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

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

Present.

- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.
- >> 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.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Who is absent was it Kellom and was it Clark? Who was

the other one?

- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange is absent.
- >> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange I want to know for purposes of

mapping.

Okay thank you very much.

All right.

You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC.

I would now entertain a motion to approve our meeting agenda. So moved.

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

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would like to make a friendly amendment to change our lunch from an hour to a 15 minute break.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 15 or 50?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 15.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Did I hear a second on that?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark is in the room and has a thought.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I second that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so we have amendment to shorten the lunch break to 15 minutes is there any debate or discussion on the amendments?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Looks like Commissioner Curry may have went.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I think we deserve the hour for lunch.

Some of us have sugar or diabetes and they need to eat.

Some of us has different things going on in our bodies where we need to take a little break and 15 minutes is not enough.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I think 15 minutes is awfully short especially for people who might not have brought lunch with them who are in the room and who may not have lunch with them that is my personal feelings on that any other debate or discussion.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: No other hands in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Let's vote on the amendment by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Clark was to shorten the lunch break from one hour to 15 minutes all in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye or I'm sorry all in favor of the amendment amending the lunch break to 15 minutes raise your hand and say aye.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 1234, 12345 hands in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 123456.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Six, so the amendment does not carry.

So at this point we have a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

That has been motioned and seconded to approve the agenda please

Raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your

hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

I want to take a point of personal privilege because I received a call asking that I basically not Chair today.

And just give the Chair duties to MC Rothorn unfortunately our rules do not allow that so I want to make sure everybody understands that if you are Chair and present in the meeting you are required to Chair you can assign duties and ask the Vice Chair to facilitate but you can't simply appoint someone to act as Chair if you are in the meeting. If I assigned the duties to MC I could not participant and vote and it's something the rules don't allow and you saw it with Commissioner Kellom when she was Chair and if she was virtual, she would ask me do facilitate and I would do so but not acting as Chair in the process.

That is a restriction put in place by the rules we can't hand over Chair duties if we are in the meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you and Commissioner Orton also has a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would suggest that we put that in our rules because I find it very inefficient and when we had a vote for Chair that was one reason that I wouldn't vote for someone who wasn't planning on being in person most of the time. So I prefer that when the Chair can't be present in person someone else is Chair for that meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I would agree with that. And I think it is more efficient. So, like I said, it was something that was difficult before when we had Brittini not present because she couldn't just even though she might have wanted to have my Chair, she would have to have me facilitate.

So I don't think that is a bad idea either honestly.

I will say that I do attend most meetings in person and intend to do so going forward. And this is unusual week for me for some reasons some of you know.

I do typically attend in person and I will attend all week next week in person.

It's this week has been a bit unusual.

Any other discussion?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you, Chair Szetela.

No other hands in the room.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. So at this point we are going to move on to our public comment on agenda topics.

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.

Do we have any in person Department of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We have two requests to speak in person.

And one request to speak for a second time in person.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right. So please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line is number one.

>> Thank you, Chair Szetela, and the rest of the Commission my name is Sarah Howard.

I'm the attorney for the AFLCIO fair maps project.

We respectfully but strenuously disagree with the assertion yesterday that partisan gerrymandering is by definition intentional.

There is no such definition in the plain language of the Michigan Constitution.

Such a reading also violates the intent of the voters in passing proposition two.

And unintentional or accidental gerrymander will still be a gerrymander.

It's about the result and not the intention or the process.

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If the Commission checks its fairness measures at the end and it sees too much for one political party or the other that is still an unconstitutional gerrymander no matter how it came to be.

The interim measurements by checking your work in the districts as you go along that would not require amending the Michigan Constitution again.

As you all know a commonly accepted measure is the efficiency gap.

The efficiency gap can and should be 0 in the final map.

That is the expectation for partisan fairness.

Multiple maps that have been submitted through the public comment portal including my client's fair maps project by the Michigan AFLCIO demonstrates that a map can approve 0 efficiency gap and comply with all other constitutional criteria.

The Commission's task is to meet or improve on the standards set by the fair maps project.

A map with 5% efficiency gap or even 3% efficiency gap would be well outside the range of constitutional partisan fairness.

Anyone who has a history with Michigan knows that this is a state with close elections.

A 3% advantage here is not a map with partisan fairness.

Again it is absolutely true that the final measure of partisan fairness is on a statewide basis.

But you cannot accept close enough in the final measure.

That will violate Michigan Constitution.

Thank you very much.

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

Number two.

>> Hello, my name is Jerry.

And I, in the interest of full disclosure, I ran in the fourth District the last two cycles.

I'm here to talk about District 12 and 13.

There is no logical reason why we need to have a District that stretches from the Upper Peninsula, the top of the Upper Peninsula almost all the way to Lansing when it could be easily done another way.

For one thing, we need some kind of fairness in drawing the districts where at least 55-45 one way or the other is achieved.

The way that is drawn, you can get that on a District a lot of other ways than going all the way from Marquette down to Gratiot County.

The most logical ways to go across the state instead of up and down I sent in a map several months ago showing how we could do that.

And basically you got to have about 1.5 million people between M46 approximately and the Upper Peninsula.

There are several other ways you could draw the map.

That wouldn't have to go all the way down.

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Most easily would be to take some of the top tier of District 4 now, put that on the District 1 and make Mason County whole.

And then below that come across from Muskegon, across the state to the other lake and create a District there.

The way it looks right now it looks like you did every other districts, all the other Districts in the state and what you had left over you just kind of carved up.

So I think we need to definitely look at District 12 and 13 and find a better way to divide them up.

Thank you.

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

That concludes the first round of in person comment. We will move on to remote public commentary.

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.

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

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

First in line to provide public comment is Mr. Anthony.

>> Good morning, Commission. Thank God it's Friday.

And so I was thinking about the composition of this Commission, you have a couple democrats and republicans and a couple, quote, unquote, nonaffiliates.

But, you know, I'm curious about the nonaffiliate label because as I understand it there is also a green party in Michigan, a libertarian party of Michigan, natural law party.

U.S. taxpayers party. Working class party. So I don't understand, you know, are you independent? Do you only vote for candidates who do not affiliate with any party whatsoever? Do you just go back and forth between dem and these third parties.

I don't really think whoever wrote the language of this proposition, yeah, I voted for it and like it, but the language of nonaffiliated, it's...it doesn't make any sense.

Further, I think the amount of democrats and republicans on this Commission further entrenches the stranglehold that these two parties have on our political system. And I think it's to a huge, huge detriment to our country.

I've said it before and will say it again, 10 million Michiganders and you, not you, but whoever wrote this proposition wants to split it between dem, rep and nonaffiliated. I think that is such an inaccurate, gross composition and characterization of political affiliation.

And, finally, I'd like to speak for a second public comment, which I did request.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, thank you for -- are you finished Mr. Skinnell?
Okay, I think he is done.

So thank you for addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> All right.

This is James Galant, Marquette. These are my opinions. And for the Madam Chair, please do not entertain anymore friendly amendments. That's very clear in Robert's Rules of Order. There is no such thing. And then trying to be normalized to become the dominant narrative and then all of a sudden, it's normalized consensus, blah, blah, blah and then you start doing it. Just please don't entertain that and instruct the members.

And there was mention, considerable mention yesterday on your Zoom chat about the rules of procedure and what not.

And there was some...a quote about something about some evil Dutch model. Well, the Dutch model is not evil. It's just not compatible with the Constitution of United States of America. Because that is a parliamentary monarchy, of course. And our Constitution was built to free us from a monarchy.

And the big problem with this is that the members are personally engaging in deliberation instead of through the Chair in direct contradiction to your attorney's advice. Said, no, you have to go through the Chair, that's the way it works.

This is deliberations what you are doing now drawing the maps and lines. Because, you know, remember a rose is a rose by any other name. This is deliberation, working towards the decision.

And the problem with all those secret rules that all of you agreed to with a wink and a nod and not in the voted rules are only enforceable through the personal relationships established between the Commissioners.

That's why it's California recommended to you to create these personal relationships so that you can play and certain people can play each other and play the emotions of others. And then, for example, when Commissioner Lett gets downright ornery and demanding tone in his, hey, this is happening. Then everybody fawns to him because, oh, you don't want to destroy the relationship. It's like Commissioner Lett said during...when you approved Edward Woods' contract, he said no sense in ruining a

good contract because it says that all press releases have to come before the Commission.

That is in his contract.

But you've made a side bar.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission, Mr. Gallant. John Zang.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Please excuse the interruption. I just wanted to briefly offer an update that it was stated the Zoom chat was rife with discussion, that would be the YouTube chat.

Those are two very distinct chats. So that would be on the YouTube public viewing. Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes. Thank you for that correction.

Do we have John Zang?

>> Yes, can you hear me.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, please address the Commission.

>> My name is John. I'm calling from Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

I advocate for non-gerrymandered districts.

The computer can draw square districts.

They will be slightly rectangular and may need to be slightly rectangular, but each Congressional District should have only four sides.

And while some squares, some districts may stack up, there may need to be a six sided District or there is an odd corner to allow the squares to fit.

If you have more than 8 sides in a District it's gerrymandered.

The maps I've seen so far have 10, 20, 30 sides.

I have drawn maps and it will work.

My map is not what I'm asking you to adopt.

I'm asking you to adopt the process to have square districts.

Or rectangles, as close to square as possible.

Justice should be blind. And the computer can draw these districts.

The process is what is important.

Not communities of interest where we fight for people like us and to keep out people not like us.

Those who say you can't make square districts, I remind them, county lines in this state and all across the country are square in shape and do not bend around cities and villages.

Voting districts can do the same.

For years to come people will look at the work of this Commission and comment about your work.

People may say a lot of things good and bad.

But if Congressional districts are square, at least they won't say that things are gerrymandered.

I ask you to keep that in mind when you draw these districts. Thank you.

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

Mark Mudry.

>> Okay. Can you hear me now?

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

>> Okay, good morning, everyone. My name is Mark Mudry. I live at 1013 Meadow View Lane in Lansing, Eaton County.

I want to thank the Commission members and especially their staffs.

I am an Eaton County Commissioner.

And work with Tri-county leadership.

It's important that we work closely together. And that way I'm so pleased that the Eaton Ingham and Clinton Counties are combined into one Congressional District.

You did an excellent job in this area which is my area.

Thank you for a job well done.

Please have a good weekend.

Thank you.

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

Cindy Gamboa.

>> Sorry it took a little longer than I thought. Can you hear me?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Thank you so much, Chair Szetela. My name is Cindy Gamboa and I'm joining from Detroit, Michigan. And I would like to express my strong desire for a bit more transparency with the data that you all are working with.

I'm asking the Commission to post any data created for public consumption, if possible same day that it's created.

I know there is a lot of work that has to be done.

And I'm also requesting that the data posted in the shape files that meets standards for community to be able to download and analyze them.

I along with other Michiganders would like to be involved in the entire process of having data in a format that we can access.

Not having that in these different files or formats kind of inhibit that from happening.

So I'd like for you guys to take that into consideration.

Thank you so much for your time.

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

Do we have participant number 7, Department of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So Dirk.

>> Hi. Good morning. My name is Dirk and I'm a lifelong resident of Ottawa County, living here in Holland.

I'm here to advocate on one thing, that Ottawa County be respected as a single, whole as part of the redistricting process.

As you likely already heard, Ottawa County is a pretty specific place and has been such since it was organized in 1837, 184 years ago.

Ottawa County has grown into a model for Michigan.

It's a unique and balanced blend of educational institutions, economics, churches, manufacturing, agricultural, and above all peoples.

Ottawa County is their story from the arrival of poor Dutch immigrants to the arrival of Hispanic migrant workers who stayed to growing Black and Asian populations.

The County also continues to be a shining Beacon for refugees from around the world.

This is a distinct mark of Ottawa County inner citizenry. At its heart, Ottawa County is a mindset of working hard, of raising families and growing together.

This mindset is one that should be respected.

People come to Ottawa County for a reason and to fail to hold it in vial in this redistricting process would be akin to tampering one of the state's greatest continued success stories.

There has been much talk of the term community of interest.

Might I respectfully suggest that Ottawa County is such a community as people work, play, learn and worship together. Simply put it pulls together.

