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>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: We do have a quorum and I'm going to start the webinar and get ready to take us live. I will let you know when you can start the meeting. Are you able to hear me through Zoom or is it still a little spotty?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You are muffled on my end.

>> This is the interpreter, it's very clear for me.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Seems like the volume could be a little low from what I'm hearing hear.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I hear Commissioner Weiss just fine and the interpreter so it may be on your end, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think you are right, Commissioner Lange, I think it's at their end.

>> That is interesting because I can hear Ms. Schaar loud and clear the same as I can hear Commissioner Lange and Weiss.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Can we have one of the Commissioners on the podium to speak in the mic.

>> CHAIR EID: Test 1, 2, 3.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Still a little muffled on the Zoom.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I agree with Commissioner Lange?

>> CHAIR EID: Is that better now?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Much better.

>> CHAIR EID: Microphones close to you folks.

>> There is a bit of an echo, and I can understand but it may not be true for everyone.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning. As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:09 a.m.

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good morning Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely please announce during roll call that 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 by calling the Commissioners in alphabetic order. Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan? Commissioner Curry?  
Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present attending remotely 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 SZETELA: Good morning, present attending remotely from  
Wayne County Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner? Commissioner Weiss?

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Mr. Chair, we have ten members present and you do have a quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: Reminder to the public watching you can view agenda on our website [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). I will now entertain a motion to approve today's meeting agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: There is a motion by Commissioner Lett and a second 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 to approve the agenda please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

Without objection I will ask MICRC Executive Director Edward Woods III to present the purpose of today's hearing. I believe he will be accompanied by the -- is there any objection? Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have no picture on the screen.

>> CHAIR EID: We will get that working. Hearing no objection, Mr. Woods, please proceed.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Before we begin we have a presentation, I should say a welcome and greetings from the director of community affairs for Wayne state University. None other than Stacey Clayton, thank you Stacy for being here with us today.

>> Good morning.

On behalf of our board of Governors and President Kimberly Andrews Espy, welcome to Wayne State. We are a tier one research institute in the heart of Detroit. Our mission is to create an advanced knowledge, prepare diversity and student body to thrive and positively impact local and global communities. Having events like today's, the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission public meeting on campus reflects our mission and commitment to the community. The work of the Commission is particularly important to ensure Detroit has true representation in our state, senate and representative offices. Everyone, especially our young people, need to know the value of their vote, to let someone know who stands for their interests. I'm extremely pleased to say that last October Wayne State University was named a top 15 voter-friendly campuses and was the only University in Michigan on the list. I'm immensely proud.

We have a 9% voter registration and saw 73.5 turnout in the 2020 election. And we expect we will meet or exceed those numbers this year. Thank you to Ed Woods, Kristin Taylor for selecting Wayne State. And thank you to the Commission for the important work you are doing on behalf of the public. We wish you a good and productive meeting. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you again for all of your work and everything to make this day possible. We are always excited to have public feedback that is something that is very integral to this process and I will be sharing my screen so we can talk about our public comments and what E with we are looking to have taken place today. So let me just share the screen.

If you are able to see the screen just nod your head. I just want to make sure everyone has a chance. Perfect we are at Wayne State University as you already know, and we are excited to be here at a tier one public research institution. For our appreciation I want to thank Dr. Stacy as well as others who made this possible to be here at Wayne State University. Want to thank the public relations for their nontraditional and social media outreach as well as McConnell communications for their traditional community outreach letting people know about the public hearings taking place in Detroit where we can hear how to draw the maps or get your assistance on how to do it. Definitely like to thank Chase Creative or AV team who has been with us this week and volunteers who are helping out with registration and promoting these public hearings taking place in Detroit this week.

History of the I don't know where I'm going, MICRC. In 2018 Michigan voters passed proposal two a ballot initiative for voters and not legislatures to take responsibility for nonpartisan redistricting and created the MICRC, the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. It's comprised of 13 randomly selected Michigan residents includes four who affiliate with democrats, five who don't affiliate with the democrats or republicans. Which we commonly call independents. And four who affiliate with the republicans. The MICRC is responsible for redistricting the U.S. Congressional, Michigan House, and Michigan Senate districts.

Unlike the previous standards the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is required to follow the 7 ranked redistricting criteria as outlined in the Constitution. Prior to this we were using the Apol standards, the legislature was using the Apol standards which focus primarily on City, county, municipal boundaries. And this particular process the Commission is required to follow these 7 ranked redistricting criteria. Equal population in the Voting Rights Act. Geographically contiguous. Reflect states 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 be reasonably compact.

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The U.S. District Court in western Michigan found the Commission drew maps focused on race in violation of the 14th amendment which is also known as the equal protection clause. And disenfranchised Black voters. There was no finding. I repeat there was no finding regarding the Voting Rights Act. They ordered the Commission to reconfigure state districts 1, 3, 6, 8, 10 and 11. And 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. So that's why we have the hash tag show up, speak up, hash tag show up, speak up so we can hear about your community. Redistricting will help ensure your elected officials reflect your values on important issues such as healthcare, education, public safety and justice.

Why we are here today. We are here today to hear directly from you. We believe that Government works best when we hear what citizens want and that is something that is so important for this process is hearing directly from citizens. We want to understand your community of interest. We want to know about the historical interest whether that be neighborhoods, cultural interests, whether relates to ethnicity or another special group or as relates to economic interests whether it's a University District, whether it's a water District, agricultural District, business District we want to understand your community of interest.

We want to learn from your feedback three on how to draw the State Senate districts in compliance with the Court order and the 7 ranked redistricting criteria.

Public comment guidelines. You have up to three minutes to address the Commission in the first round of public comment and additional two minutes in the second round of public comment. Two, address the Commission as a whole and not an individual member. Number three, any person making personal and impertinent or boisterous remarks addressing the Commission may be requested to leave the microphone. Four, if any person disrupts the orderly progress of a meeting or refuses to comply with applicable MICRC guidelines and rules, the Chairperson may rule that person out of order and/or order their removal from the meeting. This has never taken place and so we do not plan to start today. So we thank you in advance for complying with these guidelines.

Show up speak up. To continue to be receive information, we encourage you to "Like" or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, X formerly known as Twitter or TikTok at redistricting MI, subscribe to the MICRC YouTube channel, you can submit public or mapping comments at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). You can also go to that same website to sign up for e-mail alerts or you can call us 1-866 map fair. That's 1-866-627-3247 for questions or more information. Chairman Eid, thank you and that concludes my comments, on the public comments guidelines.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Executive Director Woods. For the public I will add a couple things if you turn around behind you, you will see two maps the one on the left

was created by the state legislature in the 2010 election census cycle. The one on the right is the Linden map that the Commission created in 2021. We also have Ryan in the back. You can raise your hand. If you would like to take a look at any of the current mapping proposals that the Commissioner is drawing or take a shot at drawing your own map, please see him. He can help you get up to speed on all of that. Taking a look at them might give you some ideas about your communities of interest or areas you would like to provide public comment about.

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

We have two rounds of public comments today, for the first around you will have three minutes and if your remarks are not finished or if you have something else you would like to add you can sign up for an additional two minutes of public comments meaning you will have a total of five minutes to speak today. We will be here until 7:00 p.m. So as long as you're signed up before 7:00 we will make time to hear from you.

First in line to comment today Reverend Lawrence Jackson.

>> Thank you very much and thank you all to the Commissioners because I know this is a volunteer situation, so we thank you for taking time to, out of your day to do this. I also want to say thank you and to anybody that is watching on video and anybody here in the room.

I want to start my comment with a basically a quick story. I hope that all of you can remember the story about the wizard of Oz. And the reason that I'm going to put that forth is because right now in terms of voting, I have voted in every election since 1978. That was the first time I was able to vote. And it's so important to do that not just for the president but all the way down the voting spectrum. But the story I want to tell is that right now the democrats, and I hope I'm not out of order, but, you know, they are like the scarecrow. No brains. And not necessarily looking at what happens with the people.

The republicans are not as -- they are not as -- they are not any better, because they are like the tin man, you know. No heart, not trying to help people. And I think, no, I'm sorry not the tin man. It's the cowardly Lyon because they don't want to stand up to those that have voices or that have a bunch of money but are not helping the people. Because my whole goal is to try to help the people. Let the tin man rust. And now we are left with toto who hopefully can get the man behind the curtain exposed. Because right now we really don't have a lot of leadership. And that's all the way across the board. So that's why I'm here today, is to say, look, to my fellow Michiganders as well as this Commission, it is so important that we make voting a fair process. Not all the ones that can, you know, pay for glitz and glamour and make things look good because I'm sure all of you know there is a big difference between looking good and being good.

And right now our leadership is not good at all. I feel that we don't have enough options.

[ Bell rings ]

I guess that means I got to stop quick. Regardless I hope the point everybody got is that it's important for us to be in this process and it starts with this type of Commission. And, again, thank you all. Take care.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Jackson. And if you would like you can sign up to get an additional two minutes if you have something else you would like to say.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Also this is not volunteer. We are paid, so this is a job we are paid for, just for clarity.

All right next up is Mr. Anthony Scannell. Mr. Scannell it's guys to see you in person.

>> Thank you. I got to raise this. Good morning MICRC at the Wayne State University. That's where we are. I got my Wayne State thing on. Happy to be here. Spent a lot of time in here. And down there at there was a McDonald's when I went here but I don't think there is any more. But I don't really have a lot to say. I don't need the whole three minutes. I think just based off my experience, living, working and whatever, down in the Lincoln Park, Melvindale and southwest Detroit area I think Lincoln Park should go with southwest Detroit. And Melvindale should probably go with Dearborn. But doesn't have to. I think it's just a better fit. And, yeah, I appreciate all the effort to get this meeting together. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. Next up is Cathy-Cerose.

>> Okay thank you very much for what you're doing. I think that this is a very important thing, this Commission, and I think that the eyes of Michigan and the nation are watching us. And I love that this is an equitable process and that we are working very hard. I'm from Lincoln Park. I have three kids in school right now. And we do a lot of our life in Allen Park, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights so I would like to see Lincoln Park be redistricted with Allen Park, our dentist is in Allen Park, all the teams we play against for sports are Allen Park and Dearborn so map 350 is the one that I'm suggesting. I don't think I'm going to take up the whole three minutes but thank you again for what you are doing and for everyone that is here making comments also, it's important. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Lettice-Meadows.

>> Hi, this is Lettice meadows Braxton, I would like to address and I'm here from APRI Detroit Down River chapter. And my main thing is that Detroit and Down River cities are in an industrial belt of the Southeast Michigan, which have a lot of pollution. The bad air quality caused emphysema and asthma and many other breathing problems. And we are just saying that all of the above reasons by Wayne County we need to keep the Detroit and Down River cities in the same register who know our concern and

personally and will not dilute our voices with our community that shares the same concerns that we have. That's all I need to say. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Meadows. Next up we have Ghana-Goodwin-Dye.

>> Good morning, thank you for what you're doing. I know it takes a lot of time to serve, okay, and a lot of passion. I am also with Detroit Down River APRI. Due to low tax based our schools are underfunded with older buildings that need repair for health issues as well as broadband is beyond our reach because first we must deal with economic issues. Because many of the residents cannot afford the Internet. During COVID these children were left behind because they did not have access. Transportation is an issue as well. Because the need of the bussing system because of the low-income base and people need to have a transportation base that they can use to get to and from work which needs to be expanded throughout Michigan.

All of the above reasons are why we need Wayne County to stay together. So that all of the issues that are of concern of all of these different areas need to be addressed by people that know these communities and are working in these communities and are trying to help support these communities. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next on the list we have Janeen-Eldiri.

>> Good morning, thank you so much for your work. My name is Janeen not Jeanene and I live in Dearborn. I'm here to advocate that my community of interest is kept together. Metro Detroit is home to several minority communities. Including one of the largest ethnic diaspora regions in the U.S. Our community of interest primarily lives in Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, west Dearborn and Warren Dale as other parts of Michigan such as Hamtramck, Louisiana Livonia Canton and I'm asking to keep the communities together. Without a fair count of the U.S. consensus we are consistently visible and not factored into the political process of redistricting. Consider map SDCOL version one, April 29th, which provides sufficient consideration for our community of interest. We would also like the City of Warren Dale to be added back and remain part of our community of interest. The Commission will determine the representation that our community of interest will have for the next ten years. And the generational impact it will have for our future. Please take the time to redraw the Senate maps to reflect the recently drawn maps. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next we have Chris Johnson.

>> Good morning to this Honorable body. I want to say thank you for allowing these public hearings to continue. I also want to thank you for what you did with the House. It worked out perfectly. And I pray that this Commission will take those same objectives and consideration when redoing the Senate maps. The main reason is there must be representation provided from Lansing into these areas. If there is no representation to some of these areas, things go by the wayside so to speak. Because of this last



redistricting, personally and I'm speaking on behalf of the Bagley community Council, we were lacking representation on some parts. And I don't think it's fair to the people. We have one of the largest voting districts in the City of Detroit. So saying that we should get representation that we are supposed to have. And that has not taken place. It's very important. We cherish our community but there are things that need to be done. Not just in my community but all over the City of Detroit. And other communities. So I would ask that this Commission take into consideration that these people who are supposed to represent us represent us. To me it doesn't matter the color but what matters is the representation that we receive. And if that representation is not there, then this whole thing is for not. But again I thank you. I thank you for all the hard work you are doing, and I look forward to attending more of these meetings as things progress.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. That concludes the folks who have signed up to speak in person for now. However, I do see a lot of people in this room who and some of y'all haven't signed up to speak yet. I encourage you to please sign up to speak. We won't bite. And we will be here until 7:00 p.m. if you decide to do so. I actually just got one more Regina Williams.

>> Good morning my name is Regina Williams I'm with APRI Down River. I was just sitting thinking listening to the talk going on that you need on the map keep all of Detroit together. Because the momentum of Detroit is really picking up with the Lyons, the draft, and sometimes you have to ride on what's going on to keep things getting better. So that is all I had to say. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Williams.

We as a Commission, we can't keep all of Detroit together because these Senate districts that we are working on has about 265,000 people. And Detroit has more people than that. So what we need to really hear is what communities within Detroit or outside of Detroit, whatever you think should be together. That's the kind of comments we really need, that is what really helps us. What are your neighborhoods? What neighborhoods are similar to yours? What areas do you want to be in the same District with? We will now start our remote public comments. For remote public comment 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 on you by your name. Also please note if you are experiencing technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you for three to five seconds we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you when they are done speaking. If your audio still does not work you can e-mail [redistricting@Michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@Michigan.gov) and we will help you trouble shoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later meeting.

The first person in line did not provide a name but they provided a gmail address.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, next in line is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me Mr. Chair?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, Mr. Gallant. Good morning.

>> Thank you very much. James Galant, Marquette Suicide Prevention Coalition and these are my opinions. Chair Eid, AKA Toto, it's not the Wizard of Oz behind that curtain. It's General Henry Roberts who interpreted directly the US House of Representative rules for common society in America. It's common law and parliamentary procedure. You were instructed by Mike Brady. Robert's Rules of Order, motion first, second, and you just did it to approve your agenda. We know you can do it. You can fix this 100% right now by unanimous consent. Just don't allow any debate or discussion before a motion to approve the new unconstitutional map to replace the Senate map. Then divide the question 11 times, 11 ways for all the incomplete maps you have now, rolling, each one of them. And place them all on the table and bring them back one at a time so you can discuss each one individually and not go back and figure out what is going on. Okay. You can bring it back and then motion to postpone it to a later date and then approve the one map, that is how it works in America. And that is what you are supposed to do it here, under your oath of office with our Constitution. This is a perfect place for you to fix it. I'd ask you to ask the Wayne State University Board of Governors, which I have presented to them this issue. And to look into the idea that the Constitution you're following is actually the Wayne State University School of Medicine Graduate Student Senate Constitution that was created in 2023. And the Student Senate Constitution that you presided under as the president at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Those are the Constitutions you are following, not the United States Constitution or the Michigan Constitution, which you know the question first, and motion first. And that is how you are doing it. I that is where I found that motion to discuss. I have never seen that before in 25 years. That came from the school Senate, right there, the Senate Constitution from that school. A Constitution under a Constitution is a secret society under Robert's Rules and common law in America. That's the way it is. Dr. King, remember he said this is real hard, real hard for me, but this is the place to stop this right now. And, if you don't, then I would predict that this Michigan Supreme Court will vacate every one of you, provide consensus suspending the Constitution and not following your oath of office basically. The whole thing. So please do that. And please hire a real parliamentarian. And by resolution please request that Attorney General Dana Nessel come here and join this today with you and provide a formal written opinion from the Attorney General of Michigan because Robert's Rules of Order was never an Attorney General opinion subject. It was a secondary subject. They said, well, not necessarily have to use Robert's Rules because it's not the subject of this opinion. And but you do have to because Mike Brady

said you have to under the Constitution. It's not in the Constitution. You didn't vote on it. And it's common law in America. And this is where we going, to the Supreme Court. Please help us fix this. You can do it and you are the only one who can possibly fix this based on my understanding of your personal values.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant. I'm really trying my best here. I do appreciate your comments as well.

Next up is Mary coffee.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: How about Jordan Elswley.

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

>> CHAIR EID: Vernard meadows.

>> Yes, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning.

>> Yes, hello and first of all good morning.

My name is Vernard meadows I'm a member of the Detroit Down River APRI. The first thing I would like to say that the redistricting only affects the people in our community of Detroit. We always seem to get the short end of the stick. In economic and political ways. Multiple ways. First being things like Internet accessibility. Broadband is beyond a lot of our reach. A lot of people cannot afford the Internet. And this leaves our people and our community at a disadvantage. Also transportation. People cannot afford vehicles. But what costs more than a vehicle is the car insurance. So I believe that this also puts our people at a disadvantage. That is all I would like to say for now. Thank you for my time.

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

That concludes our first round of virtual public comment. We do have a member of the public who signed up to speak a second time in person. At this time I will invite Anthony Scannell to the microphone.

