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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose during roll call you are attending remotely as well as your physical location I will call in alphabetical order starting with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present, attending remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from

Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from

Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda. So moved. Motion made by Commissioner

Witjes. Seconded by Lett. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none we will now vote all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

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

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

First in line to provide public comment is Sarah Howard.

>> Good morning. And we appreciate the progress towards partisan fairness and keep it up and do the same with the State Senate map.

I saw a portal submission this morning that is similar but much better on partisan fairness under Nathan small changes equals fair Senate map. In your house and Senate maps you will have to unpack heavily democratic areas like Lansing. Don't be afraid of that cities and Counties are not communities of interest. As Dr. Adelson said yesterday it's impossible to accommodate all communities of interest.

Remember you can and are required to choose communities of interest to draw a map that helps you get to partisan fairness partisan fairness.

You don't have to sacrifice one or the other can and constitutionally required to do both. Please look at the fair maps project for ideas and keep trying until you get 0.

We expect his expertise and concern about such low BVAP in Detroit.

They are majority suburbs and overwhelmingly white when you factor in voter turnout.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We will move on now to number two.

>> Good morning. I'm Crystal Boyd and I'm Sarah Howard's legal assistant. We use composite of election results to check partisan fairness partisan fairness but political coalitions changed dramatically since 2012 your map could mislead you 50/50 District may be highly competitive over time or could have been very safe for one party early in the decade and is very safe for the other party now.

Monroe County is a great example of this.

We recommend weighing composite score so 2020 is worth the most and 2012 is worth the least. And would account for trends over time and have concerns about including U.S. Senate election in the calculation.

As studies show U.S. Senate results are very poorly correlated with state legislative results.

Thank you for your efforts.

You are on the right track.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Now number three.

>> Hello, good morning. I'm Kate Rogers. And I encourage you not to split up Lansing and unprecedented in Michigan history and never been done before for a good reason. Which is because Lansing and East Lansing share lots of commonalities such as the transit system, library system hospital care networks, fire chief and many other things. And splitting up districts would not be a good idea. So thank you for your time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Number four.

Good morning. My name is Riland, a student at Michigan State University. And here to testify on keeping Lansing and East Lansing unified, those are very obvious cities of interest and commonalities.

As a student I can testify that you know our transit system and fire chief could be shared between the two cities and separating the two would further complicate things. As a student I can get on a bus and get to Lansing and East Lansing very effectively. Nightly there is fire trucks running left and right. And it further complicate things in the area. And making sure the areas are commonalities and stay together is very important. So I appreciate your time. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Number five.

>> Hi. My name is Colin. I am an MSU student. And like other students said it's unprecedented for the East Lansing and Lansing communities to be split up and redistricting.

In 2018 Voters Not Politicians decided that they Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission would focus on keeping our communities together and would not split up portions of our state for political purposes.

They promise that voters would pick politicians that represent the communities. What you have done over the past two days is pick apart certain communities to pack voters of party in with a community they clearly don't belong with.

You are doing a major disservice to both parties and completely abandoning the sole reason this Commission was created. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for your input.

I believe we have concluded with live in person public comment. So we will now move on to live remote.

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

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

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

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

First in line to provide public comment is Melany-Mack.

>> Good morning. I live in Dewitt, Michigan. And appreciate the opportunity to talk to you this morning.

First thing I'd like to do is thank you, thank you, thank you for your work.

I think it's an incredibly complex and difficult and I know that you are trying your best.

I hope that you will continue to try just a little harder because fairness is the utmost thing that we need and we are not quite there yet.

My husband and I both canvassed, both the get signatures, then we went out to do voter education during the effort to pass prop two back in 2018.

And what I heard from people all over everywhere I went is they sort of lost faith in the system because they perceive it as being really unfair.

And while I really appreciate you're keeping the Lansing area together, please work just a bit harder to make the whole process more fair for both parties.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number two, Tom TenBrink.

>> My name is Tom TenBrink, the recently retired superintendent of Genesee located in Georgetown Township.

Our nationally recognized school District of 5600 students is 16 square miles.

We invested years in building our community to a strongly bonded family that serves one another.

This was never more evident than in how our community responded in support of each other through the COVID-19 pandemic.

I'm dismayed to learn there are proposals in map 203 districts 3 and 6 that will divide our small community in half.

Neighbors who share a bus stop, a classroom and a street would have different Federal representation.

Furthermore, I spent decades working hand in hand with my colleagues to collaborate and improve the experience for all of our county children. From Jenison to the lakeshore, administrators, teachers and students have worked together to achieve academic excellence for all students through Ottawa County. In Jenison we have repeatedly come together as a family to overcome, to celebrate and to move forward. I urge you to avoid dividing our tight knit community by keeping Jenison and Georgetown Township together.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 3, Denzel.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Next in line is number four Judy Maiga.

>> Good morning, everyone. Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can.

>> I applaud your efforts. Yesterday I was able to listen to most of the meeting.

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It was you know I don't need to tell you how tedious and hard it was.

It was also extremely appreciated by everyone who has worked so hard on this project. I ask that you continue on that path there were districts you still needed to analyze yesterday. And I beg you to please go back and continue on that path. 55-55 on the house is a good start, but it's not enough at this point.

The...I know that it's tedious to combine all the necessary metrics, but the trust and confidence in a fair and democratic process is literally depending on all of you.

So I thank you.

I want to let you know how much you are appreciated and I ask you to continue.

I also urge you to, I echo the comments of the previous suggestion to use a compilation of election results when you compare the efficiency gap which should be 0.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Next in line is number five Jordan S.

>> Hi again, Commissioners. It's Jordan. I work in Lansing and from Metro Detroit, so I have just a few observations.

Thanks as always for your meticulous work taking into account all the feedback and cannot be easy.

That being said I appreciate what you have come up with the Congressional and State Senate map and want to focus on the house maps. Lansing, they look belted in to keep the urban and suburban from rural ones. And I think this is an area you might revisit to examine, how you might increase fairness and steward the diverse communities of interest.

Also in the house map I think you may want to revisit some of the vertically north, south, southeastern Oakland County districts like Farmington and Farmington Hills to take into account COIs.

Finally, if at all possible, evident the number of people in the area, I would really recommend adding another public hearing in Metro Detroit to ensure equity during these final opportunities to weigh in.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Jordan.

Next in line is number six, Aislinn.

>> I live in Okemos. I'm a grad student at MSU and work in Lansing and I've been living in the Greater Lansing area for five or so years now.

Sorry I can also start the video.

For so I would like to start thanking the Commission for all their hard work. I'm originally from Kentucky, which doesn't have independent redistricting. So Michigan is lucky to have this opportunity.

State House maps across Lansing are currently packed into just a few districts.

I'm concerned this could result in urban, suburban and more rural parts of the area having unequal presentation as more diverse areas of Lansing are crammed together and surrounding more homogenous communities are able to remain apart. In regard to the other maps, I would like to voice my support for the way you have mapped the Congressional and State Senate Districts. Those are currently looking good and representative of the area.

And so I would like to thank you again for your work on the Commission.

I look forward to seeing the official proposed maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Next in line is number 7.

And I'd like to welcome Commissioner Curry.

Do you want to tell us where you are attending remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Good morning, yes, Juanita Curry attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

Next in line is number 7.

>> Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you so much for all this great work you are doing.

I have joined the meeting a couple of times and really appreciate your work.

I'm here to represent the Indian American community and requesting you on Congressional District maps to keep Troy and Novi together we are communities of interest.

Lots of shared activities, cultural and otherwise, language services so I really please want you to look at keeping Troy and Novi together in the Congressional map.

Thank you so much.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Next in line is number eight Nicholas Carlson.

>> Good morning. My name is Nicholas Carlson. I'm a student living in East Grand Rapids. First, I'd like to thank the Commission for their hard work in creating fair districts for Michigan.

I want to say I'm supportive of the Congressional maps 187 and 201 with Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo together.

As two urban centers in Michigan it seems the obvious choice is to allow for representation that can account for the urban areas on the west side rather than try to group in rural and urban interest groups together.

Our towns have a lot in common in terms of entertainment options, general culture, transportation needs, and education. So keeping these Metro areas whole will allow for representation in Government, that is more true to constituents' desires as pertains to each groups' interest.

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As a student I can personally testify that the interests of the student and urban populations in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids are much more similar than that of the geographic similarities between Grand Rapids and surrounding rural areas.

Thank you again for your help with these maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that feedback.

Next in line is number nine, Dominique Stepp.

>> Good morning, everyone. My name is Dominique Stepp, a resident of Lansing and here my entire life and started a family here.

I want to first start off I appreciate the State Senate and Congressional maps for trying to create fairness in the Lansing area.

However, right now it does seem like the Metro Lansing voters seemed a little packed and condensed grouped into a few House Districts.

And this won't give our region equal representation which is something that I would like for my children to have as they do get older.

I have also heard that rural communities want to be kept separate but we are a Metro region and they do, still seek services, businesses, et cetera, in the urban suburban area. So I do think that is something that does need to be looked over.

Again, I do look forward to seeing the final maps.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Dominique.

Next in line is number ten.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Secretary of State. Next in line is 11 Eric Hartman.

>> Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity to join today. I'm Dr. Hartman, chiropractor, and I chose to raise my family in Ottawa County because of the culture.

And it's important for the community to speak up because the Commission is familiar with it despite a few people before me. And I sympathize your task is difficult and we share culture ties. And 187 keeps Ottawa County as a community of interest.

Breaking communities of interest is out of line with constitutional requirements and some Constitution split Georgetown, which is unacceptable with others that tempted to place my home with Kent County.

If I wanted to live in Kent County I would do so.

I chose to establish my business my family and life here in Ottawa County for good reason.

Please keep Ottawa County our communities of interest whole. There is a reason communities of interest are ranked higher than partisan fairness. I ask the Commission to abide by Voters Not Politicians communities of interest. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is 12.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Next in line is number 13.

Anthony Skinnell.

>> Good morning, Anthony, lifelong Wayne County resident.

I just want to touch on some troubling things I've heard in the past two days from Commissioners.

Namely two days ago Commissioner Clark, you know, you guys were working on the Congressional map and you made the suggestion, Commissioner Clark, that it was too complex to even adjust Congressional map in Detroit for, I presume, VRA implications. But that's just not a good look, too complex to do what your job literally is, which is to draw lines on the map. And Commissioners Witjes and Szetela agreed with that. I just thought it was a little ridiculous.

Yesterday, Mr. Clark, you also said communities of interest don't matter in the Congressional map.

And that is clearly apparent from the product you've produced.

Mr. Witjes, you said the size of the maps printed out on the wall might limit what you bring.

How many maps you propose.

I mean are you serious?

So you slaughtered my community of interest in Down River. And there is only one draft as far as Congress is concerned.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Anthony, for that remark, those remarks.

Number 14, Mark Lemoine.

We can't hear you, Mr. Lemoine.

We see your lips moving but we can't hear you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mark, if you hear us, we cannot hear you.

Mr. Chair, I recommend we move on to the next participant and we can work to resolve this issue with him.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 15, Kathy.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good. Thank you. Number 16, Eileen McNeil.

>> Hello.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hello.

>> I'm starting my video.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead. We are ready.

>> Thank you for your time and efforts.

I've lived many years in both Lansing and Grand Rapids.

And based on your commitment to create non-gerrymandered districts by the people and not politicians, I really urge you to reject the proposed State Senate District that would carve up the City of Lansing.

Putting it with rural suburbs with whom it has no communities of interest.

It's just makes common sense to keep Lansing and East Lansing together.

They share multiple services and interests and should be in the same legislative districts. The same for the City of Grand Rapids. You carved it up in two Senate seats with far flung communities and have nothing in common when they could be compact and contiguous with Lansing and East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids and Kentwood. This just makes sense.

There are two maps also congressionally, you know, Kalamazoo does not belong with Grand Rapids.

They are two separate totally separate communities.

So I urge you to rethink that after talking to many, many people in these two communities.

And also.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for your comments.

Number 17, James Gallant.

>> Hello, James Gallant, Marquette, these are my opinions.

And please formally look into that Voters Not Politicians promises to kind of clear up some of this misinformation in the community. And there has been several comments about that, what people expected. And do your due diligence. And please hire a registered Parliamentarian to look into your rules of procedure here. And now that they are in motion, that you approved that last week, now you have this motion to discuss. And you said, oh, just moving on to discussion now. Well, where is the motion to discuss? And it seems like every time that somebody is going change the subject, which is common, that they would have to then do another motion to discuss to change what they are discussing, you know, as you go so you can figure it out.

And the motion to clear the floor.

That is like actually to sweep under the rug. Is that what you want to do? Just stop everything and don't even include it in the minutes.

But, clearly, there are four or five members that are clearly dominating these proceedings. And I believe that any meetings outside of these meetings by Szetela, Roth, Witjes, Eid, and Clark should be considered an ad hoc subcommittee. Because everybody is just, you know, deferring to them and just passing the ball to them. They are in the driver's seat and then now...

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

It looks like we can return to number 14, Mark, please proceed.

>> Thank you, Commissioners. Sorry about that.

I just wanted to thank you again for the opportunity to speak as well as the dedication of time and effort you are putting into this process.

My wife and I are seasonal business owners in Hagar Township in Berrien County in Southwest Michigan. And understand the importance that tourism has on the local economy and understanding the significant role that Lake Michigan plays in driving tourism and the opportunity for our community.

In order for our community to thrive, we need a healthy Lake Michigan. And it's directly tied to the economy up and down the lakeshore.

Specifically I want to offer support for Congressional map 187 and draws an important community of interest up and down the coastline of Lake Michigan. As drawn District 9 would include Muskegon, Grand Haven, Saugatuck, South Haven, Benton Harbor, and all are communities that depend on the Lake, not to mention the manufacturing and Agra businesses that are there.

This Congressional District would also encompass critical watersheds. And I appreciate your time and support for map 187.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for your comments.

Our final participant today is number 18, Robert Dindoffer.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Number 12 has joined the meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Before Robert let's go to 12 Evan.

>> Hello. I would like to repeat some comments I've heard earlier, which is primarily that any Commission with the goals that I think this one does should not split the Lansing community into three different districts.

I think it is a very blight party gerrymander to split the communities that are so pretty evidently together.

East Lansing, Lansing, Okemos and dilute them into rural communities that surround it. And I also believe that as a resident of Kalamazoo that Kalamazoo does not belong in a District with Grand Rapids.

They are two significant cities with significant histories and communities and populations around them.

And today they do not belong in the same District.

I think the current West Michigan third District style and the Southwest Michigan, which is already very compact, very contiguous as a Southwest Michigan region does not need to be split up with splitting Counties in the way that draft proposal does. So thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Okay, we are moving to number 18.

Our final public comment participant remote public comment Robert Dindoffer.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can. It's a little choppy.

>> How about now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can hear you, yeah, you may want to turn off so we get better audio.

>> Can you hear me now better.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> Okay, sorry, I'll start.

So I live in a community that's currently broken up and misaligned in 2011 maps. Our local state rep won't answer our calls unless you are big money donor, but do not care about local issues because we have been split up in the local community and misaligned. That is what it's like to live in a community that is cracked and misaligned, your local rep doesn't care about your issues. And that is what you all are doing right now to some communities.

Some districts for partisan reasons make sense from a COI standpoint, some break up local cities, and I'm really concerned about that.

Legally you're not allowed to do it. Communities of interest are ranked higher than partisan concerns.

And morally it's just wrong. You are disenfranchising people and giving more power to party boss because party will matter more than localities.

I'm a split ticket voter and don't care about the party. I care about having local representation. And if there is something tugging at your heart strings right now, Commissioners, that is called your conscious.

I really hope you will follow.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for addressing the Commission.

This concludes our public comment for this morning. However, I'd like to mention that all e-mail and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting. And Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis.

We appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts communities of interests and maps.

Before we get too deeply into the meeting, I would like to appoint Commissioner Orton as acting Chair in case I have to step away.

Next, I'd like to move to unfinished business 5A and without objection we will go to continuing assessment of maps for compliance and adjustments.

Yesterday we worked on the State House districts and adjusting to lower the population deviations.

I believe it was Commissioner Vallette's turn to instruct the line drawer.

Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Clark has his hand raised let's hear from him first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good.
Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you MC.

I've got a subject I wanted to bring up before we started mapping.

And I want to thank James Gallant.

He brought it up in his comment this morning.

I feel we're not getting enough diversity in having the entire Commission participate significantly in the mapping process.

What I feel is that we are passing too often.

And it's all focused towards a collective few people.

And the maps really deserve to be done from a diversity standpoint and all 13 people participate as we go forward and we get their opinions and their input as well.

Not only input but moving the Townships and precincts and whatever to meet the goals we are doing.

I would encourage everyone on the Commission to not pass.

And put the effort into your ideas on how the maps should be reflected.

I wanted to make that point and again thanks James Gallant for also bringing it up thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that reminder, Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Curry you have your hand?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I want to comment from what Doug said.

Excuse me my voice is very raspy this morning.

I understand what he is saying and I kind of agree.

But if you when you get ready to draw your maps in and people criticize you so bad it makes you not want to kind of continue drawing them in.

You try to give respect of the maps to the ones that seemingly know exactly what you guys are doing.

You are doing a fine job.

I'll try to put my two cents in as it comes.

But some of us are a little bit more educated when it comes to drawing maps than the others.

But I respect everybody and I will try to put as much in as I can.

That's my comment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

If there are hands online that I don't see, please give me your voice at the moment.

Otherwise I'm going to try to turn it back to Commissioner Vallette.

Thank you, Commissioner Vallette the floor is, yours.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Will we finish with the population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is where we were yesterday and sort of, I suggested and I believe it's your turn so we also have to finish the partisan fairness.

We have a couple measures there.

Where would you like to go?

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I would like to see District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I made a copy of the plan yesterday and gave it today's date and is this where we will start a copy of ideas?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is accurate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will start opening that up with the house.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for the clarification, Mr. Stigall.

Again, Commissioner Vallette the floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: District 60 was one of the Directors on our list yesterday so can I see that? .

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

We will go straight to 60.

I believe that was -- was that the last one that was worked on significantly? Or no?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No I believe it was 57 was the last one that I have.

Those are my notes.

Do other Commissioners have anything different? So I believe it is 57 but I think 60 is out in the Monroe area.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It's still over 3,000 short.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So unfortunately that 61 is not next to it.

It is down there thank you.

How do you know?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you can turn on your mics to help.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Him? Because he also said oh, 22 is short.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was Commissioner Eid.

Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What might help Kent can you change the spreadsheet to show the districts in view? Why isn't 22 being shown? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Probably because it's too many districts at one time.

Let me Zoom in a little bit.

I think we have them on the screen now.

Almost.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 61 they are almost a swap.

So can you move south just a little bit? I'm going to see if I can take it from 61.

If we can -- that is not going to work because they are both short.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: May I make a general suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When you have this situation you can look at the surrounding districts you know a little bit out.

For example, 62 is 481.

So if you move population into 65 or 61, 60 then you can move some into 62.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you move population around here anywhere then you can move some to 62.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is Commissioner Orton can you make the active matrix bigger? I can't tell if things are positive or negative because I can't see it well enough.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Can you see that now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 60, 61 and 40 are all over, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you turn on your microphone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 62 is a little light this one here and what do we have on 66? 65 is even.

So I mean it could take some 66 is kind of even so it could even take a little bit.

So you know however you want to do it.

These guys over here could absorb some population.

67 could even absorb some population.

I don't know if it messes with other dynamics or not.

68 could take a little population.

So all these around here could absorb some.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Looks like District 22 is a little bit on the low side also. Maybe there is a swap from 60 into 22.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can I see the populations of those two areas?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And maybe I will offer too I think this is the District we adjusted because partisan fairness measures so what you may want to do, we can record the populations but may want to record the partisan fairness measures because this is where it gets tricky.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So maybe I want to do another District.

[Laughter]

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For example 22 is you know 50.5 to 49.5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent can you increase the font again a little bit, please? Thank you that is helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 22 is a very tight District to mess with. 62 has a little wiggle room.

40 is another very tight one so you would have to be very careful and diligent in moving population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You could try a different District if you are more comfortable.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do you have a suggestion? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You may move a precinct don't want to say improves but enhances the direction you have been going previously.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where is District 35?

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

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I want to pick up on something that Kent said from a fairness standpoint in moving and continuing to keep the districts in the direction that we talked about yesterday, that I believe there are some new thematic maps that have a precinct level partisan choices.

That may be a way to narrow down which District shift from a precinct shift from the population deviation perspective.

That might be something that would be useful. The margins and I recognize and agree with Kent that some of these Directors are pretty close from the partisan standpoint. So rather than even experimenting just target some precincts that don't affect the partisanship.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was keep looking in the map and I don't know if this was mentioned but 79 needs some work in regards to population for sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent, what I want to do because I think I see some numbers and I think Mr. Adelson was trying to recognize we may have a new tool this morning that Mr. Stigall wants to orient us to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have two numbers here and I picked the 2016 Presidential election because we can only do one.

So what it does is the number on top will be the greater number.

Red will be the republican number and blue will be the democrat number.

For example in this precinct I have highlighted here there was 1114 votes for republican, 500 for democrat.

The polar opposite of that are opposite is over here where we have 462 votes for democrat, 397 for republican.

So when you look at those numbers, this is just an example to use wherever you want to use it.

If you move this precinct into 40 you would be increasing the republican margin.

If you move this precinct into 65, you would be moving out more republican votes than democrat votes.

So this would be increasing the percentage at which the democrats won 40.

So if we go back to 40, just you know picking one spot, so that number, if we move that precinct over to here, this number would go up, not down I believe, if that is correct because there is twice as many.

You would be moving whatever population out but you're moving more red votes than blue votes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This would be the opposite if you move this precinct here you would be moving it more blue votes than red votes.

Either one achieves the same goal but if you have having to lower the population in 40 and you want to keep it over 50% democrat, you would move out the higher red number.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that orientation, Commissioner Witjes then I want to get it back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What are the titles to get those on the screen.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a methodology for this.

Can you see the screen? So president D16 I selected that and I had add dem and put it right here.

Then I selected this one and said add republican.

So it's called and then I saved it so I can pop right into it and I called it press 16.

And you can do that with any one of the elections at a time.

So if I come here, it's easier to flip between them. I thought I could go up here and flip between them fairly quickly, okay?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was another one can you bring it back up?

There was another one pres16 and looked like there was a 0.

There is D, R, yep so if you continue on the list there was another one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be other probably is my guess where they combine whatever.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The green party the others.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Libertarian, green.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All of them that are not, so it's the balance of the District the votes in the District so to speak.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is done fairly frequently.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's not going to help us necessarily with sort of balancing our partisan fairness at this point.

Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Just as a point, the tool Kent is showing and as he indicated it's one election and shows what the partisan balance is.

I think by checking the composite index as you know has many elections, we can make sure we are not over adjusting, that we are adjusting with to use a metaphor with a meat cleaver instead of a scalpel.

It's a good safety check to make sure the adjustments are not unsupportable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see you but want to ask a question of Mr. Adelson. We have a great suggestion to use the Presidential 16.

What I'm hearing you say Mr. Adelson you want us to use composite.

Is the one time vote, would you recommend that we use the 16 Presidential or would you say, no in order to balance or get a more complete picture and as we are doing this right because Commissioner Vallette is going to not guess but make some more informed choices should we use Presidential 16 or would you suggest something different?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The tool as it's structured and yesterday we were -- we didn't have that information.

So it was much more difficult and trial and error to figure out how to make these adjustments.

So this has the potential for eliminating that.

And showing us particular areas to look at without changing the balance, without weighting things unnecessarily then the composite index is a good check.

We look at that with all elections that are included in Dr. Handley's index to make sure that nothing has gone astray.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm hearing Presidential 16 is just as good as any other one so we will just go with it thank you Mr. Adelson Mr. Stigall then Mr. Brace.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are keeping in mind all the elections together is what matters for the composite.

This narrows it down just a little bit for you so you are not if the numbers were flipped and you can get a feel for where you are going.

It does not tell you for sure how it's going to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, let me add some stuff to what has been said and give you reasonings behind some of this.

What we worked on last night was to give you some multiple ideas to work with.

We have created as I think several members have acknowledged, we've created some thematic maps for you of some of the house Directors because that is what we had last night and showing you in typical and red and blue fashion of where are the republican votes and the democratic votes, by which margin it is at the present level for the various districts that were the closest in the composite index.

And so we've got those.

We are working on Senate plans and most recent Senate plan yesterday to also show that.

Now what Kent is showing you and what is in the data set, it's important to realize you're looking at two different things.

One is the active matrix has a composite index.

Right now what Kent is showing you on the screen it says performance index but that is in essence the composite index that Dr. Handley had created utilizing all the election results that are showing on the tab.

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For the purposes of the composite index, you see that in the active matrix.

That's the only place that is there.

The composite index, the composite scores are not in the database.

And so it's there in the active matrix to review the District levels material.

Down at the block level and at the precinct level, what you have is the data that is then being utilized when you assign territory and assign precincts or tracts or whatever.

And that ends up making changes into the active matrix.

But it and it will change the performance index there.

The composite index.

But you don't see the composite index numbers in the data set right now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Understood thank you Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right Commissioner Vallette, any other discussion?

Or Commissioner Weiss and then back to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Do we have the information you brought I think the numbers are interesting, that's for 2016.

What about 2020? Is there a way to compare -- I mean like take any District I don't care and bring up the 16s and show me the 20s? Out of curiosity.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Weiss I think that is a great question.

>> KIM BRACE: That is there also.

So you can select any of the individual contests and see those.

And what I mentioned to Kent is that you can end up using that, you can use the individual contests and change labeling.

So that you can see those on the label when Ken moves into the precinct.

And that will let you change so that you can see the 2016 or the 2020 election results.

Or any of the other ones that are there on that active matrix.

You know, the Presidential votes or the U.S. Senate votes or even that democratic primary vote can be shown in terms of the labels on the geography.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Reminder to Commissioners and consultants not to speak over each other.

I know it can be difficult when you are joining remotely versus in person but it makes it very difficult for interpreters when people are speaking over each other.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that reminder, Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: On the screen you have red and blue number from 2016.

At the County level it's going to show it we Zoom and show it at the Township level and Zoom and shows at the precinct level.

Down here I just highlighted a District because that was on the screen.

This would be the 2020 election.

This is the 2016 election.