Let's not tear us under.

Splitting it up within the redistricting process would fail to recognize and respect that the County has grown into a model of quite different groups of people, coming together to accomplish great things for themselves and their families, making a real difference for the state.

I respectfully suggest in Ottawa County be kept whole within this process.

Such continued health and growth should be held up as a model for the entire state.

Ottawa County is not just a place.

It is instead a culture that has grown organically into what it is and what it will be.

Rest hard on the shores of Lake Michigan and sends a Beacon of hope to the state.

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

>> Hello. Can you hear me?

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

>> Good morning, Commissioners.

It's always nice to talk to you and I'm glad to see you again.

Thank you for the opportunity, Chair Szetela.

And, as a few people said before, we thank you for what you are doing.

We know it's complicated.

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The reason for me coming in front of you again is simple and I believe it's only in a short time.

Some of us have been following very closely what the Commission is doing and analyzing the data that comes out of the process.

And personally I am extremely disappointed with the way the data is being shared, in the beginning there were some shape files posted.

In the beginning they were very disorganized, but still I could download them and see them and analyze them.

But now for some reason this week the organization data was totally changed without an explanation.

And there are no more shape files and without shape files it's extremely difficult to do analysis.

I don't understand why the company that is providing the technical support for you guys is not posting shape files.

In my mind I will say I'm sending you a document in some bizarre format that anybody understands.

When you have a document, you want to have it clear same thing.

You have been transparent through the whole process so this is a real problem for the ones who want to work with the data.

So please post shape files for all the lists that you create and let's make sure they are posted in a timely fashion.

Not many days later.

Thank you very much.

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

James Fisher.

>> Hi. Can you hear me?

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

>> I'm sorry, I think I hit the wrong button and came on as a panelist. Anyway my name is James W Fisher. I'm a lifelong resident of Midland County and reside in the City of Midland. And I'm here to urge Commission to keep Midland County whole regarding the State Senate map and keep Midland County whole and affiliated with Gratiot, Gladwin and Isabella Counties for the Congressional map.

Maps posing to separate the city of Midland from Midland County and join it with Bay City and Saginaw make no sense.

The city of Midland and Midland County and the counties to the west and north have a strong shared interests and long histories of cooperation and a host of issues.

Economically the counties are joined at the hip with large industries in Midland and educational facilities in Mount Pleasant, Alma and Harrison, drawing employees from the neighboring counties.

The Mid-Michigan medical center is vitally important for the residents of all the counties.

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My family businesses are a perfect example of this interconnectedness. We have had businesses and family in Mount Pleasant, Alma and Midland for over 70 years. And we do much business with both Gratiot and Gladwin Counties. And our employees are drawn from Gratiot, Gladwin, Midland and Isabella Counties.

In addition, Midland, Gladwin, and Isabella Counties are all part of the Tittabawassee drainage basin. We share common interest in flood mitigation, preserving our river environment and ensuring that the dams that failed in 2020 be repaired restoring Wixom and Sanford, Lake.

In short, the City and County of Midland, Gratiot, Gladwin and Isabella Counties are communities with important and longstanding shared interests. They deserve strong and unified representation. And it would be a travesty to separate them.

I want to thank you, you Commission, for listening and appreciate your service. Thank you.

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

Now, that the opportunity for both 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. Step to the nearest microphone when I call your number you will have two minutes to address the Commission and please conclude your remarks when your two minutes has ended and go to the public comment tool and share your comments in writing including the specific area of the map which you are speaking.

It's available at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

First in line to provide public comment in person is Sarah.

>> Good morning again. My name is Sarah Howard. I'm an attorney who represents the AFLCIO's fair maps project.

We wanted to also briefly address the discussion yesterday about competitiveness of districts, which seem to conflate that concept with partisan fairness.

It's true that competitiveness is not a criteria in our Michigan Constitution like it is in Arizona.

But no one at least not we have suggested that you must have any certain number of competitive districts.

Although political trends in Michigan would suggest that it would be impossible or nearly so to have no such districts in your final map.

We know that the time is short and that the deadline is approaching.

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If you aren't ending up with partisan fairness in your maps you have the opportunity to ask your professional mapping staff to give you two or three examples of maps that meet all the criteria including a 0 efficiency gap for partisan fairness.

Again, it is absolutely true that the final measure of partisan fairness is on a statewide basis.

A party should earn roughly the percentage of seats statewide that it earns in votes. But even more important is that the party who wins the most votes needs to get a majority of the seats.

Perfect proportionality is less important than ensuring that the legislature relies on the consent of the governed in this state.

Respectfully a close enough approach in this state cannot possibly achieve partisan fairness.

And cannot comply with the Michigan Constitution.

The Michigan Constitution requires partisan fairness and that requires a 0 efficiency gap.

Period.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address you.

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

At this point we are going to move on to our second live remote public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary will now be allowed to do so. We will use the same process as before with the two minute time lift.

First in line is Mr. James Galant.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay. James Galant, Marquette, these are my opinions. And I respect the opinion of your attorney on the fly there, but I was not on YouTube yesterday.

I linked directly through your public notice, and I threw my Zoom app on my phone and I don't believe I was on YouTube.

And at the second meeting the chat was disabled, and there was about 20 people chatting. And I was chatting back and forth with some of them. And please publish those chats for the transparency of the public if they are not on, I will go check YouTube. But I wasn't on YouTube.

But back to the Dutch model of deliberative democracy.

You see that is a parliamentary monarchy.

And, so as I suggested, I went to the Holland, Michigan, City Council meeting video from September 15th, 2021, a couple weeks ago. And sure enough the mayor assigned the floor during the business items to the City manager to report and recommendation with a nice, little Q and A session, and then he would say, okay, what is your pleasure? Then said, okay, I'll motion to, I'll motion that after the discussion.

Now, I've requested their bylaws and rules of procedure to see how it is that they worked that out or that just kind of becomes the dominant narrative over time. And but that is exactly how they did it in Marquette. That is how I figured this out at Marquette they would do that. They would assign it to the manager.

But what would happen, oh, well, you know, it looks like we need a little more information on it.

Why don't you take it back for a while and get to work on that. And you are kind of doing that here. You are giving suggestions to your attorney and your staff and then at the next meeting they come with that, their interpretation of what you asked for and wanted.

Well, these decisions you are making over the top of the table, you know, before you said the gerrymanders but that was during the legislature.

If you say the legislature cheated, then you say the clerk of the house of representatives cheated, okay, because they went through legislature. So I'm sure they had secret meetings but no different than.

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

Next in line is Mr. Anthony Skinnell.

>> Hello, Commission. I would...thank you. I would like to say, yeah, I think the districts should be compact, but I don't think the number of sides of a District is necessarily the best measure of that compactness.

Again, I would just like to run over my Congressional configuration because I've looked at it and I think it's pretty fair.

Mine is comprised of three Metro Detroit districts. An east side southern Macomb one. A northwest district with Oakland and Wayne. And a southwest one entirely in Wayne County.

I got another District in Oakland County from Oxford down to Troy over to South Lyon.

I got a St. Clair northern Macomb District with just a little bit of Lapeer.

I got a Down River, Monroe, Washtenaw District.

This is Congressional.

I got one Flint District.

I don't think it will be very popular given the comments, but my district includes Shiawassee, Livingston and part of southern Saginaw.

One Lansing district including Clinton, Ionia, Eaton, Jackson. And one border district including all the southern border Counties except Monroe and Berrien, but also including Kalamazoo, Barry and a part of Calhoun Counties. One Grand Rapids District, including part of Ottawa.

A western lakeshore District up to Ludington, including Lake and Newaygo Counties.

An up north District straight across from Manistee to Tawas. And finally a thumb, Bay, Saginaw, Midland, Aranac, Mid-Michigan district. And I think that is a good configuration. Thanks for listening.

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

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

We appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way they choose to do so. And invite you to keep sharing your thoughts, communities of interest and maps.

At this point we are going to move on to our unfinished business, which is agenda item 5A, completing the maps from the State House districts, including reconciling previous maps.

I believe we left out with Commissioner Eid who was going to consider his District that he had drawn overnight and possibly have additional changes to it today. So take it away, Commissioner Eid.

Then I would also like to ask the Vice Chair MC Rothhorn to facilitate since he is in the room.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Commissioner Eid, you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right, let's pull up the District I was working on yesterday and finish it up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, just to clarify, I'm bringing up the map we ended the day with yesterday and has a new date because it's a new day.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure.

>> MR. MORGAN: These are the districts and flip-flopped the District numbers because it's these two districts you were working on.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, so to recap we had reconfigured the District we had before that had Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township with Pontiac.

We changed that to instead of being included with Pontiac including Auburn Hills.

And then we were making a District with Pontiac and Waterford however we were trying to maintain approximately the same level of non-Hispanic Black voting age population in the demographics.

And I believe we got to about 33%.

It says 33.16.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's what it shows.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I'm wondering if we could increase this a little bit more. On my machine here I was able to get it to 33.54 and I did that by including so let's look at the northern part of this District.

Take out lake Angelus.

Just a moment.

I'm going to do that by Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'll try to resolve that in a moment.

I think it's just a geographic issue.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay and then add that voting precinct that is on the right side above where the border of 39 currently is.

Yeah, right there that 2474.

Okay now let's move down to the other part of it.

And let's unassign that voting precinct that's right in the middle there the 3741.

Okay and now I'm done.

And again you know the main reason we did this was because we were unsatisfied with the community of interest differences that Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township have being with Pontiac in the original configuration.

There was talk from the Commission of Waterford having much more in common with Pontiac on a number of factors, historical, economical, cultural, impacts that in my opinion mean that Waterford should be with Pontiac and it makes also more sense with Bloomfield and Bloomfield hills to be paired up with Auburn Hills and the surrounding area.

And also, we were able to keep about the same non-Hispanic Black voting age population which was another goal and why we drew it that way originally.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid did we look at the voting numbers on this new District? That might be an important piece too.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, we did when Bruce was here.

We could I mean we could look at it again.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If we looked at it and you are satisfied, I think that is important.

I think that is part of not just looking at the race as we draw these districts, we are also looking at the voting records. If we have done that, we have done our due diligence.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's pull it up and make sure the results were the same as the previous configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Chair Szetela do you have a hand?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to ask if you had considered adding a little more to 30 because it's currently a little light like 5,000 light which I think is one of our biggest gaps it's over 5%.

Otherwise I think this looks really good but I'm wondering if we need to add some population to 30.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We have to add it somewhere.

I'm wondering if Commissioner Clark has an opinion on where to add it in this area.

We can either take in that lake possibly or we can go eastbound.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I live up in that area.

And around that area.

I see Oxford and lake Orion very close together, they are three miles apart.

They are basically the same community.

I would see maybe going north to Oxford to get some of that population, I think that would be more beneficial.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay but let's look at the election results first.

I know you were just on it, sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN:

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Are we looking at 30 and 39?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well we had just identified 39 as being.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Just for 39 excellent.

>> MR. MORGAN: District 39 as drawn is 68% for Biden.

32 for Trump.

69 for Clinton.

31 for Trump.

75 Obama.

25 Romney.

68 Peters.

And 32 for James.

70 for Stabenow.

30 for James.

76 for Peters.

24 for land.

For Stabenow was 79.

Hoekstra is 21.

Whitmer for Governor is 72.

And 28 for Schuette.

68 for shower.

32 for Snyder.

And then for Attorney General Nessel 70.

Leonard 30.

Totten, 68, Schuette 32.

Secretary of State Benson 72.

Lange 28.

Dillard 64.

Johnson 36 and then for the primary election 25 for El-Sayed, 30 for Thanedar and 44 for Whitmer.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Looks like it's pretty similar to what we had before like a 2-1 margin there.

However, this number was lower than what Dr. Handley had recommended so we should probably note that.

But even with the number being lower it looks like you have a you know an about a 2-1 ratio there which I think is satisfactory.

We will have to take another look at it.

Especially when it comes to voting cohesion with different races.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: For 30 if we want to add in a couple of those precincts to the north to even that population out.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We need 5,000 and looks like those two either the two eastern precincts or two western precincts would add up to be about 5,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would stay away from the western side of that precinct or precinct, yes and go straight north from lake not lake Orion but, yeah, I'm sorry lake Orion and maybe pick up 2369 and the 3492 or the 3291.

