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>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commissioner, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where you are attending remotely from Juanita. You kind of cut out. You are on mute.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Excuse me, I'm attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> 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 COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go green, Present.

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

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

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

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes. Seconded by Commissioner Lett. Is there discussion or debate on the motion?

Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair Szetela, we have potential new business for the voting pattern, I will move our agenda and put voting analysis presentation that Dr. Handley may be able to give us.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so we have a motion by Commissioner Rothorn seconded by Commissioner Orton. To amend the agenda to add a new item under of new business under 6 so 6A voting pattern analysis is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none let's vote on the amendment so if you are in favor of amending the meeting agenda to add 6A voting pattern analysis if you are in favor, please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail the motion is adopted.

Of the meeting agenda. And let's move forward with our vote to approve the agenda and it was first and seconded by Commissioner Lett and moving to approve the agenda as amended all in favor raise your hand and say aye. Opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the meeting agenda is adopted. At this point we will move on to public comment.

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

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide in person public commentary will be allowed to do so. Please step to the microphone when I call your number with one minute to address the Commission, please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer first in line to provide public comment is number one.

>> Good morning. I'm the president of UAW602 in Michigan. I would like to thank you for.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Madam Chair, online Zoom cannot hear his comments. Could we address the volume, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I think his microphone is off we are turning it on now.

>> Could you say something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you hear him go ahead we will restart your time.

>> The State Senate maps were you addressed them in a partisan fairness manner. I really appreciate that, that is in my opinion the most important thing we are looking for here. I hope you will be able to adopt the same partisan fairness when you look over the house maps and hopefully are able to bring that into account and bring them into line with what you've done in the State Senate. Again I appreciate it. I know you have been working hard. I know you are at the end here, please don't stop right before the finish line. Again thank you and I appreciate all the work you've done and the work you're going to do still.

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

>> My name is Sarah I'm the pastor at Jackson Michigan. I came here today because I care deeply about our community and the work you all are doing. I'm really glad to

have the opportunity to speak here today. I just want to thank you for working together to adequately represent the both the economic and the social community of Jackson with other cities along that I-94 corridor including Ann Arbor. And I truly appreciate you all working so hard together to maintain positive relationships. And as we know that is a really hard thing to do these days. The civility that you show in working towards a State Senate map that is truly fair and all the maps that come before you is really impressive and I thank you for your leadership and your hard work. And in my line of work I want to just tell you, you have to have the wisdom of Solomon and the patience of Job to do what you're doing so, God bless.

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

>> I'd like to thank the Commission. I wrote it down I'm Janet Meyer. And I serve on the Jackson arts Commission in Jackson County for the City. I'd like to thank you again like my associate from Jackson County for combining the interest and the partisan fairness in your State Senate map. Instead of treating them as opposites. The Constitution specifically lists economic and cultural connections as making up communities of interest. And Jackson is definitely that like you said, the I-94 corridor. And putting us together helps with the partisan fairness at the same time. You can always make it better. But you got to start somewhere. And you can tweak it going forward. I thank you each for your time you put into this. It shows great integrity. And I appreciate what you've done for Jackson County. Thank you.

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

>> Hi Dan W Brighton Genoa Township I want to thank the Commission for when the last adjustment keeping Livingston whole and keep us together and not with the City of Ann Arbor. 125,000 people in the City. And you have 8,000 people in the City of Brighton and all the Townships, none of the Townships surrounding it are over 22000 people. We are a small town community. We associate with other small towns within our County. I think Commissioner Eid's compromised map I will call it satisfied the partisan fairness concerns which are important. I think seat count is important. And it also keeps our community of interest whole. Thank you.

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners as you know I'm Sarah Howard and I represent the AFLCIO fair maps project. Thank you for working towards the constitutional requirement of 0 partisan bias on all of your partisan fairness metrics. You're making real progress on the State Senate map. But you are not quite there yet. Now though your biggest crisis is the State House map. Some of you have said that you're mainly looking at the seats votes ratio. Please remember that there are four metrics for reason and you should be looking at all of them. The seat count by itself can mislead you because it counts republican leaning seats as democratic. We published a 20 Page research report on this issue on our website last Thursday. We encourage you to read that with an open mind. We want you to succeed in drawing fair constitutional maps.

And we are trying to help by giving more tools and more data. And again we thank you for your work on the Commission.

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

>> Good morning I'm crystal Boyd I'm Sarah Howard's legal assist and in the public hearings you have heard hundreds of people to prioritize partisan fairness and remind you, you can do that while complying with all the other criteria. To those Commissioners who heard the voice of the people and are working on this, thank you. Remember that the number of seats won by a particular candidate doesn't tell you very much by itself. For example, if Governor Whitmer won a District by 5% while she won the state by 9.5%, that District has a republican advantage of 8.5%. That is not a democratic seat. Keep up the good work on partisan fairness and don't get bamboozled by landslide elections. Look at all of your partisan fairness metrics not just one. Thank you for the time you're putting in.

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

>> Good morning, Commission my name is Michael Davis junior I'm the redistricting director for campaign sorry redistricting campaign direct director for promote the vote and it's a coalition of organizations and individuals to increase the power of the people in our democracy. Along with my comments today I will be providing you all with our narrative to accompany the maps that we submitted a few weeks back our fair and equitable maps as well as last week we completed a metric assessment of the maps put forward by the Commission and the maps that the PTV coalition put together. Our fair and equitable maps chart a path towards equal representation for all Michiganders and I'm proud to say we have the numbers to back it up using the Commission's data points and publicly available data we put together the side by side comparisons last week. I thank you for and will reiterate what others said taking comments of folks that came to the public hearings and the people who are board members and I encourage you to continue the work. You are getting closer thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes our live in person public comment for this morning. We will now move on to remote public comment. Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will be allowed to do so. I will call on your name and staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted but I the Zoom app to unmute and speak. If you are on a phone a voice will say the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call on you by your name. Also please note that if you experience technical or audio issues or are unable to speak for 3-5 seconds we will move on to the next person in line and return to you after they are done speaking. If you audio still does not work e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov we will help you trouble shoot to participate at a later hearing or meeting. You will have are one minute to address the Commission. Please

conclude your remarks when you hear the timer. First in line to provide public comment is James Gallant.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madam Chair I wanted to note that Commissioner Kellom is present could you let us know where you are attending remotely from.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good morning attending remotely from Wayne County Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Mr. James Gallant please wait for our staff to unmute you then you are free to address the Commission.

>> [No audio]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Gallant you are free to address the Commission if you are speaking Mr. Gallant, we cannot hear you.

>> Can you hear me now? Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> This is James Gallant Marquette these are my opinions. I agree with the statement last week that this is absurd when it took 20 minutes to make a simple decision and at the end of all that member Curry was denied her legal right to vote because she requested to do so after the break down of the consensus building process. I read the League of Women Voters amicus brief to the Supreme Court and it states in their legal opinion the MICRC is a doppelganger of the Michigan legislation of apportionment that is not true. They are materially similar because they are the same. It's not they are materially similar and they just look the same. They are the same material and they are and this is a revived reiteration of that Commission already in the Constitution. So those rules of procedure do apply. And it looks like this will be the controversy before the Supreme Court next. Thank you.

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

>> Good morning, Commission thank you so much for the minute. I'm going to read a comment I want to echo what David B dropped on your portal this morning. He said I'm asking you to realize that what you drew is less important than what you now know. You know how to evaluate maps which is the highest need in this closing phase. Other people may have created maps that at least on the surface score better than the ones you created. Don't feel bad about that and be grateful take what they have given you and put it up against your accumulated knowledge and pick one to be a restarting point. I'm not set on that refine your maps in light of what you offered do not let the pride of author ship get in the way of the best possible map. That was a comment left on your portal I wanted to echo that. In light of that you know I have a Congressional submission I'm real interested for you to consider and updated it, it was P7210 but updated it with three different now it's P8155 with Flint and I know you are not afraid to take on the tough issues so go for it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Let's see next in line is Howard Baron.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Good morning, Commissioners my name is Howard Baron a VNP volunteer on October 5 Dr. Handley presented assessment for possible unacceptable partisan fairness scores. The Federal courts found maps she referred to had intentional partisan gerrymandering. The threshold she provided is extreme situations with when partisan advantage was the primary objective of the map makers. The Constitution requires something completely different and mandates no political party has a disproportionate advantage something the Federal courts didn't rule on. As you were currently mapping you check these measures to eliminate your unintentional partisan bias. The MICRC will decide what those Michigan constitutional thresholds are. Not the Federal courts. You must decide the disproportionate advantage means bringing all partisan fairness scores to as close to 0 as possible thank you.

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

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay do we have Peg?

>> Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> I'm Peg from Jackson. Most of Jackson County's population lives on a municipal water system. And important community of interest. But all of Jackson's elected representatives live in rural areas. There is a major issue in Michigan with lead service lines. Jackson still has them. Along with municipal PFAS and other water quality sewage discharge issues while a representatives are without firsthand urban water and sewage system experience. Jackson and our populous summit Black and Leoni and Grass Lake west in Washtenaw have separate storm sewer and water systems meet regularly along with the upper Grand River watershed alliance. We need urban representation. Thank you for doing the right thing in your Senate map connecting Jackson with Townships and cities along I-94 who face urban issues. You've drawn fairness into this map. Please don't reverse the progress you've made.

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

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Let me see if I can start my video here. Hi, I'm Jennifer G and I live in summit Township in Jackson County. I'm here to say that your Senate map is pretty good. But I feel it could be better. I really like the idea of keeping Jackson County whole. And combining it with western Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. Rather than with parts of Hillsdale and Calhoun Counties. I think that would make it really more compact and

split fewer Counties. I saw map 6674 and 8074 in the portal. And thought they were really good at doing this. But even the draft map you did on Friday is light years better than what we have now. Thank you.

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

>> Go ahead, Mr. Ybarra. We can see you.

>> I'm from Jackson and I want to thank you for representing my community of interest in your State Senate map. As I've told you before in comment W5349 I wish it looked more like the map I submitted. P5348. But it is still pretty good. And much better than what we have now. Jackson is a diverse community but in the 2011 gerrymander our City was sunk into districts with overwhelmingly white rural areas that dominate our representation. Putting us with our urban communities along I-94 including Ann Arbor will make it possible for City voters to have our needs met which they cannot be right now. Thank you for your Senate map. Please do not reverse the progress you've made. Thank you one and all. Have a good day.

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

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you again. I will try to be brief. First my concern is the apple map. I moved to West Michigan 25 years ago as a single parent. I did so purposely to be in the Grand Rapids greater community. When I look at Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, those two communities couldn't be as unrelated as they are. So the apple map to me is a nonstarter frankly. It defeats at least in part the purpose for me moving to West Michigan from the Metro Detroit or southeastern communities. Next is the Senate State Senate District map. I would encourage this Commission to keep the City of Grand Rapids whole within one State Senate District. That would include East Grand Rapids and Kentwood. Next State House District maps I encourage you to consider the City of Walker Alpine Township and Grand Rapids Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line, oops, where is my list, next in line is Jason number ten Jason.

>> Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for your efforts this year and for the chance to address you remotely. My name is Jason G I'm a resident of Grand Rapids and reside in the heritage hill historic District downtown. I'm joining to recommend approving State Senate map for West Michigan but please do not move the boundaries of districts 23 and 24 from Fulton to Wealthy Street it will slice and dice a community of interest. I lived here for 11 years and I actually live just off of wealthy. I appreciate that the zone between wealthy and Fulton is represented by heritage hill and east town community associations. The move to wealthy for that boundary that split these

neighborhoods leaving communities to be lumped into very different districts with very different characteristics. Thank you for your time. Have a wonderful rest of your week.

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

>> Hi, my name is Nicole and I'm from Kent County Rockford actually but I'm also a Realtor so I drive around the area quite a bit. Got very familiar with the communities. Just wanted to add my thoughts in on some of these maps. First of all I'd like to echo what the previous speaker said. We want to maintain the current State Senate districts and keep that border on Fulton, not only would it divide heritage hill to move the boundary and east town who historical and bustling communities that need to be kept in one State Senate District. You know as for the house map, District 75 needs a little bit of tweaking. See, Grand Rapids Township needs to be with Ada Township and Cascade Township. They share a school District. If you ask people where they are from, they will tell you forest hills and the people work together and they share downtown Ada as a center point of their community. That should be kept together. Plainfield Township on the other hand needs to be paired up with Rockford.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Bryon, number 12, Ennis.

>> Thank you, I'm Bryon Ennis, a retired teacher from spring Arbor/Jackson County, Michigan. I want to thank you for working towards partisan fairness and your maps and the Jackson economic corridor on your map. Jackson is a mostly conservative County but even so 60% of us voted for prop two in 2018 with the expectation that you would draw maps that are fairly equally fair to both political parties. Your Senate map does that. It's not perfect and I think you could make it better. I particularly like map number 8074 but you are on the right track. Please keep it up. Thank you so much.

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

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to Porter.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, next in line is James Warner.

>> Hi everyone. My name is James Warner I live in downtown Jackson but I'm originally from Napoleon. I'm here to thank you guys for drawing a fairly decent State Senate map. It gives both parties a realistic shot even though I don't feel it's perfectly fair. I do also like that it finally connects Jackson and Ann Arbor and other cities along I-94 which kind of makes sense. Jackson is definitely not a completely rural area. When you guys were here for our public hearing you might have seen that downtown,

we have skyscrapers. Urban voters need representation too. And my District on your map has a good mix of urban and rural votes. Instead of one dominating the other. I want to thank you guys for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Jessica Prins, number 16.

>> Hello.

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

>> Hi this is Jessica Prins and I live in Jackson County. I'm here to support your attempt at giving Jackson fair representation in the State Senate map you drew. I don't understand why three Townships in Hillsdale are included. And I think Marshall probably belongs with Battle Creek. And I wish Jackson County were kept whole. I saw that map number 6603 on the portal does all of that. But even so I'm thrilled that you drew a fair and competitive statewide map that also represents the I-94 string of cities and shared economic interest. You will never make everyone happy but you have done a good job. Please don't undercut yourselves by going backwards. Thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 17, Elaine wolf Baker.

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

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Hi, my name is Elaine wolf Baker I'm a retired ceramic engineer and I live in Jackson and we struggle with regular flooding because of the management in the County park next door. And our water is probably contaminated with metals, hydrocarbon and maybe PCB. There are similar environmental resource issues with the diaxane plume in western Ann Arbor. If we were put together as your State Senate map does, we would have a much better chance of having our needs addressed about this important environmental issue. It's so important to have maps that reflect communities of interest like this huge issue. Thank you for your efforts. I really appreciate it. Please keep up the good work. You will never make everybody happy but your Senate map at least for Jackson looks pretty good to me. Thanks so much.

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

>> Dani. Good morning. My name is Dani Hoover and I'm speaking today as a citizen. I'm attending remotely from the, excuse me, City of Milan and Monroe County and happy the Commission applied partisan fairness and should do the same in the house and thank you for drawing fair maps. Thank you.

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

>> Hey good afternoon, Commissioners, good morning how you guys doing today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Good how are you.

>> All is well back again. Want to remind you guys, you guys are doing a great job. There are some great steps you took towards partisan fairness but let's try to get that better to a 0 on all levels of the map especially the great tasks to do in the State House representation. But I know you guys can do it. Our goal is the partisan fairness at 0. 0 balance. That's the code you have as in the Constitution, that is the one that is binding. And I understand there are parties that want representation. I understand that. But not at the risk of the Constitution that we have. It's partisan fairness. That is the creed we have to go by. So let's get everything down to 0. The marker right there. And then that's it. Thanks you guys for your time. Keep up the good work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. Kathy number 22Leikhim.

>> I'm Kathy L from the City of Midland and I'd ask that you please consider Commissioner Lange's Congressional map or take a look at the new Maple syrup map that recently appeared in your portal. It's your Maple map but with a few tweaks with community of interest and one Midland and it's VRA compliant. Here is why the cities of Midland and Flint have completely different needs from the Government and should not be in the same Congressional District. To argue that the Dam repair and flood reduction efforts should not be the basis for a legislative District shows a fundamental lack of understand how the Government works. Just ask any of the drain Commissioners you've heard from in our area. Dam repair and flood reduction are Midland's primary issues for the next ten years. When you separate us from watershed like Gladwin it diminishes chances for recovery and that hurts people. When you go to review the Congressional maps would you please overlay this.

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

>> Good morning. My name is Nikkia Hurlbert and live in Jackson County. Last week I heard Commissioner Clark say if it was good for Jackson or just Ann Arbor. I'm here to say yes, it's good with Jackson and connecting them to Ann Arbor on I-94 is helpful to our economic community of interest and sharing representation would help bring resources to this part of the state. Having a District with a good mix of rural and urban and not putting the City of Jackson into a completely rural District is healthy for everyone and having a fair and statewide map is good for the whole state and not just Jackson. Thank you for your work and please keep it up.

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

>> And I live in Canton and work in the City of Detroit. Thank you to the Commission for your hard work. And striving for more partisan fairness on all the maps you are doing. I would suggest to not stop now and keep up the hard work. Consider this

without partisan fairness I may be represented by a representative and end up always belonging to a minority party. So in spite of being in a community of interest together, and represented by a good representative who listens to our needs, our needs may never be considered in the legislature because the majority knows they will always win if the maps are not partisan fair. So it's paramount the maps be truly partisan fair and please keep up your good work and don't stop before they are you know the partisan balance is 0. Thank you very much for your time and thanks for your hard work. Have a great day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 25 Patrick Grubba.

>> Hi, my name is Patrick Grubba from Jackson. And thank you for finally prioritizing partisan fairness, which is the whole reason.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> There.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's better go ahead.

>> My name is Patrick I'm from Jackson and I'm here to thank you for finally prioritizing partisan fairness which is the whole reason I voted for prop two. I was sick of my vote not mattering because I lived in a gerrymandered District and a gerrymandered state. Thank you for drawing a State Senate map that is so good on partisan fairness. I personally think you can make our District a little better map 8074 on the portal looks much cleaner. But my community would be much better represented by your map than the current map. Please stay the course on partisan fairness and thank you for finally giving my community a real voice in Lansing. I'm excited for my voice and my vote to finally matter. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is number 26, Sue Shink.

>> Good morning my name is Sue from Northfield Township, which is just north of Ann Arbor. I live in several gerrymandered districts where my vote doesn't count and I can contact my representative and they know that they don't need to listen to me because my vote doesn't count. So your job is to get as close to 0 on the partisan bias scores as possible. I know it's improving but there is still some way to go. If you are over 1% you still have work to do. This is the most important thing. Communities of interest is not an excuse to pack voters of a particular party into fewer districts which weakens their voice. A map where one party can win majority of the seats losing majority of the votes is not okay and needs to be improved. We voted for proposition two to get to partisan fairness. And so I beg you to please keep working on it. I appreciate your work so much. And I know it's been a long haul but you are almost close. Or you are almost finished so thank you. Please do not vote to approve any map that does not.

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

>> All right, good morning, Commissioners.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Good morning.

>> Okay so what I want to talk about today is that when you're dealing with you are making major changes as you go along on your mapping, I think it's good to run your partisan test as you make major changes. Also when you are dealing with the house map and the Senate map but the house map in particular is the Pine map. Can we make sure that we are cutting along main roads because Detroit is a City that consists of several main roads. So if we can cut along main roads like Lynn wood, the mile roads and using freeways as natural fairways when possible. Also I think another idea would be have your staff or the Secretary of State kind of give you the main policy of issues from around the state. So when people come to testify you can kind of verify this is something that if you would like I can provide it for you. Just give me the word. Thank you.

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

>> Hello, my name is Karyl Baker and live in Leoni Township in Jackson County. Hi, my name is Karl Baker and live in Leoni Township in Jackson County and want to live in the state where both parties have to win the state to win political power. That means fair elections under fair maps. No one has asked you to draw maps that tilt the scale to democrats but they are criticizing for even trying to partisan fairness. When it just so happens all of your maps would favor their party if you stop now. The republican party has controlled the Michigan State Senate 100% of the time since 1983. Because the maps have always been disproportionately favored towards them. We are counting on you to draw the first fair maps in 40 years. Please get it done and thank you for your work to this point. Thank you.

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

>> Hi, my name is Joyce Smith and I'm a resident of Wyoming. In Kent County. First, I'd like to encourage the Commission to please adopt the State Senate District for the Kent County area as they are currently proposed. Second, I support the plan to keep the third ward of the City of Wyoming with the City of Grandville. In its own area. State House District. These two areas form a community of interest and they both share the Grandville public school District. Third please keep the City of Grand Rapids separate from Kalamazoo in its own Congressional District. Thank you so much for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Doug Harris, number 31.

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

QUESTION: I'm Doug Harris and the rule parts of Jackson County are represented by your Congressional map. I think it's only fair to give the urban and suburban parts of Jackson County representation too. By connecting them with Ann Arbor. Your State Senate map isn't perfect but it does a good job of connecting Jackson with other cities along I-94 corridor which is a major economic community of interest. Given District COIs representation at different levels is a good way to fulfill your duty. Just because the same COI doesn't get represented at all three levels doesn't mean you fail. Please don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good and please don't go backwards. Keep up the good work. Thanks so much.

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

>> Hello, my name is Denise Kolesar and a resident of the City of Wyoming in Kent County. First, I want to thank you guys for the job you're doing. It's not an easy job. And it's an important one. I reviewed the Districting proposals and I'd like to suggest and support the plan to keep the third ward of the City of Wyoming with the City of Grandville in its own State House District. We share responsibility with the Grandville public schools so I'm hoping you will not make any further adjustments to that District. Next, I encourage the Commission to adopt the State Senate districts for the Kent County area as they currently are proposed. The proposals look solid to me so anyway great job so far. Keep up the good work. And go lions, I'm not giving up on them either for the Commissioner with the hat on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right, I lost track where I am, 33, Colleen.

>> My name is Colleen from Brownstown in Wayne County. Western and southern Wayne County is a community of interest and this map reflects this more than what was originally drawn. Thank you for adhering to partisan fairness and the Constitution in your State Senate maps and please continue to do the good work when drawing your house maps. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Sarah is number 34 available? Okay.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: If you can unmute yourself, you are free to address the Commissioner B plank.

>> Okay can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Perfect okay, so sorry about that, hang on. My name is Brenda and I live in Green Oak Township and I joined this call when I learned that the Commission was discussing putting the southeastern portion of Livingston County in with the City of Ann Arbor for a State Senate District. I understand that discussions are ongoing and as a resident of Green Oak Township I prefer Green Oak Township remain with the rest of Livingston

County. I'm a U of M graduate and despise the traffic and hustle and bustle of Ann Arbor during the four years I was in college. After college I moved to Green Oak Township because of the small town feel. Livingston County has everything we need we have no desire to travel to the Ann Arbor area. I rarely use I-23 when I do it's to visit family in Monroe County. I do not stop for gas or shopping on that stretch of highway it's too congested. It has everything we need the mall, the church farmers market and we frequent Brighton recreation area on a regular.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Margaret Flurry. Looks like she is not available. Elizabeth Hundley.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh, yep, I think they have done that before.

>> Good morning.

Elizabeth Hundley I'm a resident of Genoa Township in Livingston County. The Commission recently discussed including the southeast portion of Livingston County including Genoa with the City of Ann Arbor for a State Senate District. I'm asking that you please do not include Genoa Township or any of the southeastern portion of Livingston County with Ann Arbor. Genoa Township shares many local services with our surrounding communities right here in Livingston County but not with Ann Arbor. For example we are a part of the Brighton area fire authority. In addition Genoa Township receives water and sewer service by M hall who also serves residents in Marion, Howell, Osceola Townships here in Livingston. And is a member of the Howell area parks and rec also serving Livingston communities. Thank you for listening and please keep us.

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

>> Elizabeth is Bruce with you and ready for his turn?

>> No, he is not with me. I do not know if he is ready at this time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay thank you. So we will mark him as not present. Anthony Watkins, number 38.

