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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 State where you are attending remotely from.

We will start with Doug Clark.

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CGAUR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA:

Thank you. You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda. So moved. Motion made by Commissioner Witjes. Seconded by Rothhorn. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none we will now vote all in favor please raise your hand and say aye. All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

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

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. Please step to the nearest microphone when I call your number. 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 number one.

>> Good morning.

My name is Jennifer.

I'm a resident of Bridgewater Township in the far southwest corner of Washtenaw County.

First, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to the Commission members.

I am impressed with your willingness to take this on. And I don't envy you, your task.

I'm here to talk about the draft drawings of the proposed Senate districts that encompass Washtenaw County.

The current draft maps concern me for two reasons. First, they perpetuate the packing of Ann Arbor voters into one State Senate District which means that anyone who identifies as a republican in that District has essentially no chance of being represented by someone who aligns with them.

One of the things that you are tasked with is to not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates which this does.

The second reason for my concern about the proposed districts is that they do not take into consideration the fact that there is a significant economic community of interest connection between the western part of Washtenaw County and portions of Ann Arbor. As a business owner in Chelsea, I see that most of the economic activity in our area comes from the east and west.

The Ann Arbor and Jackson areas being the top two.

As evidence of the connection between our area and the Ann Arbor area the U.S. Census Bureau row on the map shows more than 18% of Manchester residents more than 25% of Chelsea residents and almost 30% of Dexter residents commute to Ann Arbor for work.

In addition surveys done by a group that sponsors events in Chelsea show the top visitors during events come from in order of highest, Ann Arbor, Grass Lake, Dexter, Jackson, Manchester and Saline, showing a true economic community of interest.

For these reasons I ask you to take another look at the districts with the idea of including western portions of Ann Arbor stretching through Jackson County, all of western Washtenaw County and into Jackson County.

I have also submitted these comments to the portal along with a map showing how the District could be drawn.

I thank you for your time.

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

Number two.

>> Hi.

I'm Peter.

I'm from Oakland County from Birmingham. And I'm here to, you know, again thank you for taking on this monumental task of redistricting.

You know, I've spent quite a bit of time collecting signatures to get the proposal to change the Constitution and create this Commission. And I'm looking forward to the results of this effort. I'm concerned that one of the points of the Commission is to make sure that the Districts that you draw, you know, provide for partisan fairness. You know, there is other considerations. There is a list I think of six or seven items that are ranked in order of importance. And partisan fairness and efficiency are considered are among the top one or two items. And I hope that you follow those rules and come up with a good plan. I understand also that the AFLCIO did a mock session like you guys are doing to create a map. And they found that it's very difficult to do. And it's quite a task. But they have come up with a map that makes some sense and I've looked at it and I would recommend that you take a look at it as well. Thank you.

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

Number three.

>> I'm not seeing a number three, so at this point we are going to move on to remote, wait, there you are.

Okay.

>> Hello, Commission. Good morning. Anthony, southwest Detroit.

So I was looking at this proposition, whatever now it's a constitutional amendment. It's secretary shall mail additional applications, you know, to tens of thousands of random Michiganders. But additional applications to Michigan registered voters at random until 30 qualifying applicants that affiliate with one of the two major parties have submitted applications. 30 of the other party, the two major parties, have submitted applications. And 40 that they do not identify that they affiliate with either of the two major parties.

[No audio]

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Because we lost audio.

Everybody that is on Zoom.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Erin, hit mute.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Sorry, how did that happen?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Test one two, test one two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We should be good.

All right. Thank you.

Can everyone on Zoom hear me? Can you indicate? I see you guys nodding.

All right.

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. James Gallant.

>> Hello. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I can hear you.

>> Okay, James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions.

I think that we have clearly stated my position about the former Commission on legislative apportionment. And that this is a revived reiteration of that Commission, which you are now bound by their approved rules of procedure. And it comes forward just like your rules here will go forward.

And so I think that now, as a solution, I would like to propose and recommend to you folks that the Chair, Commissioner Szetela, and if she does not have Commissioner Szetela as the Chair, anyone who becomes the Chair could by unanimous consent because that is so popular here. And they say the expectation of unanimous consent or near is in itself a storm of tourney, that is why this is abusive to me.

I would expect any Chair to use their authority for unanimous consent to determine, hearing no objections, that the rules of procedure approved by the former Commission on administrative apportionment applies to this Commission as stated in the house fiscal agency report citing the Michigan Supreme Court decision.

And that they apply here and they will immediately take effect and before you start deliberation.

Because this is the day, this is going to be awesome. You are going to start deliberation. And it's going to be a change. It's going to be now and by will and, not by the whim, by the deliberations, by the true deliberations now. And to determine that these rules of procedures do apply here. And then by hearing no objection, somebody could then appeal the decision of the Chair and just vote to say, no, they don't apply in everybody's opinion. But everybody would be able to vote.

Everybody here is not being able to vote. And they are being bullied not to give their opinion and just let them vote.

So if the Chair would determine by unanimous consent the rules of procedure from the former Commission on legislative apportionment apply here, and then let them appeal the decision. And then they would say does everybody vote up or down.

I mean, you folks, as you can see, you have a hard time.

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

Next in line is Tameka Ramsey.

>> Good morning. Hi. My name is Tameka Ramsey. I'm a resident of the City of Pontiac.

I am calling in to talk about the maps that were created for Pontiac.

I am a very big, strong proponent of communities of interest and making sure that they are kept together or put together for alignment, for resources, and to have fair and proper representation.

Currently both our State Senate and house maps have Pontiac going west into Waterford, Milford, and Highland Township.

I don't feel that those communities align with the City of Pontiac as communities of interest.

Most of these are Townships that are governed by the County.

They don't share the same economic industry that Pontiac has.

And I believe that going into Auburn Hills, then going south into Oakland County better reflects the communities of interest.

Not only because the shared automotive industry and IT industry that's growing in Oakland County, but also just having fair representation when it comes two cities versus Townships.

And making sure that the communities have the resources that are needed.

Pontiac is currently one in one of the most gerrymandered areas in the entire County.

And so we know what it feels to have a representative that is stretched far beyond their needs.

Stretched far beyond their capacity and people in this area not having fair representation.

And so I ask that the Commission look at making sure that Pontiac is with Auburn Hills, which was a part of Pontiac Township.

And goes to the south to be a part of those economic industries that we have been a part of for so long.

Thank you.

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

Margaret Shankler.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: For the purposes of the public record, that participant and the next participant are not present in the Zoom meeting.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much. We will move on to Kermit Williams.

>> Good evening or good morning, Commissioners. I'm Kermit Williams, Pontiac City Council president. And I just wanted to thank you guys for your hard work and deliberation you have been doing.

I think you guys have done a great job with coming up with our Congressional District. Right now we are currently gerrymandered, but the Congressional District that you have drawn is great.

What I would push back against is our State Senate and our State Representative districts.

Currently Pontiac is located on telegraph, 75, Woodward, which just hosted the dream cruise and we need to be with those communities in which that is there.

One of the other key components is Oakland University and Pontiac have a huge partnership, which is in Rochester Hills. But basically Auburn Hills and also Oakland Community College.

So when you talk about not only communities of interest, but you talk about the upward mobility of the City of Pontiac and the surrounding areas, then we need to have representation that reflects those needs and those interests.

So, again, I would ask the Commission not to group us with Waterford or not to group us going west.

We know the history of Pontiac Township and why certain communities are not part of Pontiac anymore. So we have a situation where you guys have an opportunity to make sure Pontiac is thriving and vital for the next 30 years.

We just hosted motor villa this weekend, which is huge. And the majority of the people who came, came from the other regions that were not part of the new State Senate or State Rep Districts that are currently being proposed or drawn.

So I would ask that before you guys select maps for Pontiac, you would actually take a drive and look at what is actually happening in those communities.

And not just looking at geographical boundaries.

Thank you so much. And, again, I appreciate the work that you guys have been doing.

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

We will now move on to Judy Maiga.

>> Hi. Good morning, everyone.

Thank you for your continued hard work on this, in this process.

I have a couple questions about procedure.

When I publicly commented a couple of Zoom a couple of times. And a couple of times I submitted to comment on Zoom but never received a link.

There seems to be a little bit of confusion in the process.

The average person I think would benefit from it being a little bit easier to find the link when you go to your Page.

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Maybe if it was a prominent button that said click here to sign up for a Zoom comment, that would be helpful instead of having to go to the meetings, find the meetings notice, and then submit a meeting notice and then wait.

I signed up last night and did not receive my link until about a half an hour ago this morning.

So a little more clarity on that would be helpful.

Public comment is a very important part of this process.

And I think the easier you make it for people the better it would be.

I also just want to encourage you to continue to consider partisanship of the maps as you're going through and doing them.

You're putting an awful lot of work into drawing these lines. And if you then go back and realize that they favor one District heavily or, I'm sorry, one party heavily and have to redo it, it seems like you're doing a very tough job twice.

Partisanship is an important part of the Constitution that you guys are ruled by.

And I would hope that you would consider it as you go and make sure that not no one party is favored over another through this process.

Again, thank you all for your hard work.

And I hope you have a productive day, thank you.

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

We will now move on to Chris Andrew.

>> Hello. Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, hi, I'm Chris Andrews from Haslett.

Thank you for your hard work to create fair maps.

I do envy your task, restoring majority rule.

What an awesome legacy.

Voters approved proposal two to fix an unintentionally unfair system.

By the end of this process your responsibility is to approve the best and fairest possible maps for Michigan voters, to move from a system that locked in power for one party to one that benefits neither party.

No party.

One that benefits voters by putting the party that gets the majority of the votes in the majority position of the legislature and Congressional delegation.

The fair maps project has set a high bar.

Under its plan Voters Not Politicians would have chosen the majority in the past several elections.

So far based on the time you haven't spent on fairness it seems like it's being treated like a spell check function.

As you turn to your consultants instruct them to construct fair maps.

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Direct them to develop and distribute for public review maps with 0% efficiency gaps and 1% efficiency gaps for each party.

If you can produce maps as fair or more fair than every other map, then approve them for public review.

But if there are better maps out there, you have the obligation to adopt them.

Thank you very much.

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

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

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

Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so. And we will do the same process as the first round. There is also a two minute time limit.

First in line to provide public comment is Mr. James Gallant.

>> Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay, James Galant, Marquette, these are my opinions.

And I'd like to comment on the prior speakers there.

The lady that was speaking of the public notices, yeah, that is completely unreasonable. You have to have Internet service. You have to have all this stuff. And don't get the links. And I think that is why people are not showing up on this end of it.

And the speaker that said I guess I have to absolutely disagree with the person that just said that you're restoring majority rule.

Because what the guy from Pontiac said, he appreciated your deliberations so far, right? But it's not according to majority rule because you haven't voted.

Remember, you specifically denied the vote.

You said, no. This is not this consensus building process is not majority rule.

It's in your process, you know, policy statement thing there.

So this is a problem.

And I spoke to the City manager of the City of Holland today. Yeah, he didn't want to discuss it. He didn't want to talk about how they do the same thing you are doing.

I think, what I learned in Marquette was people go to like the municipal league conferences and say, oh, we do just this over here, this is what we do. Oh, that is cool.

Okay, yeah, yeah, we will do that too.

And it just kind of becomes like Commissioner like Ms. Hammersmith is doing now, just start doing it.

It's nothing to do with the policy and procedures, you start doing it.

I would encourage you folks, especially Commissioner Rothhorn, this musical chairs you are playing right now, the loser is going to be the one that is sitting in the Chair when the dirty deeds are done because that is the Chair presiding over the meeting. So anybody who is presiding or has presided or is going to preside, please do the unanimous consent concern the prior rules, which are almost exactly what you got here except for all the frilly stuff, that's not, you know, constitutional. And the commission on legislative apportionment and then vote. And then vote on it. And then it might keep you out of Court and keep us out of Court and might straighten this around. And you might get a better plan, a figure on where you are at on this process because they are going to fly right now.

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

At this point it's my understanding we do have one more person who wanted to provide a second remote public comment. So, sir, you can approach the microphone.

>> Thank you, Commission.

Yes, so last comment I mentioned how the Michigan Constitution defines major political parties.

And states there shall only be two major political parties. So all the people here that said that, you know, you are not supposed to favor one party over but you favor two parties over any other or no party whatsoever. So, anyway, I would like to quote our second president of the United States in 1780 and said there is nothing which I dread so much as division of this republic into great parties arranged under their leader concerning measures and opposition to each other. At least in my apprehension is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution.

The second president, he saw two parties, so I don't know whoever wrote this Michigan Constitution mandate really had a problem.

Finally, I'd like to agree with Mr. Gallant.

You know, he is always harping on the process and majority consensus process.

I would agree.

This doesn't look like majority rule.

A lot of things, I've been watching this almost every day, kind of looks like loudest rule. Like, for example, the maps that you put up on that new website, how did you even determine which maps you are going to put up? Some of them are incomplete. Some of them have like two districts drawn.

Why wouldn't you guys put them forth? Commissioner Eid brought a map. Why didn't you say who wants to put Commissioner Eid's map on the website? Vote yes, no, that is how I think you should have gone. So I agree with Mr. Gallant. Thank you.

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

That concludes our public comment for this morning. However, I'd like to mention that all e-mail and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting.

And Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website on a regular basis. We appreciate everyone who provides public comment in whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts communities of interests and maps.

At this point we are going to move on to unfinished business agenda item 5A and without objection we will continue drafting the State House districts including reconciliation of the previously drafted maps in consideration of State House alternative maps.

We ended the previous meeting with Commissioner Weiss but because he is unable to attend this morning, we had asked Commissioner Orton to finish his turn including instructing the line drawers so at this point I will hand the microphone over to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, so I worked on this area over the weekend and I did not find a good solution unless we change kind of significantly things we have already done.

So is that better? Okay, so I'm thinking that we should wait until Commissioner Weiss is back to do this area since he is from the area and could maybe better direct us.

So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Witjes are you prepared?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Sure.

All right, I am just going to finish Livingston County real fast.

Which is right next to District 46.

Yep.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Witjes can you speak a bit louder please.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: 46 right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm very a hard time hearing.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm sorry, if you could just take the balance of the rest of the County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Of this?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, just to start out this is a District copy of what you all were working on Friday at the end of the day.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So there is a differ plan name but it's the copy of Friday's work.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You can't see it.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Could you screen share, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

You can't see it on this screen?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I can't.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will get it.

I'm sorry.

I had not shared the link.

>> Recording in process.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Now I got it on mine.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I caught up.

And I'll change the color so it's more visible.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I personally prefer the side.

>> Recording in progress.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to change that number.

Obviously, I started with 55, 54 instead of 55.

It's a slow start on Monday, isn't it? Okay I think this is where we need to be.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yep, can I see the total population of District 46, please? Okay perfect.

Can you remove the top right most Township, Tyrone Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township right here?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: You got it and then we should be pretty close at that point so that puts you 1770 down on District 55.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Could you, the southernmost precinct of Tyrone Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct? Put it back in there?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

I think I'm going to leave it right there for now because this will potentially allow for a District to take the remainder balance up to Flint, protecting the communities along the U.S. 23, U.S. 23 corridor.

And this also protects the communities of interest of the Howell and rural areas of Howell to the north basically same reasons I gave for 46 and I will be done at this particular point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you Commissioner Witjes.

Secretary of State are you satisfied?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Kent, could you scroll down on the active matrix?

Thank you, yeah, no further questions.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right at this point we will move on to Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hi good morning.

Let me continue on with what Commissioner Witjes just talked about.

Let's head up where we just did District 55 let's head up towards Flint.

So let's get the remainder of that Township that you just took, no, down south of Flint.
From District 55.

Yeah.

Yep.

Let's get the remainder of that Township.

Yes, that one.

That Dustin.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Tyrone Township?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Get Tyrone, Rose, Groveland, and Holly.

Start with them.

Then we will go to Fenton I guess it's Fenton County, I'm not sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of this Township?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct that whole Township, all of Holly, all of Groveland and all of Rose Townships.

So let's get Mundy, Gaines and Argentine Townships.

And there is some already committed in Mundy.

Yeah, good.

Let me see where we are at now.

3200 over.

Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did you say take Burns?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, don't take anything at the moment.

We got too many at the moment.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think I want to leave it like this.

Let me think for an sec.

Yeah, let's leave it like that.

I'm good with it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Clark did you say unassign some area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I did not.

Keep, no, keep 56 just as you have it today, right now, yep.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madam Chair would you like me to proceed with asking my questions?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, go ahead.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's somewhat difficult to hear you Commissioner Clark.

Could you turn up your mic or move closer to it?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can you hear me any better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that's better.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I chose some Townships that were getting boxed in and fortunately they were all rural oriented Townships and they moved up toward the area of Flint.

The only community of interest that I considered while doing this that I thought was appropriate is that this is rural for the most part.

And I felt that fell in line with some of the comments that we've heard in the public hearings.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

Okay at this point we are going to move on to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, can we get the overlays for what we have done already on here? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I preloaded a bunch of them.