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

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Once you get past the City of Oxford, there's a big housing development.

And then you hit horse country.

And it's basically what happens up there.

So your population is going to be around the Oxford, the City of Oxford.

The only other option you have is going in Oakland Township and grab a precinct over there.

But the problem with doing that is Oakland Township will end up with three different districts.

And I don't think that's beneficial for anybody if we can avoid it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, I agree. So let's add those two districts, the 2369 and then the one to the north of it, the 3291.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: So this precinct will be fairly large.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm okay with it.

Can we just compare how it would be if we did that precinct versus the one that you're hovering over now? Let's see what everyone thinks.

>> MR. MORGAN: The one containing Oxford or the one here that my cursor is on?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The one you are hovering over currently.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That way we are south of Oxford and you were suggesting Commissioner Clark and it does look.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: A little bit more compact this way.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What do you think Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would have personally gone and gotten the City of Oxford.

But rather than what you just did.

But either I think is going to be acceptable.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's look at it with Oxford.

Let's try that configuration.

So let's unassign the one you just put in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you unassign the one on the bottom right you can go up to the north it might be neater.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see what you're saying, uh-huh.

So let's exchange those.

So Zoom in on it, Zoom in on that Oxford area.

We are just going to switch those two districts.

We are going to unassign 2369 and put in 3305.

So this still looks a little funky in my eyes, Commissioner Clark do you think the difference here is we are keeping the City of Oxford with lake Orion and that's an appropriate thing to do.

I think we should keep it.

Even though the shape looks a little funny here.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think we should because they are only three miles apart.

You have a big population area just north of the City of Oxford.

If you could make it bigger, I will tell you where that is.

It's the 3931.

That is where boulder point is and it's a big housing development and golf course.

Everything north of that farm country like I was saying and it will be rural.

So your population in the Oxford area is going to be down there.

Yeah, I would either include the City and if you don't want to do that because there is a big population area just north of it, I would go back to the 2369 and the 3305, you know.

That is your call.

I think either way it will work.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Excuse me given that there is that housing development you were speaking of in the District with 3900 people, that is pretty much an Oxford housing District, right? So.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We would not want to split that from the City so let's unassign Oxford and go back to what we originally said.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: 3305 and 2369.

I think that may work better too.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I like how we are comparing the differences here.

It works out well.

Okay taking it back to the original configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right I think this is where we are going to leave it.
That was Mr. Morgan.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thumbs up from the Secretary of State thank you Commissioner Eid.

We are mapping until 3:00 today and want to acknowledge it's Friday and we may yeah, we are two Commissioner Lett and I know we may want to recognize we want to understand how much we have mapped for the end of the week so Commissioner Lett feel free to look at other keep drawing or look at reconciling other maps that we've drawn before.

It's up to you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's get going.
Let's look at the area just to the west of 30.

Which is Waterford and independence, village of Clarkston.

So I guess that I would appreciate some input from the individuals who are most familiar, which I assume would be Rebecca, Doug and Anthony.

And Janice.

As to whether that would be a good District to use.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I think it would be.

Much like how Waterford goes into Pontiac it goes into Clarkston if you go north instead of east.

As we move up, we are getting into more rural areas, Waterford kind of has a split where it starts off you know, as the more close you get to the rest of the suburbs like Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield and Commerce Township it's a little bit more industrial.

Whereas if you go north towards independence Township it becomes a little bit more rural the community.

So I think that would be very appropriate.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I think so especially the village of Clarkston.

It does kind of run together in there.

So I would think that Waterford and Clarkston and independence it starts to get a little more not so commercialized but yeah, I don't see where you would go anyway.

Unless you took -- I certainly wouldn't take White Lake.

But.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Doug?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I mean you can't block in Waterford so going north to independence Township, the communities are a lot different.

But you know, it's going to part of independence Township away from the village of Clarkston will be a little more rural.

So I wouldn't -- I would assume that just combining Waterford and independence Township should probably give a decent District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Rebecca?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: One second.

So this is not really my area.

So I will defer to Janice and Anthony and Doug.

I'm not familiar with independence and Waterford I'm more of an Oxford Lapeer kind of girl so.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right, John, let's do -- pick Waterford, lake is it Angelus, independence, see where we end up.

>> MR. MORGAN: Start with lake Angelus and the balance of Waterford.

With those two communities 45, 46,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Straight north.

>> MR. MORGAN: About 8400 under the ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out a touch.

Let's take the precinct to the west.

>> MR. MORGAN: Portion of spring field Township?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Lett, I would probably just take all of spring field.

I know it's going to probably put you over because I think independence and Springfield have more in common than Grove land than Brandon.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, put in the balance of Springfield and let's see where that leaves me.

Zoom back out, please.

So that I can see all of 34 as well. Now Janice are you talking about picking off the balance of Springfield Township?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, and I'll tell you when it's my turn I plan on redoing Commerce and I had planned on taking that off of 34, the balance of Springfield.

I plan on taking it out of the District 34.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What would you be putting in its place, I guess?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We put Commerce into three different districts.

We went up there a weird shape just for population.

And I really don't understand why we would want that District to look like that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, I can live -- I feel your pain.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton has a thought
Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm thinking since those two it will kind of affect each other, why don't you two work on those two together at the same time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How much is in Springfield is 14703.

>> MR. MORGAN: Total population of the Township.

And we've taken a portion here and a portion here.

I think you're contemplating taking the balance of Springfield.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Put the rest of it in there and see what it does.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, that is about 8200 over.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Now, where are we going, what are we doing?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett I heard the question and I think Commissioner Vallette has some ideas for you if that is what you're asking.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm waiting to see what the screen just went kind of goofy.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Got it.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We have to take out 8,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're frozen, John?

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: What if you take some away from, add some -- take some away on rose Township side because rose Township should probably go with Holly.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, okay Janice you're suggesting take away from where?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take away from Springfield on the rose Township side.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, so there is two districts, two voting precincts or districts there, take those out, right, the west.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Unassign.

>> MR. MORGAN: Unassign them.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Rose Township.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Now you need 3,000, so put up.

>> MR. MORGAN: So looking at 40 at this point, 40 is overpopulated by about 3200. And then with the adjustments 34 is now under populated by 10,000 almost.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I mean we could take some more off of.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Pardon.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can take some more off that west side where we just took off if we want to get closer.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take that precinct off.

That's not too bad for numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yep, and it actually doesn't look too bad.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Now I mean, do you want to make further changes in 40 when you do whatever it is you want to do?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No, I think that's fine.

But did you want to continue and we will do 34 since it's.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Please do Commissioner Lett if you are willing.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure I don't care.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay so I would in Commerce I would take that part that -- I would give that back to District 34.

>> MR. MORGAN: Which portion?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay the Wolverine lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: So the portion that is currently in 37 you want to give to 34?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay sorry so this portion is Wixom did you want me to put part of Wixom or do you want me to undo that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move south a little? Anthony, did you have Wolverine lake, do you remember how you did Commerce?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did the West Bloomfield one.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You did have parts of Commerce.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: The green parts actually Dustin did this but I advocated for it as well.

But, yeah, I think that the east side of Commerce show be with the West Bloomfield or Orchard Lake area but I think you could add I would undo the Wixom and keep it with Lyon like it was but you can add that part of Commerce with Wolverine lake going down to the County border.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well 34 actually looks fine now.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry I just undid the split here in Wixom because I think.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It's not fine, sorry.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to take just the portion in Commerce Township.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take out Wolverine lake and Walled lake.

>> MR. MORGAN: So 34 is right on the deviation at 300 up.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Lett, what do you think? I don't like how it kind of comes up like that.

It looks strange.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You don't like the dinner fork look?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just I don't know why.

I think Wixom should be somewhere else.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Maybe Ottawa County would take it.

[Laughter]

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Maybe.

We should ask them.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's okay, I got big shoulders.

I agree.

But Walled lake and Wixom, which of the Commissioners has worked on this area on their own and has some ideas?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes do you want to speak to it? Oh, and Chair Szetela too, Commissioner Witjes first then Chair Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say I worked only it but I didn't have much to work with at this particular point.

As far as Wixom goes, I would say it Wixom and Walled lake could go together but Wixom and Novi should go together. However, if we start changing it, then I don't know. It's a balancing act.

Novi and Northville should be together.

More so than Wixom and Novi in my opinion.

Yeah, I guess we are just in a delicate balancing act.

I think it's fine the way it is currently.

I mean now we are just talking about shapes at this particular point which I also think is really not something we should really be too concerned about.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes. Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was just going to say the shape is driven by the lines of those communities so it's not I mean it's just a function of the way that those communities are drawn so I wouldn't be particularly concerned about it.

And I know that when Dustin drew this yesterday, I'm not trying to speak for you Dustin, I know you had said you didn't want to cross over into Livingston County which is part of the reason why you kind of drew it this way you were trying not to go into Livingston I thought so just refreshing your memory on the comment you had made yesterday.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is correct he said. Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I kind of like this configuration. Because you are taking out one of the splits of Commerce.

And Wixom and Walled lake as Commissioner Szetela just said are just shaped that way.

But now the only thing is you have 10,000 short on 37.

So you would have to add to that somewhere.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette has the answer.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We still have Commerce Township in three districts.

No, 25.

34 and 37.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Please Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wixom and Walled are not part of Commerce Township but they are their own and Commerce right now is in 25 and 34.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And 37, no? It is, isn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Wixom and Walled in 37 but none of Commerce is in 37. Because Wixom and Walled lake are their own Townships that kind of Jut into Commerce but they are not actually Commerce.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The Commissioner is right.

Wixom Commerce Township is shaped like that.

It's not a perfect square.

So the walled lake and Wixom Township there is perfect.

Not perfect but that's just how Commerce Township is shaped.

Commerce Township currently is split between two districts, not three, 25 and 34.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay but 37 is now low, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct and I just want to acknowledge we are still with Commissioner Lett so Commissioner Lett, yeah, please help us.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Please help us.

You are driving at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well not driving the bus alone.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Agreed I just wanted to help, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is 34? Well, my thought was to fill in the gap between the tines.

But then that would be splitting, that would be putting Commerce Township into three districts.

However it would work.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What about the south earn part of District 37 I believe what is that Northfield or just south of Whitmore lake above Ann Arbor that Northfield Szetela sed Salem.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Not the Livingston but, yeah, any thoughts on that Commissioners? I'm seeing a couple nodding heads.

Commissioner Vallette do you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can we go north up by Green Oak a little bit? If we Brighton, Dustin that is your area isn't it Brighton.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is livings Township correct.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go south and I think it's Salem down there.

I'm not sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is Northfield south of Whitmore lake.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Superior.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Superior, okay, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I would not stretch into superior if you want to stretch Northfield would be the better way to go.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And Chair Szetela is giving two thumbs up. That was to Commissioner which is the comment Chair Szetela? Okay. So Janice what do you think about going into Northfield? Can you turn your microphone on, please.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You could actually take all of Northfield right is that what you suggesting?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, let's try that, John, take Northfield into 37.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Then if you wanted to add --

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I believe Greek oak Township asked to be with Brighton as a community of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I couldn't understand what you said.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And I do agree that Green Oak goes with Brighton. Yeah.

But we could probably take the northern a little bit of the northern part.

I mean it's they want to be with Brighton but.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Everybody is saying no why no.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Everybody is saying no.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Glean oak.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Green Oak Hamburg Genoa and City of Brighton is basically Brighton all four of those Townships that big square in my opinion is Brighton. For a multitude of reasons.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think we are good where we are at.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark, please.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, we seem to keep shortchange ourselves on population in too many districts.

Yesterday we saw we were down 10,000 people.

And now we've added at least another 3,000 down.

So eventually we will make that up.

We are getting beginning to move out of these populated areas.

So I would suggest adding maybe even a little going back to where Steve was, we took some off of Springfield Township, maybe adding that back on to bring yours up higher.

And that is up to you, Steve.

You are down 2200.

And remember you took some off of Springfield Township up above.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would consider maybe adding that back in.

That's your call.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Chair Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And the new District that we just did or the changes to 37, I would even though it may impact Brighton I would take a little of Green Oak at least the southern part of that and add that in too.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Chair Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, so just to this point was raised yesterday but I believe Mr. Morgan that we have already mapped a significant portion of the rest of the state.