>> Hello, my name is Anthony Watkins. And I thank you for the opportunity to share my comments at today's public hearing. I also am relieved to see that the degree from the past week of public hearings has resulted in considerably more partisan fairness for the Senate map. But it needs a little bit more work. I would request please adopt the method that you use also for the Michigan house map as well. Thank you for your hard work.

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

>> I'm a resident of Chester field Township in Macomb County. I want to tell the Commissioner thank you so much for having a better partisanly fair map for the Senate 102921V3. The house still needs some work and consider partisan fairness for the State House and consult the AFLCIO fair map project and potentially editing the Senate

map to be more partisanly fair. Additionally please keep the Voting Rights Act in line during the final stretch of this process and expect the role of the people and making partisanly fair maps as possible. Thank you for your time and for your time and partisanly fair maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Max number 40.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will move on to 41, which is Dorothy Munson.

>> Could you please display maps plan 73502 in District.org for State Senate?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can't display maps during this public comment.

>> All right thank you. I'm Dorothy Munson a lifelong resident of Grand Rapids representing proactive nonpartisan group. I believe that minimal changes to map 249 shown in 73502 would satisfy concerns related to Central West Michigan and communities of interest. Included are slight reconfigurations of the adjacent three out of six districts that will not disturb the remainder of the state map. Four Ottawa County were moves from 22 to 33 and Ottawa County is large to take them and 22 is not changed the south side of Grand Rapids was not changed. Thank you so much for placing Cascade Township in District 24. The addition of Algoma and Cannon Townships in the north improves communities of interest and keeps District 24 in Kent County. Some.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Mari, number 42, Rymar.

>> Hello, hi. I would like to thank the Commission for all of the hard, hard work you all have been doing. I know it's not been easy. But yes, I would like to also say please do your best to draw partisanly fair State House map. And yes, please consider the Voting Rights Act. While doing so. And once again measure consider taking steps to count prisoners in the districts where they resided before they were incarcerated. So many states all across the U.S. have done this. And they have done this without legislation. So it is very possible. And I think Michigan should be one of the states who are on the forefront of doing this because it's a huge civil rights issue. And once again thank you for all your hard work.

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

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

>> I make that mistake frequently, Jason, Grand Rapids, I teach history and American history at Aquinas College. Thank you for your hard work and the state and Senate districts, they are well drawn. But I do think you could improve the Metro character of the districts by lowering the boundary southward from Fulton to wealthy. And with three colleges GVSU and GRCC and 90% of heritage hill and to make up for the population to take Townships Ottawa County and put them in Ottawa County a great place but a different place. Thank you again.

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

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

>> Okay sorry can you guys hear me now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Cool so yes hi my name is Kyle. I'm a lifelong Michigander who was born and raised in Warren. I just want to say that I really appreciate all the hard work the Redistricting Commission is doing to redraw our District maps. I know the work can be very sophisticated and tiresome. However it's very important it gets done. We need maps that reflect partisan fairness because our current District maps are lacking that. I just want to give some comment how the City of Warren should be redrawn in regards to the State Senate. Warren should not be divided into multiple State Senate districts like it is currently proposed. People living in Warren should be able to have their voices heard since it's the third largest City in Michigan. Warren is also home to important employers such as General Motors the U.S. Army and Stellantis and believe Warren should be in the same stat Senate District look at AFLCIO for State Senate District 9 for more information. Thank you so much for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We are going to go back to max Gordon number 40.

>> Good morning everybody thank you so much for coming back to me so I will be brief. I'm max from Grand Rapids and urge changes to the State Senate lines being Kent County, specifically the northern district. There are a few changes you can make to make it a community of interest and remove the rural Ottawa County agricultural Townships and not Ottawa farms with Kent cities. If you want to keep GVSU intact in District 24 you really only need to include GVSU campus and housing which is the far southeast precinct. The rest of Allendale is farmland. Finally move the border from Fulton to wealthy but doing this you don't split the downtown GVSU campus in half. And you know obviously we know about ward identities and keep ward two intact and additionally make sure you move that line and stops at East Grand Rapids because that is a separate City. Thanks again for coming back to me and thank you guys for all you do. Appreciate it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right we will go to, just double check, Dave Kepler.

>> You can hear me good. My name is Dave, I live in Eatonville Township. My house was impacted by the failure of Eatonville and I'm engaged with the restoration in the systems in those two Counties. Communities social and economic welfare are linked to the environment in which they exist. This is the fifth largest watershed in the State of Michigan. And it is connected north and west through Midland on the Tittabawassee River. There is a decade of work to restore the environment and

economic impact of these communities. They are linked not only in the recovery but their culture and in their environment. So please consider the integration of these into the maps. We like Commissioner Lange's Congressional map but I think the integration of Midland and Gladwin County along with the City of Midland is important. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Nicholas, number 46.

>> Hello, my name is Nicholas long time resident of St. Clair shores in Macomb County. I see what you do with the latest Senate map drawing the cities together in District 7. But I see this is not enough of a commonality for the cities to be considered a community of interest. People who live up in new Baltimore and Anchorville and to the island have no interest in being associated with Wayne County. This is probably why they live so far away from them. Especially considering the residents of Harper Woods are being disenfranchise by being included with the cities along Lake St. Clair. People who live in Wayne should not be included in the Senate District. I appreciate the work you are doing but please think about this and please make some changes to this map. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. We are going to go back to 14 Porter Abbott.

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

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Good morning.

>> Thank you. Good morning.

My full name is Horice. I'm a long time citizen of Leelanau County and wanted to add my voice to continue moving to partisan balance and redistricting. I also wanted to comment on the effect of succession of earlier maps with their continuing partisan imbalance was having on me and my fellow citizens in Leelanau and it's paranoid a hidden agenda which is the last thing we need in the committal climate. You have been working hard to correct this imbalance and aiming to achieve a clean break from the political gerrymandering that has been the rule of Michigan every ten years. Keep up the good work and thank you for letting me speak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. All right we are going to go to number 47, which is Ciara.

>> Good morning, Commissioners. I'm from Mid-Michigan and today I'd like to say thank you for the latest Senate map. And for listening to Michiganders. This is the most fair Senate map so far and could be adopted as a final draft. Please work on a partisanly fair State House map as well. Regarding the Senate map, I like that District 35 includes both Mount Pleasant and Alma areas and see that District 1 includes the Tri-Cities as it should. So thank you for your work and keep it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Marie number 48.

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

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Marie if you can unmute yourself, you are free to address the Commission. It looks like Marie may be experiencing audio issues, I recommend we move on to the next participant.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right we will move on to number 49, Josie.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, 50, chase Murphy.

>> Hello.

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

>> Hi, my name is chase Murphy I was born and raised and currently reside in the Grand Rapids area. I'm urging you to fix the area maps for the State Senate. I would like to sue a few changes and get rid of farming they are not with GR and Walker and heard a lot about keeping Ottawa whole and rural rural. You probably remember that. The most important thing to have community of interest and a State Senate District that can be won by either party move the border between 23 to 24 and follow wealthy along Fulton splits the heritage neighborhood. And they talked about the line and did not want to move it to split the Black population but that is incorrect. They are only 10% Black so moving these precincts from 23 to 24 increases the black voting age. Add the population difference adding the northern difference in Gaines Township in Kentwood school District and have a significant minority population. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 51, Chris Andrews.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, hi. I'm Chris Andrews from Haslett. And thank you for considering individual elections for fairness analysis. Here are some requests. Analyze Senate maps using gubernatorial elections when Senators are elected. Outcomes might be much different. The 2016 Presidential election was a virtual tie. As such 2020 and 55 are ideal fairness. Please save and post partisan analysis of completed maps including District projections so we can make informed comments. Consider other fairness metrics besides seat votes. Three Senate seats categorized as democratic have victory margins of 51% or less. These are toss up not democratic. I've posted detailed comment at #how fair. Thank you.

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

>> Pail but I get that a lot. I wanted to say a couple quick things one I know lefty activists can rave about 0 partisan fairness until the end of time but at the end of the day communities of interest out rank partisan fairness in the Constitution. Your lawyers

have said that you have been compliant for a long time and have done a lot of work on communities of interest. So I don't want to see you break those up. Two, if the cherry map was supposedly the best map, we had to start with then why did you make drastic changes to it to basically recreate the Szetela map? I really don't understand that anyone would think northern Ann Arbor has more in common with rural Calhoun County than they do with southern Ann Arbor. Apparently in 2018 democratic majority is not good enough. If it's anything more than that, I don't know how you don't think that is a disproportionate advantage for democrats. And if you want the republican members of the Commission to vote with you, I think you want to take their concerns in mind. Just an idea.

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

>> Good morning. Maia Anthony.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry.

>> That is all right. My communities of interest are Detroit, Michigan and Wayne County. It appears that you all are starting to actually look at and consider these other maps out here that have been submitted by Detroiters and organizations in support of partisan fairness because we are going to continue talking about that until this whole thing is over. I would just also like to encourage you to continue doing that. Keeping the Voting Rights Act in mind. We definitely still need that when it comes to the State House maps. But you're on the right track with your latest Senate maps that you've been hearing from 10-29, not there yet. But keep that up. You guys are doing awesome. The African/American community is still a higher population excuse me in Detroit, that must continue to be considered. We need the minority majority Directors restored to 51% minutely for fair representation. Please do not dilute us, thank you.

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

>> Good morning I'd like to add my voice to several others who have spoken. I'm the president of Grand Rapids and heritage hill, pastor and former candidate and I would like to echo the comments of others that want you to move the Grand Rapids northern Metro Senate District down one row of precincts from the grand river to the border with the City of East Grand Rapids. Not only does that keep my neighborhood together as a historically been but it also helps to keep that neighborhood integrity with City wards. Please remove those Townships from Ottawa County. You don't need them there. You can go up to Rockford and they will do exactly as much good and more contiguous with our economy and interests. Keeping Grand Rapids downtown is also in one area is also a great idea. But what has not been mentioned by several of the others who I share the opinion with you have a 50/50 swing District. This would be very helpful to better governance and healthy political culture. We want everyone to have a fair shot of being represented so I thank you for your work and wish you well in all of your decisions.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 55 Rhonda Hawkins.

>> Yes, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you. My name is Rhonda Hawkins and I live in the City of Brighton in which I have lived for 23 years. But I'm a retired pharmacist and pastor. And in those 23 years I've realized that the majority of the communities in my County Livingston County are small. And rural. And what you did with the Senate map is a good start. I would like to see that our community that is tight close-knit, has likeminded individuals with common values, et cetera, et cetera, other small towns. And it is a small town of 8,000 compared to Ann Arbor that is 124,000. Which is a difference of 12 times.

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

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> Okay great, I'm appealing to you regarding the County of Jackson. Jackson County is a whole County of community interest. North and south Jackson County should be together. North and south Washtenaw County should be together. We do not have interests with Ann Arbor. To split our County into a northern District 29 with the northern half of City of the City of Ann Arbor and our southern half of Jackson County with the southern half of the City of Ann Arbor, Jackson is not a community of interest with Ann Arbor. And your proposed map denies Jackson County its community and proper representation. Your District 27 puts four differ Counties into one District. It's so obvious that you are using political reasons to put Ann Arbor in with Jackson County and in with Eaton and Calhoun community. I-94 is not a community, Jackson County.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Susan Domen, 57.

>> Hi, good morning. Thank you for taking time to hear my comments. My name is Susan. I'm from Hamburg Township, Livingston County. My husband and I raised our family here since 2003 and moved our business here. I very much value our rural small town culture. And just like my previous participant number 55, we do identify with our more smaller business and community. And we've come to know and treasure that in our daily lives. And as much as I love to go down to Ann Arbor with the vibrant culture and we do I greatly appreciate my home community. And love to support my local businesses especially in these challenging times. So I thank you for your consideration in keeping Livingston County together. Thank you and have a great day.

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

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay thank you, thank you for allowing me to speak today. I'm specifically speaking to the Michigan State Senate districts in Grand Rapids which is where I live and have lived for 30 years. Splitting the City of Grand Rapids in the north and south would literally split up municipalities, Government and community services school direction voting precincts and violates the partisan fairness and what you are bound to and violate Section Two of the Voting Rights Act and prohibits packing of minority populations. The solution would be to include District 24 to all dissimilar urban cities of Grand Rapids, East Grand Rapids and Kentwood. The cities of Grandville and Wyoming would be drawn in with District 23 and lastly draw Townships on the opposite border and both plans keep similar communities of interest together and improve the boundaries. For the my State House this splits numerous.

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

>> Hi good morning, Commission. Thank you, I have seen you day after day working very hard to draw fair maps and I thank each of you for doing what the voters have asked you to do. When people ask for partisan fairness that's not code for anything. That is simply asking you to please do what 60% of the voters in Michigan asked that we have fair maps. Competitive fair maps lead to competitive districts competitive districts create better representation who listen to their constituents not as republicans and not as democrats but as people which is the point of this law. I live where it was flipped from republican to democrat and done by a gentleman who knocked on every door and City he could and a fantastic representative. Creating competitive districts thoroughfare maps will lead to more of that across the state which is the whole goal and why so many people worked so hard. Thank you for what you're doing. You guys are doing a fantastic job and I appreciate you. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. I think this is Jaret number 60.

>> Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Great I'm from Grand Rapids. I've got some thoughts how to improve Kent County consider removing the farm Townships to my shame I could not tell you where the places are on a map. I would add more of Kent County and makes sense for Rockford school District Townships like Cannon and Algoma inside our District. There is a lot of movement and interaction between Grand Rapids and Rockford especially with younger people and new families. I hear concerns over the heritage hill and GVSU community. I have the same concerns, the Fulton border cuts the heritage hill and GVSU community as it is. You can make a competitive District 24 and keep those communities whole if you add more of Grand Rapids by moving south to wealthy or Hall Street. That would create a District where a candidate can win from either party and keep those

communities whole. So consider moving Ottawa, extend the GR to wealthy and District 24, thanks for all the work you are doing.

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

>> Good morning can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Good morning, Commission. Thank you so much for letting me to come in and speak. My name is Henrietta I'm a community organizer out of the City of Detroit. And I just want to say thank you for all the hard work that you have been doing. And we truly, truly appreciate the fact that you, you know, we are happy with what you did with the map for the house, for the State House and Senate house seats. And we are asking that you continue the course when you are redistricting the State House map for citizens in the City of Detroit. Partisan fairness is very important. For the voting power and the people of interest in the City of Detroit. Those community of interest would be neighborhoods hit by gentrification, and neighborhoods in the lower west side and the lower east side. So when you are redistricting the Congressional house map, please stay the course. Don't be bullied by the people whose trying to pull the strings for you to pull in their direction.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. James Fisher, number 62.

>> Hi, I'm James Fisher, I'm a lifelong resident of Midland County. I'd like to urge you to keep the City and County of Midland together and associate to the north and west and Midland and Counties to the west and north have strong shared interests and long histories of cooperation and agricultural, healthcare, education and economics. And we share a common interest in flood mitigation and restoration of the failed Dams and urging the Commission to keep the City and County of Midland whole and connect the counties to the north and west. Now more than ever we need to be able to speak with a single voice in Government. I also think the Lange Congressional map is a good start. So thank you for listening and thank you for serving.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 64, Art, Reyes.

>> Unmute, okay thank you very much. For taking the time to listen to the public my name is art Reyes resident of Genesee County. I'm asking that you do take into consideration partisan fairness when we go. You know the thing that we voted for prop two in 2018 to rid Michigan of the rigged system. And the work that you're doing is going a long way towards doing that but we want fair maps that will create a level playing field which will hopefully have our representatives work more for compromise versus telling to the political extremes. So please take into consideration as much as you can political or partisan fairness. Thank you.

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

>> Yes. I'm Janine, Genoa, Livingston County. I want to thank you all for the service to our state and not Districting to Genoa or any southern Townships of Livingston with parts of Ann Arbor for the State Senate map. I encourage you to also refrain from Districting Genoa with parts of Ann Arbor for the State House map as well. Our Genoa community is tightly knit with other neighboring rural Livingston Townships and Marian and Brighton and not with Ann Arbor. My community service groups are based in Howell and serve the local Livingston County areas and shop and recreate in Howell and Brighton not Ann Arbor it takes ten minutes from my home to drive to Howell grocery stores or restaurants. Whereas it takes me 40-45 minutes to drive to any store or restaurant in Ann Arbor. I rarely if ever make the trip down there. There is neither proximity nor association or community commonality with Ann Arbor. So please keep this in mind when drawing State House maps. Thanks for your attention. Have a great day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Chris M, number 66.

>> Hi, thank you for the work you are doing on the Commission. It's very much appreciated. I'd like to draw your attention to the Maple syrup map that I posted on the portal. This is a tweaked version of your Maple Congressional map which provided a great base line of however this map, Maple syrup, gets you in compliance with the constitutional rules including with unperson one vote. VRA compliant communities of interest and has good partisan fairness while honoring the rest of the constitutional priorities. The efficiency gap may be higher than some folks would like it allows for the state as a whole to be competitive. Again I would encourage you to take a look at the Maple syrup map and appreciate all the work that you are doing. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Kristi Cox, number 67.

>> Yes, I'm Kristi from Genoa Township, Livingston County. Thank you for the work you are doing. It's a thankless task. And thanks last Friday keeping Genoa with the rest of Livingston and keep us here. And I was born and raised here. We are a rural community with rural ideals. We still have a great deal of agricultural and we tend to conduct our business locally, and socially locally. We recreate locally. These values have enabled us to keep a low tax base with high standard of living. it's important we receive representation that is particular to our community since we are like any that border us. Again thank you for your consideration. And the inordinate amount of time you are spending on this very important issue.

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

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, hello Commissioners my name is Josh I'm a resident of Kent County. The proposed House District 76 map is including the City of Walker and several neighborhoods in Grand Rapids Alpine and west side of Grand Rapids. These areas are not a similar community of interest, places like Walker should be kept with places like the City of Alpine Township where they have a shared interest in this Commerce as the Alpine shopping District and school direction such as the Kenowa School District. In the 75 House District you have places like Grand Rapids East Grand Rapids Grand Rapids Township and northeast Grand Rapids plus there are several parts of Plainfield included. We share many things with Ada and Cascade Township and should be kept together. This is including the Forrest Hills school District. Plains field Township should not be split up in multiple areas as it shares a community of interest with the Rockford area. The more urban like East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids community should be kept together as they are shared common community of interest. Those in the northern part of Kent County. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Jason number 70.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> Great hi. I'm Jason I'm a resident of Hamburg Township in Livingston con after attending school and living and working in Ann Arbor for two years our family made a deliberate decision to move to Livingston because it's a better fit and prefer the rural lifestyle. 17 years in the community confirmed to us that decision was the right one for our family. We very rarely go to Ann Arbor and pay our taxes in Livingston County and shop and recreate here in Livingston county as well. This is our community and thank the Commission for keeping Hamburg and the rest of our community where we belong in our own District and please keep us here when it comes time for you to consider the State House maps as well, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Klaas, number 72.

>> Hi, can you hear me Klaas. I'm Klaas from Grand Rapids. I'd like to thank you for all the work you've done. Especially in my City of Grand Rapids. And in Kent County. I think you were right to make two districts compose of the Metro six cities and the nearby suburban Townships but I think there is more work to do. I agree with others who say you should remove all the Townships in Ottawa County. They are simply more rural. They are mostly farmland. They are not a part of the Metro Grand Rapids area or economy. Like the other speaker said I probably couldn't find them on a map. Sadly. They are great areas but I'm not part of Grand Rapids. You can find more population by adding Townships around Rockford like Algoma and the PFAS contaminated parts of Rockford Plainfield and Algoma if you did that. Echo speakers to move and currently Fulton Street bisects heritage hill.

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

>> Hello, Commissioners. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> My name is Yousif from Troy and nice to see you again. I heard Commissioners Szetela dismissing the idea to include the east of Sterling heights to west of Sterling Heights in Troy. And Chaldean voices living in eastern Sterling Heights I respectfully disagree with Commissioner Szetela. District 6 has not done well. What is COI between Sterling Heights and Detroit. Just because Chaldeans don't show up on the map it does not mean we don't exist I assure you we are real. Thank you, Commissioner Kellom and Eid, to speak up for the Chaldeans in West Bloomfield and sign up for the minority who are unfairly registered as whites and give us a voice. I do appreciate all the hard work you have done. Commissioners Szetela. But please do not dismiss our voices. Please do not dilute Chaldean voices living in east Sterling Heights thank you and I will continue to pray for each one of you.

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

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> I'm a 17 year of Livingston and live in Genoa Township and want to thank you for keeping us together as a County with your redistricting map. And also ask that you would continue to do that when you go to the State Senate and house state maps when you redistrict those. Just we very rarely go to Washtenaw County or Ann Arbor. We shop locally. We recreate locally. Our friends and neighbors are here and they all do the same. And we just want to keep our small town feel to our communities and we thank you so much for your time and all your attention to this effort. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 75, Joe Watzka.

>> Thank you for taking time to listen to us. I'm Joe Watzka I live in Livingston in Hamburg Township. I won't...I'll be quick. Livingston County thank you for keeping us whole. As an example I live in Hamburg Township but a Brighton phone number, the school District in Pickney, my mail is in Howell, and keeping us whole keep representatives that have issues and represent us better and we know all about having good representation regardless of party affiliation is critical to a strong and healthy society. Also we in Livingston Township County cheer for U of M and MSU.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Kevin Green, number 76.

>> Good morning.

My name is Kevin. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Good morning my name is Kevin Green. I'm the Algoma supervisor in Kent County. Algoma has been working closely and collaboratively with Plainfield Township and City of Rockford to bring clean drinking water into our communities for our residents

and businesses that have been impacted by the PFAS water contamination crisis. So it's really crucial to keep these communities whole and together. So that we can be effective, have effective representation. Especially in the State House and the State Senate districts. On a side note we also want to be included in the Grand Rapids Congressional District and not have the City of Kalamazoo overshadow us. So we ideally like to have those separate so we can stay in the Grand Rapids Congressional District. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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

>> Hello, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can.

>> Okay, hi my name is Elizabeth Johnson. Keep the Senate districts for Grand Rapids the way they are go do not move the line from Fulton to wealthy, it would split a neighborhood association of heritage hill and east town between two districts. The proposed House District 76 map includes the City of Walker and several different neighborhoods within the City of Grand Rapids. These neighborhoods are vastly different from one another and do not form a community of interest. The City of Walker is drawn with Alpine Township in its current State House District. They should remain the same. As they share the Kenowa Hills School District and Commerce quite a lot. The river breaks the western Grand Rapids neighborhood association from the eastern. The downtown and east town neighborhood associations are closer as other neighborhood associations like heritage hill and East Grand Rapids. House District 75 map violates several communities of interest. Grand Rapids Townships form a community of interest with Ada.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 78, RJ.

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

>> Okay, hi this is RJ, I'm a resident of Grand Rapids Township and a third Congressional state committee man. I believe Plainfield Township should be kept whole within one House District with the attorneys of Algoma, Courtland and the City of Rockford. These areas makeup the Rockford community of interest and share the same public school District Rockford public schools. They live and work in neighboring municipalities and primarily shop in the Rockford area and use the same parks and recreational facility. Currently you have several precincts of Plainfield Township with northeastern Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township. Grand Rapids Township forms a community of interest with Ada and Cascade Township because they share the same school District. Forrest Hills public schools. Northeast Grand Rapids is in a different school District than that of Plainfield and should be kept separate in a different House District map. Lastly, I encourage you to approve the State Senate map plan as presented and to not move the dividing line for Senate District 23 and 24 from Fulton to Wealthy Street.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. That concludes our public comment for this morning however I'd like to mention that all e-mailed and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting and the Commissioners review the public comment portal on www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis. We appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way they choose to do so and share your thoughts communities of interest and maps. At this point we will move to unfinished business deliberations regarding pose proposed maps but before we do that, we are going to take a brief recess. Without objection we will recess for 15 minutes. Hearing no objections it is currently we will say 11:38 so we will stand in recess until 11:55.