>> Thank you so much. I wasn't planning on speaking again. But I heard the person right after me and they were talking about Lincoln Park, Allen Park and yeah I kind of agree. If you look at one of the options I've looked at is you can split Allen Park around north of Southfield road if you want, put it with Melvindale, south of Southfield road put it with Taylor, Lincoln Park, whatever. But or you can put the whole City of Allen Park with Dearborn. It's not what I would do but you could do it. And I definitely think Allen Park should be with southwest Detroit and I said why already. And I like these maps back here. I think that's a great visual. And I want to see them for the draft proposed maps. I think this process with the Senate has an extra step in it like for the last one you just gave one map to the Court but this time you're going to give the Court all your drafts, was that the case last time? Oh, you did that too last time. I didn't even notice. Good luck with that. Whatever you come up with in the next couple days we are stuck with because of the narrowly tailored changes so if you have any individual

Commissioners the online ones if I don't know pull out all the stops, bring your best individual ideas because I think there is two more days of mapping and it's just narrowly tailored changes after that so thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Scannell can you repeat what you said about Allen Park and Southfield road?

>> Put the north part with Melvindale and the south part with Taylor or Lincoln Park or if you had to split Allen Park that is just what I would do. You don't have to split it though.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you and once we have draft maps submitted to the Court we will also have big blow ups of those maps for our later public hearings nor the public to look at. During our second round of public hearings that is taking place mid-June.

We have no one else signed up for in-person public comment. We do have an individual who signed up for a second round of virtual public comment being Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me again?

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

>> All right. Thank you very much. James Galant again, these are still my opinions. And I guess, Chair Eid, I guess for now I'll have to take your word for it that you're doing the best you can under your personal stressors in your life. But under your rules, you know, you have all the say, just don't let them do it. They can appeal your decision, take a vote not to follow the Constitution, and you can just maintain your own and vote you out and let Commissioner Lett take over. We will see how the current customs pan out today. And we will see if the specters show up. And because I'm going to ask you to slay the Wizard of Oz and protect everyone all at once and follow Robert's Rules of Order as you were instructed as common law in Michigan by Mike Brady at the first meeting. Please get that written legal opinion from our counsel. We are paying millions and millions of dollars and the Baker folks, the Baker folks, the partisan attorneys. Commissioner Lett said they are partisan attorneys and that's why, they got experience, that's why. But guess what? The Constitution says nonpartisan employees and staff. This is so wrong. This is so wrong on so many fronts. Start right straight, straight away. Before you do this new mapping under the one rule you are going to suspend the Constitution and you are going to suspend all of the rules except that one mapping rule. Okay. We will go over it. We will figure it out. And we will go back to remember when the members can facilitate their own agenda items except Doug Clark was not allowed to do that when it was the Pledge of Allegiance. Szetela is the one that said, no, she was going to go first. She is going to facilitate and not allow that. So that rule did not exist then, that current practice, that current custom didn't exist then. But it does exist now as verified by Szetela. And what about those e-mails or text messages you were doing during the meeting, this closed session meeting, during the meeting. And that is a specter. Poke me right in my good eye with that, you know. Everybody is watching

but they are not really paying attention to that part. Ask Mr. Dindoffer if he could maybe come and think about this. He said he never really looked into the part about making a motion first part. He is an attorney online and says he is. Dindoffer and the guy here, the last speaker from the first meeting, from the very first meeting, they are the ones who have been participating.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell. Mr. Gallant. I'm looking at Mr. Scannell.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No offense, Mr. Scannell.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay that concludes our public comment. Once again we are going to be here until 7:00 p.m. I encourage everybody watching, anybody who would like to come out and speak to the Commission to do so. Next on the agenda is mapping. Without objection I will ask the Commissioner to return to our mapping processes and procedures under our rules of procedures and mapping policies document. Is there any objection, Commissioners? Hearing none we will proceed. We have Mr. Morgan with us today from EDS. I do see Mr. Fink. You have your hand raised.

>> NATE FINK: I do, thank you. Mr. Chairman, and good morning to everyone. I just wanted to follow-up on the brief discussion we had at the end of the meeting yesterday just to make sure that the Commission is clear and that the public, the recommendation and guidance is clear to the Commission and to the public in terms of how this process should play out over the next you know few weeks or really month, month and a half. During the House remedial process, you had a successful process that you followed, that ultimately led to the motor City Motown Sound map that the Court accepted. And I've encouraged the Commission to follow a similar process, which I think you have done, which is to draft proposed maps without using racial data, you're continuing that process right now. As Director Woods indicated yesterday, the initial set of completed maps will be sent off for VRA review so that the VRA team led by Mr. Braden from Baker Hostetler and will go next week and you will continue your mapping process today and continue to incorporate public feedback that you have been receiving and continuing to receive, continue to draft maps. And can then submit any additional maps that you want for VRA review. I believe the date is by the 15th of May. Next week, Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. So that will be any additional collaborative maps or the individual maps for VRA review and partisan fairness review. Once you receive that VRA feedback from Mr. Braden and his team after they review them and provide you with their VRA analysis, you can then consider, based on that feedback, making narrowly tailored revisions, or tweaks to any of the maps that you would like before deciding on which map to submit to the Court and send out to the public publish to the public for the public hearing process which will then commence after that.

After you go through the public hearing process, as we had or provided guidance during the House remedial mapping process for the Senate, you can also then, if you so choose, make some minor revisions to one or more of those maps if such changes are the logical outgrowth of comments you receive during the public hearing process, before

ultimately deciding on which map you want to adopt, to send off for the Court as the Commission's final proposed Senate remedial map.

So, again, I just want to provide an overview of that to make sure that there is hopefully some clarity to that. And, you know, happy to address any questions on that but encourage the Commission to continue its work and, you know, produce excellent choices for the public to consider and provide feedback on. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Fink. I hope that provides some clarity.

All right we will resume mapping. When we left off yesterday I was just finishing up some minor population deviation issues.

>> MORGAN: So you want to bring up the plan you worked on yesterday?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

So as we discussed yesterday the plan was mostly complete. There were just some deviation issues. So I think the practice would be to make a copy of it and finish the edits with today's date for the time being.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, let's do that.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Then it can be put up and marked as complete on the website.

>> MORGAN: It was District 3 that is outside of the population deviations that you have been using. 2.5%.

>> CHAIR EID: Right, just to recap for the public what we are looking at now is an attempt to combine multiple House Districts that were in the Motown Sound map. That the Commissioner adopted, and the Court subsequently approved. And try to take a couple of those districts and combine them into Senate districts since just about nine, just about three House Districts is equal population to a Senate District. Now it doesn't match up exactly. So I do hope my fellow Commissioners and the public take a look at this and provide some feedback. But the draw went pretty okay.

So right now we are just fixing the population deviation.

>> MORGAN: The new Nate is today's date version one, it's a copy of the plan you worked on yesterday and again District 3 was out of the population specifications at negative 3.4.

>> CHAIR EID: So three is a little under, one is a little over.

>> MORGAN: Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, let's open up the neighborhood layer.

>> MORGAN: Okay you are looking for areas to add into three from one.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, let's look at the Midwest neighborhood.

>> MORGAN: So you've got two, three, four, about 7,000.

>> CHAIR EID: And that should do it.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: It looks like we are in compliance on all the districts. Can we Zoom out so we can take a look at what we have?

>> MORGAN: I would need to take a moment to put those water blocks in.

>> CHAIR EID: We can do that later. Let's Zoom out for now. So, yeah, it seems like we have a District 1 that approximates the House Districts 7, 9 and 1. A Senate District 2 that approximates House Districts 2, 3 and 15. A Senate District 3 that approximates House Districts 4, 5 and 8. And a Senate District 8 that approximates House Districts 11, 12, 14 and a little bit of 7. And then on the other side a little Senate District 6 that approximates House Districts 16, 17 and a little bit of 22. And the rest of it in Oakland and Wayne County are from other collaborative maps that the Commission drew. Because I did not want to mess with those too much. So I will end it there. I think it's you know an interesting idea to combine House Districts, if they were good enough for the House map, I don't see why they wouldn't be good enough for the Senate. You can go ahead and assign those water blocks and while we are doing that we do have some more public comment.

Darwin Griffin. Good morning again I'm Darwin Griffin Detroit Down River Randolph institute and after I spoke yesterday I talked to some other people regarding about the boundaries especially the boundaries right there at 8 Mile and just south of 8 Mile and the concern that I have again is trying to make certain that we have people that are in the City of Detroit that are disenfranchised, to feel like their votes don't matter and feel like they are going to let other people in other areas vote for them. And that's the thing that I'm most concerned about is to make certain that there is inclusiveness with all the people in the City of Detroit to be able to get their voices heard, be able to go because the concerns are different. Schools, infrastructure, looking at trying to go and build businesses. Business creation is totally different when you have people that may not have a problem in certain areas that don't have a problem trying to go and get a business started or to find start-up capital to get their businesses started. And the same thing when it comes down to the schooling. You have some schools that have metal detectors, magnetometers before getting to schools and other schools where you can walk freely in the school. There are some concerns in areas that don't demonstrate the needs in certain populations in Detroit that others in other districts may have as well. Thank you for letting me make my comment.

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

Next we have Doriscine-Wesley.

>> Good morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning.

>> I'm also with Detroit Down River APRI. I have a couple of questions more than just a comment. I did try to look at your maps last night and I had difficulties pulling it up first but the ones that I did get my granddaughter to finally pull up for me had different notations on them than what I saw yesterday here. One was number 349. Is that from

before or is that currently what you're working on? I wasn't sure. The number that I looked at, that I thought was okay was 349. But the numbers that you had up yesterday were totally different, okay.

>> I will answer you. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR ORTON: So the numbers that we give, the big, long numbers that is the numbers we are really going by but when it's assigned to the website it gives it that 349, 350, 351.

>> I didn't know what I was looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So the 349 coincides with whatever date and whatever version we put on that. They stay together. It's the same.

>> Okay, I didn't know how to look at it. So I'll probably try it again.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Ryan back there can help you.

>> On the way out, okay thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: We can pull it up right now for you to make sure it's the one you are talking about. So that is 349. 42524 version 7.

>> Oh, I see.

>> CHAIR EID: This is one of the ones we are working on now. It's progressed into a couple different configurations, but can you pull up the PDF, John?

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Ask your question.

>> Okay the question I had was when you configured that, was the, I mean, you have several things that you go by to do this, right? So what was the biggest or one of the main things that you looked at first? Was it population?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'll answer. Population is always first, that is the top priority.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So population.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is number one and then we kind of go down the list.

>> Okay, are the requirements, are they listed somewhere? Because I couldn't find them. Will he have them back there?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Did we put the ranked criteria on the screen?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I can share my screen. Hold on.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: This is Commissioner Kellom good morning everyone.

>> Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I think different Commissioners we draw collaboratively, right, at least we desire to do that. So different Commissioners hear different things when they are listening to commenter. We all take notes in different ways and so when we take turns we are drawing based upon what we hear. Some Commissioners have a preference to start in the suburbs, others have a preference to start in the Detroit area, so it literally is kind of like drawing a picture.



>> Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: The picture depends on where you start. And then once you get to a certain area your question about population, then you might start to look at numbers because you are forced to go left, right, up, down. You might ask for Kent or John to pull up population numbers in a given precinct area because now we are looking at the map of it. If we have a District that is 240,000, okay we know we are getting close so now we can only get about 20,000 folks and so we are looking to see where we can get that. So this is where, this is the rank.

>> Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: This never changes. This is forever and ever amen. First population and Voting Rights Act. Second look at the geography of an area and want it to be contiguous and that means we don't want lots of different strips and angles.

>> I was wondering about that.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, so I'm trying to make it as simple as possible. We want to reflect diversity and communities of interest. So that's where you all come in and say okay I live in the Bagley community our community shares interest with Schultz. We want to be in this area. The like you are starting to describe your neighborhoods. Then four no disproportionate advantage to any political party. We don't care about who is running, who used to run, that is not within our per view. Especially with us not being politicians, this is the part of the process that is the main focus, the mission of the ballot for politicians, not doing the work and having regular old citizens like us doing that. Five no favor or disfavor to an incumbent elected official or a candidate similar to what I just said before. And then we want to reflect consideration of county, City and Township boundaries. And then finally we want things to be reasonably compact, okay? So.

>> When you say reasonably compact, you're trying to stay within, I mean close to each other, is that what you're saying?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes. Yes.

>> I just wanted to get it clear in my head.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Of course.

>> So when I'm looking at the maps, the boundaries weren't making sense to me.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: So yesterday we went through several maps and had Commissioners that worked more on the map or had a recollection of how maps were drawn. We went through that process of describing how we got to what the public is seeing. And we do our best to try to do that initially. I think kind of being on you all's side for a minute what you are wanting to hear is I heard this neighborhood wanting to be with this neighborhood. I'm drawing this because.

>> Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: These cities and we have, yes, and sometimes admittedly sometimes that does not happen. Sometimes it sounds like we are starting here, and I

want to take this line and go there. So we will do our best to add more qualitative data that colors what commenters are saying. I'm not saying we don't do that already, but we will try to do more.

>> First of all thank you for letting me speak. And you did clear up a couple of things that I was looking at yesterday. My last question, when is this, when is the final result? When will we know what you've come up with and do we get to speak again when you give us a final?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You do but I'm the Vice Chair, our Chair is going to give you that information.

>> Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: That is a great question. So what we are doing now is our first round of public hearings.

>> How many will you have? Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Eid we will have two, and now is the first and today is the last day of it. We were in Macomb County on Tuesday and in Southfield yesterday. Today we are here in Wayne County. We are going to take the feedback we receive today and submit some drafts to the Court. I don't know how many we will submit but there will be multiple versions. And what we are going to do is we are going to take those versions and we are going to come back to the community on June 11th, June 12th and June 13th to hear which one of those y'all like best.

>> Okay, will these meetings be better advertised? Because this was not. And had we, our organization not been affiliated with certain people, I wouldn't have known. So is there, I mean, do you have plans to better let the community know?

>> CHAIR EID: I will tell you we are trying. We are going to be at various Detroit high schools in that second round of public comments. How could we best reach you? What do you think we can do to reach you better?

>> TV.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: We have been on CBS, channel four, CBS Detroit. We have been on channel four. We have been on channel 7. We have been on Horace-Sheffield, and I talked to you yesterday and I will say it again on the record there are some people where having a Commission like this of citizens and having citizens voices to be heard. They don't really like that.

>> I know.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: So when you think about marketing and using our dollars in a positive way, our social media is very strong. I'm not saying that it couldn't like things couldn't be better. But like we have been on TV before several times. So if you have any suggestions please let us know. If we need to go to a barber shop, beauty salon, whatever it is, we are innovative in the approach and talk to the community.

>> Really.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: We go to Bagley, I was at Black tech Saturday.

>> Okay, didn't know that.

>> CHAIR EID: To answer your original question this Commission will decide on a map on June 27th.

>> Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: When it's due to the Court and the Court will decide on adopting it by July 26th.

>> 27, 26, okay thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you so much. And well said Commissioner Kellom. Thank you for all of that. Next up is Stacy Deering.

>> Good morning, Commissioners. And thank you for that very detailed explanation, Commissioner Kellom and Vice Chair that was very insightful and breaking down the 7 bullet points to have us understand all the criteria you guys are working hard at, so I appreciate it. I'm a lifelong Detroit. I do work in Dearborn and a grad student here at Wayne, so I appreciate the work you guys are doing. So the community organization that I often work with, they provide core social services and assistance to minority communities that are heavily concentrated in the six districts that you guys are working on right now or the highlight districts. As a lifelong Detroit and ally to all minority communities it's very important we boost awareness of representation, disenfranchisement that will occur with the cracking of communities of interest we have in these particular jurisdictions. So the organization I work with does have a very significant presence in southeast Detroit. Including Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Warren Dale, Melvindale, Lincoln Park and Hamtramck. All on the border of Detroit of course. Currently the only official method of recognition we have for minority communities is pretty much through the data collection that our U.S. Census Bureau presides over and collects every ten years. Unfortunately there are communities of interest that lack proper representation because they are incorrectly categorized as members of the white population. And it inflicted challenges and adversities on these communities of interest. However, today I see, and I feel you guys have a great opportunity to improve these unfavorable conditions as you work hard to redraw the Senate maps with these communities of interest in mind. It's vital we keep these communities intact. This improves their voice, their power and right to vote is upheld as well. I also ask that you add Warren Dale in District 2 as a community of interest, and I strongly support the adaptation of SDCOL version 21 that was drawn on April 29th. It looks sufficient to provide community of interests that have disenfranchisement. Thank you for your time. I appreciate you. Yes, sir. I'm sorry it was actually number two on the PDF you guys provided the April 29th version and read SDCOL version 1 I think it's number 350 on the PDFs you guys showed. Yes, sir. April 29th. Yes, ma'am. Thank you guys, appreciate it.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next up is Wallace Chambers.

>> Good morning.

You guy can remember me I was here the day before yesterday, and I have a little understanding but to piggyback what the man said back here we have different ideas and cities have different ideas and everybody is not the same. What works for Detroit may not work for Macomb or Southfield. And like I said the day before yesterday dividing and it's almost like who overcome, who concurs. Who gets the best deal out of the deal of the puzzle and the puzzle should stay the same and shouldn't be divided. It's like chaos. Because like Macomb don't know Detroit and Detroit don't know Macomb and it's like Southfield don't know Detroit and Detroit doesn't know Southfield like I said the day before yesterday and got a little understanding a little bit but seems all of a sudden the years go by and here all the sudden we do this dividing thing or separation thing. It's almost like people versus us and we versus them so it's like I still stand on it and kind of like complicated the way the situation is going. And I represent APRI, and I think Detroit should stay and the position should be stayed. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. And we have a member of the public who signed up to speak a second time. Griffin Darwin.

>> Again, Darwin Griffin from APRI Detroit Down River. I just had another question I wanted to ask. When you do the evaluation and I think Commissioner Kellom I was listening to what you were saying when you went over the bulleted points. Now is it possible do you ever use the van the voter action network to go and look at any? Especially when you look at the different demographics as far as say like the propensity of people to vote. We know there are some areas in Detroit that have a higher I think somebody made a comment about that yesterday saying about the voter empathy, they were commenting about. But is that anything that is ever looked into as to the voting propensity in certain areas, certain districts? I know you mentioned about Bagley and some other communities of interest in Detroit. But do they ever look at that and make a decision based on any of that from the van?

>> CHAIR EID: So we don't use van specifically. I'm a little familiar with van. But we don't use it specifically. However, we do have our own tools that are used.

>> Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: That look at things like voting turn out and stuff like that especially when we get to our evaluation of VRA which comes later. So we do look at that. We are not looking at that quite yet. But eventually we will look at that and it's one of the factors we use to help us decide which of these maps to go with.

>> Okay I appreciate that. Thank you again.