And that you know we don't know what those variations are at this point.

So I think rather than worrying too much about the overall deviation we should just sort of if we are close just leave it because we are going to have to balance that.

We know we have drawn I think it was 50 districts.

This other parts of the state some of which may be over some of which might be under and when we reconcile the maps, we can focus on adjusting those balances if we need to.

Maybe we won't even need to.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: They Chair Szetela and Eid and I want to give it back to Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: In the previous overlay we had already had can you Zoom out? A tad? And this is mapped in Ann Arbor the part we added, I'm not sure the name of that Township.

North field, thank you the previous had Commerce and it was split three ways but I did prefer that configuration because Commerce kind of is a little bit of a split community where you have the east side, the west side and then the parts that are more associated with Wixom and Walled and wouldn't have to take Northfield here but if we are dead set on having it be two splits that is fine too.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner or top of your screen and Witjes and then I would like to get it back to Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If yours is related you can go first Dustin. Mine is a little bit differ.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to agree with Commissioner Eid. If you can move back up to where you see Commerce Township.

Splitting Commerce Township three ways is not a bad thing because Commerce Township not by definition but people who live there depending on which side of Commerce Township they live in, they affiliate with different areas.

So the southern side of where Wixom, Walled lake that center piece right there could go with District 37.

The east side goes with West Bloomfield I used to drive through and know that for a fact and the western piece of that area would go with Milford.

We are splitting it three ways but splitting it three ways for a good reason in my opinion.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see your hand Chair Szetela and back to you did you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Mine is not related to this and wondering while we are having this discussion if John could get the overlay of the districts that we have already drawn and the area so we know where we can stop going that way.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you John, Chair Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to suggest the same thing.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to suggest the same thing I think that is helpful to see that so we can see where the other lines were drawn.

>> MR. MORGAN: So I think there are a couple different draws in this area.

So just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett when you are ready you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, those comments with Dustin's comments and Janice can we put back in and fill in that gap? I mean, number wise it makes the most sense.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are you talking the gap between Wixom and.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Fill that in and put it with, yeah, we can try that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry it takes a moment to get some of the plans ready.

Sometimes it might be better to do that on a break when we have a break.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Would it be appreciated to take a five-minute break and return? Do people need a little break right now.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry I thought John said he wanted to take a break to do something, no?

>> MR. MORGAN: I mean just to make sure we have all the files, the shape files loaded.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Morgan Chair Szetela I see your hand.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Because we have such short time today, I'd say let's try to not do that and maybe because in 30 minutes we are breaking for lunch any way so maybe we can just pause this and move to a different area and come back to it after the break if that is more time efficient.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, yeah, there were not a lot of I don't think people need a break right now so I think we will keep going. Commissioner Lett when you are ready you have the floor. John, are we waiting for you?

>> MR. MORGAN: We are conferring what shape files we have on this machine and that machine and might take a moment to resolve that. Do you want to just leave the north field question open and move on to something else until we get to the break or do we need to resolve this now.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can fill in without too much consideration of our prior lines.

So we can do that I would prefer to do that up at the Wixom, Walled lake area. And the 37.

>> MR. MORGAN: So we are looking at the Commerce area again.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We want to take looks to be two voting precincts right there.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, back to where it was before the Wolverine lake area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Put those in 37.

Actually it's only going to take one.

Too much.

>> MR. MORGAN: Contemplating taking Northville back off?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

Go back up to where we were and take a couple 1708 take out.

And 2836.

37 looks pretty good.

We need to do something with 34.

Add some.

To 34.

On the west side of Springfield right there where you got your pointer.

>> MR. MORGAN: Contemplating one precinct of Springfield or the balance of Springfield or rose?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, it's at south, that one, is that one precinct?

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes, that's one precinct.

Looks like there are three unassigned precincts in the Township here Springfield.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Looks like the first two precincts in Springfield may get the population you need in 34.

Commissioner Eid then Commissioner Vallette.

Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Is there too much population to P put the rest of that in there 1105 into 34?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It would just be overpopulated but it could be.

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>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry to be clear you're talking just the 1105.

You're down by 3200.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So what is the total of 2 and 3 it's the total is 3 except for the 2690.

>> MR. MORGAN: Right 2690 this would be 3,000 and this would be 2690 over.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So put those two in?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I would put the whole remainder of the Township in and you will end up a little over but you will be okay then you can put rose with Holly which is something that Janice has expressed that you think should happen, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That speaks we would be a little overpopulated which is an earn concern that Commissioner Clark expressed about having so many Districts that were under populated so that might be a nice balance at this point to be overpopulated.

We are still within deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out John and see if we need to get Richard's eraser out.

40 is good.

34 is a couple thousand high.

37 is good.

36 is good.

I'm happy.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a comment and this is to actually a question to Janice.

You appeared to be working on the south side of 34.

And what we ended up doing is basically keeping what was and adding to the north side of 34 is that acceptable to you?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yeah, it is.

Because I agree that South Lyon really doesn't belong with Melford.

There is quite a distance between the village and the City of South Lyon.

There is a lot of property between there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just want to make sure you were own board with it. Okay thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay so we adjusted 40, 34, 37, probably going to 25 for all we know.

Those were done to meet the population requirements, also to keep the districts as compact as possible taking into consideration the population requirements.

And as well as keeping the communities of interest as we understand them to be in those areas taking those communities of interest into consideration from our personal notes.

And the MGGG comments.

So that is where we ended up on those three.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thumbs up.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Commissioner Orton we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, I just want to say what I really want to do is redo Brighton because it looks like we split it two different ways and neither of those ways are good but I'm not going to do that.

We will save that for another day.

I think we need to go back over to Sterling Heights area and finish up that little area near Detroit that is not assigned yet.

So, John, if you could take, yeah, where it says Warren all the unassigned in that Township and then Sterling Heights Township.

I know we received communities of interest about Sterling Heights area and Warren. But I don't know if we have those overlays that we can see in that area.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay I can bring some of those in, in a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you have a specific one you wanted to reference?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't at this moment just to complicate things more do we have the Asian thematic bubbles?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Orton C1037 is the Bangla community that stretches into Sterling Heights area C1037.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay John, can you find that one? Thank you, MC.

>> MR. MORGAN: Sorry you said 1037 under the plan ID or?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, I'll try to confirm that.

>> MR. MORGAN: Could be that was a very recent comment possibly.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is possible.

It's after, I believe it was submitted after August.

I have another one that is just not an overlay.

I just have I'll give it to you the paper version that I have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay thank you John.

For now can you choose the Township of Sterling Heights?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is 85% over.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Zoom out a little.

Okay, so the community of interest I can't think of the word compilation that we have right here, it doesn't actually go up this high.

>> MR. MORGAN: You want me to unassign the part of the northern Section?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay Zoom out a little.

So I think.

Okay so where is 14 mile road? Does anyone know? Does that say 14? I can't tell.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 15.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's down.

I saw it.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me adjust a couple settings and see if I can help with this.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think the blue is 14; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It looks like that to me also.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think I view this as 17 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think it's under where I can see is 14 mile, the blue line down.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that is the border of the Township, I think.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so can you Zoom out a little bit? So, okay, where District 10 is, according to the map that was submitted for Bangladeshi community of interest it goes clear up to 14 mile.

I wonder if we should adjust that.

Or why it was drawn like that, number 10.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think it was related to population probably.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay can we see the active matrix for District 10?

Okay are you able to just select that area, yeah, right there, up to 14, just to see what the population is? And we don't need that Section on that road.

>> MR. MORGAN: Looks like this is the voting precinct goes like that.

So it's just under 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON:

>> MR. MORGAN: That represents 4%.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you decide to add that it will allow us to help the Bangla community in Hamtramck and the surrounding area it would help us put them not more than two districts if you decided to do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you also grab that little piece to the, yeah, the little pink piece and assign it to 10 for the moment.

>> MR. MORGAN: For the moment?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, assign to 10.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, remember 10 is one of those spokes coming out of Detroit.

So we got to be careful with the V RA issues associated with changing that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay we can check that after.

Yeah, and 10, please, the.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay so just to clarify I put that in a holding District just to get the population for you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: If you could mark 80 with 10.

So I might be messing everything up since we did this as a spoke coming out from Detroit, but I'll just try to include this complete Bangladeshi community of interest and then we can change it back if we have to.

So according to this go down just a little bit when you can.

Let me see south a little bit.

It does not need to be this wide to include this community of interest anyway.

Could we have the Asian thematic on? Now I don't know whether to call it bubbles or dots.

We have called it both.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like the idea of calling it theme.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: For what it's worth Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Orton you are within the variation.

We are just overpopulated in District 10 at this point so if you want to continue drawing your District, I think you are well, I think you have not done anything that isn't.

>> MR. MORGAN: It's not displaying the theme.

Give me a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We will move on then.

I will leave 10 like this for now since we are under populated in a lot of places, we can work that out later.

So I will add or I will do whatever needs to be done to 41.

Can I see that on the matrix? Okay so we are very high and I'm not familiar with this area.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think you want to take off from the eastern side. I believe that there is something like mound road.

There is a couple roads that one north-south, Chair Szetela you are nodding your head. Yeah, but I feel like you want to stay and keep 41 sort of running north, south up from 10.

So you are unselecting sort of the eastern edge of your current District.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay go ahead and help John know where.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm trying to reopen the plan and see if that affects things.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Anyone familiar with this area understand is mound road the actual road we should be looking for?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Wondering if Commissioner Clark has input.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Mound road is a major road in the area so it can be used. I think though the original 14 mile road probably would have been a little better. But mound road is also you know a major dividing road.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: East west and mound is north, south.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: These are the voting precincts in Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Rothorn, can you tell him what you were talking about?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Sure, so the -- you can start at the top of District 41 the northern edge and select two precincts wide and just remove everything from M.

>> MR. MORGAN: So moving to the west or moving to the east.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Removing the eastern edge of 41 and the entirety meaning from north to south so the whole eastern edge and if we can get deeper, I said the whole, nope, we want to keep that one.

>> MR. MORGAN: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We want to remove the other side.

Yes, mirror it uh-huh.

>> MR. MORGAN: Did you want to follow the highway line or you want to look at the numbers first?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We do.

I think we are looking for mound road I believe.

And I just can't see the population.

I don't want to cut us off right.

We have that lower Section, it's almost like an L we are drawing and want to recognize we want to make it contiguous so we are 2000 under.

Yes, so it seems like we should add or Chair Szetela you have some thoughts?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to say the line you currently have is mound road.

So the eastern edge of 41 that's mound.

That is central region where there is the County line going in between just east of there is Van Dyke.

So you are at mound right now.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Great and is this a sensible like does this mean sort of west and southeast of mound road is it a good place to split?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I mean I don't know.

You could go either way.

You could go north south or east west.

I mean I think either.

I think cutting out a mile road might make more sense because it's actually a pretty it does not seem like it on the map but driving that, that is a pretty big difference between your lower portion and your northern portion so but I mean like it might be helpful to see the Asian dots if that helps kind of but.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The theme we were struggling with getting the theme up but we will try it again and Commissioner Orton I think I saw your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So this seems like a strange configuration to me. I'm wondering if this west of mound road should go into a different District up north and then the other part that we aren't using straight above the lower Section could go with it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is a great thought and we can see the theme but hard with the color of 41 to see it but.

>> MR. MORGAN: Let me change the color I lightened 41 so we could see the roads but just a moment.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What you're suggesting Commissioner Orton makes a lot of sense to me too.

So actually just mirror well flip what we did.

So John your intuition was correct.

Your first intuition.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have an unrelated comment for sound.

I can't understand what people virtually that are virtual are saying.

Can maybe everyone else can.

I can't.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: There is a lot of echo in here. I think it may be the room we are in that, yeah, it's not easy to hear very well.

>> MR. MORGAN: If I understand this you are talking about taking the is that Warren here? And putting that with the to be created District in this Section?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, so what I'm talking about is the part you had taken off originally that is over on the west, I would actually like to take that off, leave that for a different District, yeah, all of that side.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Assign it to a holding.
42.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign it to 42.

