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## MICRC

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As Vice Chair of the Commission, we will bring the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:04 a.m.

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>> This is the interpreter, can you slow down just a little bit, please?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: My apologies.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take a breath.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks like we may have a frozen interpreter.

Okay.

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 your physical location disclose your physical location.

We 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?

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?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

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

Thank you. 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 any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none we will now vote all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

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

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number.

Please proceed.

>> Dan, Genoa Township, Brighton, Michigan. First for the Congressional and the State Senate maps, I want to thank the Commission for listening to the residents of Livingston County.

You heard from a lot of us who requested to keep Livingston County whole and please not place us with Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County and we thank you for listening to us.

I like the State Senate District.

The Congressional District I think is very fair.

It can be won by either party and it's clean.

So I have no objections to that map.

For Congress.

For State House I have a little bit of concern from the last draft from a couple months ago because it splits the Brighton area.

I don't expect those from the area know the exact locations of that as much so I thank the City of Brighton, Genoa and Brighton Township with Green Oak and Hamburg should be kept together.

The current map does not have Green Oak and Hamburg in the Brighton District.

And you've been to Green Oak Township place the shopping center with the infamous circle of death round about on 23 that all has a Brighton address there.

Hamburg is across the street from me in Genoa Township and that is in a different District.

The closest subdivision in Hamburg from the area where I live you have to go through Genoa Township to get there.

It's all Brighton, that is what we all consider ourselves from Brighton.

It's right by the Brighton rec area as well so I think that should be tweaked a little bit.

And there should be a Brighton area District for State House.

A Howell and Fowlerville area District for State House and the other part of Livingston County and two Townships unfortunately will probably not have to go there so thank you all.

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

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

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

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

First in line to provide public comment is Anthony.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public record that participant is not currently present.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Secretary of State.

We will move to Brian Birch.

>> Thank you, Commissioners. Can you hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

>> My name is Brian Birch. I live in the City of Holland. I'm currently in the City of Holland, downtown in the Ottawa County portion.

I spent hours during the summer creating my own maps using the online GS tools that the Department of State provided. So I know and understand the challenge you are facing respecting existing geographic borders, municipal borders and communities of interest.

I know the task is not easy.

That said, I am disappointed and frustrated and I'm concerned by the first draft of maps that were released in the redistricting session.

The citizens created this organization to establish a Congressional state legislative District that would end the gerrymandering and reject the long meandering districts of the past and make districts that make sense.

Our respecting communities are interested in economically tied together.

What we see in this draft are again those long meandering districts and communities carved up, including my own, Ottawa County, my home County, which is affected by this.

Within a few hours of risking riding a bicycle from one end to the other and have three different State Senators and three different Congressional Representatives.

It intentionally and appears to intentionally separate communities from each other.

The economic interests of Holland where I live are joined to Grand Haven and to Jenison and Grandville and have been that way for a long time. We have had our own MSA for a very long time. But now they are being separated by Congressional and state districts.

I feel strongly and others that I've been working with believe Ottawa County belongs together.

We are asking the Commission to change that map according to an acknowledgment that Ottawa County is the fastest growing County in the State of Michigan and by that way the community of interest.

That is something, create maps that preserve and respect our geographic boundaries and respect West Michigan lakeshore culture as a historic community of interest. Thank you. And I appreciate your time.

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

Next in line is Keith Danholander.

>> Thank you for giving me the time to speak. I'm also from Ottawa County and I share some of the concerns that were brought up by Mr. Birch about the splitting of Ottawa County.

A lakeshore County like Ottawa is very unique in the sense that we have issues that arise, that go to the Federal level, that are not common to other areas.

Looking at the maps, I see Kalamazoo being drawn in with one of the Congressional districts.

Somebody in the Kalamazoo area is probably not going to have a great understanding of the erosion issues facing Lake Michigan and some of the issues specific to the lake because Kalamazoo is not a lakeshore community.

A lot of business that is growing and thriving in Ottawa County is tied together and to have multiple different Congressmen representing that County really disenfranchises a lot of us in the County.

It also makes Ottawa County one of the fastest growing counties really underrepresented because we by breaking into three Congressional districts Ottawa County would not make up a majority of any of those Congressional districts.

And so we would have a very tiny voice and take away a voice that Ottawa County has right now Ottawa County has a loud voice today because we make up a major part of a Congressional District.

When you split a County the size of Ottawa it really relegates us to being sort of irrelevant to any of those districts because we become such a tiny piece and really divides up the diversity of that District currently.

The makeup of Grand Haven and West Olive and Holland and Hudsonville is very diverse when you add them altogether but when you break them up the way they are on the maps gives me concern about breaking up of diversity so I would encourage you to reconsider those maps. Thank you.

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

Next in line is Carly Nelson.

>> Okay. Hopefully you can hear me? My name is, okay, okay there I am. Okay, hi, everyone. My name is Carly. And I'm from Grand Haven Township. And as a local who has grown up in Ottawa County and attended Hope College in Holland, I would like to encourage you to reconsider the current Congressional maps by keeping Ottawa County whole.

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Our community here in Ottawa County has less than half the population of one Congressional District yet the proposed map divides the County into three separate districts.

Dividing Ottawa County as proposed weakens the voices of family farms, small businesses and Dutch and Hispanic families who reside and makeup our County. Additionally, Ottawa County represents the lakeshore District at the Federal level, which is vital for tourism and the economy.

Kalamazoo is not considered a lakeshore community yet it is currently being lumped in with the Holland and lakeshore community.

It would make more sense to include Kalamazoo County with Calhoun County together such that Ottawa County can remain the voice for the lakeshore District.

So I really do strongly encourage you to keep Ottawa County together.

I thank you for the work you have been doing so far and again I respectfully encourage you to reconsider Ottawa Counties strengths by keeping us united.

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

Next in line is Zoey Recter Brooks.

>> Hi there. My name is Zoey. I use she, they pronouns. And I grew up and live in Howell. I'm a student at the University of Michigan studying political science and I've been following the Commission work very closely.

First off, I want to say thank you to the Commission for keeping Livingston County whole.

If Livingston were to be split up, I fear that it would dilute the strong political beliefs of the District.

Livingston differs greatly when it comes to the political leaning so it's vital for the County to stay whole. Otherwise it would merely favor one political party over the other.

Likewise I was so glad to see that Ingham is with Livingston. Ingham County is the perfect balance for political competitiveness. And hope moving forward in the redistricting process the Commission keeps in the same.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Next in line is Tommara Grice.

>> Hello. My name is Tommara-Grice. And I want to first start by thanking you all for taking our communities of interest so seriously.

I am a part of the 13 Congressional District and the way that we are drawn now it does not include Dearborn which has more -- has shared commonalities with Detroit.

It is a big piece missing out of our District.

We are encouraging you all maybe to add in the City of Dearborn with the way that it's drawn now, it does not include it.

It's more of a jig saw puzzle piece.

I'm also going to say I'm glad you added more time to work on Metro Detroit.

And with our communities of interest, thank you for working to make the maps more accessible.

Via the redistricting website.

And I'm hoping to you know see what you all come up with.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Ms. Grice please stay on the line for a minute.

Ms. Grice, can you hear us?

>> Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonderful so you cut out. I believe you were trying to say exactly what you thought could be added to the District.

And there was a pause.

And so I wondered if you could repeat that sentence, what you thought could be added.

>> Absolutely.

Right now my Congressional District does not include Dearborn.

And I believe that there is many commonalities between Detroit and Dearborn and we have shared a vested interest and I believe that they should be added more squared off as it is not squared off now.

It includes Westland and I believe that piece could kind of be flipped to include Dearborn.

Thank you.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Mr. Stewart, you are unmuted and free to address the Commission.

>> Good morning, everyone. My name is Will Steward and I've lived in Livingston County and specifically Howell my whole life. And I just wanted to thank you for keeping my County whole.

Being here for such a long time I can see how the political beliefs of Livingston County has changed. And it's really become a varied place where recently either party can win and it's become much more partisan.

I fear that splitting it up would setback that natural shift towards partisanship. And I urge you guys to continue to keep Livingston County whole. And I wanted to thank you for everyone, that everyone, the work you guys have been doing.

Thank you.

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

Next in line is Kathy Brockington.

>> Hello.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hello. We can hear you.

>> Thank you.

I'm Kathy Brockington. I'm from Saugatuck, Michigan on the west coast. Thank you all for your public service. I've observed many hearings so I know how carefully you all are

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considering public comment, communities of interest testimony and the value of each person's vote.

Earlier I submitted a COI focused on the west coast of Michigan in Allegan County. This is map C, sorry this is map C1020.

When drawing this map, on the northern edge I left out the southwest corner of Laketown Township, which is in Allegan County, which split the Saugatuck public school District.

My second map number C4168, shows this part of Laketown Township.

Our small class C school District with only 465 students in grade 6-12 would appreciate it very much if you would attach this Laketown area to Saugatuck in the State House maps and the Congressional maps since the line between Saugatuck and Laketown is a division on most of the maps I've seen.

Those maps again are C1020.

The basic map and C4168 the lake town Township edition.

By the way Holland City really has, I'm a lifelong member or resident of Allegan County, south of Holland. And Holland City really has very much more in common with Grand Rapids than Ottawa County east than all of us living in Allegan County and along the lakeshore.

Congratulations to all of you and thank you for all the good work that you're doing.

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

Next in line is Michael Seigrist.

>> Hello, Commission. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak. Thank you very much for the work you have been doing.

I've spoken in the past.

I was watching the State Representative districts being drawn. And a little bit of concern I had was over the treatment of Hamtramck.

There has been a lot of talk today about communities of interest in Livingston County. It's a little bit harder to make communities of interest in Ottawa County, which is again a little bit harder to make. When we talk about a community of interest, I would definitely think of the Bangladesh in Hamtramck is Section 203 community under the Voting Rights Act. I'm elected clerk and helped in Hamtramck in August.

The Bangladesh community has a language barrier.

They are required the City of Hamtramck is required to provide services for those individuals for language issues.

And Hamtramck has had a white for the last 100 years and majority and plurality of Bangladesh community. There is also a large Yemeni community there. And splitting it three ways it almost ensures they will not have representation. So I would like to stick to a true definition of community of interest and talk a little bit more about that and encourage the Commission working on the State Representative districts to focus on that.



Again, I like the idea of focusing on partisan fairness from the map standpoint, but from a District standpoint it looks like that is partisan interest. And I don't believe that is the jurisdiction of the Commission to factor in.

So I would hope that we would stay true to the constitutional mandate of the Commission.

And I thank you for this in that regard.

And have a great day.

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

Next in line to address the Commission is Anwar.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Secretary of State. We will move on to Justin Roebuck, please.

>> Thank you so much, Commissioners, for having me and really appreciate the work that you are doing, particularly the challenges that you guys are going through certainly as you try to do this administrative process and also hear from many, many people around the State of Michigan.

My name is Justin Roebuck. I'm the Ottawa County clerk and Register of Deeds. I'm actually coming to you in that capacity and a resident of Ottawa County.

And appreciate hearing from some of my fellow residents in Ottawa on these issues as well. Specifically just wanting to address today concerns that I have with the Congressional District maps that affect Ottawa County.

We are Michigan's 7th largest County.

And also currently, and have been for a number of years, the fastest growing County in Michigan.

And I really firmly believe our residents cannot have a diluted voice when it comes to the representation in Congress.

And my role as a clerk of the County I'm also. Of course. On the County apportionment Commission. So in a microcosm we are doing similar things to what you are doing in terms of drawing maps.

And trying to piece together obviously our own county Commission districts.

What I find alarming frankly is the fact that I believe, it appears to me that Ottawa County has been used to really make up the population difference for a widespread, you know, number of other districts that are geographically widespread and they don't represent necessarily our community of interest.

And, you know, I'm a County wide elected official.

So I see Ottawa County, obviously.

I don't have a stake in this.

But I see our County as a community of interest as a whole in a number of ways.

And, particularly, as an election administrator, I think we need to have very clear boundaries and very clear expectations for our voters.

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And so I think it's very important that we do remain whole and I do appreciate your time.

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

Next in line to speak with the Commission is Jordan Jorritsma.

>> Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can.

>> Hi there. My name is Jordan Jorritsma. I'm from Holland Michigan and also requesting like Justin that new lines be drawn at the Congressional level in Ottawa County.

There is no one on the Commission from either Ottawa or Kent Counties. And I just wanted to add one West Michigan voice to the conversation by letting the Commission know that the draft map released last Thursday doesn't really reflect as you have been hearing the communities of interest in Ottawa County.

This map dilutes the voices of Ottawa residents into three districts and while it leaves Kent a much more populous County completely intact.

As the 7th largest County we in Ottawa question why Kent is not split into at least two districts. And the three largest counties in the state, Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb, are split into multiple. Ottawa on this map is not just two but three meaning that it's being used like Justin said to fill up other districts, essentially diluting its voice and not recognizing its communities.

And it is ignoring the communities that Ottawa has, very strong communities of interest.

For instance, the City of Grand Haven and Holland are very much more similar sharing lakeshore and even Coast Guard Service than Grand Haven with Antrim County, which is in its proposed District.

Additionally, the City of Holland is districted with Kalamazoo when they share very little in the way of industrial, cultural, historical or social ties.

Anyone from Holland will tell you that it's part of a lakeshore community, much more similar to the lakeshore than Kalamazoo is.

We don't see any similarities with Kalamazoo.

In fact, the whole region of West Michigan pretty much begins in Ottawa County.

If you Google West Michigan and look at the different maps that they have of regions, pretty much every single one starts in Ottawa.

Ottawa is never included with Southwest Michigan. Holland is nothing like Southwest Michigan.

So I would ask the Commission to redraw those lines to keep Ottawa County intact.

Thank you.

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

I do believe that participant the first participant remote participant has joined us.

Anthony S you are invited to address the Commission.

>> Good morning, Commission. Thank you.

I was yesterday trying to address you guys, but I accidentally signed up for in person one of these days and the intake survey doesn't allow you to change it.

So I don't know.

I was not able to address you guys yesterday.

I thought that was a pretty weak technicality especially since Ms. Reinhardt knew I was on the Zoom line, but any way.

I'm pretty unhappy with the Congressional maps, and it's not about Ottawa County.

It's not about Flint.

It's about Metro Detroit.

I still don't get the -- that, you know, the way that you are put in the east side of Detroit and parts of Macomb County with southwestern parts of the Metro area like Melvindale and Rouge and Southwest Detroit.

I mean, I just don't get it. I feel like there is an east-west kind of split in the region that is not really being observed, but that is just my opinion.

The Congressional map.

Thank you for your time.

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

Next in line to address the Commission is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can.

>> All right. James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions.

And I guess to leave off on our conversation for those that are following, I've been tracking the origins of this Commission,

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, which is known to be a revived reiteration of the Commission on legislative apportionment from 1980s.

And it was created in 1963 with the Constitution.

And now, of course, the Senate fiscal report and the house fiscal report do contradict. But I went back to the text of the 1982 Supreme Court decision and it talked all about it, about doing this very process right here.

Is that it was incompatible with the formula, the Commission was not, you know, unconstitutional. It was just incompatible because it was linked with the inseparable formula.

So it says right in the opinion, it says this is going to be hard to do but you need to amend the Constitution to do this, to change the criteria, which we did.

You folks simply want to start over. And it's all convenience.

It seems to be, you know, it's on convenience and everybody just wants to pretend like you're not in the middle of deliberation.

You are in the middle of deliberation right now. So it's going to be interesting to see the big flash point come next Monday, all of a sudden deliberation.

And all of this, and Commissioner Witjes several times this is all on a whim and we can just change this anyway. And you are doing it now but you are coming into crunch time. Starting Monday morning it's going to be deliberation time. So it's not going to be whims anymore, right?

And please don't go on a whim anymore. Please get your attorneys to give a written legal opinion about the reviving of that constitutional Commission.

You just don't even want to ask about it. They are not going to tell you. Of course, they are getting hundreds of dollars an hour and don't want to upset you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Your time expired and thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Callie Bruley.

>> Hello. Good morning, Commissioners.

My name is Callie-Bruley. And I'm from South Gate, Michigan, part of the Down River community.

I just wanted to say that I see you attempting to unpack Detroit and minority voters. And I'm supportive of your work on this so far.

I know you have a very difficult task ahead of you and appreciate the attention you are giving this.

Being from a Detroit suburb, I also wanted to send my support of being mapped with Detroit.

You're doing what you need to do to undo the gerrymandering and racial packing we've seen in the past.

And, you know, you are going to need to split some of our smaller communities to make fair maps in our area.

But my one small piece of feedback is try to not split the smaller cities into too many pieces.

I was watching yesterday and at one point Redford was going to be split at least three times.

It seems like you adjusted that since but please do try to minimize splitting these small cities too much in your process, too many splits could make it harder for them to have a voice to advocate for them in Lansing.

Wanted to thank you for working to make the maps you're working on everyday more accessible.

I'm definitely looking forward to the new format that is supposed to be rolled out today thank you.

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

Next in line is Chris.

>> Hi. This is Chris Andrews. Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can.

>> Thank you.

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I'm Chris Andrews from Haslett.

First, I have a request.

Somewhere there is political data that is necessary to evaluate the maps that you're drawing.

Can you provide links to from your website so that we can see the analysis from places like Dave's redistricting or plan score? I believe in competitive elections and competitive districts.

Earlier this week I believe I heard your legal counsel advise you not to consider working towards competitive districts.

I believe that is wrong.

The arguments for competitive districts are simple.

They promote robust debate during elections.

They give all voters a chance to change the direction of the state.

They reduce the likelihood that primaries are the only election that matters.

Uncompetitive, the underdog party from running and push candidates and office holders to the extreme left or right and make common ground impossible.

The arguments against competitive districts seems to be they aren't listed as a criterion of the constitutional amendment and the courts don't require them.

With constitutional amendment doesn't require doesn't prohibit competitive districts, common sense isn't a criterion either but we hope you will abide by it.

Competitive districts are less important than a fair statewide map where the party with the most votes wins the majority of the seats.

But they are a part of strengthening Michigan's democracy. Thank you.

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

Next in line to address the Commission is Hunter.

>> Hello. Are you able to hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can.

>> Thank you, Commissioners. My name is Hunter Ihrman. I'm a lifelong resident of Ottawa County, living in Holland and Hart Township. I want to encourage you to consider the entirety of Ottawa County as a community of interest when you are drawing Federal maps.

I point out that the lakeshore is an important driver of the economy in West Michigan. Cities like Grand Haven and Holland both are very similar and benefit from the tourism generated by the Great Lakes. And that is a little bit different from our neighbors to the north, south and east.

I'd also point out Ottawa County is actually unique with a strong Dutch heritage as well as with racial diversity in the County, which is very important and very different from our neighboring jurisdictions.

And I'd also like to add splitting up the County in multiple Congressional seats is extremely confusing to voters.

And it's also pretty taxing on our local resources.

It requires the county clerks to be prepared for the election and printing ballots and adds a lot of confusion for our local Township election officials.

So I would just urge you to keep Ottawa County whole and make sure that Ottawa County is considered as community of interest.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point because we have finished our first time remote public comments and Chair Szetela has joined us I'm going to hand the floor over to her.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, MC.

Now, that the opportunity for in person and remote public commentary has concluded, without objection we will hear from individuals seeking to provide a second two-minute public comment.

Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with individuals seeking to provide a second public two-minute comment.

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

Do we have a second in person? Go ahead, sir, same rules as the last time, two minutes.

>> Dan W, Brighton again.

One thing that I was a little bit alarmed, I'm an attorney and I saw some of the strange districts being started yesterday with unpacking over three different jurisdictions.

I understand that many of you on the Commission are uncomfortable with some of those shapes of those districts.