So this is something to be looked at.

And I'm just running down through how my have.

1234567.

So I think and they overlap each other a lot.

So if we can narrow it down to the part of the state so we don't have so many up there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well let's put on the ones we did in the Upper Peninsula and western Michigan.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The upper part?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is one good clean one.

I could not find others.

There may be more out there.

I have to work with my wing man.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

What about is there one for western Michigan? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I'm going to turn them on one at a time and you tell me when to stop.

Because I can't decide what you want to look at.

So that is primarily down in the southwest.

Yeah.

That is more -- that is that little piece right there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay no you can leave that one on.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Leave these on?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay then we have that area that kind of runs up into your Upper Peninsula.

More west, that's the green.

I'm trying to do different colors so we can at least have an idea what we are looking at.

Then this gets into south Central.

This would be more Lansing and southeast.

I think they were combined.

I know they were.

If you look at this southeast it looks like the same as the blue lines.

As far as I could tell they are the same as the blue.

And I think this was the very first plan done and it's down in the southeast area.

If you see it turn green right in here, I think that was the very first thing.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It looks like they overlap.

That last one turn off but all the other ones let's leave them up there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Leave them all on?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: At least get an idea of what we have left and what we have done already to reconcile later.

Okay so it looks like what we have left are we still have some of the thumb area. But I'm actually going to start with the rest of the District that is under 51.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Under 51.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's take the rest of those Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay repeat that.

Take all of the Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All of the Townships in the County that are currently unassigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are going eastward, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Eastward and up into Lafayette.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lafayette and Wheeler?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, both of them.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And Wheeler?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep, both of them.

Okay and let's include Wheeler.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry I thought I had done Wheeler.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, now Commissioner Orton you were working on Saginaw, right? So I was going to go east until we hit it, but what was -- what were your thoughts on that?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Really quick I'm going to pull up what I had.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so you had this area unassigned still, okay, so let's go east pretty much.

We are taking the rest of the -- that County to the right and we are going east until we hit Saginaw or population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm having a hard time hearing.
I will fix it after lunch.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sorry, so we are.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just holler at me if I go too far or not far enough.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We need much more population.

We still need 70,000 more people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Keep going?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, keep going.

We need 40,000 more people now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Keep going?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now do you want to assign Spaulding and Bridgeport?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I want to apply Spaulding but do not apply Bridgeport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of Spaulding?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

Well the part that is not already covered in District 34.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right I need to change the precincts.

So that's one precinct that goes into 31.

Assign that to 57?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No only assign the parts that are not already assigned.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is that 34 or 31? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 31.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So assign the rest of it that is not assigned to 31.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This looks like little aliens.

Do we not want to go into Bridgeport at all?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I don't want to go to Bridgeport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me back up.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we need another 11,000 people.

If I'm reading that correctly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is two little census blocks left to assign.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You can assign them, 57.

And then what is that part? That is at the tip? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The Township boundary going that is 31 in there.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And that area was not assigned 31 previously? No, it doesn't look like it was.

Okay that part that juts out, in between 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

Somebody help me with this.

Was this area in 31 before we started?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, it was.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want me to put it back in there?

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, Kent this is Kim yes that should go back into 31.

You were assigning the whole precinct there.

Not at the census block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's easy to make mistakes when you are zoomed in so close to the census blocks.

Now is that where we want to be with 31 and 57?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I believe so.

The population is back where it's supposed to be in 31.

Okay, so we need another 33, almost 34,000 people in this 57.

Do you see that area that's in between 57 and 31 right now? That is in between Thomas and Saginaw, a little north? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area in here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: No, no, no. I'm talking about like in between. So after you Zoom in, and go north, that area in between Thomas and Saginaw, those three precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The currently unassigned area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area right here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, let's assign those three precincts.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Into which District 57?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That goes to 57, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh.

Okay and then likewise on those areas north of Saginaw Township, do you see those three precincts that are currently unassigned? No, below that, yep, those three.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area right through here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

Let's assign those to 57.

Okay let's Zoom out a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Excuse me.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can we Zoom out a little? Okay, let's go south of this District.

Let's apply those four Townships that are below 57 currently.

So Fairfield, rush, new haven and Hazelton.

Trying to think about how to do this without completely boxing ourselves in here.

Okay, where would we be at if we took the rest of that, that Township right now that is below 57 that includes Owosso? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry I didn't hear you very well.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If we take that whole Township that includes Owosso.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, that Township where would we be at population wise? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That line right there is 30,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That one you have highlighted is 30,000? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This right through here is 30,000.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, that is too much.

Any ideas from my fellow Commissioners? I was trying not to go east of Flint because that is where Richard and Cynthia were working on.

And I didn't want to go into that area.

But it looks like we may be boxing ourselves in a little bit here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Well I would suggest actually doing that exactly that.

So start with another District 58.

And fill in that east area and see how much population you have and then sort of work on them both at the same time.

Because then you will see what the population is in those two areas.

Just a suggestion.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And if you want to go ahead and fill in that area that I had on there around Saginaw, if that helps.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, that would help.

All right let's make it 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Creating 58 now?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, and from here we are going to start on the western edge of 50, of District 50.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Western edge of 50.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah 50 is in the thumb area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right, that whole edge right there, we are going to start and we are going to go west.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So fart with that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And continue through this area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, continue through until you hit Bridgeport.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I know when we did Saginaw we got into some precincts and even some lock possibly so wonder if we can lock that one just to be on the safe side.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Like I said I'm having a hard time hearing today.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry I forgot.

I think when we did Saginaw we got into precincts and maybe even blocks. I'm wondering if you could lock.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Lock 31.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Lock 31 so we don't accidentally get into it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay it's locked now.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: For 58 I want to go the rest of the unassigned area until we hit 31.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We will go across here.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Across and down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to select that and before we assign anything.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Sorry couldn't unmute.

Something to look at real quick, I think.

Where it says in District part me, the 10606, if I'm not mistaken, I believe I saw that that's where the Midland Bay Saginaw international airport is.

So you might want to be mindful of that when drawing districts to make sure that it's possibly in one of the districts that contain one of those cities, just a thought.

We've heard a lot of comment about the airport.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Did everyone hear what she said clearly? We are having some audio issues in these rooms so if I'm correct on what I'm saying please give me a thumbs up she said to be mindful of the area that includes the population of 10605 because she believes that might be the location of the airport that is tied to Midland Saginaw Bay and we may want to consider that is put in with one of the cities that feeds to that airport.

Is that accurate? Okay, thumbs up.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I continue across here with precincts?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, let's continue.

And we can -- where exactly is that airport here? I'm not seeing it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Free land, so just to that most westerly District that is not currently assigned.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Gotcha.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Not there, okay.

Not there.

Assign that to.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You are doing wonderful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 58.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid can you put your microphone closer to your face?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Sure can.

Okay, so now let's take Bridgeport, which is the area right underneath what we have assigned in 31.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: With.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, with.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yep, exactly.

I was going to try pronouncing that but you know Dustin might get a little mad.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign that to 58?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign that to 58.

And now we are going to go south one more row of Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These Townships across here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Assign that, please.

Okay now if we assign free land to this District, that would make us okay on population. Are there any thoughts on that? I know we just talked about the airport issue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Assigning it to the District 57 which is kind of the 58 or 57, which one are you proposing?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Talking about assigning it to the one that was just drawn, 53.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 58.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 58, yes.

That may be better in 57.

Would it maybe be better.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you Zoom out.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we can see.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange I see you have your hand up again.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I would almost suggest taking out part of the northern Saginaw County and putting free land with Saginaw County so you keep that airport. I just have a feeling if you split that airport out like in 58, I don't know.

I would probably take some northern Saginaw Counties out and add free land in with the County that has Saginaw City in with it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we P pull this down a little bit so we can see up to the Bay Area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There we go.

That is helpful.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So we are discussing where to assign that one unassigned Township.

Exactly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think what Commissioner Lange is saying reminds me of what was said in terms of Grand Rapids.

Like the Cascade Township or Ada Township I can't remember exactly which one but the Grand Rapids airport because we did not assign it was, yeah, I think what Commissioner Lange is saying is true.

So it's either going to be 32 or 54 right to assign that.

One of those districts.

I guess we've got I guess it could be part of Saginaw but that would be quite a stretch, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So there is a major population number there of 10,000 people.

How would that look? How are the population numbers looking for both 54 and 52?

>> 32 is over, 54 is over, they are both over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think you could put it into 57 because it's immediately adjacent to Thomas which also is like the western edge of Saginaw.

So there is more population there.

I'd rather you go that way than to 58.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we -- so if we added it to 54 so that it would be with Bay City, then those first two precincts over at the Bay that are closest to the 58.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To the shoreline.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe they can go with 58 to balance it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, let's try that.

I like that actually sed Szetela how populated are they though?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What is that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How populated are they.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I was about to ask.

Can we look at the three precincts that are right there on the eastern edge of 54?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark then Commissioner Lange.

You are on mute, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you I was making the same comment as Cynthia.

I would take Hampton precinct and maybe Hampton Township.

I don't know what that is.

And free, that is 9600, 9700 and free land area was 10,000.

So it's a good balance.

And it's not you're not bumping up next to Bay City itself by doing that.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay I'm okay with that.

So if we add Hampton and Hampton Township into 58.

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All right I'm waiting for this computer to stop rolling through whatever it's doing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange did you also have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: If you scroll up though to the north, you've got two rural areas and public comment they said that northern Saginaw is more of a rural and we still have a District that's going to be...need to be drawn to the north also.

So that's why I was suggesting possibly taking out the two northern Townships and adding that one in.

That way it's in Bay County and Saginaw County if I'm not mistaken.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So Kent can you Zoom out so we can see what Rhonda is talking about she says northern Townships that are more rural I think at the top of the Bay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes 54.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Zoom out a little bit so we can see or the computer is logged up.

Never mind the computer is not cooperating.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will be glad to do it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you take your hand down if you don't have another comment? Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay so we are back to where we are at now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The only thing we are missing hadn't we assigned this area to 58?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We had, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Then from here we went north, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Uh-huh.

That's correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We are trying to discuss where to take off of 54 in order to add in the airport area.

And we need about 10,000 people.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is the top of it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So if we took off the top two Townships of mount forest and the one to the right of it that gets us about.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Talk to your mic Anthony, we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Gets us about 6,000 I believe.

No, let's than that, about 5,000 so we would still need about 5,000 more people if we wanted to go that route or the alternative route is what Commissioner Clark was talking about, taking out Hampton and Hampton Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those are presents just highlighted presents and not.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: If you take off the Township, not the precinct, what would that give us? Because it said 9,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will go to Township.

And I will select and it would be that area.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign that to 58.

Now let's assign the airport area we are speaking about that south area that is unassigned we will assign that to 54.

And now 54 is a little over so let's unassign those two northern Townships that Commissioner Lange was speaking of.

Yep, both of those.

That can go in a later District, perhaps a more rural District later.

Okay so now 54 is okay but 58 is still short about 6,000 people.

So let's look at the unassigned area where we have south.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm wondering it's not showing on the screen right now but if you could Zoom out just a little bit, Kent.

Could you Zoom out just a little bit, Kent? I can't see it on the screen right now but that top little that top Township that's in 53, I wonder if that could go in to 58 and then 53 could go more to the east or the west or something.

I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see what you are saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say I don't think there is a lot of people there but yes it could be a solution.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It would make it a little more compact though so I would be okay with doing that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You still have 13,000 to go for 57 so I think what you are, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Moving everything to the west.

Okay so yeah that water town Township let's assign that to 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Where are we at with 53 right now? Okay 53 is okay so we are just worried about 58.

We need another about 4,000 people and we need 57 that needs another 14,000 people.

So let's assign, oh, we got something on screen.

So let's assign that Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

Not me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I know.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: We got a case of the Mondays going on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's a Monday.

Cinnamon roll break.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm going to grab one of those.

Okay we are back up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like we are back.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's assign to again just to recap we are looking for more population on both districts 58 and 57 at this point.

So for 58 so we don't box ourselves in exactly that Township that you're hovering over let's assign that to 58.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Montrose however y'all say it.

Montrose.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It's a 58 and it will put us a little over population.

Let's see what it does.

So we are a little over now we are about 3,000 over.

Let's Zoom back into that Township, please.

So we can either split this Township up and maybe just take the east side and go a little bit south to get that little part of flushing or since we are within the population deviation all be it a bit over, we could leave it the same and now just try to get 14,000 more people into 57.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I personally would just focus on 57.

I think you are within the deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, well so now we have 57.

We still need another 14,000 people.

Let's assign the remainder of flushing to it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The 57.

I'm going to change the color of 50 or 20 or that's good, forget it.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You see the issue now is we are going to be boxed in on this Owosso area if we follow the maps that we've done previously that are outlined in blue.

>> Commissioner Rothhorn: I think you are right and yeah, we will just have to adjust.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay this whole unassigned area that we have, that is not outlined in blue, that doesn't go into those districts, this is going to put us over but we can take off from somewhere else.

Let's assign all of that to 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign all of the Owosso.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 57.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: To 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To 57.

>> Commissioner Rothhorn: I like that plan, Anthony.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We have little pieces in there we need to cleanup at some point.

This area to 57?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You do have some parts of Swartz Creek that is fragmented over here.

Do you want to see what population you have in that area? I mean you don't have to change anything.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Looks like both of those should be in 27 in Peach.

The Peach color.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This and this into 27?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's continue with 57 and getting the rest of that unassigned area into it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I'm going to highlight it to make sure we are on the same Page before assigning anything.

That area to 57?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, and then that one Township below it as well.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one right here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

So we are way over but not boxed in and that was the purpose of doing that so now we have to take off population of 57.

Probably that area below 51 would be the most logical place to take off.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just a question, looking at the lines that were drawn from previous maps it looks like was it 55 goes into an area that was already drawn? So maybe it would be more beneficial to leave that bottom portion that you just added to 57 to possibly be added into the new District when we reconcile the other maps?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: It doesn't look like that's included in the other District to me.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: The blue outline? Doesn't that cutoff Hart where you look at District 55 and the blue outlines from previous maps?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 55 is what she is talking about.

Yeah, I mean I think this will be part of the reconciliation process because we know the direction you just did 57 is way over but we know we have other districts that are impinging on districts we have drawn so it's part of the reconciliation process we will have to work on the next couple days so...

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I see what Commissioner Orton is saying.

I think she is saying to complete the rest of that District even though it was drawn a different way.

And then because that area is now complete, we won't have to reconcile it later because it's already complete in two other districts.

Which is you know we could do that.

I don't know what that would do to the population.

But what I'm trying to do is to not go into districts we've already drawn as much as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You could do 59 and just see since you understood what Commissioner Lange was saying I think that is, yeah, it doesn't hurt us right now before you finish your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, okay so we are still way over population so let's take care of that first.

So unassign the areas of 57 that are in exactly that County, that you're hovering over right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Before you do that, I have a faster suggestion if you grab the unassigned population below, why not just start a new District and then reassign 57 from the bottom? It's just faster than unassigning then reassigning. Does that make sense? So if you're looking at those nine Townships that are from 55 putting them into 57 rather than unassign 57 just start assigning like District 58 and 59 and then grab population.

Does that make sense? Rather than unassigning.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, we could do that.

So what we are saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm just making you draw districts today.

You are on your fifth District but that is okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is what I was thinking okay so we will do another District, which is fine.

Okay Kent here is what we are going to do.

We are going to continue adding to 57. We are going to take those nine Townships that are to the west of 55.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put those in 57.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, the ones that are outlined in blue.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm not saying make them 57, I'm saying a new 59 and when you pull up you will take the bottom out of 57 into your new 59 does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That is better.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I creating create a 59.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, we are making a 59.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to highlight them and if it's not what you want, we just stop.

So that is the beginning of 59?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So now we are going into 57 because we are overpopulated on it.

So we are going to take this whole area until we get okay on population for 59.

Yep, and take the next row of Townships that are in 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take which ones?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That whole row of Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This whole row.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That whole row.

Yep, we are going to include that and include Swartz Creek as well and that little area to the right of Swartz Creek.

Swartz.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will go down to the precinct level.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Let's fixings the islands of 57 that we made.

This is working quite well because the difference between 57 and 59 is about even.

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

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm thinking, I'm not sure but I thought 27, I know you just assigned those to 59 Kent but I think those may be 27.

We will just look at it later though.

Let's not look at it now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Zoom in right here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, I think there may have been some changes.

It may have been squared off 27 may have been squared off and when we made some changes it may have changed.

But I have to look back at the history.

So at this point I'm going to do some more research before I remember, yeah.

But I think those blocks that go into 27 from 59 may actually have originally belonged to 27 and we just accidentally.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These blocks right here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Those blocks, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They were in 57.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put these in 27?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No forgive me.

Leave it the way it is.

I'm going to do some research.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Could we see the active matrix for 27?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we see the active matrix for 27? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See the numbers.