[All right we are in recess until 11:55.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:58 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER 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 COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. We will return to deliberation process and working on the Senate map and Commissioner Clark you had some comments.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I did. I'd like to start and go back to District 7. When we finished the other day, Friday I guess it was, Brittini made a change down in the southern end of District 7. And moved an area back into Detroit where we all think it belongs. And so I've worked on getting the numbers back up on 7. However, with a discussion with from you, you don't think that is necessary. So what I'd like to do, you feel the numbers are okay at this point. I'd like to do is bring up that map and take a look at the numbers of 7 without making any changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just to clarify you're talking about the population count to clarify.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: All the numbers the take a quick look at it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent Commissioner Clark is asking for pull up the map we worked on Friday cherry version three and I think it was 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. saved something like that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have two that he sent me that the two y'all worked on. So and version three and version one those were the two that were posted online uploaded. I think this was the one y'all started with and then this is the one y'all did a bunch of changes to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ann Arbor would it be the first one or the second one?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It would be version three. And Commissioner Lange did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Mine was going to be the same thing. Since you have Kent drawing lines, I would like a partisan fairness done before we start moving any lines but I would want it done based off from the Governor races. So the last Whitmer, 2018 and the Snyder and Schauer races.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

All right, I'm going to save this. I have already rain the partisan fairness on this. I want to go and change the name on them real quick.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So y'all wanted to use the Whitmer; is that correct? And who else.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Whitmer and Schuette.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Schuette was the republican.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

And I don't know why it says divide by zero here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe do percentage instead of.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, I clicked the wrong one. Let me try this again.

Should be the actual number. Whitmer. Other way around? Yes, that is probably what did it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's make sure we have it for the Governor race too because Mr. Schuette was also Attorney General. So I just want to make sure we have it on the correct, it would have been 2018.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so there is Schuette. And see how that works, yep. Okay here is the numbers. We can come back to them any time. So the lopsided margin was 6.1%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> Mean median is 1.6% republican. Efficiency gap is 0. And the seats is 23-15 and efficiency gap is minus is over 6% proportionality bias is 6%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we rerun it for Snyder? So you have to click on partisan fairness again or it won't do it right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do what.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Click on partisan fairness again or it won't do it right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which one was it again the year.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2014 and I believe it was Schuette; is that right? Schuette versus Schauer. Snyder versus who was the democrat.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Shower Schauer or something like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's further down. I think it's past the state like the Senate races because it's a state race so there is Whitmer so it would be further under that so Whitmer. Go down. Snyder right there. So Snyder is the republican. So Schauer is the democrat so democrat is shower and then Snyder is the republican.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Who is the republican again?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Snyder.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Snyder.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: SNYDER, there he is I see him there. That is right there, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Snyder Schuette.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not Schuette, shower, right there, shower is your democrat.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Snyder.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Snyder, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided is 1%. Mean median is .4. Efficiency gap is 7.3. And seats are 8.5%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Should we put the democrat on top and the republican?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He did.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: He did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can look at it again, I just want to make sure. Which election is it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The 2014 gubernatorial.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we had Schauer and Snyder.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Anymore?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, if we can do the composite and do the two Presidential elections as well so just do the overall.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well I did the original overall.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You have it saved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did save that, which one do you want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2020 Presidential. You have to click on partisan fairness first. I know.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Statewide races Biden.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Biden and then Trump 20 because there is more than one Trump on there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trump 20.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided 1.7. Mean median is .6. Efficiency gap is .5. And seats is 3.9. 21-17.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we do the same for the 2016 election which is Trump versus Clinton? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16 not Trump but Clinton. 16 Trump. 1.9. 2.1. 3.4. And minus 2.5 for democrats, yep. Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Pull up I'm sorry I had the microphone off pull up the overall composite and Commissioner Clark you had a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wanted to look at District 7 numbers that is my comment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to look at them from a composite index perspective.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to look at the, I will just run it again just because I can. Statewide democrats. Statewide republican. The lopsided is 4.6 republican. 1.2 republican. 3.4 republican. And minus .3 republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay .3 for democrats negative for republicans, depending on which party you are looking at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So close.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is this the composite?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are good.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Looking at the numbers with the changes I made, not with this, the numbers are relatively very close. So I see my opinion is I see no need to change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And that is what I was telling you. I think it's fine and you accommodated a community of interest and Commissioner Kellom made some changes to accommodate another community of interest. And I don't see any reason to change it but I mean I'm just won't person, if other people, I think it's good.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I'm going to yield back and I don't see any changes on District 7. We will move on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you want to look at VAP at all? He has the map up, did you want to look at that?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No. I'm good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

All right, so any other -- did you have an Ann Arbor District you wanted to put up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did not hear.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you have an alternate Ann Arbor District you wanted to pull up?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did and do you want me to Zoom in and bring it up? Would that be easier.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did you send it to Kent?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay because like I told you I drew an alternative one too if you want to consider that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's look at them both.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is the will of the body? I feel we got a lot of comments today liking this, we got a few who didn't like it. I mean I drew an alternative to sort of put the more rural areas down to address some of those concerns go ahead Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I have a question do alternative maps at this point still require 24 hours in advance before we pull them up to the Secretary of State media?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's not an alternative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's not alternative just showing a different configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: For an area that we left undecided on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There was issues about. Kent, can we turn the border to blue or maybe red so it stands out? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is it the plan today to go back and redo all the work we did Thursday and Friday?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess I'm confused as to what we are proposing doing here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So this is just so Commissioner Clark can look at the Ann Arbor because he had some concerns about how far west Ann Arbor was drawn. And so I looked at it over the weekend and came up with a more compact District. Just to consider because he was not happy with what it was but we received public comment today saying they liked the Ann Arbor District so maybe we decide we will do nothing. But I think it's one last thing there are some interest in maybe changing on this map.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the two approaches are a little different. You split Ann Arbor in half and moved west and downwards at some point. What I did is I took the map from last week and I did a vertical split. Ann Arbor is kept together with Ypsilanti. And everything to the west is in what I call it Jackson District. Okay, so that's the big difference. And I can send it over to Kent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, so just for me to explain what I did, there were concerns how far west the Ann Arbor districts were reaching. To make the two districts more compact I brought up District 26 into that western portion of 29 and 27 and then brought the 29 up even with the County line. And then just shifted those two districts around a little bit. It caused a little change in Livingston County because we took three Townships off of Livingston County so I had to grab a little bit up there to balance that District back out and the same thing with 28, I had to kind of change a little on 28 but basically, it's just a different configuration of Ann Arbor and maybe more compact. It affects the Districts that are highlighted and just wanted to present it in case we wanted to do something different. But like I said we got a lot.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we can take a quick look at these.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rothhorn and Witjes did you have your hand up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: When we did this change was that there was a District 18 and 11 that were reconfigured that we liked. So I'm seeing there is nothing impacted there. Livingston is still whole which they mostly care about. So I don't see any, yeah, unless somebody else sees something that doesn't look like it's a change. I guess what I'm saying there is not a reason to throw it out. The maybe it's the I guess it's the border County right. We sort of there is less of a border County piece, right, so 26 is now going up instead of over. So it's you know then I think that's the anytime we do these

things there is a cost right. So now it's it Marshall? Is that Marshall that's that little town? But it might be a good fit anybody know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Putting Marshall rural and combining Hillsdale with Adrian and we heard quite a few public comments about that as well wanting Hillsdale to go with Adrian instead of being off to the west side so Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah, I maybe a little off in left field here but I don't think we should be making any changes in the Senate map right now at all. With the amount of work we put into this last week, I think it's time to move on to Congressional and then move on to house. Because that's going to take a lot of time. And we are going to be beating a dead horse for the most part making changes and getting more comments on those changes and reverting back any way potentially. So I would say that the map as configured because most of us if not everyone of us are in agreeance with what we did on Friday and I think it's time to move on to the next.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What is the overlay? Whose map is that, that we are looking at?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is the alternative Ann Arbor District I drew over the weekend. Five in the area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm exporting the shape file.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: When I ran all the metrics too there is virtually no change on doing it so I don't have a preference one way or another. I think they both work. Like I said there was some concern on Friday expressed from several Commissioners they didn't like how far west that District went and how far it is stretched.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Mine goes that far west and had to because the rural districts have not too many people so I will do what the Commission wants. If you want to move on, if that is the consensus then we do that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did we want to move on with this map? It seems like there is some interest in maybe making a motion to bring this map forward without any changes if that is what you want to do.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I bring this map forward without making in I changes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is one change very minor up near Caro remember the individual that spoke and that one little area kind of stuck out that was his farm or whatever. Maybe we could move that back to where it belongs.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where is that? It's in the thumb isn't it, north near Lapeer.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Up near the Lake north of Caro I believe.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it's north of Lapeer if I remember correctly. Caro.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Caro is north of Lapeer.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe that was the area he was referencing.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: There is Caro right there.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two Townships up.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Just talking about that little pull out right there?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe that's it. Yeah.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can you tell us how many people are in that area? Can you select it by block so we can.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Point of order there is a motion and second on the floor to not make any changes to the map.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That's true. All right. If you could just hold off.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Look at those? It looks like the whole town.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Unionville.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's Mayville, Michigan.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Mayville is south of there.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Might be.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It is south of there, my relatives live there.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We may have already taken care of it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So go south of Caro that is where Mayville is in 15, it's right there.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Looks like we took care of it already, yep. Okay it's good.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We have a motion made by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner who was my second? Lett. To advance this map, and, General Counsel, can you help me with the language we are adding to advancing it for public comment for the next 45 days, is that it? I know.
- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Good morning, Madam Chair and good morning the Commission. That's correct. To bring this map and I would recommend again as you did for the first publication period to state the map name, the date, precisely what you are bringing forward and it was without any changes for publication. For the 45 days. Now just to be clear, this is.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I know, I know.
- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: This would be something that you're wanting to put forward for the publication period for 45 day just to be clear.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.
- >> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: My question is were we not going to vote on how many we would bring forward before we decide which ones were going to go forward? I'm just.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think that remains to be seen. I think for we don't have multiple maps at this point for the Senate. We are certainly not limiting other Senate maps so just a vote on this particular map. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just a thought on that because that is an excellent question, I would say in regards to the total maps we should be at or below what we brought for public comment. I know this is completely unrelated to what we are voting on, talking about the number of maps to move forward and keep in the back of your mind in my opinion it would have to be the same number we brought forward on the second around of public hearings or less.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so restating the motion we have a motion by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett to advance map 102921SD version 3 for the State Senate to publish it for 45 day public comment period and consideration by the public and consideration for us for a vote after that 45 day period expires. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I just request a roll call.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Absolutely Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think it's a good map. I think it's a great map actually supports communities of interest. Supports all of the VRA considerations we've been looking at. The data that was just ran had 2014 and republicans won the election. They won the most seats. 2016 republicans won the election slightly and they slightly got the most seats. 2018 democrats won in a blowout and they got the most seats. 2020 the same thing, democrats won and they got the most seats. And the composite scores of all ten years of election history show that it's a fair map on you know, accepted measures of partisan fairness. It looks compact to me. And I think we did consider County, Township and municipality lines. So I like the map, in support of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right and yes just to confirm this map was called the cherry. So this is version 3 of the cherry map as adjusted by the Commission. All right we are going to take a roll call vote on that motion, sorry Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One more thing Kent can we just see the spreadsheet, the partisan fairness again for the composite scores on this? Sorry, I did not write them down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me make sure this would be the right, so this would be the last one run. I'm just going to run it again to make sure we are not -- it doesn't take but a second, right? Okay this is the current lopsided margin favors the republicans 4.6%. Mean median is 1.2%. The efficiency gap is 3.4. And the seats to votes is 2018 proportionality bias is .3.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right any additional discussion? Let's go ahead with our roll call vote Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, the motion on the floor is to advance the map before you, the cherry map I believe version three. On to the 45 days of public comment with no further changes. Please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order. Starting with MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 11 yes to 2 no the motion carries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, before we leave the Senate, I'd like to submit for vote another map and the only difference being the Ann Arbor configuration. We have not even looked at it yet. I'm trying to get the export over to Kent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay you want your configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct, the only difference is the Ann Arbor area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Than what we did, yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In the interest of time what I'm thinking about if we move to Congressional and begin our deliberations there, I think we may have time to come back to it. But I'm just aware of our time.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As long as we come back to it that is fine. At some point during the week.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, so we have I'm sorry for all the clicking behind me the heaters are turning on and making a bunch of noise so if you are hearing clicking that is what you are hearing. All right so at this point I think we should move on to Congressional. And what process did we want to follow for this? With the Senate map we sort of went through area by area and compared them. We have four Congressional collaborative maps. Apple birch Juniper and Maple. Did we want to do the same analysis for all? Does anyone feel particular strongly about one map versus the other Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking with the Congressional maps we might be able to kind of get an idea if we just look at the whole map and maybe just the Detroit area. You know, we won't have so many areas to click there I'm thinking so it would be good to see how many are similar or not.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think that Grand Rapids Kalamazoo is what the differences is in a lot of them. So like the apple has Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo together. The birch has them separate. And then the Maple gosh I can't remember if it's Ann Arbor configuration is. I would have to look at it. Kent did you have a comment? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I was going to suggest is I was going to create a blank plan and then just bring up all eight of the outlines and just kind of categorize them. Because I know the whole top of the state is very much very similar. And maybe you can just narrow it down if you see that outlines before we even look at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we want to look at all eight or do we just want to focus on the collaboratives? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: However you want to do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett then Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I was thinking maybe we ought to look at the top two or three metrics to kind of narrow it down.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, in terms of metrics, the birch Juniper and Maple are virtually identical. The birch and Juniper are the closest actually. The apple is the one that has Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids together and that has a slightly higher efficiency gap but it's not like huge. So Commissioner Witjes? I have something I can share that may be helpful if you want to see it. I did a comparison with the metrics.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would like to see that but I would like to basically echo what Commissioner Lett said. I like the idea of bringing up a blank plan and the outlines. However, all eight and we are going to be in paralysis mode to figure out what it is that we are looking at. So I would take the top ones that score the best, put them on the map and do it from there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have four collaboratives so it's eight with all the individuals. So my personal suggestion is we focus on the collaborative and not the individuals.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That is what I would suggest as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we should look at the individual ones as well because they some of them do have better metrics. And some of them have different configurations that are not reflected in the collaborative. Even if it's just to you know gather ideas on where to go from here and comparing them. And we should look at the top ones, but include the individual maps in the top ones as well. I think what we heard at the public hearings mainly was apple, birch, Juniper and Maple for collaborative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those are the four. Yep. Oh, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree with Anthony. I mean, I've looked at the four individual maps. And a couple of them stand out to me. One that Anthony did is one of those that stands out to me. And I think it has some good ideas. And particularly with his, and the one other that I had identified, all of the percentages are below the .5. Yeah, the .5, yeah, the .5%. Which is what we have to attain. I think they are all below or close to .1%. Which is Congressional you know we are dealing with different requirements with population. We've got to keep it within 1%, which is really a .5% up or .5% down. So I think it would be to our advantage to at least take a look at them. And gather some ideas or make people more aware of them. So that's one that I had identified.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I mean, it wouldn't be against my suggestion to take the top metrics whether those are collaborative or individual ones. The other thing that we certainly can do is if we are at any map we are looking at, an individual submission we can look at that and see if there are suggestions or parts in there that we want to incorporate. So I still kind of am of the opinion of taking the top two or three or maybe four metric maps and starting there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: , in fact, I will make that a motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, but I would request you clarify what metrics. Like what do you consider top metrics. We have some lower efficiency gaps some have mean median the lopsided margin are about the same. The democrat-republican seat vote bias is about the same. So it would probably be helpful to have like what metric are we considering, I'm sorry Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm open to suggestions.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: For Congressional it's not easy analysis because we have eight maps that are all very similar on their metrics.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Maybe Cynthia will straighten us out.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I'm just thinking on we need to make sure that they also are good on the population deviation. Because that's what is strict on Congressional.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They all are. That is .12, .17, .16, .17, .14, .28 all within specs. Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are all eight maps on your spreadsheets that you have?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Which one.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You said you had a spreadsheet that compares the numbers.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The four collaborative.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You don't have the individuals.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, I mean but that might help with the done with the collaborative too. Commissioner Orton or I don't know why I want to call you Orton Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are so similar.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: R and O and close in my brain.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm thinking it's ideas we are looking for. Right? I guess what I'm suggesting we can start with a collaborative maps and the individual Commissioners I think we just let's make sure that individual Commissioners get a chance to put their ideas from their maps in. Based on this. Yeah. I guess it might help to oversee so we can all see the ideas. We might need it but at this point I'm okay with just starting with the collaborative and again the idea is like you know the idea of Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, yeah, the idea of you know Midland, right, I think we have got some basic. I'm thinking any way that is what I was going to say the ideas. I don't know if we need to have the actual maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let me show -- this is the spreadsheet that Sarah produced. So we can see. Because it's got everything on it. Let me make it a little bigger so it's easier to see. All right, so I got to log into Zoom. Give me a second here, guys. Can everybody see that? So this is the map produced by Ms. Reinhardt. But I sorted it. So if you see here, I sorted it by efficiency gap first and then by mean median. So Anthony comes up first on efficiency gap but it's got a higher mean median that is what I was saying if you sort by mean median my Congressional map would be first and then Anthony's. So the metrics are very similar. So if you sort by efficiency gap first then if you notice Commissioner Lange, she has a really good mean median too. Depends on what you are sorting by as to what will come up on the top because they are all very

similar, very close, which is why I ran the alternative analysis as a way to sort of distinguish between them. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, since they are all very similar looking at the numbers it goes from efficiency gap 0.6 to 1.3 it's not too much of a difference. And most of them are even closer 0.6 to like .8 for example. And since there is only 13 districts, we are looking at it may be faster to putt on all the overlays and look at them real quick and you know, have the discussion like we did at the beginning of our deliberations on the Senate map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I'm just worried that eight is so much.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I withdraw my motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and so let me show you the other spreadsheet that I did as well. Which again I did not do everything. I only did the ones that were collaborative. Because I was trying to distinguish between the collaborative maps. All right. Make this a little bigger for everyone. So this does that same analysis of digging in to and they are just alphabetical on here so apple birch Juniper Maple. I highlighted anything over 5%. So apple for the 2012 Presidential has a seat bias of 6.7% in favor of democrats and a lopsided margin of 5.6. Birch has lopsided margin 8.5 for the 2012 election but otherwise those stay the same. Juniper and Maple both have pretty high efficiency gaps for the 2020 and the 2016 election depending on the year depends on what party it favors but both of them are over 11%. So Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One of the things from my own understanding one of the things when we looked at these, if it's a swing right if it's not as stable let's say, well, sorry. My language is really it's hard. I'm not sure I understand it totally. You highlighted some things here. Do either of these swing and it's proportional? Like when there is an election that is won by the republicans and it's overwhelming statewide majority does it also swing that way? Or is that a -- can you help me understand? I apologize. I wish I knew the right questions. I'm just trying to understand the highlights here, are they just sort of like watch out? Right, there is not does that mean they are actually a positive thing? Help me understand the highlights or what are you seeing when you look at this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: When I look at this, I want to know the why. And when I dug into what, the why is, when you look and is sort the different maps by safe republicans, safe democratic and swing districts, the maps that swing a lot have a lot of swing districts that are inaccurately in my opinion being characterized as one party or another. So you may have like three districts that are 50.1 democratic which are being characterized as democratic but they are not really democratic districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: They are not safe democratic districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They are not democratic but swing and so more of the swing have more districts. The maps that are more stable done have as many swing districts or the number of swing districts are balanced. So maybe you have four safe republican,

four safe democratic and then two slightly leaning republican, two slightly leaning democratic so they are balanced. So when you have an election where there is a swing it's not as dramatic.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Another way we could consider doing it, since there are eight, is pull up a blank map and put the overlay on it. And spend 15 minutes looking at each one and decide kind of use that as the decision maker also. There may be ones that we just don't like the looks of and others that we really like the looks of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'll motion to do just that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Restate it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's make a blank map, put up the overlay of all eight maps, discuss the differences between them and on an idea basis and move forward with a more robust discussion on the ones that we decide we like best.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like you guys are saying two different things you say look at all the maps and you say do the overlays? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have all eight shape files loaded up except for one where that was loaded up that was called the ten 24 updated Congressional plan. I've never seen that plan. So I don't have it. I just have what's in the list here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That would not be one of our 1024 I don't know what that is. All of our plans were like 1013 so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right on the spreadsheet you brought up momentarily ago and listed in there Congressional plans that is one of the eight I don't have that plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay it might just be a typo. All right so the motion Commissioner Lett could you restate, please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sure. Commissioner it's motioned now but to look at, bring up the blank plan, put the shape file on of each one of the eight and look at them for about 15 minutes to just look and discuss and move on to the next one and decide from that if we are going to further look at or change any particular plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That is restating and I second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it's Steve -- Commissioner Eid's motion seconded by Commissioner Lett we will do what Kent has done right now where he has a blank template up and he is putting shape files over it to look at it and decide what we think about this plan and then move on. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would just like the names that we know them by the tree names stated when that is up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll do it to the best of my abilities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So any other discussion or debate on the motion? I think it's good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Straight off the list.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we are going to vote on that motion made by Commissioner Eid seconded by Commissioner Lett. And I don't see any discussion and debate so all in favor please raise your hand and say aye. Opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and that's what we are going to do. So what do we have up here.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies Madam Chair Commissioner Eid can you clarify your vote?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Aye.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, Commissioner Wagner can you state what your vote was?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Sorry I was muted it was aye.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so Kent which map do we have opened right now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looking at apple 10521V1DW Dustin's plan. I have each one up here and I did notice that for the most part the first four which are apple birch Maple Juniper all had the same boundary right through here, this boundary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I will just turn, we can kind of do them three at a time, see how they are identical? Even in the Midland area?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And they continue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So this is apple, birch and Maple is that what you put up right now? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is apple, birch, Maple and Juniper. And you can see this boundary is the same for all four of those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All four of them have the same Midland, Flint, Genesee Saginaw Bay District. The differences start showing up as we well know Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids. There is still a lot of similarity around Detroit but there are differences in there so to go back one more time I'm going to turn them off going backwards. And this is Juniper being turned off. So Juniper is the magenta that we see. As we know from

north of here, they are all the same. So that is Juniper. And magenta and then the next one is Maple, 1007DC Doug Clark's. So he is -- that plan is in Navy blue and as you can see it's very similar to the green plan that's under except just in the Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oakland County it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: North of Detroit I'm sorry Oakland, Macomb, right around through that area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now we are 1008V1 which is birch. Which we know is all you know Flint, north on the east is the same. But you can see the differences in there. And there again we saw they are very similar to birch, Maple and Juniper have a lot of similarities. And finally the first one we started with, which is the apple plan, I'll turn that off and I'm going to go back through birch is coming on. That's the birch. That's not the best color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you put Maple over that? I think those maps are mostly the same. DC.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maple after that. You can see Maple, in fact, the only place, we should probably take Maple and birch is that what I'm looking at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maple and birch.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The only places is that Sterling Heights through the top of Oakland and Farmington Hills is just some differences in there. So you can see where it splits Oakland to the left, right of Oakland is split. Farmington Hills, Sterling Heights. That's the big thing between Maple and birch.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can you put apple over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Apple is the first plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which there again and then it has differences significant differences over in Flint and Grand Rapids. I think the big thing about this plan would be the fact that there is a column District from Kalamazoo to Grand Rapids. I mean just observationally that is significantly different from the other plans. Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So since Maple and birch are pretty similar can we take off one of them? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so I turned apple off. Now we have on the three which are birch, Maple, Juniper.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I was going to say, I want to see Juniper so Juniper is the blue.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Magenta is Juniper. So and then so the only difference between them is in Detroit and north of Detroit. So we will just go right to there and just look at them that way. So green was birch. Trying to blank it up. I will make it thicker or darker. So the green right through here is your birch. Turn that off. Then we have the blue which is Maple. And the magenta which is Juniper. And those three plans is