>> MR. MORGAN: Pair a new District 42.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sure, yeah, that's good.

And take that all the way down.

>> MR. MORGAN: It will be 15 percent under once we do that and that is the whole Township, okay.

That is actually okay.

Let's do it that way.

Let's not do it that way.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Don't worry about the top.

Just when you can.

Add the everything under that.

That's in 41, add it to 42.

That took off, that belongs back in 10 thank you for fixing that.

>> MR. MORGAN: I'm just setting up 10 the way I think you intended it to be.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, thank you.

Can I see the active matrix for 41 or 42, sorry? So.

>> MR. MORGAN: I think you intended to sake some of these into 42 as well.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We are a little over on 42 so my inclination would be to is that railroad tracks that is going up?

>> MR. MORGAN: I believe so.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: No that is mound road.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: A Township divider.

>> MR. MORGAN: No I think this is a railroad.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: County divider.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay my inclination would be everything on the right side of the what looks like a railroad would be in 42 and everything on the left would be 41 just for population.

But I'm not familiar with the area.

So Doug, do you know?

>> MR. MORGAN: Take this tier here into 41 possibly?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that's what I'm saying.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You are getting some nodding heads.

Okay.

>> MR. MORGAN: That was very little population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, well, it could be squared off at the top, but population wise it's good.

>> MR. MORGAN: For 42.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For 42.

>> MR. MORGAN: Yes but 41 is not.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Should I finish 41.

It's lunchtime I don't know what.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please finish it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Let's take Utica into 41.

But please speak up if you know anything I should be doing that juts way out there, doesn't it? Okay, that's an odd shape.

Okay, keep going north above the main part of 41 to the left of Utica.

>> MR. MORGAN: So take these precincts here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

Can you Zoom in a little more so we can see population? Okay, yeah, will you choose, yes, those.

And that other little piece.

>> MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to add this one in?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do not that one.

Is that combined?

>> MR. MORGAN: That is connected and it will get you close to the population.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, that's fine.

Okay I'm good with that unless anyone sees anything that is a problem.

I think maybe the top of 42 might need to change a little, but just continuity.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid? Did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, but it was before I noticed the population on 42, I was going to say why not complete the Township on 42, but that would put us way over population on it so never mind.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we see the active matrix for 20? It's a little under. We could add something to 20 so that we can at least get that top left portion.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Orton Commissioner Clark has a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Great.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the over to mount Clemens the think I think we want to avoid is going north with that at some point into the thumb.

Because they made comments relative to they are fine being associated with Macomb County down to about 26 mile.

But not south of that.

It becomes a whole different type of environment for them, it's more industrial at that point.

So we got -- I don't know how many people we got over there.

Still left.

But if we can avoid going north, we will be too far north it, will be I think beneficial.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

I see Commissioner or excuse me Chair Szetela, I saw Commissioner Eid and wanted to acknowledge if we did think about this, we can come back to Commissioner Orton after our break and we could still sort of return at 1:00.

It will be a little bit less than an hour, but what do Commissioners think? Can we come back to it? Chair Szetela, do you want to speak before we break? You're muted.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to suggest that we take a break and come back to it.

Because I think right now rather than taking the rest of Sterling Heights we are going up into Shelby and I think we should just try to fit in the rest of Sterling Heights into either 41 or 42 if it means analyzing the bottom of 42, I think that makes sense but I say let's just pick it up after lunch.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay so Chair Szetela if I may I'm just going to offer that we without objection that we recess until 1:00 and we will return with Commissioner Orton.

Hearing no objections, see you back at 1:00.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's currently 12:09 for the record.

[Lunch recess]

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Ready when you are Madam Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: As Chair of this Commission I call the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission at 1:02 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

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

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> 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 SZETELA: Thank you.

At this point we will continue to proceed with the mapping of the House Districts.

Commissioner Orton I believe it was still your turn, so I will turn it back over to you and once again I would ask the Vice Chair MR Rothhorn to facilitate the discussion.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Madam Chair, take it away Cynthia.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we were in I don't know what that is.

We were in districts 41 and 42 I believe.

>> MR. MORGAN: Utica.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Those two.

And can I see the active matrix for 20 again? Okay and then the active matrix for 41 and 42, please.

Okay so just trying to fix this a little bit on the top.

Can you please select those precincts up to the blue line so it's squared off at the top? Of 42.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just north of Sterling Heights?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That whole, yeah, all of those out to the I guess it's a Township boundary.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Even over to 20.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, in 42.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In 42.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Those two, well, maybe that's they have to be blocks.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Are these going in 42 I did not ask before we started?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Those will go in 42.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That was a lot of population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, it was.

That is 4500 people right there.

And you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you take off western edge of 42 and assign that western edge to 41 it may help you stay within Sterling Heights if you want to rather than going further north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those two together are 4,000.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: 91.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Reduce the number of about 12000 people in 42 if you want to assign it to 41, and then you can -- instead of the northern edge, Kent, what we are doing just one or two Townships deep and then, yeah, then we would stay within the Sterling Heights County boundary.

I'm not sure if it's actually a County of Sterling Heights, is it one and Sterling Heights is in the County of Warren is that the idea? Commissioner Curry did you have a hand or a thought.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: When we were in Warren and Bangladesh people came, they wanted to keep Warren and Sterling Heights together with Hamtramck and kept saying on my notes they wanted to stay together.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry. Well said I think that is what we are trying to do is stay within the boundaries of that County.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm not quite sure where the boundary of Sterling Heights is.

I don't know the that means the Township or.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: May I direct?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, please.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent, you're going to take that 2091, 1999, 2017, 1937, 96, the first row of precincts.

And you're going to assign it to 41, please.

Out of 42.

And into 41.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put those in 41.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And can go further south, yes, to 1919 and 3796. That is a funny shape but we will leave it for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 41 is 8300 high 42 is 4700 high.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Add 3796 which is the Township or excuse me the voting precinct just under it.

And that should get us 42 to be about right.

Okay and then what we're going to do Kent so we will leave it here, leave 42 alone and 41 the northern edge, of 41 we will just remove or unassign until we get 40 back on.

Then we keep it sort of within Sterling Heights, that is the idea yes, thank you Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4,000 over.

These two or?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yeah, can we have the theme with Asian American community, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The theme with the Asian American community, the combined theme, if possible, rather than alone, that would be great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is Asian alone so let me change that to.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to change it again to get percentages.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's challenging to hear in this room, so I know it's hard for you to hear me too so let's try to enunciate while we are here because there is an echo in the chamber.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me fix the Asian thematic layer.
It's not right.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now we have the Asian and the appropriate marked.
What would you like to do now, remove more?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, and I want to see if there are any significant Asian populations in those voting precincts we would remove.

I don't see any significant population therefore let's yeah remove the top, let's see we want to reduce it by okay we are 4,000 over.

So let's actually and, yeah, that is perfect Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes, did you have a thought?
Okay.

And Commissioner Orton, that was the thought.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thank you very much.

I'm good with it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay, Mr. Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: So I know just a little bit ago I said shapes don't really bother me but what is up with Italy here in Sterling Heights.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: A voting precinct the way it is.

What I'm hearing you say you like to have it you would like it to be cleaner and we can do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can go to the block level and take care of that.

Put that in 41.

I mean.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes we do intend to cleanup would you like to do it now?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No I was asking that is part of the actual precinct itself?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: At this point I think we are going to leave it.

We have a Secretary of State are we okay with the districts as drawn 41 and 42? We have an excellent sign.

Thank you.

And at this point so Commissioner Orton that was your turn, thank you.

We are moving on to me.

I'm wondering if there is a Commissioner who has a District and would help me draw or if there is a Commission that otherwise I would and I would acknowledge that we do have our consultants mapping consultants did during the break review with me that we do have the balance of the County of Macomb and the County of Oakland.

And the County of St. Clair to finish then we have the thumb and some of the Tri-City areas.

And I think Kent is showing us you know and I'm going to suggest I suppose that we continue mapping.

I think we are in a good rhythm and I think we will if we get as much as we can done in the next two hours we will have more or less a complete house map.

And so again is there a Commissioner that would like to help me? Otherwise so let's keep drawing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 43 starting with the Township or precinct?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are going to start with a Township.

I believe that Macomb Township is, no, Macomb Township and then we are going to go south between you know just above 20.

Macomb Township and that little Section, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry then Chair Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, MC as you remember when we were in Warren, the Shelby Township and Macomb wanted to be together they said.

Please do not split us, so just something I thought I would throw in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry, we have an echo in the room here so I'm going to try to repeat what I heard you say.

I heard you say Shelby Township and when we were in Warren that is all I heard I apologize.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay. Well, they said when we were in Warren that Shelby Township and Macomb Counties had a lot of COIs together so they wanted to remain together.

They did not want to be broken up too much.

So I don't know where Shelby is but I see the Macomb.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Excellent Shelby Township and Macomb yes thank you for that.

It looks like we are about 20 oh, and Chair Szetela you were going to say something too, is that right? Okay, so Kent I see what you've highlighted about 23,000 which is well over what we need.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What I was going to point out is 20 right here is still 1200 people low so you could probably put in any one of these precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

Can you while we are in Macomb do you see Shelby Township Kent someplace? I'm not sure.

I'm not very familiar with the area.

Shelby Township or does anyone Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, what is the question? Shelby.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Shelby and Macomb.

Is Shelby Township in Macomb? Or.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Separate.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: They are near each other.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's in Macomb County but.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Shelby Township is in Macomb County.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Not the Township but County.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Macomb Township and Macomb County

Michigan does not make it easy.

We are in Macomb Township and Shelby Township wants to be with Macomb Township.

And I see Chair Szetela pointing to the east, is that right?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Shelby is to the west of Macomb Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: In an area that is currently unassigned; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's just above Utica.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay so Kent, yes, so let's assign this, yeah, so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to put any of this into 20?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I do, yes, I want to take the bottom, the southern precincts, I can't do all of it.

Let's do, yes, let's do that one.

And let's try to clean that up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll Zoom in and do blocks so this is a nice square right in here if at all possible.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: At this point I would like to stay at the precinct level.

We will do that but just like that little piece that we...

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a precinct that runs around through here so if we assign that to 20.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's do that.

Are we still light? That was this 43.

Yeah.

So we can put all of that into 20?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are 4% over so we can't put in 2251.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this precinct is broke up so if you take the 3238 you need to go in many at the block level.

That looks like a waterway through there or something.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid, did you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You could meld that area into 42 and 43.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 42 is also over and 43 is also over.

But I hear what you're saying.

We may be able to because we got about 3, 6.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 13, 14,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 13 or 14,000 I remember you had highlighted it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we scroll up when you get a chance.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is a lot to share between those three districts that are all a little bit over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 20 is the only one that I think can take something.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know about Shelby but drop it to 26 mile, which is you see where the Cider mill is near Rochester the line above that is 26 mile I believe.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And I'm just looking at the northeastern corner of Macomb.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 23 mile.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 23.

A little bit further north.

26.

Yeah, that northeastern corner looks like it's populated light population just based on the shape.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: It gets rural up there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Maybe we can unselect or unassign the northeastern Township, Kent, please of Macomb the northeastern.

What we will do is we will look oh, sorry, because you've got that Section highlighted already for 43, for the moment let's just highlight it and we will an assign it to 43 and sort of do that reassembly later.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want to unassign?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you make it a little bigger? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need to drop approximately 23,000.

I'm just going to select an area.

That's 26 so you don't need to take quite that much out.

That is something.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's unassign that for the moment and look for 26 mile please, the road 26 mile.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you put cities on, I will find 26 mile for you right away.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 43 is just 3,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you, can you Zoom in, we are looking for the road 26 mile, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 24.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: A little bit further north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 25, 26 mile is the Township boundary.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Does that help you Commissioner Clark? 26 mile.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Looks like it goes to the top of the Township, doesn't it? Yeah.

Where are we at number wise 43? Guys.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are almost where we want to be and doesn't look like Shelby Township.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: You could take part of it and integrate the other into Shelby Township and move Shelby Township north when we get to that. So take like the eastern half of the unassigned part of Macomb Township and that will end up with Shelby at some point in the western part while we remain with Macomb Township.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The eastern Section would remain in 43. And we would create a new District 44 for the western side of.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So for maybe not the western 2355 and 2258 and that would give you population a little over but and get rid of 1711.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes, please Kent, please assign those. Okay so what we have Commissioners is an effort to keep, yeah, 43 reasonably yeah put together.