So we have the gross results for the entire District but we can only label, use this red and blue label on one election at a time.

We can go and change it to 2020.

Or 2012 or Senate or the primary, whatever what any Commissioner would like or Mr. Adelson has input as to what would be the best barometer or what may happen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think there is pros and cons to each one is what I'm hearing from Mr. Adelson and I think that was the question Commissioner Weiss.

Do you feel you got the information you were asking about?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think so but I guess I don't know how to ask the question.

If you compare 2016 when you're moving some of these around, and then if you took the 2020s, could that change that back the other way? I guess that is the best way I can ask my question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Of course there are possibilities, probabilities that numbers turn out vote preference can change per election.

I think the way I look at this is it facilitates reducing the population deviation while at the same time not interfering with the choices that you will be making about which districts move the partisan fairness metric.

So I know it's a very delicate balance.

But this is I believe that this from what I've seen of the maps, and I just looked at them for the first time a few minutes ago.

That they provide an additional method to just make easier what we were attempting yesterday.

And certainly I would concur if as a comparison to look at the results from two elections. They may reflect that if you use 2016-2020 for example, they could reflect that the partisan choice is the same, but the margin is different.

So that may still be helpful in making these adjustments.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Adelson Commissioner Lange then Mr. Brace.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, I was wondering if you could give us a quick example of that. So it shows Commissioner Weiss what he is talking about. And I would like to see it myself, where the number 65 is in that Township, if you could do the 2020 compared to the 2016.

I just want to get an idea myself.

And I think it might help Commissioner's if we were able to see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I can do that.

But all this is -- all this is for is to get you pointed in the right direction as to what to try. I think the composite index, performance index shows you the grand result of all of them.

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So you can spend the time looking at the 12 and the 16 and the 20 and then trying to figure out in your head what's best.

Or you get an idea what might work, assign it and see what happens.

These numbers help you move along quicker rather than analyzing all the election data at once.

Is that not right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange I see you nodding your head does that feel like a more complete explanation.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I would still like to see it forsakes of when I go to do it myself, I know how.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay here we go.

So we come over here to edit tools.

We go to labeling.

We will remove that, remove that, I think all this has to be removed.

So then we go down to the election that we want to review.

Which is those are Presidential 16 I'm guessing and the 20 may be higher.

There it is.

So we select Presidential democrat 20.

Press the blue button, add democrat.

We come the Presidential 20.

Republican, it is now.

So we hit add republican.

Okay, so those are the red, blue numbers that will pop up.

I'm going to hit save right here and give it a name so I don't have to do that every time.

So and let's just all caps that is called press 20.

And then I don't know if I hit apply but let me get back here and hit apply.

That would do it.

Now we click in.

So it should, yeah, those numbers did change.

Because this one was 1144 red in 16 because that was the demo, I was showing earlier if you remember.

This precinct.

So it shows you a little bit of difference.

And you can go through all the elections like this.

But you know for the sake of brevity or moving through all these districts I think the idea is you pick an election that may be a bellwether for how that precinct voted.

My guess if those precinct numbers are 50/50 you really don't know which way it's going to go.

But when you see 1200 plus and 736 my guess is that is a red precinct at least for the last 8 or 12 years anyway.

Because the numbers are significantly different.

Here, this little precinct here, yeah, I'm guessing it could swing back and forth.

That's still a 10% over a 10% difference.

But the point being if the numbers are disparate that is probably how it has been for a few years.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall and thank you for your patience and did you have something you wanted to share.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Looking at percentages down there if I read this like in 65 in 2020 it was 497 for Biden.

But then you go to 2016 for Clinton it was 4943. It did drop a little.

I guess you answered my question.

But could it be in a particular District if we were to swap, let's say it's close, but then the next election it goes drastically one way and if we use that information doesn't that change what we are trying to do? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is why we keep an eye on the index.

All this is for is to kind of give you an idea what may or may not work.

Ultimately like Mr. Adelson was saying you keep an eye on these numbers.

For example, this one right here, you know, if I wanted to raise this number, I would move this District out because 40 I know is high on population.

If I wanted to lower this number, I would go and find a precinct that has the blue number on top this one or this one.

If I move this out of 40 it would lower.

That is a tiny precinct and probably wouldn't do much but that is the idea.

It just gets me pointed in the right direction.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That answers my question, I was just curious.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you. Thanks for that explanation, Mr. Brace did you have something to add to this?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, the thing to keep in mind is that if you look at the overall election results, the 2016 election was the closest one of all three Presidential ones.

So that gives you a much closer look at where a precinct might make a difference because that's the closeness that is there in the 2016 results.

It was not as close in 2020 or in 2012.

So it gives you some barometer.

But Kent is right, you need to ultimately look at the overarching composite to see whether you're really swinging the District, or not.

You could end up swinging it a little bit in a given election but really taking a look at what is going on, on the overall timetable is the key.

And keep in mind what I've always said to you, to all of you, is remember that matrix, that or not the matrix but the steppingstones that I've talked about early on is the

difference in terms of the composition and the votes takes place at each stage of the steppingstone.

So it will be different Presidential versus non-Presidential years and different in Presidential vote versus U.S. Senate vote or Governor's vote.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace.

Thank you very much.

And thank you for the reminder.

This is an instructive and useful session and want to go back to Commissioner Vallette to begin.

She is doing our plan deviation working on plan deviation.

We did right the area that we had chosen.

And by the way we are working towards 5% plan deviation we are 8.76 significant reduction from yesterday already so we are and we are in the area of 60.

I think you were suggesting Commissioner Vallette you were thinking about maybe a different area or do you feel you have enough tools that you may want to stay in this area? The floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, I do think that 65 was on our list.

But.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 65 is not.

60 is.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 40 is also high.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: They are both high so I'm sorry I just don't understand this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a lot of complexity.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I thought I was confused before and you guys talked and I have no idea.

I kind of wish you would just talk English because I don't understand what you guys are talking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it is a lot Commissioner Vallette would you like some assistance?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Good morning to the Commission.

First of all and Commissioner Vallette just for clarification are you asking for English as relative to the partisan data?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I thought we were adjusting the population.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Partisan data the usefulness the Commissioners will be able to see the break down by precinct so that if the Commission would like to make changes relative to partisan issues that that can happen.

But for the equal population, I think it really is what the Commission was doing yesterday.

Which is again shifting that population over to try to balance out the population between districts and improve that overall plan, the overall plan deviation.

Is that helpful?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well I know what I'm supposed to do.

I guess I just don't understand how I'm supposed to do it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: My recommendation for that through the Chair to Commissioner Vallette would be to start with a precinct on the border between those two districts and look at that number and how that will shift and adjust your total population in both those districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe I'll just give you my thoughts of the process. Maybe in English.

What I think we need to do is move let's see how many about 3,000 people from District 60 through District 40 and then into 65 and it's going to have to spread out so you will have to move it that way but that is going to be tricky because we worked on these districts to get the balance and it might be tricky but I think we just try with a few precincts or maybe even blocks and see what happens and see if it works, it might not work.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette you can't break it and we have done this before where we tried it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm not worried I will break it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You can do it.

So you're suggesting I take population out of 60 and put it in 40.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton is going to try to work with you together only this one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: May I sit here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, you may.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For example just to kind of give like you see this number here 1178 that is the partisan vote.

That is kind of similar to this one.

So if you moved, this is not maybe the right precinct to moved and I'm not suggesting it is but if you move this to here and that one to there, my guess it would be pretty -- it would be an equal swap and you could ripple it.

And there is other examples maybe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall looks like whatever number that is on top red or blue is the one that has the most.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They may be a useful shortcut.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just like total pop, if a pop passing similar vote results across or improving them then we can quick.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette you have the floor and looks like Commissioner Orton wants to share.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we see the partisan, the two columns? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at this picture if we moved, say a precinct that is more republican than democrat out of 60 this number here should go up micro amount. Certainly won't go down.

Then we do past the similar precinct over to here and keep the percentages about the same.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall and Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wondering if you can Zoom out a little bit so she can see the shape of the whole thing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I'm not mistaken it's okay to be quiet for a little bit and just let us think.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Precinct populations. Bottom half do you think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Only show two numbers so let me get it where we need it to be.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I have a question the population would be those two numbers combined, right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No that would be election results. Total votes cast.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So similar to the population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Composite score is not similar.

So let's record the number, the population maybe that is what I'm hearing you ask Commissioner Orton is that right? So if you just move to the overview, please, move from the, yep, and we are just going to record the total population deviation in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In answer to Commissioner Orton you can derive from the elections looking at this if you have 1500 people voting it's probably going to be about, I don't know 3500, 4,000 people in that precinct. It's just a guess.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we have the way it is before with the partisan numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the Presidential 16. I'm going to Zoom in the bottom half to get the numbers and we will slowly roll up if that helps any.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a narrow area so I'm guessing you probably would not want to go across here.

Just throwing it out there.

And again we can always assign it and then undo it.

It's not cast in stone.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let's just try some.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can we move 745 with the 665 and switch it with from 60.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I found it right here so we will put that in 40.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Just move it over into 40.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so now 60 is a decent number and take a look at the focused minority race.

60 is you know you lowered it a little bit but it's still right about 52% to 48% so it moved it didn't really harm this number so much.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we see it zoomed out a little more to see the shape?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Move from 60 the one we just moved the two lines to in the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where am I headed.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 765 and 767.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move these two over?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It dropped because they were more republican than democrat it lowered it still over 50.

Go back to the overview and look at 60.

Actually 60 is too low now.

So in general terms you want to either all three of these are about the same population. So probably one or two of these and no more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see your hand Mr. Brace but before I call on you, I want to make sure we are moving the population, right, the goal is to move it so, yeah, we don't need to sort of get the play by play total because there is a shift going on so we are in transition.

Okay Mr. Brace?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, Kent, if you can flip between the short minority report tab and the statewide tab, you will see you get the performance index on the minority, but the composite index is really what is on that statewide tab.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Help us understand Mr. Brace what that means. Help us know why you are lifting that up.

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>> KIM BRACE: The composite index there on the statewide tab reflects all the election results and what is the aggregate's numbers of those composite results. The -- what is shown on the focus minority race tab is a more limited composite index in essence, okay?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do either of them help us see the population deviation?

>> KIM BRACE: No.

That's only on the overview tab.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you from 40 add 745, 665 back into 60.

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

With that now 60 is 4% low.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 767 back 40 -- back into 60.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, I did it backwards.

I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Darn that was are really good number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They are pretty close to the same.

Let me see if I can do in the way it's supposed to be done.

Now go back to 60.

My guess is still going to be similar.

So 60 is virtually ideal then we will pass 40 in a moment.

Look at the focus minority race, 60 is...still is 51.5, a little over 51.5 compared to 48.5 percentage democrat-republican.

The numbers are I guess is the total votes.

Is that not the total votes 251,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're looking at roughly 21, 22000 or up more votes democrat than republican.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This one here.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Would you add from 65.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: From 40 to 65.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: From 40 to 65.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 40 to 65 and I mean you know you can still even then move some to 67 or 68 or so you can continue passing across.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I see the numbers? .

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

We are about up in here? I'm just trying you got to be zoomed in to show the precinct numbers.

So that is one Township up here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we see the partisan spreadsheet on the bottom?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so just going by percentages, I think you need to be moderately careful about moving more democrats out of 65 than republicans. If you want to maintain this differential.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wait, Zoom out.

Is it -- it's 40 we want to move out of.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay you can Zoom back in now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will zoom the top of it and we can work our way down if there is something you want to do. There again I would be more careful if you want to maintain this differential, you know, to move a bigger red number out than blue number.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you go back up north?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We don't want to be the highest.

How much population are we over? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe it was 6,000.

No, yeah 5840, 3.5%.

I'm going to hit the info button on this precinct.

And quickly glance at the total pop. That's 1800 people.

You will be moving 1800 there.

You are moving 3,000 here.

This precinct has 3300.

This precinct goes all the way across the District so unless you are using blocks you wouldn't move the whole precinct.

That precinct has 2800.

All right I'll shut up now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Scroll back up and in a little so we can see again.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move north just a little? Okay so those two, the 568 and the 761.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'll do them one at a time if that is okay.

4,000 would be the next one.

That puts you 1.1%.

Now you can move you know 65 would have to move redistribute it to the neighbors.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you put the one, the last one back into 40 and move the one north of that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this last one I will put into 65.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put it back in for 40.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it back into 40.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and move the one that says Detroit Metropolitan airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay here are the deviations for 40.

This number went down 1.5%, I think.

Deviations over all for 40 are still you know about 1% over.

So it looks to me like this District and this District, I mean precinct are about the same total population.

The difference is this has 761 blue votes.

This had 360 red votes.

This was the opposite basically.

935 red votes, 490 blue votes.

So when you took this one out it lowered the -- when you moved this District over here, it lowered this number.

When you moved this District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Our advantage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precinct over here it increased that number.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So it looks like 65 needs population.

Is that in the area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It's right here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is it.

So light no it's over so it needs to give population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have a few potential recipients.

For 56 and 67 can hold a chunk and 66 can still hold some.

Sorry I did that one.

62 can hold some.

So basically all these can hold some of the data.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall Commissioner Eid did you want to try to get in too?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to say taking the airport Detroit airport out of 40 we are creating this kind of weird strip in between Taylor and Romulus.

I don't understand why we.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a huge willow run airport and Detroit airport that is a huge community of interest they actually share.

Like the idea that one community of interest and another that is an economic community of interest that is wonderful potentially.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Which airport.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Willow run and Detroit airport northwest of Belleville willow run airport.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the population of 20? 20 is pretty much even so you could move some numbers there if you really wanted to and it is the -- it's you know 70% democrat so whatever you put in there is not going to really lower that, make a difference.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Janice is it okay we scroll in? Maybe that part of Romulus would be with the airport, it would make it a little better.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are we putting it back?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you scroll in and see how much is in that part of 20? Can you, yeah, can you kind of estimate population in that piece? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 1900 people in 20.

So there is 1920 and it would drop it to negative percentage.

If you moved it south.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's an option.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: We would like to note I know Mr. Stigall has zoomed out per the request of the Commissioner but when we were in closer those two districts, the partisan balance between the two of them was such, thank you, was such that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They balance each other.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: The Commissioner is not reaching out in that manner to affect one party or the other.

So I just wanted to highlight that for the record.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that observation.

Commissioner Vallette, back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put that into 65.

Okay to the north, the Romulus, put that into 65.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take this area and put it into 65?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 65 is 6900 high.

20 is 1800 low.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you reverse that, take it back out? Put it back into 20 in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Kind of interesting when you made that change, it increased the Black voting age population by about .1.

20 was one of the VRA districts.

So we should just be careful with that.

It went from 35.8 to 35.9 by taking that part of Romulus out and putting it into 65.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe that helps.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is predominantly white is what it means.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Helps your argument we need a little bit of padding in those VRA districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It does seem like that.

If we under or overpopulate based on VRA right we are within our -- that is a justifiable reason.

You are do agree lot of work here Janice keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a quick glance here this precinct is 1400 white combined and the total population is 3100.

So this is predominantly nonwhite precinct.

I don't know if that weighs in, anywhere.

And it's a blue, blue is bigger than the red here so it's definitely a democrat precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And the population is over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In District 65 it is over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before we put that in it was under, or was it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No if you put it in it will continue to be over.

And it just may.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is right.

So 40 is good though.

So we need to move that population over to any of these.

So 67, 68, 66, 62, can we see the population of those? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Total population for these features.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, I mean the deviation of those Directors.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 67, 68, 66.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 66, 67 and 68 can hold population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Were those VRA districts?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there any Commissioner that can answer the question that Commissioner Orton just gave or consultants? Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 67 is not for African/Americans.

There are a significant amount of Asian Americans in there same with 68 and 69 but there is no -- it's not a VRA District like how the Detroit ones were.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

Mr. Adelson do you want to chime in?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To Commissioner Eid's last point not the same as insular Detroit districts however the minority population across the board it's a coalition District similar to what was done in the Grand Rapids area.

But it's not -- there is no majority of one race here.

But there are still VRA considerations here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Some things to consider but at the moment we are going to stick with helping Janice get through the population deviation and juggling all the things she is juggling so you have the floor Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you Zoom in south of 68? Take the 553 and the 816 and put it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One at a time.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do one at a time 553 into 68.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 553 into 68 that just brought 68 to 131 over. 65 is down now to 2900.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Plan deviation dropped over all as well 8.76 from 9 point something.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 65 is still almost 3,000 how. Maybe you could go to blocks and just move a few.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay can we go to blocks? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want to try a single -- let me look at the info. We will.

This precinct here has 2270.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So move that into 68.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Now 68 is 2900 high.

65 is correct, I mean closer to ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I don't know what you are saying.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Now 68 is the high one, that takes us out of deviation, so we need to move some of 68 to something.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put them back?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, it needs to go on further.

So it could go to 66 or 69 it looks like or 67, something from here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid have you done work in this area in the Ann Arbor area, we are working 68 and 69 where Commissioner Vallette is right now, any thoughts on this?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well I have a lot of thoughts on it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think doing this first might be helpful.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, please proceed Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move north a little?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Kent can you blow up enough to see the Willis? I'm kind of curious.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That looks like a 50/50.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District and if we get the precinct, we get the information on that single precinct that is 1887 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We can try that Janice if you would like to try it, Willis from 65 to 67 and see what it does.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 65 is good population.

We are trying to move out of 68.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think what he is referring to is undo.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Undo that, I forgot to tell you that.

Sorry about that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then Commissioner Witjes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to assign this precinct to 67 and 65 is low now but you can take some back from over here.

I think was the idea.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take the 818 and put it back into 65.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now 65 is 1.7% low.

66 is .49% high.

67 is 1.56 high.

68 is .14% high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So there is still some room to move but those are all within our deviation that we want.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely under 2% Commissioner Witjes your microphone wasn't on did you want to say something?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sorry no thinking out loud.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good then how you feeling Commissioner Vallette? I just want to lift up there was a lot of support and really appreciate the courage you took to do that.

I recognize too and want to acknowledge it for our online Commissioners when we are in person it's a lot easier so we know it's much more difficult for you all out there.

Just appreciate the courage you all are doing.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One thing that I could potentially suggest here is 67 and 65, the area that is to the west of Willis that is part of 65, right there, that potentially north adding that in with 67 could bring the -- wait I'm sorry, I'm saying that backwards. 67 is high.

Never mind wrong direction.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you are on the right thing.

We could just do -- we moved Willis in but maybe we could go to blocks and just move part of it back.

Then that will even it out, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: With what is the population of that precinct that was just added it with the 493 and 443.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a minute, my laptop here was what I call spinning right now.

We are getting there.

See how it's slow.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Save after it will let you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Willis precinct has 1887 people in it.

And I'll get to the block level as soon as it catches up.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'd like to see what it would look like taking the southern portion, I can't think of the road right now and I used to live there, the southern portion south of Willis off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay just a minute.

I'm going to save and try to back out of this before it totally collapses.

Not really surprised.

This error I'm going to close it all the way out.

Shut it down and start it back up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point I wonder if we can acknowledge that yes, yesterday we did not approve minutes that we could have. We were pretty tired at the end of the day and there are four draft sets of minutes.

Without objection I suppose I would ask us to move to item number seven on our agenda for the day and it does say approval of minutes note to approve and I believe that refers to ideas.

So without objection, hearing none, I would like to proceed to the approval of the minutes from September 23, the first and second meetings as well as September 24th and 27th.

Are there proposed edits to the draft minutes that have been provided? Hearing none may I have a motion to approve the minutes of the first Commission meeting held in Mount Pleasant mission on September 23.

From Commissioner Witjes and second from Commissioner Lett.

Commissioner Weiss thank you.

All in favor of approving the Commission minutes from the first meeting on September 23, 2021, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by raising your hand and saying nay.

The es prevail and adopted.

May I have a motion to approve the motion.

So moved Commissioner Witjes.

Commissioner Lett thank you.

All in favor of approving the Commission minutes for the second meeting of September 23, 2021, signify raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by saying nay.

The ayes prevail the motion is adopted.

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May I have a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held in Mount Pleasant mission on September 24th.

Commissioner Witjes.

Second and Commissioner Eid.

And second all in favor after approving minutes for September 24, there is a -- we yes, I'm about to call the vote.

All in favor of approving the Commission minutes for September 24, 2021, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by raising your hand and saying nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Finally may I have a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held in Detroit Michigan on September 27th.

Commissioner Witjes first.

Commissioner Lett second.

All in favor of approving the Commission minutes for September 27, 2021, signify by raising your hand and saying aye.

All opposed signify by raising your hand and saying nay.

The ayes prevail, the motion is adopted.

Thank you, Commissioners.

We will now return back to our mapping agenda excuse my unfinished business item 5A.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I recovered the plan and this is what we -- this came back into 68 so it should be or it had been reassigned to 65.

Go ahead and reassign it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Who is helping District Mr. Stigall?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is where we were and that would be good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got a head nod and need to do better I suppose.

The last I heard was Commissioner Witjes referring to south or somewhere in here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: In District 67 the area south underneath Willis let's remove that on the block level and see if that gets it closer.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Everything south of the Willis line goes back into 65.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: You got it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 65 is 1,000 low or 105%.

67 is .86% high.

The focused minority information was in play there.

I don't know that it was.

65 is 52.84% democrat.

67 is still 75 plus.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent while we are in the area there was a dis-contiguity in Saline that showed up.

Maybe we can fix it while we are here.

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

This census block I suppose should be in 68.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At some point today we should do it on the whole plan before we finish up to get it all right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Duly noted.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I wonder if someone made note of plan deviation how much of a different.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 9.8 I believe down to 8.76.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was on Commissioner Vallette's turn.

I believe are we in the middle of something or are we ready to move on to the next Commissioner? But it looks like we need a break first.

Let's take a ten-minute break.

It is currently 10:48.

Let's come back at 11:00.

So we will take a 12-minute break.

Without objection hearing no objection we are going to recess until 11:00.

[Recess]

Thank you, Commissioners.

[Recess]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A.m. I will ask the Secretary of State to call the roll, please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location as well. We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present, attending remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present. And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Secretary of State.

I believe we are moving on.

Was there, yeah, where were we? Were we, Mr. Stigall, do you want to review where we are? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just opening the plan back up.

I kind of shut it all down and restart it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kind of a cautionary step.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Moving on to Commissioner Weiss after we get the review from Mr. Stigall, I will hand the floor over to you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Before I get into too much trouble, I thought I spotted something.

Would you go down to or down to District 60? About where it just kind of comes up and then put the figures on the numbers.

I thought I spotted something that might be interesting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well, we have a miss assigned block here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take care of that quick.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move that into 60.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Wouldn't that have to go into 40? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 40 it's already in 60 that is the problem.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, fix that quick.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Eagle eye Weiss again.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner where are we headed?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm thinking it's about where your cursor is.

If you could put the figures up of the population or the voting numbers that we had up, the red and blues.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

We will do it at the precinct level.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right scroll to the right a little and let's -- I could have sworn I thought I said 510 and 510 but I don't see it now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wonder if it was that little piece there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No, because it would have been up closer to where 22 is, where we would have been able to move it into 22.

But I don't see it now.

Pull up a little further maybe.

I don't see where it went.

Okay, never mind.

MC, could you give me the list you have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I will.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just like who is next maybe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep, I think we finished 60 and want 35, 6, 16 and 17 that is what I have Commissioners.

Anybody have anything different?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That's what I have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: First one was 35.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 35, 6, 16 or 17 and there was a comment during the break that we may have Upper Peninsula the UP any of those areas that might be a pretty quick deviation shift.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 35 right here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess we have to obviously fill in, take from someplace.

So what around it has access? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 110 has quite a bit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Director Hammersmith did you want to try to get in.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Just to mention you have a partisan fairness map for that.

So you have a visual you can look at, that might help you as you move.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is this the PDF that was sent by Mr. Brace and passed around? Commissioner Lange you have your hand?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You just said there was a conversation during the break where there might be another one up in the UP.

Can I know what that is?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We don't know.

It was just that sort of like offhanded comment I wonder if any of these were in the UP. We did not have the maps up it's a moment of oh, yeah, that might be a good idea to consider.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 110 has population that it could give up.

I don't know if there is other ramifications to whatever populations or minorities may be in 110.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: If you then blow that up where we can get the numbers for party wise, red and blue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep, this is the shared area.

I clicked on information wise.

This would be an even flop pretty much.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That is what I was looking at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It has 2300 people in it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Could we move that over, please and see what it does? Want my eraser? I brought one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got the ultimate eraser.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35 is 1.85 under and 110 is .61 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That looks pretty good, I guess.

Do we need to run anything to see if that affected that area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: As far as the numbers? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think 110 is still clearly democrat.

We are not -- 35 is republican.

I don't know, that was an even 50/50 for that one election.

So I don't know if that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Changed it one way or another.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What is the next District we can borrow from? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I think aren't these a VRA or something districts need to be careful with I'm pretty sure?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can't hear you, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like you are on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is the comment I was going to make, we can't touch 14 I think they are VRA districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see Commissioner Orton or Mr. Adelson did you want to get in.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I agree with Commissioner Clark about the districts he mentioned as being VRA focused.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Back for you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's look at 36 then.

See what we can do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Technically you can take a little more from 110.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We have a fairly small area where it won't affect much?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know.

We can get an information on this one.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But Richard, sorry, if you take from 110 it will help with that deviation as well because it's much further out of balance.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36 Commissioner?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that is what I was saying.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36 it touches on one precinct right through here.

It's the only place it touches it.

I Zoom in a little bit looks like there is a lot of population in the area at the block level.

Just by going looks like these are neighborhoods.

Could be industrial, I guess.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we skim off some of those? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do whatever you want to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I would like to start borrowing from that area, maybe going right at the bottom corner right there and then going left and so far, left and so far up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Low population in this corner.

93 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah, not much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlight right through here and follow the main road.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What is in there, how many we can borrow.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That entire area is not that many people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well go ahead and add it then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay, let's go maybe a little north.

Let's see what is there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to highlight it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then you can make a decision how you want to approach it. I'm going to follow that main road and you can do whatever.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Follow the road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do what you want to do with it.

So that block, that yellow block right there contains 900 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right, let's add that.

