoughts of how communities should work together. But I think you have a really difficult task here of keeping things together. Is there any other questions I can answer?

>> CHAIR EID: I do not see any. Thank you Ms. Abrams.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Wagner has her hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I forgot what I was going to say, can you possibly or have you been able to submit a public comment on our portal describing exactly the regions that you just did to us?

>> I can do that if you like. I had a really difficult time trying to work with the maps on my computer screen and my screen is not small. I find that it's really hard to get all of the extra stuff on top of the maps to get in there and I can't print maps. So that I can look at them by street. So I don't know if there is something you can do to make looking at the maps on the computer screen easier. But I also found when I tried to do public comments that it was very difficult to get my comments in. And I find it's easier to come live. But I will attempt to put a public comment in writing so that you have that information.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes please do and if you do see any of the maps online that for instance take into account those areas you're talking about, if you could reference them for us, that would be extremely helpful and thank you Ms. Abrams, thank you Chair.

>> I will do that. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Wagner. Just as a reminder to the public, that public comment portal can be linked to it can be found on the front page of our website [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) under public engagements. The direct link to it is [www.Michigan-mapping.org](http://www.Michigan-mapping.org). And using that public comment portal you can submit comment to us in writing or as Commissioner Wagner just suggested submit a map to us that includes your communities of interest. And that is very helpful to us as a Commission.

Next up to provide remote public comment is Vernard Meadows.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes good morning.

>> Yes hello my name is Vernard Meadows and a member of the Detroit Down River APRI team and today I would like to point out why it is important to keep Detroit and other Wayne County cities in the same Senate District. We face the same socioeconomic and political issues however our cities are near many factories as well as other facilities. And because of this we have higher rates of health issues such as cancer, air quality, education, public safety, which puts internal as well as external hardships on the people that live here. And because of these hardships it can also lead to higher crime rates. And for this reason I'm asking this Commission to please keep the District within the same Senate District. Thank you.

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

That concludes our first round of remote public comments. We do have a new in-person speaker that I will invite to speak at this time. Edith Lee Payne.

>> Good morning everyone, Commissioners, I'm Edith Lee Payne, I represent the people of Michigan. I had a conversation with Commissioner Eid, am I saying that right, Eid, yes. And that was following a conversation that I had with someone at a community meeting that spoke harshly about what you all had done. I want to say that I think that what you had done, redistricting the lines that have been drawn have been really good. Actually beyond that. What you accomplished is what I think we all need to really look at. It's not about what color someone is that represents a community. But the results of what happened. So I know that I think it was 321 bills were passed with this current legislation, legislature, rather. That's a phenomenal number. So much so that they were able to recess two months early to allow some of that legislation to go into effect in February rather than extending it out into the coming year because they understood they had work to do. And some of the benefits that we got from that included, this is going so quickly, included, one second, I can't see with my glasses, I will have something typed and prepared and put on your website. Because I want other people to understand what's really important.

I was obviously concerned initially when I heard that 8 Mile was being crossed. Legislative districts were crossing 8 Mile but then the results confirmed that you did the right thing. You actually did the right thing. Okay, I can't find it so I will just go on.



Okay, so children benefitted with the 5% increase for all peoples, all students. That was important, the extension of the Elliot Larson's Act. And just resting on the fact that 321 bills were passed. I've lived I'm a native of Detroit, I have lived in Detroit all of my life. Voting is important. And I have the privilege of marching with Dr. King and standing next to people who could not vote. I served as a Plaintiff on the emergency manager lot and worked diligently with other people to have that lot overturned only to have I think it was 37 days later that legislature had appropriations in that bill so we couldn't repeal it again. And of course we all know what that emergency manager lot brought us. The devastation in Flint, the Flint water crisis that people generations will live with forever.

I don't believe that -- is my time up? Is that what it means?

>> CHAIR EID: It does but you're more than welcome to sign up again and you will get an additional two minutes.

>> Okay thank you so much. I anyway.

>> CHAIR EID: It's all right, we appreciate your comments.

>> Okay but what I want to say is more important than anything, I mean it's important for communities to stay together, I have lived in park and lived in Southfield and lived in Detroit but going back to what I was saying about standing with people who could not vote I know what it's like to vote and have your vote not count. It does not matter what color a person is that represents me. What matters to me and to basically everyone is what is that person doing. So representative and I'm just throwing names out Weiss whose District crossed over into Detroit for example, she comes to our meetings. But she also comes to meetings in the community she initially represented. That's what it's all about. And that's what you did. You created what's important to the people of Michigan. We got results done. It doesn't matter what part of Michigan we live in. What matters is that the quality of life for our families, for our neighbors is better. And I hope that you make that the focus as you continue to redraw lines. I'm sure your attorneys argued this on your behalf, if they didn't they should have. If you need someone to argue it on your behalf I promise to be better prepared, but I want to say you did an Admiral job. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. We appreciate it. I believe Reverend Gilmer signed up to speak a second time.

>> I believe the first time I spoke I didn't really make it clear where we were. We are located right down the street from bell aisle state park, so we have seen all those changes as well. I wanted to say what my sister here was saying, our community is very diverse as well as our church. It's multi racial. So we try to make sure that we keep a community that has balance. You know, we have those in need. We also have a very affluent there in island view, we have the Village's and things of that nature. So when I talk about the maps and the redistricting, my main objective sharing here today is to make sure we don't do things to continue to disenfranchise my young people. They are paying attention to the process. So as we do things we have to make sure



they realize when you make certain gains we make certain achievements, that there is not another group that is always trying to tear down what you have already built up. I want to make sure I made that perfectly clear and that the District 3 maps you know and currently with District 5 with the City and that is up in the air. We may be a part of District 4. But my main reason for speaking today is because our ministry focuses on young people and I have seen once again the good, the bad and ugly what takes place in United States of America I want to make sure they understand that the democratic process works if we work it. And I want to make sure they understand that all has flaws and try to do everything as equitable as possible. I just wanted to make that clear. Thank you so much for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. We will now do our second round of remote public comments. And I see we have two speakers signed up. The first being Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR EID: We can.

>> Can you hear me? Well, geez, well, now I see what kind of white man you are denying my disabilities act accommodation. So this is James Galant Marquette suicide prevention coalition, these are my opinions. Now please hire a real parliamentarian to protect all these Black people that are out here disenfranchised like I just told you and the Reverend. I would be more than happy to help you to give trainings for your people in your church. And come to these meetings and know the rules and get this rogue Chair out of the way so that everybody can be protected equally. It's the only way to do it. Robert's Rules of Order is the only way to protect everybody equally at all times. It's the only way. Now, please hire a-parliamentarian and you are not telling them you are secretly colluding to change the rules and change to suspend everything and not properly instructing and training Juanita, she don't know what Robert's Rules is. So she can protect herself from you and none of you even know. I hear no objections guess what that is how the bully in the school yard wins hearing no objection from the lunch lady and principal and teachers and children get abused right on the street and they learn from this. They learn to be victims. And that's why the Black people in Detroit are just cowering and allowing you to bully them and not follow rules you were instructed by our State of Michigan and, hey, Secretary of State says she is not even here I will tell you I am filing for recall election because Secretary of State and Sally Marsh told you it's kind of assumed you will not get a written legal opinion that is fine and run it through the process and I guess that is all we got and you will have millions of dollars for the legislature to pay lawyers to defend you after the fact except they are participating and will be co-Defendants because you are suspending the rules and allowing Mr. Fink to facilitate in direct contradiction to the rules and have three common practices and allow the member to facilitate their own agenda item.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Mr. Gallant. We appreciate your comments. Next up to provide remote public comment is Mr. Anthony Scannell.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is no longer present.

>> CHAIR EID: Well that's everybody who signed up to speak so far today. Is there anyone in the room who has not spoken who would like to? Well, if you change your mind and would like to like I said earlier we will be here until 7:00 p.m., don't be shy, we want to hear from you. Next on our agenda is mapping. Without objection I will ask the Commission to continue with our mapping. As outlined by our rules of procedure and collaborative mapping policies. Is there any objection, Commissioners?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair before you begin I would just like to identify that Commissioner Szetela has joined. Commissioner Szetela, can you tell us where you are joining remotely from today?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, I'm joining from Oakland County, Michigan, thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: We do have a member of the public that signed up to speak a second time. I will welcome back Ms. Edith Lee Payne.

>>Okay, thank you again. One of the other points that I wanted to emphasize is I mentioned I lived in Detroit all my life, I'm a native Detroiter. So I have to go back to this because a lawsuit that was brought that is causing you to do this was brought by a few people that I know feeling they were not represented again because people from Detroit may not be elected if they had to campaign across 8 Mile. Well, for the 40 years prior to this legislation that I had representation that looked like me. Nothing got done. So it's not about that. Again, it's stressing my point it's what you did in crossing those lines and bringing people that vote, Detroit voters are empathetic. I don't know if you noticed but they are. So not having a majority in the House and Senate kept people from Michigan regardless of where they lived from benefitting from the things they are benefitting from right now. So I just want to stress to you that is essentially important. Again, please keep doing what you're doing but factor in it seems like you drew lines where you brought people that voted in certain districts. And that made it fair, either people went out and voted or did not. But as it turns out it voted, and it made things all the more better for the State of Michigan. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Ms. Edith, hi, Commissioner Kellom. I don't have a question or more like a thing and if you could engage people yourself and even folks that might be a little empathetic to the process because I think what you said is spot on. And I think there is a level of awareness amongst the Commissioners that sit here. But we are still charged with-drawing the maps so I want myself and fellow Commissioners to draw the City of Detroit because there has been engagement from citizens of Detroit and to do it with confidence and fairly I think with any process when there is ignorance

when you don't know you in a way you save the best for last. But in this instance I want Detroit to come first and ideally I would like the seats to be filled with people that look like you, that look like me to be able to inform this process so whoever you can gather. Whoever you can bring willingly or unwillingly bring the folks that are hesitant about the process. We desperately need them because we still have to draw no matter what so thank you for your comment and thank you for that high level of understanding.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Okay we have no further speakers for right now so we will return to mapping.

We left off with Commissioner Kellom. And we have, there you are, we have Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Kent Stigall from EDS to help facilitate today. I will turn the floor to y'all.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: So I wasn't able to do what I spoke both Kent and John I was going to do is to create a shape file and I need a little bit of time so I will pass my turn. What I saw online did not allow me to do that. The plan we worked on, maybe I over looked it and I'm not faulting you all because you all worked very hard but I did not see that to be able to work with it so I'm going to try to do that now and if we have time I will return to that or if someone else wants to work on that then not my map but the map I was working on, they can work out that way.

>> MR. MORGAN: We have the map saved from last night and can bring it up any time you need it.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. For now I will pass.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, the next Commissioner on the list is Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Good morning, good morning Mr. Morgan. What I would like to do, I worked with Mr. Morgan on a couple of maps that started out collaborative. So I just want to show those maps, explain what I did, I'm open to suggestions. And just to kind of get a feel. So Mr. Morgan, could we bring up version one first?

>> MR. MORGAN: Your intention right now is just to show these maps, not to edit them?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I'm bringing the map up, sharing my screen. And just a moment for the program to allow me to move around.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I'm sorry could you actually state what the map name is? I'm having a really hard time reading that small print on my screen.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this map is 050124RL for Rhonda Lange. This is a map that Commissioner Lange drafted. And I'm bringing that up.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, and the program seems to be stuck for just a second here.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: While it is stuck I will give a back history this is the map we were doing collaboratively, pardon me collaboratively initially where I tried to do the Jewish community of interest in District 7. And I believe there were changes that had been made to the Canton area by Commissioner Szetela prior to that. So this was what started out as a collaborative map and then I just went in and did some changes to kind of finish it up.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is right, some of these areas that Commissioner Szetela began working on and then you continued in this area of Livonia and Canton.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct.

>> CHAIR EID: Just a note for the public we are trying to get this projector on and show the maps as we are editing them live. We will have that up. So y'all can see exactly what we're doing.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Are you ready, Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, looks like yes, okay, yes. So this is the map. And Commissioner Lange, do you want to go through District by District and show what you did? Or do you want to explain in some other way?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No, we can go District by District, that's fine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so here is District 1. We will start there.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay so District 1 is kind of the Down River Area. You have your communities of interest such as your Latino. It does not, I used I guess I should say when I was drawing particularly in the Detroit area, one of the main focuses is trying to pick up communities of interest but also want to try and keep neighborhoods whole and use roads, highways, et cetera as kind of borders for the District. So District 1 we've got Ecorse, Lincoln Park, Southgate, Allen Park, and included Melvindale in there population wise. So I would not have to pull as much from the inner Detroit area to kind of keep more centric Detroit. District 2 we have Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Garden City. And we used, I believe we used Warren Ave on this particular one, wasn't it, Mr. Woods or pardon me Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, this has all of the Warren Dale neighborhood and also along Warren avenue here.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay and then District 3.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want me to put the neighborhoods on or just continue as is?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Would it be helpful for the Commission to see the neighborhoods? Or are you good?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, I think we should, I think whenever we are working in Detroit we should have the neighborhood boundaries up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay so as you can see, again, I tried to keep neighborhoods whole. I feel like neighborhoods are important to everybody. And if we cannot split them that is a good starting point.

And.

>> MR. MORGAN: So here is the Warren Dale neighborhood, it's entirely in District 2 and this is Warren avenue community and some other neighborhoods north of Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So then District 3, again, I tried to keep it, now I'm second guessing myself after hearing some public comment, but I tried to keep it all within the Detroit area using the 8 Mile as a guideline. You have the different communities. You also have Highland Park, Hamtramck in there. I believe Bangla Town was in there, correct. So that was.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes Bangla Town area.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That was another kind of community of interest aspect of it too. We can go to the next one, John. I'm just doing a quick overview.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure, I don't know that District 4 was changed or if it was it wasn't changed very much.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No. District 4 wasn't, to my knowledge, from when we were doing it collaboratively. And then the next change it kept the lakeshore community. And then we have District, I want to say it's 6. I can't see what the -- all of the names are there. Morgan we talked about 4, 5 and then do you want to look at 6 here. All of Redford and then this northwest Section of Detroit up to Livernois basically.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct, correct, again looking at your roads and your highways as kind of a guide for keeping areas compact. So I believe that this would be almost another Detroit centric-type area. On this particular one there were changes that were made more northerly. We did in the open meeting we did District 7. That was where, oh, I'm sorry. I'm jumping all around.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I put the neighborhoods back on. I will take those off and move up to District 7.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So District 7 I did in the open meeting so you can see this was the original one that I did that includes the Oak Park, Southfield, most of West Bloomfield et cetera to accommodate the Jewish community of interest. District 9 you have Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Royal Oak, and Ferndale. And then your District 10, you're getting Rochester, Rochester Hills all within one District. District 11 there was talk about how some of that area seemed to go more with the areas to the east. So that area was changed to include Utica and with Macomb, Clinton and to a new District 11. The original District 12 as I said was not changed. So more or less in the Detroit area because we are very Detroit specific right now, I tried to keep everything within the City the best I could as far as the districts I don't know that that was the best. Like I said hearing the public comment now I guess there could have been room to go over 8 Mile but that is the route I took.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then your District 8 here is all of Warren and Centerline, Fraser, Roseville, East Point and Hazel Park.



>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct. Are there any questions on this map? If there is no questions, John, we can do version two.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom has a question.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange I don't have a question but just wanted to commend you on making a good effort and listening and I know typically you kind of throw comments back in the water of which they came but speaking to you genuinely that I think this is a configuration that some Detroiters will weigh in on. So I think it's a good effort, Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you. I tried.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I can tell.