But the one thing that was never addressed and cross over voting or racial polarized voting was primaries.

They only looked at general election data.

I should say I think your consultants only looked at the general election data to be more accurate.

I think you should request consultants to look at primary results. I remember in 2014 I believe or 2018 David K out in Dearborn Heights ignored the Black community in his District.

They also covered parts of Detroit and Inkster and he ended up losing his primary.

In a general election there is no doubt that in that seat that whoever the democrat was going to win no matter what Dearborn votes democrat as Inkster and Detroit but vote for different types of democrats.

I think you all should request your consultants to look at differences within primaries in those areas to make sure that everyone has their say in both the primary and the general election and that no one is being diluted, packed or cracked.

Thank you.

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

We will now move on to live remote public comment the second round.

Same rules as before, two minutes per commenter.

First in line to provide remote public comment is Anthony.

>> Hello, Commission. I would like to agree with the gentleman who just said that you should take into consideration primary especially when trying to determine, you know, like cross over kind of voting because the general is not going to tell you that, like, you know, you were looking at the Governor's race and the Presidential races and calling these minority candidates. And the vice and the lieutenant, I mean, how is that? This did not make sense to me.

So about your guys' meeting notices, this is about the intake for public comment again.

It does not say that on your meeting notice that in-person people must even fill out that survey. So I feel that needs to be cleaned up especially since I accidentally chose in person and that resulted in my exclusion yesterday.

Okay. And then back to the Congressional map. I think the closest thing to a good map was what Commissioner Eid presented, but I still don't think it's perfect at all. And hope you take a look at the public comment portal. I put out P5252, is my idea for a Congressional map and thanks.

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

Next in line is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now? Hello.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you.

>> It would be nice for you to respond so we know.

This is James Galant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions. And I see we have another attorney just showed up, not concerned at all there is no motion second and immediately pending question being established at all. And you just move on from there.

It's in by the whim of Commissioner Witjes. He is the one that said that. It's by whim, we can change it any time, no problem. And you still are.

Yeah, this is all going to change, no matter, no problem. And I don't understand other than people that get in the Chair get to take advantage of it. So they are just waiting for themselves to get in the Chair like Commissioner Rothhorn just did.

And I would like to thank also the mapmaker from yesterday who refused to move the lines for Commissioner Witjes. He said move the lines. And the map maker kept, continuing going back repeatedly. And said, Commissioner Lange, do you want it moved? Because it was her turn. And the Chair over and over Rothhorn again yesterday where are we at on all this now that we went on break? And you don't even know because you don't have the immediately pending questions going.

And it just seems odd that you folks are even moving forward at all and not knowing what the question is.

And now you're going to have to...you have a bunch of maps going. You are going to have to do 150 motions all at the same time and vote on all of them separately or you just going to do one?

The whole map, the whole thing, 150 maps and we are going to do it all at once. And you can't open up one map if you end up with a problem and you have to revisit it after the public comment. You know, which we are in the 45-day public comment period, right? Because we see it on the Internet and we keep hearing comment. You have published draft maps. You are receiving public comment. In the Constitution it says you are going to do that and then you are going have 45 days. So is that this? Are you going to...is this another whim, that you're just saying it is. And then you are going to get your people to respond to you. And then you are just going to say look they are saying this and do that. Just like I mean this is just ridiculous.

How the pandering that's going on that you folks think somebody is going to say something to you, except for the guy that says, hey, why don't you follow the rules. Don't listen to that guy, okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Galant.

This concludes our public comment for this morning.

However, I'd like to mention that all e-mail and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting. And Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) website on a regular basis.

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

Next, we are going to move on to our unfinished business agenda Item 5A. Without objection, we will continue the draft mapping of Senate House Districts.

We ended the mapping yesterday, so it is Commissioner Curry's time to instruct the line drawers.

So Commissioner Curry we will hand it over to you and John or Kent John so John can you open up the house map from yesterday that we were working on for Commissioner Curry?

>> MR. MORGAN: I will ask the partners to confirm this is I believe is the map from yesterday.

And it was sent to me so I think it's correct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That looks right to me.

Any other.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I could give you an orientation too that might help because I think that is what you are asking for an orientation.

>> MR. MORGAN: Kent is pointing to District 16 and that is kind of the last one or the one that is tip of mind then it seems like this is a correct plan.



Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it does look like that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Good morning, Commissioner Curry, Kim has something to say, I think.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes Commissioners, I wanted to point out a couple things this morning that we've been working on overnight.

For your benefit we have been uploading plans to the my Districting site and it is functioning.

And this morning I downloaded the shape file from yesterday.

And brought that into my version of Autbound edge.

I wanted to point out the new data set that we worked on last night now includes the democratic primary from 2018 to include the Governor's race from that.

John doesn't have that yet on his system but it is there, available and I can end up showing people the votes for the districts that we created yesterday in that contest also.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just occurred to me are we still waiting for the partisan fairness tab or is that what you are referring to?

>> KIM BRACE: Partisan fairness is being worked on but it's not quite there yet but yes this is one more data item that can be there.

Ultimately whether or not that goes in the partisan fairness is partly Lisa's call on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you for that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you give us an estimate when the partisan fairness will be completed?

>> KIM BRACE: What we were looking at yesterday afternoon was we are hoping within the next day to have at least elements of the partisan fairness, that they are working on to generate the spreadsheets that Lisa was looking at for analysis purposes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

Any other questions for Kim? All right Commissioner Curry take it away.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so just to orient the areas that are not shaded in are available for drawing and of course you can always go back and change a District if you like.

And Commissioner Curry you're muted.

We can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

Good morning, Commissioners.

Of course I welcome any help on this.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you would like to Juanita because one of the ways we were trying to balance the white and Black population you will see 14 and 15 those districts 14 and 15.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: There was a comment during today that talked about Redford and keeping Redford whole and I think because you know this area.

I think you can see we are starting in Detroit and moving west towards into Livonia. Sort of taking thin strips and because you know the area that may be a useful place to help us make sure that we don't interrupt or break apart small cities like Redford.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay thank you.

All right, well, let's go to Redford.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, when we took this approach, can you hear me, Juanita?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I can.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Initially we chose a different approach.

And what we ended up doing was not getting a balanced District.

So we decided to move west where there is less Black population and balance the districts and that is why you see the configuration that you do now in 14 and 15.

The big problem we were faced with was if we move north Southfield is predominately or a large percentage Black and end up with the same problem that is why we decided to move west.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, I know that we moved south there is a lot of Blacks in Redford.

So let's see, let's go -- let's go west and see what we can do on that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I'm tracing the boundary of Redford Township there is a blue line that shows the boundary.

District 14 start in Detroit.

Goes all the way to the edge of telegraph road and then through Redford into Livonia.

District 15 does something similar to the south.

So and we are looking in this area again this is telegraph road.

This is Redford.

And then this is 10 I guess that is lodge.

And then this is Southfield.

And Grand River is the diagonal Cross Street just to define the area of Detroit that you see on the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, shall we finish Redford all?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think the answer is yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's go up here and finish Redford.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the Township so do you want to take a portion of Detroit or a portion of Redford? Do you want to start at the eastern edge of over here of District 8 or do you want to start somewhere else?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm picturing Redford in my mind and I know how it kind of is made up.

And the largest part of the Black population I think is to the south, to the west rather I'm sorry.

And when we cross over, is that A Street?

>> MR. MORGAN: This is telegraph right here.

It's 24, that is telegraph.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah, I think it becomes more white populated.

So let's see.

Let's take let's go west.

Let's go this way.

>> MR. MORGAN: So do you want -- I can't see what you're pointing to.

Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so when you say go west do you want to start with a portion of Redford? Or do you want to start with a portion of Detroit?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's start with a portion of -- let's start with a portion of Redford.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so what I will do is I will just click one precinct or two in so you can see where we are.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is basically this is telegraph road and this is 8 mile so this is the County boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then this precinct is inside Redford on the north end.

And that is the whole Township.

So part me.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: One second.

We will reverse that.

So that gives you an idea of the whole Redford Township has been split, the two districts 14 and 15 like I said have a portion of Redford.

And then just as a reference this is the northern most point of Redford Township.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then this portion is also Redford Township that is about to click in here.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let's click in it, okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And this again if you would take the entire Township, it would be within this boundary like that.

And.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't want to split.

Let's take the entire Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm going to click in the balance of Redford so you can see what it looks like.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay and how much population that represents.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: How much population is that?

>> MR. MORGAN: It says 23,000, which is about 25% of a State House District.

So 23,000 people you need to add 68,000 and you know you can go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: To the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can go towards Detroit.

This will probably be too much population if you took all of it but I don't know for sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's take part of Detroit that is closest to Redford.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

Right up in there.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think we discussed before this is Grand River and the area around Brightmoor if I'm not mistaken.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay can you fill that in and see what happens?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so filling in on the south? This area?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I'm going to take these areas here that go up to Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Not Southfield, the Township and Southfield road.

So this is between telegraph and Southfield.

So that little area I took in was about another 25% of the District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay so I will need about 30 what is that about 30,000 more?

>> MR. MORGAN: It looks like 50,000 more.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 50,000 more.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could continue going to the east if you like towards lodge or you could fill in the area up towards Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go to the east.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay continuing east.

It's calculating so now that leaves you 30,000 short.

We are just I'm going to click these two in so you are right up to Michigan 10, which is lodge.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, and the population that I need now?

>> MR. MORGAN: Is about 30,000.

- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's keep going west.
- >> MR. MORGAN: East I think you mean.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: East, keep going east, okay, yeah.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Juanita can I give you some feedback?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure.
- >> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks good.

This sort of is the pattern that we've been using.

And as you right I think if what you want to do, what we were looking at as we drew the districts east to west particularly 14 and 15, with the demographics and making sure we were not concentrating the Black population in any District we were drawing, and so as you know right it gets whiter as we go west.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just wanted to offer Redford Township and I think you took that because you knew that was it to keep whole, to keep Redford and reflects what we heard from a public speaker this morning.

If you want to pick up the rest of your population because you are at District 17, do you see the minority numbers or the non-Hispanic Black numbers? 71, 72, almost 72%.

And District 15 and 14 right were closer to 63 but 14 is also 70% you are in the range. It's looking good as you know the further west you go the more white.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry this is Rebecca Szetela.

I would also suggest, I'm pretty sure that curve that outer drive where you just have that little bump up, I'm pretty sure that is the northern edge of north Rosedale and that community wanted to stay together so if we could just grab those blocks there, I think that would honor that community of interest before you move west.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let's do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Szetela I just need a little clarification.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: See the freeway coming down 39 is Southfield and outer drive and see how it kind of curves as it comes west of the freeway that little block of neighborhoods that are just south of the curve so west of 39, south of the curve for outer drive.

So a little further down.

Actually hold on I will show you on the map.

>> MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right here this is outer drive.

This is north Rosedale.

>> MR. MORGAN: Taking this in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just this little block right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: I could put the neighborhood map up on the screen if that is helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You don't need to. I know where it is.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that area just one voting precinct right there. And you still need 17,000 people roughly.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, right up in there where you are now.

>> MR. MORGAN: So continue there.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is 7-Mile.

So do you want to take the Section between 7-Mile and Grand River?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay 6.3 percent under 5700 people out of alignment.

So we need to gain just a little bit more.

Perhaps three precincts is about the right amount of population I would estimate.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's try to get those three precincts in.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this area here is outside telegraph near the Redford border.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or other areas between 7-Mile and 8 mile or look at areas further to the east in Detroit for about three precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's stay near the Redford border.

>> MR. MORGAN: These three are just outside telegraph road.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

Commissioners what do you think?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm wondering if the thematic dots would help so that we can see if moving west would get us some more balanced population.

Because we have pretty high non-Hispanic Black population right now.

And maybe we want to balance that a little bit more.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Also wondering if it makes sense to go into Livonia and go west rather than carrying that area on the eastern side of Southfield.

So that way we would be more balanced.

Can we put up the thematic dots for African/American population?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I worked on District 14 yesterday and what I did is I started building on the far East Point in Detroit and I only built, I think two rows of precincts and headed west.

And then when I got to a certain point, and I didn't have enough population I added a third row.

And kind of cascaded it up.

That way so that we could stay contiguous within this whole thing.

The problem you've got is once we hit Southfield, it's 65 I think percent Black so it's not going to help you balance things and I don't know about oak park.

I'm not that familiar but I'm looking at the dots now and it looks like it's heavily populated on the south side with Black.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It does.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I would suggest maybe using the same approach, take the two precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Go west.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No two precincts that bump up against 14 and head west.

And see where we are at.

Maybe all the way over into Livonia a little bit.

And then to get more population.

Get another row of precincts and anyway that is the approach I took.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It sounds reasonable, Doug.

Let's try that, John.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so at this point knowing that adding this is going to overpopulate, I would suggest go ahead and put those in and then take out something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay we will take out that top block over on 17.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right so I'm going to put these three in.

And it looks like this is going to be about 8,000 people or so.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Did you say 8,000 or 80,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: 8,000 and it will put it over by 5,000.

Now you can take out the portion near 7-Mile between telegraph and Southfield or some of the extreme eastern part of Detroit inside of lodge.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's take off some of the extreme east part of Detroit.

>> MR. MORGAN: So again this right here, the curve with lodge.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Could you scroll it up a little bit so I can see where 8 mile is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's just north of there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: See the precincts that bounce up next, to 8 mile?

What you are doing is blocking yourself in to go back up north if you don't use all the precincts to the east.

And you're going to have to use oak park or Southfield so I would take that top row out at the moment.

Which that bumps up against 8 mile and work with the rest.

And then that gives the opportunity if we have to make another District and use the remainder of the presents in Detroit it gives the opportunity to balance it as we head west.

>> MR. MORGAN: To summarize what >> COMMISSIONER CLARK said he is suggesting taking out a portion of Redford Township and the portion here between Redford and telegraph.

I believe that is what he is suggesting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Keep in mind if we do that, we have Redford cut four ways. No fault on you John we can also go north.

We don't have to keep the sort of stacked Lego configuration we are doing.

We can take the area of Detroit currently unassigned and carry it up north which is way the other districts to the east are.

And go through oak park that way.

Go ahead >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's do that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Are we going back to the idea of taking out these small Section inside of lodge? Or are you looking at something else?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, let's take it out so we can do up north.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What do you guys think about that? Is it making some kind of sense with this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think so.

I'd say let's see what it does to the population because it's already bringing down the African/American population.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is right this area here has a high concentration of African/American population.

So by taking those precincts out and roughly following the lodge border, then the District here is within 1100 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Of what you need and here is the demographic characteristics.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, so we are like 1100 off.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, and you are within the plus or minus 5, you are within negative 1.2.

So it's pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That looks good then what do you think Commissioners?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it looks good.

I see nodding heads around the room.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Great let's leave it like that then.



>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you and I believe the Department of State staff will have some questions for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Madam Chair. Commissioner Curry, and anyone as well who assisted with the drawing of this District could you describe what communities of interest were considered while drawing this District? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The communities of interest that was considered was the Black population and the white population.

We wanted to have them more contiguous and their COIs.

And somebody help me out.

What else.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Don't forget we were reserving the Rosedale, Grandmont neighborhoods by keeping them together.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thanks Rebecca.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry you were listening to public comment this morning.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I did and want to keep Redford more or less whole.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Stop cutting up Redford.

All right at this point we will move on to our next Commissioner.

Commissioner Eid is on his way but Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since this District still comprised part of Detroit, I'm wondering if we want to look at or Mr. Adelson wants to look at the political data.

And I'm wondering when we stop that.

Like we are not going to do that for every District throughout the state I'm assuming because it will not be relevant.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

That is a great point.

The focus on the election districts or the election results is going to be concentrated primarily in and around larger cities where there is a larger diversification of population. So, yes, that as you move out further into other areas of the state, we are not going to be looking at the election results for each location, absolutely.

So, yes, let's look at the election results but before that, if it's okay, you know a couple of points I wanted to make about 17.

17 the population has diversified as there have been changes that have been made.

I want to point out and that will be confirmed with the election results that the Black population is still pretty high.

That will have to be addressed going forward.

And I would also suggest that as the mapping continues on any given District, and there are reminders about population, equal population and looking at equal population.

It's equally important if in some respects, not more so important that be very aware of the racial diversification.

Because even though that this is a relative looks pretty good as far as equal population there are aspects of the District that will need to be addressed.

So in moving forward just as an example, that you saw the change where there was that one block that was removed from the District on the eastern side that bordered 8.

And the Black population voting age population and over all came down significantly.

There should be additional adjustments that bring the population more into a diversification which would likely be as was discussed earlier moving either to the north or to the west.

So I would recommend that in creating districts in certainly in the Detroit area for now that the looking at the diversification factor if you will, the racial population is if not as important as equal population, perhaps more so for reasons we have talked about.

So we can definitely let's look at the election results and see.

We must also look because I'm very excited about doing this looking at the new election that came up yesterday that Dr. Handley and I talked about.

That I think will be very instructive.

So could we look first at the bellwether election results, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: So just to clarify I still need to download that data packet.

So I would need a moment to unpack that so I think if we can delay that review of the primary data until a break then I can download it or we can have Kim bring it up when he is here.

I have the other election results.

Here we go.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are looking at District 17 is the one that was just created here.

Okay so looking at the president 2020 Biden is 84.

Trump is 16.

Clinton 84.

Trump 16.

Obama 86.

Romney 14.

U.S. Senate race in 2020 is Peters is 84%.

James is 16.

And then the 18 Senate race is 81 for Stabenow.

19 for James.

2014 is 86.5 for Peters and 13.5 for land.

U.S. Senate race in 2012 is 88.5 for Stabenow and 11.5 for Hoekstra.

For Governor 83 for Whitmer.

17 for Schuette.

And 2014 it's 80 for shower and 20 for Snyder.

Attorney General is 82 for Nessel.

And 18 for Leonard.

Totten in 2014 is 80 and Schuette is 20.

Secretary of State Benson 84.

Lange 16.

And then Dillard is 79.5 and Johnson is 20.5.

And then this area here when I get the break this has the Governor primary so we will come back and look at that data for the three candidates for primary for democratic Governor nomination.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Great thank you so much, John.

I also wanted to point out that remember the Kim said yesterday he was going to change the descriptor on the tab to say statewide races.

If you look at that rather than focused minority in some elections there is an M at the top.

M means that there is a minority candidate was running.

Now I know that there was a comment earlier about why is that important.

The Voting Rights Act and the courts will emphasize the importance of an election where there is a person of color running, a minority individual running because that often can change voting patterns.

So that is why the notation is there.

That is why those election results Dr. Handley labeled them and I agree with this as bellwether elections.

Those are like we had that is what needs to be established first.

So I just wanted to point out why there is an M there and why that is so important.

The election results show as we had surmised that this is a strong, very strong District for supporting minority candidates of choice.

Margins are pretty big 5, 6 times, which 4 times that suggests this is a strong District and can certainly withstand changing the population the way we have discussed.

So this is now one of those border districts in the sense of it's unclear which way it's going with the electoral margins are close, they are not close.