Is that what you were looking at.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There it is.

It's still good.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are still good, yep, uh-huh.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So good, good, making progress everybody.

Okay so now we just have to take a little bit off of 59 and put it into 57.

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So does anybody have a -- because 57 we are short 8,000 people, 59 we are over. 6500 people right now.

So it's just really a question of which of these Counties here to take off from 59 and put into 57.

I'm wondering if anybody has any advice on which one of these, this row to take?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That's a tough call.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah.

I'm leaning towards Clayton.

And but, no, we can't do that because then we wouldn't be contiguous which Swartz Creek.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It does seem like that would be best.

But then we have that problem, but maybe we could put Swartz Creek in that little area into 56.

And then look at elsewhere in 56 to add to a different District, take some off.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 56 we are already over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Could we scroll into what the population of Swartz Creek is?

So it's 6,000 and Gaines is what is the precinct just to the east of it? The other diagonal.

So what is the total we would possibly be reassigning? So 8,000 total.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is a single precinct of 1953.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So the total is about 8,000.

And then can you Zoom out a touch so I can see 56? Yeah, so 56.

So you could assign Swartz Creek in the precinct next to it into 56 and take off the western precinct which is about 6600.

And that might move it around a bit.

It's going to be a bit of kind of Rubix cube.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: You are talking about those three western presents, put those.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Probably the whole Township put Swartz Creek in and take those off and then you can come down and pull in from whatever the top one is at this point.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I see, I see.

Okay, yeah, let's try that.

So let's assign that Township you were just hovering over into 59.

Yeah, that Township into 59.

And then we are going to put swords creek and that precinct to the right of it into 56.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that what you had in mind?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Generally yeah, it looks like you have a little triangle there that should probably be in 56 as well.

Yeah, that one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This right here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign those two blocks to 56 is that what you were saying?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 56.

Okay now let's Zoom out and see where we are at with 59.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So now you could put that District above into 57, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay that can you scroll up a little bit.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's above Swartz Creek, Kent.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Can you pan up a little bit, pan north? On the screen? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Going north of Swartz Creek whatever that Township is just north of Swartz Creek, right there.

So Clayton.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And we are going to put that into 57.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 57, okay, thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That works.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: That did it.

So let's Zoom out and see what we got for the whole area here of like Flint and Saginaw.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think we finished the thumb at this part and the Saginaw Bay cities area, haven't we? Yeah!

That's awesome.

All right are you done with your turn, Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I am

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Your two hour long turn.

It's all good.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Lots of collaboration is what I like to see.

The main reasons these are drawn this way to respect communities of interest and we changed a whole lot to respect that added the airport in Midland Bay City and kept Owosso with the Townships and the areas it felt it was similar to.

We have the areas south of Mount Pleasant.

We have the thumb area.

I think.

Yeah, I think this looks pretty good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department of State staff any questions for Anthony? No, we are good.

All right, so Commissioner Lange we are actually on to your turn next.

We are also supposed to break in ten minutes.

So do we want to I think at this point we have the whole map completed for what we had not finished so at this point we will bring in the layers and start melding the maps together.

So Kent do you need a few seconds to do that? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think I think the complete coverage unless I'm missing something.

Like I said all we can do is look at what I've loaded it up and see how the coverage works.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange did you have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, I don't believe we were completely done because we still have part of Saginaw and the shoreline to the east that I didn't see an overlay for.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can you repeat that you don't think we are done with the missing part.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Saginaw, Arenac County were not drawn yet.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right so then Rhonda go ahead and direct the line drawers and then if you don't finish your turn, we will just pick it up after the lunch break.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent, could you please put the overlay for the northeast, the northwest regions up? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: In this region up in here?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay so we had a few, I know, I'm looking for the one I just loaded up.

Hum.

I know what happened to it.

So this was one labeled northwest and UP.

And then we had a few that are labeled west.

I don't know how far west they go but I will turn them on.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Actually Kent pardon me that is actually good because I remembered the other ones.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So this is one of the west.

The green one is another one of the west.

These are more -- they are on already, that is the blue ones.

This was the first one we did on August it's supposed to be 8-23 and it's right down in here.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay I'm good.

I see what I need to see.

So if we could scroll up to the northeast, those areas that are unassigned starting with Gladwin.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Gladwin?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm sorry, hear Kent let me do it like this.

Include all of Gladwin, what is left of Bay County Arenac and go up the shoreline for what is not assigned yet.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So these four Townships.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Leave those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They are currently in 32 do you want to put those in 60 as well?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

Please leave those with 32, just the unassigned.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: She just wants the unassigned she said, so all the white area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of this area?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think so yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will highlight it and if it's not right we will not assign it.

Would you like to assign this area to 60?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 53,812 to hit the target number.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Please go up the shoreline to the other unassigned.

The shoreline.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shoreline.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The shoreline.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Iosco County.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Iosco is 25237.

That is the entire County.

You want to put that into 60?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Go ahead, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need 28,000.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Was Alcona already drawn? Alcona County? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, ma'am the Magenta or pink lines are districts that have previously been drawn in previous weeks or months.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So I am stumped then.

I don't know which way to go to pull in.

Because we already have drawn areas.

So.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have a suggestion?

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well, I'm just thinking since that is so much below a District, maybe there are other areas, some small pockets or something that we haven't assigned.

Because we shouldn't come out with that much left over, I'm thinking.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Notice our maps that are green lines versus magenta you can see when we did those because we did them at different times, we have some pretty significant overlap in those areas so I think that is where the population variance is in especially if you look south of Traverse City, we have green lines going further south and magenta lines coming down so we are going to have to reconcile those two different sets of maps.

So I say draw the District you feel comfortable where you are at Rhonda and we can adjust other lines based on it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, okay, Kent why don't you add in then looking at this District Ogemaw all of Ogemaw, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay Commissioner you are 7805 below the target number.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay can we take 7,000, can you kind of scroll towards Clare and let me see the last -- the population for the far east Counties in Clare County? The Townships, yeah, by Gladwin.

Go to south, south.

Down.

These, oh, you can't see next to Gladwin Clare County the four Townships there, what the population is there? To the west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You want him to go into Clare County.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So into Clare County.

It's kind of difficult to hear in this room.

There is an echo.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner, these are the four Townships that border well three Townships that border 60 proper.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Let's take those four Townships and add them to 60, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That's going to put it in the range.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, let's leave it there at this moment until we reconcile and see if there is any more changes that need to be made.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you Commissioner Lange Department of State staff do you have questions for her? Are you good.

All right at this point we are ready to recess for lunch so without objection we will recess for lunch for 60 minutes.

Hearing no objections we will stand in recess until 1:00 p.m.

Thank you very much everybody.

[Lunch recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The Michigan Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:00 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair. Commissioners, can members of the Zoom call hear me, okay? Okay great. Commissioners,

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose your physical location We will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present. I'm attending the meeting remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present. Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> Commissioner Rothhorn: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present; Attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present. And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Department of State. All right. at this point we are going to continue with our unfinished business 5A which is continuing the mapping and the reconciling of the House Districts.

We left off with Commissioner Lett, so Commissioner Lett, I will direct you to direct the map drawers.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: It appears we have everything filled in; is that correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe so or pretty close to it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So what is our game plan for moving forward?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe our game plan is to start to reconcile the prior districts that we drew.

So you could pick an area or region we worked in before and have them put up the lines and we can start filling those in.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We will take the southeast Section.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department of State staff, we are not seeing the screen share up on the large screen and I'm not sure Zoom.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I know why again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I just want to make sure everybody is able to see it.

Yeah, it's appearing on the monitors in front of us.

There it is.

Now we can see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry about that.

Commissioner Lett, we have it appears just in this general area these blue and green lines pretty much overlap.

They seem to be pretty much the same until you get up into here then you have some these red ones are another plan that come from this way and they all come together I think pretty much in this area.

I can show you the different layers.

We have quite a few to look at.

You know, basically all these, these two are the same, so that is turning off some of the western side based districts.

The green and blue do defer right in this area a little bit.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Let's get down to the southeast aqua, whatever that color is.

And have we numbered those? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: They were in each one of these plans they were basically they start at like 1-10 and 1-20 or 1-8.

We can label them.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So we are up to 58, 9 or 60.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Your District would be 61, continuing the sequence.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And here is some area here that was not assigned in the previous plan drawing and has not been assigned in this map, that would be this little area right in here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, let's label where your cursor is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

61.

I assume that we are going to continue on numbering from 60 on up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I believe so yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Is that correct Madam Chairman, Chairperson I mean.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That would be rationale.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So my goal is to everything that is within that area to label it 61.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

I'll change the color so we don't run into nine.

Not much difference, is there?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: How many people are in 16? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 16.

16 is just 632 over ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And how about nine? That is right above it.

I can see it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a thousand under.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Am I reading that correctly that wood haven has 12000 people in it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 12941 that is 10,541, that is 3240.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Roughly, what 25, 26,000 people.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm looking for suggestions what we should do with 25,000 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The idea of assigning it to 61 perhaps, I think that is what when Anthony was drawing earlier, I think that worked and just understanding it's assigned so we know how much to take off of 61 and sort of to move west.

Meaning I think what we like is that we like the Detroit districts, there is some tweaking that needs to be done but in general as we are reconciling, I think we want to adjust what we drew much earlier and so assigning 61, sign it to 61 and sort of peeling it off as you, yeah, move west to different districts.

That is I guess that is the thought.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could also take that little bit of Brownstown that is not assigned and put it into 16 because you do have a little room there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay all the unassigned area right there is 37,205.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay Zoom out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I also think we've been trying to get the populations as close to 0 as possible, the population deviation.

But I'm thinking with the information that we received from Julianne maybe we shouldn't be as worried about that.

We should be more worried about communities of interest.

I was going to say but also Voting Rights Act.

You know, those things might come to play in this.

So maybe we shouldn't be trying to get it as close to 0 as I was thinking anyway.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I wasn't even considering that since we have 25,000 people.

That's not even -- that is about 25%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 37,000, unassigned is 37.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You could put in unassigned and take off Huron and ash.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess the question is in my mind are these -- is this an area of Down River that we want to include with nine and work from there? Or is this something we want to put in 61 and shave off the bottom? I mean, there has got to be some reason other than stick it somewhere.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I have a couple public comments that talked about sort of little Down River.

I don't think there was anything consistent meaning I don't think there is one consensus that, you know, that this.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This area that is unassigned which is considered Down River belongs, yeah, ideally it would stand in Down River I think you are absolutely right.

And to associate it with Berlin and French town and among the coast there, it fits better it will fit better is good.

I don't think it has to be with nine or 16.

I think it can fit there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right Kent let's put it in 61 and then we will see what we have to do to cure that problem.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK:

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can't hear him.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can't hear you Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Sorry, my opinion would have been take the unassigned area and put it into 61 then initially take off Huron and ash and see where we are at and then we will whittle it down from there.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: One area in with nine because I think nine is low and maybe distribute it a little bit where we are before we move it to the west.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're saying nine is low.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I thought it was.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I didn't.

What is nine.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I thought it was over by a thousand.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 9 is 1088 low, 16 is 642 high.

>> Commissioner Rothhorn: Chair Szetela do you want to talk about Brownstown and what you were sharing with me earlier?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was just saying Brownstown has three different areas to it and then there is the one little divot in 16 that area there is part of Brownstown to put in 16, it will put 16 over but it just might reduce the population of 61.

I would also point out too I thought when Commissioner Witjes drew his Livingston County yesterday he went a little bit into the District that we're in right now and so we I think this might balance out once we get closer around to Ann Arbor so.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I went to make west of 61 the area that is in there 62 and let's see what it is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Take this area here and make it 62?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

It's got to be Memphis at the top.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Milan.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 62 is 240 people below the target.

62.

It added to 62 but it did not change the number.

So let's do a real quick rebuild and see if it figures itself out.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much while Mr. Stigall is repopulating the data for the Commission to take a look at, I wanted to revisit some 1960s cases because I can tell the Commission would love to hear about that.

I promise to be brief.

And the Reynolds versus Sims case specifically talking about state legislative reapportionment and redistricting.

So the deviation Alabama had not been reapportioned since 1903 and this case was brought in the 1960s.

The largest Senate District had 41 times the population of the smallest.

The largest Senate District excuse me the largest Senate District had approximately 41 times the population of the smallest.

The largest House District had approximately 16 times the population of the smallest.

So the court held the U.S. Supreme Court held a substantial equality standard as to population.

And I know in the past we've talked about the Gaffney case again another U.S. Supreme Court case where population deviations under 10% are presumptively constitutional.

We've also talked about another line of cases that challenges can be brought to deviations under 10%.

And challenged if they were based on improper considerations.

Deviations above 10% have also been held to be proper if they were for a legitimate purpose.

And I would like to invite if the Commission would have it one of the best cases discussing that topic is the Harris out of Arizona out of the redistricting cycle and while Autobound is still vexing us if the Commission would like to hear Bruce's experience and perspective on his experience in Arizona.

And again their maps survived every legal challenge at every level of the Court.

Which is absolutely a significant accomplishment.

And in my manner of thinking.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Good afternoon and thank you for that.

I think you know Julianne sent out an e-mail from the legal team this morning about deviations.

And I wanted to echo her point and what she wrote and what was in the e-mail and also wanted to stress, Arizona at the draft map stage the deviation was approximately 5% across the board and grew to almost 9% before final maps were approved to address various issues.

The Supreme Court is unequivocal .3 deviation you don't need to go that far down.

One of the problems will be with such tiny deviations you may run out of people to deal with political fairness, to deal with the Voting Rights Act.

That's going to be -- could be a significant issue.

In Arizona throughout the process we built in leeway before the draft maps were approved and in addition to that before the final maps.

We are talking about the 9% deviation.

And as you know we were sued.

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With the Plaintiffs claiming violation of the 14th amendment one person, one vote.

The Supreme Court was very clear in saying, no.

They have legitimate purposes for doing that.

Like complying with the Voting Rights Act.

And some other issues.

So I think it's really important at this stage as you move towards approving draft maps that be conscious of a .13, .35 .367 deviation.

That is not the goal.

It is not required.

The Supreme Court has been very clear about that and I think as I said in Arizona my advice is we will have room to play because your goal is to comply with the Voting Rights Act.

And the Supreme Court gives you a lot of leeway to do that.

Just as you have leeway to pursue other legitimate state interests like political fairness.

Thank you.

Communities of interest absolutely.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Mr. Adelson.

Steve, if you notice up in 37 that's what I was talking about just so you're aware so you see how when Dustin drew his lines yesterday for 37, he went into that area we had already assigned.

So we're going to need more population up there.

I thought it were you 46? 46.

So 46 and 37 currently go into a District we had already drawn.

So we will need population there.

So I think again, thinking of it like Tetris we will be shifting some of that population from 61 into those other districts.

At least some of it because we are so far over.

Go ahead Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I heard with Mr. Adelson we do have a case and I think if you decided to split that area of the Down River between 16 and 9, I think you have a good case.

We have a very good case to sort of understand keeping Brownstown or the community of Brownstown together with you know, yeah, so I guess I just wanted to offer that is what I heard with Mr. Adelson and think it's a good chance to try it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: He can correct me but I don't think he said 40% deviation was within the realm.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Definitely not.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Did you say that?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: 40% deviation could sustain itself?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right.

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>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that, yes, other than in the early 1960s Alabama that would not be my recommendation.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think I guess I don't know if anybody else is having a hard time but I'm having a hard time visualizing all this with no numbers.

And we can't know what's there.

So we've heard repeatedly from the people along the border that they like our design of what we did along the border.

So do we want to go through and number the border districts to see where we are at numerically whether we are at 40% or 2%.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Knock yourself out and go across.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm not going to knock myself out but he is going to knock himself out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just go across fill them in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 63, 64, 65 and try not to make them all green.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent is a fan of green apparently or that or the program is.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Not that you do.

I take it this program actually assigns the colors automatically.

Tell Fred not to make them all green.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: To balance.

Shall we continue on into this area?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This southwest corner it looks like we have, the skinny lines are -- is a different plan.

Let me change the color so you can see that compared to the thick red.

If I can find it.

I'm going to change that to a different color so we can see it.

Okay, so this thin blue lines in here for example, this District according to the thin blue lines was more up into here.

Rather than that compact.

So we are getting into an area where you kind of need to reconcile the red lines, the thin blue lines.

And what you're doing presently.

So pick your poison.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think we had talked about creating to different alternatives for people to look at.

Maybe this would be a good time to start two different ones.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What are you talking about? What do you want to do?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I'm envisioning you could -- so these conflict.

These two where over in Berrien County there is a conflict so that is where we can start. We can maybe copy this map that we have so far.

And then we can start one can be a version one, one can be a version two where we have our different alternatives.

I don't know exactly how that's going to work.

But.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I guess my question is: We haven't -- I thought we were at the point of reconciling alternatives now.

Are we not there?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, I think we are there.