>> CHAIR EID: All right that concludes everyone who signed up for public comment. Again please sign up if you have not spoken yet. We will be here until 7:00 p.m. We will now return to mapping.

>> MORGAN: I would say I just cleaned up the water blocks that you wanted to be cleaned up and the plan is saved.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Morgan. At this time we will take a short, ten-minute break. We have been going for about an hour and a half. And, yeah. Ten minutes, sound good? All right we will go on break until 11:25.

[ Ten-minute break ]

>> CHAIR EID: 11:35. Sorry about that.

[ Ten-minute break ]

>> CHAIR EID: All right folks if everyone can take their seats we will be getting started momentarily. Okay well come back. We will now resume the meeting. We do have one more individual who has signed up to speak a second time. Ms. Wesley.

>> I just wanted to make one more comment. First, thank you to Commissioner Orton and Commissioner Vallette. I am going to try and get and see if we can get you guys out to another meeting just to give some information to more people and then second Commissioner Eid suggested that I let you know which ones after looking at the ones that I saw 349 I'm going to try and compare to what you end up with today. And see where we are. Because that one we did, I did kind of like the way the boundaries were. 351, I did not like at all. I have to look at it again to tell you which ones I didn't, you know, where the lines were that I didn't like but thank you very much for letting me vent.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Okay, we will now return to mapping. Mr. Morgan, do we still have that map up?

>> MORGAN: The one you were working on?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah.

>> MORGAN: Just a moment. This is the map with today's version one that you worked on yesterday and we completed now.

>> CHAIR EID: And you mentioned some water blocks. Was that put in?

>> MORGAN: Yeah right around bell isle when you click it in with the precinct it does not take the water block, so we go back in and add those block by block.

>> CHAIR EID: Can we get a partisan fairness readout on it?

>> MORGAN: Okay.

So the top line numbers here for 050924 version one for today lopsided margins are 3.6 for republican. The mean median difference is 2.6 republican. The efficiency gap is democrat 0.8. The seats vote ratio is 22 democrat to 16 and that is a bias of 5.0 for the democrats.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, thank you. Looks to be in line with some of the other maps. All right that is it for me, thank you for the assistance, Mr. Morgan, and we will move on to the next Commissioner. Next up on the mapping list is Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: All right I think we are still working with John. So I was told, Commissioner Eid finished up the map that Marcus and I were working on so I

figure today I would just revisit the why behind this map. And maybe describe some of the areas or the districts.

>> MORGAN: Okay so you want to view the map that was worked on yesterday and not make any changes at the moment, is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: That is correct. I might look at it and decide I want to make some changes but for right now.

>> MORGAN: Sure, okay.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLUM: And Commissioner Muldoon or anyone else that might have questions or suggestions of changes. Great that is perfect. So I said this when I first started with this map. I have all my little notes right here. But I will say it again. This provides not only like a varied configuration for Detroit but I think it minimalizes where it grabs communities we have heard from. So this first District is an east side Down River southwest almost downtown District. And I with this District, where is it? I don't want to miss anything in the first we have Morass-Morang, Yorkshire, these are neighborhoods and communities Cornerstone, Chandler Park, East Village. Then we have Jefferson or the Gold Coast, excuse me, Jefferson, Chalmers and Southwest Detroit with Lincoln Park. Corktown, Midtown, River Front and I believe Melvindale is included in this District, in this version. And then I will let's do District 8. District 8 has...District 8 has Schultz, University District, Chaldean town, Krainz Woods, Nortown, Connor Creek, Franklin, Fitzgerald Mary Grove, Littlefield, North Campau, Davison, Eaton Gardens, Airport, Virginia Park, Petoskey-Otsego, LaSalle, New Center, Midwest. It' does not go as far as downtown or the river front. I think that is a possible configuration that some communities might enjoy. But I wanted to provide an option that sweeps so far downtown that also included the core of Detroit, so I wanted to try and keep that separate. So District 8 has the boundary, if you will of the la sale new center area. And now let's go to six. Six has Schoolcraft, Southfield, Plymouth Hubble, joy, Bethune, harmony, Rosedale, Brightmoor, West Wood Park, Minock Park, Plymouth Hubble and Livonia. And Southfield, be Bingham form Evergreen and Farmington and two is Dearborn Heights, Dearborn, and Warren Dale, Warren Ave community is also included in District 2. So I don't think that this map is particularly different than some other maps that we've worked on. It just keeps the neighborhoods and communities with tighter boundaries. There is some splitting of communities. But it does so minimally in my opinion. So, again, Central Detroit not too far east, not too far west. Does not sweep down into the downtown areas to better keep communities together. And then we have some adjustments to 3, 9 and 10 to account for the changes that were made in 1, 8, 2 and 6, 12 remains the same. And I didn't make any changes there. And also 11 is edited slightly to accommodate for the changes that were made in the Detroit districts.

I will also say it includes some of the commentary we've heard from Darwin and some other Detroiters that came out today. There is some crossing 8 Mile. I personally don't

believe that you know we did so in the Senate. You can intentionally cross 8 Mile in a way that keeps neighborhoods and communities together. I'm not saying that we did not do that in some of the other Senate maps we are currently working on but in this map we have District 10 that crosses 8 Mile because there is some semiotic or shared relationship with that community. So like the east side the farther east side from 8 Mile going down into Warren. That is my spiel my friends.

>> CHAIR EID: And this one is Royal Oak Township in 9 or in 3?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let's Zoom in to 9 and 3.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair I would like to acknowledge for the record

Commissioner Szetela also has her hand up.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: So it's in nine.

>> CHAIR EID: It's in nine, okay, Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It looks like Royal Oak Township is in three. Isn't it the 2374?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Maybe I looked at it incorrectly. It's in three you are correct.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So can we Zoom back out? A little bit.

>> MORGAN: Yes, just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Were you going to do something, John?

>> MORGAN: Yeah, there you go.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I have to say I appreciate the effort on this map. But honestly out of every map we've ever drawn for the Senate I dislike this map the most. And I can tell you why. There is actually lots of reasons. I made a list because I looked at it last night. First starting with one we break off Melvindale and Allen Park from Dearborn and they asked to be combined with Dearborn Allen Park because of challenges in the school District if you recall we had a bunch of teachers who came and spoke to us before about having significant immigrant population in Allen Park schools and they feel they have a community of interest with Dearborn because Dearborn has the same challenges. So they wanted to be together so they could have a representative who is really focusing on getting those resources for students who are not English as the first language speaker. So separating them off I think breaks that community of interest. Melvindale we've heard repeatedly about wanting to be with Dearborn and Dearborn Heights because of the Mena so middle eastern community wanted to be included there. District 1 chops up the Latino community of interest we received maps for as well. So that's a concern. District.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Sorry where does it chop the Latino community of interest in District 1?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Just north of 1 by the boundary of 2 that actually goes higher. And then in terms of 2, Inkster is combined with Dearborn and Dearborn

Heights, and I having grown up in this area have spoken before how those are two communities that should really not be combined. Inkster has issues and is the area where Black residents were allowed to live who worked for Ford Motor Company and not all allowed to live in Dearborn and deed restrictions from preventing the houses being sold other than the white race. And I'm very well aware of them. The concern with two it cuts off the lower part of Dearborn Heights. The reason why that is a concern if you are not from the area you probably are not aware but Ecorse Creek runs through those neighborhoods. And I'm sure some of you probably do recall a few years ago there was a massive flood where we had enormous amounts of rain, those are the neighborhoods that are effected there. That block of Dearborn Heights because Ecorse creek runs right through there. My husband's House he grew up in was actually condemned after the flood because the flooding was so severe houses were destroyed and cuts off the areas of Southfield. Then when you put that with Taylor and Down River you are removing that community from other neighbors that have the same issues. So Taylor is south of 94. There is a very strong physical barrier with the 94 freeway running through there. They don't have Ecorse creek and don't have the same issues. Dearborn does. Dearborn also has flooding issues related to just the infrastructure of it being a 1950 Suburban the Southfield freeway tends to act like its own river channeling water, unfortunately to Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. Separating the neighborhoods is bad for Dearborn Heights and separates the Middle Eastern community. If we move to District 5 we have Canton with a very strong Asian Pacific islander population as well as a very strong Middle Eastern population. They are now being diluted out by being put with Huron and Sumpter and Sumpter and Huron but pulling Canton, which is a very developed suburb into the areas is really not a good fit at all. Same with Westland and Wayne and they are dealing with different interests, very different issues. And you're now going to have communities that just are not the same either demographically from a demographic with Canton Westland and Wayne are a much more diverse. And Romulus Huron Sumpter have different populations and different concerns because they don't have the same issues. So moving up a little bit into six my concern with six is we are once again combining the western suburbs of Detroit or western edge of Detroit with Livonia. Livonia is made whole and that is good. But I just think that there's other alternatives we have in other maps where we don't have that combination where you don't have the potential of Detroit's voice being drowned out by the very high voting population of Livonia. So I'm not a fan of that either. My concern with District 11, if we can kind of scroll up there,, is that 11 really is pretty functionally the same of what we had before. So I'm a little concerned about whether there is going to be a VRA issue there. And then in terms of Troy and Sterling Heights, we have a couple configurations where we have Troy whole. This one actually splits up that Chaldean community of interest we just had people speaking about yesterday because you're taking part of Troy, putting it into nine, part goes into I believe that is now 7. Part is in Sterling Heights



with District 10 so we now have the community which is broken into two in many maps. It's now three. So I feel like that's again breaking apart another community of interest that was, you know, advocated for and that you know we don't have to do that. There's other maps that include that issue too. And so I think that's it. But, yeah, I had just lots of concerns about communities of interest in this map. And you know I understand the goal of trying to keep Detroit more together. But I think there is other maps that do it better without cutting up those other communities of interest. And you know are just better options for us than this.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you so much, Commissioner Szetela. I thank you for, you know, taking the time to go through the map Meticulously and interested to see if Detroiters and other folks share those opinions because ultimately that's who we are all drawing maps for, not for our peers. AKA other Commissioners. So I'm excited to see what results this map yields especially since it's a Detroit centric map that has focused on Detroit. A lot of the districts and issues that you named are not Detroit centric. And we have up until this point we have drawn around Detroit and left Detroit for last. So that might not, I'm sure I am 100% sure that is not your opinion. But I am sharing my opinion about what this looks like. And it takes in consideration a lot of the things. So this is where the rubber meets the road. There are a lot of suburban COIs that include people of color so I'm very, very excited to see what they will say about this map. Again thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, well Commissioner Kellom it's still your turn.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Well, I mean if I'm being completely transparent I like what I see. I do have a migraine but I'm here drinking my coffee. I know that Commissioner Muldoon may have mentioned wanting to look at an area in Down River Van Buren, I could be confused in saying that. But I'm interested in maybe sharing my turn with his, if there is a tweak or a change that he's looking at with this map.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair I just want to acknowledge that Commissioner Szetela's hand is up. I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry, guys, I'm sorry.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm going to wait right now because I was working on another one.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I'm sorry, I put you on the spot I'm sorry.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: You are good. Kind of combining another map with this one.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, okay, sorry my friend. Okay.

Yeah, I don't I want to let this simmer for a while. Commissioner Orton, my sweet friend is voluntolding maybe we should run some partisan fairness for the map. I thought y'all ran it yesterday so pardon me. John, can we run?

>> MORGAN: Didn't we just run that just a moment ago? I believe so.

>> CHAIR EID: That was a different map.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay John let er rip.

>> MORGAN: You said District 12 was the same but the same as what were you referring to on that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I knew you were going to ask me that. It does not change the lakeshore from our what map was that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Linden.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I was actually trying to not compare it to Linden, but, yeah, it's the same one as Linden.

>> MORGAN: That's not the case though.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah I think that one included mount Clemens with 12, this one includes it with 11.

>> MORGAN: Mount Clemens and this area of Detroit is with 12 so it's not exactly the same.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Made a minor change, pardon me for miss speaking.

>> MORGAN: You said that, I wasn't sure what you were referring to being the same and I will run the report. Okay so these are the top line numbers for this map that was dated yesterday's date version four. The lopsided margins are 3.8 for republican. The mean median difference is 0.3 for democrats. The efficiency gap is 0.8 for democrats. And the seats vote ratio is 22 democrat, 16 republican, with the bias of 5.0 for democrat.

>> CHAIR EID: Everyone got those? All right. Thank you, Mr. Morgan.

Commissioner Kellom, does that complete your turn?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, it does. Thank you.

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

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Good morning.

So I have a quick question. Mr. Morgan, can you tell me how many fully completed maps we have right now?

>> MORGAN: Let me ask Kent. I think he has that number. Just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you.

>> MORGAN: Yeah, there are 15 completed maps at this time.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: And that includes maps that were worked on individually by Commissioners?

>> MORGAN: No, I don't know that it does. The individual maps are not included, so I believe that there are three individual maps. We have one by Commissioner Curry and two by you that were uploaded but not counted in that 15, I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay and then if anybody else was doing an individual map those wouldn't be there, so we are looking at almost 20 maps already? If my math is correct, 15, 3, so we are at 18 possibly up to 20, if anybody else has one. So what I want to do for my turn, I'm going to take a quick little break and just say thank you to our mapping people forbearing with us through this process for almost four years. Thank

you to our ASL people. You have had to put in some long hours too. And lots of times our people that help us out don't get the recognition they need. So I just want to say thank you to everybody. Let you know you are appreciated. And I'm going to pass my turn. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Lange. And well said. Next up is Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you. Kent, can you bring up Juanita's map 050324 version 1?

>> MORGAN: Okay, Commissioner Lett, I will do that. So no problem. And you just want to look at it at this time, you don't need me to copy it at this time?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right, I want to look at the townships of Van Buren.

>> MORGAN: Van Buren, Belleville.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And Sumpter, that area.

>> MORGAN: Van Buren Township, the village of Belleville and the Township of Sumpter are all in District 4.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Good for us. I want to look at the map that Chairman Eid just finished. Same area. I want to see where we are at there. With the same townships.

>> MORGAN: The northern portion of Van Buren is in 5. The southern portion of Van Buren is in 4. Village of Belleville is in 4 and Sumpter is in 4.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Mr. Morgan, they can't see the map.

>> MORGAN: Sorry, it looks like I disconnected from the Zoom. Just a moment. Okay can you see the screen now?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay so I will just repeat what I said, so the northern portion of Van Buren Township is in 5. The southern portion of Van Buren is in 4 along with the village of Belleville and Sumpter Township.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, can you Zoom out just a little bit? Yeah. That's good. What is the northern boundary of Van Buren Township?

>> MORGAN: Right here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That blue line?

>> MORGAN: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And that's in five and five is pretty close. You know what the population is in that northern portion?

>> MORGAN: So it looks like 6, 9, 12, 15,000 approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is the population in four?

>> MORGAN: Four is currently overpopulated by 5,000 but within the 2.5% guideline.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay let's drop down, pull back. So Sumpter and Belleville, both of those are in the square defined by the blue, right?

>> MORGAN: Sumpter and Belleville are in District 4, yes.

- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: We have about 13, 14,000.
- >> MORGAN: Plus half of Van Buren.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right. Let's.
- >> CHAIR EID: What is on the right edge of this District?
- >> MORGAN: Do you mean Taylor, South Gate?
- >> CHAIR EID: Wyandotte.
- >> MORGAN: Wyandotte is in one, yep.
- >> CHAIR EID: You are trying to add those to four, Commissioner Lett? Are you trying to add them to five?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm trying to work the three back together as easily as possible.
- >> CHAIR EID: The easiest way to do that would be to add them to four. That will make four a little high on population, but you can work around it.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, let's add the northern half of Van Buren into four.
- >> MORGAN: Okay so I would say it's probably a good idea to since this is a completed plan, I think I would want to save it as a new plan, copy it.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.
- >> CHAIR EID: Honestly you can just keep editing it. We finished it this morning, I don't mind if Commissioner Lett wants to make changes. And save us a whole plan.
- >> MORGAN: That is fine so editing this plan, that was today's plan, okay. Assigning this into five. Or four. Right?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, it should go into four.
- >> MORGAN: Yep. Okay so five is under populated by 15,000. And four is overpopulated by 21.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Where is Belleville, what is it Van Buren, Belleville, and Sumpter, Belleville is 4008. So we have to take some out of four, Commissioner Eid. Where are we going to put it?
- >> CHAIR EID: Well, you could either go into Romulus which is the areas below Wayne Township. You could start there, or you could add, you could possibly go the other way and add South Gate to one. And then change one around. I don't know if there are strong feelings about Romulus. I know that in pretty much all the versions that we made so far Taylor is whole. It's up to you. If it's really only a net of like 6,000 people. The easiest thing would probably be to take those townships, those precincts that are right below Wayne Township within Romulus and put them into five.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's try that.
- >> CHAIR EID: It's right around where the airport is.
- >> MORGAN: So that is 14,000. And that's 21. So let me back out of the last bit. Just a second.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do those and we will see where we are at.
- >> MORGAN: Four is a little over so you probably need another precinct or two.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take some more and let's get it down.

>> CHAIR EID: I would avoid going into Taylor. Like.

>> MORGAN: I'm sorry, that is Taylor, you're correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, don't do that.

>> MORGAN: Okay so that is part of Romulus right there. And now the population balances.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

We are within perimeters up and down the board. So it's good for me. I will pass the rest.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> CHAIR EID: Taylor is still whole in this one John in District 4.

>> MORGAN: That's correct.

>> CHAIR EID: What happened is Commissioner Lett re-added Van Buren Township to District 4 and switched it out with Romulus, part of Romulus.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's correct based on the presentation by Mr. McNamara yesterday strongly encouraging the Commission to keep Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter townships together, which a couple of the other maps have done also. So I just trying to keep those in as best we can. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Andrade I saw you raising your hand.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I had a question for you Commissioner Eid about breaking Romulus that northern part of Romulus you are kind of skirting the DTW. So you're kind of breaking up, what would you call it, an economic community of interest at the airport. Just wanted to note that.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, I do see that. Are there any other ideas how to make that change with District 4? I'm not sure how many, since it's an airport I'm not sure how many people like live there.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: It's the airport and then north of that is the parking and the hotels and everything that services the airport. I don't know if or how important that is. Just a note. And I was wondering if you could put South Gate into one and kind of do that swirl around. Because one could use a little bit of population. But on the other hand I don't remember where South Gate wanted to go, if they wanted to be with the Down River, or not.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I honestly think this is a fairway to divide it. So the area of Romulus that's been moved into five is really the more developed part of Romulus. And then that little jut down is actually where most of the population around the airport is. It's kind of the City of Romulus so to speak. And so there are certainly, you know, restaurants, hotels, all sorts of things but most of those are actually north of the airport. Which is where this has been divided. So I think it makes sense having them move up into the more developed, more developed, more commercial areas such

as Wayne and Westland where there is a lot of business. And then those areas that are south of the airport, they are much more rural. And so I think those are probably a better fit the way that Commissioner Lett drew it, down with Huron and Brownstown and Sumpter, Belleville and Van Buren. I think this is kind of a fair division based on where the population is and the type of population in terms of is it more suburban or is it more kind of rural, quasi-rural.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela. That helps. I feel better about it.