So this is an ability to elect District and that is the as the District is adjusted, that is something that we will look at on an ongoing basis and as I said I'm very much looking forward to the primary election results that are being loaded as I think they will be very helpful, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So Bruce, what I hear you saying is we are going to make changes down in this Detroit area based upon the percentages that we're seeing right now, we ought to be making them now before we lock ourselves in and have to change 15 districts going forward.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Lett I think that is a great point. I think that as we saw over the last couple of days with District 6 for example, District 12, 10 and 8, however you whether you choose to go west like 14, 15 and 17 or go north like 8, 10 and 12 for example I think as Commissioner Szetela was suggesting earlier giving yourself some leeway as far as where to go. So there is opportunity to the west. There is opportunity to the north. And I would respectfully suggest that that piece in 17 to the east that is above 14, between 17 and 8, that that may perhaps that's something to evaluate as far as being a steppingstone to going north for 17. A steppingstone to creating a new District between 17 and 8 that goes north. But I think to your point giving yourself as much leeway as possible I think >> COMMISSIONER CLARK had mentioned that earlier too. I think that is really important because you can easily find yourself boxed in. If you look at those, the dots that were on the screen earlier about the Black population, you will see that there is a strong core of Black population of course in the City of Detroit. That can be a good starting point for a District that goes north, goes west as you decide.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are still on, Sarah, right? The screen just changed. So we just don't have someone screen sharing right now. All right, any additional questions? So in light of what Mr. Adelson suggested Juanita, are you interested in changing your District at all now? So he was suggesting that I think you might be on mute, that the eastern arm that's coming out from your District into Detroit might be wise to pair that back and pull more from Livonia to balance the demographics of the District a little bit more. That is what he was suggesting.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay that sounds like something we can do, yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay give me just a moment to bring the screen back up. To clarify, you were saying that Mr. Adelson was suggesting doing that. I thought he was suggesting evaluating the area that was unassigned in Detroit and looking at pairing that something to the north. That's what I thought you said.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I may, John, I think I'm suggesting both. Because that piece leaves only one small piece between 17 as it's currently configured and 8, that's a very small square I guess if you will to explore going north. So if that toggle between 17 and 8 were removed, there is just more geographic space to go north should individual Commissioners and the Commission decide to go in that direction between 17 and 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: Royal Oak or Southfield or the two northern communities Szetela sed north of there another thing we can do instead of redrawing 17 is do what we have

done in the past and create District 18 and start with that area and kind of see how it looks and then we can evaluate if we want to move 17.

>> MR. MORGAN: That seems to but I thought that is what you were suggesting. Just to evaluate it before making a change.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you okay with that Juanita?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's try that and see the population.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will bring the screen up but I'm downloading a file in the background and that is the file I need and hopefully that won't intrude.

One moment.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so the next Commissioner is drawing or Commissioner Curry you're satisfied for the moment for the District 17?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So John I'm sorry I think you might be looking for direction. So if you want to create a District 18 and let's just start filling in along the line.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay is there a Commissioner that should be directing this at this time?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry.

>> MR. MORGAN: She is continuing with a new District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so we are sort of playing because we want to decide whether to evaluate her or reevaluate her District.

So I mean I can District Juanita or you can District, doesn't matter.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I choose you to direct it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so let's just start filling in those precincts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Detroit area presents first?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, I would start down there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And can you also put up the neighborhood overlay so we can sort of see where communities and neighborhoods are?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure let me get that.

Just a moment.

So those are the boundaries of the neighborhoods.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab that where you just were, yep, and just assign that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just these precincts here is about 40,000 people.

And I'll fill in the precincts that it missed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go down and grab the white space all that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yep, working on it.

Okay so far that is 66,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so keep assigning, yep.

And so can you take off the more westerly edge? You see where the diagonal line is coming up? Basically where your mouse is right now put off the precincts above and below and west of there and go into oak park and see how that works.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I may let me finish filling them in so they are assigned then I can unassign them or start a District 19 as a holder place.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is partially so we don't miss something and leave it unassigned internal to the other districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The you can pull in oak park which is about 30,000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay and Szetela se put us into 18.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure but just to be clear as far as I can tell it hasn't been used or split in any way at this time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, oak park and the balance of Detroit and you will be 20 some thousand over 18 and now you want to take off this portion?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That portion ideally, I would like to add in Huntington Woods if we can so to me, I think that will create a more balanced District but we will see.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: MC says to put up the Thematic dots again.

>> MR. MORGAN: I was selecting by Township.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He was teasing me because he said do you want to put them up? No I don't need them.

Well we need them so okay.

[ Laughter ]

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You mentioned your intent is to take some of the districts out of is that Detroit or Redford?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That north part is Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Take them out of Detroit and add in Huntington Woods what is the logic for that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Trying to balance the population Black and white.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think we are going to have three precincts in Detroit that can only move north into Southfield that is predominately Black as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What do you mean three precincts there is one that will fill the void.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I will wait until I see what the result is.

>> MR. MORGAN: So at this point we are taking these three neighborhoods outcome prized of maybe 12 precincts.

It's 662 over.

So this was about 6,000.

So if you put this in you probably would look at taking that out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so try that put in Huntington Woods and take out the other blacks and right now we are 80% African/American.

>> MR. MORGAN: Huntington Woods is 64,000 so you are about 7,000 over then we will take these out.

Then I put it in the wrong District of course.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think if we can see the thematic dots, it would help because I thought when they were up this was pretty filled in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Huntington Woods is not.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me finish the request that is currently in the cue and then I will look at the dots.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Adding Huntington Woods dropped it down by 5%.

Yeah, now we are down.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's not updating so I need a moment to let it catch up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's showing an older population amount.

So let me save it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm rebuilding the plan to clear up any population discrepancies.

Unfortunately I don't think it did unless it was a perfect.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It might have been a perfect swap, pretty close.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's possible.

I guess I would recommend closing the plan and reopening it because that again might clear something out if there is a problem.

Sed Szetela okay go ahead and try that and you saved it.

I just saw you save it.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will save it again.

Okay again it did come up with the same number.

So not the same number.

It's positive 600 and some and about it's within 1%.

And then if you are looking at the minority population specifically the African/American at this summary level there is the number that you were referencing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so, Bruce, now that we've sort of kind of created this dummy District to look kind of the population in the other area, it still is heavily concentrated African/American, which we are to bring down 5% by including Huntington Woods.

I mean we could take more off and go further north but I just wanted you to kind of see what the rest of the population was in this area.

And yes, can you please put on the thematic dots? John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry about that I was getting sed Szetela can you put the thematic dots on, please?

>> MR. MORGAN: The next town is Berkeley.

Just a second, it's being covered.

There we go so that is Berkeley.

Then we have this area of Detroit that is currently unassigned.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, that is Southfield.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is Southfield this is Detroit sed Szetela part of Detroit and Southfield, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: But this District that you just drew, the minority percentage I think is not that much different than 14 when we drew 14 yesterday. So it's a big problem area because it's such a high concentration of African/Americans. And that is the best we could do with 14 yesterday.

This may be the best we can do with 18.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think to your point >> COMMISSIONER CLARK and what we were talking about yesterday that, yes, this is a challenge.

I think that as you can see to the north of 18 and 8 and then I understand the dynamics of Southfield when you look to the west of 17, 14 and 15 too we saw the changes in demographics as you were really attentive to the diversification of population.

So I think that there are additional opportunities but again as we talked about yesterday, there is the possibility that there will be districts that at the end of the day the population cannot be adjusted down you know to the equivalent of let's say 12 for example.

And if that's the case then that is something that we can meet at that point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Bruce because Steve earlier mentioned like the idea that we may want to try that earlier rather than later, and I'm just thinking about right that the courage to try, it's early.

So to speak.

And it feels like I'm feeling pretty fresh today but I think we may want to try to break up Dearborn.

I think what we've got is we can recognize they have a full complete District and a COI preserved in two maps.

We are being challenged here in our House District and you know with sincere apologies to breaking up a COI but I think we had to do that with the Grosse Pointes like we are going to have to make hard choices.

What I'm thinking about right now is trying to acknowledge that while it's early, before we have the rest of the map drawn, to try to quote unquote to try.

I see Commissioner Orton's hand and >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.

Do you want to call on them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton then >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.



>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So even before that suggestion I was going to say we've been asking for public comment on communities of interest.

We've been paying attention to that.

I'm really uncomfortable with all of the communities of interest we are cutting up.

I see that we are going to need to try it to prove to ourselves whether it helps or not.

But, if at all possible, I think we need to go back to the major ones that we know want to be together.

And have reason to be together.

And try and make that happen.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I don't mind taking another look at Dearborn at all but I prefer to do that when Anthony is here and he is on his way.

Because Anthony in my opinion is Anthony and Rebecca are the most knowledgeable about the area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It was Anthony that didn't necessarily understand the neighborhoods in the Dearborn area.

It was Rebecca that sort of made that happen so I want to acknowledge there is proficiency in the room.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Rothorn if I may in response to your point about Dearborn, and I think that is consistent with what everyone has been saying this morning, that being able to look at different options and no one is suggesting that Dearborn be cracked in the sense of you are dividing it in multiple ways to weaken that District as the ability to elect District and there may be because it seemed to be a pretty strong District.

There may be opportunities.

So I agree with you.

I think that the...and to the community of interest point that Commissioner Orton raised that pertaining to communities of interest can be significant.

And there are a lot of communities of people have spoken about many different communities of interest.

Not all communities of interest are as...

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Contiguous.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Contiguous thank you Commissioner Curry.

I would also add to that equally legally significant from a Federal perspective.

So looking at criteria number one, there -- it goes both ways.

There may be significant communities of interest as we have been told about in Dearborn for example, Hamtramck.

That may raise vote dilution issues if they are split up.

But there are other communities of interest that don't have those same imperatives so I think to the point, yes, it is no question it's challenging.

And no question that there are various options that are on the table, they may not all work from the standpoint of the compliance that we have been talking about.

And there are options.

I'm not adverse.

Let me say that again I'm into exploring opportunities what there are flowing from Dearborn to see how that fits.

I also have to say I'm very much encouraged and impressed by all the creativity that came out of the last couple of days.

I mean you if you look at those districts that were created, I mean there were some hard choices that were made.

And acute awareness of what the imperatives were but you created some districts that right now seem pretty strong.

As far as Voting Rights Act issues and maintaining the ability to elect.

So I agree.

I was fully supportive of exploring how Dearborn might be able to facilitate these other considerations.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, and on that point, what I was planning on doing because I'm so familiar with Dearborn I lived there for 37 years and what I wanted to do today is let us continue to do our mapping and because it's going to involve multiple changes, I was just going to create an alternative map.

And submit it to the Commission so that they can sort of see.

Because I think it would be easier than trying to redo what we have done already and everybody can kind of look at it because I have very specific ideas about how we can sort of and I mean I think kind of the point too on the Arabic community it's spread out through Dearborn and Dearborn Heights and southwest Detroit and western Detroit.

So it's not this nice little packed group.

They are quite spread out.

And you know we did honor those for the Senate District and honored those for Congressional District now when we are in the House Districts we are dealing with populations of Dearborn and Dearborn Heights that are more than one House District.

So I think we can still respect that community of interest.

But the simple reality is at a minimum that community of interest would have to be split because we can't fit them all in one District.

So it's just how we split them.

So.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Madam Chair I absolutely agree.

I think that is really well put how you approach it and how you do it.

There is more than one way to approach it but I share that.

That I agree from my experience and understanding that the population is not monolithically narrow in geography where there is one small pocket, one small square that you're talking about.

It goes to what we discussed before.

That I think there are opportunities to explore.

And let's see who they yield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, so going back to kind of where we are at. Juanita did you want to make any changes to your District or do you want to leave it as is?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think we should leave it as it is right now se Szetela with respect to the District that I just drew, I'm honestly going to treat that as my turn when we come down around to me again so I would rather leave it the way it is for now. And Department of State staff the communities of interest that I was interested in preserving was the African/American community while trying to take into consideration of balancing the demographics so that we are not packing the District.

All right so if we are got with those districts, I think it's again we are still waiting for Commissioner Eid so we will pick up with him when he gets here.

Is Commissioner Lange on? I don't currently see her on the screen but I have heard she is there.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm here sed Szetela it's Commissioner Lange's turn at this point.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Lange give me just one moment, I'm trying to bring the mapping software back online just 30 seconds, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No problem.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm downloading a data set and it's taking a moment.

Almost got it set.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: John is it a good time to take a five-minute break.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure makes sense.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, looks like we need a five minute break so Commissioner please I think the time is 10:45 yes, please.

Let's do a 15 minute break.

It's 1045 and we reconvene at 11:00.

Thank you very much, Commissioners.

[ Recess ]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We will come back to order at 11:01 for people watching can the Department of State staff take roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location.

We will start with Doug Clark.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

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?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

We will continue with item 5A and Commissioner Lange I believe it's your turn to direct the line drawers.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm still loading this.

So again just a moment.

Taking a little more time than I thought.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: May I have a point of privilege since we have a moment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: We have not approved Friday the times that are available are 10-5 at the facility.

We talked about this on Thursday and the Commission had said within the 9-6 or 10-6 timeframe that we wanted to meet.

So if somebody would like to make a motion, that would make it official, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Commissioner Lett and seconded by >> COMMISSIONER CLARK to have I believe we just need the start time, right? And finish.

10-5.

So we have a motion to set the meeting time for the meeting on Friday, the 24th from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. is there any debate or discussion on the motion? And Commissioner Lange if you have any comments please verbally indicate because I can't see you on my screen.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I request we finish a little earlier than that because we are not spending the night and that is quite a far drive to home so I'd say you said 9 as a starting time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 10-5.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So consider 10-3?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, why don't we leave it open ended and just when we get tired or get to a certain point we just adjourn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Well, I think 5 would be a perfectly fine ending time it's not like we are working on Saturday.

So even if you have to leave, you, you know.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you want to make an amendment.

Commissioner Orton if you want a 3:00 end time you can make an amendment and I will second it for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I'll amend the motion to be 10-3.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I second the motion.

So at this point we have an amendment to the primary motion which was 10-5.

Proposing to change it from 10-3 on Friday is there any debate or discussion on the amendments? All right seeing none let's go ahead and let's vote on the amendment so the amendment is to amend the motion to set 10-3 on Friday the 24th all in favor of amendment please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

So 9-1.

So 9-1 the amendment prevails let's move on to primary motion as amended which is to set the meeting time from Friday to 10-3 p.m. all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

Opposed raise your hand and say nay.

So 9-1 the motion prevails and the motion is set for 10-3 on Friday thank you very much everybody.

How are we doing, John?

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>> MR. MORGAN: We are checking on the shape file here for a southbound.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: What we are going to do is I'm going to send the shape file to Kim and he is going to bring it up so you can look at that primary election data.

So that will give you an opportunity to review that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Once Kim brings that up, he may take a moment to review the primary data for the districts that you've been drawing and then we will I know Commissioner Lange is ready to draw something new as well.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Commissioner Lange if we get started with you in a moment here, do you know generally where you want to continue working? In the Detroit area or a different area?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Probably a different area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While we are waiting, I have a question.

How far I think we are almost done with the Detroit area.

I think there is one more little slice.

So and then we have the Flint area that we also did not do yet but the other areas of Michigan we did house maps.

So at what point are we going to try to put that altogether?

>> MR. MORGAN: So just, sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Executive Director?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That is on the agenda for tomorrow.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes so, I think we will start, recommend reconciling, Flint and did we do Saginaw? I don't think we did.

We will then start trying to put the maps together and reconcile them.

>> MR. MORGAN: Kim is trying to upload the plan but I've got a plan that you worked on active and ready.

So let's proceed with this.

And we will reconcile the primary data a little bit later.

So hopefully you can see the screen in the moment.

And just as a reference point the last District, we worked on was 18 which took in Huntington Woods and took out this area of Detroit.

So that's where we are.

So Commissioner Lange you said you wanted to move to a different area rather than working on the Detroit area?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: If you could expand it out.

I think I want to go towards the shoreline again and incorporate those areas on the shoreline above 13.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, I'm going to change the coloration of 13.

Just a moment.

Okay so this is 13 which looks like it has a portion of St. Clair shores Harrison a portion of Clinton and more Clinton, sorry, okay?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, so go to the north.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: We are going to work our way starting with Chesterfield, new Baltimore and all the way around.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so it looks like there is two voting presents of Chesterfield that have been taken into this District 13.

Do you want to reassign those to this new District or leave the split as is?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Leave the split as is for the moment, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, sure.

So I'm putting in new Baltimore first into a District 19 is the next one on the numerical list.

Okay so new Baltimore is 120111 and I'll take in the balance of Chesterfield next.

I'm going to roll back one click so that I don't take all that water area for the moment.

Okay so it looks like you're at about 51,000 with new Baltimore and the balance there.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Balance of Chesterfield.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Then go to the next area which is the Ira.

Correct.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, okay, so you've got Ira coming in next so you will be at 57, 58,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can you take in the rest and wrap it all the way around and let me see what the population is going to be.

>> MR. MORGAN: Including marine City.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Include marine City for the moment, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: With all of those Townships in, it's 78,723.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, can we kind of go out a little bit so I can see the surrounding to the north, kind of a better picture?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so let's see this is Macomb and this is St. Clair so you took from Macomb and Chesterfield new Baltimore then the towns you see in St. Clair so Lenox is substantially populated in Macomb then you have 4,000, 3,000, 3,000 so these are roughly the same population.

And you're looking.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: 12000.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let's see that is 7500.

10,000, 11, so that is close to what you need as is Lenox by itself.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can you put up I want to make sure I don't split any potential VRA populations so could you put up the dots for me first for the African/American? And then Hispanic and then Asian? I just want an overall view.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So these are the African/American, correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes.

So under 25%, 19%.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And the District for the moment is 3% non-Hispanic Black as a voting age.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay if we added new haven what would that put that percentage to?

>> MR. MORGAN: New haven all of Lenox.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Pardon me Lenox.

>> MR. MORGAN: All of that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was just going to mention that new haven is a rural area.

It's really a distance from the shoreline if your objective is the shoreline.

If I was doing this and I was just going to make a shoreline map I would keep east of I-94.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK you're going to have to verify for me because I'm not from that area where is I-94?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll change the background map.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If we could it's east of Richmond east of new haven.

Yeah, there it is, going up, you can see the red line going up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Here you do.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would stay east of 94 if you want a shoreline District.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to back it out and look at the three towns?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

Let's go ahead and back that out.

>> MR. MORGAN: Casca China and looks like east China.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, go ahead and add those.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so that is 1700 off the ideal.

It's within 2% under.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay are there any comments from the Commissioner about a District that looks like this?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?



>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Personally I think part of Casca the northwestern part should probably be not in there.

And I would move up into, if possible, move into St. Clair and Marysville because it will bring you just short of Port Huron which is a big City.

Casco.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wouldn't it make more sense for Marysville to be in with Port Huron though?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm trying to think of any public comment about this particular area.

So can anybody help me with that? We received so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not particularly, no.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

I can't either.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You helped keep that the main public comment I think we got was that St. Clair and the community around St. Clair shores so St. Clair, the lake, so I think you've done a nice job of actually respecting public comment at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So my question then based off from >> COMMISSIONER CLARK's recommendation, should I take out Casco and try and add St. Clair to this particular one? Se Szetela Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think there is this, yeah, so I'm hesitant because it is rural like you were saying, Doug.

I think Rhonda right.

It's right to break up a Township at this point just to keep it sort of shoreline it feels like it's, yeah, maybe too much.

But.

>> MR. MORGAN: In terms of population if you were to take all of Casco out that is 4,000 and if you put all of the village of St. Clair in if you wanted to do that that would bring you closer to the population ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: That is what I was thinking.

Let's try that, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will bring you within 200.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: 212.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, I'm good with that.

Any other comments from any other Commissioners before I give why?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Seeing none in the room.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The reasoning for this District is to keep it a waterfront District.

We have had a lot of public comment about concerns with pollution in the water and keeping areas that are on the water together.

Beach erosion and things like that so I tried to create another waterfront District and also looking at the numbers of African/Americans, et cetera, to make sure that I'm not splitting up any significant communities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right we are good.

Thank you very much Commissioner Lange.

At this point we will move on to Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's go back down to the Detroit area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Looking at between 6 and 12 Eastpointe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: John can I ask we make 11 maybe a little darker so it stands out a little more, maybe a different color? It's just hard to see.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess it's hard to see because I thought it was empty.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is why I asked.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right, Zoom out slightly.