Okay, now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35 is .49% low, 36 is 1.87% over.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right suggestions should we go left or up a bit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe Commissioner Witjes has a suggestion for you

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Since that population is pretty close now look at District 69 to try and even out the population because it's pretty close.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to acknowledge you're doing a lot of good work Commissioner Weiss but not shifting our overall plan deviation much and doing good work but want to acknowledge do we know the list that I had and that Commissioner Orton confirmed is the largest deviation still? What I'm thinking about Commissioner Weiss because all that right it did not shift deviation much and wonder if we have the right list Commissioner Witjes and Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Work in progress if we take down 69 in Ann Arbor and 36, they are off set each other but deviation is 2% so the deviation will go down a bit and why it's not going down now is we are shifting the population and not fixing the final two to get it down to close to 0 as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sorry I'm being premature.

Thank you, Commissioner Weiss, back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can we borrow a little more from 36? Should we go up or should we or should I score that up and take it score it up words.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Weiss I think I heard Commissioner Witjes suggesting moving population from 36 into 69.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Is that what you said Dustin? Do you want to tell me what you're thinking? You can even instruct Mr. Stigall to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well I'm not really sure where I'm suggesting to take it.

I'm just suggesting that that's a pretty even of set so I would take I don't know how about we take the northern Section across 23, U.S. 23 so Ann Arbor Township and then follow the road, no, I'm sorry.

Right where you are.

If you scroll down.

The highway is to your west.

Right there.

That's the highway.

So if you in 69, you can go and grab north of that to place some of 36 into 69 I would imagine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you suggesting this area through here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No, everything where your mouse pointer is right now, yep, well go back down.

I'm trying to do it just one row at a time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So if you move further east slightly, too far, right, nope, just your pointer, not the map.

Move one block over to the left.

There you go.

Take that over to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 69.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keep going towards the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This way?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: To your right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight to see what the numbers are and you can decide if you want to do it, or not.

So that is 332 people.

All of that is 400.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So keep moving across until we get a nice number.

That is 530.

Go all the way up to here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's not try to split the Township and go slightly north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This way?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes, and now grab the rest over to, there you go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Try to stay out of the other precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 1080 people that is highlighted.

And.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 800 more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36 is 900 light now too.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: They were off setting each other what is going on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Dustin have him add it and see what it does.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wondering if somebody happened like yesterday because the numbers were not like that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Something squirrely just happened because 36 and 69 were off setting by a difference of 100 and they are no longer doing that. I think you had to rebuild the plan to get that to see if that fixed it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like that got unassigned somehow.

I don't know if it was in.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That was in 36.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put this in 36 where it belongs or where it had been.

So that would go back into 36.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Ms. Reinhardt?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Mr. Chair.

Hello, Commissioner Kellom, could you disclose where you are attending remotely from today.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Continue to follow that precinct line there.

And see if we can get, yep, exactly.

Another thing to remember is there is one District that is over in the Grand Rapids area that is over by 6% right now and that is causing a big skew here as well.

That was way too much, wasn't it? Just do the bottom half of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is all of it a couple hundred and that little sliver here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's add that and decent so we can keep a precinct whole.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct actually goes all the way up here.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: But we are not breaking up a third one by going north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we have 69 is just .5 low and 36 is .4 high.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Keep it at that for now.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'd be done now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right and that means we just completed 35.

So 35 is off our list.

Commissioner Witjes it is to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right so let's go take a look at the one I just mentioned.

I think it is District 79.

Wait no, no that one is fixed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 76 is 3.69 low.

So maybe that's what you were looking at.

This whole area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes is this a good time to sort of review our list?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you help us with that Mr. Stigall and help us make a spreadsheet? And yes, if you can save it too.

Make sure that we've...so there is a deviation in the assigned, no, that is not assigned. Sorry, go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I sorted it by the deviation so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 60 was at the top and this is the lowest and this is the highest great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are the largest deviation which would be going all the way up to I mean I don't know if you want all these just yet but this is 2.5% right here. I guess you probably -- I imagine quite a few of them are the VRA.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I'm going to read them off for us the largest is 61. Then we have District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can read them.

The highest deviation was 61.

Then 6.

Then 16.

17, 21, 76, 19, 73, 27, 55, 9, 59, 10, 29, 18, 4, 71, 72, 33, 86, 11, 12, 96, 52, 38, 107, 79.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was getting the 2.51 was 38.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have quite a number of districts to do to reach that 2.5% threshold. And I see Commissioner Clark's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Start with 4% above and run the list again and make sure we got everything then we will run 3% and above and so forth.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent suggestion, Commissioner Clark.

Commissioner Witjes, do you feel like you have better direction? Oh, Commissioner Clark was suggesting that we work from the list the first ten so to speak and run the list again just like, yeah, so just go ahead.

Sorry Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Another thought I think that is a really good idea that we should do that.

But maybe we should avoid the ones that we've worked so hard for, for VRA things. I know that like 16 and 17 I think are in the area.

Maybe 6.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm hearing you suggest Commissioner Orton maybe identifying which districts we are not going to address and continue with those. So Commissioner Orton, excuse me, Commissioner Witjes, will you help us identify 61, 16, 17.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Ini mini miny moe and pick one. Let's see where District 55 is for right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to leave that spreadsheet open so I can open it back up any time we want.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So that could be a VRA District. No, it's probably not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 55. And a quick glance at the focused minority is, it's over 57% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Which makes sense of the area. So any District in the area that we -- hold on a minute.

Oh, yeah, I'm not going to touch 26.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Quick look 54 is a little high. 51 is 800 high.

58 is 800 low so that it can be movement on this side.

I don't know about 33.

33 is also 2600 high but I don't think it's closer to your Pontiac Waterford area.

46 is high.

So we see fairly high numbers in this area.

What is 56? 56 is just 600.

Over.

52 is over.

So it looks like these generally speaking in the area are fairly on the positive side.

So it will take up more movement to get it dispersed.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What about 92 and 56? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 92 is 1400 low.

So, yeah if you move 58 to 92, 55 to 58.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You know these are all you know the other ones.

They are over.

But they are over by a very minimal amount.

55 is over like if you were to move some of 55 into 58 yeah you would be moving the deviation of 58 away from 0.

But combined you would be moving the whole thing towards 0.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That's true.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We have to only get it down to 2.5.

So you know you can normalize it between those two.

And it would bring it down over all and later move it to the left.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is true.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I think like I don't know whether it was Kent or John were saying yesterday it's easier to start at 92, grab some of 58 and then in 58 grab some of 55.

You're kind of cutting out some steps and we will get it over all the way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are actually transferring data from the population number, not the people from 55 to 92 because 58 is already even. 92 is under.

So really the extra population, the number, this can take it.

Doing it here, I mean it's a wash.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will take a little moment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to change the color of 58 so you can see the difference right here.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We are going to take the we are going to work with the precincts that are right there, correct, Zoom in on there for me, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I just have a quick question.

Yesterday you made a move and Kent could you have scroll out real quick? Just for a moment so I can see what I'm talking? A little bit more, please? Okay yesterday you made a move where you took out a Township in 92 is it where Dewitt is.

Yes, a Township in 92.

If that Township was put back, wouldn't that -- you're trying to get -- are you trying to get population to 92? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think the idea they are trying to get it from 55, out of 55.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: But not to 92?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes to 92 it's just 92 can accept it because of the move that was made yesterday.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, never mind.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, Rhonda is right though 97 can also accept more, more population.

So, right, but it can scoot over, scoot over, scoot over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So 55 we will assign we are taking population out of 55.

We are going to add we are going to highlight those two precincts that are on the west side of the Township for me, please.

A lot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 4200 and that will actually get 55.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Pretty close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 900 below.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's put that into 58 for now.

Okay, so now we got to move over to 92 and 92 needs, I can't see it. 1400.

And then where is 91? That is Lansing so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 91, 92 and 97 can absorb population.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, suggestions on which one or what part of 92 should receive the population from 58? I'm not from the area.

I know it's all relatively pretty rural for the most part.

I would imagine that it would want to be the northern side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would say the Ovid community that Township with is it Shelbyville.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's pop that in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shepherdsville.

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just going to be honest you guys are killing me here.

Now you are putting what was a full District into three different districts.

How does this make sense? When the one Westphalia could have been left whole and you could have taken population from the County below it that would have had the same effect.

I'm just it feels like you're slicing and dicing and I'm just having a really hard time with this.

And I just want to express my opinion.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is fine.

I don't really care too much about Township boundaries currently in regards to these things here.

I'm working with the population which is the most important piece.

So if I need to make something and split something up especially in an area here where I'm not going to be doing too much damage and keeping cities whole for the most part, I'm fine with doing that.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I see your hand but want to make sure Commissioner Witjes can actually do the work.

Go ahead Commissioner Clark?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just a quick comment what Rhonda just mentioned is the same argument we had yesterday when we were talking about Monroe or the same discussion.

Breaking up COIs and breaking up Townships and so forth for population.

So thanks.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: To further that point, what piece of the ranked cite where are we working on right now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Number one.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would say number one.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree Dustin.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right so let's take that Township and the City that's, hold on, now I am off track again because I'm trying to figure out where these things need to go now.

So 58 is 3400 over.

And 92 needs population.

So let's grab just the top one here, the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay that was 1500 people all of this together is 4600.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The one you just added let's take that out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this is the area of 92.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's add that to 92.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I'll do it again.

So now 58 is 1889 over.

92 is even.

97 is a little low.

91 is a little low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Since you helped me Dustin, I will try to help you.

Down -- if you scroll a little left, Kent, would you please, that Township right down at the bottom there, you see 966489 total population to the left? Yeah, the one right below it, what is the population of that? Could that be put into 97 which would then take away from 92 but bring 97 up? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The population of this Township right here is 1748.

Which would put 97 pretty close to 0% deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: There we go.

Let's do that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess go ahead and do it then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 97 is 88 over.

92 is 1600 over while 58 is 1800 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take population from 58 and put it in 92 in the amount of roughly 1700 people.

So let's find one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select this.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That was pretty high, wasn't it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it was 2500 or something.

I don't know.

3,000.

That would make 58, 1200 under.

And would make 92, 1500 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Which would be too much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Doing the same percentages.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay can you Zoom out a little bit for me, please? All right so that is the upper limit that we have so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, try precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well, the precincts here are basically the same size as the Township so it's going to have to go down to blocks.

Let's try grabbing on a block level I don't know where to start, but.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Town let's move down south from the border of 92 in the north and the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid? Do you want to try to?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was going to say I think you're close enough.

And yeah, you are within what we are trying to get to.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 2% and trying to affect the overall plan deviation and it's challenging, it's really challenging.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I kind of find it difficult with two adjacent districts that are plus or minus and so close to each other.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Doing a service I would imagine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I see two hands in the room sorry Dustin I see Commissioner Orton and Mr. Stigall.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: To add to what Dustin said, on the certain districts that are -- that we tried too hard to get VRA balance, we might not be able to get them within 2.5 so the closer we can get everywhere else is great.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Great where 405 and 298 there is a line so let's grab those blocks first and just to the Township boundary.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark did you have something to add?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: City on the northwest boundary of these two districts and that may have enough population in it.

I could not catch the name of it.

I can't see it on the screen right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here is 245 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Scroll down some.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is the City, it's further down.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay so now let's Zoom out a little bit for me, please, Kent.

Okay, would that City be better served being with Lansing? Or would that City be better served being with Perry?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Laingsburg with the Clinton County and they do associate well with each other yeah, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's undo that particular piece and let's add Laingsburg into it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Commissioner Lett may have a different opinion do you want to share that Commissioner Lett? Okay, go ahead Commissioner Witjes you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 1400 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What is that little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Plus this little piece we will have to grab.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Add that in there too might as well and see what it does.

And then go ahead and assign it to 92.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Nice job balancing.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Uh-huh.

And I don't mind leaving it at this particular level.

This is much closer.

I don't want to start looking for, well, unless I can find one that is 300 people like if we can get another 300 people we would be, wait a minute.

Hold on 92.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 300 or 3,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We are 456 over and negative so if we go 300, we will be around hundred people difference on each side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: True I want to caution we have so many districts to balance and you have done some great work but have not moved the overall deviation and it's the time factor I'm worried about.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It's fine we can keep it here and if we need to make fine tune adjustments tomorrow or after the hearings it's all there too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.
Mr. Stigall please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What Cynthia said earlier was exactly what I was going to say.

You have districts in Detroit that are 4%.

And you can't touch them.

So just getting these under 2 you will never get the plan down to 2 because you always have those at 4.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you got to push the envelope with it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is what Cynthia was saying and I was agreeing with her.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to make sure is that also what Commissioner Witjes was trying to do? Should we just continue and spend the time? It's hard to know.

I just want to help us be as efficient and get the most bang for our buck.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we should move on.

We are close enough.

We are already trying to get these half of what's legally required because of those VRA districts.

So I think we should just keep going on the list.

And if we have to come back to it later to find tooth comb it maybe after the public hearings once we decide on a map, we can do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are we okay with that Commissioners? I'm getting some thumbs up.

Commissioner Clark we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, yeah, let's do this before I choose a District. Let's look at 6, 16 and 17 and validate that they are VRA districts and if they are let's color code the excel spreadsheet so we don't have to keep wondering about this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16 is that District I'm pretty sure that is a VRA District.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes 17 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17 and.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I believe it was 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17, 16, where is 16 right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep, and then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton? Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do have one more thought just to complicate things.

Since we want to see we've been advised to have that plan deviation down lower.

But no matter how many we fix perfect it's not going to go down if we have these big ones.

And the problem is that these are the ones that we've tried so hard on for VRA balance, so I'm wondering we could try to work on those to get them a little more in balance which will be the only way to bring our plan deviation down.

It would be really tricky and might not worth but is it worth our time to try? I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's talk to the others, the experts, good idea.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: My thought is twofold.

I agree Commissioner Orton just like with other areas that we can try.

Whatever attempts are made, the they don't work out, if the numbers go askew, we can readjust that.

But I think the trying I think is a good idea.

And I take Commissioner Clark's too there are other Districts that are also high.

So I would endorse both.

I think both are great ideas.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And for the moment I think what Commissioner Clark the he is helping us be systematic and I think you were Commissioner Clark you were working with Mr. Stigall to sort of highlight the districts on the spreadsheet that we know. So if you could continue with that and we will come back.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go to 6, I think 6 is a VRA.

Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes confirmed.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It is so add that.

61 we just did.

With Dustin I believe, didn't we?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I thought it was 55.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No we didn't that is right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't think we did 61 yet and that is the largest percentage.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, where is 61 at? That's what we worked on yesterday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That's true.

And if I remember correctly, we didn't sort of do the fine tuning so it is a District that was adjusted and I think because of partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go to 21.

Let me see where that is and I will choose between the two of those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is another VRA District with that shape it has to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Color code that one VRA so then I guess I'll go back down to 61 and work.

So 61 is not a VRA District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's not.

It is partisan fairness District, a partisan fairness is what I was trying to say Commissioner Clark.

You may want to look at the, yeah, the adjustments and the electoral results.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, let's do that right at first.

61.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And it's not, yeah.

You got some freedom.

I think if you stay out of 40 and 60 you may be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I'm not going to touch 40 and 60.

I think if we move a little further west and I hate to do this, then we will be probably moving, geez, then we would be moving -- now we got 61, we got overpopulated.

So we need to take some off of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Almost 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, so, good.

Okay let's work on -- well, let's work on that and then we will see what happens with the partisan fairness.

So where is 65? It needs a few.

And where is 62, it needs a few.

And not a whole lot and then 61 we have to shed 4,000 thereabouts.

Okay, so let's start the furthest west District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'd like to point out that 63 can hold some too if you decide to smooth it across.

I suggest looking at the whole region because 71 if you make this all perfect and 71 you have to modify, because it's high so 71 could go to 63, so if you keep your changes over in here you will be good over there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think so too.

I mean 66 is just a spec high too so.

Let's move that the furthest the pink one the furthest one north and then 61 is let's add that to 62.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township there?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That one there or both of them actually.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 4,000 people right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, really.

3924.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put it there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it in 62 and figure out what to do.

62 is going to be high.

65 can still take some too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you could split it between them or however you want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go up north, the next one up north.

Just above the one we selected.

Okay, so I don't want to add to 62.

I want to take.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss has a thought go ahead Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: See the holder is that white or unassigned? Or what is up with that?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It sure is.

That may be why 65 is down.

So shall I assign this area to 65?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe that is where it was and don't believe I was in 67.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This was an area we were working on when the application went down so this may be a result of it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton can you help?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For sure that was this 65.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And now 65 should have a better number.

Well, it's a bigger number.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We just moved something into it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We may have to Cascade to the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We didn't move anything into it.

We assigned that properly.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We did it from 61 yes so 61 is where at the moment? I think that is in scope.

Can you bring the active matrix down a little so I can see 61? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 61 is.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 44.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Quote I deal.

62 is high.

And 66 is now high.

So really you transfer the high number from 61 to 62.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I just did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's look at what I just changed.

And, yeah, let's take everything that's outside that City and move it back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to incrementally do it as blocks and select this area and just start at that level.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think we will get a ton of people but we will get it reduced some.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to try to get Commissioner Orton in here.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Doug before you do that, I think you could leave that there because the District to the west I believe.

I can't tell.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that the one below Lansing?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 63.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 63 needs more.

So we can take from 62 and move into 63.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I pointed out earlier and checked all the districts around 63 because 63 is restricted.

This is the all I can do.

And 71 is 2600 under.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Why is 63 restricted? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just looking at the whole region we are going to back ourselves in a whole.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we go to 63? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, I'm just pointing out that 71 is low, I don't know about the other.

71 is high.

72 is low.

You're going to end up going all the way across.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 62 is it 3,000? Over? 3,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's instead of that, let's move the two bottom southwest precincts from 62 to 63.

Yeah.

See where we are at.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area right in here?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

Excuse me.

See what that does for us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That Township is 1100.

Should I move the whole Township in?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead and move it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 63.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then, okay good.

So 63 and I'm missing something.

63 is -- 62 and 63.

Okay, so now let's go back to 62 and the Township that is right next to it, yeah down on the bottom there is a town down there and I can't read the name of it.

It's too small for me.

Let's select the town.

No, no, downright next to where we made the change, yeah, there is a town down there.

Let's just take that and I think there is a small piece right under it too.

You are going to have to take.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That was the thing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sylvania.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, yeah, and the piece below it.

There is a small piece.

So that brings 62 in scope and it drove 63 up.

So let's look at where we wanted to move some from 63.

Let's go back to where we were.

Take that City off.

And, yeah, back that last what you saw and let's look at the Township and see what we can do.

And not move as much from 62 to 63.

Okay, so then, yeah, let's go -- let's take how many people, we can't.

How many people in Morenci Township or precinct or whatever it is, precinct? 2270 in that precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The town of Morenci is 2270.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not the town of Morenci the rest of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I took that out in 62.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, south let's scroll up and there is a City called Hudson.

Let's take Hudson and see what happens and move it from 62 to 63.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hudson has 2400 people and it has more people than Morenci.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Same problem.
So what is further north? Let's see what we got.
I think we are going to have to get down to a smaller level to do this.
Because I don't want to keep going too far west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One of the options is this area you moved into 61 was a fairly large number.

Is to move less into 61 so you have less to chase around over here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That will reduce what is in -- see 62 is over now.
Why do I want to move some back? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just saying when you move this area you made 61 ideal but transferred the entire deviation into 62 rather than part of it is one way of looking at it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was looking at the pink portion.
Okay let's open that up.

Yeah, expand that.

So -- can you tell how many -- I don't want to touch the City.

Can we take the Township but not the City? Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can do it at the block level just kind of go around it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct okay give it a try.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole upper part maybe and then however you want to approach it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the upper part, yeah, that is fine and let's start with that and we can add from there up.

Actually there is a major road in there.

West Wesley Road or something.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Appears Deerfield and Brenit drain.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go from there up and see what happens.

I think we are headed in the right direction here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is just 136 people back in the 61 one?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put it in 61 and let's go down further and see what else we can move.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we can continue with the same idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No just that Section you have.

You have those two rows of precincts.

And let's see what we got.

We may be good at this number.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment Commissioner.
Trying to let things catch up here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And if this looks good first thing, we are going to do is save it.

We are not locked up are we, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's still actively processing.

But I'm not real optimistic at this point.

Looks like it's back.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, it's not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm hesitant to ask and it's 12:00 and we've had a tough morning.

How are we feeling? Do we want to work until 1:00, that is on the plan I'm seeing nodding heads.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm nodding my head too.

I'm nodding a yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep on trucking and we will just wait for the computer and thank you for all of your patience.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is the best approach Kent to close it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm getting ready to close it because I think generally when it goes this long it ends up shutting down and crashing any way.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

We will still have our changes though, won't we? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will be able to back up to a certain point in time.

We may have to put the last change back in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is fine.

It was kind of eating up the CPU there.

Let's go back down to 61 and 62.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are back to here and let me back up in time.

One step.

We will come back and look at District 36 to make sure it's...66 is good and 36 is back to normal and what distribute we were working on again I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 61 and 62 down at the bottom of the state on the border.

Ohio border.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is where we were.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we putting some of this territory back into 61 is that not correct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We were the top part of the precinct you are in, yes so, we had done from the road up and then we with working, we were going to work down past that road because there wasn't enough.

Yep.

So grab that.

And let's see where we are at.

Assign that.

Let's see where the numbers go.

We may assign a little bit more.

61 and 62.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are getting it nibbled and cross this area and see what happens?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Absolutely because most of the population in the Township is down in the City.

Did you assign it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

And now it's 300 high but you got a little better more manageable number in 62 to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, can we.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 62 is now low.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we take this precinct? 62 is low.

Okay, so let's go take some off what we just did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 63, well, 63, yeah, so we can keep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go back to the change we just made, let's take a little off of that.

So let me get my bear, here where I'm at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If he Zooms out a little bit, I thought there was one that showed up about the same amount that 62 is down.

Have you looked at that? What that switch would be? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me Commissioner are you talking about a District or area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 62 and 65 I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, 65 is, I see where 65 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 65 is high.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's high.

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

The Townships it's an entire Township.

I'm just going to select this Township to get a number for that entire Township is 1500 people.

This entire Township is 1500.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put us more in line and let's do it.

Good suggestion, Cynthia.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 62.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now let's see, we are with...are at?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 65 is .12% high.

62 is .43% high.

And 61 is .34.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do me a favor and save it.

I'm fine with that MC.

Go on to the next person.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC is not at his mic is we will go on to the next person which is Juanita.

Juanita, do you need a reminder of the districts that have the most deviation to look at?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, that would help.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put the spreadsheet up and color code the ones we have done already so we know what is left.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 61 we did.

We will make it a different color.

Yeah.

And I forget which number Dustin worked on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 55.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 55 yeah that way we got a good visual of what we did and what we can't touch at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And by the way did I miss lunch?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No ma'am.

We are going to work until 1:00 but yes that is why I was away from my desk.

I needed a little break.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you would like to Cook something and deliver it, I would appreciate that Juanita.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I may do that soon.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm going on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, this area 65 is it open?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we just did 65.

61 and 65.

So 76 I believe is open.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay can I see it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom into 76.

76 is the northwest corner of Grand Rapids.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay and it's under.

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

And 75 is a little is under as well.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Oh, my gosh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 and 78 are on the other side of the river, I think that is the idea of drawing it like that.

I take that back.

76 does cross the river into 78.

But 78 is -- has a fairly high non-Hispanic white but any way.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Commissioner Curry what I think you can do here well what we did is we tried to draw Grand Rapids with a sort of a dividing line. And at this point meaning I think we are using the river and there was A Street I believe it was Fulton Street that was sort of a you know a suggested by the community of interest to use as a northwest divider within the City.

And at this point because we are trying to adjust for population, our number one criteria, I think it's very legitimate to just sort of equalize between 76 and 78.

Even 79 if you would like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right, thanks MC.

Okay well that is kind of okay 78.

Okay.

Let's go to 79 so we can see if we can put some in 78.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 is 2200 high.

78 is 2900 high.

While 76 is 3300 low.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's see if we can deviate some to 76.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, this is the area where 76 crosses across the river into Grand Rapids.

As MC was saying, this is wealthy Street.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Fulton Street.

Does it say wealthy?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's wealthy.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We may not have used the right line when we did it originally.

Commissioner Clark I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, once we decide what we are going to focus on, maybe we should look at the partisan fairness numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, that would be a good idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Even though that is not our objective we don't want to destroy it if it's in line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 75 is 54.4 democrat.

76 is almost 58%.

78 is 72%.

I'll be surprised if these numbers damage it or significantly lower 78.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you are safe to adjust Commissioner Curry between 76 and 78.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay well let's do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett is suggesting to get rid of the tooth.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Doesn't it look bad.
It really looks bad.
I'm going to be the dentist today.
Let's see.

Steve how would you get rid of this tooth, which way would you pull it out?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett Commissioner Curry was asking for your assistance.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What can I help you with? How to get rid of the tooth.
What is 78 is low.
76 is, 78 is high.

So we need to go and take the top blocks from the tooth, in other words take the tooth, go all the way across and put him in 76.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select them and then y'all can see if this is the idea you had in mind.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the way down whatever road that is?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, but we want the tooth out now, don't we?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It will be.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Hang with me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are you telling me to assign this highlighted area into 76?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That took at least half.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Took a lot out it did.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So we need to put some of 76 in 75.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Actually at this points 76 is still a thousand low and 75 is high.

I will make it bigger so it's more easily seen.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do that same process from right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select it and then that is 900.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Back up a little.

Back it up a little.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 780.

That is 700.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's assign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point 78 is .1%.

76 is .41% low.

75 is .64%.

79.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's still high isn't it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: For the area it's a little bit higher.

But yeah 86 is still high.

So you could still pass -- I don't know what other ramifications in this area if it was Asian or Hispanics or what it was in 78.

I vaguely remember 78 coming into play somewhere.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is accurate.

79 does not represent the minority District.

It was a coalition District I thought it was 86 but 86 and 96 it's hard to see the definition between the two but I'm pretty sure it was 86 and not 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I see 86 is 51, 78 is immensely democrat but wherever that is at 86 is way over here, I don't know where it's at.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 86 is right below.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 86 is looked like a partisan fairness analyzed District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That's correct coalition District.

Commissioner Curry does that help?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We hope.

Let's see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I just want to acknowledge thank you for getting 76 adjusted.

That was the primary purpose here.