>> CHAIR EID: I think these are great points to debate. So thank you everybody for your comments.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm all set.

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

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry, I always forget.

>> CHAIR EID: You're okay, for those on Zoom if you have your hand raised and I don't call on you let me know. It's a little hard being in a live, please, that would be amazing. Next up is Commissioner Muldoon. Actually we have a public comment. Thank you Commissioner Orton. Next up we have Sarah Ismael.

>> Good afternoon Commissioners. My name is Sarah. I live in the City of Dearborn. I work in the south end of Dearborn. And I've been a resident of Dearborn for close to 25 years. I'm here today to advocate on behalf of my community of interest which is access community of interest. Our community of interest has shared unmet needs. We can't quantify inequities we face or the disparities we face whether it's education, whether it's healthcare, environmental justice, whether it's healthcare and research. Our community of interest does have shared similarities in terms of ancestry, heritage, language and so many different things. I'm here to advocate for map SDCO1 version 1 completed April 29th. So this map does the fairest job at keeping our community of interest together. However the map does not include Warren Dale so that is part of a community of interest and have the same similarities and ask the Commission keep that in mind when they consider redrawing the maps and look into putting Warren Dale back into District 2. And thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Sarah. I got a question for you too. It's the same one I asked yesterday. I don't know if you can answer it, but if anybody can it would be helpful. We have taken that configuration of Senate District 2 and put it into a few different maps. But we are having trouble fitting population wise both Lincoln Park and Melvindale. So we might have to pick between those two so what do you think would be the better route?

>> Melvindale or Lincoln Park.

>> CHAIR EID: No Warren Dale, Melvindale is in it and most of the districts we have drawn. But we might have trouble fitting both Warren Dale and Lincoln Park in there.

So if it comes down to between those two it would be helpful to know which is preferred by the community.

>> That is understandable and thank you for asking that question. So Warren Dale does fit with the community of interest when you look at District 2. So District 2 encompasses Dearborn, Dearborn Heights. And Melvindale and I think Allen Park if I remember correctly. And so District 2 is still 4800 under the target population. So I think keeping Warren Dale would make it much more inclusive in terms of the makeup of the District 2. So I think that, and the target population would make it a possibility in terms of maybe shifting things around and keeping it there.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I also don't know and saying this to groups as I'm walking around and walking outside, and I don't know if everyone knows that but every day we make edits to the maps. So I don't know when or like the last time that you or some members from your community have looked at the maps. But keep going online, which I know might be cumbersome and interact with the portal leaving comments and keep coming in person if you can to let us know what you see that could incorporate what you just said.

>> We will definitely do that. Thank you so much.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right Commissioner Muldoon, we are going to be breaking for lunch in about six minutes. So.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I will pull up, the one we were working on this morning.

>> MORGAN: Yeah, so what we did was we made a copy of the 351 map which was 42924 version two. So we made a copy of that map and then you began to edit that. So you want me to bring up the edits that you worked on with me this morning.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.

>> MORGAN: Or recreate the edits.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, just bring it up so we can have it.

>> MORGAN: Okay, so again the source of this was the 351 map, which we copied and then you made some changes to it in.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Making Van Buren whole.

>> MORGAN: Yes making Van Buren whole. And then taking part of Taylor and then you made some adjustments in 3, 2 and 1 from the original 351 map. So let me put the Township names on and then if you want to review what changes you made from the 351 that would bring everyone up to speed I think. Okay so the general changes that you talked about, I think, from the map, again, all of Romulus and part of Taylor into five and then Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter in 4 and Lincoln Park went into one I think, or it may have been in one already.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: It was already in one.

>> MORGAN: Okay then I believe you took Hamtramck and some surrounding area from the 351 version of one into three. Then three was over populated and you took Warren Dale and some surrounding areas into two.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct.

>> MORGAN: So that is the state of things in this map. Now do you want me to save this?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Anyone can edit it, it's fine.

>> MORGAN: It has your initials on it and didn't know if you want to save a different version number since it was from a collaboratively map drawn 351, 429 version 2.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Whatever is easy.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

So that is the map as we discussed and the changes that we discussed in going from the 351, the April 29th version 2 map to this map, which I have given today's date, version two.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Let's take the northeast side of one. Off. And.

>> MORGAN: You wanted to add something into one and then take something out of one?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah, I want to take and try to bring three east. And to bring one more downtown.

>> MORGAN: Okay did you want to add something in one and take away from one or you want to take away from one first?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Take away from one first.

>> MORGAN: Into three.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay, I will put the neighborhoods on if you like. So you wanted to move.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Airport.

>> MORGAN: Into three, okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Muldoon if you don't mind pausing there.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: We will be back with your turn after we return from recess. At this time we are scheduled for a recess from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. I will entertain a motion to recess.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: A motion by Commissioner Kellom, seconded by Commissioner Lett to recess. Is there any debate 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 please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it, we will recess and be back at 1:30.



[ Lunch recess until 1:30 p.m. ]

>> CHAIR EID: All right folks we will be starting back up momentarily if everybody can take their seats.

>> Sorry this is the interpreter I need to leave and return, the Zoom is not recognizing my camera so I will exit and come right back.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> Thank you for your patience.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, welcome back, everyone as chairman of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan independent citizens redistricting back to order at 1:40 p.m. We will now resume with public comments. Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live or remote public comment will now be allowed.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, we need to take role.

>> CHAIR EID: I always do that, Secretary of State if we can get a roll call I would appreciate it.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: I will call your name in alphabetical order. When I call your name please say present. If your physical location has changed from this morning please indicate that as I call your name. Commissioner.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Andrade present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present from Mexico.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry? Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Hold on one second. My mouse stopped. 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 attending remotely from Eaton county, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

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

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young.

>> CHAIR EID: We have two rounds of public comment one last for three minutes and if your remarks are not concluded, we welcome you to sign up for a total of five minutes commenting time. We have one new in person speaker, Mr. Arthur Bryant, mayor of Grosse Pointe Woods. You are free to approach the mic.

>> Thank you very much. Thank you for being here today to take this information from us. I'm here because when we saw the House versions you had picked one precinct out of Grosse Pointe Woods crossing borders of Wayne County and Macomb County. And put it in the other District other than us. And I just wanted to come here and say please don't do that again. You could do it with another thing down at the other end of our City. And I just want to express to you the problems that are caused. It isn't just the problems with people not understanding how they report to two different precincts and two different areas and how they have been split up. But it's a terrible inconvenience for the clerks, the City clerks.

Who have to administer the elections. And for the number of votes that were involved, I just don't see how obviously you can't make everything exactly correct. And I just think it was just a terrible thing that you did to us on that issue. And I want to express again that please don't do it to us or anyone else again. I mean, don't go into a given City and pick out one thing cross county lines and put it in a different area. Thank you very much.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have a question.

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You said you can do something down at the other end what do you mean with that?

>> I meant that if you look at the map, Grosse Pointe Woods has a part of its south end that touches to Detroit. So you might -- and it's a different District. So we had one at the top and one at the bottom and I'm just saying the comment was made, well, the things might be changed further. Or this one today, the Senate one might be changed and based on the Senate one you could actually take a District, a precinct from us and put it in the other, I forget the number but in the other Senate District. That's what I meant. So you could do it to us again, but on the other end of the City.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> That was my reference. Thank you.

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

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: At this time we will resume mapping. We were working with Commissioner Muldoon.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mr. Muldoon this is the map you were working with prior John Morgan on prior to the break. Where do you want to start or what do you have in mind?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Let's start at Lincoln Park, the south end of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And what are we going to do here?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Put it in four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Lincoln Park?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, Southfield, south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Is this area correct you want to move?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point we are 25,000 high on District 4.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is our next move?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I guess we will take from, so....

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We need to take some out of four.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At some point we need to do it, whether it's now or later.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm just trying to make District 1 not so long.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, if you put Taylor entirely into five, then you get into how you're going to remove population to five. Two could take some of, you know, a little bit here and there from five.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Or we could move I guess instead of moving it to four we can move Lincoln Park into two, which would be less to move I guess.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or we can look at the numbers here. And this is that is Lincoln Park and it's 30,000. So we put 30,000 into two and we are, you know, talking about needing to remove roughly 30,000. You know, more or less so now if we are going to remove area from two, you can, you know, move some to three and then three, one can, you know, one still needs a lot of people in which in that case at that point if three takes part of two, that's 30,000 people. So two is 30,000 over. And three would have to take more of two. And in which case one or ten would have to take more of three. This is Dearborn. This is the entire City of Dearborn. Dearborn Heights. This is west Warren avenue.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: West Warren about it.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I don't know what you are thinking, and I may be interrupting too soon.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Go ahead.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: We had a person come in and talk about how Warren Dale and Warren Dale avenue community would be what is the phrasing I want to use more advantageous for District 2. So maybe if you thought about that piece and maybe editing somewhere else to kind of get rid of some population. Like if you had to choose between like not Melvindale but, what do I want to say? My mind just went blank, but I'm giving you an area that would work well with District 2.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I moved Warren Dale already back into two.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: What was, why can't I think of it? Was it Melvindale? What did we ask?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Lincoln Park.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Lincoln Park, that is, it is Lincoln Park in there?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: You could possibly take that out, that is what I was maybe thinking.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Right.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I'm getting off the mic.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: No, you are good.

>> CHAIR EID: If you do take it out it could be put in one.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah, that's where it was originally. I was trying to bring one not so stretched from Detroit from one end to the other. Is what I was looking at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me see, 10 is about as full as it can be. So and three is about as full as it can be. Actually three is over right at this time. 12 can take some. So there would have to be a significant movement of population. Well, if you want to make significant changes of course it has to be a significant movement.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: We can take the north side of, that would be stretching it longer. I think I'm going to pass for right now. Go ahead and move on. I will figure something out.

>> CHAIR EID: What were you trying to do exactly? Just verbalize it. I might be able...

>> MARCUS MULDOON: One not stretching from Down River up to the east side.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, well, so then do you think parts of the east side should be in 10?

>> MARCUS MULDOON:

>> CHAIR EID: Where would you put those parts on the east side?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Between 3 and 10 so the whole northeast corner.

>> CHAIR EID: What you could do is assign, you can assign that to 10 and then on the top part of 10 you could go between 8 and 11. And then on the other end of one

you basically have to go basically all the way around in a big circle around 5, 6, 3, 7 and 8.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Move the whole northeast corner to 10?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, highlight all this. And we are looking at roughly, undue 1667 but looking at 21,000 or 20,000 people rather.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Right. But it still leaves, we would have to take off a lot more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We want to put that into ten?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have to move that now back into one, ten. So ten starts getting big, and one is small, so do we keep going this way?

>> CHAIR EID: You could look at.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Ten into three and three into one.

>> CHAIR EID: Yep, if you do this I feel like you should just take that whole part.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: The whole corner.

>> CHAIR EID: That would be you know Morningside, East English Village, Cornerstone village.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Something like that.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Don't take off the 1242 and 189.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

I will move those back right now. Those two back to one?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yep. So we can go to the south.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now one needs, talk to me, 55,000 and 10 needs to release 50 plus thousand. Three is large. Do you want to bring one up into here? Or.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I've seen some of this Tireman and the west area.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Tireman and up to 96 there you go 708, 834. Up to the freeway.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do we continue up the Grand River?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes. And then stay to the east. So 11, there you go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so all of that?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: That area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

This is Wayne State, Goldberg.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Up, la sale garden I think we will have to take most of that to get the population up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One still needs 40,000. Do we continue up this way?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Go up Dexter. There you go. So it will be Boston Edison. Up there until we get.

>> CHAIR EID: I think you could add new center as well, those areas north of where Wayne State are.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah, go over to 75.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here is going into one, correct?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Should I take the Dexter area and make it whole?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're getting there.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: If we take new center, gate way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay gateway.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Up through those neighborhoods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Middle Woodward?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yep, I think we are going to need them. And go ahead and take north. That should put us pretty close I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. You are within margin on the one and two. Three is well down. And 10 is well up.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: So take three across.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three is really narrow in this area but that is Highland Park. So you want to leave it like this?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah, leave it like that for right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

We can bring three in this area all the way east to west or go northward.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Let's go north towards 8.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area, Kranz Woods.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah. Keep going east.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, that is not right. Not even close. Let me change the colors of 3 or 10 so we can better define what we are looking at. So at this point three still needs 16. And 10 still needs to give up a considerable amount.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Let's take from Coleman young airport and go north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not that, I meant to move the cursor, not...you're talking.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Back down, right where you had selected but go into 10.

So following, yep, there you go. All the way down to the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point, ten needs to give up, you know, a few thousand and three can still take some. And that would get your numbers pretty accurate.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Let's just take three, yep, 1133, 1090.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will do it. I think it will. Let's see. So that brings one is at .94% low. Three is .62% high. Ten is 1.95% high. And 12 is 1.52% low.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Our population should be good then. I will stop there. You can go ahead.

>> CHAIR EID: So it's a little bit of a different configuration with District 3. But one doesn't quite go as far. And I think that's what you were trying to do, right?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Correct.

>> CHAIR EID: All right, thank you Commissioner Muldoon. Next up is Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I think for my turn I want to do some overlays to compare some different districts. So let me think. So would you pull up Juanita's map? And then for an overlay I want to see, well, first, let me look at this map for a second. Commissioner Lett, was it Juanita's map that earlier you looked at the three Township area?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I looked at the map that chairman Eid finished up and I looked at Commissioner Curry's map and Commissioner Curry's map, if you are asking about the townships they were all in the same District. By the time I ended up with Commissioner Eid's they were in the same District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so for this can we see an overlay of I think it's map 350. It's the Mena community that keeps referencing that area for the Dearborn District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There we go. So what we have is 042 -- 042924 version one with this plan map number 350. And I can just kind of point out and I will just -- let me better show this layer. I guess that's not what I want to do. So you can see the differences. That is not a good way of showing them either. I'm trying to get them to show up. So the difference is this real light area would be District 1. The purple, it's still not a good way of looking at it. I'm trying to get it so you can see it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, that is confusing to me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm not doing such a great job at it either, am I? Okay we will leave it like that, the Navy blue is your overlay. The colored districts is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Curry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Curry's plan.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I'm specifically looking at the Dearborn area. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It likes like really up there at the is that the Warren Dale is right there. And the Warren avenue is here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

Let me see. Just the southern part, please?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It appears all of Dearborn is in two.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay and can I see down south a little bit? Thank you. You can take that overlay off. Now, could I see one, I still want to use the 350 overlay I think. But I want to see it on the map that Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Muldoon were working on. I don't remember, maybe I have the number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is this it? No this is 05724V8.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: That one says incomplete and when I went on the portal and I could be incorrect, I think the map is 301, 050824 version 4.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Repeat that, please.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: 050824 version 4.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Does that appear to be correct it has Lincoln Park split right down here?

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, sorry, I was looking on the screen. But I'm here doing the settings for Zoom. I can look on our meeting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Grosse Pointe park.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, could I see the overlay on this one?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I didn't save it so load it again. This was version -- what version was it? 350?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 042424 version 1. Okay, I have two here, which one did we overlay the first time, version four? Or version one?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know the answer to that.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Which map are you looking for? Because I thought you just said like a 07 and those two that were popping up were 429. Am I confused?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What we have right here highlighted is 042924 version 1. The previous one was...

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I want map 350.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is map 350 right now. We may have had the wrong one the first look.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Map 350 is 042924SDCOL version 1, if I'm not mistaken.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is it right here so you may need to go back and look at Commissioner Curry's map underneath of this.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so, again, I want to look in the Dearborn area.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We were just getting a bunch of like fuzz but when you started speaking it stopped so I don't know if it was very hard to hear Commissioner Orton. There was like background noise of fuzz but then when you started talking it turned off, so I don't know if you just turned a mouse off or a microphone off.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you Zoom out just a little bit? Thank you. Okay, thank you. You can apparently there is something wrong with the volume. .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to go back and bring up Commissioner Curry's plan and look at the correct overlay on that?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Before we do that, you can take this overlay off if you want. But I want to check out on this map, I want to go to Van Buren Township.

>> I can barely hear you Commissioner Orton. I'm sorry.



>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How is this? Is this any better?

>> If you are speaking I can't hear anything.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Okay bear with us. If we can maybe take a two-minute break so we can get the sound worked out, Chair, if that is possible.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, that is fine, a break for a couple minutes.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

[ Recess for a couple minutes ]

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Can someone on Zoom let me know if this level is good or if you need it up or down?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You sound great.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela. Can we try -- Commissioner Orton, can you talk into your mic and let's check your volume.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you hear this?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: She sounds quiet, so it seems to be an issue with her particular mic.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Eid or Chair Eid can you talk into your mic.

>> CHAIR EID: Test, 123.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: His is perfectly clear.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Okay, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How is this one?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: She still sounds really quiet.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you Commissioner Szetela. I appreciate your help with this. We are going to try and get Commissioner Orton a little bit louder. But I think we can pick up. And Mr. Stigall if you can just talk very close to your mic as well, that would be helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How is this? I have to yell apparently. Can you hear me now?

>> CHAIR EID: That is worse.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, but you are very fuzzy.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is this working now?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, much, much better.