I don't know who did 11, but we did a good job.

Put up the...thematic dots please, African/American.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay this is at the Township level.

Do you want me to look towards the west side? Or.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I want you to look northeast above 10, 11, 12.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Clinton and Sterling Heights.

So you know it's a large area for the whole Township but let me click on the information. So even though that's a large area it's showing as 6%.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right, let's start with Fraser.

>> MR. MORGAN: Start with Fraser?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, quit breathing in the microphone.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just for your knowledge, and I don't think this is going to impact you except if you kind of want to get locked in or you do get locked in, above 26 mile which is north of M59 and you're not close to that yet, it's all rural. South of that it gets industrialized and heavily populated.

So that you can see that difference in the geography.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: John before we go any further let's pick a different color than what you are using because if I go west it's going to meld in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: While you're at it John could you change one of the purples as well? Because they are both the same color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

We are all just being picky about colors today.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We should designate a color Commissioner.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes exactly.

Commissioner Orton, Ms. Eagle eye Orton over there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, so sorry to the north you have Clinton Township, which in total is 100,000.

You have Warren over here that borders Fraser.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's look at the immediately north and east of Fraser. That.

>> MR. MORGAN: This portion of Clinton?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

So you want to take some of these voting precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: All right.

So again this is south of Metro Parkway it looks like okay so that is 35,000, about 40% of a House District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, go north to the -- what are you in? I mean you're in blocks, precincts what are you in?

>> MR. MORGAN: Voting precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the next row of voting precincts.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, looks like there is a river here.

So take those but not mount Clemens I assume.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me take this to the south and look at this again if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is about 60% of a House District at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out a little bit.

The African/American thematic dots, please.

Is there a reason I should not go into mount Clemens? Question one.

Question two is would this District be beneficial to come back to the south and west and use it for balance in Detroit?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothorn did you have a comment? >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think it's beneficial going to mount Clemens because if you don't and you probably are going to have to take mount Clemens and go north. And like I said north of M59 is going to get a lot more rural.

So I think that mount Clemens fits in with the District we have drawn so far.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: John put mount Clemens in.

>> MR. MORGAN: Roger.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to concur with that.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is just under 70,000.

Three quarters of a District.

And then this is the M59, that >> COMMISSIONER CLARK referenced.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Do we want to go west into Clinton Township? Or keep going up on the up next, to 13?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say either one is acceptable.

If you do go north of M59 don't go above 26 mile.

But I'd say it's just as acceptable to hit the -- that area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well I think I prefer to go north and not make an odd shape so let's take that north I think next to 13.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton? I'm sorry Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think because you have the dots on too you may want to sort of help, yeah, guide because you have a nice distribution.

And if you include more African/American districts if you can, if you have the option it seems like that would be an important option.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It seems that's what I'm doing.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I agree I just wanted to acknowledge and verbalize it, it may be useful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So for the record it's also a good to recognize this way you aren't splitting up a Township perhaps.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, if I look hard enough maybe I can do that.

I want to go west along 59 from where I am.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I assigned something from 13 so if I may let me go back on that for a moment.

Because I think 13 was, yeah, let me see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, that southern base right there is not mount Clemens. It's outside of mount Clemens.

>> MR. MORGAN: Roll that back to what is expected.

Okay I think that is the same configuration.

We can reconfirm that when we have a break.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm pretty sure it was just the triangle.

I remember this is where Commissioner Weiss had some offered some help so 2141 that present could go to 20 and it was just in 13, I believe there was just that triangle and the 2049 population I'm referring to the two populations so it would just be within -- so 13 should only have that triangle which is population 2481.

And the other two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me do this if I may I think I can bring up a shape file quickly of the previous drafting so we can just be clear on that point one moment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sure.

I'd also like to at some point if we have a house map for the eastern region that we did, if we can put the shape file on for that because I feel like we might have done this region.

And I mean we are starting to get pretty far north and so I would like to see what we already have done.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Good idea.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't want to reinvent the wheel if we already worked on this area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm sure my wheel would be better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sure it would, Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Obviously MC is fading and he is back on to the food now.

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

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so looking at the previous shape line which is this dark blue line it looks like this file is the same boundary.

So this is mount Clemens and this is a boundary of the District that we previously had drawn.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are good with that MC? Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so back to 20.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We were going to look at the shape file to see if we had done this before.

>> MR. MORGAN: I didn't do that.

That was a second step.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I understand so we are to step two.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want to resolve this District 20 first or not? I'd have to search for the shape file you're referencing.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay we will finish this and we will take a look and if we have to do something we can do it.

Keep going west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I know that Commissioner Lett loves my inputs.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I enjoy your input what are you talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just while you're finishing up District 20 those dis-contiguous or noncongruent little pink.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Wondering if that is what made the area down below switch, I guess when you selected that before is what tied that other area south of mount Clemens.

That little spot.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Just one comment.

I think we are going in the right direction Steve.

Because south of M59 it gets light industrial then over in Sterling Heights you get more heavy industrial.

But north of M59 is purely almost 100% residential.

And then it disburses out.

Completely rural at 26 mile.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett, do you want Commissioner I'm sorry do you want John Morgan to fix those two little pink areas and assign them into 20?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think there may be three.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will try this as a voting precinct and it might not be what we want. So just a moment.

Yeah, it's tied to this so just a moment.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry the program is a little behind in the clicking.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You need a bigger hammer.

>> MR. MORGAN: Exactly.

>> KIM BRACE: Bigger piece of cheese for the mice going around the wheel there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so I'll have to pause there and reopen that.

Just a moment.

Too many clicks in the stack.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You know you asked to have the region file brought up at some point.

When we did those, we excluded Detroit and we excluded the Bay City Flint area so we are not going to have the spokes coming out of Detroit going into those other counties. So we will see a disconnect.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I just thought we had done the east portion which included Lapeer and the thumb and I thought we had done that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I want to see where those are at because we are starting to move up into that area.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think it's a good idea but down in Detroit and up in Flint and Bay City we are not getting any.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: We didn't but I want to see where we are in the thumb because I don't want us to spend redrawing districts we have already drawn.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I agree.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we all kind of liked the districts that we had drawn previously too.

They seemed quite good to me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's just rebuilding the plan.

It will just be a moment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wonder if it's a good time Kim I'm not sure if it was your computer where we can review with Bruce maybe review the election data and some of the districts that we did draw earlier? Just thinking about how we could use our time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The other alternative is we could break early for lunch and get back at 12:50 that works too.

12:50.

Not 15, 50.

I needed to enunciate more clearly apparently.

Go ahead Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: So what we have here is the primary data from the gubernatorial, can you see the screen there?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's very small.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep, yep, what you are going to see here is the prime return election data that we loaded in last night for these districts.

These are line numbers of course on the left hand side.

So if you go over to or up through District in this plan that I pulled over from John this morning up to District 18, but we do have over here in the statewide races, we do have the gubernatorial election results.

And so what you end up seeing here is El-Sayed taking the first three districts and this District down here and then let me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe our third District is the one we drew with the Arab American majority around Dearborn.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah so, these first so you end up seeing these first three are carried by El-Sayed but only District 3 and District 7 did he carry with a majority. He carried the other two with a plurality.

Whitmer got 33.

He got 36.

Whitmer got 28.

He got 42 on that side.

And then he carried District 3 and carried District 7.

Compared to Whitmer's 37.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you show us what District 7 or remind me?

Which one District 7 is.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure District 7 is this one out here.

Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The western, is that western Dearborn Heights, okay.

>> KIM BRACE: So, yeah, one, two and three and seven so it's all right in here where El-Sayed was carrying.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you and Mr. Adelson we were considering sort of the white population in the Dearborn area recognizing it's not only white.

I'm thinking about the VRA and what the election or primary election tells us is this a District to preserve because of what we have just seen?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So going back to the results, so three is the Dearborn, Dearborn Heights District.

So that was and Kim can you go over to the right a bit, just to look at what Whitmer got in the election?

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay, so this is before we go on does anybody have any anecdotal information about Thanedar?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So, yeah, three is only Dearborn.

We didn't go into Dearborn Heights for that 7 includes Dearborn some of Dearborn Heights and a little bit of Detroit on the top right corner.

Yeah, the third candidate well actually second the other candidate of that election he had run previously for something.

I can't remember what.

But he had run previously for something unsuccessfully.

He is a candidate of Indian decent I believe.

I think he started the five hour energy company.

And, yeah, he was I believe he was popular among the Bengali and Indian American population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay good, thank you.

And what about in District 4, what's the population there? Anecdotally? Is there a significant Arab American or Middle Eastern population?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Where is 4 because we can't see it the way it's sitting on there.

>> KIM BRACE: Sorry I'm just showing you what District 4.

It's 40% African/American.

And District 4 is out over here.



>> CHAIR SZETELA: The Grosse Pointes.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, significant, Arab American population there.

I would say maybe a bit in which is District 1 has some.

Yeah, and part of 15 would as well.

But, no, I'd say primarily 1, 3, 7, 15 with 3 and 7 being the primary areas.

>> KIM BRACE: I agree.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Very good thank you.

Kim, can we go back to the gubernatorial election results?

>> KIM BRACE: Uh-huh.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So in one of the issues that Dr. Handley addressed and she and I talked about yesterday and that I had mentioned this could reveal some important information about for the first time related to the 2020 census and an election result.

Give us some real information on the Middle Eastern population.

So looking at 3 as an example.

That we can the fact that El-Sayed won in the District with presence of racial polarized voting he would be the candidate of choice since this is a District that has been identified as likely.

It's hard to say whether it's a majority or plurality but certainly strong Middle Eastern District.

The data seems to suggest and confirm that.

So which I think is important.

Looking beyond that, the results tell different stories depending on what District you are in.

But I think that over all the results certainly confirm the racially polarized voting.

That there can be differences in primary elections compared to general elections.

And I think Dr. Handley and I are going to talk about this in a little more detail.

But the main point I see for now is giving us some a real potential indication of the Middle Eastern population, their voting patterns, potentially other populations that they might cohere with.

I think that is very significant.

So to your point, Commissioner Rothhorn, I think that this may well indicate that this is a District that in the presence of racially polarized voting elects its candidate of choice and that candidate was not selected to run in the general election.

But that is an important deviation, yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think this is where the most direct question is because they are identified on the census as white, it feels, right, if we are going to try to balance the African/American and the white population, it feels very strange to sort of break this District up and so I feel like we like which VRA priority to prioritize frankly.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think at first we may even be able to skirt that in a way. In looking at I understand and agree about the considerations that there may be portions of Dearborn that may be needed or useful in other districts.

So I think that as we have seen with election results across the board, we have to just continue to evaluate if you do.

And in District 3 how that affects the potential opportunity to elect in that District of potentially the people of Middle Eastern decent.

So, yes, it should be protected like for example, if changes were made so that the election results revealed that El-Sayed did not win in District 3 okay that would be a warning sign that something to recalibrate.

But remember the percentages and the percentages here are relatively close.

If the percentages vary by just one or two points that may not be dispositive.

But it's something that we would have to see in real time as you go about deciding how you wanted to adjust three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see 1 and 15? And just carry us.

I know 5 actually has the most support in that so, okay, all right.

Thank you.

I know it's confusing.

Are we seeing one then? Is number three one? Okay, all right, I'm just confused about what I'm reading.

So nine would be the seven which is the 50%.

And 15 is actually 13, is that right? 15 is 13 so two off for each one.

That makes more sense.

I was really confused by those numbers.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'm confused.

The top line then is District one and not District three.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right because it's excel spreadsheet and your header row is 1 and 2 and districts start at 3.

>> You can go left and fix it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Lock, frozen you can split the screen whatever.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Which would be helpful so the line that says three is really District 1.

The next one is District 2 and the next is District 3.

Well frankly I think that is even more informative.

District 3, which is the Dearborn District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is overwhelmingly supports El-Sayed so the same the districts we saw that had four to five times difference in 80 to 20 let's say in support for minority candidate of choice, there is some room here to play.

Because the percentage just isn't that close.

This is very heavy support.

So given that level of support, there may be portions of that District that you could use in the ways you were mentioning before.

Because I think that that is quite stunning.

And in the sense of giving us some real time information about the Middle Eastern population.

Because that clearly is the candidate of choice.

It's overwhelming candidate of choice.

That works in a couple of ways.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would point out and Commissioner Lange I see you and not ignoring you I will point out my understanding is and we would have to look at the American community survey that the population of Dearborn is around 30-40% Arabic not majority Arabic and means you are getting a significant cross over vote to get those numbers.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That is a great point too and we wondered about the level of cohesiveness among the Middle Eastern population.

This does suggest both there could well be a strong cross over support and cohesiveness across the population.

Both of which are important indicators but the primary one of course is the amount of support.

That's really very informative.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> KIM BRACE: I think it's also important to point out that clearly District 3 at 67% is the strongest area anchored in Dearborn.

But as you go west, you still get some support but it starts dissipating.

So by the time you get to Dearborn Heights, yeah, you carry District 7 but with only 50% as opposed to 64%.

So I'm assuming that as you get out garden City and elsewhere then his support would drop off on that regard.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

All right Commissioner Lange then Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay mine is kind of a two point.

If we are looking at this information so number four would be for District 2, which that contains part of a Hamtramck and I'm going back to the public comment we had at the beginning about how Hamtramck was broken up, I'm almost wondering if we should be taking a closer look at that area.

We are talking about Dearborn, Dearborn Heights but what about the Bengalis.

When you look at the candidates that were voted for in that District, is there a way where we can kind of get the information strictly for the Hamtramck area and see how

they voted in these primaries? Because there was concern about them being split up in their vote, not accounting for as much.

And I understand why we split it.

But on a community of interest level and ethnic level I think maybe that could constitute a second look just in my opinion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

Mr. Brace did you want to address that go ahead.

>> KIM BRACE: Clearly you do have it's anchored in Dearborn but it does look like the support is coming out here in the top part of District 1 and in the western side of District 2.

So conceivably maybe you recreate a District more in that line to be more of an Arab community kind of a District, you know.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think Commissioner Lange's point that is an excellent point.

Having some more information about what the vote was in Hamtramck to the east specifically.

Whether or not the division impacted the voting pattern.

I mean that is still you also can you move a little to the right to see what the percentage is for Whitmer on the chart.

>> KIM BRACE: On the chart.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: You see Whitmer right there.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: On my screen because of the Zoom I can't see.

>> KIM BRACE: There you go.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So, yeah, I think that Commissioner Lange's point, this is still we can extrapolate that there was significant support potentially also from Hamtramck but without the area of Hamtramck but without knowing more of how that area voted, that's just an inference.

But it's also important to point out the margin here is also strong.

It's not as significant.

It's more than two to one in District 3.

But I think it is important to get an additional sense of Hamtramck.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Rothhorn then we do actually need to break for lunch because we have something scheduled at 12:15.

>> KIM BRACE: That's right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry Anthony.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you.

Commissioner Szetela.

So first off this is really, really excited.

I love how this data kind of reinforces what we've heard all along from this Arab American community specifically in districts 3 and District 7 that we've drawn.

And I was listening on my way here.

I had the meeting on in the background.

Sorry for being late by the way.

I had some car issues.

But I do think there is room to play you know.

We might be able to change that border of like three to one and go a little bit more in eastern Detroit and maybe bring 7 to the east a little bit.

So I think there is room to play.

I would really like to see the map if when you submit one and see what that does.

But I also think we kind of need to reshape how we are thinking about this area.

It's not just a community of interest being like a third ranked criteria as we have been talking about.

There is also a VRA issue here.

I mean it might not be specifically confided in the text.

But we've talked a lot about Section 203 about this being a language barrier community.

I've seen it.

It's a community of immigrants of refugees first generation people like myself second and third generation.

Who you know a lot of them only speak Arabic.

And in medicine seeing the difference having someone speak to you in your own language and the impact that can have and the idea of them being able to have their own and have at least the opportunity to elect someone of their own race might be able to speak to them in their language, who might be able to provide voting information for them in their own language.

It really would have an impactful difference.

And really change the community quite a bit.

So it's very exciting.

And this suggests that we could probably have two districts.

You know one at 67 one is at 50.54 if we move this around maybe go a little bit more into one, we could probably get both of those around 60% and I think that would be great.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Was it Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can do this after the break but want to acknowledge we could select Hamtramck and Bangla Town which is just north of Hamtramck northwest into 10 and I think we would see the change and try to understand that change.

So we can do that after the break.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so it is without recess we are going to break for 60 minutes.

It is 12:09 right now.

Hearing no objections we will stand in recess until 1:10 p.m.

Thank you very much everybody.

[ Lunch recess ]

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: As Vice Chair of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, I call the meeting back to order at 1:11 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely. Commissioners, please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location.

We 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?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending 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?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

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

Without objection we will continue the unfinished business mapping House Districts.

Do we remember where we, well, we can't do that, can we? Dog gone it.

Our mappers are Commissioner Lange you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, if I could ask a question of our VRA counsel real quick.

I have a question that came to mind over the break.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please Mr. Adelson is here.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Mr. Adelson we have been trying to keep our districts fairly low to as not to over pack as the expression has been said.

My question is if we drew a District that say maybe the African/American population was like at 50% but that population was larger because we were trying to draw in and maintain a population an Asian population, so with consideration of trying to keep another population together, would that hold up legally if that's the means? If it wasn't intentionally trying to make the District, how am I trying to say this I think you understand where I'm going you are not intentionally trying to pack people in a District but what you are trying to do is keep another community whole, is that something that would hold up with the numbers say if it was like 50%?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Commissioner Lange that is a great question and I completely understand where you're going.

I think that the issue wouldn't get to around 50% is different than if you were at 70 or 80% because comparing that to Dr. Handley's analysis the population would be significantly more than is needed to maintain an ability to elect by minority voters. So it still would be something I would like to look at.

And evaluate.

And I take your point and agree with you about keeping an Asian community of interest whole because there is then you have under the Voting Rights Act an issue of splitting up, of cracking.

Of minority, of communities and particularly diluting voting strength.

The short answer is that I think that I still like to see what how the population is.

But that does not raise as significant issues for me as a District that is ten, 20, 30,% higher let's say Black population.

Does that help?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanks for that question Commissioner Lange and wondering I feel before we went in the recess I think we were discussing sort of the Dearborn idea and I think what we have established was that we can use some of the information we have, the voting results, the recompiled voting results and potentially draw some districts that allow us to see or at least acknowledge that there is an Arab American because of polarized voting that has been recognized in Michigan because of that we can look at that and see the strength of the districts we draw and potentially evaluate that Arab American strength is that accurate summary?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, Mr. Chair exactly.

I think that the strength of three as it's drawn now is the 67% vote for El-Sayed in the gubernatorial primary that is the highest among the districts where we are, where we have information that there is -- there are significant Arab American ancestry population. Because 67% as I recall it's about two times the percentage that Whitmer received for example, so I think there is some room to maneuver.

Just as we've seen in the districts where we are looking at a three, four, even two time increase in margin electoral margin for the Black community for example.

When you have an election result that is approximately two times what the next candidate received in support, yes, there is some room.

How much room, where it is, those are other issues.

But completely agree.

I think there is some based on the analytical election results there is some room to maneuver there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that.

Are there other questions of our -- and you may want to acknowledge I think it was Commissioner Lett turn when we were doing that and we jumped over Commissioner Lett and thank you for doing that and I want to understand if you have more with your District or if you are finished.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Not done.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: May I turn the floor over well I think we may need a few minutes.

Do you have any questions Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Not at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for using your microphone, Commissioner Lett.

No questions from Commissioner Lett at this time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That better.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, yes.

And okay we need a few minutes.