how they dice up the Detroit and you know somewhat north through Oakland and just across Sterling Heights, Macomb.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So just compare and contrast these three maps that he has up, the only difference is really seem to be Oakland County and Detroit. In the green outline which I believe is birch. There is no -- so the -- how can I communicate this? It does two things. One is that there is no part of like southern Oakland County that goes up with the thumb. And in order to do that Troy is put with Macomb County. Whereas in the Juniper map there is a part I believe of Milford that is up with the thumb. But Troy is put with Oakland County. And that one also has Southfield being with Detroit, rather than parts of Macomb County being with Detroit. You can see that in the little blue part that goes up over 8 mile road. But I believe those are the only differences on these. If anyone sees any other differences, talk about them now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Juniper doesn't have the northern part of the Bangla Town Bangladesh in with the rest of Hamtramck.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Juniper. No. This would be Maple.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's either birch or Maple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Maple. This is Juniper. That's Juniper.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, so rather than putting keeping the Bangladeshi community together it splits them and Southfield in with Dearborn in Detroit and part of Detroit and Livonia and Westland. And Garden City. Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, I would like to hear what Brittini and Juanita have to say about this because that is where the differences are.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well I kind of like the Juniper map. This one here. What is this the Maple? Is this the Maple? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the Juniper.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I thought it was the Maple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No ma'am. Maple is, I'm going to turn this on. The Maple is in blue now. It is Taylor and this District up to Warren, Royal Oak area up to Grosse Pointe.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: I prefer Juniper.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'm going to turn Juniper on and Maple off. Juniper is here. This District goes over to Romulus but doesn't go up into Royal Oak. And probably some differences there. I will turn them both on. No, that is wrong, Maple is coming on now. You can see the Maple is blinking in blue. And you can see Warren Royal Oak they are significant differences. And then Romulus Taylor.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this District runs the best I can tell up through, yep, runs the blue District runs from Warren down to Taylor.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The pink one runs more from the Detroit area to Macomb, correct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The pink one stays right on Macomb County line, comes down through Detroit and goes over and gets Romulus to makeup this population change.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That would be my personal preference.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What map is this? This one? Juniper? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Maple we are looking at right now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is Juniper.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is Juniper.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That is the one I like.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Pink is Juniper, Maple is blue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Birch is green.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I like Juniper too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't like how it cuts the Bangladeshi community. I'm honestly not crazy with Southfield with Dearborn either. I do not think that is a great combination.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't think Detroit should go with anything else but Macomb in the Congressional. So we can switch things up, but I specifically I'm going to speak to what I like about Juniper is the Detroit configuration.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So you said you don't think Detroit should go with Macomb or you do think Detroit should go with Macomb.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I like this map is with Macomb. I like the Detroit configuration in the Juniper map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But that is why I'm confused. Detroit is not with Macomb with this.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: On our screen it's really, really, really, really small. Like so I like this configuration in Juniper. I'll just say it that way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Request for birch did I hear?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's the.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Birch is now in green. And it's more similar to what Maple is, yeah. Maple and birch are very similar in the Detroit, in the fact they go up to Royal Oak, they cross into Macomb County.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe the primary difference between birch and Maple is that the Maple, the birch plan puts Highland area in with Oakland County. Whereas the Maple plan pulls that up into the thumb. That was the change between those two, yeah, you see how Highland goes up with the rest of the thumb? Whereas with the birch plan, Highland and Milford are in with Oakland County instead of being mixed with the rest of the thumb. Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, we are at the order of the day for lunch and I'm hungry. And we've looked at these three which is a little different than what Commissioner Eid and myself had suggested. But let's go to lunch and come back and look at the next three or whatever, kind of the same process seems to be working.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sounds fantastic. Okay.

It is currently 12:59, it is time for our recess. Hearing no objections we are going to stand in recess for one hour. And we will come back at 2:00 p.m. Hearing no objections we recess at 12:59 p.m. Thank you, everybody.

[Lunch recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:04 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

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

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 COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt. Before we went on the break, we were looking at Congressional maps but before we move on to one thing, we do have an order of business we need to take care of with the Senate map we approved. The map needs to be renumbered because the numbering is not, I don't think consistent starting from Detroit moving up from 1-38. So at this time I would entertain a motion to direct Kent to renumber the districts to make sure they are consistent 1-38 from Detroit going to the UP so we don't have areas where maybe we have a 10 surrounded by differing areas. So.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will second that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I thought it was to start in the UP for 1 and go south.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One is in Detroit and goes the other way.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The other point I wanted to make was the when we do the change, we need to have a cross reference. What we changed to what. Because all the comments are based on what it is today. So we need to ensure we have that available to us.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. So General Counsel did you have any comments on that?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair. Yes, the conversion table and that is why the Commission was encouraged to wait to the end of the process for renumbering because we do have all the previous rationale in the rationale or tracking forms from the draft proposed maps and everything is associated with the current numbering. After the renumbering we will be able to tract that effectively.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I see this being a problem with the house but should we look at what the districts are numbered for the maps that were drawn ten years ago and kind of somewhat mimic that direction?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is basically what I'm saying start with Detroit and go north to the Upper Peninsula 1-38 make sure they are consistent the closest on the river should be one and goes out. That is what I'm moving and I'm directing you to do that, that will be the request of the Commission to do that on your own and you don't have to sit there and do it in front of us and you seconded the motion. Any discussion or debate on the motion? All right all in favor of renumbering the Senate plan to make sure it is

consistent with 1-38 raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay. All right the ayes prevail so Kent in your spare time because I know you have abundant spare time you can accomplish that renumbering that would be fantastic so we can publish the maps and people can follow what the districts are. Going back to the Congressional before the break we looked at the collaborative Congressional maps. I think Commissioner Lett was suggesting we move on to the individual ones at this point. Okay so can we bring up that blank map again and put on the overlays for the individuals? And unless anyone has objection, I don't want to advance my map at this point so I'm fine not putting that one up unless someone has an objection to it. I'm comfortable with the other maps we have so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Four collaborative plans we have been going over, just to refresh a little bit. The apple plan is the one in red. And the biggest really the biggest difference is that apple plan and the western part of the state is this magenta line all the other plans are these District, are in the same place over here. So really the apple is different from all the others in this area. And then there is the Detroit area where each plan is slightly different but not all that different. The next four plans which are the individual members and we can bring them up in combination or turn off all these first is that what we want to do maybe?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so because I think it's going to be confusing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep, because I had to use some of the same color. So this is 101121BJC. This is of course that is not 143 it's 101321RL. A good bit of difference again. And then the ten 1221 Eid plan version 6, well y'all can see for yourself the difference. And then we will throw up the ten 1321.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You don't need to put that up, it's similar to birch with one change so no need to put it up. One less.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To get stacked on top of each other. Unlike the previous plans, you know, we have 1, 2, all three of them are different across the top. We have basically two in the Midland area. We can see which two it is. All right. So DJC is the red line. With Midland to the left. RL plan the Rhonda plan I'm going to cutoff, so this green plan and the blue plan are the same in the Midland area. In the Midland area, difference up here but still not great. And then what's left here is the Eid version six plan. For the upper part. I'm going to turn them.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kent do you mind going to the Detroit area for the Eid plan? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, let me light them all back up one more time and I'm going to go down in the Detroit area, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: When you light it up it looks like a Christmas tree but okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I want to do is get the top half of the state kind of you can see the subtle differences through here. And significant in the Grand Rapids.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a question for each of the Commissioners of these plans. Can you tell us if you started off of one of our collaborative maps or if you started fresh or what the plan was?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you overlay Eid and Juniper on top of each other? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just Eid and Juniper?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think that will answer the question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Juniper is that one. So the Eid plan is in blue. And the AE plan is in magenta. Oh, and the Detroit proper this is pretty much the same. Census block here or there or precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It had the just about the same configuration for Metro Detroit that Juniper had including Southfield with parts of Detroit, Dearborn, Livonia and then having the rest of Detroit not cross 8 mile road. And then having Troy be with Oakland County. Instead of Macomb County. The downside for this and how it contrasts from the birch map is it does have a part of Oakland County, the Milford area that goes up into the thumb. So pros and cons. And then the west side of the state is so that's the same as Juniper. The Lansing District is essentially the same. As Juniper. The border District is essentially the same only it goes all the way across. What is different is the Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo districts. This has Kalamazoo put in a District with Battle Creek and Grand Rapids put in a District with Muskegon. Which only splits Ottawa County once instead of twice. And I think those are about the only differences here. And Midland is with the Tri-Cities as it is on the Juniper and birch maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And what other individual maps do we have? Commissioner Clark? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could you bring up the Maple map? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Maple map is the third one down.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Overlay it with my Clark Congressional plan.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have the DJC plan lit up here. And in red. So right now that plan is the Maple.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to turn on the DJC plan is that what you wanted?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, 101121CDDJC. I think the only change was up in the Midland area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is some in the Detroit, but.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Maybe there was. Up in the Midland area what I did was moved Midland to Midland Township over to the west. And had them together with the western states. And then what did I do down in Detroit? Can you expand that a little? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I'll just turn off. That is the Juniper, no, that is the Maple plan, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then I'm going to turn on the DJC plan and that's the red area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, yeah, I know we took part.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe this is similar to someone else's.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I took Birmingham and moved it over in with Troy I believe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah. In the red plan it's in here, yeah, this is the.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the difference, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is the big difference. I mean I did some other small things. I probably did some other small things just to balance out population. But, yeah, any way in the individual plan the numbers as far as being below .5% per District it complies for every District. As does Anthony's individual plan. And let's flip over to Grand Rapids area. I think I left that the same.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It is the same.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's the same. Grand Rapids is not integrated with Muskegon. It's Grand Rapids and some of the Counties surrounding it. But that comes from the other plan. I just kept it, I prefer doing it that way. So that's the biggest thing. I think the significance of it is percentages are below .5 for every District and all the numbers look good. The efficiency gap and so forth all look good so I was happy with this. Any comments? I don't think there is anything.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay obviously.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: UP and I don't know what Steve is talking about.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can you roll up to the UP to see if there is any changes to the UP, I don't think you had any changes up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a line.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Reminder to Commissioners not to speak over each other, it makes it difficult for our interpreters. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Am I free to go now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just asking wanted to be sure, mine did not go off a collaborative map and I based mine on population the VRA guidelines we were given

and communities of interest I felt were not represented in the collaborative maps such as keeping Ottawa County whole. I did a compromise in the Midland Tri-Cities area. I kept the Tri-Cities together. But I also did the Tittabawassee watershed. I felt that that was a compromise that could be done by keeping them all whole. And it's not perfect by no means obviously. But the numbers worked out. And everybody has had a chance to see it. And I cannot honestly say again for the Detroit area I'm not overly familiar. There was a couple of good comments on it for certain areas, but I do believe it could have been better in the Detroit area. I'm just not familiar with Detroit. So that's pretty much it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Question Rhonda. The Detroit area, did you do that from scratch as well?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I did.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You did not base that off of any other maps.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No I based it off from public comment and sticking to the VRA guidelines given to us.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My second question is each of the District below .5%?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I know what the overall plan deviation is. I don't have it up in front of me right now. So I couldn't tell you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can look later.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: If you can see it from there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you bring up I think it's the overview?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Her's is .17% deviation. She is fine. None of our Congressional plans are over .5. None of them.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What is that at?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Her's is at .17%.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just one District or all the District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The whole thing the plan deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm not talking about plan deviation I'm talking about each individual District are they all .5?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They would have to be to have that point deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks Rhonda.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's more than the numbers comparing ideas and sort of that yeah just the different shapes I think are useful to understand.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. Have we looked at everybody's? I think we have Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Eid? Commissioner Lange? Where would you like to go from here, guys? We have four collaborative maps and three at this point Congressional, individual. 7 total the metrics as I mentioned before for birch and apple are the best. Brittini, there you are, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I might be jumping the gun but I don't think so and anticipating the question I would prefer to move forward with Commissioner Eid's map because I think he did a good job, it shows in the Detroit area and I like the numbers in his map are great as well. So that would be my preference. That again like I said for you know our Senate map that doesn't mean that we can't pull ideas from other maps. But I think Commissioner Eid's map should be the basis.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Before we do that one of the things that Anthony Skinnell has mentioned more than once is we I want to see if you can get a read on P on this map P8155? Because he does have a different east west split in Detroit. He does keep the many of the just looking at the two it's the two primary Detroit districts, our number one and two in the Detroit area. And because of that Bangladeshi community and I know Commissioner Eid's map he was not able to do it but I think it's just worth a look P8155 to see if you like that one. Again he has the whole map drawn but I just want to look at these two districts because it does, I really want to try to keep that Bangladeshi community together which goes in Macomb if possible. If the rest of it is a better split. That is all I'm looking at the east west split the two districts and want your opinion Commissioner Curry and Kellom on that but I don't know how to pull it up it's P8155.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I wouldn't be opposed to doing that but you would have to pull in the entire map so we can take a look into all the different things that we're looking into like VRA and look at the numbers and partisan fairness.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Totally agree. I'm looking at ideas at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Never mind.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just the idea that is all, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Rothhorn what is the number of the map again please?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: P8155. Yes, here it is. So it does go up in the Macomb area and it looks to me like it's split and west of Woodward. But it's got that, yeah, Down River Area and it just worth, again, it's the redder District or magenta one east and west is what I'm asking your opinions on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It appears to me that the pink one is not contiguous because it goes down further south.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's a water block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A couple plans may have something stray like that and no population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you waiting for Commissioner Kellom's feedback or? Yeah, any further direction, what would you like MC?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, let's go Commissioner Curry I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I was just trying to see where is the apartment building in the historic District? Is that the borderline for the end of Detroit? Or do I go past this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It goes past that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can I see what it looks like, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There we go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The communities I was looking for were the Palmer Park in particular the Bangladeshi community the Latin community, I'm thinking of some of the neighborhoods and just in general like the list that we took from again I don't have a tuned in eye, but it looks like it might help us with a different split. I don't know if it helps us with regard to the Arab the Dearborn area. There is lots of numbers I want to run but again it's the idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I kind of like this map though. It looks decent.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What is the portal number again so I can look at it on my end without looking through the Zoom screen please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: P8155.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I like it. I like that one also.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So I like kind of what we are doing but I'm also kind of skeptical and cautious as to what we are doing right now. We have not brought up any one's map to this level of scrutiny making changes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Someone asked for it though.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The difference here Commissioner Eid's map does not go above Macomb and for me what is important is to before we say that we can't go above the Macomb like the 8 mile line, that is what I'm trying to do. Do we need to stay within Detroit? And can our Detroit Commissioners help me understand, do we need to stay with that 8 mile to sort of make a good Detroit map? This one goes above it and that is what I'm asking. That is the idea I'm looking for specifically as possible.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I'll wait.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom and then Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Just to go back a little bit the reason I thought we could have tweaked our Senate map a little bit better in Detroit so that was the reason why I voted no. I'm mentioning that because the reason why I like Commissioner Eid's map is because it's sticking within Detroit. I'm not saying that we need to do that also. But it's kind of like this push and pull of staying within those lines. So I personally would still prefer Commissioner Eid's map as a basis. And I'm going to say that that is clear. I'm going to continue to look for ways that the Detroit community can be inclusive because we've already done weird things. So moving forward my stance is going to be

that we keep them together. But then create representation by pulling in some of those suburbs when we have to, not because we are just doing it, if that makes any sense. I really want to be intentional and being responsive to the things that we've heard.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I have a comment on that. So with the birch map and I think we had another one before that, maybe the Maple has the same configuration. We very intentionally went north of 8 mile because we were trying to keep the Bangladeshi community together. We very intentionally went south of Delray because we were trying to keep the Latino community together. So those choices were not made without thought into them. And with both the Juniper map and Anthony's map you do I think conclude the Latino but you do cut out the Bangladeshi community. So those additions weren't made just for kicks and giggles. It was because we were trying to accommodate communities of interest along with the Detroit area. Commissioner Eid? And then Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry Commissioner Curry you are next I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You guys got to remember I'll lose my thought, take too long. But any how I like the Juniper and I like this 8155, P-8155 map. I like both of them. I mean, just to see them side by side I probably would like to see it but I'm not going to go through all that. It's just a matter of just kind of getting it critiqued to be where we can kind of you know where everybody is getting kind of pleased in it. What people have been asking for. That we can just meet it on either this map or that map. But both of them look good. The Juniper and Eid's map, this 8155 and Eid's map look good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes and then I'm sorry Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I think we have three pretty good choices that we can take and edit further during this deliberation process. The apple map, the birch map and this I hate calling it the Eid map because we done have another name for it so I will just call it that. I agree with what you just said Commissioner Szetela that was purposeful. But you know, I think in the grand scheme of things the Bangladesh community of interest is rather small population wise compared to the number of people in this Congressional map being, you know, 770,000. So there are pros and cons on each way. Just depends how you want to look at it. It might be worse for the Bangladesh but better for the Detroit community including Southfield with Detroit might be better for Black people in Detroit in the suburbs. So there are pros and cons. It just depends what we go with. But I think having those three choices two of which have the District going above 8 mile and then a third that doesn't and then we can collaborate and make the changes on those three might be a good way to go forward.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I yield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just have a quick question. Anthony, you just said you were talking about the three maps and you said birch.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Apple and Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But I think Juanita was saying Juniper.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just wanted to clarify.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's like Eid is the Juniper improved basically. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One of the things we ought to keep in mind this is a Congressional map. And people like the Bangladesh people get more influence locally, State Senate, State House. People in Washington they are more into just allocating money to the state then it gets distributed out through the budget. This is my opinion of it. So I don't think we have to be as sensitive to some of these ethnic groups. We do have to be sensitive to inner Detroit. But to me it's a matter of funding coming out of Washington and that is what those people's jobs are that and to create public policy which is something that's done throughout the 50 states. So I think we should keep that in mind as we go along.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we Zoom into Oakland County Wayne County border? Okay, yeah, I'm just curious like where Pontiac is going. Because like in the birch map we have Pontiac and Southfield together again very deliberately to try to increase minority representation. And I'm just wondering I'd be curious to see what the minority numbers are with that configuration with Pontiac by itself with all those other predominately white communities. I feel like Pontiac is maybe being a little orphaned in this map too. And again I apologize for all the popping behind us. It's the heaters.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It appears to me in four collaborative map, which map did you want to focus on? If we start at the top and there is Pontiac right there, there is apple. There is birch. There is the Maple. And finally Juniper. It really looks like Pontiac is centered up in all of them or close to it. Relatively to say. Then we come to DJC it's very similar to you know that boundary right there. Pontiac is kicked up on this plan. Pontiac is more associated northerly rather than in here. All the other districts plans that was in this area. Then finally the Eid version has Pontiac Oakland, this area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My opinion looking at the four independent maps I really support what Anthony has done on his. I think he has got the metrics right. I have a couple things I'd like to discuss as we get to it, one being Muskegon and Grand Rapids. The other being Midland but other than that I think it's one we should bring up on our list and talk about today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so Eid map.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Is that what we are calling it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well we don't have another name for it, we can call it something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Eid map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we should call it something else honestly because everything else has sort of Sarah what were you proposing like flowers or something? Or are we just going to.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I love insight from your General Counsel on this in the naming convention. But the thought process behind naming individual maps after Commissioners was so that it was distinct from collaborative maps. But if the Commission were to adopt this map and put it forward after making any additional tweaks, I think that would make it a collaborative map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Which would merit a tree name. So I think you all could come up with a good one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so if we advance it and make changes to it, we will probably rename it I would think go ahead Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you. I agree with Anthony. I think the apple, birch and to give it an insect name the mosquito.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, my God, Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can take a look at those three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And make whatever changes, tweaks we think would be appropriate and, secondly, we could advance all three if we get them down to the point that we kind of like all three. And are undecided on which one we want to eventually vote on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That sounds good to me as well. I am just as a matter of narrowing things down I'm wondering do we want to advance the apple map? Because that is the one that has the Grand Rapids Kalamazoo split. Is it the feeling of the body that we want to advance that? Because I feel like that is an easy one to distinguish. Commissioner Rothhorn, yes, Commissioner Rothhorn then Commissioner Witjes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The idea behind this one for me is important is that sort of keeping you know trying to respect that the so many people in Ottawa County were like just wanted to have that. So I think the idea is good. Yeah, I'm not convinced that the Grand Rapids Kalamazoo piece is the best one. But the idea I do want to hold on to the idea and see if we can, yeah, do something there with the west coast Ottawa County in particular.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was about to say the same thing. But I'm going to be bias because I drew it. So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I incorporated it based on your map so it's a good District.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would say those three that Commissioner Lett brought or suggested we bring forward are good ones to make changes to then we can probably get it down to one or two after that to bring forward for the 45 day comment period.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would also point out Commissioner Eid's map does have to splits in Ottawa where the birch I think has three so his map is an improvement as well. So okay so it sounds like we are in favor of moving forward with three. So Eid, birch and apple. Do we want to rename Commissioner Eid's map with a different name at this point since we are Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move to make his map named beach for beach tree.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No. The only reason I would say no is that came up once before and we have a Peach map as well and we were concerned it was too similar.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Box elder.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is an awful tree how about chestnut. It's nice and strong. The rest of them are trees. So.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can distinguish among we which were independent and which weren't.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are going to know.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I recommend Spartan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are introducing bias.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We can make another one Wolverine and another one Chippewa.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Too soon. Leave it alone, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What did she say?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Too soon the loss is too painful.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Since he has a lion's hat on call it the lion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Chestnut a Native American tree. It's nice and strong.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Y'all got jokes today.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I can draw my motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Chestnut it is. So we now have Chestnut. And birch and apple moving forward. Where would you like to start making revisions on the maps? Want to start with apple? Erin's hand is up. Commissioner Wagner go ahead. We should probably vote on do we need to vote General Counsel do we need to vote?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, no, if I'm oriented properly where you are in your mapping process, the Commission is just decided by a consensus which ones the maps they are going to look at, talk about, make adjustments to if necessary and start the process. No, I think proceed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right, Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I don't see any compromise for the Midland people that want to stay with Isabella and forgive me I have a head cold Gladwin County in these maps at all. So I would like to consider Commissioner Lange's and maybe tweak it in the Detroit area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any thoughts, comments?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm okay with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any other thoughts, discussions are we including Rhonda's map? Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can't we just tweak what is it Midland that she is concerned about and Grand Rapids?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Can't we just tweak it and leave it like it is or whatever. We do so much wasting of time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I thought yesterday we talked about perhaps having a compromise with Midland in the house map. Which I still think we should do. And I think it's possible to do that while maintaining partisan balance if you change a couple other things. This isn't personal at all but I do not like this map. I think it's very different from the other three that are you know more all pretty similar to each other. And in more ways than not. I don't -- I just don't like this map personally.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Vallette then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well I agree with Commissioner Curry. Can't we just take one of these three and give an alternative Midland and then we do have an alternative?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. You mean by the three you mean apple, birch and Chestnut, yes, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think Rhonda has some good ideas on this map. And I the biggest thing I have against it is that Detroit wasn't done to the specifications that we had done the others to. And that means a lot of work to make that happen. So what I would suggest rather than promoting the map having Rhonda maybe identify two of the three most important things she has done on this map that made her do these things. And then we will incorporate that into it or discuss incorporating it into one of the others.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I've said this before I just don't think we should it's not about Commissioner Lange's map or anyone, but advancing any map that performs so poorly I think is a disservice and is wasting our time. I really think we should move forward with a stronger map. And then make tweaks. We've had the Mitt land discussion. I've shared my opinion regarding this idea of compromise. I think we are a great group. But this part of our process is not about feelings. It's about producing the