We have got we are over population which may be a good thing for us at this point and Shelby Township we may have an opportunity to keep the northwestern side of Macomb Township with Shelby in the next District.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then move further north if you need more population from Shelby.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: At this point I'm going to finish my turn and got the thumbs up and we are moving on to Chair Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Mine will be fast and got to Canton and fill in the remaining precincts in Canton.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I caught about half of that go to where?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Canton so scroll down, see that area, just assign that whole area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I lost it where did it go.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: It's there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There.

It's just, this will be 44.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: If you can assign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The number is right on the money.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: The reason why I created this particular District was responding to communities of interest for the Asian community specifically the Indian community that requested that they be kept together and we also received feedback requesting to keep Canton together as much as possible.

That's my turn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela.

And we are all set from the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Vallette we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, I think I'm going to pass because I think I kind of hooked on to Commissioner Lett so I'm going to let Mr. Witjes do it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: All right.

Can I go to Commissioner Weiss first? Or do you want to.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, you are right.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Don't forget Erin.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You are always right.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Is Commissioner Wagner with us?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: She might not be.

He was earlier.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: She is not here with us.

So thank you Commissioner Vallette.

Commissioner Weiss to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I think we will go up above 19 and 43 in that area.

Or maybe go into 43 right next to it my eraser.

Thank you.

Yeah, let's fill that in and to the east right above 43 Macomb Township.

Let's fill that in and see what we get.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right where do you want to go from there?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go to the west please and fill in the Section.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of the unassigned?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All of it and see what we get.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are just 4500 light.

And 43 is 3300 high.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right any suggestions if we take any out of 43.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And add it to 45.

Yeah, that seems like a good idea.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Blow it up to see the totals.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2355, 2253, 1711.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay I got a lag here on my laptop.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2355, 2253.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What if we take 2355 and 2253, the two right just below, yes, those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 45 is .09% high.

And 43 is 1.34% low.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Take this one out and go back over here, okay.

I just had a suggestion from Commissioner Lett to put 2355 back in.

That will so it's not such an odd shape there.

And then take the 1711 to the right or to the east, yes, that one there and put that into 45.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I like that a little better even though I was trying to get more on the plus side but I think that is a better choice, nice and clean looking and not such an odd shape.

Population is good.

So I'll stick with that.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Weiss? Could you describe any COIs considered when drawing this area? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'm not real familiar with the COIs in this particular area, so I guess I need a little help with some individuals that live down there maybe MC.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think this is where you were picking up on when we were drawing 43 together, we were talking about Commissioner Curry had specifically mentioned Shelby Township and Macomb.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think I do now.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: 45 now includes Shelby Township and Macomb so I think that is the COI you were focused on.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I need the eraser just kidding.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes we are to you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: We pretty much exhausted the knowledge I have of the Detroit area.

So I'm going to go fix or attempt to fix Livingston County here a little bit.

I know we drew in here already.

But I have a way to potentially fix this maintain two communities of interest in live Livingston County and up to Flint of what is left over.

So the first part is going to be relatively simple and I will handle it when it comes back to me or if someone wants to draw in Livingston County after me.

So if you could go south a little bit, Kent.

All right. Right there we will take the Brighton Township and then four that are surrounding Brighton currently.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can point out that in previous versions these blue and blue-green lines are what y'all drew in the past.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that is where you are at.

That is 88.

I'll get started with that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Then at the bottom corner we are going to grab Pickney.

And then the not the whole thing.

Just the two larger voting precincts that are here get rid of, but it just the two in the corner Pickney and the one directly southeast.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You did say southeast and not so it would be more like that?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct, you got it.

And as far as community of interest goes Livingston basically is my community of interest as I live there.

And I'm going to leave it here for this particular District now.

I won't go into the remaining portion as of yet.

And I also feel this is going to since we are going from Detroit out words the Districts that we drew we are going to change them anyway.

And this is going to allow for better districts in the south I believe southern Michigan.

And that's it for my turn at this point.

So I'll turn it back over to you Vice Chair Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Witjes you were listening to comment from MSU the other day there was I think Dan, yep.

Okay, any other, okay.

We are to you Mr. Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's go over towards Shelby Township again.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Help me with that a little bit.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep, so what I want to try to do is let's take the rest of Oakland Township which is just to the east of 30.

Go over one more Township.

No, the other way.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: We have already take end a portion of it. Just don't make it green.

You will confuse me.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: If it comes up green, we will change it.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I know that.

Now let's look at going west.

I'm sorry, east.

What is the population that we have in the next Township? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 28165.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put it in, put the whole thing in and see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are halfway there.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Halfway.

Let me see if there is any down below.

Okay, good.

So do I want to go I want to go back in Oakland Township.

Go north, yes.

Yep.

Take that.

And then take the rest of the Township with Oxford, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You need about 22,800 more.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: What's the population? That one right there, yep.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We can't hear you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 10,000, about 10, 12000 people all this.

Which you only need, you need 22.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yep.

Yeah, because we are getting into rural districts now.

Okay can you go down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: And see where we are at.

So I'm short 13,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

This whole Township is 3700, 5300, here is 15,000 here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is 15 there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Right here yes.

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COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me see what that is or Townville and it's northern part of Oakland County. Let's take that one, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put you a little over.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's okay, yeah.

18, 1900 over.

Yeah, I'm good with that.

What we've got here is the bottom of Oakland Township is relatively heavily populated. But as we move north into the northern part of Oxford and the Township we just did and over in Romeo it gets more rural.

So I think we are in good shape here.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

Secretary of State are we okay? All right.

We are on to you Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I don't know if I want to stay in this area or have Grand Rapids been finished? The area of Grand Rapids?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Sorry we couldn't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Has Grand Rapids been finished.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Has Grand Rapids been finished.

Oh, good question.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It was done in previous.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It was done in earlier sessions.

What we haven't done Commissioner Curry I'll read it we have the balance of three counties Oakland Macomb and St. Clair Counties we have not finished those.

We have not done the thumb.

And we also have not finished sort of the Tri-Cities area.

Those are the places that we need to do.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay I'm trying to stay with these notes I have.

And try to give these people their request.

What about Holland and, well, that is near Grand Rapids isn't it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Where is that on the map.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You're looking for Holland; is that correct.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Western edge where Kent has the cursor around it do you see it there by West Michigan.

Not far from Grand Rapids.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's not far from Grand Rapids is that what you said?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Is it okay if I work there for a little while.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You are welcome to do that.

Would you like to have Kent bring up the overlay that shows what we did before?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

Are you all satisfied with the overlay? Or did you all do you want me to touch it or not touch it?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think we are all pretty satisfied.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's go somewhere else.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry Chair Szetela has a thought too.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We will have to look at these on Monday any way and we can make changes to it then but we still have a whole bunch of area around the thumb and north of Macomb County that I think we should try to focus on because we have not drawn anything there yet.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let's go to Macomb then.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Curry I appreciate you have your notes out and the COIs and wanted to draw where you were looking at, so I appreciate that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, got so many notes I don't know where to find them when it comes to this map.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You said the thumb area is that correct Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's what they said.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's go to the thumb.

So that is where we are and this is the St. Clair County that we have to finish, yes, so you are in the right area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, St. Clair County.

Okay, I didn't read anything about this area too much.

I wished I had have read it.

New haven.

Okay let's start with need to go up instead of going up and coming down.

So let's go from the bottom up.

Let's start at new haven.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start right here where my cursor is?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, sir.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select all three Townships and we will see what the numbers are.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is only 20,000.

You want to add Richmond to it?

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Add Richmond and possibly Ameda.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That whole area is 38 so it's a good starting point shall I assign it?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, please.

That is only 38 so far 38,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am and this is the little Townships of Memphis. That is Memphis.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay, let's pull up let's do Berlin Riley and Wales and see what we come up with if we don't go over the population since they are all stuck together there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You have quite a long ways to go to get all that.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Great do anybody have any information about some of these Townships and because I don't remember even taking any notes on Riley or Berlin or any of those places.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has some help for you.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: All these Townships are rural.

And the big exception you will have is Port Huron that is over where the sun sign is. Of course then you have the lakeshore as well.

But from here all the way up to the top of the thumb is basically rural except Port Huron. And so we are going to find Townships with populations around 3,000 or 4,000.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We got to stick them somewhere right.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Absolutely.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like what you're drawing here Commissioner Curry because you are helping preserve the lakeshore potentially which is one of those communities of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay let's do that St. Clair.

To the right.

Right.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you go to the right you are going towards the lakeshore and I think the District you are drawing is sort of an inner District rather than a lakeshore District.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: So then we need to go up.

Okay let's do Kenockee, Emmet and Mussey.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have 35, 33,000 to go.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: This is all rural so if I keep going, I'm just collecting rural area, right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Correct.

You can start selecting.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Keep the lakeshore together so let me just roll it up together.

Let's do Yale.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to go left any or continue going up ward?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: She was suggesting.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Since it's all rural we will go up ward and mostly rural and that will give other people a chance to put the populations together.

Because I have not read about this rural area too much.

And I think we can't go wrong if it's rural so how many is that now Kent? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 26,000 plus people.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay is there anyone in brown City?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm sure there are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 1200.

That is about 1300.

1340.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a thought.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, can you bring that down a little when you get an opportunity, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would suggest going west on 48 for two Townships and you know where Imlay City is.

That area because that is all rural up there as well.

And.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What about Alma.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would not go over to Lapeer, Lapeer is more associated with Flint area.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What about Almont.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Imlay, Attica and Dryden.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just highlighting them so that is 28,000.

It will put you close right there assign those?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Pretty much.

What do you guys think?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Pretty good and if I'm not mistaken, we only have like that's just one other County.

I think, yeah, you stayed within the County borders too.

I think that is pretty good.

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

I know a lot of people like to be in the rural areas.

We did find that out.

That some people just love being in the rural.

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So maybe they will find each other somewhere between here and there.

And so we will leave it like that if everybody is pleased with it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry.

We are all set.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We are on to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, so let's continue with this.

Let's take all of the area to the right of what Commissioner Curry drew.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is going to be close that is 89,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take the two precincts above it and maybe change the color there as well.

Quick turn.

And I will say this is a lakeshore community right here.

We have all of the lake that we are on and just the one Township inland.

So I think it makes a lot of sense.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If I'm not mistaken there was a suggestion when we were at Port Huron to draw such a District.

We are good.

I believe we are back to you Commissioner Lett.

So soon.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's continue in the thumb area.

Start above and take all of that County north of 48.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the thumb.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: You mean the thumbnail.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The thumbnail and the toenail also.

Am I Your Street man today? What do we have immediately to the west of 48, that County? The rest of that County? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This County.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here.

It's probably going to be too much.

That area is 14, that will make it 18 or you could just do this like a row I don't know.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is what I was thinking.

Add that highlight that and let's see what that does for us.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let it catch up.

I should be deselecting the area now.

I'm just waiting for it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Want my eraser? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sometimes I think it would be easier.

It's still not behaving.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: There are two Townships up near approaching Bay City but not quite.

They are at the bottom of the Bay, that are in this County that we are working on or one of the Counties we are working in here.

So they are small population and may be beneficial to you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will have to recover some of this work.

I put this back in it.

I think the last thing we will do is highlight this and see what the population is of those four Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah, but we had gone down, go ahead and do that. Go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is only 8,000.

I know we had done this area but we had not assigned it yet.

You were just.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You were talking about the bottom of the Bay?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Those two yeah in a different County is the only issue.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm in that County right now.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: If I go across the top my question is, is that going to impinge on Bay City and what we want to do over there?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Part of the lake front that is drawn all around it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Gets go across the top row.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This top row.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'm sorry I forgot the mic.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This top row like this?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 7200.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the next one, the corner, no, no.

I'll get it.

That is 7800.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the next row down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 1400 and put you 8,000 shy.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take the next row.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two as well and that will put you about a thousand over.

Want to assign those.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is one configuration.

The other one I was thinking is rather than do what we did near the lakeshore let's come straight down because what we are confronted with now is taking the rest of our old counties and going west to try to keep them together.