So when our team is ready Commissioner Lett you have the floor.

>> MR. MORGAN: I did do the last configuration you had and it's pretty close to the population tolerance.

I just need to reconnect to the Wi-Fi here.

Okay Commissioner Lett.

So what we were looking at before was I corrected an issue with the voting District here in Clinton Township that was connected to a voting District to the south that was in District 13.



And then I filled in these remaining precincts slightly to the west mount Clemens and that leaves the District at 1291 under populated with these portions of Clinton Township not included.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can you show me what the population of that area is without going into it? Okay I got it.

Can I have the African/American dots up?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay just a second to pull that up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a question for Mr. Adelson, I guess.

So when we are pulling up these dots these theme configurations, we can choose total population or voting age population.

When we are considering these minority populations and all the different populations, shall we be considering voting age or total?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you Commissioner Orton.

I mean my default is that I first look at the voting age population because that's the electorate now so that often can be more significant.

That's not of course to say the overall population isn't important.

But what I do when I look at these, my eyes go to the VAP first.

Then I will look at the overall to get additional content.

>> KIM BRACE: That is a pattern elsewhere around the country.

We tend...redistrictors look at the voting Page looking at the racial composition because there sometimes is differences between total population by race compared to voting age population by race.

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

Mr. Lett you have the floor Lett led John, I want you to put in the southeast voting precinct that fits right in the corner there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Southeast so this one.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: It may be a little curlicue.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I see that.

>> MR. MORGAN: So, it is.

Okay so with that it's 1900 over.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And I take it from looking at that, that precinct, that 1741 above it.

>> MR. MORGAN: That will pair with that that's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well that looks so bad you will have to take it out.

All right, Bruce, would you give us your analysis on this, please?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Microphone, please.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Can we look at the statewide election results please.

>> MR. MORGAN: This is the demographic tab so this is District 20.

Okay, so on District 20 President Biden gets 50%.

Trump is 50.

Clinton is 48.

Trump is 52.

Obama 55.

Romney 45.

And the U.S. Senate 51 for Peters.

49 for James.

Stabenow 55.

James 45.

And 2014 Senate is 59 for Peters.

40 for land.

Stabenow is 65.

Hoekstra is 35.

Then for Governor Whitmer 56.

Schuette 44.

Shower 47.

Snyder 53.

For Attorney General Nessel is 53.

Leonard is 47.

And then Totten is 46, Schuette is 53.

Secretary of State Benson 57 and Lange 43.

Dillard 43 and Johnson 56.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you.

The minority population in this different both over voting age population is typically on the low side if you're looking at an ability to elect opportunity to elect District.

I think that excuse me given the population issues that we were discussing previously, that and having a room for the Commission to grow out the districts whether to the north or to the west, the I don't know that it would be possible to create even if that were the thought process of significantly increasing minority support to make this a strong ability to elect District.

That being said that the election results are mixed.

So this District arguably has the opportunity to be a District that may afford the opportunity to elect in certain situations.

Which with minority population on voting age in relatively low side particularly with the largest minority grouping, the Black populations, only about 14% voting age.

So the if this District were going to change and I'm not suggesting that it should or it should not, then likely additional minority population would be added.

But the District as constituted does provide some opportunity to elect.

But since this is not an ability to elect District like the others that we looked at yesterday, the considerations are somewhat different.

Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

John, I want you to go down to the area just above the area where it says license for developer use only.

I'm going to hover over the dots and see what the demographics are, please.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just a second, I was on the assign button so I will have to back out of that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett you still have the floor and acknowledge the Chair has returned and I'm turning that over to our Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: 13%, 7, this one is 21%.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I want to look at unassigned areas.

You were pointing to them before.

>> MR. MORGAN: In this area here or up north.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right where your pointing and I want to see those.

>> MR. MORGAN: Highest percentage wise here is 21%.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: And then the one on the north is 13.

And this one I think is 7.

And that's 13.

And this is in Warren, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Keep going over them I want to look at them without assigning them.

Just to see what we have in that area.

>> MR. MORGAN: 4%, 8, 12, 16, 23, 9, 12.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It does not appear by going that way we are going to make a significant gain, so I am accepting of what is there.

Now were we going to bring up what we had previously done as we discussed before lunch? Can we do that then?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's still your turn please do Mr. Lett.

>> MR. MORGAN: I need a reference for the region or date if someone could help me with that, I will look for it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Got me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The date for.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which region are you talking about? Approximate dates this was drafted on.

You know, I'm just trying to get a reference point so I can look it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Microphone, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Regions doing southeast and south central and early on doing the plans and areas.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Look at the southeast to start with.

That is where we are at now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be down around.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sarah was raising her hand.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I just wanted to note for the record Commissioner Wagner has joined Commissioner Wagner can you state where you are attending from.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Remotely attending from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: You're talking about house plans I presume, correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: House plans, east region.

>> MR. MORGAN: I have some around August 30th.

Let me check those.

So this is one of the areas that looks like you had done previous work in.

I don't think that is what you were looking for.

Okay so not those.

Another moment here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's still helpful to see how far west we went though.

>> MR. MORGAN: Grand Rapids here and basically, I have three different files open. You said you did some work in the thumb area or Saginaw area or not sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought we had an east map.

>> MR. MORGAN: In the house I know we did in the Senate but not 100%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Maybe we didn't I don't know.

Let me look back at our schedule.

I thought we did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I don't recall doing any in the east because they were done early on the house with the first ones and shying away from the Flint Saginaw corridor. So I don't know if there is anything there.

I'm looking too and I don't see any east but I could be wrong.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

Maybe we didn't.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, I've got more west.

I don't think I was here for any drafting in Genesee for the house.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right well that is all right and it shows us what we have done and what we haven't done so we know about where we need to stop on the western edge where we are working and from there we have to move north okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm all set.

I just wanted to get that up so we know where we needed to go.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So then go ahead MC.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So what I was thinking about was the question that was raised in regards to the Bengali community and I think we may be able to look at the voting and I think I don't think we have a so what I'm asking you to do is just sort of quickly add two districts and try to get the information voting results to see if we can actually see a change if we do add the Bengali community and Hamtramck so District 2.

>> MR. MORGAN: Would you like to do a draft from a blank plan just to test out those concepts?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So my hunch is that ten actually include most of the Bengali community so if we see a change in ten by taking away like one District out of eight and one District out of two that would be the quickest and just put it back.

>> MR. MORGAN: I will ask Kim or Kent to bring it up with the primary data. Kent is going to try to bring it up, I think.

So we will ask Kim to bring it up in just a moment it will take him a moment and he can make those changes and you can see if it makes appreciable difference.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can you check with Sarah to see if I need to say anything?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ms. Reinhardt?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Mr. Lett could you describe what communities of interest you considered when drawing your District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The African/American District to try to increase their percentage in that District.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: For clarification are we going to another Commissioner for a turn or are you just exploring this for an option?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I suppose it would make sense to go to another Commissioner's turn to draw.

I just wanted to explore this because Commissioner Lange raised it and I had the same sort of question before break.

Can we see a difference with the Bengali community and have we split it and part of what Commissioner Lange raised it was part of public comment this morning so we want to just see if we can see that or note the difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Rothorn you are right after me so we can just switch and do it now.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I appreciate that thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: My concern with doing that is we added Hamtramck into the District we did because we were trying to avoid concentrating the African/American community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed I'm not suggesting switching it. It's really just sort of recognizing we have a tool in the recompiled election results that may help us understand that Bengali community and if we actually did sort of split in a significant way that community which was suggested at the -- during the public comment this morning.

>> KIM BRACE: What we could do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Sarah Reinhardt has a comment really quick sorry Kim.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I wanted to talk about the courier process you can request after a District is drawn to create an alternate map and it would not take up your turn for the collaborative mapping session.

But rather it would just be a separate map created.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kim?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure, let me share my screen.

So that you can see.

What I have on the screen is your previous plans and my suggestion would be is we could create you know these went up through I think District 19 or something like that for the purposes of demonstration for what MC was talking about, we can just create like a District 25 or something like that.

And draw in where we were talking about the potential of something being created in this area, I think we were talking about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No, really there is two, there is one voter precinct and one Township, the Township being Hamtramck and this northwest of it is a voting precinct that is the Township is in two.

The voting precinct is in eight and we are just adding those to ten and what we are going to do is watch the numbers in 8 and 2 and 10 how they change and then we are going to try to read the election results to see if there is a significant difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would also state it's more than just Hamtramck.

The map we received from the Asian Pacific API I think is what it's called was.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why Bangla Town is the northern District in 8 or southern part of 8.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, near Hamtramck, there are several precincts on the western edge of Hamtramck they consider part of Bangla Town.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The one with the little hook at the top is part of that and I think it goes out a couple and then up.

Commissioner Orton?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The Asian dots would help.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes definitely.

>> KIM BRACE: All right I don't have all of the dots set up.

Like the other thing.

What were you doing?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: May I ask a question? Commissioner Szetela you mentioned a map received from the Asian Pacific islander community.

Was it from a specific group or just from the community?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It was from a specific group.

I think it's called the Asian Pacific islander association, APIA.

And they submitted a community of interest through our portal that has a specific map and I was actually just going to look and see if I can find it and identifies Hamtramck and several of those precincts out to the western edge as being part of what they are calling Bangla Town.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That sounds that would be really interesting to look at.

Was it submitted today by any chance?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm going to see if I can find it.

Hold on.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Great, thanks.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay what we have done here is put on thematic of what the Asian community is in terms of the from the census data.

So we see Hamtramck as well as this area of Detroit with the heavier concentrations and let's see, I can do labeling, can't I? Or what you are getting for yours.

There we go.

So here is the Asian population.

85% in that particular precinct.

52, 37 so clearly the concentration is more up in here with the highest being this particular precinct at 85%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed so what I'm suggesting we note the difference with by selecting Hamtramck into 10 maybe we don't need to select.

I think we may have, yeah.

>> KIM BRACE: Taken these three precincts in ten is that what you want to do.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I do not want to split Hamtramck.

So what I'm suggesting is the whole Township.

Because we are not redrawing the District, we are just trying to see what the difference is.

We are essentially understanding trying to understand through data what the public comment was this morning.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we will look and see the difference, how it shifts the second District.

So if we can have those numbers the demographic numbers up or be able to at least view them for 2, 8 and 10 as we make this shift, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did find that map so.

>> MR. MORGAN: So Kim will make the changes then I've got the original one I can reference at the same time if you're looking at, you're looking at voting age non-Hispanic Asian or something like that is that what you are focusing on?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, thank you that is a great idea.

>> KIM BRACE: Adding these into 10.

All of Hamtramck into 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: The exhibits 10 is 10.4% non-Hispanic Asian voting age.

And what will happen is you know you're going to throw the new District ten out of population alignment.

So you might have to take something off.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Sure of course.

>> KIM BRACE: District 10 with those three precincts in that is 18%.

You said it was 10% before?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That is correct 10.4.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it's increased to 18.

>> KIM BRACE: Right but you could take out some white areas or whatever and get the concentration up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Again I'm not sure I'm making myself clear I want to read the data and don't want to change the District at all.

And I think what Commissioner Szetela is recognizing the COI that was drawn that would be Bangla Town where we would not interrupt or break up that COI community of interest would be more than just the three districts in Hamtramck that you've drawn. It would be, yeah.

>> MR. JOHN MORGAN: Balance of Hamtramck the whole Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and a couple districts to the west just to see the difference.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's actually north too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's north too.

We will just reverse it but I want to see the numbers and sort of record them.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: John and Kim it's this whole area.

This and this.

>> KIM BRACE: This area right in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: This whole area.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.



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>> CHAIR SZETELA: All the way up to here.

>> KIM BRACE: Coming out of 8.

>> MR. MORGAN: I need to clarify it was not 10.4 but 14.6 so it did not jump as much as we thought.

I was looking at District 2 you had 10.4% in District 2 and you are moving that into District 10 basically.

So the base line was 14.6 and it's now at 18 or more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Non-Hispanic age voting population in District 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: Correct.

>> KIM BRACE: That is now at 17.24%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Rebecca.

>> KIM BRACE: A little higher up in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Those two.

And scroll down a bit.

Just for the public record I'm looking at on our portal plan ID1511 which is what I'm referencing on my computer and having them replicated up here so this, this, this and this.

At least these.

>> KIM BRACE: All right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela and Mr. Brace for doing this. I'm acknowledging the total population there is yeah, it's not a District.

But to look at the numbers and is this -- can we do this Bruce can you help?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I see where you are going and I agree with you as a quest for data, an explanation to just see how this alteration changes the election results to get an additional data point on the community.

And how Hamtramck performs electorally in the election. We are talking about the boundaries of Hamtramck as Commissioner Szetela was suggesting.

So I think all of that, that hopefully we can see that in the results and then I think it should inform what you were thinking about.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so go ahead Kim or Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kent you have to remove 35,000 from the District when you remove population the Asian population will go up considerably.

>> KIM BRACE: That is why I said take it off the top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

Okay I see because we diluted it essentially because of too high population.

For our purposes that would be helpful, thank you.

Would you take off, well, yeah, take off the area that is not because we have the dots on here that are Asian and we have a high percentage up there, that is interesting.

So maybe, yeah go ahead.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think because we are doing with the House District this is where the struggle comes in so to reach all the way up like that, we start to go over population and there is not a lot we can take off north that's not you know a high Asian population as well.

So we would have to maybe thin out the neck going up I guess that would probably be the only way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Or look at areas to the south so consider that.

>> KIM BRACE: That is 21 up at the very top.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right but I think because of the percentages in the Asian population and the dots we are seeing I think we can assume that it's maybe not as diluted as we thought.

Additional population or is that wrong on my part.

>> MR. MORGAN: If you look to the south there may be population that's less Asian.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay yeah so really, I'm trying to just get a data point here.

I don't want to spend, yeah, we are getting into the.

>> KIM BRACE: You also do that by taking around the airport.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: In that area there and taking that out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The airport is part of Bangla Town.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I understand this was not reshaping districts other than to look to see how this alteration changes the election results.

So I had not envisioned changing the District and working towards equal population.

This is just like a test run to see does this distinct area, does that shift change the results? So that was my understanding.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what they are suggesting is because we are over population, we may actually have something that feels significant like we might not get the same data point if we did get closer to true population is that accurate?

>> MR. MORGAN: There are two approaches to this at this point and we are hypothetically testing this out you could reduce the District by approximately the correct population.

Or the other thing you could do is you could look at the raw totals of the Asian community that are in there with the assumption that you're not going to be taking out a lot of Asian population.

So in other words even though the District is overpopulated generally you have the community intact.

So if you just look at those raw totals that will give you an idea of how many of the population is in the District.

So here we are looking at percentages so move away from the percentages and just look at the raw numbers which is all on another tab of the software, if that makes sense.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why don't you show us that? And let's go to the election results for ten.

>> MR. MORGAN: Theoretically once you encapsulate the community you will reduce I only a little bit by taking out something that is not in the core of that community.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, yes, I think I understand.

>> MR. MORGAN: Whatever that is. To Mr. Adelson's point, you may be effectively reconfigure districts if you did that and may want to reevaluate changes but just for purposes of getting the numbers right for the community the raw numbers will give you an idea.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me go and create a District 21.

Because that's what's really going to show I think what you're looking at doing.

>> MR. MORGAN: Encapsulating the community in a newer District?

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Instead of doing that, just pull up election results for this 13 right now and see what we have.

Because we already included the community in question being Hamtramck.

It's going to include Bengali people and include many Yemeni people so let's pull it up and see where we are at at this point then we can go from there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is a good idea because I think we have already done what MC wanted to see.

Let's just look at the election data and let Bruce take a look at it.

Here is a question did we look at what it was before the change? Did anyone write that down? Just curious.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think John has that.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't have that at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Oh, shoot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That probably would have been a good first step before we embarked on this but we can reverse it all and go back so let's see what we have.

And this time write it down.

>> KIM BRACE: So we are looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Highlighted District is District 10.

>> KIM BRACE: This is looking at ten.

Now we can look at the election results.

On that side.

So if we look at the primary data there so in District 10 the way you have it composed you have El-Sayed taking 41% carrying the District the way it is currently composed.

It has too many people obviously but clearly, you've got you know that was part of his strength also is what we are saying.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thanedar there may be an understanding if he was seen by the people as a candidate of choice.

I think that was one of the pieces.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: He is Indian considered south Asian, yeah.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, but he did do third.

I mean he is only at 24%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So yeah so, it's not that's the data point thank you.

That is the part that is helpful.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So it was 41.85, 24.07.

And 34.08.

So Whitmer.

El-Sayed.

Okay can we revert that now and look at it as the original District was drawn?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So when you're looking at the election data on an area that's been drawn, a District that has been drawn that is going to take into account the total population when figuring the percentages isn't it? So if it's overpopulated would that not alter the percentages that it shows as far as the voting and who won?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If you want exact data, I think you are right Commissioner Lange yes it will alter it.

Trying to get a rough data point that was the goal here czar Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Looking back at the recording of today's meeting I think I have the percentages available.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fantastic.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: District 10 prior to your adjustments were you specifically looking at the Governor democratic primary 2018?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Okay, for El-Sayed it was 33.03%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For Thanedar it was 27.15 let me make sure 27.15%. And for Whitmer it was 39.82%.

Thanedar.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Whitmer goes down with this configuration.

I'm going to miss pronounce his name Thanedar goes up by 3%.

El-Sayed went up by almost 9% so.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: And that is in the experimenting ten.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Experimental ten so there was a reduction from the Indian candidate an increase in El-Sayed and a decrease in Whitmer so basically votes shifted to El-Sayed by 9%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Also Sarah do you have the information about District 2 before the change? About the same three candidates in the same election?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For District 2 I believe that would be row number four. The numbers are for El-Sayed, 42.35%. Thanedar, am I saying that correctly, 29.46%. And Whitmer 28.01%.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: That was before the change. And then comparing that to after the change would also be there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Are we trying to get the data point for two as Bruce Adelson found it?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I went back and looked at our live stream with the modified like Sarah had done and it looks like District 2 which shows up in row four, with the modifications is 31.96% El-Sayed. 36.04% Thanedar. 32% Whitmer.

So in the after configuration again you're seeing actually that is quite different so the after configuration El-Sayed loses votes, Thanedar gains votes. Whitmer gains votes and I guess it makes sense because it's proportional. So when you moved that population of Hamtramck it caused a net increase in votes for El-Sayed, reduction in Thanedar and reduction in Whitmer. And the opposite is true for two. When you pull population out, it caused a decrease in votes for El-Sayed, an increase in votes for Thanedar and a change for Whitmer as well, a slight decrease.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Madam Chair, I would add to that what is interesting and I had not necessarily expected it.

After the change in two remember two had a margin comparing election results for El-Sayed and Whitmer El-Sayed had 14% more after the change Whitmer that advantage disappears.

And Whitmer prevails by a very slim margin.

In ten, the initially El-Sayed lost to Whitmer but after the change he won.

So in a way the districts are swapping.

The two before the change El-Sayed the candidate of choice won.

But after the change in two he lost.

In ten he lost initially but after the change he won.

So it seems that what this showed is that this area does clearly have an impact on the results in these two, in this bellwether election.

But that you're essentially swapping instead of two having the El-Sayed winning and ten has El-Sayed winning so I think to me the conclusion is that Hamtramck does have a significant impact on which candidate prevails.

It just swapped ten is the new two.

In that narrow sense.

Does that make sense?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: At this point I appreciate y'all helping me and recognize we swapped spots and I'm mapping and what I'm recognizing I will take this information home and try to draw alternate districts but at this point I feel I'm done with my mapping.