You're welcome to continue.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, who is helping me on that Steve and Doug.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Steve and Richard have their heads together and trying to help you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Hi Richard.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is waving at you and I don't know if the camera is on him. Wave again Richard.

There you go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So we are looking at what is that 76? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am this is 76 here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's low we need to put some in it, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry, you did that one already.

And that was the one that and I think what is happening now is as you are here it is 77 and maybe even 79 is the next focus.

79 is the focus right now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Right, okay where is 79.

I see it.

Okay boys what you think? Let's move some of 79 where I can see.

Over to.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 95 and 96.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's try that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me what was that, where are we going.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 95 or 96 who said that, rich?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Guys do you have any help for Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 95 is low and 77.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here is 79 and 96 right here.

So we got 79 high, 96 low but 77, you really you need to do all these districts meshed together.

If you make one or two perfect then you go on to the next one and you are hung up so just kind of look at it collectively.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid wants to try to get in here with a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That will help.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Didn't we draw 79 that way for a purpose?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No I think it was drawn and 86 was drawn for a purpose and 79 was adjusted because of that purpose.

I would say it's a little different 79 was not sort of drawn intentionally and adjusted because of 86 intentional draw.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Where is 87 on here? I'm looking at 87.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 87 is on the west coast.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Never mind.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

Back to you Commissioner Curry.

And I think you mad requested that Doug and Steve sort of continue helping you is that accurate?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, because we need to take some of the what is that 86 or 96? 86 is still high.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think they are doing numbers and trying to work some math out, I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You guys come on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to point out just to point out the focus minority races for 86.

It's 51.59, 4841 that is 86 and that is by design I understand, I think.

So that District is also overpopulated.

Now, two things can happen when you move.

If you choose to move a precinct out of there, if you move a precinct out to lower the total numbers, you can improve, raise or lower those election results.

So it could be a good thing or could be a bad thing.

But depending on your goal.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wouldn't we want it to be a good thing?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do want it to be a good thing well said

Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We take that and move it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There is a lot of sort of math and I think pencils and erasers.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Hold on a little bit.

I understand.

They will come up with a good suggestion, I'm sure.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 96 is 2000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I jump in MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is that Commissioner Clark? I don't see you on the screen but I hear your voice.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sorry I'm here I'll get my picture up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 79 has too many people.

96 has too less people.

I'd take the bottom southeast part of 79 and move start moving pieces.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay and you also have 86.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: From 79 to 96.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay we also got to remove some people out of 86, right?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, but that is good because the western side of 86 bumps up against 96 as well.

So I'd take a little from 79 and take a little bit from 86.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That sounds great Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then we can keep adjusting as we move forward.

Just little pieces.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That seems reasonable.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's try that.

Who was that, that is moving our maps for us this day? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Hi Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What are we moving.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Say it again Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The bottom southeast corner of 79 into 96.

So let's see what the impact is there.

96 do, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It cut it in half on 79.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That looks good.

Then you said 86.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well if you need to reduce 86, I would take the bottom southeast corner of 86 and move that to 96 and see what the numbers bring us.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's move it around.

So we can see.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now it increased too much.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Of 96 so I'd take that back.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take it back.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Reverse that and there is smaller to the north of that there are some smaller precincts you may want to move.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you see Mr. Stigall has his hand up do you want to call on him.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would like to briefly point out these dots are African/American populations over 10%.

86 was built by design like that.

By moving that precinct into 96, we raised the democratic performance in 86 and got the population, though it's slightly under, it's better than it had been.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, and that is a good thing, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a good thing Commissioner Curry well done.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But we overpopulated 96 now by 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Now we got to work with 96.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know if you want to work with that or how we want to work with that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You can put 96 into 95.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's try that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson has a comment too.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: In the following up on what Kent had said, yes, this did reduce the population in 86 and really didn't change the electoral math. But the moving into 96 which is now almost 5% overpopulated so we are back over 9% total deviation.

So I think in just I know we are going kind of around this area, so that population will also need to move into you know for example like 97 is almost has 0 population.

So that would be a repository.

There may be places that like 95 is more than 2000 under populated.

So I would suggest looking at those as well.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, thanks Bruce.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome, Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, you guys, come on, Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We need to take 2000 out of 96 and put it in 95.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 is still low.

That precinct had been in 79 earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can put another thousand in 79 if we took it out of there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's do that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Would you like Commissioner Lett to direct is that what you're asking?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: He can and Kent if they do something positive you can follow them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We said that.

Just try to get 2000 into 95.

And a thousand into 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's look at this precinct right here.

That precinct alone is 3300.

So that is large.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can split that between those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 77 got a little meat on his bones too so maybe take 77 into 79.

I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 77, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 1430.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a 3600 person precinct.

These are large precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Kind of direct them Steve because my -- I'm not getting a good one.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are working on it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So if we take 77 and put it in some of 77 into 79 and then work on 96 and 95 and 97.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That will work around pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It may.

If it doesn't, we can just take it back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like way land is 4400 Kent is that what you were highlighting way land 4400.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4435.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry said a nice fit between 96 and 95 did I hear that correctly Commissioner Orton? I think I was reading your mind I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It might work.

I'm not from the area and I don't know what District it would fit better in Steve or MC.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett it's back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, we were at putting some of 77 into 79.

And you said that was large.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two precincts are 3300 roughly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Combined or each one? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Each precinct is 3300.

I will look again that little dude right there is 3600.

That one there is 3300.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So Kent do we need to put some of 96 into 95? Would that kind of equal stuff out? Or 95 into 96? No 96 into 95 because they are a little low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Wayland is 4400 and would get 96 evened out and make 95, 2300 over.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We have to move 95.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So then you get into 77 to 79 and 95 to 77.

I mean, you're moving in a circle.

Just where do you want to go from.

You can move this into here.

And then just make one move down to here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What makes sense, Steve, Doug, you guys were helping and Richard? What makes sense.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think moving 77 into 79 and then we will move 77 down into 95.

Let's try that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We got to do something. We are sitting here spinning our wheels.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How do you want to approach this?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move that precinct up into 79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Too many people.

Why don't we move the top part of the precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are going to move some out of 77.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 79 is roughly 2500 high.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And 77 is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 77 is roughly 2500 low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We need people between those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You get closer if you move this precinct right into there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if that's the right thing to do.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's try it.

79.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Actually that is the way it was, wasn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are chasing 77 is a thousand high and 79 is a thousand low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett, if you take Wayland, take Wayland, that City that is yep and add it to 95, I think that is what Commissioner Orton was trying to point to.

Is that correct Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That would at least take care of 96 then you can go over.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Put Wayland into 95.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8.44 deviation overall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 96 is ideal.

95 is a little plump.

And 77 and 79 is a little low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid did you want to try to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What does 88 look like as far as population? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 88 is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is a place we could go to? .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I also think if we Zoom out a little bit so let's Zoom out and look at 88 and 95.

Okay so because we made the lakeshore District 88 became kind of weird.

I would suggest that we move the rest of that area that's more northwestern into 95 and move 88 a little bit more northern into those bottom Townships so that it squares it off.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh let's see how it looks.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to select you're talking about moving this area into 95?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The other way.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 95 is already.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Over.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I'm going to go up here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think what he is saying if we move some of this in 95 and then let 88 come up into here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hold on let me give you the mic.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I was saying move this area here into 95 and then 88 take this part and then instead of having a District that goes from down here, thank you, so you see right now because we made this lakeshore District, we have 88 that kind of winds all the way up the coast.

I think it would be better if we instead moved 95 this way and moved 88 up into here. And that way you have two more compact districts and then we can look at the population deviation between the two.

Because 88 is at pretty much 0 and 95 is high.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton is right behind us you may want to...

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We were making little tweaks here for population. If we are going to do something major like that we should relook at community of interest and things because we are changing drastically.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm still a little bit nervous about the lakeshore community honestly after hearing in Adelson. I'm not sure even though it's a community of interest it's so thin and yeah so, I'm a little nervous about making those major changes, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We do have to make changes somewhere so let's see what we can do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry it's to you go ahead Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I highlighted the area that he was speaking of 21534.

And just apples to apples we can now clear that and it will say we select this, I don't know if that is his intention, and that's 23,000.

So yeah, I mean just to give a picture of what is possible numbers wise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How would you like to proceed, Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm trying to get the picture.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let me ask Bruce what was your concern, what is your concern if we do that?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Of moving population from 95 to 88?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Of 88, take the top four and move them in 95 and then square off 88 across the bottom?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 95 is overpopulated so if you move population into 95 the population will have to go someplace.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are moving it out into 88 in other words we are swapping.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Basically make it look 88 look a little better.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We still got to deal with the population access of 95.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely let's give it a try and see what happens.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So move those four precincts, the northern four precincts of 88 into 95.

I agree with you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including this smaller town here?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much is it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll just add to it and then back out so you can see the big picture.

So this area is 19,000 something.

I highlighted it earlier in 21.

I don't know if maybe included this one.

But anyway that's 19,474.

That would go into 95 is the idea, I think.

And then you would take some of this.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And put it somewhere else.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take something down here and put it into 88.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Are you thinking Anthony in the bottom four into 88?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I was trying to make it look a little better like the bottom four or maybe across you know those four and more to the right.

It just depends on whatever you want to swap out.

But now 88 looks pretty wonky and I think that change would make it look quite a bit better.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take those four, Kent and put them in 95.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And then highlight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Those four and let's see what they look like.

That is 11,000.

Do the next two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This way or this way?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, wait a minute.

So 95 is now 21.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 21,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much is that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here is 11.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do the next two also.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to add on to it and not assigning anything.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is 22.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 23.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 88 is very low.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I realize we are doing this for population but we don't have to do this much.

We were in the phase of making little, tiny tweaks so now if we do this, we are splitting Allegan away from the other two small towns there.

And I'm sure that's a community of interest.

That is all in Allegan County and those small towns are closely related so we are changing the community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take all those off.

Go back to the original.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the whole point we have to keep playing with this until we get it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree Juanita but I think we were 2000 off.

We don't have to be changing 20,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is a big bite, yeah.

That's true.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That might have been a little too much.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That was a bit extreme moving a County like that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is another that little block that you just undid, that was another community of interest that should have been with whatever that upper one is, 82.

That little precinct.

Well, never mind.

Keep going.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioners is this where we were? That looks like 88 as it was?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are back to 8.4 plan deviation so that seems right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks right.

And 95 is 2300 high.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 88 could take some of them.

93 could take a little bit in a pinch.

96 has opportunity.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We could take some of those two precincts on the bottom.

Are we going to upset and I'm not saying this facetiously the community of interest if we take Gobles into 88.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6675 people for all that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That sounds good.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much is Bloomingdale? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that including Gobles and Bloomingdale is 3700.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just Bloomingdale by itself is 2900 so Gobles is not very large.

And that, well, all that does is transfer your debt to 88 because you moved this would go over by 2800.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Don't do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Where did they get all those people over there? What is 93? 97.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You still got to lower 95.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much is that northeast precinct in 95? Thinking of putting that over into 97.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 79 as well needs some.

It's one away.

You would have to step it up.

But it would work.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Where, what?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Say it one more time Commissioner Orton.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 79.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: District 79 is under populated.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you transfer something, I don't know, you know, a smaller number.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 77, is that in there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it's adjacent.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Does 95, Kent, that precinct in the northeast corner how much is that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The precinct where my cursor is?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 3300.

These are all 33-36, 37.

Very populated precincts for this area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: 97, let us take the lunch hour and let us think about it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Shall we come back Commissioners? It's been a challenging one.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, you know I got to be honest.

I think this is a pretty poor use of our collaborative time together.

We are making these extremely small changes when there are still big changes that need to be made.

Then we will to go back again and do the small changes over again once the bigger changes are done.

So I don't really get why we are spending all this time this morning you know, getting the deviation so much more minutely close to 0 in these other areas.

When I don't really know if we have to be doing that.

Because the main reason they are like this are the VRA districts and we made those that way perfectly I mean purposely.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We may have to go back.

I think what we are recognizing is that it is the first priority, first criteria.

And like you said because of the changes that we are making and we are trying to get the highest ones and we are no adjusting it very much.

Which may mean we have to actually go back to VRA districts which is uh-huh and Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Eid where would you suggest we make the big changes at? I'm just lost at that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Me too.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Where would you suggest we should be spending our time then if this is not or what we should be doing.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think there are big changes that need to be made on this map.

I think there are changes that need to be looked at on the Senate map.

Yesterday I talked about.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What are their numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'll get to that and would like to finish.

Yesterday I talked about having a different option for Detroit.

The collaborative Congressional map.

And I see those as being bigger changes than what we are doing now.

For this map specifically I think we need to look at Ann Arbor.

We need to look at Lansing.

We need to look at we talked about perhaps looking at the UP a few times now.

But haven't actually looked at it.

So I'd recommend when we get back from lunch, we look at some of those bigger changes and then maybe later coming back and trying to go through and do this process.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Bigger changes you are talking partisan fairness not population changes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I mean yeah but they go hand in hand if we make those changes, we will have to come back and redo what we spent all morning doing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think many of us understand what you are trying to say and we are trying to be systematic because we do have to somehow substantiate everything we are doing.

We have legal counsel and experts are helping us take number one in consideration.

So we have been doing that.

I don't know is there any General Counsel or is there any other comments? It was suggested that we take a break.

Just come back to it after lunch.

I'm seeing, yep.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Mr. Chair.

No, I have no comment.

The Commissioner can direct where it goes, but I do believe some of those changes were already raised in the past and discussed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are at number one and still trying to adjust our population deviation.

Commissioner Curry thank you.

With all the help from Commissioner Lett and others, we are still on your turn when we return from lunch.

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It is 12 -- what time is it 12:51. Without objection we will recess until 1:50.

Have a good lunch.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: MC, MC.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'll call her.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm going to check on a door and I have to go see about on 8 mile.

If I'm a little late coming back, yes, oh, mute it.

Okay.

Okay well I don't mind if they heard me.

[Recess]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Welcome back.

It is 2:01.

As Vice Chair of the Commission I'm returning us to order, maybe.

And we will ask the secretary to call the roll, please.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location as well. We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present, attending remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

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

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

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>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you miss Reinhardt Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I just have a point of personal privilege here.

I don't think I chose my words too carefully earlier today when I said I didn't care about Township boundaries or boundaries and kind of wanted to clear that one up.

What I meant to say is at the given time it was not my highest priority and we were dealing with the first Section which would be Voters' Rights Act and the equal population measures, which to me is more important than Township boundaries and I do care about everything that is in their little area but just wanted to clear that up for everybody.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

At this point we will return back to unfinished business.

And continue our mapping.

And the collaborative State House with for compliance and adjustments.

I will I believe we were with Commissioner Curry, she is not with us at the moment so we will move on to Commission Eid.

Commissioner Eid you have the floor and you are welcome to keep us in the house or move where you wish. And if you do decide to move what I would offer is I would like to, yeah, try to speak to why and so forth.

So help us know where you want to go.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, well, sure.

I think as I said before the meeting you know we are not making you know big changes here when we have other areas where we can make bigger changes and provide more options to the public.

So while I think we can make this map a little better I'd like to move back to the collaborative Congressional map.

And make some changes there.

We can make a clone and have -- right now we have to collaborative options.

I'd like to make a third collaborative option that has a choice for Metro Detroit.

So let's pull up the base collaborative map.

And that is map number, it was updated since then 100521V1CD map number 200 on the portal.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to download it, I don't have that because I was not here that day so give me just a minute.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Eid I want to acknowledge we are moving on.

I think we I just want to speak to the idea we are not done with the house.

We are just putting it back on the shelf and the other Congressional districts and the Senate districts we have drawn are on the shelf.

And we do need to keep moving and what Commissioner Eid is helping with is we are just feel like we can make some movement.

I think it was a tough morning for us and we will try to put it back, put it on the shelf for now and return to something else and thanks for moving us in that direction, Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to give metro Detroit another choice.

We have two collaborative maps with two options for the west side of the state but Metro Detroit is not the same for each of them.

I know some of my fellow Commissioners have changes too so I'd like to get their input as well while doing this.

And you know we can see if it makes the numbers go up or down and go from there while still being compliant.

200 was the base collaborative.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 200 I'm going to download it in just a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 201 is the collaborative version that had Commissioner Witjes' changes with the west side of the state.

What is nice also about the Congressional map is since there is only 13 districts, we can probably have quite a few collaborative options, you know, since it's not 110 districts like we were just trying to work on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This plan I just created it's a copy of what is on the website and I call it 100721V1CD so it's a copy of the original.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So again this is the what I think is the base collaborative map.

There is another collaborative map, the second one, titled 100521V1CDDW I believe the DW is for Dustin Witjes.

And that 201.

That is the one that has the like the left lakeshore District that extends all the way to Muskegon and combines Kalamazoo with Grand Rapids.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right and that also had a better partisan fairness score correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That did, this one had a worse partisan fairness score which is why I would like to give the Metro Detroit the option then we can look at combining the two options and see if it makes a difference.

I'm not sure if it would or not.

But for now I want to focus on Metro Detroit Oakland County and Warren another choice here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right take it away.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's Zoom into that area.

Metro Detroit.

Okay so this is going to we need about ten minutes to make these changes and keep the VRA districts in balance or about in balance.

So first off, let's go to the Township level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You can take those off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With the names on it so I can better see and keep up.

There are names of the Townships and population.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, so we are going to assign Southfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Which is right in the middle there so Southfield, the top part of Southfield and Lathrup Village and assign that to District 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Southfield?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All of Southfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just three pieces.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, now let's go to District 3.

So yeah, select District 3, and now let's assign Troy into District 3.

Troy is on the top right corner of the screen.

Yeah, so assign that.

Uh-huh.

Okay also assign Madison Heights to 3.

And Hazel Park to three which is pretty much the rest of Oakland County in this area.

Okay, now District 6, let's take that, so we added population in District 2, we will have to make up for it by changing the population from one to two.

So the part of Warren that's in District 1 to the right, the part that is sticking up above 8 mile let's assign that into District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, essentially, we are assigning Warren back into

Macomb County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So continue with this area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All of that, that is above 8 mile.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know is that 8 mile right there?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 8 mile is that the lower line that's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All of that can go in District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We going to split the precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, all of it into District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Do you see the dashed line the County line, that is 8 mile.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's all of it then.

I got it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay let's move to the bottom of District 2.

Let's switch so we are in voting precincts now let's switch back to Townships.

And let's go Romulus, South Gate and Wyandotte into District 1.

So it's that part, uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This entire Township?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That entire Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Into District 1.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Into District 1, yes.

And then to the right both South Gate and Wyandotte.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: South Gate.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And Wyandotte both into District 1.

Okay, now north of Romulus do you see Wayne? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign that into District 1.

Now, let's see, can we Zoom out and see where we are at? Okay, so now we need to adjust for both population and for VRA to make the percentages closer to what we have to do according to our analysis.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid I want to acknowledge what you are doing is helping us -- I guess help us know maybe walk us through some of the communities of interest that you said you wanted to give Detroit a different alternative. Do you have sort of in mind some of the communities you are doing or just partisan fairness?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did not look at partisan fairness when doing this until after it was already drawn.

And ran the numbers on.

No in my opinion Southfield is closely aligned with Detroit.

And also Troy is more closely aligned with the rest of Oakland County than it is with Macomb County.

We've also by adding Warren back into Macomb County we kept Warren with Macomb County.

So I think that it is a community of interest that's -- we also added Romulus where the Detroit Metro airport is located in a District back with Detroit.

And added a couple of Down River precincts sorry Down River Townships which are the Townships more closely aligned with Detroit than Monroe Down River which we've also heard about in the house map we already looked at.

But we added the ones that are more closely associated to Detroit back with Detroit.

So I think it really helps Oakland County.

I think it helps Wayne County and Macomb County to have a configuration that is similar to this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is just my opinion.

I want to give the public a choice so they can tell us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for helping me understand the changes I appreciate it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There are negatives and pros and cons to any decision we make is I think it does put some of the Yemeni and Bengali community that was in District 6 it takes them out of 1 and puts them into 6.

However I think that communities acknowledged that it's a spread out community.

And we still will Hamtramck and the surrounding areas of Hamtramck in District 1 here.

Which I think is a good compromise.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you Commissioner Eid.

Continue are those all the changes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is the general gist of it, the other changes are for VRA and making the population okay.

So let's make the population okay first.

So let's Zoom up.

We are going to go in between districts 6 and 10 right now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6 and 10.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: A little further so you see Oakland.

Okay put all of that in ten.

So we are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All in ten.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are not splitting Oakland Tony more.

Okay and now let's take that to the left.

White Lake and Highland can we go south a little bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Repeat that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Zoom out and go right, yep, perfect.

So where are we? The font is a little small so it's a little hard to read.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will enhance that so it's a little more legible.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful 7 is what I was looking at.

So do you see where 7 is on the border of Northville and Novi? So we are going to put Northville into 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Northfield.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is part of 3.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Northville and also supports a community of interest.

We heard a lot of Ann Arbor associating with the more highly educated parts of Oakland County so we are going to go specifically Novi so we will go in a little bit of Novi to get the correct population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do we take the town?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Take the town.

So now we are going to go into Novi but let's go to the precinct level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's switch to voter precincts because we need to add a little bit more into 7.

So we are going to take 1591, 2436.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2346.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2346 and go across to the right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Like that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Like that.

Just deselect 2886 now assign that to 7, please.

So that population is within 0.

Okay, now let's look at District 3.

We are going to look at Commerce Township.

So it's north of Novi.

Perfect.

We are going to put more of Commerce Township into District 3.

Than it currently is in either map.

So we are going to take that precinct, 3107, 2966, 2539, 3519.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 2109, that's fine.

2284.

Yep, and those are going to be in six.

And then the rest is going to be in ten.

Can you Zoom out? I think we are missing one.

Oh, the top one as well.

Yep, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts 3 within 37 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wonderful.

Let's look at District 10.

District 10 is short 5,000.

Let's Zoom out slightly.

We can see where that is.

Okay, so Washington Township that one, yep, the one to the north, we are going to take the top three precincts off of there and put them into ten.

Perfect.

And then let's look at the right side border between 6 and 10.

So right over there in that area.

Actually that looks to be fine how it is for now.

Okay, so where are we on population? 13%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think District 1 and just off.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: VRA districts, perfect.

Okay so let's look at this.

What we're going to do is slightly adjust that line in between 2 and 1 much like we originally did collaboratively to make the VRA districts work.

Also I don't know if I mentioned this but I believe since District 2 now includes part of Oakland County, that might shift up the barrier slightly.

Because Oakland County has a little bit of a higher percentage than Wayne County does that we need to hit.

So let's just normalize this now.

So can you Zoom in to that line that is between the two? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The east boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's go to the part that juts above Dearborn and put that back in one.

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

So this area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right, you can put 1376 in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is this the Dearborn area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are not in Dearborn yet.

It doesn't go in Dearborn purposely so.

I don't want to go in Dearborn and potentially disenfranchise the Middle Eastern community that is over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we are going to do 1413.

Yep, all three of those.

We are going to take this up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to continue northward?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 6971423766, 1218, 874, 1691.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where am I seeing 1691.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 962.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to assign those and move the whole picture, 962.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1478.

1174.

And I think that's it.

Okay just one last change.

Let's move down to the bottom of this and the southern line between 2 and 3 do you see those precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2 and 3 or 1 and 2?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 1 and 2 you are in the right spot all of the precincts there all of those put them into one.

And the two to the left of it put it in one.

And then the couple of precincts right above Wayne, those you see that strip? Yep.

We are just going to square it off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All four of these?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All four of them.

Okay, so one and two are good.

There is something going on with six.

It's between six and ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your plan deviation looks pretty good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's go about to get a tad bit better.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A moment ago you said it's good for now and looking in the area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Deviation is between 6-10.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can swap or split the difference, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: One moment.

Let me just rebuild the plan on my end because something is not adding up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are total population numbers and I don't know if you recognize the number.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid earlier you were asking for other Commissioners to help.

Do you want help now or do you want thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So this is the general gist of it.

We can look at six and ten and adjust a few Counties here and there to get the overall population down.

But this is the gist of it as close enough to the final version.

That is in my head to work.

So I don't know if we want to run the numbers first and then I do want to get Commissioner Clark's opinion because I know he had a configuration that looked awfully similar to this one.

But yeah, like I said I think this is really helps Oakland County.

I think it helps Wayne County by including Southfield and Detroit.

We have Commissioner Kellom on as well and I would love to see her thoughts on it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes has a thought, no.

So Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Kellom? Any thoughts? I cannot see your videos if you are giving indication.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Here, yep, can I go MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please.

But I guess I'm wondering are you so Commissioner Eid do you want to sort of hand the floor over to Commissioner Clark or how would you like to proceed? It is your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I'm looking for feedback now.

Thoughts, are there any general thoughts on this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What are your general thoughts Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My thoughts are you did a good job of getting the numbers down.

I have not seen the partisan fairness but you told me about them yesterday.

So I will take that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Should we run the numbers then?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The only thing that bothers me with this is the number of changes based on what we did collaboratively.

There are a significant number of changes.

So it tends to move away from what we did as a group in this area.

But I think it could be a good alternative.

I've got another one I want to share when I get the opportunity here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It has minimal changes.

And I think does justice to the numbers as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thanks Commissioner Clark.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, my comment is that was a lot of changes to still be considered our collaborative map.

But I think before we move on to look at the partisan fairness and the other majors, we should check out all the VRA numbers here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since it's on the screen.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would disagree and say this by definition is a collaborative map we are all here and can give input.

He made some changes to Detroit.

We are collaborating on this map right now.

So by definition this is collaborative.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My understanding of Commissioner Eid's right as he was walking us through it, he was trying to address some of the requests for an alternative Congressional District in the Detroit area.

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Because he is from the Detroit area that is my understanding is he is trying to give us an alternative collaborative map so may I suggest right now that we have two things we want to do and look at the partisan fairness numbers and VRA District.

So let's look at VRA and make sure we do have the districts drawn and Commissioner Eid do you want for walk us through that? Have you looked at that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The districts that we drew on the base map were at about 52%.

So we have District 2 here that includes part of Oakland County so I think it would be appropriate to cushion that a little bit because Oakland County according to Dr. Handley was 42-43%.

This gives it less than a 2% cushion at 44.9%.

And I think for District 1, 43.6% is pretty darn close to about 41-42% we had before.