best work. And so if someone's idea is not highlighted, it's not our job to try and up lift that. If it comes from a poor place. I think we really have to stop doing that. And it's not personal but I see this happening when there is a -- we move to a decision and there is another suggestion we try to acquiesce and it's not productive and I don't think it's our job.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange then Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Well it's completely not personal for me. Pretty much when you look at Central Michigan that is the area which I live. That's the area I took into account the most. We had almost a thousand comments on Ottawa County about keeping it whole. That's what I did. Mason County wanted to remain whole. That's what I did. We had public comment that wanted Osceola and Clare County together. That is what I did. We had comment that wanted Clare and Isabella together and that is what I did. Along with the colleges the Gratiot and Isabella wanting to be together. The Isabella with Gratiot, Mecosta County and the compromise for the Tri-Cities. So it's not about me. It's about knowing my area, which other Commissioners that live in certain areas have said the same thing about their areas. So this is taking into account the public comment in my area. And it's not personal. So I'll just throw that in there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I think the problem with that Rhonda is that the Detroit area is the area that took the most time and the most effort to get right. And as you've mentioned yourself you don't know a lot about it and it was sort of an afterthought in this map. Your focus is clearly on the rural areas which is your area of expertise. And I think for us to try to make changes to this to bring it into closer compliance with what we have done with the collaborative maps would be extremely difficult and time consuming and we simply don't have time. We just don't. We have four days. To get this through this and the house map. I think the easier route to go would be what was suggested by Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Vallette is that if you want to make an alternative map to incorporate some changes where we are already working off a Detroit area which is solid, I think that's a lot easier of a go for everybody than to try to take this map and try to fold it in with a bunch of Detroit changes. I just don't think we have the time honestly to do it. Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Actually I just inadvertently left my hand up but since we are doing this then I would fully support Commissioner Lange incorporating the Detroit in with what she is doing with Midland. Having lost my home I feel for these people. And I don't want to see them go by the wayside.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. Commissioner Lange I see you raising your hand again.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: You guys just proceed. I'm not going to let everybody get all up in arms. Just proceed. It is what it is. We have all heard the public comment. We've all heard about communities of interest. If those communities of interest end up being ignored it will be on us. And I mean it is what it is. Just proceed with whatever it

is that you want to proceed with. I'm not saying anything one way or another. I didn't even recommend my map go forward. So just proceed. We are wasting time.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Rhonda do you have other maps do we have other maps that you made for us? Don't we have about three of your maps? I'm asking a question.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No we have two I did a Senate and a Congressional that's it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Are we using any of her maps?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We did not use her Senate map. We did not use the Senate map.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, okay, well is there any way we can tweak this Midland area where we can just kind of keep from losing time and maybe tweak it some and then come back to it if we have time left? Or whatever to make a whole new thing is kind of tiring.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom did you have a comment on that? I saw your hand come up and come down and come up and come down.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I really want us to move on and I'm going to say this bravely and speaking for myself I'm not comfortable at all with Lange's map and discriminatory and she will find offense and I'm tired of it being in this discussion and I mean that with all of my heart.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: With all due respect nothing we've done is discriminatory. We've done the best effort we could to make things happen the way we.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I said Commissioner Lange's map, I'm talking about an individual's map. And it keeps in the discussion and it is literally throwing a monkey wrench into our progress. We move on and make a decision and we are back to Commissioner Lange's map.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I know we have a lot of discussion here but I guess my thinking for me why don't we take, we have an apple map with very good deviation numbers let's compare the maps that they are talking about who which one has the best numbers, maybe that is the map we should go with. I was under the understanding that maybe one of the other maps be built upon that and that is where we came up with the apple map. So can we just compare the numbers maybe and have a way to go forward here. We are spend agree lot of time.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hold on I'm going to share that spreadsheet I had before. So this is the spreadsheet I had up before. This is apple, birch and our newly named Chestnut. Showing the metrics for partisan fairness obviously the rest of the metrics we covered when we were building these plans so we already know what the VRA levels

and all of that. Population deviations are about the same. The same is apple as you see in the note Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo together. The birch has Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo separate with Ottawa County divided into three. The Chestnut is Anthony's configuration off of Juniper the jumping off point is Juniper with the 8 mile line for Detroit, Southfield and Dearborn and Inkster, is that right? Pontiac is in with Oakland County and you also have a different configuration and splits Ottawa County twice instead of three times. If you can see on the metrics the apple has a pretty significant deviation for 2012 Presidential election. It has a democratic bias of 6.7% 8-5 seats. The Eid and birch maps are fairly similar with Eid having a little bit better metrics for efficiency gap a little higher for mean median virtually indistinguishable on those points.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Weiss mentioned that apple was a collaboration after doing other maps and I'd like to bring to his attention it was the first one done. Apple was the first map at it and then these other plans very some of them spun off from that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you Kent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that what you're looking for Commissioner Weiss? Is that helpful? Commissioner Eid, Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: My recollection of apple is a little different. We had other maps first and then the configuration that had Kalamazoo with Grand Rapids was made in a collaborative session. I don't think it was our first draft or anything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not mean to infer that. Out of awful the plans um here it was done at least a minimum of two days before any other plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think it was kind of a jumping off point. Commissioner Clark and then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe Commissioner Orton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She was pointing at you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I suggest we just start with one of these maps. And I would prefer to start with Chestnut. I have good things to say about Chestnut in addition to the metrics of the 13 districts he did, that Anthony did, three of them could go either way. So that's a big percentage given that the north is, you know, taking a couple of those districts away. You know that is probably 25-30% of the districts are that way. So and we have not talked about that. So I think that is significant. I still think there could be some changes to it. But I would suggest we just start with that one and move forward so we can get this thing done today.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right so let's start with Chestnut which is formally known as Commissioner Lett go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I agree. Looking at the numbers, this is practically a pick em. And it's going to be a matter of us looking at each individual map and saying okay we want to change Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo or we want to change Midland, Midland City or whatever. That's it. So let's go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep. Do we want to keep apple too? Okay, all right so let's start with Chestnut and let me stop sharing so Kent can start sharing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If we start with Chestnut want me to -- I'm going to copy this plan, this plan that I have highlighted and that will be the beginning of Chestnut; is that correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is apple but he has shape files up from when we were comparing. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: As we bring up Chestnut I would like to when we start take a look at the numbers I just referenced, those three districts and Anthony can probably speak to them best. But they are very close to going either way in any election. So if you could highlight that and then we can talk about things we may want to change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So do we want to go back to our list from what we talked about the other day? So yeah, let's be systematic and so the first would be Detroit area. So let's start there. Zoom in. And the number one was Bangla Town adding in those two precincts which is not going to be an issue with this map because they are already included. The next is palmer Woods Palmer Park including them up with Royal Oak for the LBGQT community so I think you need to Zoom in a little bit. Where is it? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Give me some direction here, are we talking is it more south or more north.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: South, you got to go south.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ferndale is right there so it's right on that borderline. Yeah, that is it right there. That area so do we want to move that up for the Congressional map? Or do we just want to say we addressed it for the Senate map. It was already included. Do we want to address it in the District map? On the Congressional map?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. So do you have the neighborhood overlay Kent? Because I think that would be helpful and Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Knowing the population count that we are talking about moving might be helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The neighborhoods are in the dark. Do we need to label these?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sure wood forest.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Palmer Woods and south is Palmer Park. So you would have to take, can you pull up a little on the map so we can see how far Palmer Park goes down.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It goes down to 6 mile.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Okay you can Zoom out a touch. So can you select use the select box and select by precincts or blocks? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And just tell us what the population is if we were to grab the sliver and pull it up into 3? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: While he is doing that, I want to make a comment. My preference from what I'm seeing is because we are working at such a high level 775,000, and it's more important to keep Detroit whole rather than take a piece of it and move it off into another District. I don't know what we will accomplish at a Congressional level doing what we are trying to do right here. I think.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I agree with you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The Senate and the house, I agree. But not this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I just want to see but I think my instinct is you are probably correct, it's too small of a population for a Congressional map to make a difference. So 4,000 people. Out of a population of 775 I don't think -- and like I said we did accommodate this already on the Senate map and we can come back to it for the house map unless there is a strong feeling we should incorporate this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Were you considering putting it in 2 or 3?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They have a strong LBGTQ and wanted to be together.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Part of one kind of stuck in here and I don't know if you would want to do something with that maybe but all of that is 17,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think as you said we are accommodating that change on the Senate and probably the house map. And I mean, as Commissioner Clark this is high level stuff and each of these districts I mean unless I mean it's a ten year map it might change but right now all three of them 1, 2 and 3 are clearly democrat districts. So I don't think having that area be in one or another is going to change much of anything. Other than perhaps messing with the population deviation and messing with the compactness. At this point on a Congressional map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah. Other items wed what were Dexter Lynn wood but that is for the house. Comments about the Latino community which we addressed in the Senate map. The neighborhoods of Grandmont, Rosedale, Cornerstone, Morning Side,

East English Village. So those are already together. As is your cornerstone morning side those are already together so we don't need to look at that again. Other issue was South Lyon Novi but I think that only applies the birch map. Yeah, doesn't apply to this map. Okay, API in Novi was for the house map. The Sikh community in Troy Rochester Hills so what can we look at Troy and Rochester Hills and see how they are configured in this map? So you have Troy whole. But Rochester Hills is separate. Any thoughts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: This is one of like the pro-cons thing. Troy being with the western Oakland County, something that we heard quite a lot of preference to when we were at OU a little while ago. But the con that comes with this is what Commissioner Vallette has spoken about. You have those Townships a little bit more to the left going up with District 10. So those would be my thoughts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any other thoughts? Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I also don't think that Milford Highland and those other Township belong to go all the way up with the thumb. I mean, the people that live in that area actually think the thumb area is up north. You know, it's not anything like their community.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Kellom.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, relative to the Sikh community, I don't think I live up in that area, I don't think it's real significant and particularly like we've talked about, the population. Not the people. Particularly when we are dealing with at a high level again. That same argument. So and I have no comment on the western part on what Janice talked about a bit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So Kent can you Zoom in again to the Detroit District? I want to see something because it looks like Bagley is split and I don't know about that. Yes, that area. Can you Zoom all the way in? And so my question for the Commissioners I know we talked about this before and I kind of put my foot down but I wanted to start with this map as the basis. I'm also leaning back towards this idea of an east west split that was presented earlier. Just because I think there are some communities, I know we are thinking about neighborhoods but there are some communities that I'm looking at now, we can Zoom if even more Kent I think would be problematic in terms of splitting. So I don't know if that is possible. I have kind of asked a question for you all to consider the overlay that we talked about earlier. I know that would be like going back but I would be more comfortable with trying and seeing that it doesn't work than not trying it at all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering how much a neighborhood split matters in a District side that is 775,000 people. I mean is it that significant that it needs to be changed because the size of the overall District is so large?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Only because I'm very familiar with that area. Like I said I grew up 6 mile and Puritan and have family in green acres palmer Woods area. So it would be a big deal. And I think just looking at just because of how Detroit is configured we could look at setting up the east and the west into kind of two districts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I agree.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Am I on?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You are.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay well I still agree. Deal agree.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I don't know what that would take but it's something I'm strongly offering to the group.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One second. I mean do you have particular suggestions? I mean you're saying an east-west split, but I'm just not sure what you would draw differently because it already does look to be an east-west split.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Romulus, Eastern, Southfield, Warren, Eastpointe, Roseville Clinton Township, that is what I'm saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are talking putting those with 2 and then I guess I'm not following you. At the end of the day I'm not following what you are asking for. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: She is talking a horizontal split rather than a vertical one like we have now.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So for example I'll just take a couple names from Grosse Pointe Farms, going west all the way over to District 2 or whatever and into District 2. I think that is what she is referring to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A north south split, right?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I call it a horizontal, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I misspoke.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: North-south that is what I think she is referring to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay now I'm a little confused because I thought she was talking about something more similar to the map we pulled up from the portal a little while ago.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay let me just keep to what I'm saying because I think what is happening is people are trying to interpret my words and I'm not being clear. So the map that we pulled up from the portal is not that I hated the idea. I wanted to just start from a different place as opposed to because I wasn't sure if we were going to attempt like Commissioner Witjes said to start from a portal map because I thought that was problematic. So it's the same thing that we've kind of been

suggesting. This idea of taking perspectives from other maps and seeing if we can incorporate it into the better map that we have. Does that make any sense? I'm talking about the portal map that was presented earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, it makes sense.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I'm just concerned about I guess if we are going to make those major changes my thought would be let's finish doing the minor changes on this map and then we can potentially save this as an alternative map and you can direct those changes. But I wouldn't want to make such major changes to this map when we have a map that is pretty good if we can just go through and make the smaller changes that were requested and sort of have something that is good and then you can work on further changes if that's what you so desire.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay I yield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Wouldn't that bring the Bangladesh people in when you do it like Brittini says?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It depend on what she ultimately draws. But it could, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, and that is what we are trying to do kill two or three birds with one stone. You can't please all the map people but can please the people who have spoken up. We will be here until next year.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that is what I'm worried about. I want to try to get one good map done then we can start going into these like deeper changes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Then we've got to start agreeing. I guess and stop you know let's see what it looks like and let's get through with this. We spend so much time talking about individual maps and whatever. Let's go for the best way we can do this so we can get through with one map at least. Shouldn't be that complicated especially with all your scholars here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One of the things that we so you've gone through the list is that true?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And then Commissioner Vallette highlighted and I think Commissioner Eid too that there is areas in the thumb and ten that we don't like. Do we want to try to switch that around, do we want to play with that area to see if we can tweak it? Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well the birch map does not have that area like that. So chances are we are going to maybe send two maps or maybe three maps so I'm not opposed to having a map like this and a map like this. I mean and then we will let the public you know weigh in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I like that, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I do think of Commissioners Kellom and Curry feel strongly about you know trying a different change, I mean now would be the time to do the change and see if it works and if it doesn't, we can always come back to it. Yeah so, I guess I say hey let's try it, if it does not work it does not work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would rather work through the list of small changes, make those, get those done and come back to it so we are working off of a base.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay but what do the Commissioners want as a whole?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what we are trying to figure out.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You are just one voice Madam Chair. What do the Commissioners want? We can get enough Commissioners to agree, that is the problem, we need to agree with more than one or two people here and there. That's agree to something as equitable.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to offer without objection can we make small changes are there any objections to starting with small changes?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't know.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's make the small changes and Chair Szetela you have the small changes and we will return to the Detroit map the bigger change. Do we want to have, okay, never mind. Check.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so we have made it through the Detroit list. Lansing in terms of the Congressional map there were no changes that they are proposal or that we agreed we were going to propose. Grand Rapids in terms of we need to look at Cascade on this map and see where it is sitting. Because that was one request that we received. And I think it might be separate isn't it the one in green right there? Yeah, no, that is Caledonia.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 19667.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is one request that Cascade be with Grand Rapids and it is and Ada is with Grand Rapids as well so we don't need to worry about that. There were some comments about Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. Are they together in this map? Which I think is different from some of the other maps, so that is giving us an alternative there. And then that is it for the Grand Rapids area. Gaylord hearing we had of course lots of comments about Midland, Midland City, Midland Township. So this map has them together for the most part. We got a little bit of Midland pulled off Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I have a question and something that I like about this map that I didn't see on the other ones is where Branch County is. I'm just wondering are there any thoughts on that? It's more southern because it kind of has to do with this Midland County we are talking about. I've heard from Commissioners in the past that Branch should be more with mid and Central Michigan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Branch is a border County are you sure you are saying Branch.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I meant Barry my fault.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Benzie and Ross common.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Barry with being Gratiot Isabella Gladwin.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where is it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: A little south, right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It should be where?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I've heard from other Commissioners and heard from Commissioner Lange she would rather it be where it is in this configuration with mid and Central Michigan with Montcalm Ionia Gratiot and Newaygo and I want to make sure it's the case and I did not misrepresent that feeling.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, I think it's fine. All right we did have some other comments about Cheboygan wanting it to go west rather than east. That is all the way at the top of the Mitten. So all the way up to the top. Top of the Mitten. Right there. All right doesn't matter for this map. Ross common, Benzie wanting to be together. Where is Benzie on here, I see Roscommon.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So they are together on this map so not a concern. Sault St. Marie is altogether so that is not a concern. From the Flint hearing we had comments about Oxford and lane Orion on the house maps, this is not a house map. We had comments about keeping Flint whole for the house map this is not a house map. I have something about Caro does anyone know what that comment was or was that the comment earlier? Okay all right those are the small changes for this map. That is what I want to get through. Now we can save this map and now all of those changes we did not make hardly anything will be in both maps if Brittini wants to make changes so that is all I was trying to accomplish so we are all working off the same template.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sounds good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Brittini if you want to make changes go ahead. Can you save like a version one, version two? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me save this, make a copy of it and continue on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What do you have Brittini.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Again Madam Chair I think the changes you made those small changes they were good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Curry. I want to make sure that we have all of them in one map so we don't have to go back and make them again in another map. That doesn't make any sense. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Before we start Brittini and Juanita can we get what the definition is of what you are trying to accomplish with the changes? That would be helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What Brittini is trying to accomplish.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, and Juanita.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's more Brittini than me. But you know, I'll tell you when I see it. I can't just sit up and Brittini has more concerns about the changes than I do. Where is she? Is she still there? Brittini?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think she is still there Commissioner Kellom, are you still there? Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Maybe she stepped off to the rest room or something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She has her video off. She must have walked away. We will give her a second. Maybe she has someone at the door or something. Do we want to go to birch while we wait and we can come back to this? All right Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Why don't we check all those little changes on the list on all three maps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, because they are pretty quick. All right so let's bring up birch so let's bring up the birch map and we will go through that same list, see if there is any changes. All right so going back to Detroit let's Zoom into the Bangla Town area. And I don't think those changes are implicated here either. Because it was south of Highland Park where we had precincts missing. All right so we are good there Dexter Lynn wood is in the house map. Latino community was in the house map. Let's Zoom in to the neighborhoods for a second. In the Detroit area because we need to check Morningside and East English Village are together so that is not an issue. Check Grandmont, Rosedale, which is near Southfield, and see if we have those together, if you could Zoom in a bit. I think we do, but we will double check.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which ones?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rosedale Gardens, Grandmont and run along Southfield freeway so if we could scroll down a little bit. Just trying to find where we are at on the map. A little more. I think, yes, I see Grandmont, Rosedale Park and Rosedale Gardens. They are together, so we are good on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like neighborhoods are together here on this map.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, and that is a good thing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: South Lyon Northville this is the one split that we had been requested to change on the portal. So if you see right now, we have Northville going north with Oakland County. Even though it's in Wayne County then we have South Lyon with everything else in Wayne County even though it's in Oakland County so people were requesting we flip those and it's actually a pretty even flip. Does anyone have any concerns about doing that? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think Northville and Novi are closely associated that is my only concern.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The concern was with Plymouth people were saying Northville is more associated with Plymouth and that it's in Wayne County with Plymouth. They used to originally be one community.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm not familiar.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Brittini is back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom you stepped away so we are making small changes on the other two maps and will come back to the changes you wanted to make in Juniper.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay my apologies. I wasn't feeling well and was in the rest room. What I was proposing is to pull the map from the portal and it might not be of course a cookie cutter but maybe pull that split into Eid's map that we were working with, similar to what I did the last time with those changes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I going back to Chestnut V2.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I guess you are now because I closed it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can open it right back up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's go back while we have her here. Let's go back to Chestnut V2 is it possible to bring in that other map as an overlay? I don't know how I mean I really don't know how else.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Another portal from another vendor, another provider, if we have a PDF or if I get a picture of it, I can look at it and follow it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you kind of free hand it Brittini? Can you guide him just looking at it?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, so give me I'm having an issue trying to pull it up on like I can pull it up union the website and look at it there but I don't have it by memory. You all know I have software and computer issues so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If somebody can download it and save it as a PDF and I can just look at it and follow it on this screen.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe you can download a shape file from District R.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have never been on her website.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It doesn't work well.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I stand corrected.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Hamtramck which one are we drawing here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what she is interested is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That kind of split right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You want to get a video or something so people can see it? Or.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I've never done it. I don't know Dave's redistricting from Adam I have not looked at his stuff.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Don't feel bad. Me either. It's nothing I have played with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, there you go. You can have at it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: While we are waiting there is this small 280 person kind of change around the Holland area Macatawa Lake can we add that to the list Chair Szetela and I'm not sure if we did it in Chestnut it's Macatawa Lake and it's the Holland area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm opposed to bringing in any one's individual maps that they submitted online. On whether it stays redistricting or anything because now we are going to open up a can of worms and saying everything who submitted the map why did you not bring ours in and only to this one individual. I would personally say this is a bad idea. If you wanted to make changes to the Detroit one we do it the way we have been doing it. We can take a look and make changes but not bringing in someone's actual shape files from a website.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Commissioner Witjes I understand a little bit of the bases of what you are saying, the thing is we asked the public to weigh in. I personally have not had the advantage as my fellow Commissioners and when it comes to talking about Detroit it does not get as much conversational attention as the other areas. So in my mind for us to do our due diligence we will have to work together and I will say this again it can't just be myself and Commissioner Curry talking. If you all know what the two Commissioners if we are going to do that from Detroit are trying to do as a group, I think we should bind together and assist that change so it happens quickly. And people are not sitting with arms folded and frustrated I'm trying to make wholesale change that is what a team looks like. Because I've done it when we are working in other areas.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I agree with you but I still don't think we should take in someone's shape files into our program. I think that is going to open up a whole can of worms. You can make the changes you want. In fact, I want you to. And I am more than happy to work with you so does everyone here but I do think it's a horrible idea to bring someone's from the public's map into our software.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so, yeah, I don't have another way to do that. If that is obviously what we are working from. If you all have other suggestions then I welcome them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think if that is the most convenient way to make the changes you want to make why not do it. My only concern is just the ripple effect it's going to have on the rest of the map and we are basically redoing the whole map. Rather than

working through the rest of the small changes for Congressional that we have and possibly approving three maps and then coming back and working on this.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I thought that is what we were doing. I just stepped away so I thought we were done with the small changes because I was voting for the small changes to take place then we do this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well we were doing the small changes and give you a chance to make your changes your wholesale changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Small change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Would you guys prefer to work through the other three and we can possibly advance them and then come back to this? Okay I think let's go ahead and do that. Because it looks like Kent is having some issues downloading that too.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No worries at all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will go back to the birch map. We were on birch, we will go back to birch and we are going to look at that map. We will make the small changes to that map. We will look at apple and make the changes to that map then we can come back and do this. And by that point hopefully we have potentially a pool of three that we might decide to bring with us one or more. Is this birch? Okay.

Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think we talked earlier about putting Northville with Plymouth and I think that is a good idea then we can actually put South Lyon with the others I think that is an excellent idea.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what people requested on the portal and I would like to make that swap because people were asking for it and I think it makes sense obviously. So Kent can we make that swap put South Lyon and Lyon into 3 and put Northville into 7 and it should be pretty close to an equal swap. We might have to take the little top part of Northville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You said Lyon area and Detroit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lyon and South Lyon into 3. And then put Northville into 7. Yep. Yeah. Good? Janice? Good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So what about like you said does the City boundary go across the County?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It does he is talking about for Northville so part of Northville is in Oakland County and part of Northville City is in Wayne County. I think it's about 3,000 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep it the way it is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They are split from a County perspective any way and that way we don't have to worry about the plan deviation. Can we look at Novi. Novi is altogether so we don't have concerns there. Troy and Rochester Hills can we look at that area? So they are together in this map so that is not implicated in the map because those communities are together so that is it for Metro Detroit area. So lance again they

were happy with Congressional no concerns there. Grand Rapids can we check Ada, Ada and Cascade are with Grand Rapids so that is not Ada, all right again we have the comments about Midland City and Midland Township which I think are separated on this map, yep. So I will leave that alone Cheboygan is that east or west in the tip of the thumb. It's in the middle of it so not an issue. And then can we look Macatawa you checked that. So that is it for the small changes to this map. So let's move on to apple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Back to the beginning Bangla Town is not implicated Dexter Lynn wood is not implicated, Latino neighborhoods this is the same configuration for Metro Detroit, right? Okay so we don't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a bit different. This area right here is a straight that is different from the other plans I believe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't think it's different from birch.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Novi.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The Novi and South Lyon. We will make that same change. So we are still nice and square where they should be. So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make the same change Northville all that, okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, make the same change.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Novi is together so that is not a concern. This configuration is the same for Rochester Hills and Troy so that is not a concern. Then the next one would be I'm going to say it wrong again Ada and Cascade we got to look at that, Ada and Cascade. Which I think are both with Grand Rapids or is Cascade but not Ada? So do we want to change it and leave it or allow the public to comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Madam Chair didn't they make a comment this morning someone?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. In two of the maps we looked at, Ada and Cascade, they are together. And this map, they are separate and this map has Kalamazoo brought in. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can make that change now and probably grasp one of the Townships that are south of Ada and remove it and add Ada north of Cascade and call it a day. Which one I don't know. Whichever one would be closest to the population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 14,000 I think up in Ada.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: One of the two in the south so 14, 15.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What is that Middleville? What is the population?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We can take.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we will add Ada into 4 does everybody agree with that? It's consistent with the comments we are getting so let's add Ada into four and figure out

what we are going to take out. So anyone have suggestions on what to take out to balance? Commissioner Orton this is your area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thornapple for one and we will need to do something else as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is 9,000 so we need 5,000 more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have to get Thornapple to connect to 3 to get Thornapple to 13 I'm sorry. We need some of this to go to get it to connect Thornapple would not connect to 13.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well yeah you could do Thornapple and Irving and bring 13 down a little bit, does that make sense.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That's what I'm thinking.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put both of these into 13 is that the suggestion?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking we will have to do a circle of the three districts. So Thornapple Township should go to 5. Something else is going to have to go up to 13. But I can't see enough to say.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay repeat this what am I doing here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That into 13.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You're saying both of those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Fine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is that weird? Or is that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are still a little off so four is over by 5,000 so we need to take off a little more. Yeah. Can we scroll a little further south maybe and see what is down there? That's a lot of people, 15,000. So 5 is under by 4,000 and so if we brought like 3,000 from 4 into 5 it will rebalance. Commissioner Orton go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent can you Zoom into the part right above Kalamazoo, Richland Township? See what the population is. So Richland Township I believe should either go with Kalamazoo or with Battle Creek, either of those districts. But not in essentially to the one above. So again it might be a three District thing. I don't know. Szetela se.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How many people? 8355.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 8600.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you suggesting moving that into Battle Creek and going around or what.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If we want to use that Township, we would need to do that I believe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What are the ones south? Wayland and this is really going to be a weird looking, little. Thoughts or suggestions Commissioner Witjes?
Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Orton go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay what if we take the east two precincts and just see how much population that is in Richland Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because 8 is just about perfect so that might work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area highlighted is 5353 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so my suggestion would be to put that in 8 and move 5,000 over to the east further up to 5. But the simple thing is to just put that in five so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How about just taking half of it? If you just do half of what you just selected then you shouldn't need to make any other moves I don't think. Right you just put it in eight. No put it in eight.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2100 people on that single vertical.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Four down so you are four is good and your five would be a hair over and your eight would be good. Right?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Try it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will still be here. You have this one little piece coming out of five, five is already under. I'll just do more or do less, I don't know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you want to do, Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry I think we should try that, that one precinct, move it into ate.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Four is under 5 per certain. Five is .53 short. So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So what do you think about filling out that area right there I think that is Unadilla Township we received quite a few comments about it being split like that. I think that is where people have been talking about. Yeah. It's like Unadilla Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's a precinct, that whole precinct only has 2600. And half of it is already in 7, in five so it may not be many people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We don't need much to bring it below .5 so want to try it? Put the whole precinct up and see if that is enough to drop us below .53. It's like Unadilla. Something like that. We have gotten public comments about that little carve out quite a bit actually.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now how did that happen? There must be a lot of.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No we need to rebuild the plan again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's not right. Hold on a second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No that is Ann Arbor being weird again. I guaranty you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because this whole precinct is 2600 and I put that into five.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The same thing with 7. I would recommend saving and rebuild the plan because I guaranty it's just Ann Arbor being weird because Ann Arbor is weird. On the map only. I don't know if you have ever been in Austin, Texas but that is a theme they have there keep Austin weird. You can buy it on all sorts of things. So see there it goes. The weirdness.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like it's about right but let's go ahead and run through all of those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We still have people unassigned on the matrix there over assigned it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will do it like it's supposed to be done. And this does take a couple of minutes but for Congressional plan it's not too terribly bad I don't think. It does take longer than I expected. I think it would have been quicker to export the shape file and bring it back in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We were going to take a break at 4:00 any way so while the computer decides to think hearing no objections it's currently 3:48. We will recess until 4:00. Hearing no objections we are in recess until 4:00.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:02 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present; 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 COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

I'll return to Juanita Curry.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, so we will give Commissioner Curry a moment to get back and she can continue with her maps. With respect to the three Congressional maps we just worked our way through apple, birch and Chestnut do we want to run partisan fairness on them? Is there anything else we want to look at about these particular maps? Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we should run partisan fairness on all of them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Madam Chair apple is back up here. Did we go through all the review all the potential changes that were on your list?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. So I'm actually looking at it and it looks like those are in there so you cut the one half yep off of there. We brought Unadilla Township back up and I believe that was it for this map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There was no more on your list is what I was asking.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the plan deviation may be a little bit higher but it's still under 1% so I think I can't remember where we were but it's within tolerance; is that right?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's within tolerance on the higher side for Congressional but it's within tolerance. And five and four are the big differences. So five is under by 3,000 and 4 is over by 3,000. Yeah. All right so let's take a look at the partisan fairness.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margin is 4.0% favor of republicans. Mean median is 2.3 percent favor in republicans. Efficiency gap is 1.2 favoring the republicans. And the seats are I guess 1.5% favor in the democrats. Seats are 7-6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay can we rerun that for the 2020 Presidential and 2016 Presidential and we will do the same thing with the next two maps. I'm just noting for the record that Commissioner Eid has returned to the meeting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We going to do it on the 16 and 20?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2020 Presidential so Biden versus Trump 20.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is apple.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here for the 2020 Presidential 2.3% republican. Mean median is 1.8. Favoring republican. Efficiency gap is .2%. Favoring republican. Seats to votes is 2.5 favoring democrat. And seats are 7-6 democrat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. Let's look at the 2016.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't know if I did that right. Hold on. Let me...okay lopsided margin is 2.2%. Republican. Mean median is 2.2 republican. Efficiency gap is 4.2. Republican. And seats to votes is 3.7% favoring republican. Republican 7-6 republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Birch open up birch composite 2020 and 2016 and do the same thing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margin. [Off mic]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mean median is 2.2% favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is .7% favoring republicans. Seats to votes is 1.5% favoring democrats. And 7-6 in seats favoring democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, 2020.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2020 Presidential election lopsided margin is 2.5%. Favoring republicans. Mean median is 1.7% favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is .4% favoring democrats. Seats to votes proportionality bias is 2.5% and democratic favor. Democrat seats 7-6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, 2016? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2016 Presidential election lopsided margin is 2.1% favoring republicans. Mean median is 2.2% favoring republicans. Efficiency gap is 3.5% favoring republicans. Seats to votes proportionality bias is 3.7% favoring republicans. Republican seats 7-6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If we could do the same thing for the Chestnut map composite then the 2020 then the 2016 and then we have numbers for all three. And hopefully Commissioner Kellom will be back in action by then.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm here my camera was just off.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so if it's all right with you we are just going to run the three analyses for the plan and get back to you drawing that area.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay sounds good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Chestnut, up in. Bless you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4% republican lopsided margins mean median difference is 2.3% republican. Efficiency gap is .6% republican. Proportionality bias 1.5% favoring democrats. Count of seats is 7-6 favoring democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay thank you can we do 2020? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2020 Presidential lopsided margin is 2.4% favoring republican. Mean median is 1.5 percent. Favoring republican. Efficiency gap is .2% favoring democrat. Proportionality bias is 2.5% favoring democrats. The seat count is 7-6 democrats.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and last one 2016.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2016 Presidential lopsided is 2% favoring republican. Mean median is 2.2% favoring republican. Efficiency gap is 3.9 percent favoring republican, seats to votes proportionality 3.7 favoring democrats and the count of seats is 7-6 favoring republican.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right thank you very much for that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You said the seats can you do the last measure again? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Last measure proportionality bias is 3.7 in favor of republicans the seat count is 7-6 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. All right so we are going to go back to we were working in the Chestnut version two. Commissioner Kellom was going to make some changes to the Detroit area using a map submitted via the portal. And just letting you know Commissioner Kellom we do have Dr. Lisa Handley who is going to present to us at 5:00. So if we need if you are not finished by 5:00 we can take a break and come back to your changes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We were unable to get the District's from the website to overlay straight on here. It downloaded the precincts and the precincts are numbered as to which District they are in. So unless you have a stop to dissolve them and create the whole District files. They are not whole. That's what I got any way. Another one? Okay, just a moment. We have another one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the data that is being downloaded, do we know what the source is?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anthony Skinnell.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This corresponds to P8155 submission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This should be.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Kellom, I do have it up on my laptop. And looks like there is a Grand River border. So I think I can help direct, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Looks like the border is well depends on the far east side and that is what I was describing it as an east-west split because it splits like Detroit on one side and part of Detroit and Dearborn on the left. But on the far east side it looks like it uses 8 mile as a border not extending all the way into St. Clair shores by

the Etsyl Ford house which is off Jefferson. And then comes up Beaconsfield to ten mile Hayes and furthest point would be I think 14 mile. That is kind of how I have it etched out and definitely Commissioner Rothhorn or anyone else that is willing please do assist so this can go as fast as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I have Kent right next to me. And I don't know if you can see me on screen, but we will try to keep it one, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yep, I can see you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

And it looks like we are all at the precinct level based on what I'm seeing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Meaning we might not have to go to the block level until later as we head north for the east-west split but we will follow grand river for a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sorry I did not realize you were already in action. I was looking at the map. Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn I really am grateful for this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Welcome. The one thing I remember we do have in this District so I'll say in our District 2 the green District it does have Dearborn with Inkster and I know that was I think that is something we had talked about potentially not wanting so I just wanted to highlight that to see if, yeah. I know these are just ideas. To bring up but I just wanted to recognize that it may be important to begin to wrestle with that idea so to speak before we get too much as we develop this. We are going to try to do this in an hour or so.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I agree and I think what is starting to happen as far as my mindset is like what makes more wholistic like positive change. And I do know we spent a lot of time talking about that community and I know you know I know the history there. But I'm still curious to see what this type of configuration would do overall, if that makes sense. And then of course I'm willing to be flexible if it does not.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Absolutely. I think options, options, options. Affirmative. If I'm not mistaken, we were playing jeopardy music earlier. We can go, but it may have interrupted actually some of the online participants. So I'm saying that and recognizing if there is a without objection, I would request jeopardy music and Michigan's theme songs. And Commissioner Kellom of course I want you to keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No, it's fine. Because you're sitting next to Kent it's more instrumental and I'm just kind of being the extra set of eyes based upon what I see. It will be cool if we could play Motown sound but that is copyright music.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was objection.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: As an attorney I don't think the jeopardy music is permitted under copyright law so I would just advise that from a YouTube perspective they will take us down over copyright evaluations.

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: He can hum us into a little.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm pretty sure we can sing the Michigan State fight song though.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: God. [Laughter]
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Of the banks of the red cedar.
[Laughter]
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just to reorient members of the public who are washing Commissioner Rothhorn and their line drawing consultants are working to add elements of a public comment portal submission, map perceived in the public comment portal into this alternate draft that Commissioner Kellom is wanting to create. Thank you. Did I describe that accurately?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You did.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Great job.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thanks.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm still here my Internet was just doing something weird.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: MC can you guys leave your mic on so the public can hear what you are saying.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Muttering.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was thinking Chair Szetela and was just going to ask them.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All the way across along 14 mile which is a Township boundary.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Uh-huh. Keeping Warren whole so you can be at the Township level potentially because we are taking all of Warren and I think Eastpointe.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, huge chunks.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Township boundary.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not get where it says Hayes. That is it right here.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah. And Eastpointe and come all the way down. Correct, all the way down. No, not that one. That stays in 2. Do you want all of Eastpointe.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of that?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes. Well, yep you got it. Now just, yeah.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is it. And then this is.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That stays actually that little piece there. It may not have been intentional but just for the moment.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Because they got.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just in case that was a population deviation thing.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: You need that Etsyl Ford house where you are hovering.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are right and we need that in order to keep this community intact is that what you're saying?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, because it goes along the lakeshore like if you were to drive along Jefferson where Etsyl Ford house is, that is kind of like an I guess a dividing point using a marker, yeah, before the community changes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not sure if we have all of the Bangla community in here but it does include a significant part of the community in this piece. And I think we've got all of the no, that one we are keeping into 2, yep. So two here yep so, we are going to keep that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to get one. What is all this?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is going to be 2. I'm pretty sure it's going to be 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's go down there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is going to be 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All the way down over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Lincoln Park right up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Stop.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like Lincoln Park. I'm not sure if it's Lincoln Park and Allen Park I'm not sure if it's all of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can Zoom in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is all River Rouge. Yep, that looks right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I zoomed in too far.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is Taylor here. Telegraph.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Try to get about the same scale so I can recognize features. Where is 75? There is Romulus. There is the airport way over there so we are coming way down into here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly. Right down in to here. Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Change it back.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is Inkster right here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Inkster right here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Got to get that too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Grab Inkster and Dearborn Heights and all of Dearborn.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is about as far as it goes. Yeah, that is it right there. That is it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So this little jog here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is not supposed to be in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right. Because it's up here actually and Inkster which I think we are a little bit further south than you want to be. You want to take this part

out. Yep. This is Michigan Ave, this is 94 over here. Yeah, the airport, 94, yep so this is 94. Right so this right here, this here is this here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Kent, don't forget to save.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good reminder.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: MC it's on your computer and my dog said save it too. I will leave myself for a minute.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Hendrix.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, we saw Hendrix.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This is my partner's dog but Sinatra says hi.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: But we want it in this other one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm doing that one, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So this is 1. We are building 2. We are building 2 and I will say this is a different District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Trying to figure out 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will put it into 7. Reassigning it because this is down here at 7. Yep.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For those just joining us watch as Commissioner Kellom and Commissioner Rothorn recreate a public comment map submission in the Detroit area. Let's see what happens.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you, Sarah. You are great at this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm lost here.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think we are right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think you are right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not much left. I want to go up. We are going all the way up to here aren't we?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Select it first and not going any higher than that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I want to see what this little dot thing is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What we are doing and we will come back to that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That must be so it's just an it's Northville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is where they are putting the hole.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah. This is 7. We are going to move this over. 7, there is a two because we have Livonia is split here. So you have Dearborn Heights this is Dearborn Heights here, right? So this line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What line?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Inkster road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Inkster road which is probably over here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep, and you can select the Townships. We are not going to hit Garden City. I'm pretty sure Garden City is not included. You can get to Township level. The road divides Garden City. There is Inkster road right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is all supposed to be in 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct. Garden City but don't hit Inkster yes that is it, 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Garden City is in 7?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct just not Inkster. Inkster is in 2. Inkster and Dearborn so Garden City you want to, uh-huh. And that part of Livonia is also. And Livonia up there. Yep, and that is the Township line. Yep, so that is 7 so we will just keep that for now. Because you want to focus on two, correct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think we got two now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are moving up into Southfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A lot of this was the same.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's this part right here. There is a cut out here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oh, yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This should go to 3, yep. And not all of it. A precinct, yep. So the rest of that too. You got it, yep. So that looks good. Yep, that looks good. So two is looking good. Two is looking good. Let's go down further south here. This area, the western border so we got Inkster, yep. Right so it's here right instead of one we want to put this into 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where is this going?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is going to go into 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is going to go. This is Lincoln Park, this is going to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I messed up on that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Inkster so a little bit of it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I messed that up. I had it right. It's this. This is in 7 that is the line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that is the line, you got it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is just a left over one so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is one little piece there. So that little let's see what that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A half of a precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This may be at the block level. I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's leave it like this right now don't you think? We are getting off go islands and stuff.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That might just be the difference.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And this is 7. Yep.

- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far does it go? This, there, correct.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And one little block. So I think it comes like cut that off because that is, this is Pellum, right?
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes. Is that where it's supposed to be?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Almost so you have this one now you have to add that little block there on the top. Yep. That one right there. I think we are good. So one and two and so our numbers are way off but.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I still got one sitting down in the middle of 7.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Put that in 7.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Anywhere.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The holding District right now is 7. Okay so Brittini I think what we've got is the in the roughest form right that east-west split for the Detroit districts and so if you want to look at the sort of again, I think it's the idea right, okay, so I think we are ready to sort of look at the idea.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a bunch of little water blocks and stuff here that would have to be reassigned to get it exactly right.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, but this is I mean it's still the essence of.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, one and two.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Districts 1 and 2 are basically what is in that online map.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: And you know again I shared my thoughts before but I think this gives some representation and some voice to the Detroit community. Not that Commissioner Eid the one, oh, Chestnut, Chestnut, not that. Chestnut does not have strong potential, but I think this kind of even improves upon the idea. It could also have some implications for other areas that could be positive.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: So we have 3 is way under right 170. 6 is under 180.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: More legible for everyone.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah and 7 is kind of the holding one, right?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do we have Bruce? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: One and two were the only two Districts that were completed in this plan. 6, 3 and 7 should be, yeah, 6, 3 and 7 surrounding the area would have to be edited.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm looking at the numbers and 6 is down 180 or 190,000. Where would you expect to makeup that population with this type of configuration? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well it's 6, 3 and 7 are the only too that would need to be edited so 6 would have to take some of 3 and 3 would move down in 7. Just going by this framework.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You're saying it would come from 7, make it up in 3 and 6.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Question.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would like to have Bruce's upon on 1 and 2 and the minority populations.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you, Commissioner. I'd have to know what the numbers were before the changes were made. As I recall there was a District 2, I think was also had a 60 close to 60% over all minority population. The BVAP population seemed comparable. One may be higher than in the original map. But I don't recall specifically what the numbers were before the changes were made.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Does anyone have that written down? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So District 1 was at about 44% and District 2 was about 43% for BVAP. So they have gone up a little bit.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: What was the Hispanic population?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 18.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have not run it on Chestnut we have not run it on previous versions so we can go back to the original Chestnut or under Eid, we made changes to it so we would have to run it again. Have we run it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Changes from Metro Detroit from what his original plan was so that should be pretty accurate because the changes were to Novi Northville. Actually we did not do that on your plan. Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So now that districts 1 and 2 are changed, I think what we need to do before we do anything else is fix the Districts that are out of whack. And then at that point we can run the analysis.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So and I think the easy way to do that is start bringing 6 in 3 and push 3 down and see what we have.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay this was the original Chestnut plan, I found it. So what you're looking at one was 60% minority. So they flip-flop so now and the plan over here two is 60% and 60-55. And over here it's 60-52 flip-flop so even trade.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So in the original plan 1 was 60% minority VAP the other one was 52% minority VAP or was that the new -- what is the new plan.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looking at the new plan right now.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: District 1 in the new plan is almost 56% minority VAP and moving around too fast.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Now District 1 is at 60% in the old plan. Oh, I think he is going to compare. Great.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Are you comparing them? Okay, great. That will be easier and that is in the new plan? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: [Off mic]

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The BVAP is higher in the new configuration with 1 and 2. Yeah, for the revised districts 1 and 2 the BVAP is higher. So the overall minority VAP is higher. It's not dramatically higher but it is higher.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It doesn't like you, Kent.

[Laughter]

It's not going to cooperate. So can we try to balance this a little bit by taking into 6 some of 3 like take that next community right there and put it into 6 and let's see where we are at? And if you can just grab at the Township level so we are grabbing big chunks at a time because we have quite a bit to makeup and we have ten more minutes until Dr. Handley. Which way are we going? We got to go down at the bottom. So you got to start down at 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that is what I want to do. I want to take from 3 and put it into 6. Yep, hit that. And that is Birmingham so go ahead and take that. All right so we are 32000 under. So there is part of Clawson, yep, Royal Oak, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Kent because we did an undo can, we just make a save? Thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But why? All right so 6 is now at 77,000 under. So can we grab Birmingham I think it will probably make sense. And you're going to have to, yeah, there is a little portion of Bloomfield underneath there. Yep. There we go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 15,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead, assign it and stop there for a second because I want to see what is above too. So assign that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do we have above there? I can't see. So I want to see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Pontiac.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so just keep grabbing along that southern line there Bloomfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Stay out of Bloomfield Hills in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can take Bloomfield Hills. Let's see what do we need?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Do you want to go towards the thumb Chair Szetela or just want to go that way?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No I want to go this way and we are going to move down. Can you assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That gets six, it's closing in on it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay and let's go up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Two is what was in the other plan.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay. So let's -- on the west east side of Pontiac, along there, let's Zoom in a bit and that is Auburn Hills. So that is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 24,000 there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is too much. So can we just take some precincts from Auburn Hills for now? I'm just trying to balance the plan so we can run some analysis so start on the bottom and move north. Yep. And we are trying to get to 15, right? So that is pretty good. Let's leave that for now and let's go to three down to the bottom where seven is and start doing the same thing along seven so just start taking from seven and putting it into three.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I think we went the wrong way. But in the interest of time I will let.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, this is the right way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have no other choice.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's the right way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Six can't go that way.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You can just grab I think all of Livonia and Plymouth and all of Northville and we will see where we are at. Yep, go ahead, sign that in. All right and then rather than try to go into Canton because it has too much go down to Westland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is 7,000. You still need.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A hundred but if we go to Wayne Westland and Garden City it should get us pretty close. Wayne Westland Garden City and Wayne. Let's do wane Westland and Garden City first and see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 112 so that is pretty close to it right there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and put that in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Well 7 needs a few.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 7 is under by 4,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah .63 so a thousand people 1500 or a thousand will do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Still within. So let's leave that and it's okay and do a save now we can run and analysis on it. It's not perfect but a quick snapshot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay we will run the analysis.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With this, make sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We got 6,000 unassigned and let's figure out where they are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maybe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe. We know about the islands. If you could Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are the changes to 3 and 7 and 6 what was on that map we were looking at? Or was.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No it was not. We just brought in those two districts then we had to rebalance our other districts without because his districts are totally different going out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is that what we wanted to do or did we want to go have six go up into ten?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can redraw it. I was just trying to do it really quick.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To do the analysis.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: To see how the changes in Detroit changed things.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I will offer Commissioner Kellom my understanding you wanted to focus on the east-west split within the City and that was the idea that was in the map that we are trying to focus on is that accurate?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It is okay, yeah, that is accurate excuse me. I just wanted to be sure that I mean my dissension with Chair Szetela if we are going to run the numbers and it has implications on how we are assigning it but I understand she is trying to do it in the essence of time. I just think if we move forward with this then we should reconsider. But I mean that's another point for another day.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Wanted to note for the record that Commissioner Lange has left the meeting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: But yes, Commissioner Rothorn you got it right and wanted to see how Detroit played out with having these two districts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we have to come up with a tree name for this one now, right? Chestnut V2 which is the fruit of Chestnut. The nut.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Just call it squirrel. The squirrel plan. Squirrels go back, that is how my mind works so I don't care what it's called.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lopsided margin in the plan is 7.1%. Republican. Mean median is 2.9 republican. Efficiency gap is 8.8 republican. And seats votes is proportionality bias is 6.2%. Favoring republicans. And this seat count is 7-6 republicans.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can improve those numbers but changing those District 6 and 7 around that potentially. What are -- so District 1 is 76% democratic and 80% democratic. Is that right? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 1, 76.6.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay it is 5:00 so we do have Dr. Lisa Handley on. I did see she popped into the Zoom. So at this point we will take a break from mapping. Kent if you could please save that plan obviously so we don't lose it. And we will now hand it over to Dr. Lisa Handley who has an update for us on voting patterns.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Is it possible for me to share my screen?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Absolutely.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Have I done it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, you have.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Okay very good. Some select minority groups were identified, I think it was between basically between your legal staff and sorry between your legal staff and you all. And so I've looked at the voting patterns of a few groups but I wasn't able to look at when I was looking at the state as a whole or even Counties as a whole. But I did find a way to look at Hispanic voting patterns, Arab American voting patterns, Bengali American voting patterns and Chaldean voting patterns. In very specific areas and I just wanted to take about five minutes to show you what I found and I bet you won't be surprised about in any of this so let's go ahead.