I'm ready to go to Secretary of State, sorry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No problem again just wanted to clarify Commissioner Rothorn if you want to give away or pass on your turn you are more than welcome to but I think this would qualify for an alternative map meaning you don't have to skip your turn after this, you would still have your own turn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I appreciate that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So John when you are ready just kind of Zoom out so I can see everything.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again the plan I have I did not make any changes you were looking at.

So this is the same state we were just finishing District 20.

But I do want to point out that I was able to upload the additional primary election data here.

So I've got that active now.

So I think we are ready.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So could you change it to, yeah, please.

And Zoom out a little bit, thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: Oakland Macomb or more Wayne County generally?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, can I see north?

>> MR. MORGAN: North so up here, this was the last District that was drawn.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can I see the African/American bubble theme? Okay so.

>> MR. MORGAN: The thematic they show larger area for higher values.

So they show larger area for higher values as you see here.

But as you -- as I adjust the map, they resize things based on what data is in the screen.

So like again right now some of these areas here you know that is 40% and this one is 18.

But if I Zoom in, they may change relative to what is on the screen.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, okay and we haven't done any of the thumb area.

We are almost done with the Detroit area.

Can you show the overlays of what we've already done? I'm thinking in that one little area of Detroit that we still haven't mapped.

I don't know how far over we came.

>> MR. MORGAN: Regarding the overlays, when I had that open before.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You can take the dots off first if you want.

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think any of the plans we were looking at had any overlap in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: To the west?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, but there was one to the west but it was not in Wayne County.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Did we not do the Novi area for house?

>> MR. MORGAN: I don't think so.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It was a long time ago.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again I don't remember doing that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't think so because the Detroit Metro is Oakland Macomb and Wayne.

And so I don't think we did anything in those three counties.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay that is fine John.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think the endpoint was Washtenaw is my understanding.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, then I will try going from that one little last piece of I think we had a piece of Detroit left.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so this is area of Detroit near south feel.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

Okay, so choose that everything that is left.

On the border.

Yeah.

Thank you for changing that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Commissioner Orton looking at some additional plans here and looks like there were two Townships of Wayne that might have factored into other districts Belleville.

It's here these three Townships may have been looked at in one of the other draft maps.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we won't go down there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it was actually the first map we did because I called it house one so it may have been the first set we did.

It was Monroe County I think is where we started.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are at just about one quarter of a District with that portion of Detroit.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay would you put the theme back on after it's ready.

Can you click on a few just to see what the...

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>> MR. MORGAN: This is all in Southfield.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Go up to see if those are all similar.

I think it's delayed on my screen so, so going up is not -- I don't think I would be able to go through enough population to balance it out looking at the size of things.

So I may need to go left.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Or right into Berkeley.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Up and right.

Okay so, John, can you just select kind of a square above that, yeah, that whole square above the pink color.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: About as high as the yellow color goes.

And I just want to see what the population in that would be.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was about 25% of a District in that whole Section.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you -- I wish I had a pointer.

>> MR. MORGAN: You can actually up there if you like.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: I undid that selection.

I undid that.

Do you want me to.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If you would select from here a square.

>> MR. MORGAN: So larger square?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: I took in one precinct of another municipality.

So that is about two thirds of a District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so what I'm thinking.

>> MR. MORGAN: Look at Berkeley or something else.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If I did go north, I'm still going to have to go a little north before I can go over to the right on Berkeley where there is less African/American population and I'm not going to be able to grab much of that so the other option I guess is to go a little bit lower but go to the west.

Either one of them are not a straight shot.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would tend to keep Farmington and Farmington Hills together.

So if you go to the west that can't be accomplished.

Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Why not take off that top part of 17 so if you get and instead of going north take that part off and go west into Livonia.



>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Anthony can you speak in the microphone so the interpreter can hear.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I said another option instead of going north into Southfield because Southfield also has a Black population that we will probably have to put with Farmington, Farmington Hills or I think preferably Berkeley or Royal Oak what you could do is take off that top Section of 17, that's blocking the path into Livonia and make 21 go west into Livonia like how we did the previous districts below it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think we had a discussion of that probably before you arrived.

I think that us with our original idea was to make strips to the west.

But we had public comment to not break that, what is that called? Redford Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: That would be putting Redford in four different districts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that is the issue there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about going north because Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms, Bingham Farms and Franklin, those are all kind of smaller communities that you might be able to tap into, that are less concentrated.

Yeah, Commissioner Witjes, did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I wanted to echo about not going into Farmington and Farmington Hills because right there is almost perfect for a District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree.

I have an idea.

I'll leave that up there in case someone wants to use it while they are painting at stuff. So John Zoom out a little bit.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you put on Townships so I can see? Because I agree we don't want to break up Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Okay so.

>> MR. MORGAN: You are talking about Berkeley and Commissioner Szetela was talking about Beverly hills area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you click on the bubble that says Southfield? I'm sorry the one that is unassigned.

The one above there.

Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that other one is actually Bingham farms it might be Southfield Township.

I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So, John, click just for a second just to see what it would look like, click in Townships click Southfield.

The lower Section of Southfield.

Just to gather more of that, yeah.

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>> MR. MORGAN: The whole Township?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, I just want to see population and stuff.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: You were down 30,000 then you will be over 13 so that is 43,000 approximately.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to undo that at this point?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Undo that please, thank you.

Bloomfield, Bloomfield hills and Birmingham are communities of interest.

I think we have heard about that.

Okay so John what I'm thinking is to where it's below the County line keep it like it is but above the County line take off the left precincts, yes, yeah, where you were hovering, unassign those, please.

What I'm thinking is trying to make it a little bit skinnier to go up and then go to the right.

>> MR. MORGAN: Just to clarify that is the opposite of what you wanted me to do so one moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you for showing us the opposite.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It happens to everyone.

>> MR. MORGAN: You could add them back in if you wanted but addition of these two precincts and the balance here you would go into Berkeley if you want.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We may add those back in but for now choose the rest of, oops.

>> MR. MORGAN: Rest of Lathrup and Berkeley.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and the two precincts to the right I don't know if I'm lagging behind what you are doing.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I'm lagging behind a second.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You did choose Berkeley which I do want to be chosen on my screen there are two Townships or two precincts that are not chosen yet. Those two I would like those two.

And then I have a question.

Okay so we are 25,000 low.

So Mr. Adelson we still need to add 25,000.

If we go it looks like a little bit north or if we go to the west, it's a higher African/American population but we also have other options.

But right now it looks like the non-Hispanic Black oh, I had them switched.

I was looking at the wrong line perhaps.

Okay, so it's very high still.

So never mind.

I thought I was looking at the wrong one.

So.

>> MR. MORGAN: 64.1 is the District you are looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a question for Commissioners.

Should I go into Royal Oak or try going up a little bit so we like I don't know what road that is but it's obviously a dividing line there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Royal Oak has a lot of population so it's about 58,000.

So that you know depending on.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would only be taking a little bit of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Versus communities like Beverly hills, Franklin, Bingham farms they are smaller.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But according to the dots the balance would not be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My opinion is that Beverly hills is more associated with Birmingham.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That is what I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Than it is Southfield.

But I don't want to split up Royal Oak either at all.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You have that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: John, let's choose the two precincts that are just right above the very tip top, not that but, yeah, those two.

Is that part of Royal Oak? I can't tell or Beverly hills?

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll turn the road layer off for a second.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Oh, yeah, that would help.

Just give me the normal map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you have Lathrup village in? You do have it in.

>> MR. MORGAN: I turned off the voting precincts for a moment so we can focus on the Township boundaries.

So I believe this is part of Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay will you choose that one piece that is missing? Can you Zoom out just a little bit when you are able? Looks to me like this configuration separates Southfield I'm not sure where else it could go except for north.

>> MR. MORGAN: We have Berkeley, Lathrup village and a portion of Southfield and Detroit and took a little piece of Royal Oak at the moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not happy with this but let's get it up to population just to see what it would look like so take it straight up from that main portion.

Yeah.

>> MR. MORGAN: In this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: One is Southfield City and one is Township so just that portion?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thinking just the precincts this that area.

You can leave that.

Just do one more line to the west, kind of where your cursor is and just come down.

Okay keep going.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry continue down here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

Okay so keep going.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you are within 2700.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, can you Zoom in so we can see the population?

>> MR. MORGAN:

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You can take the theme off now if you like.

Thank you.

>> MR. MORGAN: This would be just about the right number and you may consider that if you want.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Would you put them both in for now?

>> MR. MORGAN: This will be about 1600 over, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You're good at math.

Okay, so we have 60% voting age Black population, which is higher than we would like.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And lower than many of our other districts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, we are hovering, we have 70, 60 so it's.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I really don't see how to make it less unless we break up Farmington and Farmington Hills.

So any other suggestions? Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Take a little piece of Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Go ahead Juanita.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She is saying take a little built more of Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Should I do that? It would make it skinnier and go to the right.

I would have to take off population.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Go to the right, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay let's do it and see what it does as an experiment since Mr. Adelson likes experiments.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are going to back out of these last two precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

Actually all the way up.

That one last row that you did, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid, did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would just leave it 60% is not too bad.

I mean compared to where we were at before.

And you're okay.

You're within the population deviation.

So I think for now instead of taking more, more of another community I think just leave it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm going to try this and we might go back to that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace do you mean turning your mic off so we don't run out of mics, thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So John will you take that one, yes, that corner.

>> MR. MORGAN: This out?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Now you need 12000 in this configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So in Royal Oak, here, I was thinking here there is a little bit of a square there.

Yes.

And clear down to here, I think.

Well maybe not.

Just to here.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that is 3,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so, yeah, will you take that one off? Where your cursor is? So that dropped it from 60% to 50%.

Is that correct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me get the numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Is that right.

>> MR. MORGAN: So that's below 50% now.

And the non-Hispanic voting age Black single race under other measures it will be over 50% the that is a significant point.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, so I would like people's comments.

So it did drop it.

I guess you could call that significantly.

But it kind of breaks up another municipality or Township, I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I don't think you have too much of a choice.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I don't feel Royal Oak should be broken up.

I'd rather have the increased Black population that we saw on the other configuration and even dip into Royal Oak at all.

And it still leaves us with doing the other configuration.

Still leaves us with half of Southfield that we are going to have to put someplace.

And the only direction I'm assuming we will put Farmington Hills and Farmington together and the only direction is north and that still doesn't in my opinion doesn't fit in with those communities at all.

But I mean, this is all choices we got to make.

So I think the choice here is you want to decrease the Black population or do you want to split up Royal Oak? I think that is the choice at this one.

My preference is do not split up Royal Oak at all.

Not even a small piece that is up, next to Birmingham.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So my feeling is I'm uncomfortable with the amount of communities and communities of interest that we are splitting up but from a Voting Rights Act perspective, Mr. Adelson can you give your opinion?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, thank you.

You know, just this discussion the last couple minutes really shows you know kind of being on the knife's edge in the sense of that I understand is very clear that you're weighing, competing considerations.

And I think that the issues about communities of interest and keeping sort of communities together are I've read a lot of public comments in general and I understand that that is a significant consideration.

I would tack back a little bit to Dr. Handley's analysis and the maps of the 2010 legislative districts that you really can have a sense of where they are now.

And her analysis of suggesting where the one of the considerations should be going forward.

So I think that as you saw in what you were doing, clearly the demographics change. We will have to look at the election results of course and see what they show.

But I think that the -- I would be more comfortable over all thematically that there may be districts last we talked about that are minority populations in excess of let's say 10, 12 and 11 just using districts as examples.

There may be.

But we are not at that point yet of being able to say absolutely you know we tried six, seven or eight, I'm just making up a number of ways of approaching things.

So I think that you know the certainly from my perspective and looking at compliance, the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution of the Voting Rights Act are aside from your constitutional considerations Federal law is superseded state law.

And the considerations which I'm very cognizant of with whether they are municipalities and cities and communities of interest over all are significant.

But I would also have having populations that are well in excess of the percentages needed to elect candidates of choice is an ongoing concern.

So my thought is that we looked at the election results.

Certainly what is happening now is that you know you're not written in stone for want of a better phrase.

But I think that it is important to see how these districts, the lower percentages, how they perform, keeping the as many options as you have to give minority communities or preserve the tune to elect without packing.

I think all of those are considerations.

And so my first thought would be clearly to your experiment you know yielded some interesting results.

I think we can look at the election results and see.

But I think it is very important from a compliance standpoint to look at the ranked criteria and the number one criteria is the U.S. Constitution and Federal law.

So my thought is let's look at the election results.

And see what they tell us.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay I have a related question.

Maybe I'm just thinking of this simplistically but if we look at the election results as it stands right now and then change it back to going straight up, how I originally had it so we are breaking up less communities, and the election results are similar, does that mean then we wouldn't need to do this thing? And it's okay? Legally I'm just not sure what we're looking for.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure, one of the points I draw from what you just said, it's not like there is just one way to do this.

We saw that yesterday and we saw it last week and there are a lot of ways potentially to address these issues.

There is so I think that my thought is you know as you said, and I appreciate your comment that experimenting and trying, that is the bottom line with redistricting and when you have all these considerations, that is my experience.

That is what you do.

So my thought would be we could look at both.

And certainly compare them.

We have already done that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Morgan I see you John but I want to see what Mr. Morgan wanted.

>> MR. MORGAN: To >> COMMISSIONER CLARK's point is there is probably going to be another District that contains a portion of Southfield.

So in a sense you are looking at these two districts covering that same minority community and there may be multiple ways to do that.

But you're probably looking at two different districts that might have slightly different variations between them and might take slightly different nonminority populations into them.

But as a combination you have the core of Southfield probably in two districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, and that is where I was headed with my comment.

If you look at what is remaining in Southfield it's about 90,000 people predominately Black.

So what do you do? The only options you really have is split it up between Birmingham and Bloomfield hills or go west to Farmington and Farmington Hills to split it up. And so I think this configuration we are probably painting ourselves into a little bit of a dilemma on choosing going forward.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: After Bruce.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clark, I take your point and John's point and that is what I had been thinking too.

That the you know we are coming in a way to an as we go west or north, I'm looking at Farmington, Farmington Hills, Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, there will be some things that give.

What they are that is of course up to your decision making.

There are ways of approaching this.

Then and I think that the whatever way we are not choosing any specific way today.

There are various methods of approaching it and I agree with you >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.

I was thinking exactly the same thing.

So the whether you go as Commissioner Orton has done now, whether you go back north as she had originally done those are among the choices and there are other options that can be further explored.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I didn't think that area that is being called Southfield of 14,000 is actually Southfield. I thought it was Franklin and Bingham Farms which has, I thought, a lower African/American population. So that district with Southfield and what is called Southfield might be okay.

Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills, Franklin. Once we put them together because the Southfield portion is not a true 76,000 because we've already taken off part of that. So that might be an okay District in terms of population balance once we draw it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Again what I was going to suggest is because this District and the next neighboring District whoever draws it and however it's configured, they are kind of in tandem.

So you might want to sort of hand over to the next Commissioner and draw that District if that Commissioner wants to do that and can look at the districts in tandem and see how to trade back and forth if you wanted to.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Before we do that can we look at the political data for this configuration?

>> MR. MORGAN: Of this one?



>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: So on this District 21 it's 80% for Biden.

20% Trump.

80% Clinton.

20% Trump.

For Obama 78.

Romney 22.

For the U.S. Senate Peters is 78.

And James is 22.

Stabenow 78.

James Galant 22.

And 2018 in 2014 you have 81% for Peters.

19 for land.

81% for Stabenow.

And 19% for Hoekstra.

And then for Governor it's 80% for Whitmer.

And 20% for Schuette.

And then you have shower is 70, Snyder is 30.

For Attorney General 78 for Nessel.

And 22 roughly for Leonard.

And then 72 for Totten.

28 for Schuette.

For Secretary of State it's 80 Benson.

20 for Lange.

Dillard 69, Johnson 31.

And the primary election data Sayed 30 and Thanedar, 21 and 48 for Whitmer.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So since we've looked at that Commissioner Rothhorn if you want to do that next one, you may.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just want I would rather you continue.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And just want to offer I think you were questioning Commissioner Orton the wisdom of splitting up Southfield or trying to do what you are doing and just looking at Page 19 and Lisa Handley's presentation right there is a threshold of state representation.

And the percentage of vote District 35 was all of Southfield meaning that was whole and it was I mean there was they had Southfield had a Black representative 35 that was with 82% of the vote.

What I mean splitting up Southfield is the right direction, we are unpacking here and I think it's we can justify that.

And I think you're headed in the right direction so please continue and thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid? I'm sorry Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, no, I think we are going in the right direction.

Because as what was just said that top Township that's being called Southfield is really a few other Townships that are predominately white.

What I would do is take off the Royal Oak park sorry take off the Royal Oak part and then the next person draw in that part of Southfield with those Townships and I think you will be okay where we are going.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not seeing the map right now so I'm waiting for the map.

>> MR. MORGAN: We are changing drivers just a second.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: May I?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think the points have been made in looking at Southfield District 35 as Commissioner Rothhorn said in the current configuration 2010 heavily elected the candidate of choice about 80%.

That is a pretty big margin.

So that indicates to me that there are Southfield is not as an example doesn't necessarily have to be kept as an entire community to retain the ability to elect because that is 80% victory margin is pretty big.

So I think just as we were talking before about margin to explore with the El-Sayed 67% this is analogous that there is also room to explore here too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are just waiting a second for the map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I hear you, Juanita.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You are speaking for all of us.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Importing what you all have done on his machine so it will come in here as a brand new plan.

It will take a couple of minutes.

It's almost done.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are supposed to take a break at 3:15 so why don't we just take our break right now without objection will we do ten minutes we will take our recess now and it gives you a few minutes Kent set up and we are not waiting.

It's currently 2:52 hearing no objection we will recess until 3:05 p.m.

[ Recess ]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:06 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair.

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location.

We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> 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: We will continue where we left off mapping State House districts Commissioner Orton, I believe you still have the mic.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent can you see if I point, I want to take out Royal Oak so everything to the right of the diagonal and this little triangle up at the top. Yes, please.

And can I see the population back? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The what?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry I don't have that fired up, do we?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so for now please add this precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to highlight them and add as we go.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And these, this, yeah, and this one.

Yeah, all of that.

And this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not a certain part, not this?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Not that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Like what we have lit up?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay you are just .93% under.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Now if we can look at the election data now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which the focused or the statewide?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Statewide I believe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, high light it, it is I'm going to start at the far right and work our way back, how about that? Maybe.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can it be made any bigger? I can't read it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I do have a small font.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My glasses.

>> KIM BRACE: Where it says Zoom, Zoom up there you go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yep.

I do.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Go to the left, please.

Then to the left again, please.

Let's go all the way to the end, to the left, please, and that should do it.

All right so the election results show this is a strongly performing ability to elect District which is not surprising.

60% plus Black VAP the margins of the elections are four to five times, so that is a significant margin.

The so that confirms what we have seen in other greater Detroit area districts with large Black population and that is certainly what Dr. Handley concluded in her study.

And then we have the consideration we talked about before the break about the size of the Black total population, Black voting age population and there being several ways to potentially address that.

So I think that that is something that to look at going forward.

But there is really no question that in its current configuration this is a strongly performing District and I would echo what Commissioner Rothorn said before the break about the current District 35 and the 2010 legislative plan.

That the candidate of choice from the legislature won with 82% or so of the vote.

Which is interesting because that coincides with the numbers we are seeing here in these other elections.

So that also indicates that in the greater Southfield area is a strong ability to elect jurisdiction.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we didn't see much movement when we changed the configuration.

Maybe just a couple races there were from what I saw?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Well, I think in changing the configuration you mean in removing Royal Oak?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: What.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: In removing the Royal Oak part.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The Black population went up by more than ten points. The performance of the District I think is that what you're asking. That really did not change.