>> CHAIR EID: I see Commissioner Callaghan also has her hand up.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I just wanted to say Commissioner Lange I found that summation extremely helpful. I can imagine the public would as well. And I think that is applicable to all the maps that we draw. The public has commented, I've heard this multiple times and I have difficulty looking at the maps online. We have seen that. They benefited so much when we were doing the House Districts of having the large maps blown up. But mainly someone to stand beside them and tell them what was the motivation behind this map? Why was this District drawn this way? What considerations were made when the districts were put in place? You explain that to them and you can see their face, I understand, I see the subtle difference between what this map is trying to do and what this other map is trying to do. I honestly think that all of our maps that are put out on to the portal and in addition to having the numbers there on partisan fairness and compactness and this that and the other it would do well to the public if we could take the exact information that Commissioner Lange just summarized for us here in this meeting and put it in a writing. If it's just informal bullet point that is fine. Give the public something to look at so they can understand and interpret the work that was done for each individual map. I think that would be hugely helpful instead of coming out and getting lost in a sea of maps with different versions. For anyone who cannot sit and watch the Minutia hour after hour of what we are trying to map there is no way for them to, that I can see to figure out what we are trying to accomplish. I think we should do that with all of our maps.

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

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I agree with Commissioner Callaghan. And I don't know if this is a question to Department of State, my friends, but is there a way to make Commissioner commentary a part of the comments that are alongside the maps? Or is that too tricky? I'm looking at Ms. Megan, hi Megan.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I appreciate the question. The Department of State doesn't actually post those. I believe EDS does so I think that might be a question for Mr. Morgan or Mr. Stigall or Mr. Brace possibly even.



>> MR. MORGAN: So what I would say is just thinking off the top of my head about what it would take to accomplish that, the simplest thing would be to see if there is a transcript of this meeting. You have, you know, the ASL interpretation, you have closed captioning. So if you were to be able to just take the transcript and the relevant portions of the transcript could be first placed in their entirety which is a lot to go through or somebody could edit it and make it in bullet points then you have the consideration of who is making those edits. So I think the Commission would probably want to hand in making those edits to some level to say, well, I meant, and I don't need to say this, I want to say something more succinct.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: I know we are going to have those big blow ups of maps and what not. I agree that that worked very well last time. Once we come back after this first round of public comments are over and, you know, submit these later for VRA analysis, see if that's good and then vote as a Commission to publish them, after that we will have our second round of public comments in early June. And we will have those blow ups then. But I think, you know, anything we can do so that the public knows more about at least these preliminary drafts that we have out now is a good thing.

So if anyone else has any thoughts on how to achieve that, Mr. Morgan, that was very helpful. You know, we can assess and see what we can do.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I wonder if we can do what Commissioner Lange did with her map just now, look at completed maps we have right now and talk through them. Whoever had a hand in it or whoever understands why it was drawn that way we can just kind of talk through it and maybe capture that or the bullet points for putting alongside the maps.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think that is perfect Commissioner Orton. We don't need I don't want to give the public a 30-minute video of us discussing and wading through it, just a bullet point sentence description and this is the community of interest and tried not to cross 8 Mile or limit the change, what is the impetus. We changed five or ten districts in each map. That is five or ten little bullets we can agree on and publish along with the other map information.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that would be really helpful. And I do think what you said about putting them right there by each map, how many districts were changed would also be helpful. Good topic.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So who would take notes on that?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I'm happy to take the notes. That is not a problem at all, and I can send them over to EDS if that is something the Commission would find useful.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: So in the process last time I would say it was a little later in the process, there was a summary of districts that were changed. I think once the draft

maps coed into a solid draft of maps completed I think at that time it was an effort was made to see which districts were changed because it goes back and forth. You will have a situation where you might have taken one precinct from District 7 and somebody says well, why do we have to take the one precinct, or somebody might say we will keep the one precinct, so it counts as a change.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, that was a good discussion. Thank you everyone.

Commissioner Szetela, you have your hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah.

>> CHAIR EID: On Zoom, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I just think to John's point if we are going to be designating districts changed we should probably come up with a method of kind of volumizing the change because to me a District that has one precinct pulled out and moved to another District for population that is not a significant change. But if there is significant changes where multiple lines are moved within a District then yeah maybe that is something to consider but I think if we are going to use that as a fielding task we should have some sort of quantification on that not you moved the population and now there is 11 districts instead of 10.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, Mr. Morgan, I forgot too could you run the partisan fairness just so everyone can see the partisan fairness on it?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so we previously ran that so if I run it again it will override it, but I can do that it will take a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Or if you want to bring up the previous one I'm fine either way if you have that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this plan is 050124RL with the Commissioner's initials. And it should be in this area here. Partisan fairness. Okay, so this is the partisan fairness of the plan 050124 version 1RL. So I'll go through the top line numbers if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so on the lopsided margins it's 5.0 for republican. The mean median difference is 3.1 for republican. The efficiency gap is 1.9 for republican. And the seats vote ratio is 2117 which is 2.4 towards the democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you. So then now that we have those numbers I would just like to bring up version two. Version two only had a couple of slight changes from this one. Okay I'm bringing that up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: On this one Detroit is the same as in the last map. What I did on this one when I made changes to the Farmington Hills, we had public comment about rock, pardon me, District 9 I believe it was. And there was quite a bit of public comment because basically what this did is it kept nine the way it was in the original plan, the Linden plan. And then just made minor adjustments around it for

population and 11, 8 and 10 and then kept the changes that I had made when I tried to make that community of interest in 7. So.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is right District 9 was the same I think in the process of drawing the first version, District 10 was similar to District 9 but in this case you drew 9 to be exactly the same and adjusted around as you described.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Correct, correct, that is really the only difference on this map, and it only affected above 8 Mile. And again it kept everything else the same and also ran a partisan fairness on that so John if you could bring up the partisan fairness.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

This is 050124RL version 2. And again I will go through the top line numbers here, so the lopsided margin test is 5.0 for republicans. Mean median difference is 3.3 republican and the efficiency gap is 1.9 republican. And the seats vote ratio is 2117 with 2.4 biased towards democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And John could you do one more thing for me? Could you bring up the Linden initial partisan fairness that was done for the Linden?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the Linden partisan fairness using the updated numbers. The lopsided margins is 4.7 towards republicans. The mean median difference is 1.3 towards republican. The efficiency gap is 1.9 towards republican. And the seats vote ratio is 2117 with 2.4 bias towards democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, thank you, so I just wanted to show and let everybody know that the community, pardon me the partisan fairness there was just minute changes and when I drew I based my drawing on communities of interest. I based it on trying to be compact and I did not look at any incumbents where served in any of these districts and they are still in the districts. This is blind drawing. And taking into account compactness, community of interest, et cetera, it all came in real close to Linden. So and that is pretty much what I got. If anybody has any more questions on this I'm happy to take it but that is pretty much going to be the extent of my turn.

Mr. Fink?

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Fink?

>> NATE FINK: Thank you. Commissioner Lange, I think you have essentially said this but stated it explicitly when you were doing the drawing that was not done in the public collaborative session, I assume you were not using any racial data in the drawing you were doing.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sorry Mr. Fink, can you speak up I didn't quite hear you.

>> NATE FINK: Can you hear me now?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> NATE FINK: I may be having an issue with the connection but I was just saying you may have said this but I don't know that you said it explicitly but I know that some of

the drawing that you did for those maps was not done in the collaborative setting so it would probably be prudent for you to confirm that you didn't use any racial data in the drawing that you were doing outside of the collaborative setting. Obviously in the collaborative setting we could see that but because I know you took maps that had been partially drawn collaboratively but then you worked with you said you worked with Mr. Morgan off line and then just presented those, but I was just saying I think it would make sense for you to confirm that you had not used any racial data or racial information in drafting those versions that you presented.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Got you. Thank you Mr. Fink. Yes, I did not look at race at all as I said, this was based on communities of interest, compactness, I again used roads and highways as borders in my districts. There was no consideration of race, this has not been submitted for VRA and in all honesty I don't know if it's VRA compliant yet either so we will see but, no, there was no consideration of race whatsoever. And Mr. Chair that pretty much concludes my turn. Unless somebody had a question.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Lange, I think those are good options to throw in the hat. At this time I'm told that some of the Commissioners need a little bit of a break. So if there is no objection let's take ten minutes, but let's just make it ten because we are on, we are going to take a recess at 12:30 for lunch. So any objection? All right ten minutes.

[ Recess for ten minutes ]

>> CHAIR EID: Two-minute warning, everyone. All right everyone. Let's get going here. All right we are back. We do not have any new public commenter sign ups, so we will return to mapping. Commissioner Lange had just completed her turn. Was that right Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is correct.

>> CHAIR EID: I'm sorry do we have a public commenter? I thought somebody signed up. No? Okay, well once again I invite anyone who has not had a chance to speak yet to head outside to the desk on the left to sign up to possibly speak. If you do you will be given three minutes for a first round of comment and if you have more to say you can sign up for an additional two minutes. We will once again be here until 7:00 p.m. We want to get the feedback of all people from this area and the State of Michigan. Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And I'm picking on the people that look at our old maps and then are looking at the maps as we draw and I see you talk to your friends so I know you have an idea, I'm not going to look at any one in particular but I know you have an idea about what, I am talking about you, okay, give it up, so these are the comments that we need to hear because that's you engaging in the process. We don't bite. We literally are drawing from our experience. And we have to. So this is me, I'm

not fussing, I'm giving you courage. I believe you have something to say, and I think it would be an honor to hear your voice. Okay, Commissioner Kellom signing off.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom, I agree with that. All right, while we wait for more public comment sign ups, we will continue mapping and next up on the list is Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And I believe it's 040724SDCOL volume two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me open that one so you can look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I want to look at it. I think that is it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so this is the one that you specified. Does this look like what you are expecting?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think so.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's version two, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Version two. Let me look at version one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: John, can you state what version it is we are looking at? I can't read the text it's too small.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Lett asked me to pull up 0507 version 1, COL version 1.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, let's go back to version two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to look at it or edit it?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I may want to edit it.

>> MR. MORGAN: So would you like me to make a copy?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay Commissioner Lett I gave it today's date with the version one. And it's a copy of the version two from yesterday.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Pull back so I can see all of them. Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And let me know if you want me to adjust any of the colors, two and six are just different shades of green for example.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No, but there was one area that I was looking at that doesn't look -- this looks like version, the original version one.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett can I ask.

>> MR. MORGAN: One moment.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett can I just ask you speak into your microphone so that the interpreters and translators are able to hear you?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And I will try.

>> MR. MORGAN: Imaging that to make sure we got the correct map.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's the idea.

>> MR. MORGAN: I copied it from the version one, but this is the version two, and you can see District 1 is the one that is the easy one to tell which is which. I'm waiting for you. I'm just tracing the districts.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay I want to go up there to 9, District 9 and that little protrusion on the east side, in the middle and Zoom in on that. I want to see it.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the town or village of Utica. Sorry this is the village of Utica.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So that that is a village town?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, now back up and Zoom out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, and I think that Commissioner Wagner has her hand up too.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was just hoping Commissioner Lett could get closer to the microphone because it's very difficult to hear what he is saying.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is that better? Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Much.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out, please. So I just take an overall look. Okay and 6, District 6, top, that would be the northwest, that little stair step there.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is part of Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The west side, not the east side.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry, this is the village of Farmington.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's the village boundaries?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, this is one precinct of Farmington Hills here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, and Zoom back out, please. And I'm going to guess on 8 the northwest squiggle is a village or boundary line?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, I think that is Birmingham, Birmingham.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, then your active matrix is in my way. I will take 14 and 15 is another City boundary, right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think that is a split Township. 14 is a portion of Ann-Arbor. Let's see.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

That's it, thank you. I wanted to check those. I have nothing further. I have completed what I wanted to do for my turn. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Lett. We do have somebody who -- can you hear me? Yes? Yeah, the mic is not on. We will figure it out. Hello, is that better? All right wonderful. We have somebody signed up for public comment and I invite them to approach the mic at this time, Regina Williams. Thank you for signing up. We saw you in the crowd there.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLUM: I voluntold you. I apologize, not really.



>> I'm Regina Williams with APIR Down River. Any way this is my first time ever being here, doing something like this but I've been looking at the map that y'all was talking about it. And the first map to me it's much better than the second map because I was looking at the neighborhoods and stuff and I am from Detroit, been in Detroit all my life. And I see that y'all have all the property restricting neighborhoods like on one together. And I feel like it will affect the people. We are not going to get the proper help that we will get because they are not going to do the things that they would do and speak up for us like you think they will. I don't believe so. I hope so. But I really don't like the map at all.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The question I have when you said you were looking at the first map, so there was a map that one of the Commissioners was specifically describing areas, so there was a Commissioner speaking and then I'm not so sure that we had a map before that, that we looked at, Commissioner.

>> The map back on the wall.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Those maps?

>> Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: The Linden map is as good as gone because the courts have ruled we have to redraw that.

>> I understand that.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: You're saying you prefer that map over what we are doing now? If you can clarify.

>> Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: What would you like to see?

>> I see you took away a couple of the neighborhoods that was on the first map like Wyandotte and all of that gross Ile.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Do you want to see Detroit more separate and broken up?

>> You had it going straight like an L almost. But I'm just saying that with the map that you have up there now, the communities and stuff, the people is not going to get the help and believe they are going to get the right help by the school districts and all of that. We need more help than we are getting. And with this new map I don't think it's going to improve.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Drawing the map so if there is a shape that you prefer like even if you trace that area with a scrap piece of paper and say I see what you are doing here, and we also have several versions of the map. Maybe if you go this way with the lines that is exactly what we need to hear.

>> Okay I sure will.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I think Commissioner Orton has something she might want to ask you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm wondering, the map we have up here, are you talking about the last map?

>> Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, just trying to figure out which map.

>> That is the map I'm talking about. Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up to map is Commissioner Muldoon.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm going to pass right now.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, the next Commissioner is Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so can you hear me? Okay, for my turn I wonder if we could go through the completed maps that we have so far. And do what we talked about. Kind of talk through them, give the description.

>> MR. MORGAN: So in order to do that maybe we want to look at the portal for just a moment because I think there might be a notation on the portal. So let me go to that website. So Mr. Scannell has a comment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There were six and a total of 11 complete plans out there and we can bring up the list. So if we can bring that up.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Kent will show the screen here. So this is from, no, no?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to that. You bring the maps up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a second. Okay so we are going to do this in tandem here so Kent will call out which ones are complete. And then I will bring them up in Autobound.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will go in reverse order, basically start with yesterday, which is 050724 version 1.

>> MR. MORGAN: They are a little out of order here. Just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Kent, do you have the portal number? They are numbered also.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 365 so it's 050724 SDCOLV1 Plan number 365.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just to confirm so 0507 version 1 from yesterday?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then you have the number from the portal for that is what again?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 365.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Do you want one of the Commissioners to talk about this? Is that the next step?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, if we can put it on the screen and then kind of walk through it. And Kent you say we have 11 completed plans.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this time there are 11 complete thoroughly done plans and a few that are incomplete.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is that counting Commissioner Szetela's plans, Commissioner Lange's plans, Commissioner Curry's?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, these are the plans that were done collaboratively.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again this is the version one from yesterday 0507.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John is good at moving his cursor around to different areas.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, can we pause for just one moment so we can get your mics working a little louder for the interpreters and translators, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: They were working well earlier. I don't know what changed.

>> This is the interpreter speaking and it's not just for the interpreters and it's for the general public because if we can't hear you neither is the general public so thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you Bethany.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we start now?

>> CHAIR EID: Test 123.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So John I appreciate you bringing this up, but I think we should start from the beginning. Because there was an evolution on some of them. So if we could close this one, start back...