But I'm not a VRA expert if our expert would like to comment and maybe you know what we have been doing is looking at election results.

And we can.

Now would be an appropriate time for feedback on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson is not in the room at the moment but we could General Counsel do you want to weigh in?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly thank you so much Mr. Chair.

So Mr. Adelson stepped out for a meeting and will be returning shortly.

Prior to the partisan fairness the VRA any of those considerations, the plan deviation of .47% the justifications for that would need to be extraordinarily clear.

Because the previous plan was at .18 deviation and remember this is Congressional.

So we are down to one person one vote.

So I would -- or if you would like to run the numbers to just get a sense of what they are for partisan fairness but I did want to flag the plan deviation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can I fix that real quick.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please do.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's look at the one Township we were looking at.

Washington Township.

We are just going to take a little bit more of that and put it in ten.

Do you see where that part Juts up is right there. We will put that into ten.

The other way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That into ten?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm sorry six is too low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Six is lower ten is higher so you need to do the opposite of what you were looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What do we have there? That is different than what is showing up.

Can you Zoom in on there, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What area here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Washington Township, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Upper number is the total pop number and like 1805, kind of matches up with these 1900 and 1600.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, let's put that into six, into, yeah, into six.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it would go into ten.

It's backwards you want to look attend.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move around here.

So we need to look in the orange.

Is there any chance it was down on this side? Because there are a bunch of numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 1945.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Waldenburg, 1945.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't want to split a Township that already is not split in between six and ten over there let's add one to make the population deviation work.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall your microphone is not on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry is there any chance these are flip-flopped how you did these or something?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign a little more of the Township in six.

So that one 5141.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got to move population from ten into six.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No I'm looking at six being too low right now. Yes, okay, so I'm sorry.

I understand now.

I think we are confusing each other by doing it backwards.

Okay so we are going to assign some of these voting precincts into six that are at the bottom here.

So yep, those blocks, exactly that line, let's assign.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Select them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark is your hand raised?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you're talking Commissioner Clark, we can't hear you.

I think you are on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me pass at the moment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

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We will eventually we are fixing I think Anthony is fixing right now the plan deviation then we look at VRA then partisan fairness then he will try to get it back to you Commissioner Clark.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of that area is 2200.

We can remove some of it or whatever.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign it for now then we can remove some.

Okay this brings it down to 0.2.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 0.2 yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, so let's run it or do we want a VRA analysis or do we want to run it until we get there first.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's look so I think the VRA it's one and two, right, you have already talked about 43% we are within the Black voting age population but should look at particular District 2 where Middle Eastern north African right we want to look at that election results from the El-Sayed primary to make sure District 2 still has an opportunity to elect.

That is probably the most significant.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And the other one did that, did the District 2 as drawn have that? I don't recall that it did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's taxing my memory at this point too.

I don't know either.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I suggest we run partisan fairness and we wait to do this particular piece until Dr. Adelson is in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How you feeling Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I agree.

We can wait.

He is the expert and would rather get his advice directly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay. So sorry, Mr. Stigall we will one the partisan fairness.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here is your lopsided margin advantage is 4%.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay do you mind if I kind of go through this? Like we did yesterday? So I have the numbers for the base collaborative map too in front of me that is map 200 on the portal.

10-05-21V1CD number 200 again.

So lopsided margins test for that one was 7%.

With only changing Detroit and not touching the west side of the state at all.

It's down to 4%.

Let's move on to mean median difference.

So this went from 3.5% to 2.2%.

Let's move on to the next one efficiency gap, so that went from 8.7 to 0.8%.

Seats votes ratio this was 6.2% with 6 democratic seats and 7 republican seats.

It's flipped to 1.5% with 7 democratic seats and six republican seats.

So all four of these measures still favors republicans.

It's just much closer to 0 than it was before.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How can you say they all favor republicans there are more democratic seats than republican seats?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The other margins he was suggesting the seats votes ratio I think is the majority is reflected in the number of seats.

But the efficiency gap, the mean median difference and lopsided margin leans republican.

Do you want to show those again? Do you want to walk us through that again?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I understand that but he said all of these.

And this one does not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Got it thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: From my understanding of the measure that one does too because it still takes democrats 1.5% more votes to win a seat than republicans.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: General Counsel could you explain that? I thought it was explained differently.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: My apologies through the Chair to Commissioner Orton.

Can you -- Commissioner Eid can you restate, make the statement again and I can clarify.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I had stated that all four of the measures still favor republicans.

My understanding of the seats to votes ratio is that in this case the seat share basically what it means is to get an equal number of seats the democrats need 53.8% even though they get 52.3% of the vote.

And the difference is 1.5%.

Which is what it says in column K.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So you're referencing the bias the proportionality metric in column K to make assumption.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is my understanding of how this metric of the floor worked.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So the clarification would be, again, that -- Commissioner Orton, I'm not able to extrapolate that data from this.

It's my understanding of the golden rule of seats versus votes is that the -- is again the party that receives the majority of votes that should be reflected.

And a small gap is okay.

Such as the gap here of 1.5.

That a small gap is okay provided that again that it would be reflected and that the party that wins majority of the votes that would be represented through the seat count as well, through the seat share pardon me through the seat share.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So I like what was done here in regards to the east side of the state.

I do know that the one the map that I drew on Congressional that connects Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids also got down relatively low.

And I know that the map that Commissioner Clark drew also did the same thing.

I don't know if we actually went over that one or not but it is definitely on the portal for download.

I would suggest that we would either since Doug knows his map and I know mine more intimately, we take either tonight or preferably in this evening and make the adjustments to the maps that we drew with those particular configurations on the west side of the state.

And then we have four maps that we can bring.

We have the collaborative one, we have this one and then we have the two originals.

So that gives four collaborative Senate Congressional maps we can bring forth for public comment.

And also there is also one from Rebecca as well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right so I see Commissioner Clark's hand it's Commissioner Eid's turn still and we have some data and if I understood it correctly you wanted to, yeah, so.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to hear Commissioner Clark's thoughts because he has some changes too if he wants to make a clone of this and have another choice. More choices are always great for me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonder if we can do that so Commissioner Witjes if Commissioner Clark wanted to walk us through his changes on your map, then Detroit would be in the same you know, the same way so what are you thinking?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I think that us working on the maps we went over making the changes to this particular map to get the new choices but doing it on our own would be a better fit with the time we have left so we can continue to work on either the Senate on the house map with us all here.

Because these changes we've already made, we already analyzed for me to go and change my map and make the changes would go a lot faster and I can send it to the state so they can look at it and upload the new draft to the site and we can discuss it tomorrow.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner -- I want to get to Commissioner Clark too he has a hand.

Do you want to speak first Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If Commissioner Kellom there I would really like her input because she is the other Commissioner here that is from the Detroit area.

I want to say it's important for me to do this in live here with all of you today.

So it can be one of the collaborative maps based on the feedback I got on Monday.

Because now it's just another option.

We don't have to go with it and not saying we should go with it but I think it's another option that serves the area well.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, it is Commissioner Eid's turn.

He did request Commissioner Kellom feedback.

Do you have anything you want to share Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hi Commissioner Eid hi Commissioner Rothorn Vice Chair Rothorn excuse me.

I wanted to kind of wait until Bruce said you know gave his expertise on what you have done.

But at first glance and you know being here as you kind of walk through your analysis of why you are making some of the changes, I don't see anything wrong with what you've done especially as I look at District 1 and of course being familiar with the Metro area and the suburbs but I think you have done a good job as it stands right now.

I don't have anything like I said that is egregious or something I'm like no, Anthony don't do that.

So that is kind of what -- that is my barometer.

And I didn't have moments when I was doing that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I'd like to present my map with the changes and show the changes, start from the base that Anthony started from.

And then it's four quick changes.

But the problem with me using what Anthony has is I used some of the same areas that he did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think I could take his and then implement on that configuration what I did so I'd like to have probably ten minutes max and present that base.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can I suggest that we save this with Anthony's initials and upload this as is to the portal this evening once we are all done.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we should.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay let's do it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to close this plan and rename it.

It will have the same name with your name on it Eid, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You can put Eid or put AE.

That is the convention we are going with.

A is in apple, E as in Edward.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid it's still you're turn but open to Commissioner Clark sort of presenting and it feels like.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think after that open back up map 200 which was the base that I was working on.

And let's let Commissioner Clark have at it and see his changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Now, map 200 was 10-05-21 version 1CD?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that is correct.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I'm good with that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What do you want on the end of this?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: A as in apple and E as in Edward.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Tonight when it's uploaded that is the name that will appear on my Districting site.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark I want to try to get some clarity one of the things I thought you were working with was from as we present collaborative maps, sometimes we right we don't have to return to the base.

If you want to work from the one that had the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids together area, I mean I suppose that is what my question is.

Do you want to go back before that change? Or do you want to work from the map with that change?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to do the one that does not have Kalamazoo.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good just wanted to be clear thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And Grand Rapids together.

It's the same one Anthony did I believe.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are exactly right so yes, we are on the same Page.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah so, we need to make a clone of that one, Kent, when we get started here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm creating a plan and I'm going to bring that up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The one we brought earlier in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then we can compare the numbers.

I think as I recall the numbers are similar to what Dustin had.

The changes though I made on the east side of the state.

I did not make them over on the west side of the state.

So Anthony and I use the same concept.

We didn't make changes to the west, we went to the east.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and I did it around Oakland County because I'm more familiar with Oakland County because that is where I live.

So a lot of the changes revolve around that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If I understand correctly Anthony what we are doing is sort of comparing another map that Commissioner Clark is going to draw now on partisan fairness and your turn will be over is that sort of the plan?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: My turn, yes, I think that is the appropriate way to go.

Who is after me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe Commissioner Kellom would be next.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay Commission, this is a new copied in version of map 201 on the my Districting site.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go to over towards the Oakland County area.

We will make a couple changes here.

The changes I have are not as extensive.

Okay, first one I want to do is go over to Commerce Township, yeah.

Which is in three.

And see how Commerce is split? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to take all of Commerce Township and move it into ten.

Some of it is already there.

Half of it is already there.

And that will keep Commerce Township together.

So that is step one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that more, was it not supposed to get this area?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Did you want Wixom in there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me look.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me back up did you want Walled Lake in there or just Commerce?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just Commerce.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me back up.

I got to get this straight.

I will put that in three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want all that.

I want everything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want Walled Lake.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And everything above that bottom line there.
So everything the precinct next to it and then the 12345, 6 ones to the west.
One to the east and six to the west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I thought I had gone too far.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I want in ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is taking parts of Wixom do you intend to split
Wixom Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is all I want right now.

So now go to Oakland County and I want to take Birmingham and Clawson.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Birmingham and Clawson and you will put them where?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to move them to the Troy area.

So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which is six.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that six, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Clawson into six.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And Birmingham.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Birmingham in six.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The Birmingham one is based on comments we heard
from Troy people they want to be more associated with people to the west.

So that is why I did that.

Okay then I want to go north of six.

Okay, take out Washington Township and move it to ten.

And then I want to take out the I can't remember over in Oakland Township I want to
take out one of the precincts and I can't remember take it to ten and that is all the
changes I made and 13 so something is wrong with three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 3 and ten are still a long ways from being reconciled.

Let me look at the map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

COMMISSIONER WITJES: While we are looking here, ten is still over. But just the
first glance the only thing I potentially could see an issue for this map is that there is
way too much from the Metro Detroit area going up into the thumb.
Because that will be way, way, way, way, way different.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm asking is this supposed to be in ten, this area here?

This is where we were working.

Did I.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It has to be in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Was ten there before? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm asking and I don't know if IE erroneously clicked on a
Township.

Here is Wixom, we brought it all the way down.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Was Commerce and Walled Lake on District 3 or 10 on your map? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That was the area he put Commerce in to potentially.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What I have in three everything south of where.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commerce Township and Walled Lake are in District three.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe if you change the color of 10 or 3 online it may be hard to see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change it and this is the area he asked me to put in ten.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think that is where the screw up was. Commerce Township was in 3 not ten and I probably miss directed you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area should be in three.

I'm going to select it and then we will go from there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think that will resolve the issue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put that in three.

Just one step at a time.

So then all of Commerce into three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But not White Lake.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: But not White Lake.

So that is it.

We just got mixed up on how this.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That looks more like the numbers, okay so the differential is down so it's all in the right deviation and all less than .1 and six.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead Anthony.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I like the changes you made to Oakland County.

And mine went a little further but I do like these changes when compared to the base that you were working on.

Orton.

>> This keeps what we heard about and tried to do and Bruce liked it for the numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: They are minimal changes so why don't we look at the partisan fairness numbers and see where we are at there and what we will do is fine them similar to what Dustin and Anthony did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Will you walk me through?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a spreadsheet we are tracking and it's useful for us to understand for comparison purposes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay that is fine.

Sure so.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 7 to 4.1%.

For the mean median difference it went from 3.5% to 2.7%.

Both are republican.

So for the efficiency gap 8.7% to 0.8%.

Seat bias 6.2 down to 1.5% with a 7-6 ratio where the party that is receiving the most votes gets the most seats.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a thought.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I did want to acknowledge I believe when we were speaking about the seats to votes ratio earlier that Commissioner Eid did, I think you flipped it and 1.5 that does favor democrats so again which they get the higher percent of votes so that margin is appropriate if reduced by 1.5 the bias would be 0 so the way that Commissioner Orton interpreted it is correct and it was just flipped.

The statement of it was flipped.

So in other words looking at the screen that is up right now let me be more precise 52.3% if they won 52.3% of the vote, they would win 53.8% of the seats.

And if republican have 47.7 of votes, they would win 46.2% of the seats.

And I think that is how the proportionality bias is framed.

Again this would be more in line with what Commissioner Orton was indicating, that this metric in this form does not favor republicans.

So the other three while they showed a republican lean this one would not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for what clarification Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you for that clarification General Counsel I think the sign switched and messed me up.

We do have an odd number of seats from 14 to 13 so how does that work with this number.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: This number based on the fact currently in Michigan the democratic party has the data demonstrates they have a higher percentage of the seats over all this metric is appropriate.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Back to Commissioner Clark and it's Commissioner Eid's turn.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Real quick the changes I made would interfere with some of the things not many but some of the things that Anthony did we have alternatives and they are all in the same ballpark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we have Bruce look at VRA things now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah, District ten is quite strange to me I don't see and the Townships having anything remotely in common with Townships that are near the thumb whatsoever and this does wonders for partisan fairness for sure but I don't see this being an appropriate District especially number ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

I believe our legal team is sort of connecting with each other and as Commissioner Orton asked, I think we are going to try to get VRA analysis of both of the two Congressional changes so Commissioner Clark we will start with this one and go back to Commissioner Eid and then we will try to move on.

Mr. Adelson welcome back.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you very much pleasure to be back.

I think Commissioner Clark or Eid it's your turn and how do you want to proceed.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Clark did not change the two VRA at all did he.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We don't necessarily have to rerun it so it's just yours. Fair enough we will just acknowledge that the original so to speak is 41 District one is 41.4% Black voting age population and District two is 42.1 or 42.2%.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I make one request MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Have Kent save this in the same manner he saved Anthony's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It currently is your initials are on the end of the file name and when this is posted to the my Districting site that is the plan name that will be posted.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Perfect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you so let's close out this one please Mr. Stigall and bring in the one we did 10721CD with AE.

And Commissioner Eid if you can walk us through so Mr. Adelson can.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Mr. Adelson I made a couple changes to Detroit Metro area here because I wanted to give Detroit Metro a collaborative option as the other two had the same Metro Detroit configuration.

The main changes were District 2 adds Southfield which is in Oakland County.

And the line between one and two are changed a little bit.

So our non-Hispanic Black VAP population for District 1 is 43.6 percent and for District 2 which is the one that includes Oakland County was 44.91%.

I know that in our analysis we said Oakland County has a little bit of a higher threshold to meet.

So I would think that this is appropriate.

But I'm wondering what you think about them?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me thank you.

Do you have the what the numbers were before the changes?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: These are about 2% higher roughly.

I think it was 41 you just Commissioner Rothorn you just read them off.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 41.41, two is 42.18.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Does this implicate Hamtramck and Dearborn at all.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did not have track but to includes Southfield with District to so it does not change Dearborn but includes Southfield in the same District as Dearborn and from a community I think that is appropriate but I am not sure if it says anything for the election results or anything like that.

>> Plan deviation is .20 that is the plan you worked?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is correct.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I would suggest why don't we look at the bellwether election results for one and two please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can make them bigger and happy to read them out one is 76 democrat, 24 republican.

Biden 75%.

Trump 25, 75% Biden 25% Trump in 2020.

2012 Obama 81, Romney 18.

Peters 75, James 25.

And then Stabenow 74, James in 26, Whitmer 76, Schuette or Schuette 24%.

Dillard 72%.

Johnson 28%.

That was District 1.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Can we also look at the 2018 I think the gubernatorial primary, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I noticed in this we brought it up a little while ago, I mean I just saw it just now, the headings are not showing up here for some reason.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: El-Sayed in the left column and Thanedar in the middle and Whitmer.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I just noticed that a few minutes ago, so we don't have percentages.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: We have the raw numbers.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Whitmer ahead.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If you could just highlight which is District 1 and which is District 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's the top two.

So move down here.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: And District two contains Dearborn am I correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The middle green District in the picture, District one is Hamtramck wrapping around mainly Detroit and going southward.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay thanks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I think the question that Commissioner Eid asked and I was not able to answer do we know if District 2 in our original map before the adjustment was made also like had an opportunity to elect.

It does not have an opportunity to elect here.

Right District 2 have the El-Sayed does not win.

Whitmer wins but we were not sure if District 2 actually did win or give El-Sayed the opportunity to win.

But as originally drawn.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If District 2 originally had Dearborn, and I think it did. I think the electoral margin changed a bit and the margin came down for El-Sayed but he is still, yes and I see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Whitmer is significantly ahead.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Whitmer is 14 ahead and El-Sayed is number two. Now it's my recollection that the Dearborn District did give the Middle Eastern population an opportunity, an ability to elect.

My recollection is that he won pretty handedly.

So that is what I remember.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We have that.

Why don't we just pull it up and see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right let's do it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That was plan 200.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's record the numbers so we can remember them please before you close it, Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to copy, paste them into excel spreadsheet.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good thinking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will lay them on top of each other.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: As far as the other elections, anything on those? That we should know?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Other elections are basically 3-1 margins so they indicate ability to elect I think as we have talked about before.

I mean this is a significantly democratic area and Dr. Handley had intuitively said there is cross over support.

So that certainly is indicated by the numbers.

The margin may be somewhat lower than previously.

But it's still a pretty heavy advantage, 3-1.

So they all the other election results were goo.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will move out so I'm just going to put it right down here, at least I thought it was.

Let me back up.

This will be Anthony's plan we are looking at.

So then I will go over here and open up Doug Clark's plan because he did not mess with districts one or two, correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: True.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't have to download it and go through all of that but I will at some point.

I think this District 1 and 2 were unchanged in his plan.

So just comparing them, I didn't get headings.

Let me get the headings so we are not wondering what we are looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mostly want to look it's okay Mr. Stigall.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's just look at the data on the map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so El-Sayed did not in the original plan he had a little higher numbers but he did not carry the primary in either.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like in adjustments that Commissioner Eid made he did achieve more like a higher result.

Right more raw numbers.

38 instead of 35,000.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: He did but the margin is less.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The margin is 10,000 down from 14 or 15,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: He loses either way the margin is a little different.

Does including Southfield with Detroit over all taking a totality of the evidence, does it get a checkmark or what do you think?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sorry I'm laughing but I hear in the work I do the totality of the evidence and totality of the circumstances an awful lot.

So forgive me brief legal chuckle.

So the election results as I said are basically the same.

The bellwether election results between the two plans.

I don't recall, and it might be one of the state legislative plans.

My recollection is that El-Sayed was elected in as I said whether it's the house or Senate or both I just don't remember.

So in a way it's not surprising given that the Congressional districts population is about 770,000 people per District.

So the election results are comparable.

Remember the margins are not dispositive.

They don't have to be every election that gets carried. But the margins are significant. 3-1 as I said.

So between the two of them, from an ability to elect perspective just looking at the election results I think they are both okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Adelson.

All right so and thank you for putting that spreadsheet together for us Mr. Stigall. I do believe have we concluded your turn Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What I wanted to do is give Detroit a few extra configurations to look at without really messing with the west side of the state too much. And I think we now have two more so I'm satisfied.

I think the public will be satisfied with having some choices so thank you Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Kellom who chimed in and, yeah, I yield back my time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right thanks very much. Commissioner Kellom? We are currently in the Congressional. We were working on the house earlier this morning. I think as you know.

Where would you like to go? Or, yeah?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Wherever it makes most sense for us to kind of continue on. If you if we want to go back to the house that is totally fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson has a thought.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Good afternoon, Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Hi how are you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Hope you are doing well.

What I would suggest as Mr. Eid said you have additional option for the Congressional plan and did a lot of work with the house this morning and it's Thursday afternoon so my respectful suggestion how about if we go to the Senate.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay I'll take that suggestion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't know if any Commissioners can help us know which number that is for Mr. Stigall or Mr. Stigall do you know? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was out of circulation for a few days so did y'all work on this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can download it and get started.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: On mine it's the only one that is labeled complete that is not someone else's initials.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The one I have from the conversation the other day is 165.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is the name on it? I'm guessing it has to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 91521V16ASD.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That sound right because that is probably the last time that y'all did Senate District work other than Rebecca Szetela, Commissioner Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was asking Cynthia if that is the number she had.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Mine says the word complete after it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When I uploaded the plan, I marked it completed once on the my Districting site. The name of it is it 91521V16ASD. I can download it again.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do have that one but let me see we have more recent ones with a different number which also say complete on them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The complete is when the state was done and its entirety. So I think like the initial ones were independent drawers, people drew. Now this may have been the last completed statewide one. I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes wanted to get in and I saw Commissioner Eid's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is something I just noticed and it's more along the lines of food for thought for everybody in regards to the west side and the east side of the state.

We've had public comment stating Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids shouldn't be together. We also had some that said they should.

Wouldn't it make more sense or let's look at the District ten that we had that had Milford and White Lake going up to the thumb for example.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you talking Congressional.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Don't need to pull it up but remember what it looked like.

Couldn't you make the argument that those particular Townships that are in the northern side of Oakland County that are connected to the thumb those are two very vastly different regions and communities I would say.

Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids we are connecting two cities, a City and a City.

If there was a big City in the thumb, I would say that would be an appropriate thing to do then you are linking two different communities together.

Whereas when we are looking at Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, we have two cities that are going to be connected together.

Does that make more sense in regards to communities of interest on the west side of the state with Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids as opposed to taking what I consider to be pretty densely suburban areas and pushing it up to the thumb where there really, I don't want to say there isn't much but it's mostly all farmland.

Just something to keep in mind when it comes to that particular District that I drew with Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Just food for thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

I don't know if we resolved which plan we are opening.

And I did hear you Commissioner Eid. You want to speak directly to that or is that something else? Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So the last collaborative statement.

We really only have one at this point. There is, was 10421V2SD, uploaded on the portal. It was supposed to be deleted, but that has not happened. But I believe that is the latest collaborative map that we have for the State Senate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When I left it was 915, there were four versions. And then earlier this week, on the 4th, which would have been Monday, John posted these.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid is correct let's try 99 and Commissioner Kellom we are going to I think we will try to see if other Commissioners recognize it, if you recognize it then we will just go with it but that is the best we can do at this point.

Commissioners are nodding their head it's the right one.

This is our collaborative Senate map.

And I believe what we are trying to do here is and Mr. Adelson I will ask for direction but right what we are doing is we run a partisan fairness measure.

We completed it and what we are trying to do at this point is improve a partisan fairness score within the Senate District is that accurate?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: First we recommend that the numbers be displayed so we can see them again and compare them with what we are looking at because we have been looking at a lot of plans and frankly so we can keep in order where the Senate is then we can advise about next steps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Numbers being partisan fairness numbers?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Mr. Adelson do you remind repeating that because I have quite a noisy train in the background and I did not at all hear it and I was trying to shut the window.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sorry Commissioner Kellom but having grown up in the Bronx I know about busy trains and Senate map let's look at the partisan fairness partisan fairness with the metrics and see where we are now and advise about next steps after we see what the partisan fairness numbers look like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm doing to things downloading the plan and creating it then I will copy it again and modify it so we will have both of them sitting here to look at in the next couple of days rather than going back and forth.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At this point I'm going to rename 100421V2SD plan downloaded from redistricting at this moment and made a copy and this is the one we are about to edit.

I'm going to do one thing and give it a version one name.

So as it stands this is what was posted on my Districting and we downloaded it and this is about what we are to edit.

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We can look at the date on this plan by opening it and running the partisan fairness and what other reports?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's start with partisan fairness.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so here it is I'm going to leave this file right here.

We can come back to it.

Just let me save this, no, so I will close it down out of the way so I will save this right here and open up the working plan, the plan we will work on or somebody is going to work on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That would be Commissioner Kellom.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As she makes edits, we can run them and compare them side by side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Roth very good.

And we were trying to be methodical and have been up to this point.

Will you help us remember, Mr. Adelson, what our method is and how we adjust for partisan fairness?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Be happy to.

Should we wait until we see the numbers or should we do that now?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess we have the numbers up and they were going to be there for comparison but that is how we start, right? So let's walk through the numbers there.

Do you want to walk us through Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 5.7% lopsided advantage.

We are not comparing this to another plan.

We are just looking at it in isolation.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is our base line.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's go to the mean median difference.

3.4%.

Efficiency gap.

6.2%.

Yes.

The Senate seats ratio.

So this shows 50/50 proportionality bias about 2.3% and in line with the vote shares about 52% democratic and about 48% republican.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They are consulting.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I see.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Stigall, may you please leave seats votes up while we carve uncle? Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They are not consulting they are carbunkling.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that a legal term MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Apparently.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Voice Chair Rothhorn or other Commissioners I know for the other maps we were kind of using a list to determine where we wanted to start.

Are we having ideas for that now? Or are we waiting for Bruce to kind of determine a place for us to begin editing?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, I believe that is the question.

We are just going to form that list and we are just trying to be as specific as possible which that list is.

We used the lopsided margins and used partisan and I think that is why they are carbunkling.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Just double checking I was tracking correctly.

There were not any other ideas besides them huddling? You know, we make our own decisions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We do.