And we are going to go far west because they have limited population.

So if you came down, if you eliminated the four eastern or the western Townships, then came down through Marysville and that direction, I think you maybe -- we may be better off when we go to get the next District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Highlighted area has 27,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's put the highlighted in and take the four at the bottom of the Bay out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm assigning these four so now you're still 24,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take off the western row.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These two right here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The western row column.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

Starting here?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That may be too many.

We will find out.

Go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are just 4900 over.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Down to the bottom, the southern end, 4900.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Take off Deerfield.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 829 people low.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I would think that is not too tacky and we can work on getting it closer.

If we want this is a community of interest and obviously the thumb area.

It's agricultural.

High percentage of cash crop sugar beets.

Corn, beans.

It's the historically been a District and it will remain so.

I've looked at the notes that I've had as well as MGGG notes.

And for communities of interest.

And determining that this would be appropriate District for the House District number 50.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

We are on to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent, if you could kind of scroll out just a little bit so I can get a picture.

Okay so the areas we have not previously mapped would be basically the unassigned area from 46 up; is that right?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think that is accurate but maybe Kent is going to put the overlays on for you.

And Commissioner Orton I wanted to acknowledge that I think we may not have mapped the area that we are in today.

Meaning at CMU and I think we are yeah so if you wanted to, I know there was some community interest that has been, so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I do have one going from here up, I'll have to find it but unless you are getting ready to go up there, I won't worry about it right now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So this is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are all the different layers or house plans have done previously.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so I will try to do the area that we are in today since it looks like the maps.

Let me see north a little bit.

No, to the west.

And that's good.

I want so you can see Alma near the west border up above.

It's a town, yeah, so Zoom out a little bit.

Thank you.

Okay, choose I guess that's a Township where Mount Pleasant is up above, the Township above that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Mount Pleasant.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, choose that whole Township.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: District 52, I guess.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is it 52, I think it's 51.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It is okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can make it 52 if you want.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, that's fine.

County, the whole County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry I was doing Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think that's what I said but County would be good.

And for color, please.

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

Oh, we should do maroon or gold because that is CM U colors.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do that.

We can make that happen.

Maroon that is more orange.

There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: My pass.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that too red or do we need more maroon?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think it's the thought that counts.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think it will work.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll do the next one in gold.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't know what the colors are for Alma.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are right at you need 27,000 more.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett may know what the colors are of plaid because they are Scottish.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, all right, go down to Gratiot County.

Take the first those top 12.

So include Alma and Ithaca and all those Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where I'm at now?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and yes and one more row down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, well that will be 6,000 too many.

So you want to assign or unassign them?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Assign them for now.

I don't know much about this area except what we have been told in communities of interested and I don't know about Ithaca and assume it associates with Alma.

I'm not sure what area would be best to remove.

So Ithaca is the County seat.

So the County is split in half.

I guess it could go either way.

Let's take off Lafayette and Wheeler over to the right.

And any opinions? Has anyone heard anything more specific about communities of interest in this area? Other than Alma and Mount Pleasant?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the only community of interest I'm aware of other than being mostly rural is I believe there is a Native American reservation just north of Mount Pleasant.

Then we have captured that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Will you scroll back down and take off summer Township.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are just 900 over now.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Will you scroll out just a little bit? I would like to see that whole County.

Okay I'm just not sure whether Ithaca should go with the smaller portion of the County where I have it in or better to leave it out but we can leave it like this for now.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I'm sure we will get some public comment.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Any questions Secretary of State?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark has a thought.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do we have an overlay of the native reservation and it may go in another Township as well and it may be significant.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can make one right quick.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Kent for the public we will put it up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me fix it for the Native American.

It appears that we are looking at the Township layer.

But this Township here Chippewa has 21% of the Township is Native American combined with total.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That lines up with the map that we have that I was looking at earlier on paper.

Okay so I believe we are back to Secretary of State do we have any questions for District 51? Okay thank you.

That means we are I think on to me, is that right? Yes.

We are on to me.

So let's I'm going to try around 27, 28, Kent.

What I'm going to try to do is, yeah, move out.

So Commissioner Clark you were saying something about Lapeer.

I'm trying to remember communities of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I would associate Lapeer and Davidson more with Flint than other areas.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So what I'm going to try to do then.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would not object to Lapeer being part of the rural districts either.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay and Chair Szetela, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I would I think it's appropriate to put Davidson with Lapeer.

But I definitely would not go all the way over to Flint.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Suburban area I see Burton that is 29715.

What I'm thinking about and I want your opinions I'm thinking about going sort of the Townships and the voting precincts you know just north across to Lapeer and include Burton Davidson Alba and Lapeer and town of Lapeer and if we need more population, I will go further south does that seem reasonable for a District?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I have to see it.

That was a lot.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that roughly what you had in mind?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is one precinct that comes all the way around.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Looks like we are 37,000 so I'm going to keep drawing.

Continue further south or fill in the southern and the eastern edge so we will clean it up, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, you got it Kent yes that is the direction I'm headed.

Uh-huh.

That is another 22000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Then I'm thinking Grand Blanc.

And maybe that next Township but then we are probably going to be close to population.

We have 36, almost 36,000.

And this is primarily a suburban.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That remaining precinct.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Rural.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It's rural let's not doing Kent we will try to keep it a more suburban area with small villages around Flint kind of District so Grand Blanc and then Atlas if we need it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roman town.

I need to I'll get the precincts connecting it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Along those lines there?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is okay right now.

Then we are going to continue, yeah, actually because Grand Blanc probably does that is a suburban Section based on the voting precincts let's keep that and go into Goodrich, please.

We are going to be pretty close to population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so you are just 4,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's select.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 2314.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So let's do, yeah, those two that you named, let's do those two precincts, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That will put you quite close.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Okay Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I think we just moved out to the rural area by going to the east and into good rich area.

Another consideration may be go west instead and you know just and south of 27 District.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Szetela do you have thoughts and I see Commissioner Orton's hand let's go to Commissioner Orton.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: There is two thoughts.

So first is I'm worried about what kind of District we are going to need to build around this based on how you are drawing so that is one issue.

Secondly, I'm just not so sure that I would even carry Lapeer that far over in Detroit.

Lapeer or Flint I'm sorry Lapeer does not consider itself a suburb of Flint.

Lapeer is its own little City it has its own hospital.

I have family that lives there and I can tell you the reason they like it it's a big enough City to be self-sustaining without having to venture into Flint for or I keep calling it Detroit Flint for hospital care and doctors and things like that so I just think it's kind of an odd combination.

Because I feel like and I'm sure the public will comment on this Lapeer considers itself more rural and it's surrounded by as Doug described horse country with Metamora and Mayfield and Hadley. And I just don't really see it going over to Burton.

I don't see them as being linked and worried how are we going to tie all these other Townships together the way you have it drawn.

I just think it's sort of odd.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I appreciate that Commissioner Orton then Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I wonder about what we are leaving around it for a District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I wouldn't worry about the nonurban area.

Most of that other than the actual cities it's mostly farmland out there.

It's cash crop.

So it's other than the actual cities and they are obviously not huge.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you I do want to my intention is to draw a suburban or ex-urban area around Flynn and I would like to take off Alba and Lapeer, Kent and I guess further we are going to I guess go a little bit north into Richfield maybe and south around Mundy.

I do not want to create much of a doughnut feeling or a C but what I'm trying to do is grab population that is essentially suburban.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Come up here and go into Genesee or do you within to finish Grand Blanc.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That looks like more population so get the rest of Grand Blanc and Mundy please.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I actually had an idea for the northern border of Livingston County up past where you're drawing right now through and including the area that would be to the west of what we drew for Flint at this particular point. Do what you are thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Would love your thoughts. I guess what I'm hearing you may have some ideas on how to make these connect. And I think that is one of the reasons I shifted that.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct for the idea that I have, which I will bring up later on, the where your District 52 stops on the west side would be perfect. But I would not go into Mundy.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Not into Mundy were good. Take the rest of good rich because we have about 12000 still and then we are going to go north, please, Kent.

Yep, we are going to sort of round out and take Genesee the remainder of Genesee and that rich field Township and then we will going to be right on the money. It's going to be great.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 11,000 over with all of that in there.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is a little bit over. All right, then let's take out Richfield Township, please. Not the whole Township unless do we see the population of Richfield? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 365. 9,000.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: So it's 9,000 so 2000 over. And the shape would be a little, it would and I think shape at this point is at the bottom of my concerns.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take the top of.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Go ahead Kent you were looking at the top of Genesee.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Quite a few things you can take the top off but as you have this Township in three districts, so two. If you unassign that that would end up in another District. You could take the top off of both of them.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's try that, take the top off of both. Okay let's take off Richfield Township. Please, the whole Township.

Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are 3% high.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: And because, yeah, I don't know if it's going to, yeah, it's not my favorite shape. Commissioner Orton?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we just zoom in again to the top little hooky part? So could we just take that top precinct off.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Northern part of the precinct can we try that Kent and take that off and see what happens.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a couple hundred over.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: The reason I was not thinking about that Commissioner Orton we have one Township is in three different.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And the water there is also would be in three.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: That is why I wanted to keep it in. The shape is not my favorite but Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What is your population of 28 you are 54. I mean if you put it in to 28.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I like that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You would be a little high but.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Let's try that Kent and see what happens if we put it into 28.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL:

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 52.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Curry also had her hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Oh, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So 28 is 2500 high.

But you have that is in 26.

Weren't you looking at the so that was I know the other day looking at it and you are still pretty good.

Remember.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: African/American theme.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not the combine but still by adding in that you may have brought that down a little bit but you are still over the 35.

If I remember right, it was like 37 and 34.5.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you for bringing that up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think it might be a half of a percent.

Now if you took this precinct here, and put it in 52.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I see your hand Commissioner Orton I want to make sure Commissioner Curry gets in do you have anything you wanted to share Commissioner Curry? We can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I said I did but I will pass right now.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Curry. So Commissioner Orton?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I just need to say while we appreciate your experience, Kent, and your work, you need to not direct the lines.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I wasn't trying to direct, Commissioner Lett suggested putting this in 28.

Seeing that it was high I just pointed out there was one to counter act what was such a great concern yesterday or the day before which was the non-Hispanic Black percentages between the districts.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Kent, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the precinct that Kent just mentioned in the southern part of I don't know I can't see the number or southern part of 28, yeah, that one there, if you move that to 52, it takes it out of 28 and keeps it in the Township it should be in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Right and I do want to and the numbers because we worked hard on that District 28, 27 and 28 we did look and I really want to respect we needed Mr. Adelson's review of it.

Because we were working hard to get the Black population higher.

While respecting communities of interest.

So at this point, yeah, I'm hesitant to make the change.

And I would like to try.

Let's so in District 28 the light green there is a southeast there is a block there, that one voting precinct it looks like maybe.

Maybe it's even half a precinct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If we assign that to 52, please.

It did increase and at this point so the watershed so that Township is in more of an is in two separate rather than three separate districts.

We may have preserved the voting rights District or opportunity to elect District.

We don't know that until we have Mr. Adelson's thoughts.

And 52 it's not an opportunity to elect District but it is a suburban District and it doesn't have -- it's not yeah it does not have too many, yeah, it's pretty suburban.

Yeah so, I'm going to leave it at this point.

It is overpopulated which is okay at this point.

And thanks for all the collaboration, everyone.

Okay very good.

We are on to Chair Szetela.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right so I'm going to try to fill in what is left of Lapeer.

So Kent if you could take the remaining portion of Lapeer Township those eight or Lapeer County those eight Townships there including the City of Lapeer.

Yep.

And include marathon and Deerfield too.

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And we are going to grab, you can assign those, yes.

So if you can pull it down a little bit so I can see what is above there it would be helpful.

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

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we are going to bring in Richfield and Forest, which are right next to it to the west.

Yep.

And then Bedford, Vienna and Cleo, Vienna and Cleo are in the same Township. Yep, those right there, bring those in.

Thetford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll change the colors as soon as it finishes assigning.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: So we are also going to put in Watertown.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Watertown.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Just add in Watertown.

And then if you could just Zoom out to make sure I got everything underneath, I thought I did but I want to make sure I did not leave anything down at the bottom open.