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm guessing but plan 343 on the portal site and we are looking at 042424 version 2. Again that is plan number 343.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, Commissioner Szetela has her hand raised.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: How far back are we going? Because 050724SD collaborative version 1 was changes made to 050224SD collaborative version one and then there was another change before that, how far back are we going? These maps have multiple revisions at this point.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton just asked them to open map 343, which is from 4-24. SDCOL2 and I think that is the first one that we had completed. So it seems like Commissioner Orton is trying to start at the beginning in order to see that progression of revisions that you're speaking of.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so you interpreted what she said is she wanted to go back to the very beginning from the very first map not that she wanted to go back to the map that was immediately before this map. That was the interpretation?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Should I answer? So, yes, I want us to look at all the completed maps that we have worked on for the Senate plan. So that we can kind of see what we have, have them have a description that is to the public by the maps. And if there is some that have evolved and are just slight changes this maybe will help us weed those out or consolidate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Plan 342 on the portal site is an incomplete plan. It's not a completed plan. The first one that was completed from my documentation is plan 343. Which is 042424 version 2.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is that plan so April 24th, version 2, and gave the portal number as well. 343.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think this one began with us trying not to change districts that weren't ordered to be changed. We may have taken a couple extra out. Maybe two and seven but it does not look like we changed seven.

>> MR. MORGAN: I can put the Linden overlay on it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That would be helpful.

>> CHAIR EID: It looks to me on this one that districts 13, 7, 9 and 12 were not changed from the original Linden configurations. Looks like some slight changes were made to two. But 9 and 7 and 13 are the same. 12 is the same. 4 is the same. So looks like the changes are 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you, that is helpful. Does anyone remember working on this and have specific things they want to say about why we made it look this way?

>> CHAIR EID: Well, I think this was the first one that created that District 1, that goes from Down River, up to, up through bell Isle. I think later revisions do not include Taylor. But in this first one it did. And then you have a District 3 that is pretty much the rest of Detroit, going from the east side on the border of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Woods up through most of Central Detroit. Hamtramck, yes, Commissioner Curry, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I believe didn't I work on that one too? This first one? This is the very first one we started on because I think I took that river all the way up.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: You did.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I didn't like it that is why I kind of did my own version of it and redid it. I just wanted to know and that is number what 343? Version 2 or 1? Version 1.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am on the portal it's plan 343.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: I think the other changes were a little hard because we kept those other districts the same, especially District 7 over there, that on 13 on the other side boxed us in with District 6.

>> MR. MORGAN: Livonia was made whole in District 6, I think that was a change that was intentional.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: This one you have districts 8 and 10 that are mainly District 8 in Oakland County crossing 8 Mile and going into Detroit a little bit. And District 10 being mainly Macomb County. Warren, half of Warren, East Point, Centerline. But likewise crossing over 8 Mile into the northeast portion of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great, I think that is enough description for that.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Before you take it down can I ask if anybody in the audience likes, say, 2, 3, 8, are there districts you don't like? Districts you do like up there?

>> Darwin Griffin again. I'm looking at the boundaries. And this was really catching my attention is 7, 8 and 10. And especially how that lower portion of 7, 8 and 10 going to Detroit. I guess my question is: Is there a particular reason why, because I'm looking at those districts that go into Detroit. They are going into the districts in Detroit in the areas that have a higher propensity to vote. So that's my concern in terms of say is it like are you relegating the lower portion of those districts or those boundaries because you may not see as many voters engaged in the process versus the ones that are right there on the top. Because I'm looking at some of these and I'm seeing like you are seeing Sherwood forest, green acres, I'm looking at the, you know, right there at 7-Mile Schaffer and going along that corridor. Then I'm looking also in terms of say a little bit going on the western portion when I'm seeing District 7 where you see that higher level of voters that get out and vote especially like in the Evergreen, Bert row, Telegraph, in that area. So that is my concern, you know, when I see that part so thank you for asking that question.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm not sure if Commissioner Curry has her hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes I wanted to let the gentleman know that I redid a version of the first one that we did. So he can look at that when we get to it. The gentleman that just stepped down.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, he heard you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Uh-huh. Okay I think we are done with this one then. I recognize this is going to take a long time. It does not all have to be my turn. But I think it's worth it going through.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think this is hugely helpful. This is great, good for us and good for the public, it's perfect.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Fink, do you have something to add?

>> NATE FINK: I do, thank you Mr. Chairman. If you're going to be going through these methodically to get a sense of where things are it's important to explicitly consider the constitutional criteria. I think you are sort of generally touching on those concepts. But I think it's important to discuss those criteria explicitly. I know you have done that as you were going through the mapping process for each of these maps. But it may make sense to do some of that here. I think Commissioner Szetela has her hand up and Commissioner Curry.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I would just say I think this is probably useful at a later point, not necessarily right now. Because we are still supposed to be mapping. And it's not like we have reached a point where everybody has said okay I'm comfortable with what we have, let's analyze and compare at this point so I feel like this is perhaps a bit premature considering we are still in the mapping phase.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry, did you still have your hand up? You're muted, Commissioner Curry. We can't hear you, there you go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I feel like what Commissioner Rebecca said concerning we should wait until we get through and see which ones we are going to keep and then decide if the deviations and everything is good.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom? H.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Chair. I understand the need for productivity, so I get the comments by Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Szetela, but I think we have asked the public to show up and speak up and the engagement that just happened is necessary for us to have an informed mapping process. We have drawn blind before and so to have Detroiters do exactly what we are asking them to do and to do it live, I think will make us all better moving forward. So I think us going through it provides a record for those watching, it provides a good record for us that are continuing to map. And it also encourages the public to remain engaged so that they understand. Because just in the last week we have over 11 maps and that's one of the reasons besides watching that I started a new map because the changes that are being made are varied and multiple. So I think it is very helpful just for educational reasons and participation to continue to describe the maps.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well, I would like to know if I put the one that I did and worked on by myself up so they can look at it. And see if they kind of like it.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, we will get there everyone. But it is 12:30. And it is time for us to break for lunch. So we will return to Commissioner Orton after lunch, after public comment, at this time.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can I rebut something for the public before the break.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: This Commission has never drawn blind. So we received almost 30,000 public comments last time, so I just think characterizing what we have done before as being blind is not accurate. And I think that should be corrected. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, at this time I will entertain a motion to recess.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion to recess by Commissioner Lett and a second by Commissioner Muldoon. Is there any debate on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So moved.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton? Did you have debate?

>> CHAIR ORTON: No.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay hearing no debate let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor of the motion to recess please raise your hand and say aye.



>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: All those opposed? The ayes have it, we will recess until 1:30.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, we will.

[ Recess for lunch until 1:30 p.m. ]

This is the other interpreter. Just so you know you are unmuted. Megan from MDOS do you mind muting the interpreter?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They are coming right now. Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, everyone, we will be starting momentarily. Everyone take their seats, please. Welcome back everyone as Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan independent citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:36 p.m.

Department of State can we get a roll call, please?

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely Mr. Chair. Commissioners, please indicate that you're in the meeting by saying present when I call your name. If your location, your physical location has changed, please indicate that when I call your name. I'll call Commissioners alphabetically. The first Commissioner would be Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan? Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Commissioner Callaghan? Mr. Chair you have 12 Commissioners present at roll call; you have a quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: Individuals who signed up and would like to provide live or remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed we will start with the live public comment. There are two rounds of public comment today. The first being three minutes. And if your remarks are not concluded you are more than welcome to sign up for an additional round that will last two additional minutes. I will call you by your name. First up I believe for her second comment is Regina Williams.

>> No? You sure? Okay.

Mr. Kevin McNamara.

>> Two minutes.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure.

>> My name is Kevin McNamara and I'm currently the supervisor in Van Buren Township. We came before this board in 2021 or excuse me 2018 and this board did a wonderful thing, and they joined Van Buren Township, Belleville and Sumpter Township together as a community of interest. We got a Senate all in one area and a House of representative candidate all in one area. We don't care if it's republican or democrat we just want to be together. It works for us. We do everything together and I will tell you a few things we do together, but I will tell you what happened because you did put us together we worked so much together when it came down we knew we could get about 10 million, we did. But we didn't put it into parks, didn't put it in community centers we got together and decided we needed a bridge fixed. It went to infrastructure in all three communities that's what power you guys have to control over things that we do. So I just want to talk about a few things that we do do. The tri-communities, our tri-communities share land boundaries. We have resources in public services, and we share public services, we share public safety and dispatch and mutual aids with our fire department. We have a Belleville Lake we all share. We host community collaborative events, all our parades are together in Belleville. We have a shared population, everybody gets married in whatever and all stay together. So we share a Court system there. We also have a District library that we all share. We share a museum that we just put in jointly about 400,000 to build it back up. We pay to maintain it jointly. We just signed a deal with the boys and girls club to provide joint recreation, Van Buren facilities but everybody is allowed in, and we are going to have flag football and tackle football and baseball and everything else, basketball and things like that. We have a joint rotary club. We have a joint Council of the arts which does all of our things like that. We have a new theatre group we just formed up. We also have strategic planning and joint planning. I just helped write a law for Sumpter Township, how signage would

affect Sumpter Township, it's a law in Sumpter Township not Van Buren but it affects us because our people see. We will help them redistricting the road that goes into their town so replanning Commission so they can get a community, they don't have any sewer and can't get it in grocery stores but if we redo a certain Section they can come in our community to the store and tracker supply wants to come and help out Sumpter Township. We work together but we really need your help staying together. We didn't know this was going down. We found out about it last Thursday. And when we found out about it because when we checked into it we thought that it was all that we were okay.

We saw your old maps. We didn't see the new maps that just came out. They kind of sucked and worked quickly. Belleville took it out and got a resolution. They walked it under the board on Monday. It's that important. Van Buren did a resolution signed by the Council or board of trustees and they did theirs last night. Sumpter is doing theirs next week because that is when their board meets. But I have ten of these and I hope you guys keep us together. If you have questions or am I allowed to do that?

>> CHAIR EID: Are there any questions? Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, Mr. McNamara.

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Van Buren Township, Belleville and what was the other?

>> Sumpter Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> That does help thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: I believe those are in the current Senate District 5. Current District 5 or 4.

>> For what?

>> I don't know what you just said. I don't know my number.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's four. They are currently in four.

>> We really love what we have. We get along with Romulus and Taylor and like our senator. If I ask we would like to be left alone and it's great what you did.

>> CHAIR EID: We can take those documents. If you can just give them to Executive Director Woods over there.

>> Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Let people know. Tell them to come out.

>> Van Buren Sumpter and Belleville.

>> Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I would like to acknowledge for the record that Commissioner Callaghan has joined Commissioner Callaghan can you state that you are present?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Do we have additional public comment?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We do not. There was just the morning sign up. I do see that Commissioner Lange has her hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you, Chair. I'm just asking if possibly, I do see a ten days that Mr. Scannell is online, and I know this morning he said he signed up for two public comments but when he gave his first he said he had to leave and he was hoping he would get to speak again. I was wondering if maybe we could afford him that opportunity. It seems like we have the time to do that. If he wants it, obviously.

>> CHAIR EID: Sure, I don't have a problem with that. Is that possible at this moment?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I would suggest making a motion and having a vote on it just so that we have the record clear.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I move we allow Mr. Scannell to give a second public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: There is a motion and a second. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none all those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed? The ayes have it. Mr. Scannell if you would like to speak.

>> Appreciate it, second round and thank you Commissioner Lange for thinking about that and I wish I could speak the second time, but I was subpoenaed in Court and really couldn't. But any way I am not affiliated with democrats or republicans. And I don't know why anyone would. But that's their decision. Definitely from the Down River and community and now in southwest Detroit so in District 1 and 2 where I spend most of my time, sometimes four and between those I don't really go outside of those areas too much. But I'm just happy to watch this process and I love the engagement and all the technical effort that had to go into it with the cameras and the audio. So thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. Next up we will return to in-person public comment. Up next, we have Sharkie Haddad. Good afternoon.

>> Good afternoon. And thank you. Can you hear me good?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> My wife always tells me I'm the loudest person in the House. So there is an advantage to that. Thank you Commissioners. Thank you for being part of this process and thank you for your service for all Michiganders. My name is Sharkie Haddad and a resident of the State of Michigan since 1977 when I immigrated to the great country, take that back the greatest country in the world and have been a resident of Michigan

ever since. I happen to be a Chaldean American and the Chaldean community in Michigan lives mainly in Oakland County and Macomb County. Unlike some of the biggest myth or miss conception out there that Chaldeans because they come from Iraq they live in the Dearborn area in Wayne County. We do not have any family that lives in Dearborn area. I'm here today to explain to you how the Chaldean community needs to have a strong voting bloc. And that the fact that they live in pockets of Oakland County and Macomb County by you, dividing them or not you necessarily in 222 you have divided the community of Sterling Heights where it has the largest Chaldean population, 25% of the total population of Sterling Heights happen to be Chaldean Americans. So out of 80,000 that is about 20,000 Chaldeans. It was divided in half. And by that, by doing that it diluted the vote of the Chaldeans in Sterling Heights. I'm here to beg you not to do the same thing again. We have Chaldeans that live in Sterling Heights. The largest Chaldean population lives in the West Bloomfield greater West Bloomfield area. We have Chaldeans who live in Farmington Hills, Bloomfield Hills, City of Warren and now they are moving up north to Shelby Township and other townships within Macomb County. I'm here to also answer any questions you might have about the Chaldean American community or communities in southeastern Michigan. I'm here to overcome any miss conceptions about them that might help you to do your job better when you are dividing the districts in the State of Michigan. Any questions for me?

>> CHAIR EID: We do have a couple. We will start with Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would just like to thank you for offering that distinction. Because I think it's a distinction that members of this Commission have maybe not had some insight into that Middle Eastern doesn't only mean Muslim it includes Christian communities as well which is what the Chaldean community mostly is and those individual communities may have different voting preferences as well when Dr. Lisa Handley provided analysis to us she confirmed the Chaldean community tends to vote different from the middle eastern Muslim that predominately resides in the Dearborn area so I thank you for bringing that to our attention. I do have a question you mentioned quite a few areas where the Chaldean community resides. And you know one of the challenges we always face when drawing these districts is population. And so I know we previously had combined Troy with the western portion of Sterling Heights. With the belief that that was putting together most of the Chaldean community together. Is there a different configuration that you would have us draw? That would be preferential rather than the configuration we did before?

>> So yes thank you for that question. First I heard you say most Chaldean are Christian. Let me state to everybody here that all Chaldeans are Roman Catholics. All Chaldeans are Catholics. Now, we don't belong to the Roman I mean we belong to the Roman Catholic arch church, but we do not belong to the Detroit Catholic Archdiocese. We have our own separate hierarchy that connects us directly to the Pope in Rome. The reason for that is because Chaldeans became Catholics recently, about 500 years

ago. So therefore the Pope back then decided to give us a separate name and a separate route to the Roman Catholic church. Now going back to your question, yes, by dividing first of all Troy has the second -- another large Chaldean population so if you were to divide the districts it would be great if you say keep Troy as Troy one District and then keep Sterling Heights within one District. By doing that you are giving the Chaldean vote in the Troy community a very strong voice as well as the Chaldean vote in Sterling Heights community a very strong voice and you are not diluting their voting power. Now let me also share with you many Chaldeans because they are Christians and they come from the middle east mainly the country of Iraq, the state of Iraq, that is majority Muslims, that Chaldeans face persecution there. They until today are facing persecutions, Chaldeans never got involved in politics. Chaldeans never voted. Chaldeans never got involved in community projects. Just like the Jewish community. We never got involved. Why? Because every time something went sideways in that country, the first people who would get the short end of the stick, the consequences of that are the minorities. The Jewish people of Iraq and the Christian people of Iraq. They bring it the same mentality to the United States of America. That's why many of them when they first immigrated refused to vote, refused to register to vote thinking it's the same thing that will happen to them that happened to their ancestors in Iraq. We are trying to educate the Chaldean American community that voting in the United States is a right, is a privilege. And that they need to participate in the voting process. By you dividing the Sterling Heights Chaldean community you are working against our effort in educating them and encouraging them to vote and become productive citizens of the United States.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. We also have Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: First let me say thank you for taking time out of your day to be here. The Chaldean community of interest is one that we heard about a lot. And I know that we did try to embrace that. I on recent maps was trying to embrace that too. So I guess my question to you is: Have you been to our mapping portal? And, if not, is there a way you can go in there and possibly draw or submit a public comment that might say, okay, if you encompass this road to this road you get the majority of my community? Just so we can truly understand for my I'm from rural Northern Michigan so I'm not as familiar as some Commissioners, so I want to understand when you talk about your community of interest where it is to make sure that the way I envisioned it is actually the way that you see it.