Commissioner Witjes? Did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say if we were to -- if you were to make a copy now that is two maps we have to make before we can have a full one up there. In my mind is fill one out following the lines as best you can right now and then go make a copy and then adjust it at that point.

So we're not going back and forth between the two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I would concur with that.

And I would also think that it would be easier if we just continue with what Steve is doing and then we can take off the other layers and only put on the one that is an alternative and from a copy then change the alternative.

Does that make sense? Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think we have just one alternative.

I think we made different alternatives in different areas.

So I just don't know how that is going to go together but, yeah, we can.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah, and they overlap in many places.

I mean, the west and the east kind of overlap as well.

Like in this area.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, all I was doing, folks, was going across the bottom labeling them so that we know where we are at through 65 with the numbers and then I was going to go back to I think it's 61.

Scroll down a little on the matrix.

I think that is a little over.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, that is it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: As I understand what the conversation has been, we can go north and west because we need more people up in there somewhere.

And see if we can do something with the access people in 61.

Is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I would like to reduce the population of 61 and try to split that a little bit if you are willing.

What I mean is at the Township level just select Brownstown and I think what I heard Chair Szetela talking about is Brownstown has a unique like it splits like it's a funny thing and would select it at the Township level and try to understand where Brownstown shows up.

And then just see if we can add the other parts of Brownstown to 16 and see how much over population 16 would be and how much right we would take away from the District 61.

That was one idea.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well 16 was almost it was within a very narrow range.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right it is within a narrow range and that is what I heard from Mr. Adelson.

So the reason I'm suggesting is because I do think they appreciate, they, sorry, the people of Down River as a community of interest right rather than, yeah, so rather than adding them to 61, which is not Down River, trying to add those Townships that are Woodhaven, Flat Rock, Rockwood and I think a portion of Brownstown. Rather than add to 61, trying to see how many we can add to District 16 or District 9 without -- within that deviation that Mr. Adelson was saying.

Not the 45% deviation.

Not going that high.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

If you add Woodhaven you are going to add roughly 11 or 12% to 16.

And if you add Flat Rock, you're going to add another 11 or 12% so that is going to make you 20.

Now, I take it you're talking about picking off voting precincts to add in there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, yes, but in particular Brownstown because we've already taken a portion of Brownstown and have not taken the whole Township of Brownstown so adding the remaining precincts of Brownstown to that District 16, right. What I mean to say is to add it or at the Township level to understand which parts of Brownstown are -- it's drawn funny.

I don't think we will actually pick the quote unquote correct precincts and be all in Brownstown.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, I mean, you would not be able to.

I think there is some merit to adding the lower portion of Brownstown you have right there.

The other two sections of Brownstown are east of Flat Rock and east of Rockwood so they will be dis-contiguous with 16 so but I do think from my perspective it makes sense to continue with what you've been doing.

But take it a little north, up to Ann Arbor and then rebalance your districts.

Because that's where you've got the population that needs to be balanced.

So if you were to go in and fill above 62 and then the District above that see what those populations and I think Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and the southern part of Ann Arbor is good.

It's north of Dexter and Webster where we have taken population already, yes. See the light green area in the Northfield, Salem and then Hamburg, Green Oak, those are areas we had districted, that we took back yesterday.

So I think between those three districts, you're going to have to readjust population. Which I think will probably solve your problem in 61.

Because you're going to be able to shift population into those districts.

Does that make sense?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No, but I will let you try.

I think you have to then label the areas south of Ann Arbor, that open area, 60 whatever we are up to.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 65.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So we can then work with it.

Unless there is some objection to that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, go ahead.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That would be 66.

66?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to select areas before assigning them so it can be seen.

That would leave I think this was the District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, so like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Broke up and that would be.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Make that one District and another District and we can see what the population difference is.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, did I hear someone say take this unassigned area and make a District out of it?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is what I was proposing Dexter Webster Scio put them together and see what that population is.

Then we can tell where we can pull population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to kind of drill in to get this little area here because this part of the Township is in this District.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We are looking for a rough number so go ahead with that, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area will have to be reconciled at some point.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And pick up those top two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area is 32000.

That is 67.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: A couple pieces here to grab.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change this color here to.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We can see it well enough for the minute.

All right so, Dustin, you were saying we need to pick up population where? Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm sorry where is District 37 you were discussing, right, Rebecca?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 61 is currently over by I think 30,000 people or something like that.

So we need to shift from 61 over to 67 through 66, right? Because 61 is way over 67 is way under.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think you will have to shift it through 62 and 63.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right and one of the comments that we heard this morning public comments was we got western Washtenaw associated with sort of western Wayne at this point.

You know, that 66 runs all the way to the east there.

And I think what she was saying is you know she would rather have that western Washtenaw and eastern Jackson together.

That was a community that she really identified.

And we've heard that you know, in multiple times.

That's why I think it might actually work, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What are you suggesting?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So take -- so for the eastern part of 66, take off well looks like Mr. Eid may have something.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I agree with what you were just saying MC.

I think this might be a point where you just make it 67 and include what you were just saying.

That eastern part of 66.

The rest of Down River and maybe Huron and that would -- we probably would have to go a little bit further to make a whole District there.

That would be one way or reconciling it.

>> Commissioner Rothorn: So do you want me to direct Kent at this point?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Please.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So Kent the northern tip of 61 there is two rural Counties and we are going to add those to 66, yes, those two.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township here.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And the one below it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This Township.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct those will go to 66.

Yeah, Huron and Ash, that's it, okay.

And then we're going to move west. I don't think these are not final numbers yet. 61 I think is still off but we will come back.

Yeah about 12000.

But at this point, yeah, we are going to 67, yes, we are going to take, so 67 right now is Dexter, Webster and Scio.

We are going to try to get 66. So we are going to take Linden, Sylvan and Lima and put it in 67 for example.

And these are just holding areas right now.

I want to look at communities of interest and get other people's perspective. But at this point it is trying to give us a rough idea how we might do that so if you will assign those to 67.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The area I have highlighted?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

So with 61 so we need about 12000 in 61.

67, 66, we are about 12000, okay.

And we have 67.

We need so 66 and 61 are over.

So Flat Rock, so we are heading to the eastern area again.

But does Flat Rock now the question is does 66, is District 66 in the left the northern edge of 61 wood haven Flat Rock that area that is down river, 66 is not a, yeah, I don't know that yeah that that's where -- where do they associate? You know, is that where should they go? In 66? Or should I try to do 16 and 9 and split up as much as possible.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Huron is considered Down River so I don't think it's odd to put Flat Rock in there but it's significantly west of there would be my concern but in terms of Flat Rock and Huron they are both considered Down River communities.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So then what I'd like to do is actually select Brownstown as a Township.

Well no let's select wood haven.

All right.

So and I'm going to put it into 16.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Put it in 16.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, because what I want to do is I am going to select Brownstown, yep, take out Brownstown will go in Huron into 66.

But wood haven and yes so you will assign that to 16 please yes Kent, I'm trying to go one at a time.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Making sure I keep track of your thought.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So now so that is in 16.

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Okay, and this is also do we remember were we looking what sort of population I don't believe this is an opportunity to elect District.

16 is not.

Okay, so select all of Brownstown into 66, please.

And see what that looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that will cutoff wood haven but I will select it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Don't, no, because you can see that better than I can.

So don't do it.

Let's not do that.

So Brownstown then, 16 was significantly over.

It's already too much over.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlight is all of Brownstown.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's also the southern area too then.

It's so funny.

16 is now 15% over which is too high.

Potentially.

Too high.

All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That made 61 just 96 under ideal.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right so Rockwood and Flat Rock are about the same population as wood haven.

And nine District 9 we could put some of those in District 9.

Is it -- let's try, 12000.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I'm wondering if you I'm wondering if you bring in the bottom half of Romulus into 66 and then take that off of 16.

And then bring 16 down a little bit more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay let's try it, Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So take all these precincts?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct into 66, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, including this one?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please we are still over in 66.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Now we can adjust 16.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Uh-huh and 16 has been adjusted it's still 3% over but that is about where we want it to be.

In 61 is about where we want it to but I believe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 61 looks okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shifted the overage into one District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 66 is our holding District now.

So we adjusted so we have Down River Area is probably as good as it's going to get. So now we want so 66 is kind of so we know we are going to add from 66 into 67 because 66 is over and 67 is under.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, so and if we keep it sort of an eastern facing District, if we look at it sort of south and east of the Ann Arbor area, yeah, should we take the Sharon freedom bridge water into the 67? Or Scio Webster, yeah.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would do Lodi, freedom, Sharon.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The top upper.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is 9,000 so we might need addition.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes so, we need Lodi, freedom and Sharon.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So let's select those please into 67 Kent what you have got.

Yep, yep, you got it.

So 67, correct?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: But then we are going to be cutting off 66 and making that, well, let's see.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 66 is not too bad.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 67 still needs more though.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 67 needs more.

So this is where we go in grass lake eastern so the western edge of 67, we are going to move into the, yeah, Waterloo Norvell Grass Lake, not in that order but Waterloo Grass Lake and Norvell.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Accommodating the District and say they affiliate with Ann Arbor.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Doug are we certain we have Ann Arbor those four Townships in there.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Should be solid, I think.

We can fill them in and check but they should be solid.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's do that, Kent, sorry at this point.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We need 68, I think.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We need District number 68.

And then 69 so let's fill those in.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Create a District in here?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ypsilanti and superior were together as a District.

And then Ann Arbor was broken into two.

So it's three districts, I think.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 68.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid, did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, I was just going to suggest why not take the rest of 16 and put it into 66 and then move 67 over until you have the remaining balance?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Why add 16.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have it balanced at this point but 67 is not balanced at this point but the rest of them are I thought.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: 16 is balanced at this point I see never mine thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Ypsilanti should go into 68 I think that is where we are at that part of Ypsilanti into 68.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It's actually three districts in here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Northern Ann Arbor is its own District and southern with Saline is its own District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This will be 69?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

Keep in mind we have these funky precincts in Ann Arbor.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to have to go to the precinct level.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Reassign those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This little piece up here we have to trim out.

So yeah, it's going to be some cleaning up as you see those little pieces.

That goes to 69? Yep.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then follow this blue line and make all this.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 70, yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So I will do it.

Definitely green is the predominant color.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I guess we are a relatively forested state.

We got lots of green.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I wanted to point out in 69 and 70 you have a combined about 27, 28% voting age population Asian.

So I don't I'm not sure where 70 is but it seems like you could create a District that is plurality Asian and it appears you are splitting the Asian population between two districts.

69 and 70.

As I said I'm not sure where the 70.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 70 is all of our U of M so I suspect we are going to pick up a significant Asian population there as well. We will see.

>> Commissioner Rothorn: Kent before you continue would you turn on the theme, please, the Asian bubbles?

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: You wanted Asian not Hispanic, right?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is what Mr. Adelson was pointing out there is an Asian population we may be splitting.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So those dots represent anything that's over 9%, 10% or greater.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: At the voting precinct level, back out and maybe get the Township, I don't know.

No single Townships that are...that's Hispanic is not what I wanted.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Hispanic and not Asian.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Very good.

Makes better sense now doesn't it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, it does, thank you.

And, yeah, should we look at voting -- would a voting analysis help at this point? We do have a significant population.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, Commissioner Rothorn I think it could help.

There we go.

That is the Asian population.

You have larger concentrations of population intentionally in 7 but it does appear that between the two districts you have more than 30% non-Hispanic Asian voting age population.

Whether you could create a District one District is a higher population rather than diluting and splitting the Asian population in seemingly almost in half.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So this is Commissioner Eid do you have something?

>> COMMISSIONER EID:

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I mean so we could potentially try to draw those two districts differently I think is kind of the takeaway.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, as I said when you have such significant population side by side that will always raise the question of vote dilution or cracking.

So, yes, I agree.

I think that would be my suggestion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you and let's also put up the because I'm thinking about the African/American considerations too.

I don't know I think that we drew this with some understanding of that.

And non-Hispanic Black.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 68 is higher.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is Ypsilanti.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And still not 34 so not an opportunity to elect.

Before looking at the voting records or the election results, we -- to do our due diligence we should try to experiment with 69 and 70 and see if we can draw a population or a District that allows us to have a significant minority Asian minority.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yeah, Commissioner Rothorn I think that is a great point about experimenting because if you just look at the map it does -- it's not an even split but there is a split between the two large Asian populations in these two districts. You know as again as you know we don't have data on cohesion among minority groups and we can't really speak to that.

But just looking at the graphic and looking at the numbers of almost 13% and over 18% those are significant.

That if combined, if they can be combined in one District would take away the issue of cracking.

And delusion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Excellent and this gets to Commissioner Orton's point that we do recognize that we want to have some kind of alternatives.

So and because we are, yeah, so what I'm hearing is that we have a task Commissioners ahead of us to try to experiment with this District and see if we can get to something that feels like an alternative representation of 69, 70 that allows the Asian population to be represented or have an opportunity to elect potential opportunity to elect.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid, did you have a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Just that I think if we are going to be reconfiguring this, we probably have to reconfigure all three of 68, 69 and 70.

And that might make it easier to do as well.

Because we can probably put in a 70 that has all of Ann Arbor right.

I think the reason we drew it this way was also it not to pack democratic votes in one District.

Looking at all three we may be able to achieve both goals.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, Commissioner Rothorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm just recognizing that Commissioner Lett allowed me to take his turn and sort of figure out how to move the population and feel we moved it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are not done with 68.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just want to acknowledge and my point is if you understand it too that was my hope was to try to move it.

I think it's been moved.

If you want to finish off, what I'm saying if you want to take it from here, please do.

I think we've got a reasonable shift, right? Not totally done there, looks like something needs to happen.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to move some blocks to follow this blue line perfectly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Go ahead and do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go ahead and do that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Go ahead and do that.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Those were fragments of the previous District.

Just looking for a little, trying to make it at least close to what it previously had been drawn.

It's pretty close.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Zoom back out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Since we have 67, which is a little light, and we have got 66, 68, 69 and 70, let me see scroll up and let me see 16.

To see if it's okay.

61 is okay.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies for the interruption it appears.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett hold on for a second Department of State is trying to talk.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It appears the screen share stopped.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: What did you say?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The screen share is stopped.

It's weird it's on the Zoom.

Did you say that though.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That looks good.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We lost the Wi-Fi connection I believe.

No Internet connection.

Okay we are getting it back it appears.

Okay where were we?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: There we were there.

So I'm satisfied with the moves we've made.

I'll leave it to someone else to deal with 67 and forward as general Clark says I yield back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department of State staff any questions for you? Sarah any questions for him? You are good.

I didn't see that sorry.

At this point we will move on to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so did we solve the problems there except for District 67? Okay so I guess we will just add to that.

Kent just kind of Zoom into the west side of 67.

We will take that for Townships and add it in.

Can I see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted ones?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and can I see the active matrix for 67? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Maybe I should have put that in 67.

Just a moment.

Now you are around 12,500 light.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think Columbia and Napoleon.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We are kind of messing things up as we go but.

Napoleon and Columbia add in.

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

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Zoom out just a little bit.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 67 is right at 1.8 high percent.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay, I think that is good.

Secretary of State, are there any questions?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Fantastic thanks Commissioner Orton.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Actually I do.

I'm sorry.

Commissioner Orton, could you describe what communities of interest were considered in making changes or crafting this District?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So we have had -- Kent, could you put the County labels on? We have had quite a bit of public comment that eastern side of Jackson County and the western side of Washtenaw County are a community of interest.

We can put up the community of interest overlays.

I think I was just adding to what we had already done.

But shall we put the communities of interest up? Anyone? No, okay.

>> Commissioner Rothorn: All right so I believe we are on to Commissioner Rothorn.

Are you ready? I will fill in the best I can.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have a question on 67.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Clark, please.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If you don't mind going back.

Can we take a look at the population of the precincts in 67? And what I'm looking at is 66, 228.

My concern was that the 2149 and 2288 is really close to Jackson.

I was thinking maybe it would be beneficial to get one more southern up to the east of Brooklyn.

You see what I'm saying?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: What I heard you say is instead of the one that's sort of closer to Jackson, you wanted to go further south.

You see a District that is unassigned?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I have to go east of the Brooklyn District.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You're thinking.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is just my thoughts because that one is right next to Jackson.

It's almost like it's part of the City of Jackson.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's like that but it doesn't -- when I'm looking at the voter precinct, the orange lines the number of orange lines is fewer so it doesn't look like a suburban Jackson area.

Right Naomi just north of that and I see your hand Commissioner Orton did you want to address this too? The reason Commissioner Clark that I think it's okay is because of that right that the fewer voter precincts in each Township, the more likely that they are -- there is less population.

That it's less suburban if you will.

The urban areas have a lot of precinct lines like you see in the City of Jackson.

And then the more precinct lines you get into the Township then I just sort of assume those are suburban.

So what I mean to say because there is this same number of precincts in the southern and in the lower and the northern ones that we added there, just above 63 that is why I think it's okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's fine.