And it's such a legal process, this compliance thing, yeah, and because we have such a time constraint.

We are, okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Our recommendation is we save this plan and since we have not -- don't have a second plan that has gone through partisan fairness that we begin with an alternative so that the Commission then will have at least two Senate plans and have gone through both the compliance and evaluative process about partisan fairness.

So save this as plan A.

I'm not assigning any value to that.

And then have a second plan that perhaps while we focus on partisan fairness and have that as an option.

Excuse me I'm sorry and also of course address the deviation which is 9% in the alternative plan.

That is a great point General Counsel.

The alternative plan can strive for a lower deviation and see if it can provide another option concerning partisan fairness.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent.

So in order to help you know sort of be give us some system to use like should we use the lopsided margins test and try to address in the Senate plan for example create a list of those that are most likely to be swayed right the closest to 50%.

Is that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely.

We feel that that's a good approach.

Looking down the list of districts to see what the competitive difference is.

And in districts that are close like for example District 7 I'm just looking at the list, it has 51.1% republican advantage.

It's pretty close numerically so that would be one place to look.

Then we can go down the list further to come up with some additional.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Will you help walk us down so we can create that list please?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely.

So let's look at District 7.

District 16.

That is 53.1%.

And District 15 is a little high.

District is that 53.6 is that 18 or 17? Kent the republican margin 53.6 I think that is, yeah, 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to highlight the numbers he calls out and copy, paste them separately so we get the separate list again if that makes sense.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Kent.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 53.9 District 24.

And I think let's start there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Just for clarification I think you said 24 but I see 34 highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes and 34 too.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Let's take the opportunity to highlight District 34 though being a 50/50 split.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is the one that is on the west side of the state. Okay Commissioner Kellom you have the floor and I see Mr. Brace's hand but not anything else.

Mr. Brace, do you have a comment or?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

If you can hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can.

>> KIM BRACE: I guess my camera is not functioning or allowed in but I do have -- we have created the Senate overlays for the districts that have up to 54% republican on the red, blue maps like what we talked about and I can send those to you now.

So you can use that as part of your research efforts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brace.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So these are the, I believe, the five districts we initially started with.

Is 34 supposed to be in there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Because it's 50/50.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is a starting point if you want to start.
And this column is not supposed to be there.
There, that makes a whole lot more sense.
>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2434.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Was somebody going to say something it sounded like it.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent can we go back to what is happening? Never mind.
I don't have to ask.
Can we go back to the map so I can see where the districts are? .
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what I did was the plan I downloaded and it was the base map for the Senate I put a tag name on it so two days from now or whenever I'm back here this is the plan y'all completed and chose to start this plan with.
So this plan is a copy of that as of right this moment.
Okay and here is the plan that is a copy of the base Senate District map.
And where do we start?
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can we Zoom in just a little bit.
I'm warning to say District 7 but I'm not sure.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just Zoom to it and if you want to look at it, we will do it.
District 7 is on Lake St. Clair.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Where is the other one 2434.
Okay and what's -- can you Zoom into 16? .
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 16?
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is north of Detroit Rochester Hills.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom we do have the tool that allows us with the democrats, republicans, the single vote excuse me the elections, the results of a single election.
I'm not sure if I'm making it clear what -- are you aware of that tool that we have now?
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Let me see it then I will say "Yes" or "No."
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Kent is bringing it up right now.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have been doing the 2016 Presidential.
>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is the two, it's the democrats and the republicans.
They will be in the representative color of blue and red.
The higher number whichever gets the most votes will be the top digit displayed.
In this case we are looking at just this is County.
So it's 343087 democrat votes, 289136.
As we Zoom in, it will put this similar number up for the precinct.
So this precinct had 902 red votes.

720 blue votes.

If you move more red out than blue it's going to make this District perform more blue.
Does that make sense.

So if we move red out and bring blue in number wise it will be a more blue District.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Is that what we want for 16.

I did not jot down.

Other Commissioners if you took more prescriptive notes for each District as we were kind of.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid has his hand sorry Mr. Stigall.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 14 was drawn that way with Pontiac for VRA reasons so we might not want to change that one too much.

But.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Go ahead I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, that's it go ahead.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay this is how I'm just determining where I want to start.

I'm leaning towards giving all that information maybe starting at 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to change the colors of 16 real quick because it's impossible or difficult to see.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't know if I want to do that either.

Actually, hum.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think you may I mean not that you have to, but with these deviations if you kind of keep it in mind you might be able to kill two birds with one stone with the partisan and the deviation with some careful attention to detail.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: For District 7 is that what you are saying or suggesting?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Modifying 7 if you pay attention, it's a little bit high and the you took population for something that is a little bit gave population to something low you could do two things at once.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, let's look at 7.

Commissioners, I don't know the New Baltimore, Marine City, Arenac, and Mount Clemens, talking about Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores. I'm familiar with that. I know this is just...chime in if you have input.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Hi Brittini.

I'm thinking if you, let me see the five and six.

Okay, five is really low so you don't want to take from there but six if you put some from the bottom of six into seven it might help balance it.

You may need to take something off the top but maybe not.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yeah, okay, thank you Commissioner Orton.

That makes sense.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Adelson has a thought too.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is what I was going to say looking at the partisan fairness aspect here.

Having those numbers plus also the deviations, that's the going to Kent's point before dealing with two issues as much as we can simultaneously.

Deviation and the fairness.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are we identifying also VRA districts where we want to not change the deviation? Or at least acknowledge that we have worked on it hard enough that we are not going to try? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In looking at the list that Kent pulled up before I don't believe they implicated the VRA but I think we have an idea of the area that is relevant and has been the subject of so much hard work.

So 7 is not that type of District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Having the partisan numbers plus looking at the deviation I think 7 has some possibilities.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep, Kent is working with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm trying to get this map laid out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So it's easier for everybody to identify.

I couldn't tell where 2 and 14 where one began and another ended so now, I think we can discern 25, 7, 5 and 2.

And 6 touches 7 down here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Right that is the area that we are going to take off some of 7 in that lower portion and put into and assign to District 6.

So taking out unassigning that portion of probably Grosse Pointe park and Grosse Pointe and assigning that into District 6.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Has a thought too.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can keep talking to me that is fine.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before any changes are made maybe we should jot down the VRA numbers just to make sure we don't mess something up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I was going to say this is a classic case of you are looking at this area to move into six.

We are trying to make seven more blue.

So looking in this area down here, it is predominately blue.

So if you move blue out, you're actually lowering the democrat vote.

Not increasing it.

So we want to either move red out or blue in.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think she is talking moving blue out of six into seven is that where we want more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 is a little bit high.

We are on the right Page, sorry.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we want to write the numbers down the VRA numbers is that right? Just in case so six Black voting age population is 39.86.

For number six.

District 7 is 11.2.

And then 8 is well I think we are just working on 6 and 7 right now, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I was taking a quick look to see if there was anything, you know, close that we had to be careful around.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Also I would suggest that with the thought of seeing if 7 can become different can flip from partisan fairness standpoint as you pointed out Kent the area in six that goes diagonally from north to south is an overwhelmingly from the numbers seemingly democratic heavy area.

So it is possible that by moving some of that population into seven that would not have a dramatic effect on the numbers for six while having the possibility of increasing the fairness to seven because you look at the percentages.

582 democrat to 7 republicans in this whole area.

I think that you know admittedly math is not my number one skill.

But.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Mine either.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I hear you Commissioner Kellom.

But that could have.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Science brain but not math.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I could have, Janice, where we are interested in going.

As I recall seven was 51.1% republican.

So it's pretty close.

So there may not need to be a lot of adjustments.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Is that your way of saying I can make that effort and see what happens?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You know I believe that.

That this is the area that I think you were inclined to look at.

And the numbers certainly bear that out.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay thank you Bruce for the gold star and thank you Commissioner Orton for the boost of confidence. .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So am I going to select a precinct or three down here is that what I'm doing Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can always put them back.

I'm just going to highlight them and you can make a decision as to what to do.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that is 5-- 5600 people in those precincts.

So if we remove some, and I think you would have to put some back.

But that is 1900 coming out of 6.

Or that's 3200 coming out of 6.

What do you want to do? Do you want to assign this to 7 or parts of it?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Assign it to 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So six is 39.41, non-Hispanic Black.

7 is now you know well overpopulated.

And we could look at the election results to get an idea.

So 7 at this point if you want ed District 7 is overpopulated so you may choose to move some red precincts out of 7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioners do you have any suggestions how I do that, if I go to the northern part of District 7 or.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that is where the nodding heads are.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can I get, Commissioner Clark are you warning to talk to me about specific suggestions? You're on mute Commissioner Clark.

Now how am I supposed to hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can use sign language.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Well Katie has not taught me so I don't know how to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Probably didn't have my video on.

Can we go and I would ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a thought and Commissioner Clark if you want.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I can select but I feel that we should be intentional rather than it just be me like plucking.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I see that on the active matrix we can see five is down a lot so maybe some of 7 can go into five.

I was thinking up north but maybe that is a good spot but maybe we should look at five and make sure we are not going to mess anything else up.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You have a high number of 672 or a higher number but that is just the portion of the screen.

It does not seem like they are looking for higher red numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that would work.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't think you have to move too much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Go slow to move fast and with the help that Kent as the scribe Commissioner Clark and Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm looking 755 red is yeah right there.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay and 623?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can start small and let's go from there first.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 755, 428 has 700 people so not too many.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Cynthia is nodding her head.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you MC.

Let's assign that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm assigning this precinct to five.

Yes, so 7 is .15% low now. And we will pop over here and look at the focus minority so now is not swinging it democrat it did lower it slightly.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As we take from five, we are mean us 9,000.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We added to five Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We are on the right track if six can take more off the bottom and do the circle it did and it's moving in the right direction if we can do it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Along those lines I'm going to go down here and see how many people are in this precinct has 1436.

It won't bury District 6 too low.

If you chose to move it to 7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay let's try it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6 is less than 1% under.

7 is .4% over.

Just a quick gander this drops a couple of tenths so if you continue your line up train of thought on this you will end up where you want to be.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So we go back up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Never mind I was hoping we were not messing up six but that does not look like that is a problem and thank you again for checking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here you are with 7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you go back more and I want to go back to where Commissioner Clark started to chip away and Commissioner Orton you were talking about the western edge of where mount Clemens is that where you were suggesting shaving some off and adding to five to be specific?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Doug can clarify but I think it's in Chesterfield Township a little bit north.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Maybe that 676.

Is that -- that might be it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're on mute, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That one or either the one below the one we had changed previously.

One of the two, either one.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Well.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is more population down at the lower one.

>> CHAIR KELLOM:

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not sure because the other precinct is bigger, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This highlighted has 2200. This had essentially 2500. And also went over, it's 2300, so only 150 people difference between that and that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm indifferent as to which up we take to be completely honest. I will take the smaller one just for the fact of esthetic.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Our objective to make a lakeshore District here, so and we don't want to go too far toward the Lake.

So either one is fine.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Very small changes, tenths of a percent.

Senate districts are fairly large and move a larger number of people to affect percentage change.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we see the active matrix for two to see if Britini could move some of 7 in 2 and grab a little more of six.

It's already pretty high.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To is higher and six is.

Well you can move if you move two into five it's probably not going to be what you want to see.

These are all red precincts, not that this is one election, not that one election tells the tale.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What if we took more of the mount Clemens area?

No, don't touch that, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The mount Clemens area from what I can see and one of the other Commissioners couple point it out the blue numbers on top means there is more blue votes in there than red.

So.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't know how I completely didn't even, okay.

So that is not an idea.

You were saying pulling some of two into five.

But.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Putting an eyeball on it they are all red precincts so I would expect putting them this here would drive the percent, it would make it more red than blue.

Which may not be what you want to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The wrong direction.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I don't want to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think five was close though so maybe it does not matter so much with five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are working on 7 aren't we, yes because I had... forgive me, I forgot we are not working on five but working at the population with five, not necessarily the partisan fairness level is that accurate. Does that make sense to you Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It does, I just didn't want to completely make five like a dumping District and disregard what is happening with five.

In the interest of being concise let's move some of -- let's assign that lower portion the southern portion of two to five.

Head north where we were my apologies.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Border of two and five.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And areas with the higher red numbers let's take that up to the blue line maybe and we may not need to take all of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 1700 people that is 2300. I'm just kind of bouncing through them.

That is almost 5,000.

1800.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like you want to move about 2000 maximum to split the difference.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Bigger was 559303 what is that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2100.

2174 excuse me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Worth a shot.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Then I mean that is the one that I will be reassigning, Kent, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now two is less than 1% over, five is 2.17% under.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You positively affected the plan deviation so we are heading in the right direction so how are you feeling.

We are close to a break time around 4:00.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: If you want me to finish, we can.

If you want to take a break, I'm indifferent to either choice honestly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you are heading in the right direction and keep on going if you want.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, all right, so we need more of what now, what is happening? We need to put some more folks in five.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And to sort of I think our goal was to work on the partisan fairness in District 7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Exactly.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So did we achieve that? I think we were moving in the right direction.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's close and it needs more blue.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It needs more blue and that may be where you want to stay focused or less red.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh and trying to keep in mind with Commissioner Clark what he said about maintaining the lakeshore District so I don't want to touch.

I could say get rid of 591 and 676, put that in District 5.

But I don't know without others chiming in if that is necessarily the best choice for that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is why I'm being silent.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You get a thumbs up 591 and 676.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Those are the two I was thinking.

So you can add that as sign that to five, Kent, please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was just going to suggest that as well so I think we are on the right track.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Glancing over back at it you are almost at 50/50.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep on trucking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And 7 is 1.13% low and 5 is getting better.

So did you say assign 676 to five.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I did, I did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 is at 2% low.

That is one election so it may somewhere along the line balance what this is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So the performance index we are looking at is not just including that one election.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Composite.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: More of.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we just need to take more from six at the bottom, I think, and funnel it up a little more and see what happens.

See if we can do it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kent, you can add that little curve 334, 356, 289, 459, like kind of go in the area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do it one at a time?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes. I was naming the numbers to get you in the right spot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like a highway and I will use that as a border.

And six is starting to get a little lower.

Now six is 1.5% low and 7 is 1.33.

So we looked at focused minority matrix and I mean on any given day that is a 50/50 District probably.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That would be my version as close as I'm going to get but I will have to see what other folks have to say.

Commissioner Orton I know you were giving me that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You knew I had my mic on.
To help our numbers on our map which is what we are going for we have to actually get it to flip to 50.01 at least so we got to keep going.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't know in this helps it might or might not.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Take those Kent, go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Szetela e-mailed us last night with a few edits to this collaborative plan that she says does what we are trying to accomplish. Now she is not here today.

But maybe we could do an overlay and see what those changes are and see if we want to apply them and if they do work.

I don't know so I don't know if it's these changes in 7 or 5 but and got it on this one at 6:30.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm not opposed to doing that if it's okay and there is not some weird clause we don't know about and maybe presenting another Commissioner's work. But I'm not opposed to exploring that suggestion.

I'm just more interested in what will get us to the numbers we are looking for but also makes most sense visually in keeping all the other criteria that we have in mind.

That is my one voice opinion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Kellom and you did ask Kent to assign those to districts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The ones I was taking advantage of seeing his cursor like take those and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move 2100 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was further north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 873, 2700 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid maybe what I will suggest is maybe we can ask when we have our break because we are going to try to take a break soon then we can talk about the downloads not during the break but we will talk about it and take the time to do the download.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now our 7th direction is 2.39% low.
5 is a solid .46% high.

And minority race now it just really seems like we need to move chunks to do basically 1% of the Senate District is basically 2650 total population which would mean roughly

every one of them or at least over half of them majority of them would have to be democrat compared to republican.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I hear you.

So we've got we have majority republican districts. We have the 2000, 2500 population in each of these precincts.

But we are adding, so Commissioner Orton I feel like you have a good handle on this.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm shoveling too much out of six at the bottom even though it's the numbers make sense as to why but then I'm depleting that District.

But you called on Commissioner Orton.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, how many -- what are the numbers of 16 overview? It's low and a conundrum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Literally.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it time for a break.

And acknowledge Commissioner Eid was trying to figure out a way to help us get an overlay or some idea about what another Commissioner has worked on.

Again it's not a suggestion to just take it but maybe we can during the break Kent if you could download it from the website and then just bring it up as an overlay so that we have some other suggestions, okay.

So are there objections to that Commissioners? Are there any objections to that? Okay hearing no objections I'm also going to acknowledge that it is time for a break.

And with we will recess, it is 4:13 and we will take a 15 minute or 17 minute recess and we will return at 4:30.

[Recess]

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Test one two.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Test three four.

Good afternoon, everyone I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:33.

Will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.

Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location when I call your name. I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present, attending remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County Michigan.
Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: In attendance.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Available

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 9 Commissioners are present. And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt without objection we will return to our mapping with Commissioner Kellom.

Excuse me Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: My comment was I had brought in Commissioners Szetela's plan that was uploaded this morning and that is in the darker red lines.

It's somewhat transparent so you can see where they are at.

I could briefly run down what I saw the changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom please direct if you wish.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent I would appreciate if you could go over those changes.

That would be helpful respective to I mean other Commissioners might want to hear the general changes but I was interested in what was happening with 5 and 7 but go ahead Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I saw when I went around is red line is 15 and 25 boundary the green and purple is the current plan we are working on.

So you can see 15 went up this way.

25, 15 and 2.

And then 25 comes down this way and 7 goes up, five is similar but there are some changes where it picks up population here and 7 and six is edited.

Eight is edited.

17 is changed.

It's pushed down.

19 is pushed back into here.

17 and 12 boundary are changed.

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And I think that's the sum of it.

I did spot just perusing around some Township movement over here.

But I think yep there is a change between 32 and 35.

A couple of Townships.

Measurable change, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9s Township is 35 and 33, 34 and 36, 2, 4, 5, Townships.

I did not go up in the UP but big picture there it is, the biggest movement is around here and here.

Okay I'm finished.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And I know I have the floor.

But are there other Commissioners that have thoughts about -- I actually kind of like the way this looks.

It seems as though there were adjustments made.

In Metro Detroit area that allow for some of the suburban and western areas of Michigan to the switches that Chair Szetela made over there I understand she made to do some of what we see a little more challenging areas.

Do you want to hear from Commissioner Orton.

Incorporate the overlay and what do we think we can do with just that so Commissioner Orton, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: On our map we painstakingly considered things in the right order to make this.

So I think we could slowly incorporate and in District 7 or 6 but we should not wholesale use this because this is not the collaborative map so I think we could slowly start incorporating some changes if you want to follow the lines until we get the ones we need to flip to flip.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We need to look at the numbers so we have some idea of what has happened.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Look at partisan fairness numbers or numbers in general on the active matrix so to do that quickly to compare it we could import her's and look at just the numbers.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom it's your turn but that is some thoughts here in the room.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I should have prefaced what she said without seeing the numbers and of course we would run those and this is my personal opinion and I'm a fan with the way I take my turns of collaboration.

However I am not against one of us coming up, because we've all experienced collaborating and mapping and hearing the suggestions and the feedback when one of us one of the Commissioners comes up with something like this and it does not matter

who it is, what I see is that that person has taken all of that into account and this is their stab at an elevated version of our collaboration which I feel like we are supposed to do because essentially the public and each of us will we are supposed to kind of out do the collaboration and process want to come up with the best example so if we decide that we like the numbers and you know by my statement that I was saying I like her map I don't think there is anything wrong with us taking a Commissioner Szetela, Witjes Eid whoever comes up with something and saying as a Commission we really like that and this incorporates all of the suggestions we had thus far is that is my two cents on my piece of it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.
Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, wholesale changes should be an individual map I'm not necessarily convinced we should make it as a collaborative map because we participate in it and some ideas may be beneficial to us as we go through this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So what they were suggesting and let's leave this map and right because in order to run the numbers of partisan fairness we have to incorporate and close this one down and not just use an overlay but bring up the map and run the partisan fairness numbers is that correct Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That is correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall will you help us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will close this plan and move on to Commissioner Szetela's plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is the idea run the numbers and come back and it is Commissioner Kellom's turn so we will evaluate at that point.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: My turn is a collaborative turn so we don't have it for my turn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I say that mostly because I know that right the mappers appreciate knowing who to listen to and sometimes it fixes it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to open up Commissioner Szetela's plan that was uploaded this morning?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, Ken.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Commissioner Szetela's plan and we will go in report and run the report.

What are we looking at partisan fairness now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Numbers we are looking at.

I just want to make sure.

This is Commissioner Szetela's plan the lopsided margin.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do we have the comparison and Commissioner Eid do you want to walk us through it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If Commissioner Kellom would like me to I would.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Come on, please, this is too much.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Base collaborative Senate map we started with had a lopsided margin test of 5.7%.

These changes bring it to 4.5%.

Let's look at mean median difference next.

The original plan was at 3.4%.

This is now at 2.2%.

Let's look at efficiency gap.

That was at 6.2% previously.

Now does that say 3.4%?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It does.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And finally the seats to votes ratio was previously at 2.3% with having an 18 democratic seats and 18 republican seats.

That is down to 0.3% with 20 democrat seats and 18 seats.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you men 19 and 19 instead of 18 and 18.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I meant thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid and .3% that is where we are at.

How would you like to proceed Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Proceed in vain that acknowledges because I know other Commissioners might have had thoughts based upon partisan fairness numbers because there were others that wanted to see the numbers so it's my turn but I want to move in a way that has consensus on what is the right direction to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there any discussion Commissioners, any thoughts how Commissioner Kellom can proceed.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I said I was going to use Chair Szetela's lines to guide 7 and maybe the movement with five.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe Commissioner Lett had his hand up first.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I agree with Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Szetela's plan is an individual Commissioner plan and should be viewed that way if certainly there is no reason that Commissioner Kellom cannot use part of it as guidance, I would also like to see the percentages, the population percentages so that we can see exactly what it is we have seen the partisan fairness we need to go back and look at the rest of the figures that we always look at, maybe they are so far out of whack we can't use them and I doubt that is the case.

It has plan deviation of 4.93.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: For the Senate is under the 5% mark is that what we were looking for 5% okay so it's within sort of our range and I think we had is that what you wanted to sort of look at.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The usual stuff we look at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The Polsby Popper are you thinking compactness? I think it's partisan fairness and plan deviation and VRA. So maybe just VRA then move to Commissioner Eid then Clark so let's look at the VRA.

These are for -- which districts? I guess Mr. Adelson can you help us walk through or do you have -- how can we best proceed to do VRA analysis on this map that is from Commissioner Szetela?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at 6 the results for 6 and 8, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 6, District 8 and 6 is 65 percentage democrat, District 8 is 79% democrat and by the years Biden Trump 2020, 63% Biden, 36% Trump.

In District 6, District 8 is 79% Biden, 21% Trump.

I guess 2012 we have Obama with 70% in six, 84% in eight.

Romney is 30%.

And 16%.

Peters 64. James 36 in District 6. In District 8 it's 79% Peters.

21% James.

Stabenow was 65% in District 6.

78% in District 8.

James was 36%.

And District 6, 21% in District eight.

So District 8 Whitmer is 70%.

Schuetz was 31%.

Whitmer was 55 percent and District 6 Schuetz was 44%.

44.5%.

In District 6.

Dillard was 43.25%.

Johnson was 57% in District 6, District 8 Dillard was 58%.

And Johnson was 41.6.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So the elections for six and eight the margins are particularly in eight are narrower than their comparable districts we have seen previously.

The biggest exception I see is in District eight, the...could you go to the end? Thank you.

Secretary of State race that is one of Dr. Handley's bellwether elections.

This, that -- in that election, I'm getting confused.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did I read the wrong line highlighted there is District 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So go to the end.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 76% Dillard, 24% Johnson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is in 8.

I'm glad that you explained that because.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it was six that was more narrow.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Six is narrow and I was looking at 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: When I scrolled, I got of line and margins narrower than other plans we have seen but all bellwether elections prove out where the candidates of choice perform so this District does appear to both districts appear to afford minority candidates of choice or minority voters, the opportunity to elect candidates of choice. The only difference from previous iterations is the margin is narrower. Which is I just point that out observationally rather than opining whether that is determinative.

The margins are still pretty big even though they are not as big as in other plans.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are those the only districts to do VRA analysis on?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I was trying to get a handle on this just looking at some representative District but we can certainly look at additional ones to get a clear idea. Why don't I look at 19.

And 17, please.

This is 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Before we even start looking at them, I'm trying to get it all lit up.

So that line right there is 19.

So I'm going to do just Biden.

I mean just direction 19 all the way across.

74% Biden.

26% Trump in 2020.

And 2012 Obama got 75% while Romney got 25%.

Peters I'm getting ready to mess up again, Peters 75% James is 25%.

Stabenow is 75%.

James is 25%.

Whitmer was 75%.

Schuette was 25%.

Dillard was 62%.

While Johnson was 38%.

That was for 19.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Look at 17.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or reverse order? We are back now so we have a large democrat margin or republicans index wise.

70 Biden 30 Trump in 20.

80% Obama, 20% Romney.

In 12.

Peters in 20 and for the Senate race had 75%.

While James had 25%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to be on 17.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here I go again, you know.

Maybe this is just too complex for me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're doing great Mr. Stigall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right 17 so Peters is 70, James is 30%.

Stabenow is 71%.

While James was 29% in 2018.

Governor's race Whitmer at 73% and Schuette had 27%.

And for Secretary of State it was 71% Dillard or 72%.

Compared to 28 for Johnson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

The same is with the previous District the election results are across the board show significant margins for the minority candidates of choice.

So this District based on just what we looked at does seem to give minority voters the opportunity to particularly buy voters the opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right and with that we said, okay, is that sort of a VRA.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a VRA let's put a check on it and move on to our next assignment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was Commissioner Lett's question and Commissioner Eid then we will get to Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so two things.

One I would ask if we can look at 19, 10 and maybe 9 at El-Sayed primary.

I'm not sure if we did or not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you have your mic on I can't hear you very is well.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We should look at the primary election data for the El-Sayed election for 19, 10 and perhaps nine.

We may have done that already but I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I don't remember.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What I was going to say I think if Commissioner Szetela were here today she would use her turn to incorporate some of this into the collaborative map.