>> So thank you for that question. I will do better than that. I will go back and pull out the maps that you referred to and I will circle the communities where the Chaldeans are residing in large numbers. That way when you look at the map and you look at the circled area pockets of the Tri-county area, you can see the bulk of the Chaldean community. And I would also make recommendations for you of the major communities that we would like for you to keep intact such as Sterling Heights, West Bloomfield



Township, Farmington Hills where we have a very large Chaldean community and as well as Shelby Township and the City of Warren.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Hi thank you, this time I'm right in front of you. Hi sir. I appreciate the insights that you offer and also your acknowledgment that other minority communities relate to some of the things that you have been through so when you submit your suggestions I would just ask that you also, if you could take into account there are other communities of interest, not exactly like yourself but in the Detroit area where when we are drawing for your area we also have to make considerations for other surrounding areas. So this provides a unique opportunity, you know, we are charged with listening and taking all that into account but piecing together what that looks like as this Mosaic communities of interest and human beings so that would be great insight if you could keep that wholistic view in mind.

>> Absolutely and I totally respect that, and I totally understand why the African/American communities within the Detroit area were very upset about the previous redistricting, because that really, in my opinion, personal opinion, was not fair to the minority votes within the City of Detroit. Let me also go over some of the miss conceptions that many people have about the Chaldeans.

Chaldeans speak three languages. We speak our mother tongue which is the Romaic language spoken by Jesus Christ. Until today in our church we pray, we read and write the modern or Romaic language. In addition to that we read and write Arabic. Why? Because we went to Arabic schools in Iraq. And Romaic language was not taught there and only in the churches. Of course in addition to that we speak English. But the latest generation may not read and write Romaic. It's a very tough language to learn to read and write it but it's mainly spoken in the households. Chaldean owned businesses in Detroit and southeastern Michigan. Walsh college did a study last year and they discovered that over 60% of Chaldean household owned at least one business in Metropolitan areas. Again, Chaldeans do not live in Dearborn. Chaldeans do not live in Detroit. Chaldeans do not live in Down River or other or up north. Chaldean live mainly in Macomb and Oakland County. And any other questions?

>> CHAIR EID: Well, you know, as a Chaldean American, thank you for being here today. Very much appreciate it. I agree with everything you said. As far as I grew up in West Bloomfield so the west side I'm not as familiar with Sterling Heights as I did not grow up there. Most of our districts do a good job encompassing the community on the west side but Sterling Heights specifically it's 80,000 people. Senate districts are almost 270,000. So just a quick question: What areas would you combine with Sterling Heights to support the community?

>> Where?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, what areas would you combine with Sterling Heights to support the community?

>> So the bulk of the Chaldean community is in Sterling Heights is the center, the 0, ground 0 is 15 mile and Ryan roads. So and if you were to go five miles each direction, south, north, east, west, you will have the bulk of the Chaldean community there.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for your comments. We appreciate it.

>> Thank you very much for this opportunity. And, again, thank you for your service to the State of Michigan. Have a great day.

>> CHAIR EID: That concludes our in-person public comment. At this time we will return to mapping. We were working with Commissioner Orton. And once again we will be here until 7:00 p.m. for anyone watching who might want to come through we are at the pearls event center in Southfield. As long as you are signed up before 7:00 you will be heard. Commissioner Orton, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you. So I think Mr. Stigall is helping at this point.

>> MR. MORGAN: Depending what you request.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, we started with the oldest completed map. And I was kind of picturing coming forward and looking at those. And doing the description which could be put on the website, but I wonder before we go on to the next one if Commissioner Curry could we pull up your map and look at it? I noticed it's not on the public on the mapping portal yet but if we go over it today and if you request, then it could be put up on the portal so people can make comments about it. Is that okay?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure.

>> CHAIR EID: We also have Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS:

>> CHAIR EID: Test, there we go, Commissioner Weiss, did you have your hand up? He may be frozen. We will come back to Commissioner Weiss.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the plan for Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Commissioner Curry just like you did the other day if you can kind of talk us through it as Mr. Morgan, you know, shows us the map, then I think the Secretary of State's office can take their notes so we can put it on the portal.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, okay, I didn't like the way that I had drew the first map, bringing the Detroit area all the way towards the river so I thought I was not pleased with it because I added Melvindale anal Allen Park and Lincoln Park they needed to be together so I kind of went around there and put, designed it like that. I kept Allen Park, Melvindale and River Rouge and Lincoln Park kind of, well, kind of together. And the way I did it I thought the deviation was pretty good. Then I just kept trying to keep the contiguous ones together, those that had a lot of things in common together such as keeping Dearborn with Dearborn Heights and all of them. Allen Park

together. Taylor, a little bit of Taylor. I just tried to keep them all contiguous together. And I was just kind of just drawing it so it would average the population out. And the partisan fairness. I wanted to keep everything together. And not go over the population and keep the lopsided margin together and trying to keep everything together. So I was just kind of going and telling John move that here and move that there and this is what I came up with. So I kind of liked it better than the first drawing I did. And this is what I did.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you Juanita.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: To push it out some, who was working that John or Kent?

>> MR. MORGAN: I've got it, this is John.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: John, if you can push it out some I can see it better.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is that zoomed out the way you want it?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: A little bit more.

>> MR. MORGAN: Closer or more out?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: More out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I was kind of pleased how I put it this way. And it looks a little bit more better and then we worked on the population. And so the population worked out pretty good. And the efficiency gap and everything worked out so that is the way I wanted to keep it. And I was pleased with that so then where I started on the first one. So any questions?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, thank you, Juanita. I think Nate Fink wanted us to state on the record. So if you would state on the record that, you know, did you use race when you were drawing this? Did you follow the criteria?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Absolutely, not race at all.

In fact, I just tried to keep up with the criteria, keep everything within population, keep everything with the partisan fairness and the lopsided margin. I wanted everything to be kept together so that is the way I was going, to try to keep the population not over, not too under, keep everything together, the lopsided margin and the efficiency gap, keep everything together so that is how I was looking at it. More so than race. I did not look at race at all, did I, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: No, we didn't look at any race numbers. We used the same matrix we have used here in the public sessions.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you Juanita.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And I'm pleased with it. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Mr. Morgan or Mr. Stigall we can put this on the mapping portal now so that the public can view it.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is Commissioner Curry said go ahead and do that it sounds like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will upload that tonight and it will be on the portal. It will have Commissioner Curry's initials on it to distinguish it from the collaborative maps.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I would like to acknowledge that Commissioner Weiss has had his hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Weiss, back with us?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, since Commissioner Orton you started I guess like a review of the maps, which I think is a good idea, Mr. Stigall stated that we had about 11. I'm wondering at this time if it might not be a bad idea to maybe instead of the names we have them listed under the date and all that if we were to give them a name which might make it easier for the public to say well we like this map boater than that map versus having to go through and you know the date and all that stuff, just to like we did in the other maps, flower dates, trees, tree names or if that is something we should do with the maps that are finished. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I said earlier we had 11 but it's actually 13 and I went back and counted correctly so it's 13 completed plans.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: May I speak? Okay, I think that is a good idea. I think it would be much less confusing for everyone if we had a name attached to each of our completed plans as we go through. But then we have to have the whole discussion about what type of names are we doing.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is why I put JC by mine, so I didn't know what you all wanted to do.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I was just wondering about that counted 13 completed maps are all 13 out on the portal now?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am, all 13 are out there and have the word complete.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: And they are all either number what was it 343 or higher?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, the lowest number is I have them all written down here but 343 is the beginning, is the first complete plan.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton, it's still your turn? Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yeah, I just have my recollection we have a lot of 13 maps but a lot of them derive from the same maps with various small changes. And I would think we would hold off naming them until we have a list of, you know, maps that are different enough that they can be named and not just tweaks on them. Which I know I have done some maps where I changed just a little bit here and there. And I don't know that it deserves a whole new name. So I would put off naming for now.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I also think naming them is something we should wait on because we have not submitted any of these maps for VRA analysis yet. And last time we didn't name House maps until they had again for VRA analysis I don't believe. And I would just be worried we will create a bunch of names and then potentially of maps that are problematic and not be able to continue to use those maps. So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, back to what I was originally doing. So we started with that first completed map. And we had gone through it and kind of given a description but then Mr. Fink suggested that we state publicly on the record that we follow the criteria and that we did not use race. So if you could bring that one up, Kent, so we can see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 0424V2 is the first plan. It is right here. And this is on the portal site it's 343.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you. So if I remember when we created this one we did it mostly from population and communities of interest. We did not look at race. We had no race data available. And we just followed the criteria. Is that sufficient? Statement?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I know you are looking at my Commissioner Orton, but I think that was a suggestion from your attorney Mr. Fink and I'm not sure if Mr. Fink wants to weigh in on that one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't see him. We will call that good.

>> CHAIR EID: I think it's good. We did not look at race for any of the collaborative maps. We have done them all here, live.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's continue. We have a few more to go through.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Mr. Stigall could we close this and go to the next completed plan chronologically?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The next plan is 0424V4. And it is on plan number 344 on the portal site. 344.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can anyone speak to how this was drawn or if it came from the previous plan?

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Fink?

>> NATE FINK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I apologize I had a little bit of a connection issue. I was just looking at the transcript and I see someone asked if I wanted to weigh this on something. So I'd like to know what it is that I'm being asked to weigh in on. I'm happy to weigh in on something even without a question posed. But I know that you have been reviewing or discussing doing a review of the completed maps.

>> CHAIR EID: That is correct. We were reviewing the maps and before we went to break you had asked us, I'm sorry, before the break you had said that if we are going to go this route and review the maps that there were some things we should consider adding to the record. Acknowledging for the record.

>> NATE FINK: I think if you are going to do, you had a discussion about whether or not to even do this at this stage but if you are going to go through and do a discussion on the maps I'm not suggesting you do a complete and full deliberation or anything on these maps. I think most importantly you are still deep into mapping time to the extent you can use your time towards that would be best. But if you are going to do a discussion of that, it was not necessarily an explicit statement about not using race. Of course during this collaborative maps everybody can see, the record is clear we are not using any racial data for this mapping process. But what I had in mind was just the constitutional criteria, right, just the ranked criteria. Just sort of explicit acknowledgment of those factors, right? So, you know, to the extent that you can sort of tick down that list, I think that that would be helpful. Commissioner Callaghan, do you have a question?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah I don't think we are really engaging in any deliberation or debate right now. We are simply trying to see what we have so that we can, you know, efficiently continuous map, I think that is what Commissioner Orton was trying to accomplish.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I agree with that. Let me just say again why I suggested this in the first place. I unfortunately missed a huge chunk of the mapping time last week because I had a family emergency. I had a death in my family, so I was not able to join in some meetings. Then I come back to the meetings and all of a sudden I'm kind of like a regular citizen and confronted with 12, 13 maps on the portal that have no context to them. So in particular when commute Lange started her map out by saying I wanted to draw a map that would take the concerns of the Jewish community and want to start in District 7 and see where I can get from there, it's so useful. I understand what was her goal and what was her purpose and the rest of the map kind of flowed out from that. The first map that we just opened up I think Commissioner Orton stated one of the things was to see what the map would look like if we made minimal changes. And so this map kind of flowed from that. If someone else opened up a map and started trying to do it can they say I don't think this treated such and such a community of interest very well and I wanted to improve on that. So I made changes here or I did not work on that, I started my own map because. What are we doing here? So I think if we provide that kind of context at this point to the public instead of expecting them to come in blind after a week of work and be confronted about 13 kind of the same maps or kind of different and have no idea what we are doing. Let's provide context and later on we can go through formal analysis and run through every single criteria, contiguousness, that is the formal thing once we get a little bit further along. For now can we just try to explain and



capture in some high-level bullet points what each one of the maps is attempting to accomplish? I think that would give some context when the public comes to look at them as to what it's all about. I mean, that would be my goal for having this. And I think what Commissioner Orton started out with the first map was perfect. Just what Commissioner Lange did as well when she stated this map she was trying to accommodate the Jewish community, which hadn't been discussed before. So, okay, we can see the premise how we got where we are. That is what would be helpful.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, so we have this map up now. 42424SDCOL version 4. I think this is one of the ones, let's see, that Commissioner Szetela took kind of the lead on. I see there is a difference in districts 11 and 12 here and District 6 I see Livonia is whole, extending into Farmington and Farmington Hills and 5 I see Plymouth is with District 5. The District 2 in this one is the one that has been referenced by the folks from access so far. District 9 and 7 seem to be pretty similar to what was in the original map. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR EID: There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry, I'm trying to switch to a different format, can you guys still hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So the primary purpose in this was adjusting that exactly what that man earlier was speaking about where you have these small segments of Detroit, and you are pulling them out and putting them into the suburbs where they are not going to have a say in anything. So it was really focused around fixing 6 and eliminating those small portions of Detroit particularly excuse me, Brightmoor and Redford not Redford but Rosedale and other neighborhoods from Detroit that were put in the suburb reuniting Livonia and making small adjustments around there as well to kind of accommodate for population. Because obviously if you take a big chunk out, you have to fill it back in from somewhere else. So that was really the goal of this map was fixing that. And I also added the split on 11 and 12, to do that differently as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that is a sufficient explanation for that map. So if we could go to the next one completed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next map is 042524V7. It's plan #349.

>> CHAIR EID: We do have a public comment. Now may be a good time to take it while we are getting that map up. Mr. Steve Walker.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Steve. You will have three minutes to start and if you need more time you can sign up for an additional two.

>> I may need more time, I'm old and I talk slowly.

>> CHAIR EID: Welcome to have you have it.

>> Join the crowd. I live in the Latino Section of southwest Detroit. I'm currently in Senate District 2. It looks to me like most of the maps you have I will be moved into Senate District 1. There are so many maps, I'm not going to really speak directly to the maps, but I want to make four or five general comments. First of all in terms of Latinos, I think in most cases you got it right. The community really consists of southwest Detroit and Lincoln Park. I think maybe some maps don't include Lincoln Park, but Lincoln Park is part of the community. In the census they had 33% Latino population. The mayor tells me it's up to at least 40% now. And obviously our community has various points of view. But I think you could say there's pretty much a consensus that we don't mind being in with Taylor. There's Latinos of course who live in Taylor and now there is a new county Commissioner who is Latino who lives in Taylor. We don't see the point of having Melvindale in our District. Years ago it was different. Today it's 60% Yemeni. I'm sure they did not want to be in with the Latinos. I'm sure they want to be in with the Arabs in Dearborn. On the other hand I know Latinos that live in South Gate, but I don't think we want a District that goes all the way to South Gate and further down, Down River.