I just wanted to bring that up.

I thought it was too close to Jackson and a suburb of Jackson type of thing.

That's why I thought it would be best to associate it with that.

But that is fine.

If that is what you want.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I know we have a lot of lines up here but how about if we put the communities of interest overlay for that area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can see what we have.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It doesn't have to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can Zoom in and we can read a number unless you have an ID listing.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: The P3087, that's a map. The P means a map; is that correct? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that is District, isn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: A plan.

Okay let's try the really hard to read.

C3142-1.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, C3142; is that correct?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, and there is a dashed one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: It looks like it's very big.

We will see it here in a minute.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Oh.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, so it is it's hard to see up here but I'll try to get it to plain.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see it.

It's very large.

Okay, well, Commissioner Clark, I'm looking at a piece of paper that was submitted at the public hearing.

And where they colored in a map and Napoleon Township, I guess it is that we took out, they do not include that with the greater Jackson area.

They include the other Townships around Jackson.

So according to this community of interest, it matches.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, I accept that, great, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, so are you good?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I am good, yes, I am.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department of State, are you good? Okay, do you want to draw another District or are you good? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a moment.

My laptop is kind of froze up right now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Another.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we will move on to Commissioner Rothhorn once the computer decides to cooperate.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are back and make sure we are saving.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: One thing this application has been very good on is that history file.

We need to go back in history and lose the very last click.

It worked out well in that sense.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right MC take it away.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I think I'm looking at the overlays that we have, there is red lines, the districts that we've drawn, there is blue and red.

Is there a third one too? There is sort of aqua blue.

There is three.

The goal on my turn is to try to reconcile the Jackson, I'll say the Jackson area right and try to get back on to it, yeah, that is my goal.

So and because there is three different looks like there is red aqua blue and blue, I'm just going to I suppose fill in the unassigned space around the City of Jackson, please.

Yes, the City itself.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The City of Jackson? Let me cut the COIs off because that is another layer of confusion.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Am I hearing you say take Jackson and all this area around it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and specifically the Naomi Township which is to the east.

Blackman and summit.

So it should be a try County area but we may need, yeah.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm just going to select them and you tell me when it's a good starting point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is it so we are almost 94,000.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 93, that is 98.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's remove the northern most Township and this try County area is a COI that was submitted.

You know, back at our first public hearing when we kicked it off.

And the goal here too I think is to represent, yeah, there is a -- she offers a lot of reasoning here.

But she is one of I think she had -- this is Nancy A Smith who had also lots of comments excuse me commenters on her COI.

So at this point I'm just going to offer it's a try County area she wanted held together with, you know, a small group of individuals that she was working with.

That's it, all right.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right so I guess at this point it's my turn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I had a question really quick I'm sorry, was there a number for that COI? Sorry if I missed it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think it's submitted May 11, 21, W155.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Perfect thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark, did you have a question or a comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I had a comment.

You know one of the things we learned at the Jackson hearing is how they are associated with the western part of Washtenaw County.

But I think what MC has done here really works without that.

Because I think if we moved east back into Washtenaw County and associated those two the population would be accessible.

So I think what we've got here is perfect for a House District.

I yield back.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

So, Kent, do we have -- we have blue and we have kind of teal and we have red here is that right? I'm trying to understand what I'm seeing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: [Off mic]

That is green and blue together.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So that was part of the southeast and the south Central colliding.

Let me click them on-and-off again.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That will be helpful.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So we get a feel of what we are looking at.

Okay, I'm going to turn off the south what is referred to as the south Central.

And that is the blue that ran from up in here but I think it was combined with the southeast at some point.

So that south Central.

The red was one of the western okay that was a very small point if I'm right.

This is the one.

Maybe not.

I don't see why -- there it is.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, so this is one plan in and of itself and then I'm just going to click through them again so I can find my way around.

That is you know relatively the similar area but not exactly the same.

This is a lot more I'm just going to step down through them briefly.

So the west is staying up in that area.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay which one is the blue one that was here? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, I will go back to that because that is the one that seemed to be...it was no, that is the green one.

See the green lines coming in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Cut that off.

It was south Central that is what it was.

So there you have just two.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: There is a green one that is partial.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The green one is what was confusing me.

Can we Zoom in a little bit to the Jackson area? So back out just a touch.

All right so we are going to start a new District and we are going to start below Jackson, the three counties or three Townships on the bottom. Liberty, Hanover, Puloski.

Let's start there and come up above that.

So Spring Arbor, Sandstone, Parma, Springport, Tompkins, can you grab all of those?
And it's green, what a shocker.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Amazing so these six.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we have a long way to go.

All right. So let's grab Henrietta and Rives or Reeves. I'm not sure how to pronounce that. And then from there we are just going to follow the red line around Homer, Eckford, Marshall, Convis, Lee, Clarence. Get all those and see where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area. Select the area right here.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will select the area before I assign it.

That is going to be 26,000.

Keep adding these.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Add those, add Homer.

All right. So go ahead and add those in. And I want you to Zoom out a little bit so I can see what is around it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That is a big boy.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Getting pretty close to lining up with your lines.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

So let's grab that upper five across of Townships right there, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Bellevue, Walton.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Not so far over bell village Walton Brookfield Hamlin.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You're going to need 5,000 more.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay so add those in.

And do you want to split Eaton Rapids from the rest of the Township though? No.

So I would go over and Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Maybe you just were saying this, I couldn't hear you but I remember that Erin said that Eaton Rapids and Charlotte and little towns associate with each other.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Grab Leslie and the Township to the right and I think that should be pretty close.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say what about grabbing Bunker Hill and Stockbridge and removing some of the Townships that are further to the west?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think I'm going to do that.

Add in Bunker Hill and Stockbridge that way we are not sort of isolating those out.

Then we are going to take off probably Belleville, we will see what the population is.

So we are 5,000 over.

So let's talk off Belleville and Convis on the west side.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This one?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

I think that is pretty good.

All right that is my District so I'm happy with that Department of State did you have questions?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I do.

Could you describe what communities of interest were considered here?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, it wasn't so much putting communities of interest into this and I mean there were some communities of interests the smaller little Townships and cities that are there had expressed an interest in wanting to be together with Olivet and so on and also I was trying to not to go up into the Charlotte area with the neighboring communities there because they want to be in the same District so I was trying to keep them together while preserving a western edge of Jackson community. Charlotte, yep.

All right, next we will move on to Janice Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So can you move out a little? So can I see the Townships? The area around Kalamazoo, the red area that is taken but not Kalamazoo.

Start with Claridon.

Yes, start with all the way to the east to Claridon.

And do that whole bottom.

We will take the next row up.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Next row up this area.

I have unassigned so we can always.

So that area is the starting point?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Like here? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Go ahead and assign this?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay it put a little piece of Marshall you know how these Townships are broke up, so at some point I'm sure there will be a bunch of these. Shouldn't be enough population.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No, leave it for now.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Then I will take Rob Brady, Pavilion, Schoolcraft, Prairie Road.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did I hear Pavilion?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And then these three?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Comstock, Charleston, Galesburg.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue north?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes Cooper Alamo.

Portage.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think you said Cooper and Alamo is not selected yet but it should fill it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It's still working.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay I believe the last place we were attempting to assign these three Townships here, is that not correct?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: You need your microphone, Janice?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Carlston, Galesburg, Ross, Richland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Now you are 17,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: The next two west on the north, Cooper and Alamo.

And then Parchment and then that Section that kind of jags down.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Follow this red line here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, that is a single voting precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And I'm good.

That's it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That District is now just 159 people high.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, I think we are good.

Moving on to, who is next? Richard.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Good afternoon.

Looks like, Kent, I will take the Kalamazoo area there, please.

>> Commissioner Rothorn: Richard for what it's worth we were not able to draw that Saginaw area and we do have Bruce Adelson here if you wanted to help us do that.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We did fill it in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: But it's in the file I don't know if you guys used that or what you did.

I'm assuming you filled it in.

If you are happy with it, I guess I'm happy with it too.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I apologize and I think my memory is faulty and got corrections from other Commissioners here so go where you will.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's do the Kalamazoo quick and see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will start this will be District 74 and I'm going to select a couple of precincts to get it started.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start with that?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fill in the rest if you would, please.

Should we unassign that and I'm not sure what we are looking at on the computer. It looks like a District but maybe we should unassign it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is a piece of Kalamazoo that comes down through this precinct.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Any thoughts?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think we should assign that whole precinct to Kalamazoo.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes, that precinct.

That is my opinion.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Whose direction am I following at this moment?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Go ahead and follow Cynthia's.

I'm listening to what her suggestion is.

It should put us over by an acceptable range.

I think we fall within our percentages.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did you say 73 or 74?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: 74.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay that puts us a little high but within our area.

Obviously, I think it looks pretty good.

I guess I could live with that.

Obviously, I chose the District because we had done it before.

Must have been acceptable.

I did go in and look at the heat maps and I'm very many, many comments that Kalamazoo area and that was in a community of interest by itself.

So that's why I chose that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right thank you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Michigan Department of State?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: One additional question for you Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Acknowledging this was a District that was previously drawn, other Commissioners who assisted in the creation of this District feel free to contribute.

But how were minority populations considered when drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: As I said I went in and read through the heat map comments.

And of course I didn't get at least I didn't see too much specifics but it was a pretty rounded area and like I said the majority of the individuals had commented that they believed it was their community of interest.

So that's kind of what I went with.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Could you pull up the active matrix, please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: The active matrix for that District 74.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you, that's all I have.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, we will now move on to Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Let's do the Battle Creek area.

Just that square of precincts and see where we get.

Looks like this one was already drawn before.

And we are over on 74.

This will put us under.

We can go ahead and assign that to 75.

Let's see what the active matrix shows.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 4.25% under.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: All right then it goes with 74 so I will call it good there at this particular point as this District was already drawn and we are just reconciling.

So I will be good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That was super-fast and easy Department of State staff do you have any questions for Commissioner Witjes?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just the same question that I asked Commissioner Weiss, which is how are minority populations considered when drawing this District?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'm sorry I couldn't hear a word that you said.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: How are minority.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: How are minority populations considered in this District?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I assume we already took that into account when we drew this in the first place.

And I'm just looking at the active matrix in regards to the total percentages now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you want to help Commissioner Witjes out?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, not necessarily with the minority population.

I think he already said there is not a significant amount.

But that would need further evaluation any way.

But this definitely is a community of interest.

And it keeps the military things, installments, I can't think of the word.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Bases.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Together which we heard a lot about in public comment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, so at this point we will move on to Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can we go up to the Grand Rapids area? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These are the previously done plans.

One is in green and one is in red.

They have a lot in common, quite a bit of difference.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's take the one that is in green.

The City of Grand Rapids.

Yep, yeah, that whole block right there.

Yep.

Ada and Grand Rapids, Cascade, and Walker, Grandville.

Yeah, just select all those and we will whittle it down if we have to.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Commissioner Clark is that the area you wanted to start on 76?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, that is the one.

Assign that.

That District is 602 short of the target number.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Or ideal.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's just keep it there.

And I'm good with that and we have already discussed it before.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Eid it's now going to be your turn.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay, well, I think let's continue with this Grand Rapids area.

And let's fill in that the one directly to the left that Commissioner Clark did.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area in here?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Exactly.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: As drawn that District is 3.69% low or 3377.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay that is all right for now.

>> KIM BRACE: Kent, this is Kim Brace and sorry to interrupt.

When I'm looking at the screen just above your 77, you see that one, yep, that one line.

That looks like it's probably median strips or something like that.

But we will need to get cleaned up at some point in time.

Just pointing it out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

We got a few of those.

We do this District and we will probably clean it up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Mr. Brace.

All right Department of State staff do you have any questions for Mr. Eid or Commissioner Eid? Sorry you are good.

We will move on to Rhonda Lange.

She is on.

There she is.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Kent can you Zoom in to Jenison, please? It's right by Grandville.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: On the western edge of what you are looking at and you see Grandville and Jenison is right on the line.

West, go west.

Go west young man.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Going west.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Your cursor was right on it that line right there.

Right in the center yes right there.

That is it.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I want you to Zoom into Jenison if we could more. I'm trying to determine is all of Jenison to the west of the line? Can anybody tell by looking at this? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can bring in the thematic layers in the photography for example.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: If you selected the Township of Jenison then they will see.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me reconfigure the view.

Go to Townships and I will just select it so that is a single Township of Georgetown.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Could you select that Township, please? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Select what excuse me?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Select all of Georgetown Township.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes, please.

And if you could add in Hudsonville.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You still need approximately 30,000 people.

The green and red lines are boundaries that Commissioners drew in previous sessions earlier in the month.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, take in Jamestown.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That puts you at 20,000 down from the ideal District.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Can any of the Commissioners tell me in my mind I keep thinking that I heard public comment about Grandville, Jenison and Hudsonville being kind of the same.

Does anybody else recall hearing that?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: My recollection is Grandville Wyoming were part of the Metro six that wanted to be affiliated with Grand Rapids but we did hear a lot of comment about Jenison but didn't want to be with Grand Rapids.

I was more affiliated with Hudsonville and the more rural areas.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Go ahead and take in Zeeland then.

Both parts of the Zeeland.

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

District 78 now is 2535 under the ideal population.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay let's keep it there for now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you good Rhonda?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I am.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department of State I'm getting thumbs up from department of state and we will move on to Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Kent directly south of 76, a number of that area that is highlighted in green.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Where my cursor is?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

Assign all that.

And let's do 80 and the southwest of that.

That whole area that we've already done.

Got to pick up the north.

Assign those.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is pretty representative of that area.

There is one difference right here.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Put that in.

I'm satisfied with those two and based on the comments we had at public hearings as MGGG and public or and what we've done before, those appear to be in good shape.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

Moving on to Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Zoom out just a little bit more, Kent, so I can see everything.

I'm going to go down to the area just around 74.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Here?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No, Zoom in to 74.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 74 okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right there.

Yeah.

Okay, so all that area around there, Oshtemo, Texas and Portage.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The area that was previously drawn?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That district is 1401 short, 1.53%.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm good with that.

Should I fill in another one? Go ahead.

Let's do the bottom border there.

Since those lines are conflicting, I'm not sure what goes with what? .

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>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Want me to put them in two different colors so you can identify them?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: That would be helpful.

I may have cutoff another one that was in here.

I don't want to miss this one.

This is another and the green is from above, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay so looks like we have thick red and blue or maybe not, maybe the blue is just the thin blue but over the red maybe so you can choose the three bottom up to where the blue and the red line are both together.

Choose everything.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will highlight it and then you will get an okay on it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: And over to 65.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Including this area here.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Both of them, yeah.

Start with that? 82?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That District is .31% high.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm good with that but I see Commissioner Eid has a comment.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I like it too but that area and I think that is what is in blue is the area where we did tentatively have that lakeshore District.

You know mapped, I think we kind of played with having it or not having it.

It is something that I think you know does fit in there.

And we could put there.

But would this be a good time to discuss if we do, in fact, want to make that District?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I was going to say we will have to have alternatives.

I know I want to draw an alternative map in the Ann Arbor area.

It feels like, yeah, we need alternatives in this and whatever that is how I would approach it is we will have an alternative map.

Not necessarily a discussion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think the easiest thing to do is get the map done and then like MC said we can have alternatives that we can propose.

I think that's probably easier.

More efficient.

Any thoughts? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree.

I think this is the lakeshore area is one of those areas where we definitely know there is conflict in comments so I do think we should propose more than one option.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lett?

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Can we take a recess please?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Absolutely unless there are objections, we will take a recess for ten minutes.

Hearing no objections it is currently 3:07 and we will take a recess until 3:20 p.m.

Thank you very much.

[Recess]

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, as Chair of the Commission I recall this meeting of the Michigan Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:20 p.m. will the secretary please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely. 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.

I am attending the meeting remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

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

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

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

And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt. We will continue with unfinished business mapping and reconciling the State House districts. I believe we left off with Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We will stay on the west side of the state 78 I'm looking at Holland area and in particular what I'm going to do Commissioners is there is -- it was from a her last name was Jevins from June 23, C973 is the COI and talking about south of the Holland channel which is this little area that's lake Macatawa and the County line actually splits them.

So we will fill it in, Kent, the say way then I'm just going to adjust along the Michigan Lake Michigan lakeshore a smidge so we can see if that, if we can accommodate their community of interest.

And just not.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Assign this highlighted area.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please to whichever District we are working in. 83 it looks like.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's not showing up.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, the screen share is not showing on the Zoom.

There we go.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 83 is the same area or similar area that was drawn previously.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, exactly if you would Zoom in to that western edge there, what I'm hoping to do along the lakeshore is the like Michigan lakeshore please, yeah, so this so that is lake Macatawa and I guess the so it's hard to see, but maybe it's that, yeah, so this okay so it looks like what we can do is it might be at the block level.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The green lines are the blocks.