Okay we are good.

All right.

That is my District.

There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Chair Szetela.

I think we are all set.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Communities of interest I was considering maintaining the areas immediately surrounding Lapeer together as a community of interest and that's about it.

And I would also point out we are halfway through guys we are at 53 so we are making good progress.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: All right, Commissioner Vallette, we are back to you.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you move out so I can see the whole map?

I'm going to go by the thumb next to 50 and 31.

And can you start at the shoreline? Can I see some, thank you.

I'll take, what is that with the A.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Akron.

There is fair haven stuck up here a little bit higher.

I guess it's not.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Akron.

Next to it is it Wisner?

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

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And should I put Columbia in there? Would that be -- Columbia.

And below that Elmer, Fairgrove, Milford, can I see a population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am to sum it up, it's done.

So you still have 84,000 to go.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So let's go around the Bay with Hampton and what is that Essexville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All three of these little?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay and that is going to put 61,000 in it.

We don't want Ellington.

I don't know how I did that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Janice, do you have an idea of what's going to happen with Frankenmuth and Tuscola, Rasser, Fremont, are you thinking about that as you draw this?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do you suggest as I do?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Other Commissioners were pointing out, I think to me as I was drawing it, it's important to think about that too.

It's a very rural area. So I just wanted to make sure that you, yeah, if you, you know, draw just the thumb, excuse me, the water area, it may be, if that is your intention.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That was my intention, but if you have another suggestion, I'm open to it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you draw the water area, it's clear the other will be interior.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: But what is the issue you think it's going to create?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I don't think it creates an issue.

We will just have to figure out if we have enough population in that just like you're doing. And.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can we go around the water and if we do that and have to adjust it, we can do that? Okay, so I just wanted to go around the water what is that Conklin and Fraser.

Can you add that? ? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's doing it now.

You still need 16,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Do you think I should take Garfield or am I blocking in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I think you have Bay City and I think you've got right. This is that Tri-City area. So I think you have to sort of think about that community of interest.

I don't know that this is a shoreline District necessarily.

As defined by them.

So I think you want to, yeah wrestle with that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay I guess I'm not understanding are you saying I should take Bay City out?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: What I'm hearing you say you want to draw sort of a shoreline.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We will continue up to Pinconning and Standish.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Additional 5204 people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Janice what you may want to consider are how many Counties you are crossing for this one District.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You can maybe go to the west and go over to 32.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: This is a hard one to draw and you are asking good questions and I don't know if I have the answers and I have more questions and I apologize and I see Commissioner Eid has a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would try taking the whole Township that Bay City is in and seeing if maybe you can incorporate that with the little bit you have to the east of it. And if that helps.

Because you need 11,000 more people but if you take off the top part you might be okay.

But then you know as I'm looking at this you would then leave a whole kind of row between 32 and 54.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes did I see your hand?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: No.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Janice back to you.

O-Commissioner Clark.

Sorry.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with you, Anthony.

But that corridor between Bay City and Midland is significant population.

It's like 15,000 people at least.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: One way to start with this Janice you might select the County like all of Bay County for example and just see if that like where you are with population. Then go out from there.

It would be more or less a shoreline District it's just two Townships wide. it's kind of that shoreline you wanted.

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

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: What was that exactly?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Bay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Select Bay County and you will be over and you will have to take off but within all within one County and shoreline District potentially.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want to unassign these Townships outside of Bay?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The northern ones first, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Need to unassign 19,000.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can I see the County so I know what to ask you to delete or remove? Thank you.

Columbia, remove that.

Akron.

And Wisner.

But now I'm low.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No I'm high Elmer remove fair Grove and Gilford.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have 12244.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take merit out.

Can you go a little more north just a little and take out Gibson.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: My suggestion would be to, well, actually can I see the southern border of District 54? I would take out Frankenlust and Portsmouth add Gibson back in. Because there is a giant German population that lives in that particular area, that is in with Frankenmuth. And that could potentially be a COI District right there.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Take out Frankenmuth and Portsmouth and add Gibson back in.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Chair Szetela and Commissioner Clark.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Guys that is not Frankenmuth.

Frankenmuth is further south.

That is Frankenlust.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I understand that.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You said.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I said Frankenlust.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Keep going, Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm still 3,000 over.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: We have been under populated so if you feel good about this.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We will leave it at that.

Thank you everybody.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette.

We are on to Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you scroll out a little bit more so I can see what we have left.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to turn off these previously done House District layers so it's a little neater.

I guess if we get boxed in here.

I guess I'd like to start in 31 but to the west in that Township or the County I should say. And let's try to fill that in.

And get free land up there in that.

And maybe go straight across right under District 54.

Take that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little piece a little piece that seems isolated.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Add it and we can do whatever.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Now I think I would like to go left and take the rows across the top there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Merrill, Hemlock and frost and shield and all that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And down in here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, and pick up the ones that are right there that are missing right there to the right there between.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And I'll change the colors.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: How much green is there bud.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Popular, there are precincts you want to get in and isolate it. Let me get this first.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think we should go west again and go right along the other District there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go right to the left of Hemlock, Wheeler, Lafayette and then come back to the right and pick those up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This far?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, let's pick up James and Spaulding.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We got part of this District so I need to do that separately.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go ahead, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll have do it by blocks now.

It's a splint precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Using block in the large rural it looks like wilderness.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Not much out there a lot of open land.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Makes you be zoomed in to use blocks and it's a big area.

I crossed over the Township and I don't know if you meant to do that or not.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's wait and see.

Take it out, I guess.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I did not intend to do that.

All right, 6-1, half a dozen the other.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We are missing one there but I will get it right now before I forget about it.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's Zoom out a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still have 24,000 to go.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, I know.

Would you go in a little bit so I can see what the population is in that area around Frankenmuth and that? I know.

Let's go up near District 54 to the east and just start filling in and come right around Saginaw.

I think I might be pretty close.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do you want merit?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Merritt then Bloomfield.

Rest of Bridgeport and Frankenmuth and I think I'm going to be a little over though.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're not going to be over.

You are still under.

Most of Bridgeport is in 31.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: That's what it looks like. I thought there was more in there.

What have we got up at the top there? If we scroll out a little bit.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I really don't like that doughnut thing going on.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I know.

Have you got a better and I know you have a better suggestion.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I have a thought but I don't know what your plan is and I don't know what you know, I know you are from this area.

If we start at the top by the lake and come down and just see where population takes us.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: In other words fill that area into the east and then come around?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's try that.

Fill that area in then we will take it off from the west side there of where we are at now.

But fill all that into the east.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Eid? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm waiting for it to finish whatever it's doing.

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't like the doughnut either, but I think that's how we drew Flint for the VRA reasons.

So I see what you're saying with going to the east.

But I wouldn't necessarily have such a big problem with there being a doughnut like that.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Chair Szetela and then Commissioner Clark.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I just wanted to point out the time.

We are at 2:53.

We are actually supposed to stop about ten minutes ago but I wanted to see if we could get a little bit more done.

So I'm just letting you know we will go a few more minutes and we need to move on to the other items on our agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

Commissioner Clark, did you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree with Cynthia we should go over to the east and then eliminate some from the west.

The so called doughnut and doughnut hole I call it a Peach.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Peach pit.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I don't really mind the look if we take the balance of what is over to the west of District 50 as it's drawn now and snake on down, that could potentially be fine.

Again the shape is not really something that we really need to be concerned with at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: It looks like we may, yeah, looks like our computer is helping us decide.

And just to acknowledge the Saginaw area is one of those places we need VRA analysis from Mr. Adelson who will be with us on Monday.

And so acknowledging we don't have -- we have a District here that is assigned that we are not happy with.

That we are going to but we have to leave it for the moment.

I wonder if there is a way because it's time for us to stop, I'm wondering General Counsel do you have any thoughts? I'm going to get back to Commissioner Weiss. Should we go to Commissioner Weiss first General Counsel or you?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: The reason I want to jump in first Cynthia I like your idea.

I actually thought about that.

I have a doctor's appointment Monday so I won't be -- I will be late.

I don't know what time I will be.

But I will be a little late.

So would you please take over and finish my District? And I know it will be perfect.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We can just my meld and I'll do what you would do.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: We will work on it.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Lett has the eraser General Counsel do you have any thoughts?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Vice Chair the District does raise some concerns the way and I realize that it's going to be analyzed and modified further. But the Commission is basically locked itself in to just having Saginaw in a District. And I think when you run those numbers it's not going to be an appropriate result. So I look forward to seeing what the Commission does on Monday.

Mr. Adelson will be here on Monday afternoon after the lunch recess.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you, General Counsel. Mr. Stigall?

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I brought the plan up. It is without District 55. Do you want me to put it back in or just leave it out for now?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think we will leave it out and Cynthia knows what she wants to do. And I agree with what she is saying so.

And I will be back as soon as I can.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Weiss.

All right, with our mapping portion of unfinished business done I'm going to hand it back over to our Chair.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, so we have not finished our unfinished business so we will not be starting new business.

Ap -- approval of minutes none to approve.

Staff reports without objection I'd like to ask our Executive Director sue Hammersmith to provide a report please Ms. Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I need expense reports to be filed as soon as possible.

Remember our fiscal year ends September 30th so I would like everything in for September by that date so we can get those paid.

And Kelly services typically has a lag of you know anywhere from a week to two weeks. So we need them in now so they get paid as quickly as possible.

I also want to report that Fink will be at our meeting on Tuesday for their interview at 1:00 p.m. so wanted you to know that is scheduled.

And if anybody has any alternative maps that you want considered as part of the deliberations next week, I would recommend you get them in over the weekend so our mappers and Michigan Department of State has at least 24 hours to post those in advance of the Monday meeting ideally or any other meeting that you wish to have them posted so that is it for me.

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>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you without objection we will hear from communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods III for his report hearing no objection, please-proceed Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: The shape files we talk about yesterday were completed and were completed while the public comments were being offered but they were actually correct from idea.

We did not have all five shape files there were actually two so it has been completed I want to take the opportunity to thank Scott from the center square Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission says some media analysis is concerning.

And I just want to comment during the "New York Times" company versus United States the U.S. Supreme Court justice Hugo Black said the press is to serve the governed but not the Governors in serving the governed I believe if the press can watch videos and report Commissioner attendance, they can watch videos and accurately report what transpired at each Commission meeting.

All of the Commission meetings are available on the MICRC YouTube channel and Facebook Page.

The Commission meetings being too long and inconvenient to cover are not acceptable excuses for the press in its responsibility to serve the governed.

There is no secrecy recording the work of the Commission.

For the first time in Michigan's history all Commission meetings are available online for the media and the public.

Although redistricting may be a complex topic for reporters to convey to the public, it is responsibility of their employer to invest the resources to ensure it serves the governed. If the press can do it for scandals, it can also do it for Michigan's new redistricting process.

It is not the responsibility of MICRC to supplement resources for the media to cover our meetings.

As relates to scrutiny we expect and welcome the press to serve the governed.

In serving the governed the press needs to cite the Constitution adequately as relates to affiliates and the role of the Michigan legislature in evaluating Commission canvas.

The press also needs to cite and reference the U.S. census policy sufficiently as it refers to prisoner counts and how the policy can be changed through Federal and state legislation to address the concern of prison gerrymandering.

And finally the press needs to hold they seek out comment against the Commission's work to the same scrutiny they hold the Commission.

As much as I respect the media's right to serve the governed, it's evident that there are no checks and balances to hold the press accountable in serving the governed.

They can still make excuses, deflect or try to shape the story to their advantage without any scrutiny.

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In raising this concern, the MICRC continues its mission to draw fair maps through public input for Michigan's Congressional, Senate and House Districts without missing a beat.

And that is a testimony to the hard work of this Commission in ensuring that it's properly prepared each and every day to draw maps and for that I salute you.

Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for that update, Mr. Woods.

Without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State if she has a report hearing no objection, please proceed Ms. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No update. Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. So correspondence received in advance of our meeting today was provided along with written public comments in the meeting materials. We have no future agenda items to share at this time.

Are there any announcements? Seeing none, as the items on the agenda are complete and the Commission has no further business, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes and I believe that was Commissioner Lett on the second.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Thank you, everybody.