Secondly, I agree with the access women who were here earlier this morning. I know friends who live in the Warren Dale District in Detroit, the Warren Dale area, if you drive along west Warren in that Section you can see all the signs that are printed in Arabic, so they are certainly right, that is really Arabic. It has some Latinos and white people and others. But clearly it's a heavy influence of Arabs and I'm sure they also would like to be in with Dearborn as well.

The last point I would like to make is I've been following the Commission now for several years and for the first time today I took a closer look at your third priority, which says that you want to draw maps in relationship to the diversity of Michigan. I haven't really paid that much attention previously.

I assume you realize Michigan is roughly 15% Black. If you multiply 15% by the 38 State Senate districts, that gives you 6. Blacks are spread out all over. And way in the Macomb County so I don't see 8 Mile is a big barrier anymore. But in any case it seems, I need to wait for my next two minutes. I'm sorry. Oh.

>> CHAIR EID: No one else is here.

>> I'm going to make a point; I can sit down and wait for you to call me again.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead. Go ahead.

>> Huh? Right. Here is my point of view. It seems to me if Michigan is 15% Black and you're trying to accommodate the diversity of Michigan your goal should be 6 minority-majority districts. Your previous plan had 0. None. Nothing. So obviously if you're going to redraw lines again it seems to me you ought to create some minority-majority districts. And I realize the screwy Court of Appeals panel came up with a decision but you don't have to take race in account just draw Districts in Detroit and we know what the result will be and don't have to look at the racial composition and

all of that. It seems to me you are drawing maps now the most have two or three districts. I really think you can do better, and I encourage you to do it. That is what the law says you are supposed to be doing. I think you ought to follow your own law.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Walker. Okay Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The plan we have up here now, there we go is 042524 version 7 and on the portal site it's map number 349.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: This one has the same or looks like very similar Detroit districts, 1, 2 and 3. The way I tell that is you have the Down River plus Detroit District and in this one Highland Park and Hamtramck are split from each other one in three and one in one. But the difference between this and the one we were previously looking at seems to be mainly around districts 7, 8 and 9.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see District 11 and 12 is similar to the one of the map we just looked at. So it's split. So do we know if this came from the previous map? I don't recall how this one started.

>> CHAIR EID: Well that District 9 we are looking at now is in most of the drafts that we've drawn so far. And that is different than the District 9 that is in Linden. We do not have to change District 9, but I think we saw that this configuration helped the whole map.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, if I may answer Commissioner Orton's question. This was started based off of 042424 under score SD underscore COL underscore version 2, if that helps.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Which map is this?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Map 349, 052424 version 7.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, you can close this one and go to the next one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The next one up is 0429 version 1. Map number 350 on the portal site. 5-0.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela, is your hand still raised?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, it is.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So this is the map that I built off of I believe the 0424 map that I made changes to this. This is the one that so many people have referenced and the one that I called the perfect map because the mean median and efficiency gap are almost at 0 on it. I'm actually not in a position where I have a list of everything that I changed in this. But I did make a series of small adjustments. Which I state while I'm

doing it on the record. But the easiest thing for me would be because I am traveling at this point, the easiest thing for me would be to submit a list of what was changed in it. Because I always keep a list of everything I do in addition to stating it during the meeting. But this is the one that the Middle Eastern...

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think she cutoff.

>> CHAIR EID: I think you out off.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Approximately when did I cut out?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You were just saying that the one that the Middle Eastern community has referenced.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is all I said. I just stopped.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you. Okay then we can go on to the next, Mr. Stigall.

>> CHAIR EID: I think if you look at 13 and 6 in this one, there is a lot of that in the other maps as well. You see the part of six that juts up above the county boundary? We have that on a lot of the maps, and we have 13 instead of going down into the Plymouth area, instead sticks with Novi and incorporates Farmington and Farmington Hills back this with 13.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So next up is 042924 version 2, plan #351.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: This is the second map I drew that same day. The only difference between this and version one is 11 and 12. 11 and 12 I believe in version one is split differently. And includes Sterling Heights and the Grosse Pointes together with part of Fraser and more of the internal part of Macomb County. Version two has the very similar to the initial split that we had in the Linden map. So that is the differences between the two maps.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: 351.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 351. 042424V2. Sorry. Go on to the next one?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, while you are going on the next one.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, we do have another public commenter, Mr. Norman Clement.

>> Thank you guys for doing this again, congratulations on the first map you did, working on that with the understanding, I'm commenting about this map here, making sure we understand the movement of the people and process and more Black population in Warren now and also in Ferndale, also in Farmington Hills so this notion of just being one place and one place only, only in Detroit is something that there is movement of people all over the place. Black people live all over the State of Michigan and should not get caught up on a number and only live in Detroit. What happens is we put population in the small representation and you get representation as an illusion and we want to value the movement of people and value the representation of Southfield's

population and Northville and we move all the time with partnerships and school districts thinking about Ferndale area with partnerships a lot with Palmer Park, Palmer Woods area so that boundary is growing. As we saw in the NFL draft communities have grown all over the State of Michigan so let's understand that I like the map 350 that you showed up but there is also a better map that captures a lot of that is the one 349. That map right there has done a pretty good job looking at that. And also we do want to take into consideration another consideration of race taken in but keep in mind the partisan fairness. Not just democrat and republican but it's also independent voters. That's partisan fairness also. So if you can look at that. You guys are doing a good job and consider everything we said, and I will submit a map also. So thank you for your time.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Mr. Stigall, do you have the next one?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay we are looking at plan 042924 version 4. And it's plan number 353 on the portal.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you? Yeah, that's good, thanks. Okay do any Commissioners remember working on this one? And are there specific things that you would change?

>> CHAIR EID: I think we all kind of worked on this one. There are some changes from the map we were just looking at. But it also looks similar to what we were just looking at. I'm not sure what number this was based on. But the first thing I notice is District 12 is not changed from the Linden Senate map. I see some differences between District 3 and 8. While you still have that Down River plus Detroit District in District 1, this version has an 8 that is Detroit and Warren, but it recombines Highland Park with Hamtramck. And I'm looking more north. This one has Troy being combined with Sterling Heights and parts of Warren. And in District 2 you also have a little bit of a different configuration. It goes down into South Gate instead of having Lincoln Park be included in that District. I see Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I believe this map was started by Commissioner Andrade. And that was what she started with was switching District 2 so instead of including Lincoln Park it included South Gate. I believe this was built off 0424 I'm not sure which version but still it has the original District 6. That combines those most western neighborhoods and Detroit with Livonia.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thanks for the explanation. We will go on to the next one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The next plan is 050225V1 and it's plan number 355.

>> CHAIR EID: So I think I started this one and I think I started with the last plan and wanting to keep what we had for most of Oakland and Macomb Counties. But have a different configuration in Detroit because all the previous ones we looked at were very similar in Detroit. So this is the one that has the three separate Detroit districts, the District 1 being Down River, curving around Dearborn. District 3 having the, you know,

middle of Detroit and downtown Detroit up through Hamtramck and Highland Park. And a District 8 that's the east side of Detroit up through Warren. Sterling Heights and Troy instead of being put with Warren is put with Madison Heights here. But I think everything else is the same. 7 is a little different due to how District 3 is configured but I believe that districts 5, 6 and 13 are the same as what we were just looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you. Next map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next one up is 0507 version 7 and it's map #359. And it just shut down. I will be right back with the reload of Autobound.

>> CHAIR EID: So what we have left is what we did yesterday.

>> MR. MORGAN: The 57 maps and Ryan is working on putting the attachments up for those, that's correct. And also the individual Commissioner maps that were looked at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have 050724V7 which would be plan number 359.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: So I worked on this one yesterday. It is the same configuration of a couple maps ago where we saw district 8, and I reconfigured so Highland Park and Hamtramck were included in District 8 but kept the Down River District. I think the only thing different here is some relatively small changes in District 6. That part of Northville. I always get confused, that is Northville, correct? Right. So previously Northville was not whole in District 6. It is in this one. 13 added one precinct from 23. Into 13. To make up for that population difference. I think Commissioner Szetela actually made that change earlier in the day on a map she was working on, and I thought it was a good change, so I put it in this. But that should be the only difference. This is the same one that has Troy being with Sterling Heights and parts of Warren.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great, thank you for that explanation. Good memory. So next map, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next map is 0507 version 6, which is map number 360 on the website.

>> CHAIR EID: So same deal here it was adopting some edits that were made in other maps into here, around districts 6 and 13. And this one also changed District 2 to be more in line with map 350 from earlier. If you recall, the one we looked at a few minutes ago that had the three Detroit districts it's the same thing just with the edits around.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, thank you. Next map, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next up is 0507V5 and it's map 361.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so this one has a little bit different Detroit configuration. Does anyone claim any parts of this map to explain? No one is claiming it.

>> CHAIR EID: So this one splits Highland Park and Hamtramck again like one of the ones we configured towards the beginning. So there is that Detroit District.



>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Which map is this?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is I'm sorry go ahead, Chair.

>> CHAIR EID: This is from yesterday. 050724 version 5.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: So I did work on that one. My notes say I put in the original 12 and just made changes to 10 and 11. I'm not sure what map that was based on.

>> CHAIR EID: The issue that is happening is we started with V7 and probably should have started with V1 and went to 7 but that's okay.

But this so let's go to V4 and I think it will make this more clear.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will close this and we can skip to V1 maybe that would be best then. And pick up from there. 050724V1. And it's plan number 365. 365 is the map number.

>> CHAIR EID: This is a configuration that I believe Commissioner Szetela worked on and I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We did things out of order and I think Commissioner Orton was drawing version three first and I came in and did version one so I don't know that version five necessarily follows off of this or version two I think it follows off of the version three that was started, I think by I believe by Commissioner Orton and please correct me if I'm wrong on that. But this document was built off of 050224S D collaborative version one. And it revises districts 11 and 12. It changes the boundary line in Detroit to include Bangla Town and Rosedale garden communities of interest that were split in the prior version. It also changes the line around five and six to accommodate more of the Native American community of interest in Westland and Garden City. It also moves Wald Lake into 13 and completes Northville with Northville City because those were separated in the prior map. So those are the changes in this map.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you. Okay so now we can go.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I have a question for Commissioner Szetela. What was that based on, your map?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The origin map was 050224 version 1.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 0507 version 2, map number 364 is up next.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so this is also one of mine. So this map moved the only change was to heal an error that was showing up online and did not show up in the version that John had with respect to the Southfield area. And then the other change just to clarify this was built off of 042424 version 4. And it adds Roseville to 11 and moves Harper Woods to 10.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you. So next one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then last up is 0507 version 4, map 362.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is also one of mine. So this was built off 0424 version one and moves Rose village into 11, moves Harper Woods into 10. It puts Franklin into 13 instead of taking Southfield into 13. It also reunites Northville and the City together. And I believe that is it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This plan is map 362. Do we want to look at V5 again to see it? That would be the last plan we've looked at right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sure, pull that up, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This map was brought up a few minutes ago but this is V5 that follows V4. If it comes up. Okay this is V5. This is like I said this was brought up earlier.

>> CHAIR EID: Right, and this is the one that put District 12 to be the same as the Linden configuration. But otherwise it was the same. John?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the collaborative maps and looked at Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Lange have individual maps as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think as far as my purpose here, I wanted to see the different configurations and kind of have that basic list of reasoning behind each map and different communities of interest for the public as well as us to see what we have and where to go from here. And so we did the collaborative ones. We did Commissioner Curry's and Commissioner Lange had started us out with this type of format, right before that. So I don't know if Commissioner Szetela has some. But any way the ones that are or should be all up on the mapping portal after today, right?

>> MR. MORGAN: We were going to put Commissioner Curry's map up for certain. Does Commissioner Lange or Commissioner Szetela want their individual maps posted or reserved for later dates?

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela I saw you had your hand up then we will go to Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I actually have not submitted an individual map.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry I thought you had created one. My mistake, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is all right, I probably will by the end of the day, but I have not done one yet Eid aye Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, I would like both of mine uploaded. That way if there is public comment and if I need to make minor changes I can before deciding which one I'm going to send to VRA. So if that is possible I would like them both uploaded to the public.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay we will take care of that at the close of the session tonight and designate them by the Commissioner's initials.

>> CHAIR EID: What struck me about the exercise we just did are how similar configurations for Detroit are. Basically two configurations one is Down River with Detroit, downtown Detroit, up to Grosse Pointe. And then the other that has the three where it curves around Dearborn and has the two more Central Detroit districts. I know

there is another version that Commissioner Curry showed us earlier and another one that Commissioner Kellom is currently working on. But right after the next few days we can try to work on some more Detroit-centered districts so there are some more options out there. Commissioner Kellom I think the one you and Commissioner Muldoon were working on is a little different. I don't want to say stacks districts, but they are more like east to west looking, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah. I would agree with that. I think the biggest difference is they're more Detroit centric. What I noticed about the maps we have so far is they largely chunk out the center of Detroit instead of I think in the map that myself and Commissioner Muldoon are or worked only in the past it has that downtown, Down River strip. I know Anthony Scannell said he didn't particularly like it, but it makes it more Central Detroit and it excludes the option of skimming off the top of 8 Mile. So and I think the method is different. I started drawing in Detroit as opposed to drawing the suburbs then coming downward because I did not want to be blocked in that way. So those are the coming soon details of that map.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Orton, does that complete your turn?

>> CHAIR ORTON: That completes my turn thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful and that is good timing we are at 2:57, are there any more folks in the room who have not spoken, who would like to speak? Or since you have all spoke once, you are welcome to speak a second time for an additional two minutes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: He.

>> Norman Clement again. Some of the maps you are speaking of there are linear to the vertical. Let's keep in mind some of those communities that do touch on the point of Dearborn, Detroit, they are the same community. Some members there. So you just can't line item and separate Detroit on Dearborn because they intersect and thinking of the people who live on that west part of town. Especially off of can't think of the street and go to River Rouge and Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Fortson. Also on the east side by outer road a lot of students go to point north as a heavily populated school area and also those point south. So some of the edges of the Detroit have a lot of commonality with the Grosse Pointe and thinking East English Village area and stuff like that. So just keep those things in mind. That's all.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Okay, with that said, I'll entertain a motion to recess.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sex.

>> CHAIR EID: Motion to recess by Commissioner Kellom and a second by Commissioner Lett. Is there any debate? Seeing none we will move to vote. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed? All right the Commission is on recess. We will reconvene for our evening session at 4:00 p.m.

[ Recess until 4:00 p.m. ]

>> CHAIR EID: Good to go and log into Zoom. Welcome back everyone I call this meeting of the Michigan independent citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:04 p.m. Department of State if we can get a roll call.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Certainly, Mr. Chair. Commissioners when I call your name please say present. If your location has changed please share that information as well. I will begin calling Commissioners alphabetically starting with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry? Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom? Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette? Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: And I'm going to go back to Commissioner Curry? Mr. Chair, you have 11 Commissioners present and you do have a quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You are welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: At this time we will return to mapping and Commissioner Orton has stated she has completed her turn. So we will move on to the next Commissioner being Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We done have any public comments right now?

>> CHAIR EID: Not at the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right, John, I'm going to want to create a new map, but I want to base it off of, I will get the number here.

>> MR. MORGAN: You do not want to create a map, but you want to do something.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, I want to build a map 0424 version 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So if you could make a copy of that map.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Lett started a plan with a version one number, but nothing was done on that. So if it's okay we would use that number again.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry John can you repeat that? You kind of broke up on me.