Yes, there may have been some a little bit of margin in the percentages but that really didn't change.

So what does that tell us? That the area that is currently part of 21 is a strong area. The parts that you included from Royal Oak did not dilute the minority voting strength did not change the ability to elect District which I think is important consideration as you weigh options because it really it changed the population but did not change the outcomes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I'm more comfortable with this one.

I think one reason is because it leaves the other half of Southfield to also potentially be ability to elect District.

So I think I'll leave it like this and we can see what the neighboring thing does.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Does the Secretary of State have anything else?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

All right Commissioner Rothhorn I know you indicated before you thought you had taken your turn are you going to take a turn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would love to pass.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I did that District 18 earlier so I'm going to treat that as my turn and move on to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, I think that I'm going to start right next to where 21 is and start at the bottom.

And go up.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry for the interruption I just wanted to note for the record that Commissioner Lange has rejoined, Commissioner Lange can you express where you are attending remotely from.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take that whole Section and we will see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the area you want to start with?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, can you put the matrix up so I can see the population? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, yes, of course.

So as soon as I finish doing what it needs to do.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Whatever it's doing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need 60,000 more.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you go north a little bit? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This way?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and I want to take in Bingham farms and Franklin.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All that area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are about 52000 more.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Should I go north or should I go east? Anybody? Commissioner Orton?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would grab in Beverly hills because you have part of it and go east.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is the far east of District or precinct that is up next to Woodward.

That's Royal Oak.

So I would keep that with Royal Oak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right that is after the blue line though.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you move the map so I can see what's over there above like Beverly hills? And >> COMMISSIONER CLARK, where did you say not to go? Where is the Royal Oak?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 2496.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Past the blue line there, that is Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so go over to the blue line.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No just directly east, so 1575, 1749, 1046.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Not the 2498.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I should keep going north?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So that little kind of arching area right above where actually where his little that actually is part of Bloomfield Township or West Bloomfield, I think Bloomfield Township so but wrapping around that is Birmingham so you can take Birmingham but you will have that discontinuity there just to alert you of that before you do it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: But is Franklin split in half?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No.

Oh, I see it's Bloomfield.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: If you select Birmingham, you will have the arch carved out and Bloomfield.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are you suggesting Bloomfield in a different District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Put in Birmingham and see where you are at population wise.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put in Birmingham.

Thank you, Rebecca.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still are going to need about 24,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Right.

Then you can put that spot that's.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That in?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have use blocks on that, didn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you go out to the north and go back to the one you were on before? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, if you go north of Birmingham, you're going to hit Bloomfield hills but further Bloomfield hills is Bloomfield Township and I don't know if we want to include Bloomfield hills.

Do you have an opinion, Anthony? I don't want to go east because you hit Troy.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm a little surprise this 22 has I thought the population would be higher than what it's at now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could take part of Bloomfield Township the alternative is go in Troy which we done want to split up Troy and try to grab part of Clawson that is going to give you about 11,000.

And then grab part of Bloomfield Township but then we go in Farmington Hills and that is perfect and don't want to break that up.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I saw that and looked like it would be one District this itself.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you want to Clawson you will have to go into Troy to get to Clawson to make it contiguous.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Take one little blurb in Royal Oak to get to Clawson.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Look at that side of Woodward take Royal Oak Madison heights and Clawson and you are 90,000 and 91,000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think it makes more sense to go into Bloomfield Township but what do you think Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What about the area west of Birmingham?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Bloomfield Township.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Could I start at the southern end of it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So take 2523, 3038, 2691, 2141, 2003, 3605.

So I still need 23.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me assign that and you will still need about 6 or 7,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So take Bloomfield Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will wrap around.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take Bloomfield Hills.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will -- that is 32000 and it's 25,000 more.

Remove some or.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what do you guys suggest?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think just keep going north on 22 until you reach the amount.

You don't need all of that.

I think you can take maybe the next three precincts or so or maybe that one all the way to the right.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Everything above where it says Bloomfield hills take that off? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are still 11,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take that 2544 and 2208 off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are still 6,000 high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Take off Bloomfield Hills which is the box in the center.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you take off Bloomfield hills.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to be fairly close.



>> CHAIR SZETELA: So yeah, pick one more to take off.

I personally would pull the long lake because that way you are not separating the lakeshore but 22.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 2276.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is the southern half of that lake.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take that off.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are at 729 under.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I think that's good.

Does everybody think that's good?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Scroll down.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we scroll down and take a look.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you would like to see, something like that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Mr. Adelson would you like to look at that?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure why don't we look at the election results first and then my comment will be informed by the results.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can read them out or not either way is fine with me.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I'll defer to what the Commissioners want, whatever their preference is fine with me.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do you need them readout loud?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: No, I can read.

Thank you.

Go to the right, please.

The right, please.

Could you, Kent, could you please click on the focus minority races I believe are the bellwether elections.

Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me enhance this.

Okay, to the left, please.

Okay so many of the election results are look pretty good.

To 1.5 to one, two to one.

There is one key election I would like you to look at.

Secretary of State in 2014 Dillard versus Johnson Dillard was a minority candidate and he lost.

Dr. Handley views this and I agree, this is one of the bellwether elections.

Involving minority candidates or always more probative than elections involving only white candidates for example.

So the fact that Dillard loses here is a concern.

And if I may comment further, I think, could you add the community dots again, please, the Black community? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add what now? The thematic.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: The thematic, I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Dots.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So I think that as I was watching as the District was changing, that you do have as we saw with...we were talking about Southfield in the lower part of the District particularly to the west, these are strong African/American communities and likely perform well electorally.

When you go beyond that, then you look at how the population of the District change. It seems that the population of the District on some level was diluted.

So my concern is that there is in capturing population, there was going north perhaps as far north as the District is, perhaps is a little far.

That there may be some population whether it's to the west potentially.

So as I said, I think that when the bellwether elections, those are bellwethers.

Those are indicators of potential issues.

So even though for the most part the election results are pretty good, it's that one that sticks out for me.

So can we go back to the racial composition, please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

So we have a couple of comments.

Commissioner Weiss then Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just a quick question to the far right of the District we just created, right at the top that little hook, I don't know if I like that that well.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I was going to ask what that was too and take it out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you zoom in and take it out depending how it's hooked in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right up above there them two I guess it's two precincts.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, that's one precinct.

But this is all one precinct right here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What about taking out the two blocks.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can take the blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What does everybody think on that one.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think that is a good idea.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe that is where the Mormon church is.

So I don't believe that many people live there, as I recall.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could also if you don't like it jutting out like that you can take off the precinct on the other side and you won't have that odd shape.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like that idea also.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You're suggesting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So can you Zoom out a little bit, Kent.

So we have that one precinct at the top of Bloomfield Township you could take that off and add that in because I thought they were about similar populations.

Because I noticed that when we first drew it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so let's try that.

Let's take out the 2301.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, they are pretty close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign 2208 I mean that is just where I'm sitting right now.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Unassign the.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2894 or you could do the 2267 like either one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which do we want to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Which do you want to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2301.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: 2301.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're back to 822 under.

Ideal.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That pulled out part of Birmingham rather than keeping Birmingham together because you took part of Bloomfield Township, I suggest you take part of Bloomfield Township out not Birmingham because you have one present in Birmingham that is going someplace else.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Put 2301 back in and take out 2894.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Or 2267 like either one of those would work to balance you back out.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay put that one back in and take out 2894.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett did you have a comment before I move on to >> COMMISSIONER CLARK and Commissioner Orton? I saw your hand go up at one point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, Bruce, this is the same we discussed previously with Johnson.

She was a white female, a very popular Secretary of State.

If you look at the voting patterns across James is a minority Black male.

Quite well financed by the way.

And was all over the air.

And he didn't do very well.

So while it may be bellwether, I think it's an out liar.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I understand what you're saying Commissioner Lett. And certainly I recall the 2020 Senate race the James versus Peter race that the fact that there are ideally I would like to see the bellwether elections all line up.

That's not happening.

And I understand that Johnson being an incumbent may be an objective explanation for why this bellwether is not the results are not similar.

And I think that that also and I'm not usually saying this as an explanation to this particular election but the fact that the Black population significantly changed here.

Excuse me.

And in the other districts we were looking at there were some districts where the population remained in the high 40s for example.

Or even the low 50s but here it dropped to 29%.

And that does concern me.

Because that is a significant drop.

So I understand it.

And you know what you're saying.

That may really be the -- a good objective explanation but I also go back to how the population dramatically dropped.

And I think that that is a concern for me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so thinking about what John said about as we are making these, the two kind of go hand in hand.

I'm thinking maybe we should change the District that we did before this so that it leaves more of that African/American population so that it does not dip so low.

So that basically Southfield has two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Rebalance the two districts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK, did you have anything? Then Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I answered my own question.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is a beauty.

I'm looking at the Lisa Handley's Page 19 again and looking at the threshold of representation for the State House, and that 89% of districts over 25% Black elect minority candidates so I think we are pretty close to that is it this shows the threshold is 25% but we are at are we at 29 or 20?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: We are 29VAP.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay voting I don't know she has VAP I'm not sure if this is VAP or total I just wanted to offer that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I appreciate that.

I think what she and I had discussed at the time is that the creating a District and presuming that it can elect at 30%, that in my experience that can be a fraught

assumption so I'm not really comfortable with assuming that a District can elect at a 29%, 30% VAP.

She and I had talked about having 35% as potentially and I don't want to say as a bottom line because there really aren't any specific bottom lines of what we are talking about.

I have seen in my experience districts elect in the 35% range.

It's rare that I've seen districts consistently elect below 30.

I'm not saying that that's not possible. But she and I had during the Ann Arbor meeting and talked about wanting a little bit of a cushion a little bit of leeway.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm not trying to argue but I'm trying to learn.

I think what I've heard Commissioner Lett talk about was that 2014 was an outlier but also looking at the age.

That it's a 2014 election.

I think before we talked about some districts change.

And I'm just recognizing that again I'm trying to learn right that that is the one that didn't fit.

The others did fit but don't think they were double percentages so wondering right because the other election results weren't double, if that's -- is it also the percentage difference that is the concern? Because there is right the I'm trying to frame my question as clearly as possible right.

The election results, the bellwether election results I think we've got half a dozen election results.

One out of the other half a dozen was did not work.

So because I'm trying to understand the concern again because the age and that so if you could help and again, I'm looking at over 25% as I'm looking at maybe but the concern is what -- help me understand your concern.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To your point of the age of the elections the recent elections observe can be more illustrative and I agree this is an exception.

It could be as Commissioner Lett was suggesting there may be incumbency rationales.

I think my concern about relying on a 25% as an opportunity to elect you have no margin for error.

And I like to have some caution built in because again these are estimates.

These are extrapolations.

These are not, yeah, we are you know we are it's 100% guaranteed.

It's not.

So I think she and I agree that having some leeway is good.

Recognizing that as you said indeed older elections may not be as probative as more recent ones.

That this is an exception.

The margins here are not two, three percent but they don't necessarily have to be.

So I tend as you know as I've said before I tend to be very cautious rather than just saying absolutely, we don't have to look at these as concerns.

They are really not concerns.

We can kind of minimize them.

I don't recall look at it that way.

I'm expressing my cautionary bent I guess for you to explore.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I appreciate that.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Sure.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Orton has a suggestion on how to add maybe some more African/American population.

I'd like to let her try if that is all right sed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I'm just looking at 21 and 22.

And thinking if I, how do I describe it? Move 22, move the line over, okay, I'll go over there.

So Commissioners can comment on this before Kent does it in case you don't want me to do this.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll highlight it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thinking move this line over about one precinct.

And then take 21 up higher into what is now 22.

And I'm not sure about this.

If we took this off, we could go up higher.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 10,000.

And if you put just for example.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Into.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me get it and that area is 6700 so you need a little more maybe put that down into here or something.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay well put these into 22 first.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right there is Beverly hills.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct here kind of wraps around and goes see how there is a little piece right here? So I'm going to take this out.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, okay please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just to so we will fix that hole but we will start with this.

If that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We can tidy it up in a minute but just to get an idea.

So.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then 21.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You are in 22.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 22 we P put it in there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: You are not in 22 anymore.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will fix it in a moment what do you want to put in 21?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: All of this for now then we will add more.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Essentially you are 6,000 light on 21 and roughly 4,000 high on 22.

So there is a little bit there.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay let me just look at the percentages.

Am I what line is highlighted? 21? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted is 21.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, okay, then please move, it's hard to see, move these two over to 22.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Move this and this to 22.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For right now this one and this one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That one?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and this one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And the one above it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And can someone help me.

This is a border of something but I can't tell.

So it goes there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's in the center.

It's right here.

This is Lathrup village.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You will assign this to 22?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, do you think these two over there then?

Because they are not part of that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So right now you are under by 10,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we will go up and see what happens.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I would not go up because you're going to go into Birmingham.

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

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I like where you're going with this but I would just add all of Royal Oak to 21 and then unassign the Birmingham parts of this.

So Royal Oak is to the right of Berkeley.

So if there is 58,000 there but if you take off the top part in Birmingham you might get close.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Birmingham is in 22.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah for 22.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm in 21.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She is in 21.

You're telling her to add Royal Oak into 21?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, and keep going.

How you're doing now.

Take in more of 21 and put it in 22.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Why not just continue to grab a little bit more of like Bingham Farms because she is pretty close on 21 and not far over on 22 and she's got just about 50/50 African/American.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You're not low on 21 right now?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 needs 10,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Keep going.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What I was going to suggest is rather than going to Birmingham where there is 21,000 people, these communities right here are kind of smaller.

So you could like continue to go into Bingham Farms, which you already have part of.

So Beverly hills Bingham farms and Franklin.

Boom, boom, boom, are in this line.

I don't know why it doesn't show them as three separate communities but they are.

So you've got part of Beverly hills right.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 90210.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Part of Beverly hills so take these districts more I think you are going to get closer to balancing out the populations and you already balanced out the African/American population with what you did.

That is my thought rather than go up and cutting up Birmingham.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, okay I'm also wondering.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So if this helps that is the map you're looking at.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm wondering if people have a thought about can we see south just a little bit, Kent? Should that just go over with them as well? Otherwise it's you know kind of a, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 18 is a little bit high if you wanted to take some out of 18 right there at the yellow corner, up at the top at you know like in that corner.

Is that 21, I don't know?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Where is 18 on here? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The yellow District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No I mean on the matrix.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry right here.



That is 18.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm going to go sit down again it's hard to see up there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What Kent is suggesting might make sense because again we got a pretty highly concentrated.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And right down here this is part of Detroit that we already have chunked up so if you, you know, chipped along here chipped along here.

This is oak park which I would not recommend breaking up.

But like this we've already got broken up so it's not you know no harm no foul to continue to maybe move neighborhoods back and forth.

And then it you know then you could adjust otherwise so.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you scroll up just a little bit, Kent, so I can see the top of where we are working? Okay could you, the purple juts into the green a little bit, kind of near the top.

That is yeah right there.

Can you click on that just to see what percentage, okay, thank you.

Okay, I just want to try something and then maybe I'll pass it along.

I'm just unfamiliar with this area so it's really hard for me to know but that the 2406 can you put that into District 21? I don't know if that is helping.

Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will fix that it's two census blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then up above right under the blue line 1298.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 as well?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and then Rebecca were you saying that next one that kind of outlines that? The 2546.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I based it on population like what else do you need? Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Move 2546.

Just to the left of where you were.

The one you just did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right under what you just added.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: A little higher yep there you go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put that in 21?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

Let me just look for a second.

Can you make the active matrix numbers a little bigger? Thank you.

Okay, okay, that one Rebecca, you called it kind of a dome looking precinct.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is part of Bloomfield Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Which is up above.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, Birmingham comes around it for some odd reason but that is part of Bloomfield Township and you see the blue line under where you have the green coming out with the blue line jutting there that is Bingham Farms and Franklin but obviously you can't go across to Franklin but that is also adding more white population to 21.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Which is what we need to do.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But we can't cut ourselves off.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No I mean I think you could go over one more to 1124 then you still have a path.

I just wish we could see the line where Franklin is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I feel like those two precincts to the left are Franklin.

And that 1124 is Bingham Farms but it's not delineated well on this map but just that you know jives with my recollection of where the line is.

What road is that? Is that 24? Telegraph.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 24, 13.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let me just look.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Oak view and oak view way.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We need 4,000 more people.

We need to bring the we need to balance it a little bit I think in that in District 21.

And I kind of don't know where to go from here to not just break up another community.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is there a reason? Any reason not to move something along here? Thank you I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: MC, can you District a little bit?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are adding 4,000 and like the idea seeing what we have got almost 4,000 just in these two precincts here 1814 and 1966 I think unless those are.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So just to confirm 24 is the boundary between Bingham farms and Franklin.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So that line right there.

So you're saying we could add one more precinct there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Up in the area we were just in.

That area like 1100 people that is part of Bingham Farms and the part on the western edge of telegraph is the village of Franklin.

I was just trying to figure out where that line was.

Yes, so if you are looking at the map right here that precinct immediately to the west of the edge that we have right now is part of Bingham farms and 1124.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign that to 21 we would keep that community together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Franklin is a separate village.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We can do both and you can assign this Kent and assign 1124 in Bingham Farms.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted to 21.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we first look at the dot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry I'm trying to follow and I don't know who to follow.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Barking orders at you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That doesn't help with our percentage not particularly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry okay doing 1124 into 21?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please sorry MC I asked you to take over then I took over.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Glad you are doing it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab the reigns back.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So they are both less than 1% from the ideal target number. And 53% non-Hispanic Black District 21 and 38% non-Hispanic Black in 22.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I feel like 22 is a good balance. But 21 or I don't know maybe 22 is too low I'm not sure. But I feel like 21 is higher than we want but I really don't know where else to go.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Because we are experimenting, I think yeah, I think what we have done is reduced I think we got a better balance because of this. So it was worth trying. And I do think that the margins with you know 36% was the threshold that was established by Lisa so I think we are not too far over that. 38%. I think Bruce has said right 40% we are cautious so we could maybe we want to get it up. At this point what we have done is a nice job of unpacking the old districts and getting a better balance racially mixed balance. And I think we've got, yeah, still room to play.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And I would just say that you know, we have done this before where we feel like there could be some adjustments down the road. We know 21 and 22 probably could be adjusted a little bit but I don't know that we have to fix that right at this second rather than focusing on drawing other districts. So I wouldn't worry too much about the balance. I think the balance right now is pretty good. If we want to come back and tweak it a little bit more, we can do it by changing the lines like you just did.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I all 100% with Rebecca.

I say leave it like it is and if we have a need to rebalance or tweak it later, we should do it.

It looks like we are in the correct tolerance on these things.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay then.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Madam Chair can I make a quick comment?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As you saw there were some very subtle and dramatic changes.

And I think that it shows what you can do.

You being generalized and what can be done with just relatively few adjustments.

So I think that, yes, this does put the districts in potentially a different category, I agree with Chair Szetela that this is something you want to look at further.

Absolutely along with probably others.

So my suggestion is we can look at the election returns.

We can look at them at another time.

But clearly, I think that the changes appear to be improvements.

And yes, so I think that there are clearly improvements.

They without tweaking very much.

So thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, yep, you're good? Okay, so Janice you are good?

Okay at this point we will move on to Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Could we pan out so I can see where we are at, please? What are we doing with, okay, that is 11, never mind.

And can you grab Royal Oak for me, please, Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am District 23.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct here is part of what is Royal Oak and it's in 21. So do we want to go through here by precinct or make that change?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's go by precinct.

I'm sorry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No understand.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Erin I'm not sure we did that intentionally and it may have been an accident and I think you may have heard it there was intention to keep Royal Oak total together.