>> Yes, we can hear you now. Thank you.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you Commissioners and interpreters and translators and the public being patient with us as we work through this. Let's give this another try now and pick up with the overlay you were working on, Commissioner Orton. Thank you all.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so I think I was checking if the Bellevue, Van Buren Township and Sumpter are together. And I think we said it is. Okay. Great. And so then we were going to go back to Commissioner Curry's map because we didn't have the right overlay at that point, right? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here I guess I got the weak microphone now. So here we have Van Buren. And Sumpter and this is the Dearborn area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so now I can't see. Okay so this is including, what is that the bottom corner that area so it's including that instead of Lincoln Park. Or it's not including that. That's confusing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have to think of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Curry is that part of Taylor is in, yeah, the top half of Taylor is in two. Allen Park is in two. While South Gate and Lincoln Park are in one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that is the biggest difference.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you. Okay, then you can close these. Could I see Commissioner Lange's map?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: She has two versions. V1 or V2?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Oh, Commissioner Lange are you on, what is the difference between version one and version two?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: On my map?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Version one and version two are almost identical except in version two District 9 is the original Linden District as it was in Linden.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You said that was version two?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That was on version two, correct.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would like to see version two. I just want to check those townships. And one reason that I am just checking those townships in some of the maps is I believe that was kind of an inadvertent thing that we hadn't really noticed before. And I want to make sure we don't break them up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here we have Van Buren is partially in five and partially in four.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

All right, so let me look at that kind of where you are right now, District 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is the Dearborn Township boundary. This is two and the dark green line delineates the boundary with six.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, I would like to acknowledge that Commissioner Lange has raised her hand.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Orton I also want to let you know in the Detroit area there was a real attempt made to keep neighborhoods whole. So while the

population didn't allow for a Township in particular, the Detroit area, we tried to keep the neighborhoods whole themselves with the neighborhood overlay on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Understood I think. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Kent would you mind repeating what you just said about the border.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I changed the color of District 2 so it's more visible. But right where my cursor is the blue line is Dearborn.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So let's see I'm wanting to put those townships together and realize I can make a copy and do that or since it's your map Commissioner Lange I would like to ask if you are good with that or whatever, let you express your opinion.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Well, considering there hasn't been VRA done yet and I may possibly submit my own if there could be a copy done just in case. I haven't made a final decision so just in case, I would appreciate it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Will you do that, Kent, make a copy?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. I believe this is plan three for the day.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you're right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, this is a plan to work on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thanks. Okay so please put the rest of Van Buren Township together in four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That brings us well 15,000 swing.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And we saw this same type of thing before with someone else trying to do this. So I had an idea at the time and now.

>> CHAIR EID: Just do the same thing we did with what Commissioner Lett was doing, so it was the top precincts in Romulus.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah but I don't want to do that I think.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just a different option. Let me just look for a second.

>> CHAIR EID: Another option would be to do something with South Gate.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But four has too much. So those that are more familiar with Wyandotte should or could Wyandotte go with into one and we circle around? Or would that not be a good move?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I think it belongs more with the four than it would with Detroit. Wyandotte and South Gate both.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Or put all Romulus into five.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 25,000 so you are approximately 10,000, well, actually, no. And let me get the right District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So now four needs some. Can't really see the matrix.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Take South Gate into four and it will bring it back up.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what I was thinking. Can you choose South Gate and see how much the population is?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's approximately 30,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Humm. Okay, is, okay, those that are more familiar, is there an issue with taking part of South Gate? If we just try taking the bottom half. I can't see the name of the road but the horizontal road there, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is approximately 16,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 5500.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then that bottom precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would bring you to 7800.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, do that one more, the 2738.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10500.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign that to four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

So now we have one at 2.69% low and five is 3.7% high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so let's look at three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three did you say?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Which one is high?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's at least a couple thousand high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

So zoom back out just a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 10,000. 4,000. And 1800.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let me just take a second. Can you show on the matrix, what is the population of 13?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is 2.26 low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so can you Zoom in just a little bit to, yeah, the north side of five? A little too far. Zoom out just a little bit. Thank you. And, yeah, scoot over just a little bit like you were. Thank you. Okay could you select, I don't know how to say it, in Westland those top, no, over, there you go, just south of there, just south, yes. Those kind of down to where the little curvy line is. And how much?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 12000. It's close.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, assign that and let's see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into 13, correct?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So at this point 13 is 2.64% high. And 5 is 1.14 low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so of that, that we just assigned, those two, right where your cursor was, that one and the one above it, see the population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Together that is 5,000. That will definitely work.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, assign that back, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It brings you to two is .53, 3 is 1.68%, 4 is .6%, 5 is .8.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Commissioner Orton, just a comment. In my mind I always think of like Plymouth and Northville kind of going together. I know Plymouth is too big to put into Northville here but if you want to shave some things out of 13 and move them between 5 and 13 Plymouth with north village might be one option you might want to think about.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela has a comment as well.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And I live in Canton and Plymouth Canton share a school District and actually consider themselves to sort of be one community because of that. So I would not say Plymouth goes with Northville. I would say it's better fitting with Canton which is where the school District is. .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This highlighted area is 31,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

Well, it would be interesting to give both options and let, you know, see what people say. But what I see as a problem right here, I don't know, it must have been this way on the original map but, yeah, seven is out of spec. So I was kind of looking at that. Just to bring it into population. So six is a little low. What is under...there we go.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: What is the population of Royal Oak Township? I don't know off the top of my head. It's that little part on the lowest east corner, below Oak Park. Those two precincts right there. I believe, well 3,000 but I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is 2500.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So she could put that into 7 and 8 would still be balanced and we have gotten lots of back and forth where that goes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's over.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's over, okay, sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9100 over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So, Kent, if you leave it just like it is, right there it kind of went away. Scoot in just a little bit. I just saw some strange looking outlines, but it went away so I don't know. Okay, never mind it was by the 1880. But...it resolved itself.

Okay, go back over. So we need to balance, we need to take some out of 7 and we can put some in 6.

>> CHAIR EID: You could consider doing Oak Park.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How much population is there?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 11,000. That is 3300. That could easily go into eight.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: People that are familiar with that area, would breaking off just that little bit be an issue in your opinion?

>> CHAIR EID: I kind of think it would be. You know, on the other maps we have drawn, Oak Park, Royal Oak Township, they are usually together. We've been deciding on, you know, where to put them. Some of them have those areas in particular crossing down into Detroit. Other areas have them staying with Oakland County. It seems like this drawing wants them to stay in Oakland County. Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Oak Park has a very concentrated orthodox Jewish population. The City is really designed around that population to make it walkable. So I think splitting that would be splitting up that community of interest there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, thank you, everybody. So let's Zoom out on District 7 so I can see. Okay, so what about, this would probably be for Commissioner Eid, what about up by the Orchard Lake area? Up further, Kent. Yeah, over on that jaggedy edge. Not there. But from seven, taking out of seven, so up there by the lakes. Any opinion about not taking more out of there?

>> CHAIR EID: My opinion is it should not be split at all especially if this is being drawn for a Jewish community of interest. That is just my opinion. It already is split in this version. So if you are going to split it more, okay, but overall I don't think splitting it is a good idea period.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Understood.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, Commissioners Lange and Szetela have their hand raised.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thanks. Actually when we drew this I thought that there was more taken off, that it was actually in population when it was near first drawn, and more was taken off around the lakes area. I can say I received an Article from Executive Director Woods that was sent from a librarian that stated that pretty much the cities that I listed was where the Jewish population is. But they said that some from the West Bloomfield area have more or less migrated more south, towards the Oak Park, Southfield area. So while there still is a population in the West Bloomfield area according to the Article, there has been some migration. So it's not as much as it was. Again, that is based off the Article. I don't live there so I don't know.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela in.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I also thought that this District 7 was balanced and Commissioner Lange's map. So I'm just curious what has changed and if we can maybe put the overlay on the original map to see if that might help with some of this analysis because I thought it was balanced but I could be wrong.

>> CHAIR EID: I thought I saw 5.88 over all deviation when we first pulled it in. But if you want to double check that, Kent. Maybe there was a precinct here or there that switched from one to another.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do that. We could also look on the portal and see if there is a, you know, just a visual change.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry, apologies, forgot to put my hand down.

>> CHAIR EID: While he is checking it now may be a good time to take a public comment. We do have one more person who signed up, Mr. Sammy Mansour.

>> Hi, thank you. Thanks for calling my name. I guess my name is Sammy Mansour, I work in the City of Dearborn and let me just start this is fascinating to watch and thank you all for your work. I know it's not easy and most rewarding of processes but it's much appreciated. I'm here today to advocate the adoption of the map SDCOL version 1 from April 29th and to add to that the City of Warren Dale or at least parts of the City of Warren Dale to preserve community of interest which is Arab Americans and other Middle Eastern Americans. And thinking about why, I sort of try to think why we have this Commission and the redistricting and it's really to make our Government most responsive to our citizens and residents and best serve them. In this case we have a community of interest that is not necessarily partisan in one way or another but does have strong interests in terms of the services it needs and how it can best thrive and serve Michigan. We have common language. We have common immigration status. We have common concerns, common entrepreneurship trends, common educational needs. And you know the list goes on from that sense. Even though it's a very diverse community, it still has a lot of shared interests in how it can best function and best thrive. And then in turn best serve Michigan. And so right now we are really hoping that District 2 can also include parts of Warren Dale and to keep these communities of interest better together, especially as and I know it's a little bit more difficult right now with the categorization of Arab Americans and other Middle Eastern Americans as white but we do have a lot of data showing where the communities live and it's changing now with the new census guidelines. So hopefully the better and more representative districts we can draw the less work you will have to do in the future and get called up again to keep this ongoing, redrawing process. Those are really the gist of my comments. And I just wanted to thank you all again. And I know it's hard. What you do. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Sammy. Quick question for you.

>> Absolutely.

>> CHAIR EID: We are asking this to a few people representing the community as of late. Between, so that District that you're talking about in map 350 has been put into a few other maps over the past week or so. Mainly due to people saying they like it. That is the whole point of this, right? But what we are seeing is if it comes down to deciding

to include Warren Dale or Lincoln Park in the District, we need to know which would be preferable. So if you or other folks could provide information on that, it would be helpful.

>> Absolutely. I'll get back to you and I'm not going to go with what I believe is the correct answer. Because I know this is on record. I do know what answer I want to give but I'm going to get that. We will get back to you on that. So thank you for that question. I appreciate it.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you and we have a question from Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, through the Chair to the gentleman standing, I'm sorry, I did not catch your name. But would your District, what you consider your COI community of interest also include the Chaldean District as well? Because we heard from the gentleman yesterday that the Chaldean District should be separated from the Arab Americans, if I'm not mistaken.

>> I'm sorry just to clarify that, what do you mean by Chaldean District?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Anthony, can you help me out? Did you hear the gentleman yesterday?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Or Rebecca.

>> CHAIR EID: So I think the confusion is and correct me if I'm wrong Commissioner Wagner we are talking about two different areas. The gentleman speaking now is talking about the Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Melvindale area. That we've heard a lot about from organizations like access that includes that Middle Eastern community of interest. What we heard from yesterday was about a separate Chaldean community of interest that resides mainly in the Sterling Heights and West Bloomfield areas. So they are geographically in two different places.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Rebecca, is that what you remember as well?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, and that is what I remember as well Chaldean is Sterling Heights, Troy area.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Very unfamiliar with Detroit. Just saying. I mean I have been in Detroit like oh, ten times in my entire life living in Michigan. But I am like, you know, here in the middle and not anywhere near the City so thank you so much. And thank you for addressing it and letting us know.

>> Thank you, I understand that confusion every time I come here, there are so many different highways I keep getting my north and south and east and west confused in Detroit even after all this time, so I understand that. So what I'm addressing is a different Section. What I'm understanding is correct. Are there any other questions for me?

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

>> Thank you, we will get back to you on your question.

>> CHAIR EID: You can either get back to us like today. We have virtual meetings, or we also have a public comment portal you can find it on the website



www.Michigan.gov/MICRC. On the website you will find a link to the public comment portal and can present the data on there if you like it as well.

>> Once I verify my answer, I will send it right in. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, Mr. Stigall, were you able to verify those, if the map coincided?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, and what I have here is correct. And at the same time as some others mentioned, the version they had seen, and maybe at a previous time, had what appeared to be the correct numbers. Unfortunately there was an error in the processing. And what you're looking at on my screen is correct. 3.44% high for District 7. The shapes are exactly correct. The geography is correct. And in the original somewhere in the processing the matrix table had an error. This is correct, the District is drawn like this, and these are the correct numbers. Any questions?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Okay, well I think Commissioner Lange might have a question since it was her map. And it's not enough in spec to be considered.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yeah, I'm still confused by that. Because it was in spec. So I don't know what happened or when it happened. So I guess I'm going to have to go back and look. Mr. Morgan, help me out here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Kent again. So it's happened in the past. It was while y'all were building it or it was being built, there was errors. And it actually shows as having unassigned errors, area, in the original plan. However, there isn't any unassigned areas so there was a disconnect in how the application was building the data table. John actually pointed it out to me. And he is approaching right now if you need more details.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: We saw that live and center. We saw his whole approach. Thank you Mr. Morgan.

>> MORGAN: So what I would say is, let me see if I can share my screen. Okay, yeah, this is something that comes up sometimes when we use the software. And that's one of the reasons why before we, you know, I remember I said yesterday that we need to have a little bit of time to run those final checks. Those final checks would catch problems like this. So, for example, this I will share my screen, one second. Okay, so this is Commissioner Lange's plan version two on my machine. And my population total for District 7 shows that it's 6280 over and it's within the specs. So Commissioner Lange, you are correct in saying that when we stopped this and we, you know, uploaded the plan it's correct. However, when we exported the shape file, it has a different number. And this is one of these things where there's sometimes an issue with the population or the geography. So if you select something by Township versus voting precincts, sometimes it doesn't select exactly the same thing. And that is why those checks will catch that. So, again, when we were working on this, it is in population alignment, so we said okay everything looks fine. But if I scroll down here it shows unassigned population. So if I were to push a button right now and rebuild the plan it's going to come up with the same population that was on Kent's machine and the same

population that was uploaded. So it will be out of population tolerance. So I just want to point out that, you know, it was as you thought it was in population alignment, but that's because of this unassigned population. So, yeah, I mean it would not take long to fix this. But it would need to be fixed. So hopefully that provides the explanation. And, again, it will require a few minutes to make that fix if we need to.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I was just going to say I will fix the version that is not a copy and Commissioner Orton can do it whenever she feels on this one. Thank you everybody for your patience and thank you for explaining that.

>> MORGAN: Sure, happy to help.

>> CHAIR EID: What might help if you are going to splint up West Bloomfield in this version using Pontiac trail might be a good way to do it. But let's think on that on how to fix it and we will go from there. It is 2:59 and our agenda calls for a recess at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Orton, we will return your turn and let you finish up then. Is there a motion to recess? There is a motion by Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Orton we have a motion by Commissioner Kellom seconded by Commissioner Orton to recess. All those in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed? The ayes have it. We will recess until 4:00 p.m.

[ Recess until 4:00 p.m. ]

>> CHAIR EID: We are going to be starting up shortly folks. If everyone can take their seats. Good evening everyone. As chairman of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:07:00 p.m. Department of State if we could please take a roll call.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Certainly, Mr. Chair. Commissioners, please say present when I call your name and if your location has changed since the prior meeting, so since this morning's meeting or this early afternoon meeting, please share your new venue.

I'll start alphabetically with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Curry?

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

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Thank you. 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: Mr. Chair, you have a full House, 13 Commissioners present.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young. At this time we will return to public comment.

Individuals who signed up will now be allowed. We will excuse me, we have one person in line for public comment. Former state rep-Lamar-Lemmons. Welcome.

>> Good evening it's a privilege and honor to be here again before this robust body. Let me say I appreciate, and the public appreciates your work and due diligence and getting this right. I am well, the described expert according to your attorney in Court. As well as the Judge's determination that I had 50 years of experience, which is also correct in the case.

Let me say this. And when you drew the maps a few or, well, it seems like a long time ago but just last year for the Senate there was one map that we could have got behind and supported. And that was the Kellom map. She drew initially drew a map that took in, it was clear that she took into considerations of the comments and the objections of the other maps including that which was contested. And so I would at this point would say of all those of the concepts that I see, if you would bring back and consider the Kellom map as she was drawing. That was the only one that didn't have a tree name because it came at the last-minute. And I think that you could give that reconsideration.

Also, at the least impact on the other districts. So she also took into consideration the Commissioner also took in consideration how it would impact the other districts surrounding. So at this point I would say that you should include, among your consideration, the Kellom map.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Lemmons and thank you for your service to the state. That concludes our in-person comment for this evening however we will be here until 7:00 if anybody wants to come by and provide public comment as long as you are signed up by 7:00 we will take time to hear from you. We will resume mapping and were working with Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm going to give up on what I was trying to work on I think I'm just going to pass at this time. Well, okay.

I did see one thing. Could you bring up, it was the...let me see. Map 371.

>> MORGAN: 371 from the portal was 058 version four.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

Did you want to just look at that or are you going to make edits?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I think there was one little spot I wanted to edit so if you can make a copy I guess or however you're doing it.

>> MORGAN: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so something down by where Commissioner Muldoon was working, down by Lincoln Park, okay, so Zoom in a little bit right there where it says Lincoln Park.

>> MORGAN: Okay, yeah, Lincoln Park is split here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, let me see the population. Okay Zoom in a little bit more. Right where that finger comes up, yeah. What if we widened that a little bit? Zoom in so I can see the name of the roads.

>> MORGAN: So this is Southfield highway. M39 and it takes that turn up in Allen Park.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you move in a little bit more.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, can you speak louder in your microphones? I believe a few Commissioners are having a difficult time hearing and means the public and all the others would as well so I would appreciate that.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you help me find Dix road? Is that march road?

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know exactly where she is at. Dix road is right up there. I'm trying to see the letters. She is.

>> MORGAN: I see it right here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: She is in the right spot.

>> MORGAN: This is Dix road right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Curry or Commissioner Muldoon too, do you think that is okay if I scoot that over to there?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, you can open it up some.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Maybe in the blue, that blue line the precinct or District even.

>> MORGAN: That is the municipality line for Lincoln Park.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, will you move that following Southfield road, move that into...

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: My map disappeared.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Cynthia?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is also a neighborhood so you can keep that up together all the way to Dix road, Champaign, the drug store CVS is there, and it has quite a bit of business. And the people all around there, you know, go there. And you can keep all that together right up in there, up into Dix road.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You think that is good going into four?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Will you do that, John?

>> MORGAN: Okay, so that leaves one under populated by 9,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MORGAN: So that is negative 341.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you tell me, how do I say it, the other direction, what is the road that -- can you Zoom in so I can see the road? Right by 3341 and 3461.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: John, if you put the names there, that would be very helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's Southfield, guys.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I know exactly what it is. That is Dix up there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I mean the other, coming off of Southfield, that road.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: North south or east west?

>> CHAIR ORTON: North south I guess.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It is at an angle, I know.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Zoom in just a little bit more, John, so I can see.