>> MR. MORGAN: They designated today's date version one but did not do anything to that map. So we could use version one in today's date or use version two and today's date.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You actually started a map with version one or I'm trying to get an understanding.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will just call it version two in case we need to revert.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

So if you can let me know when you have that open I would appreciate it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a moment, I will share the screen. Okay, just a moment, please.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: This should be a copy of the plan you wanted us to look at.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So the first thing I want you to do is delete out several districts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so delete 1, 2 and 3. 6 and 8. And then 10 and 11.

>> MR. MORGAN: 10 and 11.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So we will start with District 6 which is over by Livonia. So I want you to assign Livonia and all of Farmington and Farmington Hills into District 6.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay the entire Township or the unassigned portion?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The entire Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: And this will be District 10?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It was originally 6 so I prefer to keep it 6.

>> MR. MORGAN: 6 is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

And you wanted Farmington and Farmington Hills like that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right then we will move into the Redford area.

And we are going to take most of Redford, it's not going to be quite all of it. But if you could just start grabbing the middle of Redford and assigning it into 6 that will be great. And by middle I mean north, south, middle kind of way directionally.

>> MR. MORGAN: So north of 96?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Trying to look on a little screen. Okay, so you see how it kind of steps down like a wedding cake just south of where you selected? So the eastern most edge of Redford I don't want you to do the three precincts, but I want you to select everything west of there. Yep. But not those bottom two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not that one.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, take those bottom three out that you selected. The ones on the east side.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm sorry take this out?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Take those three and I don't want the three that are stacked like a wedding cake.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay just a second, just so you know it's a little hard for me to hear with the audio. So I'm trying to listen to what you say, and I don't always get it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Is it better now?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is much better.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Is that what you want?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is exactly what I wanted so now we will go to the north part of where you are at and we will start grabbing more of Redford but don't want to go past Grand River, Grand River is the diagonal line that comes down.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is part of Detroit I think.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Is that a separate precinct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It should be separate, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a second. Okay so you want it south of Grand River?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Just what you did. That is exactly what I wanted.

So now we will go to the southern border of six where it's bordering Westland, yep, so right along there. If you Zoom in a little bit I can probably walk you through it. So those two precincts that are currently in Canton on the west there, those two blue ones I want you to put those into six. And then you can probably see how the Rouge river comes and winds there, if you go to the right one more over from where you are I want to go on the east side where the Rouge is and grab the precincts and also put those into six.

>> MR. MORGAN: Like that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Keep going easterly from there all the way to the border of Westland and you will grab a little of Garden City as part of that too. Okay so just assign that. Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not these areas here right now?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right then I want you to follow the eastern edge you just created and go down I believe it's two more precincts. All right so now we will move to District 2.



>> MR. MORGAN: 12,340 it's under.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I will adjust it later and trying to get the rough guidelines here first.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, Allen Park and Melvindale all into District 2. All right and now at the top of the District you see how Dearborn Heights kind of comes down and has a little jut out there, I want to fill in those precincts and make that line going straight across. Yep, so those precincts right there. That line is Warren. So we are taking things south of Warren.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Now we will go into Taylor, and we will grab what is approximately the top half of Taylor. All right, where is that at population wise?

>> MR. MORGAN: 25 sorry 2596 over within 1% on the positive side.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right so that is good. Now we will go to District 1. We will start building that. So we are going to grab Lincoln Park, Ecorse, and River Rouge.

>> MR. MORGAN: Hang on, the computer is behind.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you could save, that would be great.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep, momentarily. Ecorse Lincoln Park and River Rouge?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. All right now we will have to switch to precincts, and we are just going to select all along Detroit along the Dearborn border and then we are going to continue eastward. And I want to, I will tell you where as we get further over there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Along the border on the east side.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So if you can just continue going easterly.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: For me can you book out a little bit? I want to see where Highland Park is for a guidepost. See the bottom of Highland Park there, it's just about bisected by a road called John R comes out of the bottom of it and I want to take everything west of that line. Yeah, there is John R right there. So.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is this one here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I want you to go west of that. Take the area west of that and put it into one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Continuing down?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Continuing down all the way to the river front.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just approximately following the line here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want more downtown or connect here first on the northwest?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So finish the rest of that downtown area then we will follow the line of 94 a little bit further east. So, yep, if you just want to follow that line

going easterly, we will go over, a little bit past mount Elliot. One more over would be perfect. There we go. Thank you. Then I want you to grab that diagonal precinct just south of forest. So other way. A little bit further to the west. Go west and down. Down. Up, further up, further to the west, I'm sorry further to the east. So there is a right down from where you are there is a triangle right there. Yes, that triangle. Please select that. Okay, and then continue selecting the precincts underneath there, all the way down to the river. A little too far to the east but that is all right and if we can back off because I don't want to bring this Belle Isle. Yep, there you go. All right, and that is good. Now we will go to the western edge and continue to go north, once again going north of Dearborn.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the north edge of Dearborn or? Do you want to fill this in?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You can fill that in. You can bring that roughly parallel with the top part by Highland Park, following that road there, yes. All right, where are we population wise? So let's see. 56 under, okay.

All right, so we are going to continue going west along the top of Dearborn. About I don't want to go past 96 so let's keep it below there. Just continue going west along the border of Dearborn.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to go to Southfield highway?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. So just keep going a little more west on the precincts. I don't want you to go past Evergreen.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is Evergreen.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So what is our population at?

>> MR. MORGAN: Negative 4570 do you want another precinct or stop?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, you can stop there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Any agencies to this area here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, we will just leave that now and move to District 3.

>> If you guys could just stop speaking over each other, that would be fantastic.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry Bethany. So we will move to District 3 and grab the remaining areas of Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want Highland Park and Hamtramck?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I want Hamtramck but not Highland Park so Highland Park is going to be your divider. And you can also select Harper Woods and East Point while you have it on townships because those are going in here too. So Harper, right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Stay in Detroit and connect these two?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes and not grabbing anything in the Grosse Pointes though.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then connect this Section into three?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, please. Follow the line from Harper Woods going westward would be great. We are not going all the way over to where Highland Park is, but we are going to get close.

>> MR. MORGAN: So going up to Van Dyke.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. Continue going westward. So if you see just above the 8 Mile boundary right where you selected there was two precincts there, right above the line. I want you to put both of those into three. Thank you. So now that is your end line coming down so continue carrying it west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like Dequindre? What is this?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. Good. Good. I'm seeing that it looks like can you Zoom out for a second? I just want to see 12 because I'm surprised that 12 doesn't have Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe shores all of that in it. This is a different version of the map. I was thinking, that is all right. It's all good, we will keep working.

>> MR. MORGAN: You had me delete 11, did you ask me to delete 12 as well?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, I didn't but I thought this map had the original 12 in it. So if you wanted to delete 12 it probably makes sense so.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want 12 to be the original 12 from Linden.

>> MR. MORGAN: You wanted Harper Woods in 3 right?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes with some slight changes to it. Let's finish up the Detroit area first and then we will worry about it. If you could turn the Linden off I would appreciate it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll have to assign the water blocks at some point, and we can come back and do that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is fine, District 8, which is back in Detroit, assign Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge from Oakland County into Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: What is that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Pleasant Ridge which is the rectangle right above it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Everything else left in Detroit is going to go into eight.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to keep this boundary of 7 or take from 7?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So we are going to take a little bit, the part that is jutting out on the bottom we will cut that off and make it parallel with the rest of that line. But everything else will stay in 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: Unassigned portion of Detroit goes into 8 and Highland Park as well?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that was all of the unassigned of Detroit and there is Redford Township here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So put those two districts into 8, those three precincts, sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: What is the population? Let's see. Yep. So we need that small bit from the bottom of 7, I believe itself is 7-Mile, intersection of Grand River and oops you moved the map on me. No, not that part. Those, yes, that area right there that is kind of hanging lower than everything else.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like it needs 11,000 more.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay, what am I missing? What is 3S. So we let's take from the border along three and eight. We will just take a few precincts from three.

>> MR. MORGAN: Continue south?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Both on the low end but within the range.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So we will move up to seven. And I want you to take that unassigned area that is sitting between 7 and 6 and put it into 7. We are also going to put Oak Park and Huntington Woods in 7. Those are just to the east. And Royal Oak Township as well.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Now we will create a District 10. Which is going to be Berkeley, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, hazard I'll park, altogether from Oakland County. That's Birmingham.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and this part of Southfield?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That should stay in seven, but I actually want Birmingham to move into nine.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. So if you can just keep moving easterly you are going to take Clawson I believe is there, Madison Heights, Hazel Park, those are the remaining areas there. Going into ten. And whatever the precinct is in ten just put that in. Okay so I want you to take everything that is left in Warren and put it into ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: What are we putting in the balance of Warren?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The balance of Warren into ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: And Centerline. One precinct to Sterling Heights here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you can put that into nine, I would appreciate it. And then we will grab a little bit of Sterling Heights and pull it into ten too just for population.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay ten is over by a little.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: How much is it over by?

>> MR. MORGAN: It's over by 2522, about 1%.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so that is fine. Just leave that. All right, so 12 is kind of messed up. I'm going to stop right now and pick this up later so if you can just save it. And I will end my turn right now and do the rest of what I need to do later.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay all right.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Today's date version two is the plan.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay thank you very much, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: You bet.

>> CHAIR EID: There is an unassigned area below District 6. I don't know if that is a mistake, or I was not told to assign that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's not a mistake. I have to make some adjustments along that entire border.

>> CHAIR EID: Got you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: North of Southfield we will have to move some things up there because what I'm trying to do with the map we have all these configurations that have changed 7 and are basically the same. So I'm trying to create three Detroit centric districts and keep 7 the way it is for the most part with the hope we operate alternative to Detroit. So that is kind of the plan.

>> CHAIR EID: Detroit districts and keeping 7 and 9 the same is what I heard.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is kind of the man.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you. And we have Commissioner Curry that has joined us as well. Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes. Hi.

>> CHAIR EID: Just want to make sure you are with us hello.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have been with you all day.

>> CHAIR EID: All right next up on the mapping list is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm going to pass.

>> CHAIR EID: Next would be Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm sorry I'm going to pass too because I'm nauseated right now.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, hope you feel better. Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes. I guess, John, we have a few maps that are not finished. I'll let you just pick one and bring it up and then we will take a look at it and see if we can fill it in.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will look at a set of the incomplete maps in just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Some of the plans are incomplete like what Commissioner Szetela worked on she left it incomplete but there may be some earlier maps that are just incomplete so we can look at those if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just pick one that maybe wasn't like Commissioner Szetela wants to finish her's. Something that was done before that was not finished, not in particular.

>> MR. MORGAN: We will look back at some of the earlier maps. Just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> CHAIR EID: How about the one Commissioner Kellom was working on, did you guys get the shape file for that? That could be an option because it was not completed, correct?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That plan is only missing three or four blocks unassigned, it just wasn't wrapped up but 99.9%.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so looking we will look at the list of plans, just a second here. I will share that. Okay one of the earliest ones here is from April 24th. Version three. We might have skipped over that and moved on to something else. But I can open that if you want to look at that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure, let's take a look at it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure. Okay Commissioner Weiss we will look at it first and if you decide you want to edit it, we will move it to today's date. So this is April 24th, version three. And it looks like there are four incomplete districts here. 3, 8, 10 and 11. So traditionally 10 and 11 would be somewhere here and 3 and 8 would be somewhere there. The other districts look like they are in alignment.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay, let's see if we can do something with this.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I will make a copy of it then?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, whatever is easiest for you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure. So the unassigned area here represents approximately four districts.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right, let's go up to the top there at Sterling Heights. You can probably maybe blow that up a little bit, I guess. What are the populations of those areas, say from Fraser north? Okay.  
Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right if we take Troy, Utica and Sterling Heights, put them in one and you can give it whatever number I think we had before.

>> MR. MORGAN: That would be District 10 and if memory serves a little piece of Warren or something else would around that out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is what I would like to do I guess.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like a little piece of Shelby is not in there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: How many is in 24 do you know?

>> MR. MORGAN: Under 4800.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's put that into 24. And square that up a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.



Sorry I put it into ten.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess we can leave it there for now. How many do we need yet for ten?

>> MR. MORGAN: Ten needs 38,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So let's I guess as much as I don't want to let's take part of Warren and let's go down to what is that 96 or 696? I can't.

>> MR. MORGAN: 696.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take a piece and work our way down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Looks like 20,000 more so do you want to square this up first or go south first?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go straight down to what is that 8 Mile and see what that looks like, something different here.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay going down that far gives you some of what you need. You could take one more precinct if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's take one more and try to get it closer to zero if possible.

>> MR. MORGAN: 3200 it's 1.2%.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's grab a couple more. Go to the right there of, yeah, come over to the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: To the right up here in this area?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go to the right and grab that, that is all right.

>> MR. MORGAN: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, that will work.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that is 1% over.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay, let's keep that at that. And then let's go back up to the top there and work our way down, what is that 11 I think we have been called that before?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And then just start filling in until we get our numbers.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll take this portion of Clinton Township next?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just keep coming down, probably down to Fraser or Roosevelt if we take that in. I'm sure we will have to take most of it. Take Fraser, yeah, go right to the expressway, fill that all in, Warren and that. And we will see where we are at.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want Warren?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, just to the expressway. Then come straight across to Roseville. Let's grab.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want the rest of Roseville?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes and take east point in there and see what that does.

>> MR. MORGAN: With the rest of Roseville it's actually on population.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is good. We will leave that alone.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's fill in the rest of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: There should be two districts approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So if you want to start below 10 and 11. I think maybe that would be the way to go.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the balance of Macomb County first?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want this to be 3 or 8?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Whatever is easiest for you.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is 93,000 in that part of Macomb. So you would go into Detroit at this point?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, let's try going down that way. Go down the right side there. Take, yes, right in that area, take that diagonal line, I don't know what that is there. Start filling that in there, all the way across, what is that Van Dyke?

>> MR. MORGAN: About halfway there, 51% of a District.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just keep coming and go south.

>> MR. MORGAN: Go south instead of on the northern edge.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, do something different here.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that is 180,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, take that area right there in, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay 71,000 more. So continue south? Or go west?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go south. Let's do something different right along the Grosse Pointes then go to the west to get whatever we need. Fill that in, yep.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 50,000 more do you want to sync up with District one.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go all the way across and see what that does for us.

All right let's grab a little above that.

>> MR. MORGAN: A thousand. You want to go up just under Hamtramck?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: The precincts under Hamtramck. And see if that, we can fill it in. Go up the right side there, yes. Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That takes you within a half of a percentage point.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fill in the rest. That would be District 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep. And we will have to, we might have to make an adjustment because sometimes it does not have the exact amount that you would expect.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: These are unassigned, and this is Royal Oak Township. The actual Township is not contiguous so there is a piece of it over here internal to 7. I don't know if you want to assign that to 7 or just split it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Put it into 7 I think. And we will see.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, let me show you what that looks like. Let me just look at this. Yeah so what it's showing if I select by precinct it includes this area here but if I select by Township it does not include that. So it could be an incorporation issue where maybe they have changed the incorporation. So I don't know, you could go either way. You can put this into 7 or you could put it into 8. But not this portion.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well, put that portion, can you put that into 7? The little area up there?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, it's in 7 now.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It is, okay.

Well let's put that into eight then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay we will see how that goes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: See if that works.

>> MR. MORGAN: I know but I'm assigning by Township. Okay 8 will still need some population.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right. Zoom out a little so I can see where I need to go. Take it off from 3 or.

>> MR. MORGAN: You need about 2% so you have 1, 3, 7 and 6 border on 8.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: See if we can take some from 6.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Then maybe even some from three. Just to get the numbers a little closer.