So the way I was able to actually pull out voting patterns I had to localize the analysis. As I said I could not do it statewide I could not do it within the County but if I chose very small areas, I could produce some estimates. And so I was able to produce estimates for two areas. On opposite sides of the state. So one for Hispanics in the Detroit area and the second for Hispanics in the Grand Rapids area. And it's interesting because the voting patterns were slightly different. So here on the left is the map of the area that I actually looked at. I think Mexican town somewhere right around here. This is just the broader area around that. So we are right down around Mexican town. This is the area with the heaviest Hispanic population in Detroit. And over here is the summary chart. You will remember that I talk about producing two kinds of estimates ecological regression and ecological inference and they are produced in different by different statistical approaches so they won't always be the same, they won't or never be exactly the same but they are usually in the same ballpark. And what you can see here is that they are the same ballpark and that not surprisingly Hispanics in the Detroit area tend to vote for democrats.

And then down here in the democratic primary, I guess you could say the candidate of choice, although they are not overly cohesive is El-Sayed so that is what I found out in terms of the Detroit area.

Then in terms of Grand Rapids, we looked at was I think it's the western portion of Grand Rapids. And an area called Wyoming. And combining those two I was able to produce Hispanic estimates here. Now what I found was first of all they are more cohesive in their support for democrats. But second of all, they turn out at lower rates. And this could be voting age population and not citizen age voting population so a big part of the difference might be the citizen voting age population. So turn out lower to create a support for democrats higher. Okay, then the next group I looked at was Arab American voting patterns. And I think you all pretty much figured out what was happening here. So I focused in on Dearborn Heights and Dearborn. And this is in part because this allowed me to do the analysis. But it also encompassed more than a third of the Arab American population in Michigan. In just this concentrated area according

to the Census Bureau. So what you can see here is very strong support for democratic candidates. Regardless whether you're looking at ER or EI it's incredibly high. Then when you look at the democratic primary there is very strong support for El-Sayed. So they are very cohesive both in the primaries and the general elections in support of in the general elections democrats.

Okay, here is I told you I used two different techniques. And this is the first technique. Ecological regression. In each of these points on the scatter plot is a precinct in Dearborn Heights or Dearborn. And it shows a very strong pattern between the higher the proportion Arab American in the precincts and the stronger the support candidate would be in this particular instance. So you can visually see the very strong support for the democratic Presidential candidate in 2020.

The Bengali American voting patterns are essentially identical to those of Arab Americans. The area that we looked at is the area that was identified by various Bengali group as the areas that Bengalis tended to live in. So all we did here was use the Asian population and assumed that most of the Asians that we were analyzing were Bengali so very strong support for democratic candidates and very strong support in the democratic primary for El-Sayed.

And then we come to the Chaldean voting patterns. And what's interesting about this first of all we are focused on Sterling Heights. That was the only way to get any sort of estimates out. The estimates are not great. They have very high standard errors and confidence in the rules because the higher proportion across any of these precincts was only about 30%. But from what we could tell this is not a particularly cohesive community. They pretty much are divided between democrats and republicans. Until 2020. And in which case they very strongly supported Trump. So they do not look like Arab Americans. They do not look like the Bengali community. They are voting differently. Here is you can see the scatter plot now here the relationship is exactly the opposite of what you saw when we were looking at Arab Americans. And so that is basically in a five-minute nutshell what I found. And what I wanted to do really was to answer any questions you might have about these voting patterns and also have to say I've gotten several questions about partisan fairness that I thought I could through e-mail that I thought I could answer as well. Anyway if you have any questions about anything now would be the time to ask me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes. Thank you, Lisa. The question I have is you used the 2020 Presidential race. Why did you not use the composite index?

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: I'm looking at actual voting patterns as you would if you were doing a racial bloc voting analysis. So I have actual election results here. And when we are looking at voting patterns, we want to look at actual voting patterns. We are only looking at the composite index when we are looking at partisan fairness as an attempt to project what we think might happen in proposed districts. Since we don't

have any elections in them. But if we are trying to determine what voting patterns look like in the past, we have elections. And that's what I used to do this. This is what you do to look at racial bloc voting analysis. When I gave you my preliminary that is based off the elections.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hi Dr. Handley. So with the Bengali community we also have the Yemeni community. I'm wondering if there is a strong correlation with the Arab community because of that. And were you able to differentiate you're only using, okay, not, okay.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: So from the census numeration data we can get Hispanics and we can get Asians. We can get Arab Americans through the American community survey which is also a census product. We cannot get Bengalis. So this is Asians. So if the Yemeni community lives exactly where the Bengali community is there is no way to differentiate them.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you. And then the last question I have is related to sort of how can this -- can we make assumptions now about a coalition District? Are we able to build coalition districts so to speak because of this information? Or do we still not have sort of cohesive understanding the African/American for example in the Hispanic line up because they are democratic or the Arab American and the Bengali community line up and they create a -- could create a coalition District because of that democratic preference or is that not a fair assumption to make in terms of voting preferences?

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Why I'm hesitating is that in the democratic primary, again, we only have the one statewide democratic party primary, I would be cautious because I don't think that Hispanics -- Hispanics and Arab Americans supported El-Sayed. But now I can't remember who Black voters supported because I don't think it was El-Sayed, was it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was Whitmer. Cohesive.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: They were not cohesive.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: None of these groups, I shouldn't say that Hispanic and Black voters were not particularly cohesive in their support in the democratic primary was there is no question that Arab American and Bengalis were very cohesive in their support in the democratic primary. So it's a little hard in my opinion to argue that you're going to produce what would satisfy the three prongs of Jingles if you wanted to create this District. But there is no question that they all support democrats in the general election. I will leave it up to the lawyers to actually tell you what this means in terms of the legal ramifications of this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can't see the folks online so Commissioner Kellom, Commissioner Curry or Commissioner Wagner if you have your hands up, please let me know because I can't tell. I cannot see.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: I will stop sharing so I can see you guys.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, any additional comments or questions?
Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, it seems like most of the assumptions we have made in mapping have borne out to be correct. So I'm just wondering is there any better way to use this data and this analysis moving forward while making these final changes on our maps?

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Somewhat of a question for the lawyers who have been sitting there the whole time and watching this and knowing what is possible. But I will tell you that it looks like these are very cohesive communities. With exception of the Chaldeans. And I'm not sure what you can do in terms of the first prong of Jingles. But I would hesitate to sort of draw lines down the middle of them. But I think some of these are too large, aren't they? I don't think you can include Dearborn Heights and Dearborn in the same District. But again this is something probably the lawyers should answer or somebody who has been watching the drawing process and can actually tell you where people live and what this could mean.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Dr. Handley, for the Chaldean community could you bring up that map again and indicate where, what area you analyzed, was that Oakland County?

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Yes, it was Oakland and I think some of Macomb. Let's bring it up again. You can probably better answer that better than me. I can't remember now. Let's see. Oh, no, it was just Sterling Heights for Chaldean this is Sterling Heights. This includes about a little more than a third of the Chaldean population in Michigan. And yes so, we looked at that whole area and only that area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just out of curiosity why wasn't West Bloomfield looked at for Chaldean population?

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Because we were looking at the highest concentration. So that I mean the whole reason that you couldn't do and also is it contiguous with this?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No it's not.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: That is why. You couldn't do it alone. There weren't enough and you can't look at two areas separately really. So we just focused on the area with the largest population. It would not have been enough precincts in the at any other area to do this analysis for this group.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right and just to clarify for people who don't know Chaldean typically means Christians Arabic who are Catholic and most who live in Dearborn is Muslim so it could be a difference in really on. That is sort of driving the difference in voting.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would say that is accurate Chaldeans are Arab American it's more of a faith-based community. And issues surrounding the church are important to how Chaldeans vote. So that explains that in my eyes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, if unless anyone else has questions for Dr. Handley thank you for your time. We appreciate you coming and being at our Beck and call whenever we need you. [Laughter]

So thank you for your analysis. If you could send this to Sue so she can distribute it to everybody I would greatly appreciate it.

>> DR. LISA HANDLEY: Sure thing okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. So Commissioner Kellom did you want to try to work on that map more?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What do we have left on our agenda for today? Just finishing up? I just want to make sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I mean well we have to finish Congressional then we move on to house. Mr. Adelson looks like he has a comment.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: We thought this would be a good time to put in additional context. I know that Dr. Handley and I have an arrangement that she goes up to a certain point on the continuum and then she leaves the rest for us to talk about. So on to be consistent so let's talk a little bit about from a legal standpoint what she said.

It is very interesting that the Hispanic voting patterns in Wayne County are differ than they are in the Grand Rapids area. The speculation is the Hispanic population may be older in Wayne County than in the Grand Rapids area. They both vote cohesively. Meaning that they tend to support the same candidate. And in Grand Rapids the cohesion is greater. Turn out is higher in Wayne County. Cohesion is higher in Grand Rapids. The turnout is lower in Grand Rapids. Cohesion is moderately less here. I think for president in Wayne County as I recall 75% of Hispanics voted for Biden. And in Grand Rapids it's like 96%. So it's quite significant cohesion. The Arab American cohesion is even greater meaning Arab Americans within with the exceptions of Chaldeans voted cohesively as a group. So they tend to support the same candidates as in the elections analyzed Hispanics and Black voters. The Chaldean is interesting because that is they are obviously as Dr. Handley said an out liar as Arab Americans overall. So if that community which is not a large community could be pinpointed that is something the Commission might want to look at. As far as not splitting them. The Bengali highly cohesive, turn out is high and again they support the same generally the same candidates as Hispanics, Arab Americans and Black voters.

So what does this mean going forward? That as we had speculated before about Hispanic voting patterns, Hispanic voting patterns can be aligned up to a point with Black voting patterns. To answer your question, Commissioner, that would seem to have some potential in a coalition District. So that is different than if Hispanic voting patterns were like Chaldean voting patterns. Then that would not line up as a coalition District with groups supporting the same candidate. So I think that's very important. I think we both think that is very important going forward and looking at Hispanic populations, the Arab American population and the Bengali population in the Detroit

area. That there is a commonality of support. Yes, there are differences in turn out. There are differences in cohesion. But it's not like the Chaldean voting patterns. Which is those are quite different. And they would not be a viable coalition partner so to speak. To the same extent that Bengali supporters would be. Our advice is the populations now may have additional play as you're looking at the potential adjustments to districts, not only in fortifying districts with plurality or majority minority populations. But they may also be a significant part of districts that either have not been considered or were considered but there was some uncertainty whether the voting patterns lined up. So I think that is our takeaway from what Dr. Handley discussed today. It's something as you know we have been waiting for a while because we had identified this as a very important piece of the voting rights puzzle. And also the 14th amendment equal protection. So those are our general thoughts. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right any questions for Mr. Adelson? Okay, so the point we are at right now is 5:25. We have three proposed Congressional maps that we worked on and then a fourth that Commissioner Kellom I'm not sure if you still want to work on more or not. Do we want to take any action or make any more changes to the three that we worked on earlier? Are we interested in moving them forward? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One of them, I'm not sure which one, perhaps Chestnut one of them had higher population deviation that I think we could bring down. We had made some changes to it, but we didn't really focus on that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, I think -- I'm not sure which one. Does anyone remember which one? I feel like it was apple because I thought that was the last one, we worked on. But I'm not.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe apple can you pull it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we pull up apple and take a look? I thought we made the changes around Grand Rapids and that changed the deviation a bit. So .78.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: .78, those are the two and that is the way it was left.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Feel free to lead the discussion Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I think we need to fix that. Can you Zoom in to the line between five and four? Okay so the issue is, just going to make a skinnier neck there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One more.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It looks like the precincts are almost Townships in most of that area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: What about that precinct with the big squiggly line in four?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is next to 13.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Bordering 13.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Never mind, yeah, it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You remember I mean you can take it from one to another and pass it around. This was all recent edits. Like these two. Precinct population. [Off mic]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Microphone.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That precinct right there was 3476. Let me get another view up here where we can see better.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What Township is that? Is that the Caledonia or Cascade?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe that is Caledonia. I think Cascade is above it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 15,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So what is that corner precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This corner precinct right here for example.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is 1800. I guess they would have to be together. So Caledonia is 1600. That's 3400. That would be 4,000. You are looking at 6,000 the lower half.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What about the one to the north of the corner precinct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2700.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes did you have a suggestion?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Precinct in District 4 that is directly west of Middleville. That is the Squiggly line.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The squiggly.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: It's in District 4.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: District 4 one more over Kent to the west. Other way. Yeah, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 2500.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That will work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where I was getting at if you move something in 13, 5 can take some out of 13 if you know, because this is very little room to take -- do anything with. It will do the same down with 4 to 8 and 8 to I mean even 8 by itself is 2000. 8 to 5 would take care of it. 4 has to get rid of something.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think either I don't know. I don't know particulars. I know the particulars about the more of the Kalamazoo area. But I don't know the particulars of this area south of Grand Rapids that we are talking about so I don't know if one is better than the other.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about that second precinct that you pulled one off of before? Put that into is 8 is over? Then we would have to move up wouldn't we.

- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay go ahead Commissioner Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We could try moving Caledonia into 13 and then putting those two Townships that are currently in 13 of Barry County into 5. And seeing if that worked. I can't remember if there was a strong preference of Caledonia being with Grand Rapids as there was with Cascade and Ada.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we can try that if you want.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's move Caledonia into 13.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Thompson and Irving in 5.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Both of these in five?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that's correct.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Five. Is this the way you want them, you want them in four or?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Well five needs more. How is four looking.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Four is looking good with the adds.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Put that into five then. Put it into five. And 13 is slightly high right now.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Looks like it's between 4-8 in terms of the plan deviation. I don't know if those two border each other. Oh, yeah, they do.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: What is north of Grand Rapids in terms of Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So four and eight are neighboring each other. We need to take about 2000 from 8 to move into 4 I believe. So.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Put that back.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Complete that Township there. Yes, please.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is better.
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: We are getting closer.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My suggestion other than doing that was go north of Grand Rapids, can we Zoom in on that? And include Rockford. And the, yeah, it is but we heard the comment today that Rockford is part of Grand Rapids, you know. So what is the population there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 54,000.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Geez, yeah.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: With this configuration with Kalamazoo you have less room with Grand Rapids.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You do because I think with the other two maps Rockford is included as I recall.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah so, yeah, I felt that was rather significant that that was left out of the Grand Rapids District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can we save this? And then can we do a continuity check and check for plan errors to make sure we don't have any?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want to save it as is or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just save it as is. I just want to make sure there are no plan errors.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Doesn't appear to be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's just save it. Does anyone want to look at this plan any further? Any thoughts about it? Do we want to move this plan forward, do we not want to move this plan forward? Let's make some decisions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we look where Midland is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's in District 11 I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just can't see it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Is there a thought on this particular configuration to include Midland Township as well in with the Tri-Cities? Because that is only going to be what another 2200 people. Or.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just that little Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Midland Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not the whole.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just the little 22. Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Add that in with the City of Midland. I don't see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was just going to say that I wanted to continue to I was waiting for you to finish this part. But to adjust the maps so that it actually reflects closer to the online submission so that the numbers are a little better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You want to adjust the Chestnut V2 map.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yeah, but Commissioner Rothhorn I would need your assistance again. I don't know if you want to be buddies with Kent and sit next to him because that just makes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure I can do that.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will get back there definitely.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any thoughts about adding in this little bit of Midland Township?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take all of Midland County and roll it in if we could?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's a lot of people.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know it's a lot of people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You would have to redo your thumb District and Commissioner Witjes go ahead and Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We were going to take care of it in the house but the areas north of Midland would want to be with Gladwin and those particular areas.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If I remember correctly the Chestnut map does include more of the areas around Midland.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It does except for like five Townships.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we do have alternatives.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I understand.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Were you thinking Larkin too Dustin?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No, just Midland Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Anyone have concerns with him making the change? Okay we will make it and then we will have to adjust on the other side. So 11 is over. What is 7 at? So that is -- there could be. Midland has a bunch of them too. So 10 is actually you could probably take like 500 people, maybe just a Township off of the edge of 11 and put it into 10 and that should fix and get us back below .5. Those areas are all pretty lightly populated.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could you explain that again? I see where you are taking it from.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just go ahead Commissioner Witjes and saying if you want to bring down so 11 is currently over by 1900 and I was suggesting if you take a look and see if there is a smaller Township here if you just bring it down by even a couple hundred people then the plan deviation will be around 05 again but the districts are more than 500.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If ten goes over.25 you add 1500, yeah, it will be close. You just got to.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Before we go changing those particular areas, let's fix the dis-contiguities that could happen in Midland. Because there is just going to be a couple.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that fixes it.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Never mind I just connected and stand corrected.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will check before we close this out for the evening.

[Off mic]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about Elm wood a thousand.

[Off mic]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thoughts you want to go with a thousand? Or do you want to bring the corner one? The corner is 3,000 so we got to go I think that is 1400. Yep.

[Off mic]

Try to assign it in ten and see how it changes things. So can you save it again please and it brings the deviation back down. All right any thoughts, comments, concerns, do we want to move this map forward? We just ran it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Caledonia.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You don't want to move it forward.

[Off mic]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not sure I like it either.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's take a vote.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are voting on moving the Apple Congressional map forward, which is the one on the screen. Any discussion or debate on the motion? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, so my thoughts are we have three, maybe four possibly four once Commissioner Kellom makes those changes that she wants to. So we could possibly have four maps potentially to bring forward for this next 45 day window of public comment. And I think that is too many. We have to make decisions now in order to expedite the process later when we come back and take a final vote on these maps after the public comment period is over. So before voting on this map, I think we should set a limit on how many we should bring forward. Now how many that is, I mean, I'm not sure. And our process document it recommends two. I'd say I mean I would be fine with three. But that's up to the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I put a motion forward.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Motion is out of order because it changes the motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He already has a motion so Commissioner General Counsel Pastula?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Just for clarification on the motion that Commissioner Lett made moving the apple Congressional map, to be clear, and redistricting number starting with the Congressional one in the UP would also be potentially needed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right now it's not in that order, yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I don't see why we would necessarily limit it to two or three maybe have four getting up into four or five is maybe getting a little high. But the purpose for 45 day comment period is to get comments from the public on which map they think is the one we ought to pick. And while I understand Commissioners Clark, Commissioner Clark's dissatisfaction with this map and I suspect that most of the certainly the people over in Ottawa, Kent and around there aren't going to like it very much but other people may like it. So we are not deciding on what to vote on for a final map. And I really think that once we get down to voting on the final maps, I don't think

it's going to be really that difficult to win out the ones that we need to. So that is the purpose, my purpose any way that I think we should move forward with those. We've got really four that we may deal with. This was one that was in the mix for quite some has been for quite some time so that is my thoughts on it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My preference would be to look at the others and see if we can weed those down or combine those ideas or not. So we see what all our options are before we vote on which ones to take forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will agree with Commissioner Lett. The ones that we put forward for the 45 day publication period those are the ones that are no longer going to be changed and those are the ones that the public at that point will be able to give input on. And the ones we choose when we come back and vote in December have to be of those that we move forward. So the more that we move forward on this 45 day public comment period the more chances we have for the public to comment and make our decision on which one the public likes the most. Because at the end of the day it's what the general public of Michigan wants is the one that we are going to have to vote for to bring forward. So, again, this one should indeed go forward as it is one that has really good numbers and it's been commented on the most. So we need to continue to continue to get that information.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, did we get a second on your motion, Steve? Second there we go Commissioner Witjes I didn't think one we have it motioned and seconded to move the apple map forward for consideration, is there any additional discussion or debate? All right we are going to do a roll call vote of course Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just want to point out why I'm dissatisfied with it since I made that comment. I think and Dustin you can comment on it after I say this. I think the reason this was developed was because Ottawa County was split in three, four different districts. And so Dustin made the I think a good attempt to get Ottawa County whole. And to do that he took the two biggest cities in the western part of the state which are 40 or 50 miles away and combined them. And I think that does a disservice to the western part of the state when we do that. That's why I don't feel comfortable with it. I do not feel comfortable presenting it to the general public because we've heard a lot of comments on this. Both ways in fairness. But I know the people in Grand Rapids are not happy with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That's not necessarily true. Because I mean I've heard individuals from Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids say they don't like it and I've heard almost an equal not heard but read almost an equal number on the portal online saying they do like it. So that is a moot point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, we ready to vote can we do a roll call, please, so this is in favor of advancing the apple Congressional map, miss Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you also wanted to remind the Commissioners that should this map advance, it would require renumbering of the districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. I was thinking we would do a separate motion on that if it advances.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Very good all right Commissioners please say "Yes" or "No" when I call your name to display your support of the motion before the Commission. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda language? Oh, apologies she had to step away. Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 9 yes to two no, the motion carries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, seeing that we are advancing this map I would entertain a motion for the apple Congressional map to renumber to direct Kent Stigall to renumber this map starting with District 1 in the Upper Peninsula and bringing it down to 13 in the Metro Detroit area.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This plan has been edited and posted online. So it needs a name. Can we give it apple V2 or is that a problem?