So going forward since the data is better and since it still seems not to mess up communities of interest, we already identified I think we should look at the collaborative map and use the overlay to configure it this way and be done with it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't agree with that, there are a lot of changes and unless we want to digest all of this, I think it should be a separate her map.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so there was a request from Commissioner Eid to sort of review the partisan, the primary elections, General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so many Commissioners were you done with your thought?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid made a request go ahead.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I would offer the following observation.

So the Commissioner has spent time today going through individual Commissioner suggestions for incorporation or integration into the collaborative maps using the collaborative maps as the base.

I would remind the Commission for individual Commissioners may submit one of each type of District plan one Congressional, one state and one house.

You don't have to submit one but the distinction I would like to draw for the benefit of Commissioners is that if your individually drawn map is put on the shelf.

With all the other collaborative maps when the Commission votes to decide which maps to public it could not be selected.

That cannot happen if you submit your individual map individually.

Under the Constitution for under subsection nine a Commissioner may submit one plan for each District type.

I would highlight in contrast the difference in subsection 14 for the final maps 2 they submit individually proposed maps at that stage of the Commission's work those maps are submitted for the Commission's consideration.

So there is this distinction at this level so I just wanted to highlight to make sure the Commissioners were clear that if your map that you're proposing for one of the District types is put into the hopper with the collaborative maps and being considered and all of that, that it could potentially be advanced and that cannot happen if you submit it individually.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: As a point of clarification because you kind of said two things at the end.

You can only submit one map by the amendment, if you submit one now, you can't submit another one later.

You only get one bite of the apple.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel reds.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You can only have one map and not another one.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to the Commissioner Lett distinction between 9 and 14 at both points in the process Commissioners may submit individual maps.

The distinction is we are at subsection nine of the Commission's work which is going into the second round of public comments.

It states that the Constitution states that individual Commissioners may submit one plan for each District type.

The distinction between subsection 14 is when you are able to do that at the final stages of your work those maps are submitted for the Commission's consideration.

So they are treated differently at this stage of the process and later in the process.

You may submit an individual map at this stage under subsection nine and again under subsection 14 it's how they treated in the process are slightly different and I wanted to make sure the Commissioners were aware of that because there has been quite a bit of conversation over the last day and a half in regard to individual and collaborative maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it's your position that they could submit two?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: You can submit one plan for each type.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is one.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Under subsection nine and under subsection 14 they can submit a plan for the Commission's consideration.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is two.

My interpretation if they submit one now that carries over to 14.

They can only submit one plan.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You have the floor if you want to respond.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I would.

That is a very interesting statement.

And I would like to report back to the Commission on that.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

It is Commissioner Kellom's turn and her hand is raised.

But we did not actually get to Commissioner Eid's request, which was to review 9, 19 and 10 for the gubernatorial was it gubernatorial? Elections the primaries.

Thank you, Mr. Stigall, for bringing that up.

Do we know which District you've highlighted or? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted is District 9.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to try to be more cautious and stay online.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The state primary I will get the labels straightened out hopefully tonight El-Sayed got 12419.

Was this Whitmer?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 20,000 and the third person got 9500.

I don't recall all their names.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is okay that is Thanedar and he received almost 10,000 and Whitmer received 20,000.

And then we want to move to District ten which is right below it which is okay so
El-Sayed received 11,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: El-Sayed 11,000, Whitmer was 17,842 and then 6361.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point 9 and 10 did not have an opportunity to
elect at the level that we were expecting potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Primary.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Primary then we want to get to District 19.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9 and 10.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm hesitant to call this out with Mr. Adelson but he is
busy at the moment so, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can read through the election results.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was hoping that we might I think we should pause for
a moment, sorry.

Is this District 9 you have highlighted.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District ten.

I'm going to double check it.

Yes, that is definitely ten

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have highlighted District 10. And it was 9, 10 and
19 that Commissioner Eid requested that we do an analysis on the primary
gubernatorial primary with El-Sayed in the left and Thanedar in the middle and Whitmer
on the right. And we don't have total election right now highlighted is District ten with
11,000 for El-Sayed, 6,000 for Thanedar and 17 almost 18,000 for Whitmer.
And then just above it is District 9 with 12000 per El-Sayed, 9,000 for Thanedar and
then 20,000 for Whitmer.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: District at the top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is District 8 which is also where the Yemeni
population is concentrated with Hamtramck and into the Bangladeshi Yemeni, yeah.
So that is District 8.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well thank you.

General Counsel and I were talking about this before.

The we have gone through a lot of it iterations of different maps and my recollection is
El-Sayed won in two districts.

Now I don't recall which map where that was, but these numbers are even differ than
the margins.

And one of those elections as I recall he received 42%.

That is not reflected here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is the Dearborn population where there is a large
percentage overwhelming, but nine and ten had portions of it and why Commissioner
Eid was suggesting to look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The District that incorporates Dearborn so okay in the house map we had two or three that elected El-Sayed from the Dearborn, Dearborn Heights area.

In the Senate map I believe we only had one that incorporated 19, we had another that got close but we changed it and it was not the area of ten and 9 but changed it to achieve the correct VRA numbers.

And we were left with one at that point which was 19.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Highlight is District population where the primary results show the Middle Eastern community electing El-Sayed candidate of choice.

And is there in this map that is the District there is no second.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is what Szetela incorporated and included Highland Park and Hamtramck in District 8 and opportunity to elect is a second District. I don't know that eight in our original map prior to her changes had that opportunity as a Senate District.

Can we go back to look at the numbers because I remember that in our earlier discussion, he did appear to be the victor in one of them but let's just confirm that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is District 27 and El-Sayed won this District 27,000 to 24,000 and that is District 27.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is from the Ann Arbor.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: He is from the Ann Arbor area.

There is a Detroit area District that we were looking at before when we were scrolling down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 8 is also highlighted.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is okay that is it, that is district eight.

So there appear to be two districts now where the Middle Eastern community by inference is able to elect El-Sayed as the candidate of choice.

Mr. Eid the you just highlight for me in District 8 what part of the District that community might predominant?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Hamtramck and the areas directly north of Hamtramck and directly east because that is where the Yemeni population is in the area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Also further north into the Warren area.

So into the Oakland County area.

So this does create that community of interest, that is sort of two distinct ones. So I think what Commissioner Eid, the southern location if you will and then there was a northern strip that went in Oakland County area.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: In District 8 with a Middle Eastern community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Bangladeshi and Yemeni population.

I don't know that the Bangladeshi are choosing El-Sayed.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay so that is interesting and the margin and District 8 the margin is closer but there does seem to be ability to elect the El-Sayed as the candidate of choice of the Middle Eastern community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid that wraps up your question, all right, so I'm not seeing any other hands.

Commissioner Kellom? We are back to you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think contrary to some thought or opinion actually I'm going to integrate Chair Szetela's changes into the collaborative map.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: She offered them in the spirit and did not want to offer them as her's as much as she was trying to help us struggle less but this is her map.

So I don't think it's appropriate to actually work from this.

This is her map.

I understand that.

Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the map I have the outline overlaid on the work map that had been edited and working on earlier today.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct, uh-huh.

And for what it's worth Commissioner Kellom I do think her District 7 and 5 I mean you can continue working on that and see if the changes are incorporated and not change anything else and I think that would respect some other Commissioners wishes.

It's just an opportunity.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So one major difference I see with District 7 is we had a lakeshore District I believe it went all the way around and her's cuts it in half so I'm just concerned with you know we had spent so much time on communities of interest and things and now we are drastically changing is my only comment about that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm glad you pointed that out, I did not see it Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I advocate for the lakeshore District for sure.

But having to stretch all the way to the tip of clay, I always thought was a little bit kind of a stretch.

But I do agree since we worked on that particular piece together, we shouldn't make that change until we are all here or do anything with 7 and the lakeshore but by definition that is a lakeshore District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Forgive me I am glad you pointed that out because I did not see that change.

It really was as Commissioner Kellom was struggling to try to find which way to go into two and where to go in two.

What I saw in the overlay was that there was a way that might work.

That was primarily.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: How about we create a clone and then use this map as a shape file and I can make the changes? That is what I'm prepared to do with my turn. Other than that, another Commissioner can definitely take the reins and do what they please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sounds good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me see we will close this plan and go back to where we were and use the overlay to modify it or we.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or make a whole new plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No what you just said.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is what we have been working on for most of the day and I have as an overlay layer.

I know I had it somewhere.

So this is Commissioner Szetela's outline of the plan we were reviewing just five minutes or moments ago.

It's outlined in red with a certain amount of transparency so you can see through it.

And her District 7 is outlined in red right here.

And so that is the change area.

This is a change and a little bit down in here.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Let's start making the changes that would fit into, that would mirror how those districts are configured.

Again my thought process taking into consideration what has been done, the process of mapping et cetera I'm not quite convinced this is a drastic change but any change that will move us towards something being more productive as opposed to us making micro changes and still having to go back and make bigger ones I'm always going to push in that direction.

And previously I felt like I was in the weeds and did not hear a lot of suggestions concrete suggestions from other Commissioners.

And this seems to massage all the miserable spots we had while we were previously working through the other map.

So just to kind of vocalize what my thought process is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Commissioner Kellum if you do that and if you look at 7 now and you start making that change that Commissioner Szetela has that is going to cause a lot of problems over in the thumb.

But then you are going to have to deal with that.

And Zoom back out, Kent.

The same thing with five when you make that change then you have to make three more changes.

You're going to create a lot of problems for yourself if you do it that way but it's your turn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Can I see the Midland Saginaw area real quick? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So District one I would have to change the collar because I think this is 15 so the change right here.

Let me change the color of.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm fine I wanted to take a quick peek at it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One is I can't tell where one and 15 begin and end.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is enough Commissioner Witjes? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It appears District 1 is unchanged from Commissioner Szetela's and the work plan that we have been working on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since we went up there one issue I see is a little bit of change in Flint.

We decided we had that as good as we could possibly get it for VRA and did not want to touch that at all.

So I think we have to undo that.

And I feel like Steve said there would be so many domino changes that would be significant.

If we do this, I think we should make a clone and start from there so that we still have our map that we have right now.

Because I'm I don't like this direction.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I originally asked for a clone to be made and I will also say this and I don't know where it's going to land.

It feels like something else.

It's attempt by another Commission that I assume that we trust just like other people have submitted things.

And even though it creates changes, if overall it lands us at a better point and we went over the data, I haven't even really taken a turn.

I'm going to prepare to pass because out of respect I have been passive aggressively talking out of strong choices I assertively vocalized.

So Commissioners I will pass my turn and then I will leave it to you all to come up with something better.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Commissioner Kellom, I was kind of as Kent was scrolling through it looks like if you do one District you will probably have to change a lot of them.

And maybe all of them.

You know, the way they are intertwined.

I do like the map that Commissioner Szetela sent in.

It does fit a lot of what we are trying to do.

Where you go from here, I guess I'm not sure.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Commissioner Kellom is a Commissioner just like all of us.

And to me it looks like she is operating well within our rules of procedure that we adopted.

This already is a clone.

We heard earlier today that we want less Commissioners to skip their turn.

So I'd like to empower Commissioner Kellom to do what she said she wants to do and it's just an option.

We still have the base collaborative plan.

This is another collaborative plan so we have some options.

We do need to make changes to the base plan both to achieve fairness and to achieve a lower population deviation which the other plan had.

We are all talking and not doing anything.

I would like to give Commissioner Kellom the chance to use her turn as she sees fit.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you.

Listen I don't feel either way.

Because again I believe in collaborative spirit.

So if it's going to cause undue stress for me to change this whole map and then for someone to take a turn and to work where I was -- where I left off, then I won't have to do that.

This is just becoming too much honestly to listen to.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is just a work process idea.

How about I copy this 100721V1SD plan, make a clone of it, make it a version two. And then Commissioner Kellom if she so desires can make every single change in that plan that is in Szetela's plan.

I'm just, you know, a version two, a version three whatever needs to happen.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent I trust your judgment in whatever is best in process.

I don't know the software in and out to know which way will translate better than another so.

Kent you can start with a clone though if that is what you are edging towards.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think you know we can just stop where this plan is at.

Make a copy of it.

And we can continue on doing whatever the Commissioners desire.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My memory is we have not adjusted for partisan fairness in our original Senate plan but adjusting in the house plans yesterday and the day before and I think we remember how painful that was because we were cutting up communities of interest in the house plan and I think that is what we are experiencing here with the Senate plan.

That we worked on these communities and we took public interest public feedback and we drew these with them and now in order to achieve criteria number four it feels like we are, yeah, splitting things up that are truly heartbreaking.

I think that is maybe what we are going through right now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I hear it and feel it and especially for me to come in like a storm after being sick and absent and naming the things. But if we don't have better suggestions in this moment in the essence of productivity, which I'm being open for, please don't receive this as if I'm not pushing a specific map.

But what I heard and saw and felt is we were at a standstill and there was a suggestion made and as we had before we were trying out suggestions.

So if there is something better than what Kent is preparing to do then please do suggest.

My turn or not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That has been received and in many ways grateful for trying to do something that is hard for all of us so thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do I open this copy? This is the version two, this is what was worked on earlier.

This is a direct copy of it.

Do we start from this one now? Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

I don't want to make a mistake and say "Yes" or "No" to the wrong things however make the clone and the overlay so I can make those changes that is what I'm saying yes to. So if I get it wrong step by step.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to explain I load this up.

This is the exact plan, it's version two, it's a copy of what had been the background. Now I'm going to load up the outline of Commissioner Szetela's plan just like last time so now at this point we are exactly where we were three minutes ago except this is a copy of it Commissioner Szetela's plan overlaying it.

Is that where we need to be?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I don't know I just got something I want to ask. We have this plan we are working on which it has some work to be done.

Is it possible to take Commissioner Szetela's plan and work on that and try to improve it and make it better? Versus or do we want to do that now or do that later?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It is possible but it's just I think I was hearing from other Commissioners that there was strong discomfort that it might not be a collaborative plan but more of an individual plan that is where I think we are trying to work from our collaborative plan what we worked on collaboratively and Commissioner Kellom is trying to help us alter our collaborative plan using an outline that, yeah, she wants to incorporate into our collaborative.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I hear what Commissioner Weiss's question was and had the same one and didn't understand why we had to do it this specific way but yeah. Okay so Kent are just so I know for sure are these darker lines are I want to make sure I'm following the right lines. Understanding that I'm looking at it on the Zoom screen okay the colored or the different filled districts are the districts we are editing and modifying. They are your districts.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So for example, I'm sorry to interrupt you for example Armada.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is in District 2.

The red outline is the boundaries of Commissioner Szetela's proposed or offered plan. For example we are modifying this green area.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Exactly to include that piece.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right so that is what I'm trying to say, these red lines I'm not going to move. They will stay in place. We can't.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Got that, all right, let's get started then.

So let's go to I'm going to have to have you Zoom in and out and please help me to keep track because it looks crazy on my end.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's not easy.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: But it's okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me Zoom in right here for example we got I'm going to turn the labels off.

This is District 7 that we've been working on.

This is District 6.

Her proposed District 6 is the outline here.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'd like you to assign Grosse Pointe park to District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Unassign the area in District 7.

It's like I'm sorry am I moving too fast, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No I assigned this water area to six and that is not what I intended to do.

Just a moment.

I will catch up.

I'm going to do it in little, smaller increments.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is fine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The overlay and this area of six is in District 7 of Commissioner Szetela's plan.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can you swap that meaning unassign that District or assign it to District 7 and not District 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am move this area into 7.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, please.

I believe the area that looks like it should be in five and not six, it's green where it should be the pinkish color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am this into five.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes, please and while you're down there that area that's in orange should be green.

If I'm looking at it correctly the area to the left.

Yep, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Actually at this point District 7 is .83% high District 5 is a little bit high and that is if, you know, before even making any more changes.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: You will assign that area and unassign the area to the east so that is no longer 7 that is actually 25.

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

This goes into 7.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Kent you don't have to say yes, ma'am it makes me sound too authoritative.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to be respectful.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you, sir and the small area that is identified as new haven should be pulled in District 7 as well, assigned to District 7, let me use the right terminology.

And then go ahead and do what you were going to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Currently this is in five and she has it in two.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay so you can unassign that area and reassign it to two please, thank you.

And we have the area east of District 7 that needs to be pulled into 25 and unassigned to District 7.

But, yes, that one marine City.

Okay the area that is just above District two can we assign that, unassign it to District 2 and reassign it to District 25.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Off the cuff question are we going to make this plan exactly like Ms. Szetela's? Or just partially? Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Partially then my turn will go all day.

But that was visually getting on my nerves Kent so you can change that.

Okay, yeah, and then scroll down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got a little piece in here that is a little different.

I want to put this into 25.

That is where her boundary is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 5 is at 2 percent.

District 7 is less than 1% over.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Say those numbers again so I was looking at something else.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 8 is 15,000 under.

And from what I can tell five and seven match the plan perfectly.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay let's fix eight.

Probably 17 as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So move it put this area in eight.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes, please.

Then we will need to adjust 19 and I think I'm on going to bow out gracefully after that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's not right.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thought you were being creative.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm more destructive than creative.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Don't say that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so it now looks like 8 matches the overlay plan.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can we fix 19 first then I'm fine with you saying that, probably 19 and 9.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have 17 and 19 right here so.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Those areas not assigned to 19 can you assign them? They are left out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So you want -- is this the area we speak of.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want that to go in 17 or they are 19 now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm sorry thank you assign it to 17, my apologies.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It gets confusing.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Why does he keep asking me that, yes, I wasn't saying the right thing.

And the area right above just north of it, yep, and we can put that into District nine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17 and 19 fit the overlay but 17 is still 3.3% high and this area is in 12 in the overlay plan.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you put that in 12 and 17 is still high.

What does it have? That it's not supposed to? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17, 1.63 high and 12, 1.89 high.

District 11 is not in this area.

7 is less than 2% high.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: What do you mean District 11 is not in the area I see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 11 is 2.9% high.

But we have not modified that direct.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: That is what you're saying.

It's off the screen and not in the area that's being edited.

Well yes, it is.

It's right there.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I was just quiet because I see it and I don't know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a little precinct here that she has put into nine.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay put that with nine.

Put that into nine.

This is the part that I do care to mimic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now I think look at the numbers here.

Five is 2.01%.

District 2 is well under.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can we grab the areas.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: She has it going in 16.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Correct and the area to the west, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You got all this area up here goes 2 and this goes into 2.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Okay Kent let's get it done.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right we will start up here.

That is a 16 and 2 line up.

So 16 is matches her overlay.

Now two is significantly differ because all this is different.

This is different.

Two needs quite a bit of population.

So continue on? Shall I?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This will be in two and I'm just highlighting it so and this goes into.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Now we have 14 and 15 significantly low.

Because this area should be acting to her overlay goes into 14.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Assign that area into 14 so back up to two, I think. To appears to be aligned now we have 15, 4, 15 and 25 change and then 35 changes and 32.

Continue with 15th.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay just getting it straight.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: My voice did not allow me to say it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we explore this is where Commissioner Orton was drawing my attention to earlier and all of us but in the Flint area, we have a VRA District so to see the changes to that District it may be important to I mean for me to understand it, thank you for putting those dots or the is that the African/American population Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Black alone population.
I should probably use the Black combination.
It's about a 1% higher than what I've seen.
I will bring it up here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wanted to offer and recognizing my heart is really just, and I think we are thank you for doing this Commissioner Kellom because I think as you stated it's hard to know and we don't have many of us don't have a good handle on it and we have a Commissioner who put together something and as you are shifting one, we see everything else shifts and that is the point.

Go ahead Commissioner Kellom.

It's just that I give it -- the idea I think this area for me because we spent too much time on it when one Commissioner does it and as you are shifting, I think it would be important for me to hear Mr. Adelson and to help us understand this shift and to read it somehow.

Like or to sort of make sure that this is a right.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would agree and I would encourage my buddy Bruce to chime in if he is available to do so as well as all the other experts in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: He is.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Because again my thought is if we get it right in the areas of VRA concern and a lot of that fortunately or unfortunately and I did not mean to say unfortunately and started in the Metro Detroit area and there is something I felt is real right especially being from the community and as I learned and experienced with Bruce and Dr. Handley as they have talked it out it seems that this was a big and brave decision to kind of create that impact.

Now if we switch it and change it later fine but I was interested and make it right and continuing to make the small tiring changes that was my only thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, thank you.

So I guess I just wanted to so what simply it's just let's slow down a little bit here and before you make the shifts or ask Mr. Stigall to make the shifts let's just record some numbers.

This is District 4.

And the VRA that we've got and Mr. Adelson will you help us are you with us at this point.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm with you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 27.95 Black voting age population in District 4 and that was compliant.

I think we were looking at actually I mean that is below the threshold but it was at I think it was a maximum and we were not able to max it out, right? It was maxed out.

And so I think what we are looking for now is to see has Commissioner Szetela found a different configuration that increases from 27.95 Black Hispanic voting age population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 27.95 is not Commissioner Szetela's plan?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No our Senate collaborative plan that we more or less approved.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So if there is a difference could we see what the difference is in what Commissioner Kellom is working on now? I guess that is Commissioner Szetela's plan and see what the difference is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is why we are slowing down the process just for the moment go ahead Commissioner Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent has something to say.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the area now that will go into four according to this outline.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would like you to assign that area into four.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is District 4's number 27.95.

Okay I'm going to move this area into four.

It went down approximately .5%.

I will move this one into four.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It occurs to me sorry Kent okay I believe one of the things we were looking at and because it was not just the black voting population but Hispanic population.

So at this point it's a little bit too -- we can't see that column.

It's just a column Kent, move the voting, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go off of non-Hispanic white.

So this area and District is 63% non-Hispanic white then everything else is minority and we can say that is 37% minority.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay and we just don't know what it was before and that is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Correct and we can back it up and look at it however many times as is necessary.

But four reduced down to 27.27 non-Hispanic Black.

I will put them back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No so it did reduce and we don't know if it increased the Hispanic or not.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Am I correct we had a map where Flint there were two Black plurality districts was that in the Senate or in the house?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you are thinking about the house with we splint Flint and had a north and a south.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So with the Senate and I think we even talk about this when we were talking about the house because the Senate the districts are bigger so you need to add additional population of course to balance out the District. And that is with the house you have more of an opportunity to do what the Commission did at the time.

So in the area around Flint to the west and to the southwest, you do have population that has not the same as downtown Flint or on the north side of Flint.

But you need population.

So where you get that from is going to impact the minority population.

As we talked about with the earlier iteration this is below Dr. Handley's threshold.

And I think we had in a way with the house we described the house as kind of an experiment that was worth going for.

Here the number just as in the previous iteration was -- is lower than what Dr. Handley has.

So we the look at election results and made inferences about Hispanic and don't have voting pattern analysis so it's just an inference and not analytically based.

If these are the only changes to the Flint District, we can look at the election results and see what they say.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay and just to acknowledge it is .3, no excuse me .6 percentage so less than 1% but it's a decrease in the Black voting age population in this and significantly under population I should not say significant.

I should stop using that word it's 2% under populated.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Which also brings up the point you can take out like precincts on the western side northwest or southwest to balance the population. You can add in population but if you're adding population in that could dilute the existing Black population.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Which is I think why we were so concerned about this because we had added as many as we could and there was a significant effort on our part, okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely and to balance this you know I would suggest Commissioner Kellom that there may be precincts that can be removed that currently have -- may have a dilutive impact because I agree with you there really is not a lot of nearby population that you can bring in to increase the Black population.

You know doing reaching out and into other places we talked about how that may raise concerns.

So my suggestion is looking at areas and it's tough.

I mean there are going to the east there are some areas around Lapeer and to the west of Davidson that may be helpful to deal with the under population if you would like to explore adding them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No I think that was useful.

Commissioner Kellom I want you to keep proceeding and wanted to slow down for that moment, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: And Bruce just remind me what was your suggestion? What did you say? I think you were saying the Black population but there were not a lot of options.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Ms. Commissioner Kellom, there are not a lot of areas around Flint beyond what is being displayed in the current District that would not have a dilutive potential dilutive effect.

There are communities to the east near Davidson and Lapeer heights that may provide less of a dilutive impact but the population just isn't very big.

That's part of how the configuration around Flint.

It also could be excuse me that as we talked about under populating districts for VRA purposes is legitimate justification under U.S. Supreme Court precedent so that is certainly something to consider.

Certainly at this point because we are not at the final stage.

So if this is something that folks are comfortable with, the deviation is certainly in line with precedent and that would be -- that is something for now after we look at the election results, that could certainly be advisable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How would you like to proceed Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Kent.

Can you Zoom out some more? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would light to point out the change is around and I mean I think it was spoken but the District 4 the changes that were made there decreased non-Hispanic Black by .5%, something like that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As a point of comparison let's look at election results. If they show that any significant change that will tell us something. If they don't then I think we might be okay for now.

How does that sound.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That sounds great.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this is District 4.

And the 2020 Presidential election Biden won 62% to Trump's 38%.

2012 Presidential Obama won the District 70% to 30.

And the Senate in 2020 Peters won the District 63% to James 36%.

Stabenow won it in 18, 65%.

To James 35%.

Governor 2018, Whitmer won 67% to 33% for Schuette.

And just Secretary of State Dillard won 65% to Johnson's 35%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Kellom and Rothhorn the elections prove out all the bellwether elections do.

The margins are 1.5 times.

I think the margins are pretty proportionate to what they were previously.

So the elections are all indicating that this is based on these ability to elect District.

So I would suggest that the election results are okay.

My thought is that putting a checkmark here and moving to another District, what do you think Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're on mute.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I saw I muted myself I agree Bruce.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Moving on total population District 15 is 30,000 low and District 25 is 40,000 high.

So I guess that would be this area in here.

This is the overlay District 15.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Right I'm sorry go ahead Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No I'm listening.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You can assign that to 15 unassign the area that is for 25 and assign it to 15.

And then you will have to unassign the area to the east that is included I think, I'm getting the lines crossed.

I think I was right.

I think you have an extra area the purple area outside of 15 that needs to be assigned what is that 18 over there District what? What is that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: 35.

My apologies.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just for an aside depending on what you want to do we can do a little bit or all of it there is enough leeway there to do it as you choose.

So I'm going to move this row into 35 to start.

So District 15 is the ideal number .59% high.

While District 35 is 1.13 high.

So you know whether you choose to make this change or not? These numbers have fit what has been done in the past might be the right word.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Say that last part again Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Percentage wise the numbers 15 is less than 1% high.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 35 is 1.13% low.
32 is 2.88% high.