Now it's under the matrix.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Point of personal privilege.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can I ask that the Commissioners that are present and talking I have my computer up to a hundred and it may be my computer, I'm not sure, but I'm having a hard time hearing. So if you could just speak up a little bit louder I would really appreciate it.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you hear me Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I can hear you, you are not super loud, but I can hear you I'm having a hard time hearing Commissioner Orton. I'm having a hard time hearing Mr. Morgan too when he speaks.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I'm almost eating the microphone, but I will talk as much as I can.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That's better.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, scoot in just a little bit more John, so I can read that name.

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

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I'm just trying to understand what Cynthia is trying to accomplish. Like what is the goal of what she is trying to do? I'm not sure I'm following.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm trying to widen that area, so it wasn't just a little finger sticking up.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And keeping the neighborhood together that I have heard should be together. But I'm trying to figure out what I think that is Wilson road.

>> MORGAN: Wilson.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay, let's see where. This here is Wilson.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that is what I was trying to see.

>> MORGAN: Wilson avenue.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is fine. Can you Zoom out a little bit?

Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I would take 34, what is that 3401 and 1162 if you can put them in there without it being overpopulated.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we need to put some more in one.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela? Sed.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Szetela she is under population in one and if she continues to take from four it's just making the situation worse.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I thought she was doing four. She is not doing four? Okay, but it doesn't matter. Let me see. I just think that I can't hardly read this, but what is that? Park avenue? And.

>> MORGAN: Yeah park avenue is right here. That is park avenue.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And there was another one. What is this one is that Garfield?

>> MORGAN: This looks like Apple wood.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: To me all of that should kind of be with four or either four should be with one or something. Because that is a kind of nice area, kind of big area where they are not really split right there.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: You can do Cork Street over so 3341 into one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, try that, the 3341 into one.

>> MORGAN: So you want to put this back into one? You just took it out of one, right?

>> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Does it have to come down that far?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Can we make a copy? I don't know if we already did.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I just looked at the top and it said the exact same version, so I was making sure.

>> MORGAN: No, this is today's date version four, it just so happens it was four yesterday and it's four today.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, my apologies.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Commissioner Marcus what is that road right there? Right in Lincoln Park.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Which one? Cork Street?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is that Cork Street right there?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes and that is the one that is cutoff at.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't hardly read the letters.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: I'm where the purple and one ends.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You're on the right-hand side of Cork Street. I see what you're seeing.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is that okay to come down that far? Do you think we should split that precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I probably wouldn't. If I split, what do you think Marcus, if she split she should stop, the red at the end, all the way across, kind of easing it up.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: May flower. London cuts across and Maple cuts across by the park.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What is under 16.

>> MORGAN: This is London here and this is commons down here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If she can put that altogether and bring that down to commons. Square it up some. Is it too much or is it overpopulated or underpopulated, John?

>> MORGAN: One can take a little more. So if you want to put that into one you can easily do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think that would be good, yeah, in one. Don't you, Marcus?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yeah, I think it would be good.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And if you need a little bit more you can kind of take it on across. Near 2476 or if you can take I don't know how much population short she is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think it's good right now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Population wise. Okay, I'm going to leave it there. And if somebody else wants to mess with it, they can.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Orton. We will return to public comment. We do have one more person who signed up for our -- do we have one more person who signed up? No, you are sitting there, I recommend you sign up for public comment, we will be here until 7:00 if you would like to say anything. Anything else? Got you. We do have some maps in the back if you would like to take a look and we have a vendor there Ryan, if you raise your hand and can help you look at some of the maps that we've created so far, if that helps. All right we will move on to the next Commissioner to map and that is Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you. You can go ahead and save and close that.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We will go to the one I was working on 050824 version 2, which I was working on yesterday. It's right down there at the bottom, yep.

>> MORGAN: You want to make a copy of that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, let's change it to today's date so I think that is 050924 version 5; is that right?

>> MORGAN: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA:

>> MORGAN: Does this look like what you were expecting to see?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. Do you have the shape file I sent you earlier today?

>> MORGAN: I do, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Could you bring it in.

>> MORGAN: As an overlay?



>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: As an overlay, yes, please.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Sorry, I'm on mute. The first thing we are going to do is work in the unassigned area just south of six.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We will assign that into five. You can stop there, yep. All right, that one little wiggly line at the top precinct, we are going to put that into five as well.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right the remaining precincts there, the remaining three we can put into six. All right. All right so then we are going to go down south of five. And we are going to reheal, yep, Van Buren Township and Romulus back with four. Oops. So we will take the one precinct there and put it into two.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Commissioner Szetela can you tell me what this overlay represents?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: This is a map I was working on yesterday and this is just the adjustments, if you recall, I could not finish it because I was actually at an event. And so this is just an easier way for me to direct John to finish this map because then he can see rather than me trying to pull out like this precinct here he can actually see what I visually adjusted.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I see, perfect, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And the reason for that last change was to remake those communities whole that it asked to be put back together.

So, all right, so we will go to the line of one. And we need to adjust that line a little bit because right now Dexter Linwood is split in half then we need a little population so if you can Zoom in and readjust the line following the blue line.

>> MORGAN: Between which districts?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Eight and one.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The same thing on the border between one and three on the east side there. Same process, just assign those purple districts on the east side of the blue line into three.

>> MORGAN: Do you want to attend though these water blocks while we are here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's do that at the end because they always take forever.

>> MORGAN: No problem.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Scroll up a little bit and I think we have a little bit missing, yep, in three that needs to be fixed too. So that border between eight and three, that corner there we are going to put into three. And then at the top of three

between three and ten we are going to take that precinct and put it back into Warren. One more adjustment between seven and eight there is a divot of seven that needs to be assigned to eight and that should sort of clean that area up. Okay all right I would like you to start filling in that lakeshore area, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe, that should all be in 12. All right so if you can start filling in the portion of 12 that's inside what will be 11 if you could start turning that over to 11 so that open area is all going to be 11 and that currently area of 12 is going to be reassigned.

>> MORGAN: Including this portion here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, that is going to go in 11. There are some very oddly shaped precincts along there.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You can do Fraser and that surrounding area can all go into 11.

>> MORGAN: Okay continue into Sterling Heights?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Continue in Sterling Heights and put most of Sterling Heights into that District, except what we can't because of population. Utica will go in there as well. The unassigned area of 11 is going to go into ten.

>> MORGAN: So 11 is on population at 2.42. 12 is over at 3.5. Then we are making this goes into ten you said.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. So we will go to the upper left portion of 12. And there are some precincts over there that I want to put into, I believe it is, 23. So those few little precincts that are Parson's island and those little areas there we will put that into 23, no, 25. Sorry. All right. So we will take that little bit north of 11, that is currently 9 and we will put in 24, that one little precinct there. And then there is a few precincts north of 9 or the northern part of 9 we will also put into 24. And that one little area of Rochester. All right and we are kind of circling around to pick up the population, nine at the bottom take the part that is currently in ten and put that in. Also grab those areas of Auburn Hills that are currently in 7, put those into 9.

>> MORGAN: And West Bloomfield?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No, there shouldn't.

>> MORGAN: Not West Bloomfield. Here it is. Is that it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is Auburn Hills.

>> MORGAN: Looks like there is a Township boundary right here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, that looks right. Okay so the rest of Auburn Hills and Lake Angeles and kind of the Beaumont reservation area you will put into 23.

>> MORGAN: So this is getting into a geography issue sometimes because you have a Township and a precinct that might not align. So.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MORGAN: Just have to take a moment and see if we can deal with this.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

All right so if you can look north, there is two blocks we need two or two townships we will move from one to the other. So let's move it into 24. And then north of Pontiac is moving into 23. All right so we have a little bit of 13 that currently needs to be moved into 23. If you want to Zoom in a bit. So that one precinct there needs to be moved into 23. And Wald Lake, Wixom and Lyon will all be put in with 13. Yeah Wald Lake is split. So looks like I have a variation at 24 and 25. Can we look at that boundary to see maybe what I missed? Yeah, that one precinct. So can we move that? Actually it's two precincts. All right that is where I was expecting it to land. So can you kind of go back down to Metro Detroit area so we can take a look at it? We still got some unassigned.

>> MORGAN: Just a second. On the unassigned this could be a geography issue. So like we've had these problems before. So if we don't find unassigned area, if we run the check and don't find assigned area then it's a geography issue and if that is the case what we will do is save the shape file and reimport it and it will resolve that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Do you want to go ahead and run the checks?

>> MORGAN: Sure, we might get the water blocks if we didn't adjust those.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah if you can go ahead and adjust those, that would be great.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

Okay so again it's showing unassigned population, but I'm thinking this is probably a geography error. So we will run the checks and if it comes back with no unassigned areas then it's the geography issue. So no dis-contiguity errors. And it says no unassigned areas but again it's showing in the matrix unassigned.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Can you rebuild the plan? And see.

>> MORGAN: Yeah, it might or might not work. The sure fix is to export it as a shape file.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MORGAN: But I will save this first and then do the shape file.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela, just a question to know where we are at. This is based off the one you were working on the other day where you were trying to keep 7 and 9 and 13 the same?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Mostly the same. So I'm about to go through what I did. I just want to get this sorted out first.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, cool. While he is doing that we do have one more public commenter. Gary Moorehead and signed up for a second comment as well. I will give you five minutes my friend.

>> I will see, I don't want to interrupt Commissioner Szetela's work but as long as John is busy. Well, good afternoon Commission. Thank you for all being here. I have literally watched every single minute of every single broadcast that you've had since, I may have missed a few at the beginning but since May of 2020. So I feel kind of like I know you. You may feel I have been lurking in the background, I'm one of 15 or 16

people who keep tuning in for one reason, but I love redistricting. I miss our three former Commissioners. Especially sorry to hear about Doug Clark. But we've got three great, new Commissioners, two of which are here today, and I'm really glad to see that. Whoot, whoot, I agree. You guys are America's I'd say America's foremost but, in fact, you the America's only randomly chosen body of citizens doing anything that has an official capacity anywhere in the country. And, in fact, in the world. It's really unusual for a randomly chosen group of citizens to have the legislative powers that you guys have. So please keep setting a good example of comedy, not comedy but comety as you are. Okay, substantive things. There is a four District approach to Detroit and Dearborn. And there is a three District approach. A lot of the maps seem to have been stuck on a three District approach. Four District approach is really working well. What is going on currently in and before here is fairly close. What Commissioner Curry did in her block, you know, not commenting on the inside of the block, just the outline of those four districts. I think is the way to go.

My point about where you, if you have to draw a District that straddles the line it would be fairest to Detroit, Detroiters to have most of the District in Detroit and small portions, whether that is in East Point or Warren or Redford or Royal Oak Township or Southfield, Ferndale, although Ferndale is a small enough City if you take a bit of it you probably take the whole thing so that is probably not a good example. Then the Down River communities. Then you have the cluster around Dearborn which is much talked about COI.

So if you take those four and you work within that, but you keep the boundaries the same, or pretty constant you can actually, easily, you know, as long as you don't violate those boundaries, you can exchange populations within that area. And it works really well. Okay, that's my opinion of how to do Detroit. What do you do about the next suburbs out? Well, you know, the Metro area was settled in kind of concentric doughnut fashion. And you know the former approach was to use spokes. And they were bacon strips or smokestacks or all sorts of terms for it but essentially it was proceeding, once you got the City basically down you would proceed out, well, okay.

That was a great VRA approach. The Court says, no, we are into equal protection. And, okay, now we are doing an equal protection draw. Well, instead of a bicycle tire, you know, with spokes, it's the rims. So okay so now you got this block in Detroit. If you just take the next layer of essentially I will call them townships, not because that's how Autobound edge calls it but the geographic townships, range 5 east 2 however they are designated in surveys. Like Southfield originally started out as a Township. Six by six. Or 36 square miles. That cluster in southeast Oakland where I've lived, I don't live there now but I grew up and lived there for many years, that was a six-by-six Township. Warren was a six-by-six Township. So if you just take the layer of six-by-six townships and go around there is population for another four districts.

[ Bell sounds ]

Is that my three minutes or my five? Do you mind if I keep going for two more? Then I have to go to the exciting reception that is happening in the building here. And then I'm supposed to hear a lecture by Commissioner Eid.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, that was five minutes as you indicated before he started speaking but if you have questions obviously.

>> Go around in the layer and do a layer of one or two townships deep that goes around, outside, and I would love to know what the partisan fairness population is on that because I can't do it myself at home.

>> CHAIR EID: I have a couple questions for you Mr. Moorhead.

>> I will be over my five minutes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I would love for you to take a look at some of the maps we created today. I know you mentioned Commissioner Curry's map and I encourage you and anyone else I think we are an agreeable enough group if there is a particular map you want to look at now, just because I'm a visual person, so I can get a sense of what you're describing, that would be very helpful for me.

>> Oh, sure.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: If you know the map number.

>> You can look at 350. Because it's such an often-quoted map.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: It is.

>> Or we can look at the V4 that is probably currently up. That would be close enough.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> The current V4 does a lot to, it follows Commissioner Curry's boundary more or less, on the west side so the Dearborn chunk and going up to 8 Mile and Inkster is basically where that kind of goes in her list. I don't know the number for Commissioner Curry's. You can look it up. Can you pop it up on the screen? That's.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: It's 366. 366.

>> So it's been posted?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> Is that okay I'm having a hard time finding it.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: That is part of the reason I said we have 18 maps on our mapping portal.

>> I have them all open at home on my laptop. But any way, with the exception that you have to cover the St. Clair Shores area and figure out, you know, does -- what do you do with the Grosse Pointes? Does it connect all the way up to St. Clair or does it curve in land like head towards Fraser? Those are kind of the two choices. Otherwise that block is you can just kind of do a bicycle tire around it. Commissioner Kellom, was there something else that I should be answering for you?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No. No. I think you did answer. I'm looking at Commissioner Curry's map now so I can kind of see. When you say block you mean the block she created for Detroit which is District 3?

>> Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. Not sure if she used those numbers. But that's the way I number them at home.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, all right.

>> And if you can go in a clockwise manner you will just be very organized for dumb people like me. But that is a later thing. And I just referenced the Council president from Warren who came the other day, yes, Tuesday. And was saying that, how to put this, eastie-westie was better than Northie, southie? Does that make sense. Eastie westie and preferably not piercing the county boundary, but you can. It's not as bad as Mayor Fouts made it out to be. Because if you are running for State Senate and can't drive to Lansing, I don't know how you will survive in that job. So I thought Anthony Scannell's idea of the satellite office the Secretary of State has in the Cadillac Place could easily handle that paperwork. But anyway if you can go eastie westie on the north side of the town and northie and southie on the west side of town. Northie, southie you would be putting say Livonia potentially with say Westland or with Farmington, you know, and moving down. And then once you get that, you can have another layer outside of it. And I would just love to see, I don't know if the partisan fairness works with this. But from an I'll just say from a community of interest demographic standpoint since those communities are all older than the ones further out, they tend to hang together in some fashion. So sorry to take up so much time, but thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: I have a question for you too.

>> If you're not careful I will be on the Commission soon.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Have you tried doing this at home?

>> It works.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Have you submitted that.

>> I knew you were going to ask that. No, I haven't. But you can tell me how well, I have heard things done in Dave's redistricting, you know, don't necessarily import real well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: They don't import real well but we are able to do it if given some time. So.

>> Well there is one at home that is pretty well made up. Now fortunately you're not in session until next Tuesday.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Tuesday.

>> Oh, I've got time. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thanks.

>> Shame on you for asking me to do work.

>> CHAIR EID: You know you want to switch spots you can talk about that. I hope you apply for the Commission the next time around. They would be welcome to have you. Thank you for your comments. We appreciate it and look forward to seeing the map.

Okay, Mr. Morgan, were you able to figure out that, were you able to rebuild the plan or export it?

>> MORGAN: Yes, I wanted to show this in the spirit of show your work. So Commissioner Szetela what we have here is I exported the shape file of this plan. And so what I propose to do is to override this plan with that shape file and it should correct the geographic issues we see here. The shape file exists, and we can use the shape file as a brand-new plan. So all of our work is saved.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> MORGAN: Here you see it's not showing unassigned population. And so now I will just save this again.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right.

>> MORGAN: All right so that is the plan. It's saved.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I noticed the deviation hasn't changed either, so that is good.

>> MORGAN: Yeah, one of them is out of the general alignment, 263 and 13.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. And I'm actually okay leaving those a tad high because otherwise I'm having to split up things I did not want to split up. So okay so can we take off the overlay of the shape file? And do you have that community of interest map that I had sent to you before?

>> MORGAN: I believe so.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA:

>> MORGAN: Okay, give me a second to locate that. When we brought this forward there were no names on these. But you can, obviously you can identify them as you like.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm sorry, John, what did you just say?

>> MORGAN: So I brought these in but there was no label name associated with the polygons, the shapes. So you can identify those as you like but I don't have a way to name them on the map.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, that is fine. This is a map I used for the House map as well. So if we look at, if you can Zoom out a little bit so we can kind of see all of Detroit for a second. Maybe not that far. So what I tried to do is exactly what Mr. Moorehead is talking about is creating Districts that are primarily in Detroit to the extent they are venturing outside of Detroit. Detroit is predominating. And you know, there are other areas where sometimes it ventures outside but it's more urban based District instead of a more suburban based District, so I did three of those. In District 1 the big, large line is the Latino community of interest submitted by Oscar and it's on the

portal, I referenced it before. That smaller square shaped one is Dexter Linwood that was also submitted to us before. So again I'm building the districts around the existing community of interest we had submitted to us and then trying to maintain and keep them mostly within Detroit. So looking at District 3 the large, circled area that is Hamtramck and the Bangladesh community of interest that was submitted to us. The smaller, Black square one is that's the East English Village, Morningside communities that asked to be put together. If you like in 8 you have Rosedale garden off on kind of the west side there then you have Ferndale, Palmer Park put together as well. If you look up into seven, that is the orthodox Jewish community that submitted a community of interest map to us as well. Then if you look over at District 5 that is Native American of interest population. I could not fully get that in a District so it's not complete but that is most of it. So if you can turn that off then I will continue to talk about this map a little bit more. So my intention with this map is you know we started out with our early maps going back to 424. Keeping District 7 mostly intact and started moving away from that and changing 7 and 9 so I wanted to kind of go back to the beginning and put because what tends to happen with this Commission is we tend to just have maps then make small changes and small changes and small changes but for the most part they are the same map so I wanted to give an alternative and break up Detroit differently. I also wanted to keep District 7 and 9 with some modifications. By doing that I was able to put Farmington, Farmington Hills and Livonia in whole districts with Redford in a few other places put Pontiac connected with Southfield and made changes to 26 I'm sorry 23, 24 and 25 to accommodate moving around. I and then for District 11 I put Sterling Heights most of it in with Fraser. And over all the way to Mount Clemens. Mostly kept the lakeshore District 12 that people asked us to keep, doesn't go all the way or grab parson island but there is not a ton of population there any way, so I think that is a mostly complete lakeshore District. Looking at District 2, District 2 is again following that same configuration that the Middle Eastern community said they preferred, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights Melvindale part of Allen Park and the precincts that are right along the Warren avenue border that have a very heavy Middle Eastern population so putting all of those together. If you look down at District 4, near south of Canton we have Canton and Plymouth together along with portions of Westland. Inkster Garden City and Wayne. And then we have Van Buren Township, Belleville and Sumpter back together again so we are not splitting those up anymore. And then over all again this is just another option to provide something a little different than what we kind of currently have been producing. And, John, if you can run the partisan fairness under the new model. I know what it's scoring under the old model and it's scoring very well but curious to see what it will score under the new model.