So this is one census block that runs a significant distance down, this is all one census block.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is one census block.

So let's try to adjust that one census block and see that maybe all we need to do.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That one and these little ones so they are not isolated? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Correct.

Oh, I see, there was two census blocks potentially.

Oh, no.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: See, there is these little ones that if you take this one you got to get those.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I think that is 11 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And that may be the community of Lake Macatawa she is talking about.

Just to be safe we should add block 3002.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: This is for 83.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 83 assign it? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

And I don't think we interrupted.

So it's about 200 people total.

But that's the gosh it goes all the way down to castle park is that what it says?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Uh-huh.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Gosh I don't like that.

What I would like you to do Kent and I guess we would be dividing -- we can't divide blocks can we? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: No, sir, I don't believe that is doable in this application.

May not be constitutionally, I'm not sure.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, so let's just remove that last large one and we will just leave the smaller ones.

All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I see that there is a fairly large percentage of Hispanic voters.

So I wonder if we could see the lots for Hispanic in that area? I don't know if we already took that into consideration when we split.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I like that idea.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This will be over 9% which is 10% and up.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I need to get it at a higher level.

So this is the precincts.

Let me turn off the precinct numbers and it's easier to see, I think.

Something like that? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah.

It looks like we did take it into consideration.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so I really don't want to alter it more than just adding that COI for the lake Macatawa and I think I'm just going to assume those neighborhoods are what it is.

Oh, I see a voting precinct there.

Maybe we can assign that voting precinct.

That looks smaller than the other one.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Just a block.

We were zoomed out so far.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We can do it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, it just goes down to castle rock.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Do it and then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay let's leave it the same, let's leave it this way then.

Thank you.

And Secretary of State do you have enough information? Thank you.

So that's 83.

And 84 if we just go north of that, I'm just going to do one more.

Yeah, so this is the okay this is Muskegon.

I also have this Muskegon area.

And we've got Norton Shores.

So I think what we were looking at Commissioners was the best attempt at a lakeshore District right with Grand Haven and northern or southern Muskegon.

Which is mostly the suburban area of southern Muskegon.

But not all of the suburban area of southern Muskegon or Muskegon I should say.

Yeah, let's call that 84.

We will just put it in 84 please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Draw an 84 within the green.

The same as this District? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, yes.

This is also where we were dividing up Ottawa County.

This is where we have gotten a lot of public comment.

This is -- is that right, folks? Kent I'm hesitant now wait a minute.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I will just highlight and then you know just stop whenever.

That is the highlight is the remainder that previously drawn District.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay and this is Ottawa County.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Kent.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the county number so that is Muskegon, Ottawa, 296,200.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The outline of Ottawa, Commissioner Witjes, can you help me out? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is the -- no, here is the line right here and right there.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Kent. Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Orton.

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I believe Norton Shores is considered part of Muskegon.

And it should be in my opinion part of the Muskegon District if it can be done along with all the other areas of Muskegon, so Muskegon Heights, Muskegon, Muskegon Township all of that.

But I don't know if it's going to be possible to do that exactly.

However, I think your District 84 as is could potentially go up slightly into that little slivered area and see if we can with Muskegon include the Norton Shores.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay Commissioner Orton did you have a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I do think that when we drew the Muskegon District right now that we have right now, I do believe that we took the Hispanic or was it Hispanic population.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Hispanic and African/American.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I also wanted to say we've heard a lot about keeping this County whole.

But we obviously can't with House Districts.

So just wanted to point that out.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: These dots are the Hispanic area precincts that were previously were requested.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Kent, can I ask to make it easier to compare, can you fill in the Muskegon area as it's drawn as 85 so we can see what the percentages there are for both African/American and Hispanic? Because I thought we did draw this District with that in mind.

That might be helpful to see.

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

We can do that.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Just flagging that Commissioner Lange had a hand raised.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm sorry what?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange had her hand raised.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Oh, Commissioner Lange.

I can't even see her.

She is saying no.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That appears to be the District as previously drawn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, can you assign it to 85 I think it would be? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I can bring up the thematic map showing the Black.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Population.

This is greater -- well let me change it it's 12%.

I want to make it the same as the other.

So that is in a relatively southern part of Muskegon, I guess.

Voting precincts.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right.

So 85 goes further north rather than south.

There is one District that, you know, may have Hispanic population that we could have included in the same District but that was one voting precinct, yeah.

Kent, would you add in 85 that one 2560 and see the difference.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct here? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That voting precinct, yes.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me may I make a comment? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Please.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Can you Zoom out Kent? I just wanted to comment that this is an example of a District I think there are some others that are like this where you have a minority population that is relatively concentrated here in the south Central part of the District.

Part of the reason that the minority population may be the way it is, is you have substantial parts of this District that have seemingly virtually no minority population.

So that may have a diluted effect on the minority population.

And I think that in going forward and in looking at these districts that is something to keep into account.

I mean I really recognize the intent to keep the minority population in south Central part of 85 together.

But by including other parts of the District, you could dilute the voting power of minority voters.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Right let's just experiment with that.

Mr. Adelson was saying the northern part of 85 if we can take off the top three voting precincts and just see what that does for us.

Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area right here? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yep.

Hispanic population percentage went up, yeah, okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: And so we are at 8% under, less than 10% under.

And at this point I'm going to call an experiment and say let's leave 85 the way it is.

Cynthia, do you have something?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So Mr. Adelson, are you saying that in order to preserve a minority population like this give them more of an opportunity to elect we can go this low or lower?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: As far as deviation?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Population deviation.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: I think that really ties into what we were talking about before.

I think that the 8% deviation for in one District and under population it's hard to tell just based on just this what the overall across the plan that would be okay.

However, as I think we've talked about previously, under populating a District in part to comply with the Voting Rights Act and preserve minority voting strength is a recognizable compliant path.

I think that my point here was more to point out that there will be districts where you have a core minority population.

Whose voting strength may be diluted by the inclusion of other precincts that have different demographics.

So whether or not this District can add additional population and still maintain an ability to elect is also somewhat contingent on Dr. Handley's voting patterns analysis of between here the non-Hispanic Black population and the Hispanic population.

So I'd like to see a little more data and analysis.

But if the question is can you leave it at that under population for the time being? If that's something that is your division, I don't have a compliance issue with that for the time being.

I want to see if that number as deliberations go forward and as the maps move along if that can be changed.

But for purposes of now from what I understand, I think that that gives a good sense of how the change of Commissioner Rothhorn affected changes in the numbers.

And may affect the overall ability to elect.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm going to keep experimenting if you let me because I think 84 is still under populated right and what I'm wrestling with here and we heard the public comment about Oakland, not Oakland, but Ottawa County recognizing we have potentially an opportunity to elect here in 85. And I'm using, this is from, so I'm using a community of interest map.

It's essentially a municipality of Muskegon. So what I'm going to try to do, and this is from you know when we were at the Muskegon for 12, Talio is the first name I recorded but the idea is right now to also right make sure 84 and to respect Commissioner Witjes was saying Norton shore belongs more with Muskegon than right where it was with Grand Haven.

So what I'd like to do Kent is remove that triangle on the western northwestern part of 85.

We are going to move that Laketon Township so north, a little bit further.

We will take the precinct off 2918 and we move that one because that is according to this map here this is more tourism outdoor recommend -- recreation and doing a commercial suburban mix and we will go to Norton Shores with the suburban and we

are going to add the -- it might be at the Township level excuse me, it may be at the Township level that we can select.

I don't know if we have to do precinct.

We will do precincts, yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Which ones exact? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: 85 so let's do 2901, 2743, 2488.
2361.

And 1675.

And those are all on 85 please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This precinct, get that one? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

And I guess we have to do the airport, of course.

Muskegon County airport 2475 just below it too Kent and we will be overpopulated but let's watch the minority percentages to see if we've negatively, yes, go ahead, you can assign that, please, Kent.

To 85.

So reduce but not significantly.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Your African/American went down by 5%.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Hispanic did not go down I wasn't watching.

So it did go down too much.

Gosh.

So let's, yeah, and so I'm still diluting even if I take out the ones to the north, I've diluted by adding Norton Shores and the airport and so now if they don't go with Muskegon, then they have to go with some other District.

And that's the part that I'm wrestling with.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So right now you were talking about the African/American population going down.

So we know where the Hispanic population is.

We can see it is kind of centralized so maybe we should look at African/American population, might help.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: African/American dots.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: They are right now okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is just the total pop.

It's not the voting age pop.

A good idea of what you're looking at.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, and I think, right, what part of the experiment here with this District 85 is to intentionally under populate to create the potential opportunity to elect District.

And right if we under populate it then we have to decide where does Norton shows go.

It's a suburban part of Muskegon.

It will dilute the African/American voting age population if it's added to District 85.

District 84 needs population which is the purple one further south but right we've got, yeah, it's Ottawa County also.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark, did you have any insight?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The comment I was going to make is trying to leave you unassigned that was in the northwestern corner.

See, to me what I heard in Muskegon is that a pride from the lakeshore and that is the key part of the lakeshore that's associated with Muskegon.

So I think that should remain.

Because that is what they focus on.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wish I could show you the map Commissioner Clark but what they have got is blue, red, green and yellow tourism areas in the Muskegon areas, tourism outdoor recreation and commercial suburban as distinct from tourism and outdoor.

Make that agricultural.

As distinct from the first two then they have an urban core which is there is four distinct areas and so the only reason I took that out is because it does associate with outdoor and tourism more according to this map which is the justification.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I don't agree with the map I will be honest with you.

You have the Muskegon state park there.

And then north of there you have like houses and stuff.

I mean so.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Would you suggest it stays in?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would keep it in.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would too.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Part of the Muskegon Lake area and there are almost 3,000 people that live there.

So it's not all businesses.

I think that is maybe a mischaracterization to say those are people who own houses.

So.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: If I can associate just one community of interest with this community it's that.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Agreed so let's add.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The lakeshore.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Add 2918.

What I don't want to do is debate too much because I know we have to have alternative districts.

So because I want to keep the -- so but we added in Norton Shores Kent please add that to 84 at this point.

Because I'm going to try to respect what we've drawn and just sort of earlier and, yep, add that to 84.

That area and I'm just going to try to do a different map.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All this area Commissioner Rothhorn? 84.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes 84.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the 84 block.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners joining virtually I'm showing a video. It's MICRC 4 of the public comment that MC is referring to if that is helpful.

Trying to Zoom if on the map here for you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So with District 85 being significantly under populated but in order to preserve a potential opportunity to elect we will have to wait for further analysis on that District 85.

And 84 is drawn with population that you know I'm not happy with it.

But I do think that I want to help us move along.

And I think that we are going to need alternative maps and we will have to wrestle with these questions.

So I'm just going to leave it at that.

Commissioner Eid, do you have a question or a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, you know I think you are pretty close on 85.

Why don't you just take a little bit more of like that shoreline area underneath it? Like just those precincts touching the shoreline.

And then I think it would be okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It's more about the demographics in that area.

So it's less -- you know as Mr. Adelson was pointing out right if we under populate for a reason, and that is the reason for me is to try to create, to see if we can actually create an opportunity to elect District.

Where there wasn't one previously.

And so that's why I'm not going to do it until we have further analysis.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I thought there was some African/American population there on those two precincts that are most close to the shoreline.

Can we look and see if there is with the Zoom in.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We have the dots up and that is the African/American.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'm going to drop the dot level basically everything over 5% rather than 9%.

You may see more.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Great, thank you.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So any precinct that is more than 5% Black should have a dot in it.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we don't see that one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: What about this one? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's try the same actually that 5% threshold, Kent, please, with the theme for Hispanic at that 5% threshold.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So we could go east.
7%.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 7 point.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's add that one and see what happens, please. So up marginally but the African/American population decreased so let's remove it, Kent, please.

Thank you.

Yeah, there is too much of a dilution for a small amount of increase.

Yeah.

So, yeah, at this point I'm going to say that we need alternatives but this is what we've got and, yeah, we got to keep moving.

We are not done with our House Districts yet so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right at this point we will move on to me.

So I'm just going to fill in too just to be quick.

So Kent can you move to the east of 85 and 84 and fill in that whole area we had filled out before? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Let me change the color in 86.

It's barely legible.

Making progress.

It takes a minute to scroll down through here.

And that should complete the previously drawn District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Now we will move to the east of Grand Rapids and we will fill in that other District over there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area here? So this shall be 87?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: District 87 is 3.55% low.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay all right so can you Zoom out a little bit so I can see if we have got anything quick and easy like that? Otherwise I'm going to hand it over to Commissioner Vallette.

All right, can you scroll down a little bit? To the down the lakeshore? Yeah.

Let's go ahead and fill in that other one but up by 82.

Because I think that is a complete District right there.

Yes, fill out 82.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The red one? Because the blue one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yep, like out to the purple area.

So 88.

So yep, so all of St. Joseph, Benton Harbor.

And then those three, yep, three Townships going in and let's see if that is the right population.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 91,588.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Let's assign that and I will hand it over to Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay can you back out so I can see the map? Okay so go back over to the western side. Above 88.

And can we fill in within those red lines? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay to be clear this area within red?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Department, you good? Okay.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Is that the area you want highlighted?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 89.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go up a little.

Go north.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Your District right now is 24,000 light.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Go in and fill in the rest of the red.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Continue adding?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe that completes the District as it was previously drawn.

Up through here.

Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

Then take north of it up to the other District.

Well take under Holland.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 89 is 710 people under.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, I'm sorry I did not see.

Okay I'm good with that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I realize this was a District we drew before.

But I don't like that one little Section of shoreline.

So I think we should add it in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'm wondering if we could pop it up to the two and take off a step. I don't know what the populations are.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's do that.

Put them in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So that is like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Did you say put these precincts into here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: All around the Holland.

Those two squares.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, let me see if I get this right.

That area?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: And this area also?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Sorry, assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes, please.

And then can you go south a little? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: You are about 8,000 high.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Commissioner Orton what were you thinking we should take off?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can we see the population.

Well, one of those furthest away.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Are you talking 2211.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: 2211 is perfect.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Remove that, unassign it? 2930 and wait, no, we are good? Okay we are good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I think you are good.

[Laughter]

Okay, so we are going to move on to Commissioner Weiss.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right, Kent, could you back out a little bit please so I can see where I can get into trouble?

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

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I was going to say in District 89, if you were to Zoom in real quick for me, those two Townships and the little square that is right in between the two up at the top of where you are at, right there, nope, right there, those three precincts right there or Townships you might want to think about removing.

Just because it's going to give you more to work with in the north here and we are going to be getting into more Grand Rapids type area.

And currently 89 is over by 5700 individuals.

2930, 2994, 851.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Let's remove them and see what it looks like.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, it's 990 persons below the target for perfect District numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: The only reason I suggest that is we added the two districts above what we were drawing and what was there drawn previously but we didn't take anything away.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm okay with that let's leave it like that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Kent, I got a quick question.

Zoom in on District 75, would you, please? And see what the population is because what I'm thinking right there at the top of the District, that little Township or, yeah, I guess that is a Township, could maybe be added to that.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: It could be.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: And that would get us a little closer, whether that is good or bad I'm not sure.

It's kind of in a bad spot.

So if we add it to 75, then 1508 would bring our total up a little better.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Shall I assign that to 75?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

Okay I kind of like that a little better.

Any comments anybody?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I think that is good.

That is not your District though.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Am I done now? If you would, Kent, could you go up to the Saginaw? Obviously, I was not here this morning just to see what was done quickly? Be Saginaw.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Saginaw Township is underneath.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: You got to go up a little bit towards the Bay where the Bay is.

Right in there, yes.

Okay that is kind of what I had in mind I think when I sent a shape file.

I was just curious to see what you did.

I guess that works.

Okay, Zoom out if you would so I see where I need to go now.

All right.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: We do have some layers where the districts were drawn in Lansing, should I turn them on for you?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I was just thinking about maybe we should go there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So the red and blue lines are I think they are the same as that but they are District boundaries that were drawn in previous work sessions.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right if I take the District that has been predone to the right of the word Lansing, those, yes, that area right there, would you fill that in? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Down, yeah, what is that Okemos? Oops, where do you go, Meridian, East Lansing, that whole Section right there.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay we got to get drilled in on this one.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: So assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, have you got that assigned to the right District? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 88.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: 88 is that where we are at? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I believe so.

We are on 89.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I think we are at 90, aren't we? .

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: What was the last one we did out on the west coast.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is 88 right there, I'm sorry.

It's getting late.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Kind of fly around, okay, we will do this.

Go down to the block level to fix these pieces.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Fix it so we know where we are at.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is the reminder of the District that was previously drawn.

Do you want me to assign it to 90?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is your District 90 as requested is 1104 people high.

Which is 1.2% over ideal deviation.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right I think I'm good with that.

Unless any other comments.

Obviously, we had done this before.

I assume everything was COIs and all that, that is why we drew this District originally. So.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Weiss.