So you want to move these two or one.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I was going to say you can move that and then move the purple area and that would fix and then Commissioner Clark has his hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think I saw up north on 35 some areas that need to be moved out 23 you can scroll to the top of 35 which would decrease the population.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.
Kent, I said to you earlier when you said were we doing the whole thing just I apologize.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If at some point you want to stop you are getting close if you want to.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm almost through but.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will roll with it.
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: See on the west end what I was talking about.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent it's okay for you to fix the area that Commissioner Clark just suggested.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to put this back into 15.
So this is 15 so put this in 15 as it's laid out here? So I'm just going to select it and if I put this in 15 it will match the overlay.
And that is the way around.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I think it should go on the other side.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

This into 35 as well?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Uh-huh.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now 35 is a little bit high. And we will go up here and adjust it up there.

33 is low. So this will fit comfortably.
Well, we got one more to go into 33.
At this point 33 is 1.84% high and 35 is 1.33.

Now, there is more edits all over the map. If you want to continue on, we can do a couple more and I'm going to stop.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go to 3634 the way this is layout that will go in 36.
>> CHAIR KELLOM: Assign that to 36 and unassign it from 34.
>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 36 is 2% 34 is 1.28% low.

So all the numbers are looking right now they are all in the green but the overlay still has some changes in some areas.

Which would be here is one right here.

This would be moving these two Townships into three.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: We should do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm looking now for any other changes or differences between the plan and the overlay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With that change I see the overall plan deviation is down under 5% which is where we were when we looked at the original and ran up the numbers of the population deviation Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Could you check for dis-contiguities, Kent?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And overall plan errors.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Assign that to six.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I left that out as District 7, I'm moving it to 6.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is the computer giving us a sign? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. There seems to be there is probably a geographic or graphic sliver in here that is causing that water block not to go to six. But it's 0 population, so we...I don't think it's something we have to be real concerned about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes, are you okay if we ask Mr. Stigall to sort of run this or check for dis-contiguities and run on.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: And unassigned area 1959 it shows unassign then we can potentially run the numbers for the partisan fairness.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we look at District 23 for a minute? It's over near Grand Rapids somewhere.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One little sliver that is unassigned.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kent assign that please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to stick it in 14 and looks like that is where it belongs.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

That will be all right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 23 was northwest of Grand Rapids. This looks so small for a Senate District that is why I want to look at it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 23 is East Grand Rapids, Wyoming.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's the same as what was in the collaborative map that is unchanged.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I'm good, thanks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All right so Commissioner Witjes I want to make sure you were suggesting that we do the run the numbers.

But I guess what I'm offering is we did that earlier and I think do you know what I mean like when we actually incorporated like brought her whole plan in, Commissioner

Szetela ran the numbers is that okay? So here's and Commissioner Kellom do you feel like are you ready to sort of -- do you feel complete? Does this feel like a good time to stop your turn?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Absolutely.

I think I am pleased with the direction, I'm not going to say the effort I made, this is Chair Szetela's map but the direction that I'm attempting, I'm encouraging us to move towards. So, yeah, I am content with my turn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Kellom.

It's 6:00.

And what I think and it's Thursday.

And we've got you know we are working you know tomorrow is our next day feels like it has been a pretty tough day.

What I'm going to try to do with all of us is I'm going to try to talk a little bit about schedule.

A little and sort of the agenda that is on that schedule.

What I mean is we have been trying to do compliance for the last week. Right and trying to figure out what does that mean and when does our compliance finish and my understanding right now is we don't finish compliance until after we go through the public hearings, meaning that is part of our schedule then we have deliberation after that.

Which is also part of our compliance process.

So with that and what I mean is then we finalize with the votes.

So what I want to do is see if there is someone who can walk us there through where we are not only in sort of our agenda meaning like our compliance agenda, the things that we do during our schedule like our scheduled meetings and help us understand maybe what does tomorrow look like? Do we have to work on the weekends? If not on the weekends when like how close are we? General Counsel can you help us with that? And Commissioners does this feel like a good use of our time for the last hour, is that what I need? What I'm really worried about is our morale and we will come back tomorrow.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's not it and want to know what it's going to be saved with and it should be saved with Rebecca's initials and it's her plan quite different.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is how we did the Congressional maps good point Commissioner Orton.

So let's put I think RAS she has been doing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well it's there now.

It's already been uploaded.

So I just put a tag in here, I can say direct duplicate of this.

We can give it a see we already have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is that okay Commissioner Orton the way it's done? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm trying to keep it straight.

I could give it the same name with a different date but I would be important to have some understanding where it came from and how it got there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I wanted it different so when we are pulling up our collaborative map, we know which thing we are talking about.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How shall it be named? I don't want it to be duplicate 1007 verse two.

I don't know, this is y'all's.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know either.

I just want it clear so because it seems like when we go to pick up a plan, we have a little bit of hard time distinguishing which plan was that and which one do we want.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Clark.

What we are trying to do is help Mr. Stigall to comply with the request so can you speak to that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 10-7-21V2SD for Senate District, just add RAS after it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Fine with me as long as y'all, that other one does not say V2.

It just has the date.

Is that the way we imagine it right here.

It's two different days.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We should put the version on it which you missed.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I guess I'm either identical so they are the same version.

And it's a duplicate and not another version.

There is no changes to it so what you want I'm doing it, I appreciate what you're saying it's not a second version it's a duplicate, are you okay with that Commissioner Eid? So the way you named it is appropriate Commissioner Stigall.

Let's do duplicate or yeah copy Ken cannot it's going to be important a month from now going a duplicate of what.

So let me how about this and bear with me one minute, I'm just trying to get structures.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for helping us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If I come here and hit configure, we can put in a tag or description, duplicate of this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Direct duplicate.

It's just a photocopy of it and nothing different at all.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Go ahead Ms. Reinhardt.

Your mic is not on.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I was going to ask does the approach in how it's produced matter? Because Commissioner Szetela's was an individual submission.

Whereas the one produced today while it's an exact copy it was collaborative.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where if we think back to what we did with Commissioner Eid's in the Congressional maps, right, today we also did something similar Commissioner Clark has a submission, Commissioner Eid did a submission and sort of put them on the same shelf so to speak.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I'm sorry go ahead.

I think what she is trying to articulate what my recollection is both Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Eid essentially facilitated their own discussion of their map.

But I actually took a turn and chose to replicate something that I stood by.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And it's collaborative the others are collaborative maps and put them in versions of collaborative maps so therefore I think it's also a collaborative map.

Is there any objection to that? It feels like it's the same sort of thing we did with the Congressionals, Mr. Stigall? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: From an organizational point when I upload those these are different you know AE, DC are truly different from the plans they came from and there is nothing different about it.

What we could do is maybe put Commissioner Kellom's initials on it, I'm trying to help y'all two or three weeks from now going what is the difference in these two plans.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is the first time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Spend hours looking to find the difference and realize there is no difference.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Kellom go ahead.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Is this necessary to be made or does this maybe come from the fact that we didn't like the way the map was drawn? That we are needing how it's labeled.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are truly trying to understand our process and labeling it and how we are doing it.

I think each of us, yeah, sometimes it feels like we know what the collaborative map is and sometimes we don't.

I think that is kind of where we are at right now, we are struggling.

So Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think it is a collaborative map because it happen in the meeting.

And used the collaborative map as the base so what are we deciding? We just need a name?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It has been named, is there any objection to having it as a collaborative map?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why are you in semantics.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Mr. Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Help me please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yeah, because thank you so much Mr. Chair what I would recommend is these maps that were addressed and worked on today and yesterday for that matter, the Commission participated in the discussion, things were integrated, things were modified after they were integrated, again, all of these collaborative maps are going to be voted on whether to publish or not publish. My recommendation is that the Commission just utilize a very straightforward manner of distinguishing between collaborative plans at this point based on the work that has been done over the past two days as if it was presented in the session, worked on, worked through, adjusted, that that be considered a collaborative map with the distinction between an individual map being Commissioner who brings a plan forward that they do not wish to be considered for integration or incorporation, that it would be a standalone map and be that straightforward at this point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you General Counsel, are there any objections to what she just said.

No Commissioner Witjes.

That is our definition and I think we are okay with the way it's named, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That's fine and dandy and it is collaborative but to me what we just spent an hour on goes against what we have done many, many, many, many times before in the past. And basically just took someone's individual map and made it collaborative by just redoing it on ours.

I don't think that was appropriate.

At all whatsoever.

This happened with Anthony yesterday or two days ago the and we said no we are not doing this.

This happened with Doug two days ago yesterday and said we are not going to touch one particular side of the map.

I personally don't want to really see that happen again because not only is it a colossal waste of time and could have made a copy of the map and said it's collaborative at that particular point but we just spent an hour and a half going over something that was already done and we didn't get anywhere.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree 100% we could have taken that whole map or she could have submitted the whole map so yeah, I agree.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And I think to be fair I think what Commissioner Kellom was asking from us is like she was trying to figure out how does she map. And we didn't have any ways to help her.

Right, achieve partisan fairness again with the compliance.

This is why I wanted to review where we are, how we are trying to proceed with compliance.

And I think it's not just about the mapping.

It's also like how we are mapping.

We are trying to achieve compliance better partisan fairness ratios and what Commissioner Kellom was asking help me.

And the best we had was something that Commissioner Szetela had done.

We were not able to help her.

I guess that is what I'm saying.

Again, like you're right.

We didn't use our time well.

And she okay Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with Dustin.

I don't think it's a collaborative map.

And I think we wasted no disrespect to Brittini I mean we let her go that direction.

I think we still should have kept working in the direction we did.

To me this is just a copy and no different than an individual submission should be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what I'm trying to do is we are going to beat ourselves up.

We did like we are tired.

Right we've got and we got an hour left, a little less than that and I want us to come back tomorrow feeling like we are not, yeah, what are we going to do? General Counsel and then Commissioner Witjes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you.

So certainly I acknowledge the statements by Commissioner Witjes and Commissioner Clark.

The distinction that I would make and again I agree you have two days left, two days on our count down.

I agree the distinction is my understanding of the changes that Commissioner Clark brought forward on the Congressional map that he did not want to submit that as an individual map.

The changes that Commissioner Szetela brought forward she did not want to submit those as an individual map.

So I think again that's an important distinction and I believe the same was true for Commissioner Eid's proposed changes, but I don't remember that clearly being stated so I don't want to over speak.

The distinction I think again is that for the collaborative maps and I see my notes we have two for the house, two for the Senate and two or three where we are for Congressional and since we have been debating collaborative, I'm using loosely at this

point only to make the point that those maps the Commission will vote on which ones to publish and which ones will not be published.

So again the Commission and that will be a formal vote that is not a consensus vote.

That will be a formal vote.

So regardless of how the Commission chooses to categorize the maps produced to date there are two days left to make the final any final adjustments that the Commission wants and to deliberate and vote upon the proposed plans that they wish to publish to go into the second round of public hearings and then move into the final adjustments and deliberation phase which is critical to be able to react to public comment provided to the Commission.

So that is what I would offer is that you will have the voice.

Each individual Commissioner will have their voice heard by their vote on the maps.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you I see Commissioner Lange's hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Mine is totally off topic but Julianne talked about voting for which maps we want forward can we definitely make sure we have them when they are saved a specific headline to it because when I'm going through the maps now some Commissioners have submitted five sets of the same maps with different variations and then you've got the V3, V2, V1 so could we get a definitive type of tag on it so I know when the time comes to know what maps to vote on.

We are getting quite the list there so I this I what Cynthia was saying about labeling them that would be helpful so when the time comes, we truly know if I'm reviewing them the night before I don't want to review 20 maps, I want to review the ones we will vote on.

That is it a little off topic.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful Commissioner Lange. So will we be able to address that? Mr. Adelson then I see Commissioner Kellom then Commissioner Clark.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn.

You had mentioned earlier about kind of having some takeaways and yes long day long week a lot got done.

And I'm not familiar with the naming distinctions you have been talking about.

So I want to just cut to at least to the chase for me.

You have six or seven maps that they have been vetted, evaluated, adjusted, we looked at for compliance, you have a lot now you have a lot of choices.

Which I think is great you can now evaluate, perhaps even starting tomorrow.

And make decisions about and express your preferences.

So we had talked early in the process that you have 160 approximately total districts to map.

You've done that.

And you have now options and choices to bring forward in your collective discussion and deliberations and see what maps to bring forward. Something positive man I think that is pretty positive you now have active choices to make decisions about either way and decide what to bring forward.

That is how I look at it in the two days that are remaining to begin the discussions, to move forward to your next stage.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Adelson.

Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I will also thank Bruce for the edifying words and I'm discouraged and disrespected only because I watched Monday's meeting and what I did today was the same thing that was done on Monday regarding Dustin's suggestion and pulling from what I saw pulling that into a collaborative incorporated map.

So that I'm clear moving forward and I'm sure this question will stand for other Commissioners you know what is the process going to be if we do get an e-mail like something that we see and we figure out ourselves and that is the turn that we elect to take.

I just saw a lot of dissension that really didn't make much sense to me because we ran the numbers and it was a viable plan.

And that's the turn that I chose to take after being encouraged to do so.

So I briefly wanted to raise that because what I believe happened today was the same thing that happened on Monday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had a quick question are we planning on doing this voting on Tuesday? Because I think we can submit individual plans up through Monday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a great segue Commissioner Clark because what I'm hoping we do in the next half hour or less is just try to get a sense of what is happening tomorrow, what is happening do we need to work on the weekends, how much do we, yeah, doesn't look like that is even an option.

Okay but we do have Monday and Tuesday and then we have our public hearings then we have more deliberations and I think I want to help us prepare for that and help us understand where, how we continue with this compliance tomorrow with General Counsel.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will be patient and wait for that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Mr. Chair and tomorrow based on the number of plans of each District type that the Commission has worked through during their compliance analysis that the recommendation is that you start deliberating and record keeping tomorrow on the collaborative plans.

The individual Commissioner plans are due. There is no scheduled meeting this weekend.

We will walk and your summary was accurate, Mr. Chair but we are going to slow walk it and then I know Executive Director Hammersmith is going to take over, that tomorrow the recommendation is to start the deliberation and record keeping on the collaborative plans that are in the hopper.

At this time.

On Monday the individual plans are due.

So that the individual Commissioners can present those plans on Monday.

And the vote can either occur on the collaborative plans on Monday but yes in the schedule it's built you can go into Tuesday.

But again the sooner that the Commission wraps up the work the sooner we will publish and move forward to the public hearings and the public can work with the data and proposed plans.

So that is the -- that is the recommendation in the near period of time.

And I will turn it over to Executive Director Hammersmith to continue that walk.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Director Hammersmith?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: So if we are altogether on that, the future Commission meetings scheduled that has been on your agenda is there for tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday for those three days of work.

After that, then the information will be published on our website so the public can look at the data ahead of the public hearings.

So the sooner you have deliberations made even if you would have one of the sets ready tomorrow you would deliberate and say you have you know continual or State Senate or State House ready to go, we can then forward that appropriately for that data to start be being put together to be published.

So the sooner the better on those after the public hearings the two weeks of public hearings there are the additional final deliberations to determine the proposed maps that will be put forward for that 45 day period of public comment.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Director Hammersmith Commissioner Orton? Please.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You have the same question maybe? So that time of deliberation after the public hearings then we will be voting on the one of each map that we will be putting forward as that.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: It could be one or more than one that you would put forward at that time for that 45 day period of public comment.

And then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then the last day we vote.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: After those 45 days on December 30th then you would vote.

Then you only get to choose one.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The last maybe and we are deliberating right now. Meaning we are working on compliance and primarily looking at legal right and our legal criteria and trying to do an orderly deliberation based on ranked criteria and it's a legal process and trying to understand it in that deliberation.

So and I think we are working 9-5, 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. again during deliberations and just like it's another ten days.

Mr. Adelson.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: And perhaps I'm missing something, the compliance that we've been doing this week we are done.

Unless what the Commission has already done this week.

Unless these maps a changed.

But the maps that are already, that have been saved, cataloged, we are done with our compliance analysis evaluation for now unless changes are made before you decide which plans to vote out, get published and bring out for public hearing, there is really nothing left for us to do unless you change them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm thinking about is how this morning we left the house maps and went to congresses Congressionals because it was slow and not making the same progress so the house maps feel sort of unfinished to me.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: And Commissioner Rothorn I think we certainly appreciate that and understand that.

But one of the choices from yesterday.

You now with the house plan you have partisan fairness several partisan fairness Districts that were a big topic of conversation.

Now for you, you have choices for you to evaluate which ones you use, which ones you don't use.

Do you want to create another one.

You have choices because as you know for the first time now you have the evaluative tools to help you determine partisan fairness.

And you applied them across the board many, many times this week.

So I think that the biggest and I understand where you're coming from about the dynamic that a lot of that was around what was happening to achieve, move forward with partisan fairness.

Now that you have districts on the table to choose from.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's definitely been a long week I agree with you.

But what was said a little while ago we certainly made a lot of progress here.

We have four collaborative house maps.

We have two Senate maps.

I'm sorry we have four Congressional maps, two Senate maps and we have a few options for the house maps.

But I tend to agree with you Commissioner Rothhorn our house map I think still needs just a little bit of work.

And I think we can make it a little better, a little on all aspects population deviations communities of interest partisan fairness, all of it.

But I think we are really, really close I do.

And I think even though it's been a long tiring week we are really making good progress here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Eid, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Along with that we would have to check but I'm pretty sure we started the day or we started moving to the Senate with Mr. Adelson saying a few there were a few Districts that needed to move over to democrat to make it more balanced.

And I don't think we accomplished that.

I think we got sidetracked.

Now we have a plan that is balanced, it's the one that Brittini just did.

But our original collaborative one I think we have not quite finished with to balance it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My summary there is I feel like oh, Commissioner Clark did you have your hand, did you want to say something?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with what was said.

But just a quick question.

When Julianne was talking, so there is a possibility we may vote tomorrow or are we doing that Monday and Tuesday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Julianne the question was to you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Mr. Chair.

No Commissioner Clark the Commission can elect to vote on the day it chooses.

My observation is again that the maps that have been discussed in the meeting have all gone through the compliance analysis at this point.

And again the publication and the point in moving them forward is for get them before the public to receive the public and the Commission has the opportunity again to make those changes during the second deliberation period that will occur prior to the Commission deciding which proposed final plan or plans to answer Commissioner Orton's direct question.

You can move forward one plan or two proposed plans or two or more plans with an S. So the Commission again as it has demonstrated over the past few days can make these adjustments and fine tunings indefinitely.

We kind of started Monday I think on that note and with that recognition.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So tomorrow we could vote on the Congressional ones and work more on the Senate like Cynthia is indicating and work more on the house as well and then vote on those Monday or Tuesday, our choice when we are ready.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks Commissioner Clark.
Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we should choose a specific day to vote just as far as you know making sure we can get as many Commissioners here as possible to vote. It might be easier to establish that if there is an actual like day that says hey, we are all going to vote on the maps on this day.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: How do we feel about that Commissioners? Do we want to try to -- go ahead Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I will let everybody know right now I have to leave at Noon tomorrow so if there is voting tomorrow and you want as many Commissioners here, I'll be here until Noon.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are you here Monday or Tuesday?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, I'm here both days yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Great so that influences our decision.

Commissioners, do we want to just try to put that on the agenda for tomorrow we discuss setting a day? In the morning? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I think Anthony is right.
It would be good to let people know.

Maybe we could plan on Monday but then if we are not ready, we are not ready then we postpone.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: General Counsel do you have any thoughts.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I do have an observation.

It's clear that Tuesday is the absolute last day you have to act.

And that does not mean you have to wait until Tuesday to act.

So certainly if things are if the Commission is comfortable, they can vote beforehand, but a quorum is nine.

Tuesday is the deadline.

The absolute deadline.

So I really -- that's been established from the very beginning of the process.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why don't we try to give ourselves because I think what I'm hearing too is our contractors need this kind of deadline too.

We need it but also, we need to give them as much time to do this stuff so can we suggest Monday before Noon meaning in the morning or is that too early? To early. I'm seeing a shaking head.

It's got to be Tuesday.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Tuesday.

That has to be the drop dead date any way.

Don't put extra pressure on us, we have a drop dead date where we need maps voted on to get it for the public hearings and Tuesday is the day.

It doesn't really need to be voted on or anything.

That should be the day.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

Director Hammersmith?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Again I would encourage the Commission, if you are ready for vote earlier, to allow the contractors as much time as possible to do this work.

And also to get this posted on the web see.

I know that the California Commissioner received criticism because they didn't give enough time to have things posted on the website for the public to react.

So and to really look at those maps.

So if they get posted on the website over a week from now, over the weekend and we are starting a public hearing on Monday, we're not giving the public much time.

So I know there is a given and take and a balance and we are really time compressed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I see Lange and Witjes and General Counsel.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can I make a motion that we vote by the end of the day on Monday?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there a second? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say we are going to continue to do work Monday.

And through probably until the end of the day until we are finished.

So I would suggest we do what Dustin presented and first thing Tuesday.

We don't know how long this is going to take.

So we are going to need some time.

So I would suggest we do it first thing Tuesday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes, do you want to have General Counsel weigh in too please.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much and Mr. Chair.

So my impression of this conversation is it's not changing the Commission's plan or the overall plan.

The Commission has options.

The Commission can needs to vote by Tuesday if the Commission does not meet the publication deadlines the public hearings have to be adjourned.

So again, like these nuisances of the time and the day and all of that, you have to act by Tuesday.

And recognizing that the Commission is exhausted because of all the hard work it's been doing, that the conversation really isn't modifying any of that.

So if the Commission feels ready to vote sooner than vote.

It's literally up to the Commission.

And again hearing from the individual Commissioners the presentations on Monday, I think will be very exciting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you General Counsel and Witjes then Stigall.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The thing about Tuesday are vendors to have to get this done it was built in Tuesday being the drop dead date for it so Tuesday is a very appropriate day to do so.

We don't need to it would be awesome if we did it early great.

But I don't want to put us under undue stress to say we are going to vote on Monday.

That is my only thing.

Tuesday is perfect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we need to set the time.

And the date to make sure we have all 13 Commissioners there.

Ahead of time.

So that is why I think Tuesday is also appreciate spend the day Tuesday doing this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And we don't have to bind ourselves.

That is what I'm hearing Commissioner Witjes.

We have a deadline.

We have it published.

We know what we have to do.

So we don't need to create any more undue stress.

I think we have maybe got a sense of how close we are.

And I feel like we are Commissioner Clark do you have your hand still?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No I'll put it down.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, so Mr. Stigall you did not need us, correct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I had questions about I'm still not clear exactly the naming convention we want for it.

I'm not responsible for it.

Shall I put Commissioner Kellom's initials next to that?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Rather than RAS?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Why don't we just put both.

No, no, I'm not I'm suggesting to my bosses that they might consider putting BK and RAS and I would also suggest that the Commission has till Tuesday to vote.

That it not put any other hurdles on that.

There is no requirement that 13 Commissioners be present.

People maybe absent for a variety of planned or unplanned reasons.

And again this is just to put the proposed maps forward to go into the public hearings and hear all the wonderful feedback.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you okay so without objection, I have a hand Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm really sorry.

We also in addition to if I have our process correct, we have to first vote on how many collaborative maps to bring forward.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is true.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just wanted to point that out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lots of little steps we will be navigating so we have finished our -- we approved our minutes earlier in the meeting so without objection I will ask Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a report.

Please proceed Ms. Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I'm sure that is the last thing you want to hear right now after a long day I will be very quick.

First of all the schedule that I have been putting at the end of your agendas for your consideration has not been voted on.

I'm not real sure if we voted on Friday's meeting but I don't believe we voted on Monday's and Tuesdays.

Let alone any deliberations after the public hearings.

We would like to get these on a calendar get rooms scheduled for these and it has been scheduled to me that the deliberations after the public hearings, that also Saturday October 30th be added to give you nine days instead of eight workdays.

It may be a backup, but depending on how the work goes you might want to consider that also.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move we accept the schedule as presented by Dr. Hammersmith.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Presented or amended with the Saturday.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Amended with the Saturday.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there a second.

Second from Commissioner Lett is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, all in favor of accepting the motion as presented and the future Commission meetings as amended, please raise your hand and say aye. Opposed please say nay.

That was an aye and I think that was Commissioner Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is Commissioner Clark.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark and Kellom I'm going to start one at a time Commissioner Kellom were you a yes or a no?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was a nay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That was a no. Commissioner Clark were you a "Yes" or "No"?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lange "Yes" or "No."

Okay, she is not on.

So thank you, that's what you needed. Excuse me, is there any other parts of your report, Director Hammersmith that you need to -- that's it one more? Please proceed.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Just very quickly expense report, we are past the end of the fiscal year and need those in no later than this weekend to expense them out in the last fiscal year. So please if you are behind at all, get those in.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Director Hammersmith. So without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report hearing no objection, please proceed Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No report but I do just want to say I'm seeing a lot of long faces in here.

I know we are all very tired.

It's been a long week.

It's been a long day.

But again I'm a big believer in tiny wins and your VRA legal counsel today told you you are almost done with compliance I believe his words were you are done with compliance I know there is a little work you still want to do but make sure you take the time tonight to reflect on that.

That is a victory.

You guys are doing great get some rest and see you bright and early tomorrow.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you miss Reinhardt.

Correspondence received Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Very quickly Commissioner Lange wanted me to let you know that her power just went out so that is why she disappeared so abruptly from the meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you sorry to hear that.

Correspondence received in advance of our meeting today I'm getting a lot of feedback okay correspondence received in advance of meeting was provided with written public comments to Commissioners if our meeting materials.

It is my understanding that we have approved future Commission meetings and there are no future agenda items to share at this time.

Are there any announcements Commissioner Witjes?

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I want to say I'm extremely proud of everything we have done this particular week.

And we are going to finish out strong tomorrow.

We are going to have a weekend to do things on our own.

And hopefully relax some and come back and do the same thing next week and have a couple days off to really hang our hats up and pat ourselves on the back so bravo I'm really proud of all of us.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

Any other announcements? Please Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Off mic.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wait until public comment was the observation from Commissioner Lett.

Moved and seconded, are there is there any discussion on the motion? All in favor of moving and adjourning aye.

All opposed say nay.

The ayes have it.

We are adjourned.

And moving on.

Thank you.

See you tomorrow bright and early what time are we? It is 6:49.