>> MORGAN: Okay.



>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: When I run it under the old database I get a lopsided margin of 3.9, mean median of 2.4. Efficiency gap of 0.8. And a seats vote of 21/17. With a 2.9 democrat lean.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Commissioner Szetela, what was the original map that this was based off of?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 042424 version 4.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: 042424 version 4.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes.

>> MORGAN: So the partisan fairness numbers on the lopsided margins is republican 5.2. The mean median is republican 1.5. The efficiency gap is republican 2.3. And the seats vote ratio is 21/17 with a proportionality of 2.4 to democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right, so it still performs very well, which I thought it would. Thank you. All right, if nobody has any changes about this map, I have a few more map changes I want to make to a different map.

>> CHAIR EID: I do, I will say I do like a lot of what I'm seeing here. The only thing I would, I don't know if question is the right word, but I don't know about splitting Hamtramck from Highland Park, but that is you know we have to make choices somewhere, right? But that's something that sticks out to me. But I do like a lot of what's here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay so I think then we can go ahead and close this. This is again 0509 version 5; is that right? I just want to make sure.

>> MORGAN: Yes, that's right.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay, so if we can find 050824 version 3 and make a copy of that, I would appreciate it.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: And can you give me the genesis for that map that we are starting from? I'm having a hard timekeeping up, with 18 maps out here I'm having a hard timekeeping up with the how we are getting from one map to the next.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So this is generally just a collaborative map. I believe Commissioner Eid is the last one who touched it. Commissioner Eid can you confirm that?

>> MORGAN: I need to get the number again please Commissioner Szetela. 0508.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Version 3.

>> MORGAN: Version three. Okay, just a second.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, if I may.

>> CHAIR EID: Please.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Szetela just asked who the last individual to work on this was. And my notes indicate that Commissioner Weiss was the last one to work on this version.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you.

>> MORGAN: So I'm making a copy naming it version six with today's date.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

If you can put the community of interest overlay on this map, okay so what I want to make adjustments are the line three where the Bangladesh community is split and we will adjust between District one and eight the diagonal line part of Rosedale Park, Minock Grandmont community of interest and I want to put those together. Take the precincts that are currently in three, that are within that boundary line for the, yep, Bangladesh community of interest. Okay then if we can do the same thing for Rosedale, September we are going to put that into one. That portion that is in eight is going to go into one. And there is a precinct poking out and I don't want to change that or split a precinct. All right how are we population wise right now?

>> MORGAN: Three is under sed Szetela three is under so we will take a little bit from I believe eight has enough to give. Actually what is eight? I'm looking at it.

>> MORGAN: Eight is down as well so you would be looking at one or 10 or 11.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So let's grab from, so we need about 2000 to go into 8 then we need about, sorry, it's really small, also 2000, so that is going to be four so that will be fine. We will take from one. So let's go into the diagonal line between eight and one and those precincts that are kind of poking up we will take from one and put into eight until we are able to resolve the -- and if you want to put on the neighborhood map for that you can.

>> MORGAN: Looking at taking away from one into eight.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, all the way to the left side of, yeah. You can Zoom in a little bit. Yeah, sticking up. That's Rosedale. Don't move that and go further down by Happy Homes, Grand River something, right along there. So let's start with those precincts right there. And that should be enough so if you go ahead and move that. Still a little high so let's grab one more. Okay so that looks good so let's go to the border between three and one and kind of do the same thing. Just adjust to get that population within deviation. And I would start up, let's go to the Greektown. A little further south, yep. Go ahead and put that in. Okay, all right, so we could do blocks but I'm just kind of inclined to, well, let's see how much is in those blocks for brush park. It's not going to be enough. Okay all right we are good. All right so then the last thing I need to do is I want to go over to Northville area and Canton area and make two changes there. So you can put back, you have the COI on. So this block here is Native American population so I want to try to keep them together as much as possible. So we are going to grab those two precincts that are on the western, northwest corner that are currently in Canton, put them up into six. Then we are going to grab the squiggly line precinct, which is Edward Hines there and Rouge.

>> MORGAN: You want that into six?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I want it into five so put that into five and the precinct below it and to the east of it I want to go into five as well. And then let's leave that for right now because I want to move Northville into six and want to make sure we

are not over on population. The area 13 Northville and crosses 8 Mile so I need you to grab both portions. So six is good. And five is okay as well. So let's try to take one more precinct and see if we can accommodate that. Then let's do one more, the one to the east, yep. So that is .2 and negative 1. Let's do the last two precincts and see where they land us. It's probably going to be too much. All right let's undo that and leave what we had. All right then we need to go up to 13 and add a little more population. So just north of the Lake there Wald Lake I believe it is, those two precincts there we will take and move into 13. Yep. Right there.

>> CHAIR EID: Is it two precincts or one precincts? All the other ones we made that same change on I think it was only the one.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's start with the one. I feel like it's a pretty big precinct.

>> CHAIR EID: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is 3500. What is 23, what is 23 at? I just want to see how much population we can take from it. Okay so we can take both. I thought it was both, I thought I was that 3169 and the one above it.

>> CHAIR EID: I thought you were trying to go higher. That is the same thing we have done on the other ones. Cool.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right so if you could save. And then we can run the partisan fairness. But just to give background for the record what I was trying to do here is take a map that I think is pretty good. This splits Van Buren Township, and I didn't mess with it and left it but trying to focus on those communities of interest that we had received many, many comments about before. Trying to reunite them just by making small line changes to the map to make sure they are put back together. It doesn't really change the districts too much. But I think it's important for those communities.

So, yeah, if you can run the partisan fairness we will see what it does. I thought it was pretty good before.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If I'm not mistaken John, could you go up to District 3 on your active matrix? I thought we were a little under. 2.58.

>> MORGAN: That's what it says, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Don't we have to change that?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: The overall plan deviation is 4.92 because we have one over less than 2.5 so over all it balances to be less than 5% which was always our traditional goal.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay fine.

>> CHAIR EID: Wondering while we are here and working on this one before you run the partisan fairness analysis do we want to make those changes to Van Buren and just do the same thing we did with Romulus earlier in the day?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So what was the change, putting Romulus up into Canton?

>> CHAIR EID: No. I think we so you put Van Buren into four and for five we put that, you spoken it earlier, you put the northern part of Romulus into five to make up for that population shift.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right, let's go ahead and try that.

>> CHAIR EID: I think you did one too many.

>> MORGAN: There is a differ configuration in four than in some other maps.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MORGAN: Do you want to take away one of these? Like this one?

>> CHAIR EID: You can just take off a little bit more of that area and be doing the same thing.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Well, I honestly think it makes more sense to keep those together, if we try to bring down the deviation maybe go to three because if we make a small adjustment in three we don't have to take that off. Then that would bring the total deviation back down. Unless someone thinks we shouldn't do something in three. Because three is currently under. So we could take a little bit from eight or a little bit actually eight is too low so we don't want to touch eight and one more precinct would probably put that deviation lower.

>> CHAIR EID: Let's give it a shot.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So the question is what precinct do you want to move?

>> CHAIR EID: How about the precinct between Wayne State and the cultural center? Those blocks over there. Right.

>> MORGAN: You are looking to add into three?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right, looking to add it to three. Are you talking about the ones by the park? I'm not sure what you are referencing.

>> CHAIR EID: Right there, John. There is a lot of stuff on screen right now.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah.

>> CHAIR EID: You might as well do the rest of palmer mark.

>> MORGAN: That would be going into eight instead of three?

>> CHAIR EID: How does eight look, it's under.

>> MORGAN: It's the outer edge we are trying to affect.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So you are saying, I'm sorry I'm confused. You could put it into three because three is right there. It's just going to create a little jut out versus maybe it's going to create like a little finger. How many people are in there total? I can't see because of the active matrix. I mean.

>> MORGAN: It's only 226.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: But I'm pretty sure negative 6600's our cut point for 2.5 so I think that is going to get us there. It's just would you rather do that, or would

you rather do the area right next to the medical center but east of Woodward which again would be pulling off some blocks. But you wouldn't get that strange configuration. That was a question for you.

>> CHAIR EID: You would be following Woodward in that case.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right.

>> CHAIR EID: Right. Let's try that one where we follow Woodward. Okay, that seemed to work.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So it's just a hair high. But I think that is fine. All right can we now take a look at the partisan fairness? You can take the COI off as well. It just makes it easier for people to see.

>> Sorry Commissioner Szetela this is Bethany the interpreter and I'm having a hard time hearing you.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I will speak up, sorry.

>> Thank you.

>> MORGAN: Lopsided margins are 4.0 for republican. The mean median is 2.7 for republican. The efficiency gap is 0.8 for democrat. And the seats vote is 22 democrat, 16 republican with a 5.proportionality bias to democrats.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right. All right, that concludes my turn.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela. Can you just Zoom out on this one before you close it real quick?

>> MORGAN: Okay, just a second. That may not be happening. Hang on.

>> CHAIR EID: That's okay, don't worry about it. I can look at it later. We have been going for an hour and a half folks. Let's take a quick ten-minute break and we will get back to mapping.

[ Ten-minute break ]

>> CHAIR EID: All right everyone we will start back up momentarily if everyone can take their seats. Welcome back everyone. Once again the Commission will be here until 7:00 p.m. today. I encourage anybody in the crowd who has not yet signed up for public comment and who would like to speak and let us know about their communities to do so. We do have one more public commenter today Alexander I don't know how to say the last name but is there an Alexander here? Come on in. Can you hear me? Cool. So I want to talk about actually, I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR EID: You can wait a little bit. Sure, we will call you back up. No problem.

Okay, well we will continue mapping. We have next on the list is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, I'm going to start a new collaborative map. So, John, is it John? John, will you pull up the Linden map with the districts removed that we were Court ordered to redo?

>> MORGAN: Okay, just a second. So I named this today's date version seven and it should be what you want. Let's open this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so now I want the overlay of 050824, volume 4 or 371.

>> CHAIR EID: While he is getting that up I do see some folks in the back looking at maps. The one you are looking at right now is the one that the Michigan legislature drew in the 2010 mapping cycle. The one on the right is the one that this Redistricting Commission drew in 2021. And the one that we are currently revising in order to create some new districts out of districts 1, 3, 7, 8, 10 and 11 and 6. Not 7.

>> MORGAN: Commissioner Vallette, these are the districts. So the districts that were enjoined were removed from this and then the overlay is May 8, version 4. And that corresponds to map 371 on the website.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you use the overlay for districts 1, 2, 6 and 8?

>> MORGAN: As a starting point?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay so 1 is going to be this District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MORGAN: Then two will be here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MORGAN: And.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Six.

>> MORGAN: Will be this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And eight.

>> MORGAN: Okay, let me see about the numbers because I think this might also be District 3 in some maps. Just a second.

>> CHAIR EID: In that one it's eight.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> MORGAN: I would recommend starting with District 2 since some of it is already put in here. You said you wanted to put District 2 in?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay. So that is going to end up being Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Inkster and Garden City, plus some of Westland, I think. At the moment Dearborn Heights is not split. So do you want to split it like it is here? Or do you want to keep it whole?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I want to keep it whole.

>> MORGAN: So approximating this, okay, we will just start out with that.

>> CHAIR EID: While he is doing that we can take one more public comment. Do we have a Carlson Conley? Good evening Mr. Conley.

>> I wanted to say to the Commissioners thank you for taking time to hear our thoughts. I'm close to some great spots like Troy, Madison Heights and Royal Oak, exploring cool cafes, hitting up trendy shops or enjoying the peaceful night life there is always something to do. I don't cross Van Dyke too often except for a Council meeting or a trip to Dodge park. Thank you, guys.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you so much.

>> MORGAN: This portion will go in six and I will assign it to six now. Okay so again there are some differences at the moment. So it looks like there is a portion of Detroit. Let me double check this. So this is Dearborn. This is Dearborn Heights. Then Inkster and Garden City and they are whole communities and all in this District 2 for the moment. Then the question is do you want to take out this portion of Detroit and follow this line?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes go ahead and put those in two, the ones that are outside. And go ahead and put above Garden City within that blue line.

>> MORGAN: Okay just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yep. Okay so let me take out this portion of Allen Park okay so this is 3.18 over and that does have all of Dearborn Heights. It doesn't follow exactly the boundary of District 2. So did you want to take out this portion or Dearborn Heights or take out something out of Westland instead or something else?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's take that little Section out. Will that make up the difference? Will it make up the 8,000 people?

>> MORGAN: If you take out the Dearborn Heights portion?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MORGAN: It should, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do that.

>> CHAIR EID: What is that portion directly above Dearborn Heights that goes into District 6?

>> MORGAN: That is some of Detroit right here.

>> CHAIR EID: That would be another place to potentially look to make up the potential deviation so six has more of Detroit and Dearborn Heights is not split up in two. Just an idea.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay let's do that.

>> MORGAN: Okay so keep Dearborn Heights together.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Take out the northern portion of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Correct. Okay so with that adjustment it's following mostly the District shape that you were looking at, but it keeps Dearborn Heights together and it took that out and that takes it to District 2 at .54, 1400 over.

>> VICE CHAIR VALLETTE: Okay, so I will work on six, so six is all of Livonia and Redford and a portion of Detroit and it will probably need to be adjusted a little because we added some more here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, thanks.

>> CHAIR EID: While Mr. Morgan is doing that we can take one more public comment. We do we have a Cassidy Conley? Good evening Cassidy.

>> Good evening, thank you to the Commission for taking the time out to hear us today. I appreciate this opportunity. My name is Cassidy Conley, and I live on the western side of Sterling Heights. And I'm just advocating to keep the map the way it is because as an active citizen in the community I rarely cross Van Dyke. I cross Van Dyke once every blue Moon like for a City Council meeting or for when I am going to the youth advisory board meetings as a youth advisory board member. But as far as where I spend most of my time, I'm in Troy every single day. I go to Madison Heights. That's where the action is and that is where most of my community spend their time. So I love the way our map is drawn. And I advocate that we keep it the way it is. It's a reflection of how I would draw the maps. And many of our community members. So I think it's a strong reflection of how our community is. And I strongly urge you to keep the maps the way it is. And while I'm up here I also want to advocate for the map in Detroit. As I have ties to Detroit. I would strongly urge the change of District 8. It's not reflective of Detroit. And it minimizes the voices of a lot of the communities here in the area. I understand that drawing maps can be extremely complicated, so I commend your work and your efforts do make sure that it's as equitable as possible. And I just really strongly advocate for the equitable opportunity within Detroit voices and the lesser of splicing the districts. So please, I appreciate your time. And I urge you just to look at the maps and you know, continue to do the great work you are doing to reshape these districts. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you so much for your comments. And we are changing District 8. Next on the list we have Nicholas Barnes.

>> How are you all doing tonight?

>> CHAIR EID: Doing well. How are you doing?

>> Can't complain I'm here. It's good to see you all again. I think this is our fourth rodeo, I think doing this. It's been pretty fun. I'm Nicholas Barnes and here about talking points on the portal called the motor City map. And I'm here to offer a few points on why you should consider it.

>> CHAIR EID: This is a Senate map titled motor City?

>> Yes.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay.

>> I know, it's all I come up with and open for change, but I wanted to get it out there the motor City map draws boundaries with factor and race with only a few precincts being exceptions. This approach yields better equity compared to the 22 map. Notably



it establishes three minority Black districts, District 1, 2 and 3. And another District with significant Black minority or majority. Or I'm sorry minority. The plan is to effectively represent Detroit's Black communities Dearborn Arab community rest dents and southwest Hispanic and Latino. Minor impacts on partisan fairness, respects the county City and boundaries and greater compactness compared to the 22 Senate map. So in detail to go in districts 1, 2, 3 and District 8 a portion of the voting age citizens are Black and in District 1, so District 1 have a BVAP of 50% and District 2 is 81.2 and District 3 is 79.5 and District 8, 37.8. Just it preserves 30 out of 38 districts so there is only changes to eight districts in the current map. It provides significant districts of opportunity complying with the V RA. The map preserves partisan fairness, and this map does not provide any advantage or disadvantage to any candidate. This map is better on relation and county boundaries and compactness. I don't know if you had a chance to go in the portal to describe the map word of mouth. I kept my districts low below 8 Mile like three districts with respect to the Arab communities giving them a District down in Dearborn and Dearborn Heights. I know there is parts of Melvindale left out and checking the argument unfortunately my map does that unfortunately but overall I think this map is fairly drawn without taking in consideration of race and just looking at what is the most best compact districts that you can get inside of the areas that we are redrawing. So I definitely recommend going to give a look, called the motor City map on the public comment portal and I provided the days link and the shape file. I think it's a good map not because I drew it because I think the data will show it's a pretty good map and I think compared to what we are up against I feel like it's probably the best representation of Detroit, taking in all the different cultures and communities that we have here. It kind of gives everybody what they want to a certain extent. So thank you. I hope your drive home is safe. I hope your dinner is warm. Glass of wine or whiskey or water is cold, warm, however you want it, and you get everything you want this weekend. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Mr. Barnes appreciate you submitting one.

>> That is it right there.

>> CHAIR EID: All right Commissioner Vallette, please continue.