We have thumbs up from the Secretary of State.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe this is the East Lansing version right of this Lansing, sort of south Lansing west and sort of east.

And there was a couple public comments about adding some things on the top.

The, yeah, so but that's the only comment that I would have Richard is we've had public comment about Bath.

That is a suburban area of the East Lansing area and it might be important to keep that together.

Because you asked for comments, I'm just sharing that.

I don't think it's important for you to adjust it right now.

But that was.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right, okay, I guess I'm good then.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Good, on to you, Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Might as well finish out Atlanta here if no one has problems with that do 91 and 92 and fill in the Lansing area.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Draw the new districts the same shape as what is there now?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Correct and the one above it as well if no one has objection to doing that.

Killing two birds with one stone in Lansing.

And while we are just filling this in as far as the rationale goes again these were drawn in the past.

Communities of interest we took into account were East Lansing, the Lansing and Delta Township communities that were we were told about.

We also do have lots of public comment saying this could potentially be suggested as Commissioner Rothorn just stated but as we are just reconciling what it is we have done, that is something that we will be able to deliberate on once we have the maps completed.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you Commissioner Witjes.

As these districts were previously drawn, as you all know since then I've added a few questions to my arsenal of questions so just wanted to ask as we are filling this in how minority populations were considered? And you don't have to answer until they are all filled in.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will be answer that question a little bit better once we have the active matrix filled out for the new districts that were drawn.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you say that again.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will be able to answer that a little bit better once we have the active matrix filled out with what we are filling in.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are you doing all three there, Dustin? Were you doing all three in the Lansing area?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yeah, I said I might as well finish.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I was going to say do all three if you are not, please.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Commissioner Weiss did 90 and I will do 91 and 92 for the Delta Township in Lansing.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: With District 91 I can help Commissioner Witjes with rationale as far as community of interest.

There is Delta Township excuse me it's Delhi Delta it's Delhi the whole area and south of Lansing is definitely a community of interest.

The demographics there is a significant African/American population in 91.

In south Lansing I think it's distributed through Lansing and I think the if we get the theme up, we can see that.

But the east, west, south split is an attempt to help Delhi in particular with District 90, Delhi Township associated with that southern portion of the and that suburban urban sort of relationship they maintain and they have asked to have preserved.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Mr. Adelson may I try on some language with you? One thing I'm recognizing as we talk about communities of interest particularly when there is an African/American voice if you will and the language is a voice, I don't think it's an opportunity to elect.

I don't think you know I can understand how we can create an opportunity to elect District here.

But recognizing there is a voice in a District with a community is also I mean it may not be VRA stuff but that is part of what we are trying to draw here too correct?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Yes, I agree.

It certainly goes to the District shall reflect the diverse population of the state.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To your point and let's flip, let's just talk VRA vernacular if it will apply.

I think what you're thinking about would be called an influenced District.

Influenced District is a District that's not 45% minority for example or even 35 percent.

That the population is lower than that with the thought being that smaller insular minority population may have an opportunity to influence the electoral decision.

The population is not big enough to be the decider.

But the thought being that if it's to your point of there is a community of interest particularly a historical one that has been in existence for some time but the population is not high enough to, I think the term is to control the outcome of the election.

But they can't influence.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That is helpful.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: If I may is this community in this District 92 configuration? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: The 91 I believe is in particular the what I'm thinking of.

And I don't know that that's, yeah, we've got a significant distribution.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: To your point what is interesting about 91 and 92 they are 40, 41% over all minority population.

Without looking at the voting age.

This really goes to the point of why it's so critical to have that voting pattern information excuse me.

Do these groups vote cohesively, is there coalescence, do they support the same candidates? Because it's interesting just looking at the population distribution, that's the key unanswered question that we don't have.

An answer to which we don't have.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So it would not, if we look at the full minority or focus minority races, we will not be able to determine that is that accurate?

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Excuse me, not necessarily.

I think it's always a good idea to look at those results, I think.

Particularly when you're in the 40s.

Mid to high 30s.

Of overall on voting age population.

Because they do show a give you a snapshot of how the districts perform electorally.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay, okay, just going to say Commissioner Witjes before you finish 92 because we have been talking about airports, the capital region international airport is just above it.

Yeah.

And if you added that to 92, yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Go ahead and do that, Kent, add in the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay, there is four people in that area and we need to look at this right here to make sure we are not doing something egregious.

So we have isolated these two census blocks I believe.

We have no population.

So up to some point these would have to go in a District this way or that way or whichever way.

That goes in 92?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes perfect.

Works for me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right, we are good, Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: At this point we will.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm sorry I remember I wanted to look at the election results.

Just for 92, yeah, 90, 91 and 92 to see if we can establish, what we can learn.

Yeah, the statewide races.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Statewide races first? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, please.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: The highlighted District is 92.

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>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Because we are not looking at opportunity to elect District, I'm looking at that sort of summary on the left.

And noticing a double.

Right the difference.

And I'm wondering if that is legitimate for me to sort of look at that and summarize it and say, yeah may be a pattern.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: Absolutely looking at the election results.

Kent, can you move a little to the left please.

The District in the elections we are observing the margins tend to be about two to one.

And I think that also call attention to the 2014 Secretary of State race, I believe that is Dillard versus Johnson where the candidate of choice won, won by about 13%.

Could you move one more to the left, please? Just to see this, the demographic primary? So without and I think this is just another good example of why the voting pattern information is so interesting.

Because we really don't have any data that could -- we could extrapolate from this and to learn more about it I think it does show that there again as we saw in the eastern parts of the state there was racial polarized voting.

But as Dr. Handley concluded, we do see that in the state.

But this, the results show that this District does perform in the sense of minority candidates of choice are elected with that the bellwether race also I think is uniformly that the candidate of choice is elected.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> MR. BRUCE ADELSON: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Move on to Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay let's look north of Lansing.

There was, yeah, so Grand Ledge and then let's move up into that four by four block of Townships.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area that Grand Ledge and north?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is 93.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I believe so.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Start with that?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, go up one more, at least one more.

I can't see the top.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: I'll Zoom out a bit.

Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go up two more Townships from where you were.

And over three rows and down back to Lansing.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This area?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: All of that we have to come down here and do something.
Assign that?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, assign that, please.

But not the airport.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: This is unassigned area that is in light color.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, assign that, please.

Yeah, get that.

Okay can you make that the whole thing a little smaller? Zoom in on it? I want to check the borders, make sure there are no towns next to it.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Looks like that is as it had previously been drawn.

Other than the capital region airport is moved.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, well that had four people.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So I think the -- there is one little piece that you had fixed before, but it got unfixed.

Where is that? Right, yes.

Right near where you are.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I saw white block.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: That is right.

We moved that.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: There is one more further to the east too.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Either put this back in 92 or these guys in 93? However y'all want to do it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Put it back in 92.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think there was one more unassigned place right in the middle of this District.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, full to the left a little bit.

Can we do a save just to be sure? So, yep, you see it right there, yep, right there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Can we just do a save too.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah, we need to do that.

17 people.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Eagle eye Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Zoom out again and I want to take another look.

Because we are 3800 below.

>> MR. KENT STIGALL: 93 is this red line here.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Zoom out a little.

Okay, where Grand Ledge is, can you go over one Township and see what the population is there? Okay, right there.

Right there.

Down, down, down.

Right next to Grand Ledge.

It's Mulliken.

1748.

Yeah, let's put that in.

Let's get that one as well.

And if it causes a problem, with another District, we can always eliminate it.

Okay good.

Let's see what the population is.

Yeah, I'm more happy with, this is still short, isn't it? Show me the population going down the Township from Grand Ledge.

Yeah.

What is that? Yeah, it's going to be -- that is going to be too much, I think.

Okay.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any comments?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton did you have a comment.

Okay.

All right, Department of State is giving us a thumbs up so if you are satisfied Commission Clark, we will move on to Commissioner Eid.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I am.

Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do you know what I'm sorry it's 4:30 and I'm supposed to be stopping as Commissioner Rothhorn rightly reminded me before I blast into another District.

So at this point we are going to stop our mapping.

And move on to our new business agenda item 6A.

Consideration of schedule adjustments.

So we are meeting tomorrow and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday 10-12, 1-4 and 5 to 8 and Friday to be determined but I the Commission.

I see Edward over there without objection I would like to ask our communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods iii to share the facility availability of Friday.

Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Good afternoon can you hear me? Wonderful.

And on Friday we are looking at and we are just trying to finalize that and being at the Detroit Marriott Troy with regards to that on Friday at 9:00 off of big Beaver road.

So we would stay there Wednesday night and Thursday night.

Wednesday night and Thursday night and we are should have confirmation later today.
Or first thing tomorrow morning.

But the goal is to stay there Wednesday night we are at Oakland University.

Which is not too far from there.

And then we would have our meeting there on Friday.

So that way we would stay in Detroit.

Metro Detroit for the entire week.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any questions or comments? All right okay so seeing none I think tomorrow we can probably make a determination on that meeting time once we have confirmation of availability from Mr. Woods.

So let's move forward with agenda item 6B proposed amendments to the rules of procedure without objection I would like General Counsel Julianne Pastula to present this agenda item.

Is she here? There she is.

Once you have a chance to return to your seat please proceed.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair.

Before the Commission are proposed amendments to the rules of procedure.

Under the current rules of procedure they need to be presented and cannot be acted upon with a minimum of three days' notice.

So these are being presented for the Commission's consideration a brief summary is enclosed on the memo.

And then a red line version for the Commission's convenience is also attached.

The substantive changes would be in Section 3.4 a process or procedure for the vacating of an office.

There are constitutional provisions that state how that -- what the conditions are for such a thing to occur.

So that would be the corresponding procedure for that.

The other substantive change would be the restructuring of the order of business.

And the addition of to the rules of order specific rules that would benefit the Commission.

The most important of which in my estimation is the edition of a motion to discuss.

So much of the Commission's business is receiving and receiving information, asking questions about information without the need for an action.

So that, that is what was provided there along with motion for withdraw.

And the rules that are put in the proposed rules, pardon me, that are included in the draft amendments differ slightly from the standard way for example.

In the withdrawal or modify Section, in the I don't even know what that is.

I apologize.

That's never made those noises before.

The for example on the withdraw or modifying a motion Section that Roberts rules allows for a member making the motion before its restated but I the Chair to have the ability to modify that motion.

The Commission's practice custom and practice has been that it would be through a motion to amend after it's restated.

So that was preserved.

And changes so on and so forth like that.

The other highlight would be actually those are the most significant changes.

The rest of the changes are either Scribner's errors or just brief clarifying language.

I just turned it off.

I had no idea what that is doing.

I do apologize.

I have owned that thing for two years and it has never made any of those noises so I'm not selling the fit gear right now, am I? There were others, so in the summary I would also like to highlight that there was a request by Commissioner Orton regarding the duties of the Chairperson.

That's clearly reflected in the summary as coming from an individual Commission.

Commission Lett raised modifying the order of business.

That is also clearly designated as coming from Commission Lett.

We also have Commissioner Lange offering feedback and recommendation on the presentation of the agenda packets which is also reflected clearly in the summary.

The rest of the modifications are notes that I have made on the rules as the Commission has progressed through its work over the past many months that you've been working and so that is the genesis of those suggestions.

Any of the recommendations are just recommendations.

They can be modified by the Commission.

And the rules if the Commission wishes to adopt accept any of the proposed amendments or to make any other ones would need to be adopted but I majority vote.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you any comments or questions? Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

Madam Chair.

I had a couple of suggestions on Page five paragraph four you talk about allowing extra time, I would suggest that we include in there which will not be unreasonably withheld.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I'm on Page five, paragraph four.

To grant additional time, thank you, I'm with you now the last sentence of paragraph four.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Correct.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Commissioner Lett and I should have put line numbers I do apologize that would have been very helpful.

Additional time may be granted but I majority vote of the Commission and shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Does that capture?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Okay thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Paragraph five you talk about having a meeting either a regular or a special meeting.

I would suggest that we use only a special meeting for this type of activity, not a general meeting.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: On Page five I captured that by striking out the clause under number five meeting specified regularly scheduled meeting or.

So it reads shall address a notice at a designated special meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: And I, you know, Commissioners these are all suggestions.

So.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm not saying they're cast in stone by any stretch of the imagination.

Does the Open Meetings Act allow for a closed hearing in this situation? At the request of the member?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Chair to Commissioner Lett, that was actually a consideration that I did look in to.

And it was the Open Meetings Act reads to hear a complaint about a staff member or employee.

And Commissioners would not be considered staff members.

I'm happy to go and take another look at that language and provide you an answer in writing to that question.

So I did not include it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I just need a response.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I had researched that and concluded it did not but I'm happy to look into that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That answer is sufficient.

Thank you.

What about having attorneys present?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Through the Madam Chair to Commissioner Lett.

The purpose, no, I did not include that.

Certainly the Commission could do that.

There is no -- I did not feel there was a reason or a basis to involve attorneys in it.

The process is a notice and opportunity to be heard.

It's not an elected office.

It's not -- it's certainly I did not propose that the rules of evidence apply or any quasi-judicial provisions but it would set forth the allegations and the individual would have an opportunity to respond if they so choose and the Commission would hear both sides. And render its decision.

There is no mechanism for appeal on this.

And again it's not an elected office or so it's slightly different from forfeiture proceedings or other proceedings that the Commissioners may be aware of particularly the attorneys on the Commission.

So I endeavor to make it very straightforward and simple for not only the Commission but for the member that is responding to such a notice.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, while it's not an elective office, it is an office that was set up by a constitutional amendment.

And the choice was made pursuant to that amendment.

Each Commissioner has a significant property right as is.

And by this process you're depriving that person of that.

So I would respectfully ask that that be considered.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel did you have any feedback?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Most definitely.

Certainly Commissioner Lett, that can be included as an option if someone wanted to hire an attorney.

I would not agree that there is that you have an interest, the Constitution clearly gives the Commission the authority to consider an office vacated.

So this is completely in line with that.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, that is a significant difference in considering an office vacating and us vacating it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And again the language that was followed, it was the language from the constitutional amendment.

So this power was conferred upon the Commission by the drafters and subsequently the voters in adopting it.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Since we are making if this is passed, we are making some significant changes to our rules of order, I would suggest that we consider ratified the past actions we've taken under the old rules so that there is no question about those having some illegitimacy or question going forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I agree with that, Commissioner Lett.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Can I get what is, I just need what does ratifying mean? Is that sort of saying yes, we agree but right now we are proving.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Everything we did before approving.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Approving past actions.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Because there is a rule change.

Any other comments Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: That does it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So I have some concerns about the changes to the Chairperson Section.

Specifically I think what has created issues for us in the past has just been a lack of flexibility.

The language is very strict.

So I'd like to see more flexibility built into what you have in here.

Particularly the ability to sort of pass the baton I think would be nice.

So that say if I'm remote and MC is Chairing because I'm remote, I think that should be a designation maybe that the chairman makes.

Make it permissive rather than shall.

And then if for some reason MC needs to leave the room for five minutes it would be nice if he can pass that potentially back rather than having to designate an acting Chair to be in the room.

I would just like to see more flexibility because I know this particular rule has created some issues for us particularly when we've had our Chairperson ill, who wants to attend, can't attend because if she attends then she has to preside.

And then I also want it clarified too that not being able to be Chair doesn't mean that you can't be at the meeting and voting.

Because that has been an issue in the past as well.

So I would just like to see some more flexibility there.

Make it as flexible as we can.

So that we have a little bit more you know we are kind of flexible in how we do things.

Let's make our rules next that so we don't have a situation where we have someone being told, no, you can't attend because the rules don't allow it even though you want to.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: And I'm glad you raised that Madam Chair because certainly on Page 14 under 7.4.1A, the addition to able to preside in that first sentence that grew out of those occurrences you're referring to.

And, again, being present and being a participating member should not be precluded because of a status as an officer.

So that was the Claud added to the first sentence.

The second sentence was added at the request of a Commissioner.

And certainly the flexibility as far as Chairing between the Chair and Vice Chair I can add language in that.

But would need further direction.

On again the discussion or I need further guidance as far as what it currently, the proposed language currently reads is that the Chairperson shall be physically present at a meeting to preside.

And certainly I think I can add in more flexible language about being present, but I think if I hear what you're asking.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I'll propose something for you, I'll propose something for you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Again I just wanted to be sensitive again that the physically present I think for Chairing purposes was a separate consideration.

So I wanted to be very sensitive to that.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All right any other questions? All right anything else you want to add?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, thank you Madam Chair.

That, again, any feedback, any questions, any additional proposals or clarifications please don't hesitate to reach or raise them with me.

I'd be happy to address them.

And I will again capture the requests or the suggestions that were made by both Commissioner Lett and work with Madam Chair to capture her language as well.

And recirculate as well to the Commission and have it posted on the website thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much at this point we will move on to approval of minutes agenda item.

We have none to approve.

So we will now move on to staff reports.

Let's see, where am I, without objection I'd like to ask Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a report.

Please proceed Ms. Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you Chair Szetela.