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: No apple V2 is not a problem.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: The plan is already out there.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Apple V2.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm seconding the Commissioner Witjes.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: To author scent to renumber the District with one in the UP and bringing it down to 13 seconded by Commissioner Rothorn any debate or discussion on the motion? All in favor raise your hand and say aye. All opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted. All right can we move on to the birch map and then we will go back to Chestnut and then from there we can move on and hopefully give Commissioner Kellom some more time today to work on that map. So if we could bring up the birch map. So Commissioner Witjes did you want to make the same change around the Midland area if it is not already included in the map you add Midland Township with Midland City?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sure.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: It's got the same footprint so can we go ahead and make that same change? All right and then I think we are going to need to probably make the same change over in Tuscola.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13 is one of your lower, 13 needs to come up in population. I don't know what the difference was. But.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: 10 is good so what is that last little Township at the top of District 11. How many people are up there? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1700. That would just about do it.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is perfect. Move it up.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move that to 13.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we try to keep in Fraser. I guess because we are crossing over into the other County and Bay and Arenac. I guess we are still in Bay and wondering if we can keep it all in Bay or maybe we don't need to.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: That is perfect.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's be perfect.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we run a check for plan errors to see if there is any dis-contiguities.
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Any other changes to this map?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Anything on your list.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: We went over this one already. I'm sorry I'm not on speaker. Commissioner Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move that this map be moved forward for the 45 day public comment.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Lett to advance the birch map forward for the 45 day public comment period. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can I just have a reminder of the partisan fairness metrics that we ran? I think we have them all saved.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For this one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you want me to read them so come 4.1 the mean median is 2.4, efficiency gap is .7. The seats to votes is 7-6. Favoring democrats 1.5% versus negative 1.5 for republicans. The 2020 election was a lopsided margin of 2.5 favoring republicans. Mean median of 1.7 favoring republicans. Efficiency gap of 0.4 favoring democrats. A seats vote ratio of 7-6 with a 2.5% in favor of democrats, negative 2.5 for republicans. 2016 was lopsided margin of 2.1. In favor of republicans. Mean median of 2.2 in favor of republicans. Efficiency gap of 3.5 in favor of republicans. Seats votes ratio of 6 democrats to 7 republicans with a negative bias against republicans of 3.7 and a positive of 3.7 in favor of republicans. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, could you bring it up north of Grand Rapids for a minute? And Zoom if on it? I just -- my interest was Rockford again. It's included.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it's right where my cursor is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right any other comments? All right let's go ahead and vote. Sarah Reinhardt if you can call a roll call vote and again this is the motion to advance the birch map for 45 day public comment period.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioners. Please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

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>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: No.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 9 yes to 2 no, the motion carries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you everybody at this point I would also entertain a motion to renumber this plan and to direct Kent Stigall and authorize him to renumber it with the District numbers of one in the Upper Peninsula and 13 in the Detroit area can I have a motion, motion made by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Rothhorn is there any debate or discussion on the motion? All right all in favor of authorizing Kent to renumber this birch plan which I'm assuming he will rename to birch two numbers 1-13 please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. Oops. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

All right if you can rename this version 2 and save it, yep. And then we will go on to Chestnut and do the same process. And then once we are done with that, we can go back to Commissioner Kellom. Yes, Chestnut version one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Chestnut and the next one is V2.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right are there any changes we want to make to this map? I believe this map already has most of Midland included. Did we want to look at the Rockford area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Rockford it's at the very top of Grand Rapids.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'd like to go back up to Midland though. Is there a way we can get the other five Townships into the Tri-Cities area? Other five Midland Townships, County Townships.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we check the populations.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can highlight them quick but 24, 4500, 5700, 60 some hundred. It's going to be probably 9,000. Thereabouts. But we will select them real quick and see what we got.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I really tried.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know you did.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Could not figure it out, if you want to try to figure it out, we totally can. But I think this has almost all of Midland County there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's 9651.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 10,000 and we done have anybody to play with in the districts because they are basically down to 0 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If you just move it, I don't know, shut it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'd say the configuration here as is also would be appropriate so that the more rural areas of the County are in the rural areas as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I agree.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I mean I can we can if we want to try and play around and see if we can move some population but all of the County in. But I think that this would be an appropriate configuration as presented.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, and the more rural areas are pushed with the more rural District 12 rather than being with the bigger cities.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I'm fine. This is a Congressional thing. And it's more high level so I'm good with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, all in favor we have a motion and a second, right? Did we get a second? Oh, I'm jumping ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So moved.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So moved and seconded to advance the Chestnut version one map to and do you know what can we do a check for plan errors too on this one because I don't know we have done it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did right after I opened it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And it's good. All right any discussion or debate on adopting this map for advancement to the public hearings Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you just move to the Detroit area just so we can view it before voting? Because this is the one that had the other Detroit configuration compared to the other two. Just want that to be clear.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, this one has District 1 is right on Macomb County line Oakland County line.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, they do look the same. We are not going to worry about that right now. All right can we go ahead and get a Ms. Reinhardt yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just want to clarify you said Chestnut V1 or just Chestnut.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom is working on Chestnut V2 so we definitely want to keep the V1 so it's distinguishable.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I would recommend if there is an additional draft being submitted from Commissioner Kellom providing an alternate name for it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That makes sense. All right do we want to call this Chestnut then? Okay, all right, can we get a roll call vote on this? I don't think there is any more discussion or debate.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita sorry Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janet Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Ten yes to one no. The motion carries.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Once again, I would entertain a motion to authorize Kent Steagall to edit the map to adjust the District numbers to properly follow the current District plan which is the Upper Peninsula starts with one and it moves down to 13 in the Detroit area.
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will make the motion.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion by Clark and seconded by Commissioner Lett all in favor please -- is there any discussion or debate and I'm guessing no, all in favor please say aye. Aye. Opposed please say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion carries. All right it is 6:00, we are at break time. Without objection we will take a ten-minute recess and when we return back Commissioner Kellom will work on Chestnut version two which I will encourage her to come up with a different tree name for Walnut is a fine sounding name if you like Walnut. All right hearing no objection, we will come back at 6:10.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What did Commissioner Lett say? Oh, man.
- [Recess]
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of the Commission, I recall this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:15 p.m. Will the secretary please call the roll.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending

remotely and disclose your physically attending from. I will start with Doug Clark.

- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Attending; remotely from Wayne County. Michigan.

Rhonda Lange?

- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> VICE COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from

Charlotte, Michigan.

- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt. All right so Brittini MC is seated back next to Kent Stigall ready to go to help with the changes so we have Chestnut version two opened up do you think of a new tree name for it.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was thinking what Commissioner Lett said Szetela se we have an Elm so you would have to think of something different.

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Let me look in the meantime get started withdrawing.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Cotton wood, poplar, willow. Willow is nice.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I love willow trees.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Gum tree.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Sugar Maple.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Walnut.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Willow.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I like willow I think that is nice.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Willow fits my personality.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent did you hear that? We are going to call this new tree plan willow. Stick with willow and keep it simple.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: What are they saying Chair Szetela?
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Willow, oak, what kind of willow, just willow.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Willow.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I'm going to talk less to be kinder to Bethany.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are we going to try to follow this online map more closely? For example for 6 and 3 and 7.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is her intention, is that right? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: The whole state?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes, it keeps the communities together that I've also heard speak in our suburbs and I think you will have it will clean up our numbers because I know it was a mess when we ran analysis but if we fit it closer to the online version, I think we will have a better start there. I think Commissioner Rothhorn is going to say something after he chooses.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I will just offer it looks like our number 11 is the same. Maybe with a few yeah but it's almost the same. So yeah so it's not a total redraw but so there are significant areas so that, yeah, the thumb will be different. So how would you like to proceed? Kent was asking me where should we start and I think 6 maybe so if you are okay with that, we will sort of start redrawing six.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will start with six.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: In Macomb.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent can you share your screen, please? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get myself together here.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Welcome, welcome. So Bethany is not a ventriloquist and MC will be my voice and I will interject when necessary.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Township border, go ahead.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we change the colors of 10, 3, 6 and 2 however you want to do it? .
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, I will do it right now.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Orton.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that a little bit better for this area right here right now?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So 6 we are going to that Township maybe even a County line yep, the County line there.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Stick that in 3 or whatever is besides that there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would actually keep 3 is going to be our Ann Arbor District and 3 is our Ann Arbor District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is this going to be?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This will stay the same you are right. Let's make that that is going to be ten. That is 11. You're right, yep, go ahead, you are right, we will just have to, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can make it anything we want.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can we add a new District? We can't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the problem we are over. So that has got to be something, which is it? It is it's going to be 3.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's going to be 3. See how the Ann Arbor 5 is Lansing. And.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three will come all the way around and down.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes. And you don't have that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay let's do this. It doesn't matter. We have to get started. We will get 6 done.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Get 6 done. All right. Whole Macomb and goes up a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Macomb.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Macomb Township, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are those precincts?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm pretty sure they are Townships but it's hard to see on the map. It's Allen town and Estherville Township, that is not Estherville but Riley center.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Marine City this stuff over here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is up to Marysville. Uh-huh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Marysville all the way up here. Marysville across to Lester.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: All the way over. The County border, yep. Not that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will come back and get it. Kicker right through here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just at the precinct level for Kimball.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pretty close right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, we are one south of Port Huron one precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will put that in ten.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is going in 6 and one more going in 6 right there is that true? I'm wrong.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is 6. Now let's go up to well what do you want to do? Go to ten.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would rather go back to 3. We know this is all right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This will be three.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: MC we have got a marine City that went to 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it's at the same County line.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are going to keep this is all the same.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I got to get that out of 3 because of this 2.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent. So now just instead of going all the way over I think where we are breaking is that, well, I think this is where Waterford, so Pontiac is included, is that true? Lake Orion Oxford. So we are going up to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Pontiac Waterford White Lake, Highland. That is a totally separate District isn't it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Pontiac and north of Lake Orion so this is three and we will take Orion, yep, into 3. Yep. Up to Leonard. Up to I think it's up to this County line there. Uh-huh. Yeah so, it's Oxford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: How far over?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Taking Oxford now we are just taking the precinct level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Precincts going down the side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Uh-huh. First one. You got it. I think that stays, no.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that is right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are absolutely right. You have done this before, haven't you? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, I missed.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Then I think we are going down a little bit further and putting that I hate to put it in ten but that is what we have to because ten is actually our thumb District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it in 5.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 5 is going to be our Lansing District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That has to be 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Call it 7 so be it.

that will be 7. Ann Arbor is 7. That is 7. .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Putting precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Around Waterford Township. So you are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this is 7. All this is 7.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is that line over there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We want the voting precincts, yep. It's around the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maybe you should just do this.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's okay Kent be kinder to yourself you're doing fine.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So this right here that is that. So now we are looking for that cut away. But it may not be at the precinct level. Clintonville here is Clintonville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Close and see if you can read it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is Clintonville, see that Clintonville? That is it you did it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are coming down to Waterford.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You got it yes you got it. That right there. That is a straight square coming across there. We got that anymore? One more right there? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is that. Beautiful. Excellent so that is it now we are coming down this way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep. Yep. This little uh-huh and one more, yes, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the curve.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is it. So that is 7. And now we are I think we were you know so we can continue down 7 because this is going to help us with three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Milford this is Vallette land. So 7 here is Milford and here is Milford so that is going in 7 so 3 is drawn where it needs to be. So do we want to just confirm that 3 looks good.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: That is correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is Northville.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is where I think we got to figure out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What is that thing below Novi.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Northville City, the other part of Northville and maybe a block or two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So what District is that?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Exactly that is our challenge. We don't have another District to use.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I hate to do them all twice that is the hard part. You do them once and have to go back. Unassign. Unassign.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wait before you do that 5 is going to be Lansing. 7 is our Ann Arbor District. We don't have another one, do we? 7 is Ann Arbor. And we will come up there. And so it's 8. Assign it to 8.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Make it 8.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is going to be 8 right here. Bordering with 2.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is it north?

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Northville. It's the City. A little cut out from Novi.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I say we leave it like that for now.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's this right here.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Run up there and get it.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think so. Yes. There you go.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: And it goes further right.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You got it that is it. Uh-huh. Let's keep going down 8 and it's all of Livonia. So and all of Plymouth.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this is 8.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is all 8, uh-huh we will go straight down with 2. 2 is the border. Yep. Then we are building 7 right next to it so we are good meaning I think we are smart.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Everybody is smart until it goes sideways.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we are working smart. You are working smart. Plan saved. See.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 2 save it dummy. So we did 2.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will make that is 8.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is all.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Around Inkster with 3 and Canton are going to be part of 8, going straight down. Uh-huh.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Inkster stays in 2.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And this also. Go ahead Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I was edifying what Kent said when he said Inkster stays in 2. Yes, I've been nodding my head and co-signing.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay all of that.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Keep going.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Van Buren Romulus.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: All the way down. Down meaning south.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You got it.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Directions here.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not that.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Ann Arbor.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Across the border still looking at this one. Uh-huh.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay it's going to come straight down here.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It will cut down here that line, that precinct. Yep. And all the way over to the river.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of this part.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct Down River is in two districts basically.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will get it beside two.

- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we got that and we are kind of.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Crossing the line and Stoney Creek.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You can cut this down, this is 7. At this line this County line. And that's.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the line.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is 8.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 8 okay.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will make it in 7.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That goes to 7.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct and everything to the County line.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cuts across to 7. Where does 8 go through here.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is 7. Uh-huh. And all the way down. All the way to the border I guess all the way to Ohio.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It is Toledo or, yeah, close.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Uh-huh. And this little bit.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that here?
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good question, that is that. So I wonder if that is actually waterfront so I think we are good.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is coming up, there.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we got it.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is water.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So District 8.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is over there, this is all not 8.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's go back to 7. So our issue too here so let's just make sure because we are going to do 7 next and not going to mess with 5. But now 8 is right we will have to make that one this is going to be right this one is going to be we got to figure that one out. Nine maybe. Let's finish up 7. So this is the purple one here is 7.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got this side right.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Do you know what this is where it screws up. He goes into.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Ann Arbor.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No he is going into breaks up.
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I can't see it.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Livingston County.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: He gets part of and splits up South Lyon.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: But it's together still but it's, yeah, that is going to be tricky. All right so let's.
- >> MR. KENT STIGALL: Runs it.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are keeping that the same.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got that part done up there. How did we get there?
Comes right up through here, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, that's right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not quite he did not go all the way to the County line.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is the County line and don't go in Livingston and you will have to play with it. Then you are going up. You got to get high so you can get this part of 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is how we kind of got something different there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Because this Flint so 10 is our thumb District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Why does this look different?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have not drawn it yet and going up into ten. Yep, all that is ten. This is 7 sorry everything in 10 should go in 7.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That square?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I thought it was in precincts. I found using Townships less, you have less error and this seems to be that way. I don't know if that is true.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is 7 with a little bit. Let's see if we can do 11. Let's play with 11 and 10. So 11 is drawn with a little bit of five taken out. This is where we can make some variations, see if we can play with it. Let's see if we can draw ten. What I'm thinking is the thumb. I do like the thumb a lot better. But the thumb if I'm not mistaken wraps all the way around. That is not going to work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This splits Bay City. How close does it get to Saginaw?
Saginaw is down in here.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Saginaw is in a different.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Still in 11 but they split up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So the thumb goes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Crosses over to Lake whatever and the Bay. I don't know.
That is, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Different.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a really thin bridge.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let's do it. It's shoreline is what it is so something like ten is something like.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It's strange.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is how it gets around the thumb and why I like the thumb because of the population in there.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Insulates.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What are we doing right now? Like I understand that the purpose of this was to examine a different configuration for Metro Detroit. Which I think is a good exercise. But I mean at this point this has turned into a completely different

map than anything that was submitted before our last round of public comments. So just I'm having a hard time getting behind it because it's happening at this point in the process.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would just offer I like the thumb a lot better until I saw this. And at this point, yeah, gosh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Most of it is right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It helps me understand yeah, we have to make sacrifices. And yeah, I don't know Commissioner Kellom this doesn't -- I just I can't with good conscious keep going.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: So I hear what everyone is saying but this is the part where we can change things and make deliberations. I think there are some offerings here that are considerably better than what we've had before. And I'm going to continue to say and I mean particularly when I think of the house if we are it just seems to be that when things are a major change and there is a lot of push back this process is supposed to produce major change. You know, I don't know if I could apologize for not doing this earlier. But that's inappropriate to me. I think I'm a part of the process. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I'm going to offer Brittini is that like I really feel like it was the thumb that I really liked here but I understand now why it's just it's not it's cutting through a Bay. And there is, yeah, we just I don't know. We have to make choices hard choices period.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: We have to respond to the public so if we were not going to respond to the public then we should have never asked them to weigh in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have a public process that is our legal the Constitution says we have right drawing maps fair maps with public input and it's a legal process.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Not just for the sake of or not cute to have public comment we are supposed to actually take it in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right and what we are doing and we want to be done with on Friday and I think what I'm recognizing we have a lot of work on the house maps and pretty good Congressional maps. There are places I'm not happy with but they are pretty good. In the spirit of not pursuing perfection we respected a lot of communities of interest and I think what I'm saying the house maps there is not a lot for me in the house maps and I need to make sure we have a lot more in the house maps. I think this is yeah, we gave it a good go. And there is there may be some places here but everything requires adjustments and fine tuning. And I think you know this map he did the best he could. We've done the best we could. And I think that we have to somehow make hard choices and yes respond to public comment and, yeah, we keep responding and keep trying different things. This was an effort to respond. At this point I'm feeling like yeah there is also a hard choices in the other ones I'm not happy with. I think if, yeah, I'm also not happy with this one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My understanding is to take the two districts in Detroit and take those and change the lines. Literally we are taking someone's entire map. If we do anything more than just two Detroit districts this has an automatic no vote from me. I'm just putting that out there right now. I will not vote to put this thing forward. If we wanted to work with the two districts in Detroit, I'm fine with that but what we are doing is not appropriate in my opinion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No comment. All right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if there is way to sort of reconfigure the two districts. The two we have got, I will have to play with it tonight, never mind.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I almost wonder if it just would have been easier to bring in the whole map and try to run the metrics on it rather than try to do this. But at this point I agree Commissioner Witjes. This -- is District 7 what the District 7 actually looks like? This chimney like that? Oh, that is ten.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 is very incomplete, ten is incomplete. It goes all the way down. I did as much as I could and I got lost up there. But one, two, three, six, eight are matched up am I not right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 8 over here too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not the 8 on the left but the 8.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is two 8s.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the one that fits so that is all we have done. You still have the rest of the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I'm just struggling as to for getting everything else I'm struggling as to how is this an improvement for Detroit? Like what is this improving for Detroit? I think that was the jumping off point. And it seems like the BVAP is about the same. And so what is this improving for Detroit? Because if that was kind of the point of the exercise. I'm just not sure how this accomplishes that goal.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: One of the things Mr. Adelson says try it and we keep trying it. I know Commissioner Kellom you are saying no you want to keep going, but, yeah. I'm not feeling it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: One, two, three, four, I'm just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a lot to be done. I mean we have two eights up here. I mean really the only thing that is done on here is I'll Zoom in to it. Detroit Metropolitan almost to Ann Arbor. It's one, two, three, six and eight. This eight is not this number. Because.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right because it's got two eights combined.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And then.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are the only completed districts. This would be part of 7 and be part of, no, this green right here is part of 7.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A long ways to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Also goes in Livingston County so 7 is complete.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ms. Reinhardt did you say you had a shape file for this one you sent to Kent that worked? No. Right, right. Commissioner Witjes did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Just in general, I still think it's vastly inappropriate to bring someone's map in without bringing all the maps in that were submitted online. And to the argument of well the whole public comment thing saying you know that's the point of public comment. The point of public comment was to get people to submit ideas for where they wanted lines to be drawn and put communities of interest and where to do districts. We all looked at those things. We all made our decisions on our collaborative maps based on those and pieces of information that was sent over to us. I don't like I said taking only one per person or even a group for example AFLCIO if we would have brought that map in its entirety into the software and run that we would have to do that for every single map that comes in and it's vastly inappropriate this is still happening at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: The Commission is not leaning towards anything that could produce large scale change because we become hung up on the fact that well this is our beloved map, we spent 3.5 hours on Ann Arbor. And it is my, me, just me dangling by myself as a Detroit Commissioner when all of you openly admit you have no idea what to do with Detroit. And you're not listening.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Kellom, just stop. So Kellom I don't need to stop. This creates too pluralities in Detroit where there was only one. And I am sick of the way the Commission has been talking and dealing with each other and every time I come up with a suggestion and no one is edifying or assisting me and improving to make it better it is a problem. That is sickening. When we get to the house map where I have wholesale changes is the same thing going to happen? So don't ask me to weigh in as a Detroiter and then when I do this is the conversation. It's upsetting. And people are watching and listening. And it's not just someone else. I, that live in this City Commissioner Witjes, I support this. I, your coworker a Commissioner, I'm supporting this. The person that didn't have the means to be a part of the process in the first time because I was Vice Chair and Chair so now at the time where we are deliberating and it's time to have a discussion it's not wanted. And you can't make it be anything else. And yes, I'm crying because I'm passionate about this. And I watch you all spin your wheels on lines for other things and this is important. So I don't have anything else to say.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Witjes I was going to say we have all looked at different maps online and at various times have brought in ideas whether we have you know openly acknowledged it or not. There has been a lot of thought process with the public comment I do not agree with the characterization it's inappropriate. I think it's good to consider other ideas and received a lot of public feedback from Detroit of warning to do things different and it's a good exercise to do. My only concern is when I look at this map and Kent can we scroll up to District 1 and District 2? Just the active matrix, yeah. So I see VAP of 45% and 45%. Which is roughly equivalent to what we already have. I think we had one that was 50 and one that was 44 is that right for birch and what was yours for Juniper? What I'm struggling to understand how is this better. It's the same question I ask for promote the vote maps where we were getting criticism and commentary about our maps being at 40% or 45% African/American voting age population and yet when we look at their maps and dig into their Senate and house maps, they have the same percentages so my question is how is this making it better? I don't have a problem to making changes if it makes it better but I'm just not sure these changes although Anthony Skinnell has advocated for them quite heavily and don't look like Mickey Mouse ears which is the primary objective to the other one how does it address the communities and make things better because it goes in Macomb and Oakland County which was something you had expressed you didn't like about our current maps. So my question is how is this making it better? Because if this is making it better and we can explain why and articulate it we can deal with the other changes. I mean you know at this point I'm a pretty good map drawer and can District 1 and 2 and take it home and play with it and weave it into our apple map. I can weave it into the birch map and do that quite easily because I've gotten really skilled at mapping but I don't see the justification because I don't see the two districts as being much better. That is what I'm struggling with. I'm not trying to silence you I want to hear what you have to say but I'm not sure why is this better? Just looking at districts 1 and 2 why is it better?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: My only comment would be every time we had a comment of why is something better, we have taken the time to figure it out and I has not been up to one Commissioner to come up with that answer. So this is something that I feel like we should try and there is a public comment period and maybe the Detroiters and everyone else is watching this process and how it's happening can weigh this on why they think that it's better. But from a COI standpoint I think it's a stronger choice. Now it might not be perfect in all other areas, but I think it's worth working with. That is all that I've said. And I think we've said that also about other maps taking ideas and working with them. I'm seeing inability to work with this idea. We might not how have it better right now but because we don't have that decisive answer Detroit should not be a quick fix.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay Commissioner Lett then Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well taking that tactic I don't discredit that in the least. Commissioner Szetela has offered to take it and work with one and two and redraft a map and come into I take it come in tomorrow, is that the idea?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I might need until Wednesday so I might need a little time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Come in and rework it and she could then explain why it's better or not better or whatever.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would like to do that. I would like to get the shape file for this Kent and I would like to pull it in and see what I can do with it. I think.

>> COMMISSIONER KELLUM: Maybe it's three instead of two. This is just me like looking at it and kind of talking off the top of my head. I realize this is a live idea and kind of shook things up. But that is my personality. I'm unafraid of the doing that. So yes, I like the willingness to work with this. I don't have the other side of that answer. But I like where this is starting. So I get what both are saying about the thumb. I hear Commissioner Witjes about us basically like carbon copying an idea. But I this I that we should work with the to a large degree and try to come up with something better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, give me the chance to do that. I can't guaranty you I will get it done by tomorrow but give me the chance to play with it and maybe tomorrow MC can do a little Chairing and I can play with it during our session while we are talking about other things because I've done that before. Let me see what I can do. I need the shape file and can layer it over and see if I can make it incorporate better. Then we can run numbers on it then we can compare. Does that sound like a plan? General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: My only question is generally with the collaborative maps that mapping is done collectively in open session. And I would just note that Chairperson Szetela you already have an individual map so I wasn't sure you know process wise I just wanted to flag that for the Commission.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I pulled my individual Congressional map.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I do recall that from this morning thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I pulled mine. Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Just as a point that I think the other Commissioners are considering this a collaborative map with chairman Szetela bringing in something for the whole Commission to look at. If I got some nods I would.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right guys it's been a long day. It's been a productive day. We've made some progress. Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I was going to say I don't consider it collaborative I consider it an individual map with some additional help. Collaborative would mean all 13 of us. Involved.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will talk about it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we will support Brittini as best as we can and given what the configuration is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would not just consider it supporting Brittini. I would consider it from the feedback from Detroit so it's not just about Brittini.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed and I guess I'm recognizing I like this idea of a different west east, right configuration. I've heard it and like the idea and essentially, it's a better feel. It reflects west Detroit and east.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right guys, we don't have any minutes to approve. No staff reports. Michigan Department of State do we need any reports? Okay.

Correspondence received in advance of the meeting is provided to Commissioners in our meeting materials. In addition, we review the portal on a daily basis to review comments out there. Any correspondence received is also sent to us.

Do we have any future agenda items? Work on maps. Any announcements? Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Where is the camera at? Right there. Tomorrow is election day everybody watching and our great State of Michigan. Now I have an apartment in Detroit and voting turn out in Detroit for local elections is very, very low. And just generally it's usually low across all our state as well. So if you are watching this, none of this that we are doing today matters unless you go out and vote so I just hope go out and vote tomorrow thank you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Find your clerk's office and voting precinct at Michigan.gov/vote. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. As the items on our agenda have been completed a motion to adjourn is in order. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett is there any debate or discussion on the motion? All in favor please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. A motion carries the meeting is adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Thank you, everybody.