>> MR. MORGAN: Actually you wanted me to put the last part in 8 is that correct? 2374.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will cut the number a little bit. Just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sow they need about 10,000. So one and a half points now. So you are looking at 6 or 3.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Maybe we can steal a little from 6 and 1 that is pretty tight. We might be able to grab a little bit there. Right there at the bottom of 8 to the left there is a looks like an expressway, is that part of, yeah, that area right there. Can we right where the road runs, can we put that back into 8?

>> MR. MORGAN: Like that into 8?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could we cut it and make the road be the cutoff between the two, between one and eight, the highway or whatever that is?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just a second. It might end up being too much but let me see. Okay so that was a little too much to take out of one.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could have one take a little bit from 3 or you could take back a little from 8 from what I just did or another part.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just back out the one area a little bit so that we can get that below our number.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I'm going to undo those last months.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Or let's look at 3 instead maybe from 1. Because 1 is pretty high already. All right.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you might, sorry, you might look at 3.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right, just where you had your arrow I was looking at. See if you can fill in up to what is that Van Dyke? Might have to put that in and how does that do us?

>> MR. MORGAN: That works.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So we are all good on our numbers then.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I guess that is it. Just something drastically different, they probably won't like it, but that is all right. I wanted to do something different.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep.

>> CHAIR EID: I wouldn't say it's drastically different. Most of the other districts are the same. The big difference here now is 8 and 3. Because 10 is very close on another map. 11 is very close on another map. But 3 and 8 are both different, the 8 here is Detroit with Hamtramck, Highland Park and Ferndale. And Royal Oak Township. Which I think could make sense. We put Royal Oak Township with Detroit in the House maps and Ferndale with Detroit in the House maps. And 3 is other parts of Detroit. Going across 8 Mile into Macomb, around the East Point, Warren area. Besides that it looks pretty much the same as some other ones. So it's good to have another Detroit. You know, another option for the City of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just something a little different, all right, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, the next Commissioner up to map is Commissioner Andrade.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I'm going to have to pass at this time, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, that gives us Commissioner Callaghan.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN:

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, it looks like we have lost Commissioner Callaghan.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: She had a power outage. She is trying to get back on.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm going to pass right now. Come back to me in about ten minutes.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, well that brings it to me. I will map. Let's start, so I want to create a new version for Detroit. But before we do that let's finish up what Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Muldoon were working on for the past few days now. You said she sent you a shape file and it's almost done?

>> MR. MORGAN: We have a shape file. We have to find the map and put the shape file on top of that I guess.

>> CHAIR EID: Sounds good to me.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then we need to know what the map is so let's see if we can find it. I think it was version 8 from yesterday. That is Commissioner Kellom's map.

>> CHAIR EID: She was the last to map yesterday. So in that sense.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so copy it as a new plan for today?

>> CHAIR EID: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I reviewed that plan with Brittini a little while ago and yesterday and there are a handful of blocks unassigned so you can check the plan and assign them. And it would be completed.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this is the plan, 7 is off, 9 is off, and then like I said there is a shape file I can bring in as an overlay.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's do that but can you also share your screen?

>> MR. MORGAN: Of course. So District 7 is over. District 9 is under. And then I received a shape file from Commissioner Kellom that Ryan adjusted. Okay, so there are a few differences in this area that has to do with water blocks. But let's start over at nine.

>> CHAIR EID: Looks like the area of 7 is in 9, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township to be along with Birmingham, Royal Oak, Madison Heights. Ferndale, Oak Park.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay that works for District 9 and District 7 do you want to align it with the shape boundary? Or leave it as is there?

>> CHAIR EID: It looks like there is a little bit more, looks like there might be a precinct in Sterling Heights that is or should be assigned to ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, go ahead and adjust that?

>> CHAIR EID: Please.

>> MR. MORGAN: There are some differences in one and eight and two and six and maybe four.

>> CHAIR EID: All right let's look at one and eight. So it looks like okay so it looks like this 12 goes past Grosse Pointe a little bit or is that Grosse Pointe park?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think you are correct. That is portion of Detroit going into 12. I don't know if you want to follow this exactly or just leave 12 untouched.

>> CHAIR EID: Is one all right on population and is eight okay on population?

>> MR. MORGAN: At the moment, yes.

>> CHAIR EID: And 12 is a little under.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes so let's see if there is something missing from 12. I'm sorry, what we don't have here is we don't have the Linden boundary. It's probably mount Clemens, put mount Clemens in then that would make that up.

>> CHAIR EID: Leave it for now. You can make that change between 1 and 8 though. No between 1 and 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: You did not want to put mount Clemens?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, let's leave that for now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay then District 12 is negative for and needs 11,000.

>> CHAIR EID: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay so take this from 8 into 1?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's do the bottom portion too and assign that part of Detroit into 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Looks like a few flips between one and eight on I-94.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to try to align with the shape file?

>> CHAIR EID: Please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like one is approximately the shape boundary and there is one more precinct here maybe into eight.

>> CHAIR EID: Right into eight. And there might be a little sliver of a precinct in six. Then we have two to six, might want to change the color on one of those. It looks like one big green District here.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so moving these into six?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, let's just follow the shape file lines. All right, where else are there differences? Looks like 2, 4 and 5. Okay there is a little triangle.

>> MR. MORGAN: The portion of Dearborn Heights is going into 4. And then this portion of Dearborn Heights is going into 2.

>> CHAIR EID: Right. Can we Zoom out now and see what we are looking at? So seems like we have a different configuration for a lot of these districts on this map. I will let Commissioner Kellom speak on it. But just from looking at it, it seems there is a District 1 that is much of a Down River communities, up through the river bed of Detroit into the east side. A District 8 that is more of the northern portions of Detroit. And a District 6 that combines the eastern portions of Detroit with Livonia. It looks like 13 is pretty close to what was in the original Linden map. Three has changed to have Farmington, Farmington Hills along with Southfield, Berkeley, Oak Park, Huntington Woods. Then a District 7 that includes Pontiac, Auburn Hills up through Sterling Heights. A ten that includes most of Sterling Heights with Warren and Centerline. A 12 that keeps most of the lakeshore together but removed that portion of mount Clemens



from it. I think that's about everything. So this one is now complete. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I'm just trying to understand. This is a map that Commissioner Kellom worked only at home and is being brought back in?

>> MR. MORGAN: My understanding is that she was looking at a map from the -- my Districting or, yeah, my Districting portal. And this was what she was working on. That's what the shape file is from, I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right so she was working on this at home, that is what I was trying to understand, this is a map she kind of worked on at home and is bringing in?

>> CHAIR EID: She worked on her end I think Commissioner Muldoon worked on this together live. And they were working on it yesterday. But I believe they did not finish it so to assist in completing it they sent in a shape file. Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: We started on it yesterday and are finishing up a couple little things from a shape file. So it was started yesterday, a little bit this morning. I think we did a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right, how it's being classified because I know when Commissioner Lange did the same thing it had her initials and was designated as an individual map because she had worked on it outside of the collaborative meeting process. And so therefore it had her initials. So I just want to make sure we are being consistent because if this was something that was worked on at home and sent in as a shape file I think we should follow the same rule as Commissioner Lange and at this point be classified as an individual map.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, it was worked on in public.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I appreciate that worked on it public but sounds like it was also worked on at home.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, if I may, correct me if I'm wrong John but you are saying the shape file was sent to you after the meeting and that's what Chair Eid just used to make those changes?

>> MR. MORGAN: My understanding is the shape file is derived from the map that was on the public portal that was submitted as a map by another individual on the public portal.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: So I believe Commissioner Szetela, the shape file came from outside of a meeting. But my notes indicate that this map was worked on by Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Muldoon yesterday. And Mr. Morgan made a copy of what we ended with yesterday. And that's what Commissioner Eid worked on today. So I don't think any work.

>> Hold on, Megan, this is the interpreter speaking. As long as Commissioner Szetela is unmuted I cannot hear what you are saying. Can you please mute her, or she can mute herself. Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you. I apologize to the public, that probably couldn't hear me well. So my understanding, and my notes indicate that Mr. Morgan opened the version that was worked on yesterday in the collaborative process by Commissioner Muldoon. And Commissioner Kellom. He made a copy of that, renamed it, and then Commissioner Eid, I don't know why I keep wanting to do that, I apologize, Commissioner Eid worked only it from there. My notes don't indicate that any changes would have been made outside of this collaborative process. I think just the shape file came in and that was what was used to make some of the changes live. I hope that helps.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So it does help. So then Commissioner Eid copied from the shape file that Commissioner Kellom worked on at home which her shape file is derived from some public comment. Do we know what that public comment is and what the source of that is? Has that been identified?

>> MR. MORGAN: I believe that can be identified, yes. I'll need a moment to confer.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, this has been worked on for a couple days now, so I just want it to be finished. We can get that and I'm sure Commissioner Kellom can speak on it tomorrow.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right it's more I'm pointing out the inconsistency that particularly Commissioner Kellom has been quite critical of people working on maps at home and bringing them in. And in any way shape or form and she wanted -- I'm going to go someplace quieter. So she particularly has been critical of that. So I just want to make sure that we are being consistent. Again, if we are bringing in shape files, if people are working on them from the outside and brought them in and copying the map, you know, it should be designated. If we are bringing in a file from.

>> Sorry this is the interpreter speaking again. This is not possible for us to provide access right now. There is too many overlapping voices. I mean, honestly.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can you guys hear me better now?

>> CHAIR EID: That is better.

>> From the providers yes, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry, I had to move someplace else. Yeah, so like I said it is an issue of consistency that you know, as I said particularly Commissioner Kellom has been very critical of people working on maps outside and bringing them in. Always insisted when it happens it's an individual map. And even when someone else then makes changes to that. So again I'm just pointing out that the inconsistency and particularly if this was copied from a shape file someone submitted I would like to know what that is so we can all look at it, evaluate the source and then make conclusions based on that if we wanted to do that. So I just think it should be disclosed. We are supposed to be open and transparent so if that is where it's coming from it should not be a secret and let's keep it open and transparent.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Szetela. Okay, now let's try something a little different. So can you open up, Mr. Fink?

>> NATE FINK: Thank you. I was just going to say if that map was completed, and I understand there will be some additional discussion of the map tomorrow when hopefully when Commissioner Kellom is there to provide some additional information about the just clarification as to the shape file and what work may have been done outside of the collaborative setting. But I don't know if partisan fairness was brought on that map or not. You may want to do that, so you have a complete record. Regardless of how the map itself is ultimately characterized when it's presented.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah we can run partisan fairness on it. Do you want to boot that up real quick?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for the comments, Mr. Fink.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay these are the top line numbers for this plan. For today's date version four the lopsided margins are 3.8 for republican. The mean median is 0.3 for democrat. The efficiency gap is .0.8 for democrat. And the seats vote ratio is 22 democrat to 16 republican with a proportionality bias of 5.0 for the democrats.

>> CHAIR EID: Wait can you go back to mean median and efficiency gap.

>> MR. MORGAN: 0.3 for democrats.

>> CHAIR EID: Isn't that a positive number?

>> MR. MORGAN: 0.3 is a positive number.

>> CHAIR EID: So 0.3 for republicans or democrats?

>> MR. MORGAN: Democrats. So typically.

>> CHAIR EID: Oh, yes, yes, yes, thanks.

>> MR. MORGAN: Typically in the political science they will have the democrats as positive numbers. And then the efficiency gap is 0.8 for the democrats.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Confused myself for a second, folks. Okay let's open up one of the collaborative maps we worked on already. Let's do version 6 from yesterday.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to open it or open it and edit it? Like copy it?

>> CHAIR EID: You can open and make a copy of it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

And then give it a new number for today?

>> CHAIR EID: What are we on three?

>> MR. MORGAN: I think we are on five.

>> CHAIR EID: Five, all right. Making progress, folks. I'm going to start with this just because I think the areas outside of Detroit are in a lot of the maps so far. So I don't want to mess with those too much. But let's delete 1, 3 and 8. And 2 and 6. As well as 7. All right, that gives us some area to work on around Detroit. Can you overlay the Motown Sound House map on top of this? So how I kind of look at this is we have the Motown Sound map, those districts are about 90,000. We have these Senate districts.

And you can fit almost three House Districts into a Senate District. So what I would just like to try is see if we can combine a few of the Motown Sound districts to create Senate districts and see how it looks. Now we are not going to be able to get exactly what Motown Sound had because of the geographical configurations that are here and because we have slightly different District areas that we are working with. But I think we can get an approximation and then work from there. So John, I'm probably going to need your help and also need the help of the rest of my fellow Commissioners on how we want to look at some of these.

The first area that looks to me that could be combined is those districts that are a part of Oak Park, Ferndale and Detroit. So you see where Oak Park is and Ferndale? Right, those two. Let's start a District, I guess it would be District, it would be either District 3 or District 6 by what we have been doing so far or it could be 8 or it could be 8. Let's make it three for now. We can always reassign after more of this comes into play.

>> MR. MORGAN: So you want Oak Park, Ferndale.

>> CHAIR EID: Oak Park, Ferndale Pleasant ridge, Royal Oak Township. Along with the areas of Detroit that are included in the House Districts. What did you call it the other day? I think you called it nesting?

>> MR. MORGAN: That's right. They would in some states the House Districts nest into the Senate districts. For example, in Wisconsin you would have 33 Senate districts and 99 assembly districts, so three assembly District per Senate District.

>> CHAIR EID: So let's keep going, assigning District lines and assigning them into three.

>> MR. MORGAN: Follows the two House Districts.

>> CHAIR EID: Add the one that is southwest of it, I believe that is House District 4.

>> MR. MORGAN: This one here or this one here?

>> CHAIR EID: The first one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay that is a little over because it's not quite three.

>> CHAIR EID: Right it's a little over but that is fine for now. And said it would not be exact and can mess around with it later. Now let's go south into Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and what do we have there? So it looks like those three right there could be one, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights along with what we had as House District 2.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I did not take part of South Gate here.

>> CHAIR EID: That's fine. We are using large brushes right now. All right Zoom out. What else can we combine? So it looks like we have and let's stick with around Detroit, looks like there are three districts so that would be the House District 1, 7 and 9.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to put Wyandotte with 4 or do something else?

>> CHAIR EID: You can put it in one for now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

Okay so that is most of those districts. It's already over by a bit.

>> CHAIR EID: Right, I see that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Because the House District did not include Wyandotte.

>> CHAIR EID: We will figure it out. Let's keep moving forward. Do you see that big area that goes from Detroit into Warren? Let's make that a new District along with the areas north of it, basically all the other unassigned areas here. See what that gets us. So you are pretty much taking in most of, all House District 11, most of House District 12 and a little bit of House District 14.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay do you want Hazel Park?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes. I see green numbers that is usually a good sign. I know it's not completely in compliance but it's close. Okay let's Zoom out, where else do we have?

>> MR. MORGAN: You have two more districts, and this is the unassigned area.

>> CHAIR EID: All right well let's make one that has, looks like it will be a Royal Oak, Southfield-looking District. So this is most of what we did for House District 6 that included Royal Oak, Berkley and Huntington Woods and some areas that we heard today that identifies as COI. Along with some of districts 16 and 17 from the House map, not all of them, but it's an approximation.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is the Oakland portion.

>> CHAIR EID: Add Redford and the remaining portions of Detroit here.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's start with the remaining portions of Detroit because I know we want Livonia whole, and it's been that way in a lot of maps we have done that so far and we can combine it with Redford if we need more population on that side. Okay that is cool for now and put in 6 Livonia, Redford, Garden City and what is left above Plymouth. Actually this looks, so, yeah, this looks pretty close to some of the District 6 that we have drawn in some of the other maps. And it kind of approximates House Districts 22, 16 and 17 from the Motown Sound map.