So as you wish.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Must be lagging on this side, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Getting there, it's assigning now.

It's still churning.

Let me change the 23 color so we can see it.

Looks like the Royal Oak Township boundary is actually just above Berkeley.

It's right where my cursor is.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay can we grab everything to the east to ten, please? .

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That one piece in the District 21 that's in Royal Oak, what is the population? Most of the stuff along Woodward is businesses.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2000 people are in this precinct right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: 2000 okay that is low, okay, thanks.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay Commissioner we are at 23 still needs 15,000 people to reach the ideal target number.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 15,000 can you pan out for me please? Because it looks like it zoomed in.

And Zoom in just a little, please.

What is the population of Clawson? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These precincts are let me do the Townships. Clawson is 11,389.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Okay could you add that, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like we have two precincts that are not Clawson so you want to add those in?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maybe a little bit over when it finishes. 2.28% over or 2086 people high.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: My screen is lagging with unassigned parts in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Is it okay if >> COMMISSIONER CLARK gives a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Two districts below Clawson unassigned, can you Zoom into those so I can see what they are? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Identify them by roads?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah roads, ends at 14 Mile Road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 13 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I was concerned it is Troy going down there but it does not appear to be.

It's too far south.

But it might be.

I don't know.

Okay thanks.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Wagner it's back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I don't believe that the map is going to do us any good but can I please see that, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I misunderstood.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She wanted you to put the thematic dots up for African/American I'm assuming?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, that's African/American Black population.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I thought I noticed that before there was a lot up there.

Okay 2000 over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You could remove one present I mean depending how big it is and get you in the ballpark.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I know.

I'm looking at 2532.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are only 2.28% high.

So that is under the 4% deviation.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: A suggestion I would have since you have already gone west to Woodward for that one precinct, for Royal Oak why not take the other one at 2498 I think it is.

The one just above it.

Triangular.

Yeah.

That would get you population wise in line.

And since Royal Oak is split already.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it out of 23.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 20498 is in there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have to assign it somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 2064 that is still Royal Oak is it not?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And what will that do to 21? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it 1200 low.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And because I was wondering if we should probably keep all of Royal Oak together.

And take out the 2532 at the top.

And take but I don't want to take 2064 from 21.

But it makes sense to keep all of Royal Oak together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean if you take it away from 21 you are taking away 2000 people.

And it's over by 800 so it's really going to end up being about 1200 under which is not a huge amount.

And then you would be keeping Royal Oak together.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: So let's go ahead and do that, please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 21 is 1.3% under and 23 is now 4150 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: 2532 at the top the north Section if you would take that off for me, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I think we are missing kind of hard to see that 12306 Section that is also part of Royal Oak.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2306 is also Royal Oak.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, I heard that.

Go ahead and add that, please, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23 is 4.28% high which is 3924.

These two precincts together would be about 4,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I know, I was looking at those.

I was actually looking at Clawson the 1916 and 1956 but I didn't know where the 1956 ties into what we are looking at right now mainly Royal Oak and Madison heights.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All these are Clawson.

And Clawson.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I can only see part of the light blue outline.

I can't really tell I think it's Clawson I can't really tell where the rest of the outline is. I'm wondering if it's where we -- where the line is.

But.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Clawson line is follow my cursor.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Like a little box.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I was wondering about that so we are kind of breaking that up two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12345 voting precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK? Okay, Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well since we are over now why don't we take out the two in Clawson.

That will make us about even.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's going to be more than that though.

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>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It would be four.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it would be four because it's going to be 8,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Let's grab 5285 at the top and whatever is to the left of that west.

So if you take out those four Clawson precincts, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And these two here?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please aren't those two Clawson as well? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

And then if you would add, yes, I know.

And to the north of 2306 that little jagged area, oops, now I can't see.

Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll get it back.

Just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It's okay Oakland, yeah, 5285.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct is split way up there so we will do it by blocks and take.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I have a quick question if we put Clawson back and those four and what about taking out Madison heights.

It should get you pretty close population wise.

So if you put 2045, 2940, 1916 and 1956 and take out Madison heights which is 4319.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The whole of Madison heights is almost 30,000 people.

That's just part of Madison heights.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Well that is what I was wondering would that work.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are just talking that one precinct of Madison.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area is 8800 so if you took that out you would be 3800 high.

Take that out and you would be 5, 6, 700 low.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: And the only problem with that was that I heard that Madison heights and Royal Oak they wanted to remain together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: >> COMMISSIONER CLARK? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is not all of Clawson you still have this part.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One more in Clawson.

One thing to consider is to go west above the number 10 District.

All of Clawson, all of Madison heights and all of Royal Oak here and extend it on top of ten and see where we are at.

I don't know where we are at number wise.



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>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are going in Troy.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is not true.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You are going the other way.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't want to break up Troy.

I mean that is a consideration.

That is going into Warren, I think.

The problem with that is in the Warren area gets into too many districts, you know.

You know like.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I personally would split part of Clawson or take that Section off Madison heights.

Either one of those will work.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Just take the bottom two precincts under 2040 and 1956.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take these two out.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Of Clawson.

No, no, add the two bottom precincts of Clawson, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Want to add those two into 23?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

It's going to be right on the number or pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: It's going to be close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 37 people off.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'll hold there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right I think Department of State staff might have some questions for you.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No questions, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, are you satisfied with this District? Erin?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right we will move on to Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Could I point out one thing we moved a couple precincts out of 18 and it dropped considerably District 18.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so yikes.

Below.

How did we end up doing that? I must have missed it.

Can you show me what the population on 17 is? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 17 is a little low.

Below ideal.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: And 18 is low too by 3,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, between the two of them they are 42, 38.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So to fix 18 let's scroll in a little bit to the edge of Detroit, yep, right in that area right there.

Scroll down a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 has an extra thousand.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so 14 has an extra thousand, 17 is low.

And 18 is low.

All right, so if you could grab -- can you put up the neighborhood map before I do that?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, just a moment.

It's the darker lines which is a neighborhood, it appears, if this is what you are looking at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yup. I would move that neighborhood into 18, which is going to put us...are we high on 14 or low on 14?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just selecting them.

I did not move them.

14 is, you know, pretty much a thousand people high, not really high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can take that off and they will be a thousand low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You want me to do the block? This goes into.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah so, I would just take that neighborhood and keep that block in 14.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me move those right there back into 14.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 14 now is 1079 low, 17 is 1100 low.

18 is 969 low.

And you know so they are all less than.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: They are all back to deviation.

All right that looks good.

Okay.

Now it's your turn Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you Madam Chair.

I guess you would scroll out, Kent, so I can see where I can go to get into trouble.

Because I know I'm going to get bailed out by Commissioners, never fail me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Troy, Warren, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Westland.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right, let's try Farmington Hills, do the whole...

>> An easy one.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Of course I need an easy one.

I'm getting some coaching over here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There it is you want to start with the whole Township?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

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Let's see what that does.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 95,000 including the town of Farmington.

You want to start there?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

Let's see what happens.

Maybe.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roughly 4,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Weiss, I would keep it as is.

Due to the overwhelming amount of public comment we received in Novi and we are at a decent number.

It's also going to allow for a buffer if we need to move population around when we are done in the area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I will say I think you should leave it as is.

The next person, that is I think Commissioner Witjes, do Orchard Lake with West Bloomfield and Sylvan Lake and Keego with just the eastern most districts of Commerce, you can end up about the same number below so it would even out.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We are done.

I told you my Commissioners would help.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Why did you do that.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I was told and reaffirmed it.

I believe it falls in with our communities of interest stuff that we received to keep it and it's a whole District.

It's compact and fits perfectly for what I like.

And as Commissioner Lett just reminded me the percentages are pretty decent.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Department of State staff? Yvonne.

>> We are good, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Would we like a comment from Mr. Adelson?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So that is District 24.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I have it highlighted right here.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Minority population is about 41%.

Remember we don't have enough analysis on whether non-Hispanic Asians and Hispanics vote cohesively or with the Black population but we can look at the election results and see what they tell us.

So why don't we look at the statewide please for 24.

Am I correct this is all one City? Is this Farmington Hills.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Farmington hills is a within broader Farmington you have the City and the surrounding area.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Okay thank you.

And to the left, please.

And to the left again, please.

Okay thank you so most of the election results show that even with relatively low voting age population for minority voters that many of the elections turn out to be to support the candidate of choice, the minority community.

Not all the elections and the 2014 Secretary of State election year also is does not favor the minority candidate of choice.

As I said this is a minority 41% over all minority plurality District.

There is no plurality in any one minority group.

So this is a District that is seemingly enables the election of minority candidates of choice in most elections.

Identified.

Not all the bellwether elections but this is not necessarily a District where I might expect that.

Because the minority population per group and voting ages relatively low.

So it does elect in most elections, not all the bellwether elections.

And the percentages are for the most part pretty sound.

One to two times.

So that's those are my overall thoughts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, I think we are ready to move on to Dustin Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay, we will take the orchard the Township right above Farmington Hills, right above District 24.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That Township has 65888.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The portion in the middle there that came up 2238.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, all three of these?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are sitting roughly 19,000 low.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right go to the Townships sorry the voting precincts over to the west.

Take the two, yep, take the that row that you were just hovering your mouse over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just selecting them right now, not assigning them. That is 11,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take the one directly south of that 3083.

And go to the north and we will grab the one that is right in the middle on the northern border of the Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Take the one on the middle of the border of the Township 3680.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go ahead and assign those for me, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it's doing it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are a whopping 2.7% low.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We are going to go ahead and keep it at that.

Um, yep there we go.

We will keep it at that.

Let's see if Bruce wants to take a look.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So that is District 25?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: That would be correct.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Let's look at the statewide, please.

Can we look at the focused minority too? I'm sorry.

You are moving left.

Yeah, where you are going is fine, Kent, thanks.

And to the left again, please.

One more to the left.

That is as far as it goes.

Okay thank you and can we look back at the demographics, please? District 25 about 24% over all minority.

There is no majority or plurality among any of the listed minority groups.

Non-Hispanic Black non-Hispanic Asian and Hispanic.

Voting age population is approximately 20% Hispanic so as with 24 this would necessarily be a District that I would expect to be in an ability to elect District.

However in most of the election results with the at least with one notable exception of one of the bellwether elections minority candidates of choice do win.

So this is a District where it appears that in most of the elections minority candidates of choice prevail.

There may be same as in 24.

Some cross over voting.

And supported minority candidates of choice but I would not consider in the same as the just like with District 24, the some of the districts we preliminary crafted out of Detroit.

So I wouldn't look at these as first blush ability to elect.

But there does seem to be an opportunity to elect here among residents to elect most of the candidates of choice in most of the elections.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: At this point we will move on to Doug Clark, Sarah?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I have a few questions for you Commissioner Witjes. Can you describe what communities of interest were considered in this District?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sure.

When we were at our public hearing in Novi, we got a lot of public comments stating that the Orchard Lake area as well as West Bloomfield should be kept together. Which I'm doing here.

This is also taking into account the individuals who do not have a particular box to check on the census form that live in this particular area.

And that would be how I would take into account the diverse population of Michigan in this particular District as drawn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go over to Troy and let's get all of Troy and if you could display the round circles for the age and population, I would appreciate it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm getting there just a moment.

While it loads everything up.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Well you know we are going to a choice here.

We will have to take that piece of Clawson as well.

So let's see where we are population wise once we do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Add in Clawson precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: We don't have a choice on that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to make it pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So we will take a look at the total.

I kind of wanted to go east a little bit and get some of the Bangladesh people but we are a little over now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2.37%, 2100 people.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, yeah, let's stay with that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Almost 24% non-Hispanic Asian.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I don't want to break up Troy but I wanted to get a little of the Bangladesh population in Sterling Heights but I don't think that is going to be possible.

We got a significant amount in Troy though of the Asian population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you done?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm done, Bruce can you take a look at it?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: So 26 has among the highest of non-Hispanic Asian population both overall and voting age population.

So total minority about 37%.

And total VAP of about 30% but again we don't have any analysis about whether these groups voted recently.

So let's look at the statewide election results, please.

And to the left, please.

And to the left, please.

So there are a couple of interesting aspects of the election results here.

But overall the minority candidates of choice did win in fewer races than in 24, 25.

And in one when I think noteworthy if we could go to the left, this is a kind of an I don't want to say anomaly but it's not something we have generally seen.

This is the 2012 Presidential, I think.

So let's keep going to the left.

Yes, so in the 2012 election Obama lost to Romney and we have not typically seen that as a result.

So there is really not enough information to draw any clear inference or extrapolation.

It is as I said this is not the only bellwether election where the minority candidate of choice lost.

So that could mean many things.

It could mean that the -- there is not any significant cohesiveness here and could mean the Asian population is voting somewhat differently.

So over all the District does support most candidates of choice.

Fewer of the bellwether elections that we see.

So yeah, I think like I said it's interesting because I don't recall seeing that in previous districts with any significant minority population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Seeing if it makes a difference to add Clawson to 23 and see if right that white population there makes a significant difference in election results.

Just do experiment and I did see Kim Brace had his hand too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: What you may be seeing here is something we have seen in a couple other jurisdictions is the question of the Asian population tending to vote more on the represent side as opposed to the democratic side.

And so it does raise some questions in terms of coalitions or lack thereof.

And with the Asian community and the Black community for example.

Clearly if you've got an Obama election where it's not voting form that may be some clue there too.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Excuse me Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Behind the screen I apologize for that.

I appreciate Mr. Brace's speculation on that issue but we are bringing forward a proposal to have those voting patterns analyzed.

So that way the Commission would have those analysis, Michigan specific with the supporting data to inform its work.

So I would encourage the Commission not to draw any inferences particularly in the District that was just the proposed draft District that was just drawn until we can obtain that additional data.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Rothhorn who suggested Clawson.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: If we can do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Three out of the four are in 26.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Just the remainder and I would just.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Majority of Clawson is in 26.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And it would be about five, 6,000 total.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You would add 3, 5,000.

Less than 5,000.

In it already is 45 and 2 is 6400 and something.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can put it in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wanted to see the there is a dilutive effect with Clawson mostly what I'm looking at in District 26.

What I'm suggesting Kent the you could highlight the remainder of Clawson add it to 23 and I want to see if that changes the voting right then we would switch it right back immediately.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think I did it backwards.

I know I did.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Take away from 26, correct, and add them to 23.

Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So now 26 is there and you still have to add population to 26.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Not same but similar results so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid, sorry Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I mean this really is not too surprising to me.

We are getting into more upper class socioeconomic status.

You know, of more what I will call a more if you will allow in between maybe moderate community that could go either way depending on the candidates running.

I think we will probably see that going through Bloomfield hills and what not until we get to Pontiac so I mean those election results don't really surprise me.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for that exercise, Kent.

Can you switch it back, please.



>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I clicked to have it roll back and it's taking a moment, hopefully it will be successful.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: May I make a statement? The -- on the map I recalled there was adjoining block to the right of the District line that may have had additional Asian population.

So the -- that if there were something, if you wanted to consider that as an issue, that may be an additional cause.

But you know I think that again as the General Counsel's point as we've discussed before we don't have analysis yet of these voting patterns, and I think we did see when we got that election today the 2018 gubernatorial that showed us something we didn't know about before.

It showed the Arab American population did vote cohesively in those particular areas which is very informative so Dr. Handley's analysis may also address that particular issue here.

But again looking just generally that if you have a District with 40% approximately voting age population and you are looking to see if it can elect across the board potentially adding additional precincts with a similar demographic may also provide an answer. We have seen that in other places.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So that is going to conclude our mapping for today. We will pick up tomorrow with Commissioner Curry who will start drawing our first District tomorrow.

At this point we will move on to the next item on the agenda is new business and we don't have new business to discuss or minutes to approve without objection I would like to ask our communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods the third to provide a report.

And please proceed when you are ready Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We did have a press conference and thanks to EDS for uploading the maps and work in progress and they confirmed they will be done by Friday.

The link is already working on the maps.

So it's a direct hyperlink and Commissioner Witjes you brought that up yesterday and it's working and people can pinpoint comments and that is all taken care of right now.

You can access the home Page clicking the button proposed draft maps and also access it off of the mapping process under proposed draft maps as well.

In the interim the excel spreadsheet is there and can click on the links until they are all transferred and wanted to let you know if you want to download the shape files or embed the picture files from there so really want to thank EDS and their ongoing commitment to ensure we have the maps up to become more user friendly.

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The purpose of the press conference today was to talk about being more user friendly and when we talked about the mapping process, we talked about how the Commission is working.

And so they got an opportunity to ask questions and do that as well.

We provided follow-up after the press conference to ensure that the website was working.

So we want to thank our partners with DTMB as well as MDOS to make sure that happens and also provided them the partisan fairness measurements that the Commission will be using so they have that information.

Tomorrow I want to remind you as well as Friday we are at central Michigan University.

I do have your parking passes and so I want to provide those for you.

Use the same pass for both Thursday and Friday.

If there is any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not seeing any questions.

All right thank you very much Mr. Woods.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I would like to comment the plan you just finished is online right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Fantastic thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Didn't take but a minute.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Members of the press we are doing that and to be honest and forthright I did have a conversation with regards to what I would call some of the Starkey remarks we have been receiving with regards to that.

And I just was very clear that you know openness and transparency the maps have always been open.

And transparent and video and have taken screen shots and we had one reporter that said we need to hire more staff and I said you can also hire you know more staff as well. You know with regards to the process.

You know it's very easy when you have the pin to tell us what we should be doing with regards to our meager resources and you're doing the same thing with your meager resources.

And so it's not just how can I say trying to get a fight with those who have the pen with regards to that.

But just acknowledging the fact that the Commission is working very hard.

We have not compromised our transparency at all.

All of our videos are on YouTube.

All of our videos are on Facebook.

Also the acknowledgment it's easy to pick on people you don't know with regards to their work and this is a new process.

And 13 people are coming together.

We have people who are just flat out sick and they still come to meetings.

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We have people that are getting treatment and they are still coming to meetings.  
We have people who have been to a funeral and buried loved ones and are still coming to meetings.

And the way we are being picked apart and analyzed is concerning to me.  
And so we would say we need some fairness you know and some compassion with regards to what is taking place in the process and sometimes we are not getting it and it's a two Way Street.

We want to respect the process making sure the media has the information they need but there is also respect in terms of how you communicate with us as a team.

And I respect it's a two Way Street and we hope that message was clear.

We did not call anyone out by name but we did celebrate and acknowledge the professionalism that was displayed by Ben S from the news in terms of how he communicates.

Nothing is wrong with constructive criticism and nothing wrong with expressing concern or disappointment.

But the snarky remarks as far as I'm concerned are and respect is something we demand and wanted to share what was said and what took place and let you know that your communications director has your back as we go forth with our mission to draw fair and transparent maps with citizen input. Thank you again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right. Thank you very much Mr. Woods.

Without objection I'll ask Ms. Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report.

Hearing no objection, please proceed, Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No report to say except to say great work, Commissioners. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Correspondence received in advance of our meeting was provided along with written public comments submission in our meeting materials. It's my understanding we don't have future agenda items to discuss.

Are there any announcements?

One announcement from >> COMMISSIONER CLARK.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I did a little research. John Morgan made the comment a couple meetings back relative to keep I an eye on how our Senate rotates out every two years or whatever.

I did some research on it.

The way it works in Michigan all the Senators are elected every four years and it's always on the gubernatorial race.

Whenever that is.

So it's all done at once in the state.

And that is whatever you mentioned which we appreciate is not going to be a concern.

>> MR. MORGAN: My comment was more about the term limits that's all.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: As the agenda items or the items on agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business, I would entertain a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none, let's go ahead and vote all in favor of the motion to adjourn. Please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted and the meeting is concluded at 4:52 p.m. Thank you very much, everybody.