On budget as of August 31 was provided for your review.

There are also some recommendations to balance our budget a little more -- a little better towards the year end.

Certainly didn't assume that the facility and AV costs would be so high online item for in person meetings.

And we received another 13,000 in expenses today in that area.

So that will be significantly more than we anticipated.

The good news is if you look at the light blue items on the far right column, we can balance that item by moving some monies from other places and those would be items 11, 14, and 17.

So that is something that can be done.

And I'm requesting that.

On items 12 and 13 were for the public hearings.

They were over and under by the same amount so if we could combine those two items that would balance those lines in the budget.

And then lastly, I would ask to leave 13,000 for the budget from spent portion to line item 16 to be that item.

I believe that we likely will use most of the unexpended part of the budget that we've held all year long, waiting for those expenses that we didn't necessarily anticipate. And I believe we will use almost all of that.

If there is any that is unused, we would encumber that money for our consultants because they are under contract and that is something that we can do.

And utilize those funds shortly after the fiscal year ends on September 30th.

Are there any questions on the budget?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I just want to make sure I understand the encumber part it means we will be using it just not spending it yet is that accurate?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That is accurate we would have those funds in those contracts set aside and the funds would be spent in October for those line items.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange did you still have a question?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No, I had a comment.

Sue as she is talking is very staticky and garbled on my end and if she could back off the microphone so I could understand all of what she was saying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I've got a number of questions for Sue.

First of all what are those two line items your expenses that you're going to push to October?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I'm sorry I'm having difficulty hearing you.

The two line items that we are combining.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: 12 and 13 and are shown in green if you printed in color.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, that is the problem I did not print in color.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Mileage for public hearings and meals.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, okay.

Number of questions.

Number one, let's talk about line item 5.

The over budget not significantly but where and maybe you can ask general mileage.

This is mileage for staff and Commissioners outside of regular meetings, public hearings and town hall forums.

Other than what Edward does to set up everything for us, where is all this mileage come from? This is 5,000.

5,000 to date.

What type of mileage would that be?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That is mileage for anything that isn't going to a meeting or going to a public hearing.

So it could be going to a presentation.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Town hall forums.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Could be town halls.

It could be travel for example, General Counsel went to a conference.

It would be those kinds of items.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, just appeared to me to be excessive but that's fine.

Item number nine.

Facility AV.

We are 96,000 over budget on this.

And I understand, I understand the stuff is expensive.

How did we first of all how did we miss budget it by such a significant amount? And, second of all, why weren't we notified? I mean we are seven days to the end of the fiscal year why were we not notified a month or so ago we were getting ourselves in trouble on this?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Basically we didn't have any of these expenses until July and August.

This is the August 31 budget.

In July I had added this item to the budget because it wasn't in our budget at all previously.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And we have a balance of 133,000 unspent or unallocated.

So that looks like that will offset some of the projected overages we have.

We were wise holding back some of that money and not budgeting it because of situations like we have with the audio visual.

So now we still have bills coming in for this fiscal year, do we not? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We still have bills coming in for this fiscal year is the question.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Absolutely. We are logging the September bills as they come through but realize I'm asking to move about 13,000 from this 133 right now because the other sections that are over can be offset by the other line items that are under.

So it's not -- I mean there still is there still would be 120,000 in that unspent line item.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: For expenses that come in September.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I understand.

Personally I would suggest not changing the budgeted amount so that in shifting the money around so at the end of the fiscal year we can see what categories we are over and which ones we are under and how much.

If we shift the money, we are not going to be able to see that.

And that will give us a better idea of how to budget for next year although next year will be a lot different.

But it will also give our predecessors in ten years from now an opportunity to see you know where we fell short on the budgeting process.

So anyway those are my comments, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any additional comments? Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, Sue, can you address line item 21, the continuing education of 400?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That was the Dr. Petering presentation as was provided last month or when the last budget was provided to the Commission. I believe it was stated then at that time.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't remember.

I remember seeing an e-mail about it but not on the budget.

I don't remember us paying for any other continuing education so I'm wondering why we paid for that.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Because the Commission requested it and that is what he charged.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't think he knew he was charging.

I would not have okayed that if I knew it was costing us money.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH:

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Does anyone else agree?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I agree with you if I had known there was a charge, I think everybody my feeling it was requested by another Commission and we were sort of accommodating that request but the feeling towards it would have been different if we knew there was financial cost associated with it.

Even though it's a small amount we have not paid for anybody else.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: That inconsistency I think that makes it challenging but we can move forward and figure something out but I think there is other comments.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would just say in the future if there is a request from a Commissioner for someone to present and so on and so forth and there is a charge associated with it I think definitely as a Commission we want to be made aware of that so we are fully informed when making decisions.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: To be clear it was not a Commissioner.

It was no less than 6 or 7 Commissioners who requested that when the information was sent out

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: But my comments were the Commissions made aware there would be a cost.

I don't think so.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange and Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just going to say I was aware that there was a cost. So I don't know where the break down was with the other Commissioners. But I was aware that there was a 400 charge for Dr. Peterings so that's all I got to add to it.

I don't know why other Commissioners didn't know.

But I did.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I don't particularly look at this as continuing education.

I look at this as a consultant that we brought in.

And presenting us some alternatives on how to conduct our business.

And personally I was aware of the -- I wasn't aware of the amount.

I was aware it was a minimal amount.

But I had asked privately regarding that, regarding that cost.

I can't recall it coming up, in the meeting.

But I don't have an issue with it.

You know consultant does work and expects to get paid for it.

So it's minimal and I understand the issue with us being notified ahead of time of the cost.

But like I said, I don't have an issue with this one at all.

It's minimum.

Thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I mean I would take a different view on it to me what we received from the doctor was a sales pitch.

And I would never pay someone to come and give me a sales pitch ever.

So I interpret it very differently and you know like I said I was not made aware of the cost.

I would not have voted to approve him coming in if I had been aware of the cost.

Because I don't see why we should pay someone for a sales pitch.

We can move on.

We brought it up and addressed it and you know I think Sue is aware that in the future we want to be advised of those sorts of things and I believe she will do it and I think we can just move on, on that point.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, the only other comment I have on this is that you know we had already contracted the consultant to do mapping for us.

And we just elected to look at a different approach to it.

And for some reason we solicited this guy to come and present to us.

So I understand your position too Rebecca.

So thanks.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn did you have a comment? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I wanted to note in addition to this budget there are some recommendations in the lower left corner that Sue tried to highlight and I think, yeah, that I just want to make sure that we are sort of as we are going through this that we are recognizing these recommendations are part of it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Right Sue is asking for us to combine lines 12 and 13, move the 96,306 from the budget line 11, 14 and 7 to line 9, move 13,000 from 133704, 15 unspent to appropriation to line item 16.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Last one.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Establish encumbrances for consultants for any unallocated funds.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I move that we and I just want to acknowledge that Commissioner Clark suggests we don't change anything but I do think that we are doing a continuous quality improvement and I do think it's not wrong to do this.

I think we will have a history.

So I'm going to move that we actually accept this budget.

I think that is what we need to do.

Is that accurate? We are just moving to accept it with the recommendations?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I will move to accept the budget as presented with the recommendations.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I will second that motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn to accept the budget from recommendations from Executive Director Hammersmith seconded by Commissioner Witjes is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Seeing none let's go ahead and vote all in favor of adopting the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

So we have three nays.

General Counsel I believe that was three republican nays too so I'm not sure if that makes a difference.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair it should not in this case.

Let me verify, please.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair the voting requirement for a member from each selection pool deals with the hiring and dismissal of staff and the adoption of final maps so to adopt the budget it would not be necessary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much.

So the motion passes by a vote of 7-3.

Okay, all right moving on to the next item in our agenda.

I will ask our communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to provide a report.

Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

All right is there a way I can share my screen? Because I need the host to enable me. Video.

And it doesn't look like I'm up here.

Let me see if I can share my screen then.

Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt appreciate that.

The evaluation team met with regards to the direct mail campaign and provided a top tier and a bottom tier.

And we are coming before you today with regards to the top tier to approve them in ranked order because there is paper and just in case one is not available, we don't want to keep coming back.

And so we want to put them in order based on quantity.

The evaluation team is making the recommendations as you saw with regards to Eagle being the first one.

And what we want to do is promote our second round of public hearings as well as the phone number to make sure there is any questions in areas that lack the Internet, the Commission has already given us authorization.

We have gone through the bidding process and thank MDOS in working with purchasing with regards to that.

The evaluation team consisted of Sue Hammersmith, our Executive Director Julianne Pastula, our General Counsel and Sarah Reinhardt with MDOS and myself.

And so I'm going to share the screen with regards to the resolution that we are seeking. And Executive Director negotiated a direct campaign in ranked order with either Eagle mailing service united mail or Imperium not to exceed 49,999.99.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Are there any questions for Mr. Woods? I have one question will this be part of this year's budget or next year's fiscal budget?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: This year.

I'm talking to the General Counsel and negotiating may not be the right word.

I will probably be enter into a contract based on because negotiation is basically a bid so let's strike that word.

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I make a motion Ms. Ryan hard would you mind sitting by the Zoom bar is sitting so we can actually read the resolution? Thank you so much.

And I think Doug and Rhonda now have questions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go ahead Rhonda.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark then we will do Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I personally think that we are after rethinking this whole thing that we are too far into the project too late into it to be spending this type of money.

And I would like to propose that we scrap the project.

And save the money for other uses.

I put that forward as a motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I would like in the e-mail I know it said that this was going to hit the rural areas, I'm curious what rural areas? And when I'm looking at the numbers that are going to be sent out like 145-150 compared to there being 10 million people in Michigan, I'm kind of leaning towards the same thing Doug says.

So I'm going to second Doug's motion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: General Counsel well first of all I have a question for Executive Director Hammersmith about the budget.

My understanding with state budget is typically you use it or you lose it.

So if we don't spend the money that is already allocated that will not carry over to next year and it will just be gone is that accurate?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: That is accurate and it's stated in the Constitution that any unexpected, unexpended monies would be returned to the state.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Yes, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark made a motion and Commissioner Lange seconded but it was a motion to abandon the project, which I'm not sure is proper given that we haven't approved the project.

So I just want to get clarity from you and maybe Commissioner Clark can clarify his motion but I don't think we approved anything so I don't think a motion to cancel something we have not approved would be proper.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, you are correct.

I did miss the exact language that Commissioner Clark used. But I would like to highlight that the RFP and the procurement posting for this direct mail campaign was approved by the Commission as something to pursue.

So that if the what I understand from your statements and what I did hear of Commissioner Clark is that Commissioner moved with a second that the project not go forward.

That they -- that it not happen.

So that the resolution to adopt has not been moved in my notes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No it has not.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: So that I believe what the Commissioner Clark's motion is, is that there not be a direct mail campaign as an option to the proffered resolution to select a vendor to execute the direct mail campaign.

Is that helpful Madam Chair?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, very helpful.

So is there at this point we have a motion on the floor by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lange and Edward your camera is on by the way.

Thank you.

Seconded by Commissioner Lange.

To withdraw and cancel the project.

Is there any debate or discussion on the motion? Commissioner Rothhorn? .

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: So I hear and it does feel like we are getting close to the final, the finish line.

And I just keep recognizing that this is the first time we are doing this and that the people of Michigan there are people who don't know about it.

So and I think it's been pointed out right we have ten million, 14,000 does seem like a small amount and I think right we have also as each of us Commissioners we said that every you know, comment matters.

And I know we are struggling.

I'll just speak for myself I'm struggling because I do recognize that it's hard to take every comment and to hold this sort of complexity.

But I guess I'm -- I really feel that that kind of like let's try to spend the money better.

But part of me thinks that what better way to spend it than sort of getting the word out because this process will continue ten years again and I know we are not talking about you know we are not advertising hey get involved ten years from now.

We are getting involved right now. But the idea that people may hear about it right who don't have that through a direct mail piece who haven't heard about it and that may matter.

And so I guess what and because of you know the budget, right, it's use it or lose it, it sounds like.

So I would like to try to spend it on the people of Michigan if you will to get this direct mail campaign to those, to the people.

It feels like I know what I mean to say is like I am conflicted.

I'm not 100% for this and I really hear yeah, I'm conflicted.

But I do my hunch is it's worth trying.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark? Then Commissioner Orton after.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would say it was worth trying two months ago.

But I think we are too late into the process for spending this type of money.

By the time these things get printed and they get mailed half of them are second public hearings are going to be over with.

It's just going to be a done deal.

And they will still have an opportunity to put in comments.

But that doesn't have the same impact as somebody getting up in a public hearing -- public hearing and talking to you thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I just want to I want clarification from Edward.

Or Sue.

This is money that isn't already in the communications budget; is that correct?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Through the Chair to Commissioner Orton the money is in the communications budget to do this campaign.

Yes.

That is correct.

And so we about a few weeks ago last month we authorized to do it.

We did an informal bid process.

We followed up with regards to what was the best way to go, should we do color, should we do color on one side black and white or black and white and decided with color and followed up on timeline for approval to get out.

And to address to make sure that it would get in people's hands before the second round of public hearings.

That's why the postage is first class postage for the public hearing.

It's not a nonprofit.

It's first class postage, so they would have it so when you see the timeline, we give it to them tomorrow.

They would execute it and they would have it within about 6-8 days and they would have it next week, which is prior to the public hearing.

We also wanted to make sure, as you know with the public hearings, it does not matter where you live. You can call in remotely. You can attend anywhere in the State of Michigan. So it's an ongoing effort to do something unique that the Commission raised at the beginning to make it happen.

So people will still have questions about the process, how to participate in the process.

After the second round of public hearings there is also 45 day public comment period where people are also able to participate in the process and to have their voices heard.

But, you know, once again it's the will of the Commission in terms of what you would like to have to transpire. But it's just another way of saying hey here is your opportunity, here is how you can contribute.

It's already in the budget and just want to use that money to create another avenue for those who may not have heard of the new redistricting process to participate with regards to that.

And the reason why we did it this way is because the list is obviously has to go within the formal bid process.

Which is up to 49,999.99.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I just have to second what Doug said again.

Maybe if this was done a couple months ago it would be better.

The fact that, you know, you are saying you want to hit the rural areas maybe that 50,000 would be better spent on radio or TV to get the word out.

Than the mailings at this point.

In my opinion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So having done a lot of direct mail campaigns for work, I do think the timing on this is actually perfect because it will take a week for it to turn around and ideally you want it landing in people's mailbox a week before the hearings.

So I do think that is useful and might drive more people to our public hearings so from that perspective since it's already in the budget and potential to drive people to our public hearings that I'm in favor of it because I think the timing on it is still appropriate.

Because we wouldn't want to send something three months ahead of time to people.

They will just forget about it but coming in a week before that is when it will most likely have the most effect coming in a week before oh, this is happening next week gosh I might go find out what it's about so.

All right I think we are done discussing this so why don't we go ahead and take a vote on it and Ms. Reinhardt I'm going to ask for a roll call vote just because it will be easier.

Thank you.

This is to clarify this is a motion to cancel the program and not proceed with it.

So if you are voting yes, you are in favor of cancelling the program if you vote no you are opposed to it, opposed to cancelling the program.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no.

I will call Commissioners names in alphabetical order.

Starting with Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Apologies just to clarify again as Madam Chair said, a yes vote is to not proceed with the mailers.

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So a yes vote is to not proceed?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT:

Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It's a tie vote.

The motion fails.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: It fails, motion fails. Okay, so at this point do we want to table this until tomorrow? We are 15 minutes over our time.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Motion to table.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do we need a motion to table or can we just table it?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Certainly if you would like this line item under unfinished business tomorrow, you should request it be added to the agenda.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, all right, so under future agenda items I will mention that.

So let's move on for right now.

Edward did you have anything else?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No Madam Chairperson just want to continue to thank EDS.

We've gotten people are able to see the maps and have had great feedback with regards to the maps so definitely want to thank EDS and also give a special shout out to Kent for his outstanding theme and working with us and navigating and making things happen behind the scenes he has been invaluable and wanted to acknowledge that. Last but not least want to recognize the PBS news hour this weekend.

It was very positive and so I want to thank Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Rothhorn and Commissioner Szetela for a great representation that picked up the amount across the country and it was very favorable to the work of the Commission and what it's doing for those that may not know, they have an idea of what is taking place in Michigan.

And the outstanding effort and commitment that this Commission is doing to draw fair maps and encouraging people to show up and speak up.

So thank you very much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

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Sarah Reinhardt from the Department of State do you have an update today?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: No updates thank you Madam.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you very much correspondence received in advance of our meeting was provided along with written public comments to the Commissioners and our meeting materials.

For future agenda items Sue I would ask that you add to tomorrow's agenda the direct mail bids so we can pick up that conversation as unfinished business.

Are there any announcements? All right seeing none as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business a motion to adjourn is in order may I have a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes seconded by Commissioner Lett.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail the motion is adopted and the meeting is adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Thank you very much, everybody.