>> MR. MORGAN: So there you have it. So your 15% under in District 6. You are over in 8. And 3 and 1.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay so now let's turn off the overlay. I got to say preliminary but that so far went better than I thought it would. I thought it would be a whole lot harder just to get all of those districts in at all. So we are under on, we are over on one. We are under on six. Is that the biggest deviation so far?

>> MR. MORGAN: 15 over in 1, 3, and 8. So you have to push population from 1, 3 and 8 towards 6.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay how would you best recommend doing that starting with 8 and working our way westward?

>> MR. MORGAN: I would just complete six because we are pretty sure you know where you want the go with six it's going to go into Detroit, right? Or do you not want it in Detroit?

>> CHAIR EID: It can go into Detroit. Let's bring it eastward into Detroit and see how it looks.

>> MR. MORGAN: Your other option would be to go in five and five would push to two or go north in 13 and that would circle back into Oakland.

>> CHAIR EID: So we didn't really mess with four and five much compared to the base of this, which is what we had in a lot of the other districts. So if we don't have to do that, I don't want to. Just to keep the collaborative spirit of those districts in here.

>> MR. MORGAN: So finish, focus on six so you would take from seven initially.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Since we are in Detroit it might be easier if we turn on the neighborhood layer. With all of these layers and overlays it feels like we are coloring in the lines on a coloring book almost, virtually. I think we ran into this issue yesterday with Rouge park and Outer Drive, because they are green and the District is green, are those included in six right now or? You can include that area of far West Detroit in there too.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a second.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, that is a good idea, or you can change the color of 6 or 2, that would help.

>> MR. MORGAN: Your six is within population as that.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, and.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now seven is under by that same amount. So you could go into Detroit more or you could take your Oak Park stuff that you wanted in three.

>> CHAIR EID: Hum. What are we thinking Commissioners? I do like how this includes this District 3 includes the areas where we crossed over on the House map. It's those same areas so my logic is, and this might be too simple of a thing to say but if it was good enough for the House map it might be good enough for the Senate map. Or we can use that area that you are hovering over now and go that way. I think I like that a little better but that does not affect 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: It will, you take this portion into six and you free up some six to go in seven so seven is closer to what you just said.

>> CHAIR EID: That is perfect. Let's follow the neighborhoods when we do that. Seems like we took a lot out of six there. Did we need to take that much out? I mean out of three.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that will balance a little bit and put seven back to about where it was. So 7 and 6 are close.

>> CHAIR EID: I see, so six is good now we have to worry about seven. And three. So three is under. Seven is under.

>> MR. MORGAN: So seven you either take one of these up here or something like that.

>> CHAIR EID: Where are we over then at this point?

>> MR. MORGAN: Over in eight and one.

>> CHAIR EID: Eight and one.



>> MR. MORGAN: So six over so seven over plus four over is 11 and you are 12 under in 3 so that balances.

>> CHAIR EID: So we will put a little bit of 6 into 7 and then 8 and let's start with the neighborhoods right around the border of 3 and 7 currently.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: 6, 3 and 7.

>> MR. MORGAN: Green field into 7 potentially?

>> CHAIR EID: The whole strip green field, college park, same areas.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is in to seven so seven is on the money at that. Then you can take some off of six if you want to, into three.

>> CHAIR EID: Put it back into three like how it was originally? Let's do that, school craft. Southfield, Plymouth. Let's go down so we don't have to go quite as eastward on six. We can include that whole strip of neighborhoods into three.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will probably be too much but let's do that and then you can back it out. Sorry, we want that to go into three.

>> CHAIR EID: So we did a little too much there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, you have the option of going Brightmoor or going in the southern end here into six, something like that, Schoolcraft.

>> CHAIR EID: I would say Brightmoor. Okay, making progress.

>> MR. MORGAN: Adjust 7 up here and do you want to align to the neighborhood boundaries down here?

>> CHAIR EID: You can take that part of Warren Dale that you are hovering over right now and put it into six but just the six to nine blocks.

>> MR. MORGAN: Then for seven you would go take this neighborhood potentially?

>> CHAIR EID: Uh-huh. Agreed. Okay 6 is good, 7 is good. 1, 3 and 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: So in this circumstance your outer boundaries of 3 and 8 are what you want to keep. So you can ignore those, and then focus where 3 and 8 intersect. Then you have Hamtramck and Highland Park you want to keep in one.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, I see that. Can you turn on the neighborhoods, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: Uh-huh. So three needs to take population. So you potentially would take from eight or this portion of one because you don't want to take Highland Park.

>> CHAIR EID: Right I was thinking of doing both of those. So let's first do Noland down to Cadillac Heights. And then the other ended I don't want to go to Midwest because making the House Districts Midwest was a pretty good divider for District one but the areas you are hovering over can go to three.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry, you will need more than this.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay let's take those two below it, Goldberg and Elijah McCoy. That one part of Woodbridge can you put back in one? One is good, three needs more and eight is a little more so let's go between three and eight.

>> MR. MORGAN: So if you like your neighborhood or you know your dividing lines you do have the option of taking from 7 or 8, well 8 for sure but also you have a little in 7 you can take if you wanted to.

>> CHAIR EID: Three touches eight though somewhere?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah. Yeah so you need a little more into three.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's cleanup one. These areas of one Buffalo Charles airport suburban includes the APIA community of interest. Put that into one.

>> MR. MORGAN: This goes into one?

>> CHAIR EID: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, you are still looking at one and three. And also I don't know if you want to look at cleaning up neighborhood boundaries between one and eight in this area or not.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah so you see airport sub put the rest of that in one and the areas east that are jutting into some of the more eastward districts, put those into eight. And one is still okay there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: Want to put Morningside into eight?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, okay.

>> CHAIR EID: I see all green but see minus 4.55 somewhere.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes District 3.

>> CHAIR EID: Three needs a little more. Where can we take from John?

>> MR. MORGAN: 7 is an option, you can take one of the neighborhoods back in 7. You also have 8 up here or one down here.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's do one neighborhood in seven. Let's do carry St. Mary's.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was a little too much from seven, shall we undo that?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, let's undo it. Let's instead try Grandmont and westward park. Not that much. Okay now seven is a little low.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's undo some of that seven.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: You also have four that is in a different area.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you Zoom out momentarily?

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to finish this?

>> CHAIR EID: Just those two, westward grant and Grandmont park. Then we will stop there for today. I will finish it up when we start back up tomorrow. Let's Zoom out so I can talk a little bit about it as well. We are almost there. Okay so what I wanted to do is present a different configuration for Detroit, but I wanted to use the Motown Sound map as a base. And that worked out pretty okay.

We were able to combine a few of the districts in mound town sound for a District 1, 3 and District 8 then we used the remainder to create District 7 and 6. District 2 was also a combination of what was in Motown Sound. So I'll take a look at it tonight. And finish

up these small population deviations when we start back up. Now it's obviously a start. We have areas, you know, that area one might look a little funky but hoping it can be edited in 1, 3 and 8 in a way that makes sense for the Senate is or the public take a look and edit it as well. Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: That concludes our mapping session for today. There is an Executive Director's report. Without objection I will ask MICRC Executive Director Woods to provide his report. Is there any objection, Commissioners? Seeing none please proceed.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you Commissioner Eid. I'm going to share my screen so we can take a look at how much time we have for mapping, how much time we have for mapping so we can all be on the same schedule in terms of what we are doing. Let me get it up there. Can you see that clearly now? Wonderful. So Thursday, May 9 as a part of the public hearing we want to be able to send the completed maps that are already in the system for partisan fairness and VRA analysis. So whatever is completed by tomorrow we want to be able to submit for partisan fairness and VRA analysis.

On Tuesday we have the regular meeting in terms of maps, draft maps. Wednesday draft maps but we also at 3:00 p.m. we would like to set a date for the additional completed maps, so whatever is done between after Thursday May 9th into May 15th at 3:00 p.m. we want those completed maps then we also need the individual maps so that they can provide a report for us, they being both our VRA analysis as well as our partisan fairness on May 16th.

We would like them to do that in the morning between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. so that the Commission can make any adjustments that it deems after that time. They can do so on the 20th as well as the 21st in terms of their deliberations. So if there is any questions, I can take them, yeah, go ahead.

>> CHAIR EID: When will we -- I understand we are going to submit, but we're not going to see the analysis or all of them until May 16th.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thursday, May 16th, right, both of the, all the consultants are available. I have been reaching out to them today. And there's no issues with May 16th. On May 20th our partisan fairness consultants is not available. And our VRA analysis is only available on May 20th from 10 to 1:00. And both of them are available on Tuesday, for standby.

>> CHAIR EID: We will make changes to them and deliberate on the 20th and 21st and submit them to the Court on the 22nd?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That is correct.

>> CHAIR EID: And after that just long-term we will then take what we have submitted to the courts, however many that is, and take those to our second round of public hearings?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That is correct. So what we will do for our Monday meeting, I'm sorry, for our meeting on Tuesday, the 14th we will put forth the deliberation update, which is similar to the House. But we will change it with regards to the Senate for the Commission to vote.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Morgan?

>> MR. MORGAN: I wanted to point out one minor thing before we submit for VRA which is to do the final checks for dis-contiguities and unassigned areas. It's a minor thing but it's a process we have done previously before submitting to VRA.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, we will do that.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We will need to make this a motion by recommendation, but we need it to be a motion supported by the Commission then voted, please.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do I understand that once we send the whatever maps we choose to send for VRA analysis, and we have partisan fairness that we won't be making any changes to those?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No, sir. They will bring that back to you and you can make any changes you want.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Then I make a motion we adopt the schedule you have put forth.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion by Commissioner Lett and a second by Commissioner Orton. We will now open discussion on the matter. Mr. Fink, I see your hand.

>> NATE FINK: Thank you, I just wanted to clarify a point that the question posed by Commissioner Lett was what we won't make any changes and Director Woods said you can make any changes you want. That will be of course narrowly tailored changes in response to whatever feedback you get from VRA, and you know public comment. So following the same, you know, same procedure that you followed with the House remedial redraw. So thanks, go ahead.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Right but that would be after the second round of public hearings. This is the first round. And so on the first round.

>> NATE FINK: Right.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I just want to make sure we are here for the May one we are talking about, what happened.

>> NATE FINK: Right but these are narrowly tailored modifications in response to whatever the VRA, because unless I'm misunderstanding, these will be sent off for VRA review and you will get VRA feedback provided by the VRA team. And then like with the House redraw you will make any narrowly tailored tweaks in response to that feedback to the extent that the Commission deems it appropriate. And then I

understand that this is all before you would then send the maps out to submit the maps to the Court and send them out for public hearing and then any additional changes after the public hearings that the Commission deems appropriate would then be done after that. So, yes, we are in agreement. I just wanted to clarify that point.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there any more debate on the motion? Seeing none we will move to vote, those in favor of the motion to adopt this schedule that Executive Director Woods has presented, please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there any opposed? The ayes have it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Just so you know we are still in the draft mapping session phase of what we are doing now. At the present time it's scheduled to end tomorrow based on what we voted. We also voted that the individual maps are due Wednesday, just so we are repeating what just transpired, which will be May 8th at 3:00. I shared with you the par sand fairness VRA analysis Thursday, May 16th but what I didn't address are you comfortable with the schedule or do you think you need additional mapping time?

>> CHAIR EID: Looks like we will have the 20th, 21 and 22 to make.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: The 22 there is no scheduled meeting.

>> CHAIR EID: What about the 17th? If we have to add a day then the 17th seems like the only day we could add.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: There is I mean after tomorrow we only meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. And then the maps are due the 22nd of May and the only dates we have scheduled is May 20th and May 21st. So I will just share this screen so that everybody can see what we have available. So we have May 9, 14, May 15th, May 16, 20th and 21st. So just want to make sure we have enough time. Because if we do not we will need to work with our contractors to see if they are available as well as the Michigan Department of State.

>> CHAIR EID: Any thoughts? Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think we can probably do it. It's good to know the schedule so we know what time we are working with, but I think we can do it.

>> CHAIR EID: I think we can do it too. But it is hard to know right now until we get the VRA and analysis on the 16th but how things are going now I think we can do it. Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The 14, 15 and 16 draw maps, we are doing that Zoom?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I see that on May 20th and especially May 21st we aren't using all the hours. I suppose we could try to add on the 21st if we need to.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We could on any of those dates you could add. But I was just saying we would need to give notice and so that's why I'm bringing this to the Commission now.

>> CHAIR EID: I like that idea. Why don't we add times on the 20th and 21st and make those full day meetings and if we don't need the time we don't need the time and we can adjourn but if we do need the time we will use it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: So when you say full day you are saying right now on May 20th we have 10-1 and 5-7:30 are you saying 10-5 and then we would obviously take a lunch break at 12:30 to 1:30.

>> CHAIR EID: 10-5 both days with some breaks in between.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Somebody will need to make a motion. I work for you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think maybe we could also schedule May 21st to go longer, and you know end early if we need to but at least we know we would have people available. So I will make a motion that we add in those times that we just discussed. Is that sufficient?

>> CHAIR EID:

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I guess for clarity you are saying 10-5 on May 20th to May 21?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: I will second that motion. There is a motion by Commissioner Orton, seconded by myself, to edit the schedule to amend the schedule to have May, the May 20th and May 21st sessions last from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., is there any discussion on the motion?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, I do have a question would you then be doing away with the May 20th from 5-7:30 p.m. session that is scheduled?

>> CHAIR EID: How the motion was worded we would. Was that the intent? Okay, yes. Any other discussion? All right we will move to vote. All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed? The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Mr. Chair I want to remind everyone we will be at Wayne state University at the student center in ballroom C. We do have parking. We do have parking in structure five. With regards to those who are coming to the public hearing. Please make sure to notify the registration desk when you arrive with regards to parking in structure five. So that you can have parking. If it might rain bring an umbrella tomorrow but we are looking forward to having as many people as possible to show up and speak up at Wayne state University in terms of telling the Commission how to draw the maps and specifically to include your community of interest. So I just



want to make sure the public is aware of this opportunity taking place tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Wayne state University student center, ballroom C. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That concludes my report.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Executive Director Woods. Department of State, did we do that vote correctly? Was there an original motion by Commissioner Lett first? Or was the original motion by Commissioner Orton?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: There was a motion to adopt the mapping schedule presented by Commissioner Lett, supported by Commissioner Orton and there was a motion to amend the mapping schedule so that May 20th and May 21st are now scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

>> CHAIR EID: So that amendment got adopted but we still have to adopt the main motion?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That is not correct because you already voted on the initial motion, so this was a secondary motion.

>> CHAIR EID: So we are good?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Are there any acknowledgments? Or actually announcements are first, are there any announcements? How about acknowledgments? I'll give a shout out to the pearls events center for having us here. It's been a very nice time, nice building we appreciate you all. Also like to give a shout out to the AV group for making this meeting happen. They can't see you but give yourselves a wave. They are smiling that is good. Also like to acknowledge EDS, everybody helping including Ryan in the back.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have a question.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Whoever is giving us the Zoom schedule can you make sure I get mine in the morning because I usually have to call and hunt somebody down to put me in for Zoom.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, Commissioner Curry, we will make that happen.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Weiss, did you have something?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No I wanted to tell you Commissioner Curry had her hand up, that is all, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful, are there any more acknowledgments? Seeing none that makes the items on the agenda complete and the Commission has no further business for today. A motion to adjourn is in order.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Second.

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>> CHAIR EID: There is a motion by Commissioner Lett, seconded by Commissioner Muldoon to adjourn. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none we will vote. All those in favor of the motion to adjourn please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there any opposed? Please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it, we are adjourned at 6:53 p.m.