>> MORGAN: So I brought in the rest of District 6 and as I was saying it is just a little bit over. Before adjusting that, I recommend we put in most of the other 1 and 8 as you like then you can determine where you might want to take something out of six if you want to do that, okay?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, that sounds great.

>> MORGAN: Okay and then you want me to follow this boundary of one for the moment? So we will get that in.

>> MORGAN: Commissioner Eid Mr. Fink has his hand raised.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Fink.

>> NATE FINK: While we are waiting for Mr. Morgan to fill this in I wanted to have an opportunity to take an overall reminder that Commissioners should consider explaining in the context of the ranked redistricting, constitutional criteria the reasons for making various mapping decisions as you go along here. And just an overall reminder. Thank you.

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

>> MORGAN: So this is the District 1 from the overlay. And then the next would be District 8.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Janice I know you are Zooming, and I stepped away for a moment. I have been thinking about what Mr. Morehead was saying earlier and I know you are filling in the overlay, what if in District 6, instead of it going east-west we cutoff the part that's in Livonia and start to try to create this kind of curved wrap around area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, sounds great. Let's let John finish 8.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then we will make some changes because we might have to do some population.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, I didn't know where a good stopping point was.

>> MORGAN: Okay Commissioner Vallette this is eight almost exactly from the overlay. I did not take this portion of 7 yet. I wanted to check with you and see if you want me to take that. This is the original 7 from the Linden map.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, go ahead and put that in and then Commissioner Kellom, you were talking about Mr. Morehead about instead of the spokes going out he said to use the rim?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, using this as an example, in six Livonia is like this I want to call it like a perfect square on the other side of that is Brightmoor Redford, Redford Township. So that blue line I believe could be Inkster and you or we could attempt to maybe use that as Inkster road, let me be specific, right to the left side of the word Redford we could use that as a dividing line to squish that District more into Detroit. And then with Livonia you could wrap that around like curve it up into Farmington and go to the right. Does that make sense of what I'm saying?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, John, did it make sense to you?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Or anyone else, it doesn't have to be pressure on Janice.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just wanted to make sure John knew what you were saying. Does anybody else have any ideas?

>> CHAIR EID: Eid Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: You said the blue line to the left of, to the left of the word Redford or the right of the word Redford.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: I believe it's to the left, but I could be incorrect. We would have to Zoom in to see if that is Inkster.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, I think John was moving the cursor up and down.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wanted to clarify.

>> MORGAN: That is the boundary of Redford Township there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So that means between 6 and 2 for instance if we chopped Livonia off 6 and 2 would become kind of like this north-south except we would have to play with. I'm only suggesting this, this is your turn so I'm suggesting this because if we were to try it before it gets too far, that might be an opportunity. But it's up to the rest of the Commissioners for this map.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think if you are trying to go that route it's almost like the corner of Farmington Hills which sits just above Livonia and just to the west of Southfield is kind of like the pivot point.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: You are getting ahead, and you can't see it Commissioner Callaghan, but someone agrees with that suggestion. So can you repeat it?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I was just pointing out that Farmington Hills kind of sits ton corner there of the City between Farmington and Novi chance north south to east west is kind of your fulcrum and I don't know how you do districts on top of the City east west and turn on the edge but it seems that is the natural turning point. You were kind of saying the same thing Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: But yours creates a more visual. Chime in and make your suggestions and it's up to Commissioner Vallette as well.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: To your point Livonia it's not in the four quadrants of the public commenter had discussed. Livonia is the first rim on the outside of the City. So the question there is that one is going to go in a north-south direction so you can make it go north up into Farmington or make it go south, wrap around the western side of Detroit, going down. But in any rate the Farmington, Farmington Hills area can either move into Livonia and that is where you start your north-south direction. Or you can have it go into Southfield and use that at the beginning of your east-west direction. I have not drawn it and I don't know how it would work but that is how it kind of visualizes in my mind.

>> MORGAN: Okay Commissioner Vallette, so taking into account what you asked originally, you have 1, 2, 6 and 8 are principally in the way you wanted it. And that does leave some unassigned area in Taylor, portions of Lincoln Park and portions of Allen Park.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I need some help.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: This is not filling in the bottom part but let's do what Commissioner Callaghan, I almost lost the name, let's do what she and Commissioner Kellom were talking about and take Livonia up and just see how it works, however, Commissioner Callaghan or Kellom might have to direct that.

>> CHAIR EID: Are you all trying to make an upside-down L shape that is Livonia, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes but it's a matter of trying it and someone District John. I don't want to direct. So, okay, Commissioner Callaghan you can chime in as well. We are collaborating so let's try what you are saying. Are we saying Livonia Farmington, Farmington Hills select those?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Three areas? Okay.

>> MORGAN: Are you proposing this as a new District or adding this to District 6?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I think it will go in six but that means six is probably going to have to contract, I mean.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Sorry go ahead.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: In the City of Detroit a little bit.

>> CHAIR EID: I see what y'all are trying to do. Let me help. So put Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills into District 6.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: We already said that.

>> CHAIR EID: So not that whole part of Farmington Hills, just up to District 13. Okay now we will put it in eight for now but it's going to go somewhere else. So Redford and remainder of Detroit put in eight.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes, that helps.

>> MORGAN: Do you want to use a different holding District?

>> CHAIR EID: Is there one available? If there is one available do that.

>> MORGAN: You could do this at the moment District 3 like you have 8 is fully constructed as, right?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MORGAN: You want Redford and this portion from six into three.

>> CHAIR EID: Into three.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: All right let's go back, let's look at six.

>> MORGAN: Okay, and as you look at six it needs more population, yes, and this holding District of three is a partial District.

>> CHAIR EID: East in Southfield in six and it's currently in seven.

>> MORGAN: You want all of Southfield?

>> CHAIR EID: For now, just getting the general shape down and then. The part above three now, that includes 7, we can put that in three.

- >> CHAIR EID: This portion of Detroit?
- >> CHAIR EID: Right. Okay let's focus on three. I mean, I'm sorry let's focus on six. It still is 10% over, about 28,000 people.
- >> MORGAN: 10% under.
- >> CHAIR EID: Under.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: If it's under, wait, which one is under, three?
- >> MORGAN: Three and six are both under.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So if six is under my preference would be to make Farmington Hills whole. I don't know if you can do that, if there is room for that.
- >> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Why don't you direct John.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So that would be going on the north, the top of the green Section, Section C. To get the rest of Farmington Hills.
- >> MORGAN: Okay.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: And then.
- >> MORGAN: That's right on the population, if you take more you will be over. It's positive 2.5% deviation.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay three needs somewhere to grow.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Callaghan, I just wanted to interrupt you for a second and just wanted to let you know you got a thumbs up from the audience here.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Good, thank you. So now I don't know where to grow three into. The only place it can really grow is into eight. I think there is south too.
- >> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Yep.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: I don't want to tear up the Dearborn community.
- >> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Let me see. Yeah, you are right Commissioner Callaghan. I think eight would be a good way.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So if that works let's try to grow three going east.
- >> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.
- >> CHAIR EID: We have about 20 minutes left in today's meeting and I do see some folks in the crowd who have not spoken yet. I really recommend you are watching and if you have something to add please sign up to give your opinion to the Commission. Mr. Morgan did you have something to add?
- >> MORGAN: There is unassigned population south which could go into any one of these southern districts and then you would have surplus population to use for 3, 6, et cetera.
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Okay so I don't know too much about south Detroit. Does someone want to figure out how to get that added into two perhaps? So we can push in three? Give three, I don't know.
- >> CHAIR EID: In configuration two is okay on population but five is low. You could put Garden City and Inkster in five and take two south into Taylor. That changes how

two looks in here but that could work. Or you could continue with three and curve around on one at a later time.

>> MORGAN: Five is 104,000 people under. And this area here is going to be not 104,000 people. It will be probably barely 65.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Commissioner Vallette, I don't know what you want to do.  
D.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Brittini, do you have an idea?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was thinking Garden City and Inkster could go west.

>> CHAIR EID: I would say that is worth a shot with Garden City and Inkster in five.

>> MORGAN: A portion of Westland here as well.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: That would be my suggestion d.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, let's do that, John.

>> MORGAN: So we are growing to take out of two a portion of Westland, Garden City and Inkster or some combination of that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay so that leaves District 2 under populated by 75,000 and District 5 under populated by 27,000.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR ORTON: So with the unassigned area down Taylor end down there, I think since we are running out of time, we are going to have to finish this another day, I think we would benefit from Commissioner Muldoon being here to help with that area. Because he has some ideas, you know, some opinions about that area.

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: This is Commissioner Kellom. I agree d.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So we are going to stop now, right here?

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Morgan?

>> MORGAN: If I could just for housekeeping, when we close this down for the end of the day some plans were potentially going to be sent for VRA analysis; is that correct?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MORGAN: Okay if I could see if Commissioner Lange is available?

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm here.

>> MORGAN: Okay so did you remember there was an issue with the maps that you had drawn, the version one and version two. I don't know if you want to bring any of those changes forward very quickly or save those for another time?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It depends on the Commission of a whole. It's up to them.

>> MORGAN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay let's save this one. We will come back to it after having some time to look at it and come back to it on Tuesday. Commissioner Lange, your hand is still up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: John, now that it's in compliance will you send those both for VRA?

>> MORGAN: Okay, so what Commissioner Lange is talking about on the break we made a version three and version four which corrected the population deviation. So she is asking for those to be sent forward. So.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you pull them up real quick so we can see the differences, the changes you made.

>> MORGAN: So this one is a carry forward of Commissioner Lange's version one. We named it version three. And the issue was that there was a geographic discrepancy which caused the population to be out of alignment in District 7. So all that was done were two voting precincts here were taken into 13.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Excuse me we can't see the map.

>> MORGAN: Of course I'm sorry, doing too many things at once, let's try this again. Again this is carrying forward the plan that was version one that was reviewed and then the only changes were that these two voting precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't see anything.

>> MORGAN: I will wait until it catches up. Commissioner Curry, is that better?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No, I'm not seeing anything but the president and a bunch of other stuff.

>> MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Can the other folks on Zoom see the map?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I can see it.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, continue, Commissioner Lange. Lange LAN John was showing the two basically precincts that were taken out to make the population correct. And the reason I did that is with them both containing lakes I figured that kind of kept all of the lakes in the same District. So, you know, you have people that live around the lakes, they might have concerns about their lakes and maintaining them. So it could almost be considered a community of interest even though we have not heard about it.

>> MORGAN: Okay then the same thing was done in this version four which is carrying forward Commissioner Lange's version two. So those same two precincts were moved from 7 to 13 and then you see on the deviation it's all within plus or minus 2.5. And again the same area of District 7. Just a second. This is not right. This is the collaborative version. Just a moment. Okay this will look exactly like what we just saw, in that area. So, again, these two precincts were taken from 7 into 13. So those were the changes. So those are Commissioner Lange's version three and four.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, thank you. And thank you Commissioner Vallette. D.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: Next up would be Commissioner Andrade. Now we don't have a ton of time left and I believe the maps that are completed at this point are all going for analysis, but we will not receive that analysis until next Thursday. To make it fair so that we get the VRA analysis for all the maps at the same time. Do you want to go now or start on something now?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: No.

>> CHAIR EID: There is a small change I'd like to make on one of the maps that we did on Tuesday, if you want to help me out with that.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yeah, sure, what map is that and I will relay that information to John.

>> CHAIR EID: It is map 360, 5724 version 6.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Would you mind repeating that again Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: 5724 version 6. 360 on the portal.

>> MORGAN: Do you want to look at that or make a copy or make changes?

>> CHAIR EID: Make a copy.

>> MORGAN: Let me get the correct map.

>> CHAIR EID: So this is one of the collaborative ones. It was based on 050224 version 1 and that was in turn based on some of the collaborative ones we did before. But it's that one that has the three Detroit centered District, one that goes around Down River and around Dearborn to include that Down River Hispanic community. The other that includes Central Detroit including Hamtramck, with Highland Park and the last includes the east side of Detroit, going up into Warren. And it also includes that same District 2 and map 350 that was imported into this map. With Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Allen Park, so we might want to take a look at later is what to do with Melvindale and Lincoln Park. But that is not what I want to do now. I want to make the changes that we did to Van Buren Township and the other maps to this one.

>> MORGAN: Putting the balance into four and making some changes into Romulus to balance it out?

>> CHAIR EID: Yep.

>> MORGAN: Okay and we will see what the precincts are because there has been several configurations of District 4. So first we will do Van Buren.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there anyone out in the crowd that would like to provide public comment? We do have a few more minutes, as long as you are signed up before 7:00 we will hear from you. I don't want to pick on y'all, but I see at least four people out there that have not spoken yet. No pressure though.

>> MORGAN: Okay, so that is taking four precincts, it shows that District 4 is a little over the population so you could take one more of Romulus which has been done in some other configurations.



>> CHAIR EID: If the overall deviation is okay I think along the highway there is a pretty good-dividing line.

>> MORGAN: Positive 2.55.

>> CHAIR EID: I'm all right for now, that is the one change I wanted to talk about and if you Zoom out I talked about this and has Sterling Heights and Troy and Madison Heights, and other districts are similar to what are in the other maps. It does not change District 12 from Linden. I know we are waiting on somebody to make public comment. Are they here? No? Well, at this time thanks for letting me do that Commissioner Andrade, we will return to your turn on Tuesday. Do we have an Executive Director's report today?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Just want to alert everyone that our next Commission meeting is on Tuesday. I repeat Tuesday, May 14th. And we will be meeting 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will have a lunch from 12:30 to 1:30 and our schedule for next week is Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the entire time between 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It's a virtual meeting, a virtual meeting which means that people will only have 90 seconds, up to 90 seconds to speak. So just want to reiterate that we will be having the meetings next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 14, 15 and 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a break from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Also want to know in response to feedback from the public as well as our vendors that we have updated the website. And right there on the front Page of the website you can click on the mapping schedule and get the times for the meetings as well as our public hearings that are coming up, in June 11, 12 and 13. June 11 is at Cass Tech, June 12 we will be at Detroit King and June 13th we will be at Detroit Renaissance. So just want everyone to know you can get that information, it's accessible off the front Page of the website. On the 16th of May, the 16th of May our Chair shared earlier we talked about yesterday, we will have our Voting Rights Act Council will be part of the first presentation that we will do a Voting Rights Act analysis. And then he will be followed by our partisan fairness analysis, that will also take place on the 16th. So for those of you who are interested and seeing the analysis of the maps, please tune in Thursday, May 16th when mark Braden our VRA counsel will be participating as well as our VRA data expert Dr. Max palmer. And then for partisan fairness we will have Dr. Lisa Handley that will be a part of that who is with, associated with Election Data Services. That is the information I have for my report. Mr. Chairperson, at this time, I do know we had a request from pastor Steve Bland who said he should be here hopefully before 7:00. But if not we will have to wait for him for another time. But definitely wanted to provide him with that opportunity to be here and speak.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. Are there any announcements today? A few people did just walk in. Would either of you like-to-provide comment to the Commission? Just observing, okay.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange has her land raised.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Earlier today I had thanked our mappers and our ASL interpreters. And not on purpose, I forgot our closed captioning staff. And all of the other translators. So I just wanted to make sure they were included to let them know we appreciate the work you do very much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Lange. A lot goes into these meetings. It's not easy to do this and we appreciate everybody who helps make it happen. Well, with that said, the items on the agenda are complete and the Commission has no further business. And a motion to adjourn is in order.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion by Commissioner Lett seconded by Commissioner Vallette to adjourn, is there any debate on the motion? Seeing none, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just concerned, my clock says 6:57, is there anybody else there? Just because it was posted until 7:00, don't get mad at my guys I was just saying it was posted until 7:00.

>> CHAIR EID: I'm not mad at you. We do have one more coming. Wonderful. Before 7:00 you made it. Commissioner Lett would you table your motion momentarily or withdraw your motion? Welcome. Our last speaker today will be pastor Steve Bland.

>> Allow me to take 15 seconds of my time to catch my breath. I'm grateful to see each of you again. I guess it's befitting somewhat I'm the last speaker for this session as I was the very first speaker for the first sessions dealing with the redistricting work that you did and commend you for that work that you did regarding the House.

I only want to come today to first of all thank you all again for your work and for the time that you have put in, given all that needs to be done and the complexity of it. As I stated before, the three pillars of a democracy deals with issues that regard how we account for our people through census, through the voting process that we will be doing this year and a couple of occasions. And redistricting that helps to apportion it. I am sensitive to the Senate map in particular because as I see it, there are ways that this map particularly can be drawn that for Senate purposes can affect the political realities of persons. I know your task is not to deal with things based on partisanship left and right. But what is a difference in what is right for the majority of the constituents of people and what we call communities of interest. I only want to just add a piece to what I've said earlier with regards to the House, in my estimation and I still have the strong view that particularly in this City, I love the City of Detroit which I celebrate as a pastor 20 years this month as a pastor in this City. And 40 years of ministry and I praise God for both. But as I've advocated for people and all the municipalities I've served and of course half of it now being here and I call Detroit home, I want to just say for the people who are communities of interest that I serve in majority portion whether people look at it from a racial perspective, the way I know that you have been tasked not to look at. Or

look at it from different enough perspectives. I will say Black people in Detroit have unique interests that should be served at the Senate level, through the ability of making sure those maps that are drawn help those persons who remained in this City to make sure they can be properly and adequately represented. It's difficult to represent people whose interest that you are not familiar or do not know even in your best intentions. There are a lot of people in their heart who want to do the best and right thing and the people who serve are people who understand the growing complexities of a growing community. I see growth happen in many ways and diversity is good. Different does not mean deficient but how we draw those lines are still important to those seniors who at the Sunset of their life and those babies who like my granddaughter is at the dawning of life, hoping to have an opportunity that they can get the goods and services that everybody else enjoys. So I just ask as you are tasked to do this work, I don't come advocating for a particular map or any of that nature but just let you know again as pastor in this community I'm praying for each of you. Your families. I thank you for the work you have done. I lift you up continuously in the decision making you must make. But do keep in mind I still believe that the community of interest that you are dealing with particularly in the one that I represent needs you to do the right thing. Thank you for taking the time and thank you for allowing me to come from my office to get here. To give the last word. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, pastor. We appreciate your comments and I'm praying for you as well.

>> Mother's day to all the women on the panel, all right.

>> CHAIR EID: With that said we did have a motion, motioned by Commissioner Lett seconded by Commissioner Vallette to adjourn. Is there any further discussion on the motion? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor to adjourn please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay? The ayes have it, we are adjourned at 7:04 p.m.